

## WELFARE BOARD RESENTS ATTITUDE SHOWN BY STICK

Chairman of Commissioners Also  
Has His Run Ins With At-  
lantic Township Man

Weather was unsettled in the meeting of the Dare County Board of Commissioners Tuesday, beginning with a joint session with the County Welfare Board which had been arranged at the insistence of Commissioner David Stick. After a long period of questions and advice directed to the welfare officials by Commissioner Stick, George Albert Daniels, Welfare Board member from Wanchese got up and said he was giving his time as a public service, and if all he was going to hear was "this kind of stuff," he was going home. He said he'd heard enough and he was disgusted.

"I've been here before, and all I can hear is you wrangling with the Chairman," Mr. Daniels said, "and it looks to me you try to be the chairman, make trouble, and try to run everything in the county yourself in your own way."

W. S. White, Board member from Manteo Harbor offered his resignation so someone could be put on to suit Mr. Stick, and Meekins suggested maybe the Commissioners could appoint Stick. One member of the Welfare Board said they would then all resign.

Mr. Daniels said he had no ill will against Mr. Stick, but was just disgusted, and didn't want his time wasted.

Stick then dictated a long motion outlining policies for handling welfare work on which a vote of the two boards was to be asked as a means of establishing policy for future guidance. Commissioner Woodrow Edwards moved the motion be tabled, contending that the motion needed study. Stick said he would agree to holding the motion over until January then and ask for a vote on it. This meeting closed at noon.

In the afternoon meeting, Stick renewed his usual warfare on Chairman Meekins. His larger effort was to get control of management of the Manteo airport, which Meekins had offered to look after without cost several months ago to get some needed repairs made. As usual, Commissioner Hooper agreed with Stick and Stick held out a new appeal to Commissioner George Fuller of Buxton by promising to agree to a revision of the budget next month so Commissioner Fuller could build a jail at Buxton, which he has long advocated.

Meekins said Stick had been filibustering for months about the airport and everything else which he wishes to wreck, and that Stick had announced his intention months ago to destroy Meekins. Meekins said Stick had lied on him by claiming at the time he was Chairman of the Board of Commissioners in 1949-50 he paid himself a salary to look after the airport property.

"Stick knows he's a liar," Meekins said, "because it was more than a year after I came off the Board, that the successor board, on the recommendation of Civil Aeronautics Engineers employed me at a salary of \$200 a month to manage rebuilding and repairing the airport property. Meekins worked at this for more than two years, got a government grant of \$19,000 to rebuild runways, and in all total funds of \$50,000 to rehabilitate the airport. None of it has cost the taxpayers anything," he said. The property is again in bad state of repair.

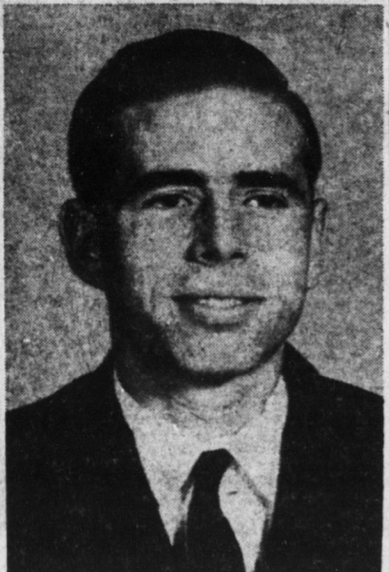
Meekins said the decision by officials to employ him was because he had been active in the beginning in getting the airport established with Government funds, back during the depression, and the Government men knew he was familiar with the CAA regulations governing the work, and that he never applied for the job and was relieved at his own request five years ago.

Meekins said Stick had become embittered with him ever since he was unsuccessful a year ago in rounding enough support on the Board to make himself chairman when the Board went into office. Finding himself unsuccessful, Stick nominated Meekins himself. "The usual gesture he makes in order to get it into the record and take credit," Meekins says, and adds maybe Stick owed him the honor, since he was responsible in the greater part for the election of the whole new Board.

