

OVER QUARTER MILLION FOR NEW DARE COUNTY BANK IS SUBSCRIBED BY CITIZENS

Peoples Bank of Dare County Name of Proposed New Commercial Bank To Be Established With Offices as Needed; Proposed to Ear-Mark Definite Sums for Construction of New Homes of County's Citizens; Hearing Last of This Month.

A hearing in Manteo is tentatively set late this month by the State Banking Commission to pass upon the request of a large group of Dare County citizens for the operation of a new bank to be called the Peoples Bank of Dare County. Over a quarter million dollars has been subscribed to start this bank, the group spokesmen say, and operation of the bank would begin in a short time once it is authorized.

Representing the group as attorneys for the bank are J. Melville Broughton, Jr., Raleigh man who is chairman of the State Highway Commission, and W. H. McCown of Manteo. Among leading business men in the bank movement are Archie Burrus, M. L. Daniels, Jr., R. Bruce Etheridge, Dan Oden, Donald Oden, Donald Dough, Jesse E. Baum, E. P. White, R. D. Sawyer, Andy Griffith, Ward Daniels, Julian Oneto, Frank White and others. In all, there are over 150 subscribers to the plan.

Group spokesmen say that for every three dollars now loaned in Dare County from county sources, \$14 is loaned by three lending agencies in one town away from home. Other observers report in their opinion that far more than another \$14 comes from other agencies such as FHA, Veterans Loan, Insurance Companies, Small Business Investors, etc. If that be true, then it appears that Dare County people are having to go away from home for nearly \$30 for every dollar available at home.

The advocates of the new bank say this vast amount of business that has to be sent out of the county offers a wonderful opportunity for a home owned and operated bank. More than 300 substantial citizens throughout the county have signed the petition asking permission to establish the bank.

Elsewhere in this newspaper the group calls attention to the aims of the promoters of this additional banking facility for Dare County. It is pointed out that 50 years ago the county's property wasn't worth much more than a quarter million dollars, and has now grown to around \$30 million for tax purposes. The actual value of course, is nearer 60 millions. The vastly increased need for financial assistance had made it necessary for people to go far away from home. In addition to mortgage loans made by the people of Dare County outside the county and state, the citizens have borrowed and are paying back hundreds of thousands of dollars from commercial finance companies which are not included in estimates reported above.

The bank is to be operated, it is stated, as a modern commercial bank, under State and Federal banking laws with full FDIC insurance for deposits as provided in all other banks. One of its goals to encourage further financing for home owners through FHA, and to earmark a definite sum annually for financing of new homes for the people of Dare County. It is stated the bank would expect to forge ahead in keeping with the times and the trend of progress in Dare County which has been astounding in the past several years, and it wishes to push this part of North Carolina further into the proper limelight to which it is entitled.

The group pledges itself to assist the average man, realizing that most business men of consequence with established credit ratings usually are able because of their knowledge and experience to obtain sufficient money for their needs. It is the aim to assist in raising the standard of living for the county's citizens by making loans for home improvements, modern appliances etc., for the additional comfort and enjoyment of living. It hopes to encourage new business to locate here, provide more employment and ever rise above and beyond a state of stagnation and lassitude. An object is to see that the stock is owned by Dare County people, the bank controlled by Dare County men, and through local esteem and confidence keep at home for the further benefit and profit of the county's citizens, a vast amount of business that now goes away.

Capital and surplus now in sight, the spokesmen say, that is assured the bank, is double the sum required by the State Banking Commission for a community of the size the new bank expects to serve.

FORESTRY GARAGE AND WAREHOUSE NEW AT FAIRFIELD

Headquarters for New Four-County District in Hyde County Costs \$4,000

A new forestry district comprising the four counties of Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington has established headquarters at Fairfield in Hyde County, where District Forester John Dayton will be in charge from Dec. 7. Activities are directed from headquarters where a warehouse has been completed on a four acre lot near the schoolbuilding. A garage 36 by 54 feet and office have been provided, according to Dane Roten, Dare County forester, who lives in Manteo.

Archie Berry of Fairfield, a veteran in forestry division work will continue as District Ranger. Other county foresters are Wilton Spear of Creswell, Washington County; Ben Simmons of Fairfield, and Ed Swain of Tyrrell. The four-county area is called District No. 13 and in it are maintained fire towers: two each in Tyrrell, Hyde and Dare and three in Washington. The N. C. Division of Forestry is operated under the Department of Conservation and Development.

The cost of the Fairfield building is estimated at \$4,000.

GARDEN DIRECTOR GUEST SPEAKER IN BELHAVEN

Mrs. R. L. Bryant, director of District 10 of the North Carolina Garden Clubs, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Matcha Pungo Garden Club held at the Belhaven Community Building on Monday afternoon, November 16. Mrs. Bryant spoke on the work of the state organization and paid tribute to the fine work done by District 10 in helping to make its cities, as well as the state, more beautiful. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Vann Latham, president of the local club.

During the business session, plans were made for the club to sponsor a Christmas decoration contest in the community, and committees were appointed. Details of the contest will be announced later.

The group also made plans for a bake sale to be held early in December. A feature of the sale will be Christmas decorations made by members of the Junior Garden Club.

At the conclusion of the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. J. T. Wright and Mrs. W. B. Voliva. Flower arrangements for the afternoon were done by Mrs. Rad Jones.

CANCER UNIT MEETS WITH AREA CONSULTANT

Hyde County To Aid Substantially In Search For Cancer Causes

The Board of Directors and officers of the Hyde County Unit of the American Cancer Society met Friday night in the agricultural building at Swan Quarter with Mrs. Gilbert Tunnell presiding.

Mrs. Bert Tyson, Area Consultant, was present to help formulate plans for the largest health study ever attempted.

Rev. Robert Bundy gave a short devotional. The Board agreed to participate in the 6-year Prevention Survey. Mrs. John H. Swindell was named chairman. Mrs. Tommie Gaylord was named Research Worker for the Swan Quarter Area. Other volunteer workers for this survey will be asked to help in the near future. Nine volunteers will be recruited by the Hyde County Unit to become researchers in this health study. One of the objectives of the project is to investigate possible causes of cancer. All of the data in the study will be kept confidential.

APPRECIATION TO ATKINSON GIVEN ON BEHALF OF BOARD

Norfolk Dredging Contractor Rendered Valuable Service to County Owned Property

Appreciation on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Dare County was tendered yesterday at Wanchese to D. D. Atkinson of the Atkinson Dredging Company of Norfolk for his fine spirit in putting several hundred thousand cubic yards of fill on the recently acquired county owned land for a public dock site at Wanchese.

Mr. Atkinson expressed appreciation too, in the action of numerous citizens who aided Victor Meekins, Chairman of the Dare County Board, in raising a \$2,200 fund to buy the land. Otherwise, the Mill Landing harbor could not have been built with Federal funds at a cost of \$75,000.

Mr. Atkinson came to Manteo yesterday to witness the completion of the job at Wanchese, which is part of a project to cost over a million dollars, whereby a 12 foot channel will be provided from the Atlantic Ocean into the harbors of Wanchese and Manteo.

Back in April, U. S. Engineers came to Dare County with announcement they were prepared to begin work on this big project, and that the County was now expected to live up to its previous commitments to provide a public dock at Wanchese, without which the money could not be spent at Mill Landing.

County funds were low, and opposition developed on the Board which could only have resulted in keeping Wanchese from getting its harbor. Meekins set out to raise the money to buy the land. Aided by Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr. and Wayland Baum, and others active in the Dare County Waterways Association, appeals were made to firms and persons interested, the money was raised, the land bought, deeded to the county and dedicated to public use.

Later some slight addition was needed for the Harbor and more land was required, available only through purchase. "I didn't have the heart to ask friends for more money," Meekins said. He accordingly bought the land himself and deeded it to the public. In all, he said he had spent more than \$1,000 out of his pocket in his determination not to be whipped out on getting this improvement for Dare County.

He paid high tribute to Mr. Atkinson for his readiness to help the public, and to Dredge Captain Gordon Fulford who spent eight hours of his own time one night this week, seeing that the county's land area was properly built up. It is no longer a useless piece of marsh.

Highway officials have promised to surface this public dock area. The Atkinson Company, for some \$45,000 is doing all the north end of the project. Both Manteo and Wanchese harbors have been completed, and dredges are engaged in completing the miles of connecting channel.

Engineers say a big hopper dredge will come in February to dredge the project depth across Oregon Inlet bar. It is anticipated that a big increase in shipping at Wanchese will immediately ensue, and it will be the See BOARD, Page Six

FALL FESTIVAL UNDER AUSPICES OF MANTEO P.T.A. IS SCHEDULED

Manteo Elementary School is buzzing with preparations for the P. T. A. Fall Festival on Friday evening Nov. 20 from 5-9 p.m.

The King-Queen, Prince-Princess Contest is creating keen competition among the candidates. Booths for a variety of amusements are being prepared, as well as lots of good eats, for sale in the school cafeteria.

Business places of this area have contributed some 15 to 20 items for prizes to be presented to lucky ticket holders in the gymnasium. The drawing will follow the crowning of the King-Queen, Prince and Princess winners.

The P. T. A. urges all to come eat supper, and spend the evening. There will be hamburgers—25¢, barbecue on bun—35¢ hot dogs—15¢, homemade pie and cake—15¢, cup cakes, fudge, coffee and bottled drinks—5¢.