Meekins said Stick tried to take over at every meeting, wants everything his way, considers himself the only member of the Board who knows anything, and swells up and acts like an adolescent whenever he is thwarted. Meekins once told him, "if you can't grow up, at least try to get dry behind the ears."

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## TEDDY DEFEBIO STUDENT OF MONTH THIRD TIME



Other News of Honors Accorded Manteo Students; Full Roster Is Listed

Students of the month in the Manteo High School are voted on by the student body and then by the faculty. The grade nominates three students of ability for achievement; those three names are submitted to the faculty, who, in turn, vote for the student of their choice.

For the third month of school, Teddy Defebio has the honor. Teddy was born in Washington, D. C. He has attended elementary schools in Kitty Hawk, Wanchese, and in Arlington (St. Michael's); his high school work has been done in Mount Vernon High and Manteo High. At present Teddy is a sophomore. He is a member of the Science Club and is a reporter for the 4-H Club in Manteo High and for the County Council.

All students who make A's on all subjects and on citizenship are placed on the honor list in Manteo High School. The second grading period has just ended, and the following students, by grades, are

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE HEARD BY DARE NCEA

Manteo Elementary Teachers Hosts to  
Visitors From All Parts of County at Saturday Meeting

The Dare County unit of the NCEA held a meeting in the Manteo Elementary School Saturday, December 4, with the Manteo Elementary teachers as hosts. Prior to the meeting at 10 o'clock refreshments were served in the school lunchroom. Following this a patriotic program was presented by Mrs. C. S. Meekins' second grade. Mrs. Hilda B. Brown of the Cape Hatteras school presided. The speaker, Mrs. Phoebe Emmons, who is a field representative of the NCEA for the state, was presented by Mrs. D. E. Evans, county superintendent. Mrs. Emmons' topic was "Ethics of the Teaching Profession."

## MANTEO SENIORS TO GIVE A PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT

The Senior Class of Manteo High School will present the Senior play, "A Man Called Peter," Friday, December 11th, at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Peter Marshall has gathered into his home the young people of the community. He makes their joys and sorrows his own. His wife knows how ready he is to overtax his strength in behalf of others, but he good-humoredly evades her efforts to shield him. He sometimes gives offense to the more conservative elements in his church. To Peter Marshall life is service. As the burden of his undertakings become heavy, you can see the indomitable spirit of Peter Marshall triumphing over every threat.

The admission for this performance is 50¢ for students and 75¢ for adults. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## GIBSON REAPPOINTED FOR THREE-YEAR ABC TERM

William Gibson of Hatteras this week was appointed by the Dare County commissioners for a three year term on the County ABC Board, succeeding himself. He has completed a one-year term. L. D. Hassell, Chairman is entering his second year of a three year term, and Curtis Gray of Kitty Hawk is entering the second year of a two year term. Tabulation of November sales showed an increase in business reported in the sum of \$2,007.95 above the total for November 1958. Payment of more than \$1,900 was made to the county general fund this week. Gross sales for November were in excess of \$18,000, despite the general complaint of a decrease in other lines of local business.

## DREDGING SOON OF HATTERAS CHANNEL AND ENGELHARD

D. D. Atkinson Awarded \$117,000  
Contract for Three Projects  
in Eastern N. C.

WILMINGTON.—D. D. Atkinson, President of Atkinson Dredging Company of Norfolk, advises that "I hope to get started on the dredging at Hatteras in December but the nearness of Christmas may delay us until January."

The Atkinson firm was low bidder at \$117,720 for maintenance dredging at Hatteras, Engelhard and Edenton at a bid opening here on December 3. The bids were opened by Col. R. P. Davidson, District Engineer, Corps of Engineers.

Atkinson said he plans to assign the Dredge HAMPTON ROADS to the job and to start at Hatteras, then shift to Engelhard and do the Edenton job last. The HAMPTON ROADS has just finished dredging in Wilmington Harbor and is tied up here now.

It is understood that Mr. Atkinson will consult with the crew first so that he can get their views about the coming holiday period.

"I know they want to be at home Christmas," he said, "so I don't know right now if we will get started before or after Christmas."

The task involves about 300,000 cubic yards and, weather permitting, should be finished within three to four months.

Other bidders for the work were J. A. LaPorte, Inc., Arlington, Va., \$120,680, and Cottrell Contracting Company of Norfolk, \$138,480.

## HATTERAS AIRSTRIP BELIEVED ASSURED FOR THE VILLAGE

Plans Call for Building Project  
By April On First Airstrip  
Site Lyons Set Up

Tentative agreement has been worked out for the construction of a landing strip southwest of the village at Hatteras. Conrad L. Wirth, following a conference this month in Williamsburg with Woodrow Edwards, George Fuller and Victor Meekins of the County Board of Commissioners, gave tentative agreement for the use of the necessary Park Service land for this airport to be built by public funds, it was stated this week to the Dare Board.

The airport will be sufficiently long to accommodate executive type airplanes, and it is hoped it can be built by April. Actual survey on the ground will begin about the middle of January, according to a letter from Federal Aviation officials, Victor Meekins said yesterday.

It will be built without cost to Dare County. The airstrip will be of great value to a region which has no regular bus nor ambulance service. Gas and service facilities will be leased to a fixed base operator whereby the annual rentals are expected to maintain the property.

The location is where Bert Lyons established his landing area when he developed hunting club property at Hatteras more than 30 years ago, and when the late famed pilot Dave Driskill first came to the coast as pilot for Lyons.

## FAIRFIELD MAN DIES OF INJURIES IN ACCIDENT

James R. Watson died Friday at noon in the Pungo District hospital in Belhaven as result of injuries in an automobile mishap early Friday morning North of Fairfield. He was 35 years old.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock from the home in Fairfield with the Rev. Frank Wibral, his pastor, assisted by Joe Lang, Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was in Fairfield cemetery.

Mr. Watson was the son of Mrs. Meta Watson and the late Ed Watson of Fairfield. He was a member of the Fairfield Christian church and a veteran of World War II.

Surviving besides his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Blake Watson are one son, Samuel Edward Watson; four brothers, Harold and Clifton Watson of Fairfield, Pat Watson of Norfolk and Henry Watson of Portsmouth; three sisters, Mrs. James Mooney and Mrs. Rufus Cutrell of Fairfield; and Mrs. Claude Hatchell of Norfolk.

## CAPT. LINWOOD CUTHRELL CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Capt. G. Linwood Cuthrell, Manteo building contractor was this week unanimously tendered the post of Civil Defense Director of Dare County by the Board of Commissioners. He is named as successor to Bob Gibbs, who resigned recently after serving a year.

## COLINGTON MAN FINISHES COAST GUARD TRAINING



JOHN B. BEASLEY, SA, U.S.C.G., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Beasley, of Colington, address Route 2, Kitty Hawk, N. C., has completed thirteen weeks of basic training at the U. S. Coast Guard Receiving Center, Cape May, New Jersey. He entered the Coast Guard last August. He will now report to Petty Officers School at the U. S. Coast Guard Training Station, Groton, Conn., as a seaman apprentice.

## HODGES MOVES TO AID INLET CHANNEL FOR FERRY BOATS

Effort Underway to Relieve Costly  
Situation Due to Shoaling  
at Oregon Inlet

"Misery and a mighty loss of business is ahead for Dare County's citizens and customers, due to the shallow Oregon Inlet channel," was the word that went out this week to Governor Hodges. Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., Dare Waterways Committee Chairman, and Victor Meekins, chairman of the County Board have made a strong appeal in behalf of some emergency dredging on the north side of the inlet to permit the ferry boat to get across.