Cake Walks, a Country Store, grab bags, The House of Horrors, a fish pond, penny pitch, the bobbing gourd and Horseshoe Pitch will provide an evening of fun for all the family.

Admission at gym door—children (all Elem. School)—10¢ and adults—25¢.

BEAUFORT CO. OFFICIALS OF SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE



MRS. JOHN WINFIELD



SAM T. MOORE

WHILE MRS. SCOTT TOPPING of Pantego is the President of the six county association, there doesn't seem to be a picture of her around, any place. She was nominated Nov. 4, in Columbia by Dr. W. T. Ralph of Belhaven who served during the year as Vice-President from his county; and who was honored with the presidency the year Beaufort County joined the association. Sam T. Moore, the new Vice-President for Beaufort is chairman of the County Board of Commissioners. Mrs. Winfield, the new secretary, nominated by Mrs. Topping, is from Yeatesville.

WATERFRONT FIRE DAMAGES TUGBOAT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

A fire of undetermined origin, which was discovered in the galley of the tugboat Fisher of the M. L. Daniels Oil Co. near midnight Wednesday, resulted in damage of some \$4,000 while the boat was moored at the Manteo dock. Max Mann, crewman of the boat, had been at the pool room, and on leaving, smelled smoke, went to investigate, and attempted to put out the fire himself, he reported, but then called the fire department, and its prompt and efficient work saved the boat.

The 65-ft. tug will have to be taken to Norfolk for repairs. M. L. Daniels, Jr., firm manager said only partial insurance is in effect. As there was not supposed to be any fire in the vessel's stoves, the origin is a puzzle. There is a possibility that loiterers had been aboard the vessel. The boat is used for towing oil tank barges to Carolina oil distributing plants served by the Daniels company.

HEADS COMMUNITY OIL SERVICE IN DARE CO.

"Flying A" Products Distributed by Kitty Hawk Man Over Wide Area of Outer Banks

Heading the new "Flying A" service now being advertised in coastal North Carolina is Orville Baum of Kitty Hawk, who operates the Community Oil Company. The "Flying A" Producers are located on the west coast, but

Mr. Baum's Community Oil Company is a well established service which has been transporting gasoline to service stations and fuel oil to homes in upper Dare County. A Kitty Hawk native, Mr. Baum has long been identified with civic affairs in the community and county.

MANTEO LIONS ANNOUNCE TURKEY SHOOT SATURDAY

A contest in marksmanship skill will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, at the Manteo waterfront near the Bank of Manteo for the benefit of the Manteo Lions Club, President Willett Tillett announces. Mr. Tillett says the surroundings will be lighted. It will follow a similar event to be held at Wanchese by the Ruritan Club. Turkeys, of course will be awarded to the high-scoring shooters.

SAFETY TALK PLANNED

At the P.T.A. executive committee meeting at the Manteo High School Tuesday, it was announced that Linwood Cuthrell, will give a talk on "Safety," at the regular P.T.A. meeting which will be held at 8 p.m. on Tues. Nov. 24th.

56TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST FLIGHTS BY THE WRIGHTS PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 17TH

District Coast Guard Commandant and Airlines President On Speakers' List; Elizabeth City Band Will Begin Ceremonies at 10:30 A. M. Luncheon to Follow Ceremonies at Kill Devil Hills.

KILL DEVIL HILLS. — Rear Admiral Peter V. Colmar, Norfolk, commandant, Fifth Coast District and Tom Davis, president, Piedmont Airlines, Winston-Salem, are slated to be speakers at the 56th Anniversary celebration of the Wright Brothers First Flight here at Kill Devil Hills on December 17, it is announced by S. Wade Marr, president of Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society which in cooperation with the National Park Service and the Air Force Association sponsors the first flight observances here each year.

Tentative program announced following a meeting of the Society's board of directors at Nags Head during the past week end include ceremonies at the base of the Wright Brothers Monument atop Kill Devil Hill at 10:30 o'clock with Scott Galloway and his nationally famous Elizabeth City High School Band and majorettes as the opening attraction. The band has played an important role in each of the anniversary celebrations during the past several years often competing with military and other high school bands having roles in the ceremonies.

David Stick, Kitty Hawk author, will give the welcoming talk at the monument and Davis of Piedmont is also scheduled to speak at that phase of the program. Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has been asked by Marr to help make arrangements for a flyover of military planes at the monument to conclude that phase of the program.

Admiral Colmar will deliver the address at the anniversary luncheon which this year will be held at the Carolinian Hotel on Nags Head. Melvin R. Daniels will welcome the group and President Marr of the Memorial Society will be toastmaster.

Admiral Colmar's Coast Guard organization has an intimate tie-in with the first flight events. It was members of the old Kill Devil Hill Life Saving station who gave manual assistance to Wilbur and Orville Wright 56 years ago on the day of their first flights. The late John T. Daniels, a member of the crew, was the man who snapped the picture of the first flight with a camera Orville Wright had set up for the purpose.