In this narrow channel which is not deep enough in the first place, trawlers are getting ashore for hours at the time. Whenever this happens, all ferry traffic is suspended, many schedules are lost, and great inconvenience rendered the travelling public. On one day last week, 30 people were forced to remain overnight in Manteo. Sometimes the ferry is able to pull the trawlers off the shoals, and this must be done before the ferry can continue. Usually it requires a long wait for a rise in tide, and this can run the situation past daylight hours, which means no more schedules until next day.

As the result of a telephone conversation with Raleigh yesterday Governor Hodges promised Harvey and Meekins to begin effort at once in hope of some dredging.

Now is considered the most opportune time possible with two large dredges nearby on the Manteo-Oregon Inlet channel contract, and which might easily be diverted for a few days to clear out this project. It is apparent that unreasonable economic loss will occur on Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands unless the situation is corrected.

## 1960 PIRATE JAMBOREE PLANS AT NAGS HEAD

Plans for presenting the sixth annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree during the last week end in April 1960 as a springboard for the Outer Banks vacation season will be discussed at a meeting of citizens from all parts of the county Sunday afternoon, December 13 at 4 p.m. in the Nautilus Room of Beacon Motor Lodge, Nags Head.

George Crocker, president of Nags Head Chamber of Commerce will be host at the meeting. The meeting will follow a Nags Head Chamber of Commerce-sponsored pre-Christmas Turkey Shoot at Beacon Lodge scheduled to begin at 2 o'clock.

## YOUNG DEMOCRAT MEETING CALLED FRIDAY NIGHT

A meeting of the Young Democrats of Dare County has been called for Friday night at 7:30, Dec. 11. Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., the president said yesterday. Items of interest to be discussed are plans for attending the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh; a program for functions during 1960; a nominating committee for new officers; making contacts with young people away in college; a report of the recent state YDC convention and history of the YDC movement.

## GYROCOPTER AND JETS ARE READY FOR DECEMBER 17

Full Program Prepared for 56th  
Anniversary of First Flights  
Thursday

Igor Bensen's gyrocopter the "Spirit of Kitty Hawk," will be demonstrated here at Kill Devil Hills during the 56th anniversary celebration of the Wright Brothers' first flights on December 17, next week, it was announced today by David Stick, chairman, Wright Memorial Society's museum committee.

The gyrocopter which will be making its first public demonstration in North Carolina was invented by Bensen. The demonstration will mark the conclusion of ceremonies atop Kill Devil Hills of which Stick will preside.

Prior to flight of the "Spirit of Kitty Hawk" in the program starting at Kill Devil Hill and the Wright Memorial monument at 10:30 o'clock, jet aircraft of the U. S. Air Force along with engine-powered transports and bombers will make two formation passes over the monument, the first at 10:37 o'clock and the second at 10:55 o'clock. In the meantime on the ground at the monument the program will begin with an invocation by the Rev. R. W. Turner of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Nags Head and the National Anthem by the Elizabeth City high school band.

Mayor R. H. Cook, of Kill Devil Hills will welcome the group and Stick will present distinguished guests including Elbert Cox, regional director, National Park Service, Mayor Levin Culpepper, of Elizabeth City, President Grady Miller, Jr., of the N. C. Aero Club and Herb Kalish, of the Air Force Association.

President Grady Millere of Concord has stated that the Carolina Aero Club, some 35 strong will fly to the exercises at Kill Devil Hills on December 17th.

Representatives of 17 major airlines are expected to attend this celebration honoring the Wright Brothers, Julian Oneto, of the Carolinian said.

Wreaths from the City of Dayton, Ohio, one from this State, one from the Aero Club and one from Dare County will be placed to honor the memory of the Wrights. The Bensen gyrocopter demonstration is scheduled for 11:15 o'clock.