While invitations have been mailed to Society members and distinguished guests who are expected to attend the ceremonies, President Marr pointed out that both the monument ceremonies and the luncheon were public See FLIGHT, Page Six

J. L. REA JR. SECRETARY OF MANTEO ROTARY CLUB

J. L. Rea Jr., Dare County Farm Agent Monday night was elected to the post of secretary of the Manteo Rotary Club, succeeding Dan Morrill who became Vice President following departure of Wm. Ernest Jr., who has moved to S. C. Visitors to the club were John Bowers of Elizabeth City, and Tyler Kiener, Regional Engineer for the National Park Service, a guest of Floyd Taylor.

Lawrence Swain made an interesting talk on the four-way test of Rotary, which being interspersed with a number of snappy new jokes, went over well.

The club voted to levy a ten cent fine each meeting on members do not wear the Rotary insignia.

On Monday night of next week, the speaker will be Aycock Brown, manager of the Dare County Tourist Bureau, who will tell of his recent visit to Nassau, where he spoke to a group of the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute on "The Development of Game Fishing Off Hatteras."

TURKEY SHOOT SATURDAY 1 P.M. AT MILL LANDING

An old fashioned Turkey shoot will be held Saturday of this week at 1 p.m. for the benefit of the Wanchese Ruritan Club, and the event will take place at Mill Landing, where the new harbor is being completed. Tickets are \$1 each. Usually, these old time shooting at the mark contests attract many people. J. W. Davis of Wanchese is in charge of the sale of tickets.

BELHAVEN STUDENTS TOUR WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK CITY

Many Impressive Sights Privileged For Party on Bus Tour North on Week End

A tired, but happy group of John A. Wilkinson High School seniors and nine accompanying adults returned on Friday night from a trip by Trailways bus to Washington, D. C., and New York City. They had left Belhaven early on the previous Monday morning and had spent Monday night and part of Tuesday in Washington before going on to New York. Their trip included the usual tourist attractions, with a few extras thrown in. Some of the students tried ice skating at Rockefeller Center, others visited their first night club, and all were present for the Monday night presentation of "I've Got a Secret" on television. When asked what impressed them most, answers varied from the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" to a visit to the cathedral of St. John the Divine, but all agreed that every part of the trip was a thrill. Just as enthusiastic as the pupils were Mr. and Mrs. John Arthur Johnston, Delma Tolan, Mrs. W. P. O'Neal, Mrs. Cleve Woodward, Mrs. W. E. Bateman, Jr., and the two faculty chaperones, Mrs. Ruth B. Midgette and Howard Chapin.

Seniors on the trip were Troy Selby, Owen Smith, W. D. Paul, Bobby Woodward, Delbert Sawyer, Bud O'Neal, Tommy Jones, Otis Johnston, Jr., Eddie Griffin, Rocky Bateman, Jerry Cox, Roper Powell, Becky Lupton, Annette Edmondson, Sylvia Guthrie, Wanda Edwards, Carol Lee Edwards, Carolyn Jordan, Joan Sawyer, Joan Davis, La Rue Foreman, Betty June Griffin, Linda Flowers, Wayne Russ, James Ray Adams, and Geraldine Baum.

WHITE YOUTH CUT WHILE VISITING IN NEGRO LOCALITY

A slash made by a knife, some eight inches long on the right wrist of Charles Gregory, 19 of Norfolk was sewed up by Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr. in the early morning hours Sunday, and the Sheriff's office is looking for an unknown negro who is alleged to have done the cutting, and whose handiwork is of the school attributed to Willie Spencer, who with Reuben Smith, were recently put under suspended sentences in assault cases in the house of Louvada Latham, who shortly afterward became Mrs. Smith.

Her story is that Gregory came to her house with John Beck of Rodanthe, and she did not want them to remain in what she thought was not a proper condition because she wanted no trouble, for fear her new husband might get into court again and have to do time. The men then gathered in the road, and apparently an affray started between colored and white, and the upshot was a cut wrist for Gregory. One version is that Beck had gone out with his friend to investigate the reason his brother Horatio Beck got his eyes blacked two nights earlier at this place.

Gregory was in court some months ago, along with Horatio Beck, and Mike Tuggle of Charlotte, and he was charged at the time with having in his possession a concealed pistol, engaging in an affray and creating a disturbance in a public place, at Nags Head. Horatio Beck was charged with engaging in an affray; Tuggle was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, and assaulting Charlie Gregory. The court accepted a nol pro with leave in all three cases, and allowed the defendants to pay court costs which are said to have been put up entirely by Tuggle.

There has been a lot of trouble coming out of the locality of Louvada Latham Smith's house west of Manteo, and much gossip concerns its use by many white youths.