Rear Admiral Peter V. Colmar, commandant 5th Coast Guard District, Norfolk, will deliver the principal address at the Memorial Luncheon scheduled for 12:30 o'clock at The Carolinian hotel. Wade Marr, president, Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society will be toastmaster. Melvin R. Daniels of Wanchese will give the welcome. Congressman Herbert C. Bonner of Washington, N. C. and Elbert Cox, of the National Park Service will speak.

## FACING COSTLY JOB OF REPAIRING ON DARE COURTHOUSE

Dare County is facing what may turn out to be a costly repair job on the Dare County courthouse roof as a result of neglect, all because \$24 worth of shingles were not replaced after the hurricane of three years ago. Rain running into the building has rotted rafters, plates, roofers and joist ends, and the tearing away and replacement is expected to run into some thousands.

When the hurricane blew the shingles off the roof, the Sheriff was instructed to get repairs underway. The matter was referred to a local building supply firm. Not even an adjustment of insurance was made, and the matter had been forgotten until recently.

The Board chairman applied for the insurance check, and it has been paid. Preliminary estimates have been made which indicate enormous loss to the taxpayers. At the time the damage was done, the Commissioners were busy building a \$100,000 jail which the people had voted against by three to one. With plenty of workmen around, with staging at hand, the front end of the courthouse was forgotten and left to rot, while the rear end was being doctored up for a prisoner's hotel.

## LIONS CLUB TO HOLD DANCE NEXT WEEK

Manteo Lions are this week selling tickets for their annual Christmas party and dance to be held next Saturday, the 19th. Several prizes are to be awarded and good entertainment is promised for all. Dancing will begin at 9 p.m.

## BIG TURNOUT FOR HEARING ON NEW BANK EXPECTED IN MANTEO MONDAY DEC. 14

Some 150 Citizens To Petition for Additional  
Bank in Dare County; Opposition Expected  
From Manteo Bank Before Banking Commissioner; Hearing Begins at 9:30 In Dare County  
Courthouse.

The only meeting of its kind ever scheduled for Dare County promises to be a long remembered one on Monday, December 14th, when a group of some 150 citizens will appeal to the State Banking Commission for authority to establish a new bank in Dare County to be called the Peoples Bank of Dare.

Ben R. Roberts, Commissioner of Banks will hold the hearing 9:30 a.m. being the opening time, and indications now are that a large crowd representing many parts of the county will come to Manteo to signify their interest. Strong opposition from the Bank of Manteo is expected at this meeting. Its attorneys, Willis Smith Jr., and Jim Dorsett of Raleigh have been spending some time in the locality, going over the county to develop support for the campaign of the Bank of Manteo to hold the field without competition.

In opposing the establishment of a new bank, the Bank of Manteo through its cashier has issued a statement in which the following claims are offered: The bank has operated 52 years and no depositor has lost any money in it; that Willis R. Pearce who has been Cashier or 22 years will continue as an "officer" of the Bank; it is stated the bank paid its stockholders no dividends until 1946; that the Cashier and assistant Cashier are the only salaried officers of the bank; that directors receive no salary.

The Bank states further that the owners of the Bank are Dare County minded; that stock in it is available to responsible Dare County citizens; the bank is eager and able to grow with Dare County. It says the real issue is to preserve for Dare County one sound bank rather than to create two unsuccessful ones. And in this last statement it doesn't manifest the usual optimism for the future growth of Dare County that is expressed in so many quarters elsewhere.

The group who would organize the new bank is represented by J. Melville Broughton Jr., of Raleigh and W. H. McCown of Manteo. Leaders in this group are M. L. Daniels Jr., Archie Burrus, Julian Oneto, Frank White, R. Bruce Etheridge who sold stock and helped organize the bank of Manteo over 50 years ago, and who was its cashier for over a quarter of a century. Other subscribers are Julian Oneto, Andy Griffith, Ward Daniels, J. E. Baum, E. P. White, Dan Oden, Donald Dough, and many others.

The organizers of the new bank contend the county has grown by leaps and bounds until there is definite need for more banking facilities at home. They have contended that \$14 have been borrowed, by Dare County people in the town, for each dollar borrowed at home by Dare County people in the past two years, not mentioning much more that come from other sources. They consider ample proof that another bank is needed, for they show from the statement of the Bank of Manteo itself that all its loans now total less than three quarters of a million dollars while having close to two and a half millions on deposit.

The new bank group contends that a bank controlled largely from Raleigh, and owned in one family cannot be as responsive to the needs of the people as a bank composed of home people and whose directors will live in the several communities of Dare County.

To offset the claims of the new bank group, officials of the bank of Manteo have recently started a campaign to indicate their willingness to sell some of the stock of the bank to local people and to name some local directors. They have also recently announced their willingness to enter the small loan field a deficiency heretofore concerning which, the new group has made capital on their promise to give attention to small loans.

Recently the Bank of Manteo has made application for permission to open a tellers window in Buxton for the purpose of receiving deposits and making change, whereby a long hoped-for convenience will be provided an area which has greatly needed banking facilities. This move, the new group contends, was not made until they had first promised to establish a branch on Hatteras Island.

## 2-SCHOOL GROUP IN HYDE REJOICES AT NEW DECISION

Board Member Tom Howard  
Sides With Elected Candidates To End Controversy

A member of the Board of Education in Hyde County who was one of four put on the Board in the recent legislature, and not elected by the people, has turned the tide and brought joy to the hearts of the advocates of two high schools on the mainland, by casting his vote with the three members who were overwhelmingly nominated in the primary last year.

Member Tom Howard, who was one of four added to the Board by the county representative, Saturday night sided with the three elected members of this Board, and cast his vote against a resolution calling for re-letting of a contract to build a central high school near Lake Cormorant.

In a spirited election in the primary of 1958 some 2,000 votes were cast whereby Walter Lee Gibbs a member of the Board of Education, who had cast his lot with the two-school proponents, won over his opponent by a vote of 1,042 to 726. The other two members of the Board were defeated and in their places, Earl Topping of Scranton and W. I. Cochran of Swan Quarter who also favored the two school plan, were elected.

Toward the close of the legislative session, Representative Dick O'Neal, added the three defeated candidates; and also Mr. Howard, a prominent farmer who had not run whereby a board of seven was created, and this Board by majority was presumed to be loyal to what has become known as the Gaylord faction.

Meanwhile, work on the central high school for which contract had been let to Dawson of New Bern had been suspended by court order as a result of litigation brought by the faction which followed Mr. Gibbs.

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## SANTA CLAUS DUE IN BELHAVEN 2:30 SATURDAY THE 16TH

Santa Claus will officially arrive in Belhaven on Wednesday afternoon, December 16,, at 2:30. Riding in his sleigh, he will be escorted by the Belhaven Community Band as he makes his way from the public library down Main Street, past the John A. Wilkinson School, along King Street, and back to the business section. Students of both the white and colored schools will be allowed to have their classrooms and gather on the campuses to greet the old gentleman. That night Santa's sleigh will be on display at the Community Center when the Matcha Pungo Garden Club holds Open House, with members of the Junior Garden Club as hostesses.

At 7:00 p.m., the annual Christmas program sponsored by the Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce will be presented at the old school building. "The Light of Christmas," a series of living pictures depicting the Nativity story, will be staged and directed by Mrs. W. E. Bateman, Jr. Characters will be portrayed by citizens of Belhaven and the surrounding communities, and accompanying music will be presented by the John A. Wilkinson High School Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. William Cayton. The commentary was prepared by Mrs. J. W. Lloyd, Jr. At the conclusion of the program the Christmas street lights will be officially turned on. Credit for the street decorations goes to the Light and Water Board, for their financial help, and to the town employees and students of the high school Agriculture Department for assembling the decorations. Audio equipment for the program will be furnished and directed by Bernard Morris.

The annual program has attracted much favorable attention in past. This year's program offers something for all ages and people from the area are urged to join with the citizens of Belhaven in observing the Christmas season.