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DARE BOARD SIGNS FINAL PAPERS ON ALLIGATOR BRIDGE

Interested in Plan to Burn Garbage; Contributes To All Seashore Road Movement

What is hoped will be the last papers necessary on the part of Dare County officials were approved by the Dare Co. Board and signed this week by the Chairman whereby there is now posted at the courthouse door the final plans for the Alligator River bridge for which, without any hitches, the contract is expected to be let next month.

In connection with this action, the Board, on motion of Horace Hooper prepared to ask for ferry area when abandoned at East Lake, for a public harbor to aid the community.

In other actions taken, the Commissioners and the Welfare Board in joint session voted unanimously that operation of the Welfare Department be left to the welfare officials for the rest of the year. The motion for this was made by Commissioner Stick, who last month caused a joint session of the two boards to be called, and who then offered a long motion which was tabled for study, and which would have set up regulations for the Welfare Department. The Atlantic township commissioner found no support for his former plan this week and is now on record as first to be against it.

The Board also, jointly with Currituck County, approved Health Department employee pay schedules to even the alignment in the two counties.

It authorized plans for repairing damage from leaks in the courthouse and community buildings. Instructions were given that insurance on county property be written on an equitable basis, so that some buildings would not have more in comparison with other buildings, according to worth. A request for harbor improvement sent by Alton Best of Stumpy Point was referred to the county attorney to advise what might be done under present law, to aid the situation complained of.

Complaints that have come about the garbage dump on Roanoke Island were noted, and a report was ordered on the cost of establishing incinerator facilities. A contribution of \$50 was made to the All-Seashore Highway Association from County advertising funds to aid the purposes of the association.

Routine reports of County officials and employees were received, bills reviewed and ordered paid.

OLD CHRISTMAS SHOW WAS GOOD ONE SATURDAY

Usual Abundance of Entertainment Provided by Loyal Community Workers

"Old Christmas" was celebrated the 2nd of January instead of Old Christmas Eve, January 5th to enable those working away from home to enjoy the event. Twenty persons participated in the annual minstrel show. The cast was separately introduced. Mistress of Ceremonies was Mrs. Jazania H. O'Neal. "Hail, Hail, The Gang Is Here," was sung by the cast, Mrs. Mary Gaskins, Miss Sheila Gray, Miss Maggie Midgett and Don Edwards. Children's dances—"A Good Man," was sung and danced by Kathy Roadcap. A dance, "Going to a Party" by Anita Roadcap. A dance, "Twinkle Toes" by Serena Eason. A dance, "Little Toy Soldier," by Judy Edwards. Trio—"Miss Bashful and Her Pals" by Don Edwards, George Midgett and Mikiel Midgett. Duet by Miss Elvira Payne, drum and Herbert Midgett, harmonica. Solo, "Fireball" by Mrs. Bethany Gray. Duet, "Flat Foot," "Tootsie" and "Clarabell" by Miss Mildred Midgett and Miss Brenda O'Neal. Solo, "Lonesome Bill" by Miss Maggie Midgett. Dancing, "Swinging Sal from the Solomon Islands," by Miss Sheila Gray. "Come to the Fair" was sung by Mrs. Norma Cahoon and Mrs. Jazania H. O'Neal, with Mrs. Cahoon at the piano.

"The Night Before Old Christmas" was given by Mrs. Jazania O'Neal, "Keeping the Children Quiet for Old Santa to Arrive," by Mrs. Nora E. Herbert. While the children were singing we had "Better Watch Out," and "Here Comes Santa Claus" led by the mistress of ceremonies, Mrs. Jazania H. O'Neal. Santa Claus was played by John Edgar Herbert, Jr., who made his appearance up the aisle and on the stage. He treated each child with a bag of fruit and a filled stocking, with See SHOW, Page Four

SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



MRS. SCOTT TOPPING of Pantego has called the first Directors meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association at her home near Pantego at 10 a.m. January 13. She was elected president in November.

Considerable interest followed the election of Mrs. Scott Topping as the first woman president of the Southern Albemarle Association in Columbia in November, to direct activities during its 25th year. Mrs. Topping is a successful business woman and community worker, and she has attracted the attention of the News and Observer of Raleigh, which declared her woman of the week in N. C. shortly afterward.

The following story by Bob Lynch ran under a three-column photo of Mrs. Topping:

Miriam Shavender Topping is the sort of a woman who could make a desert homestead pay dividends.

She has that knack for getting things done that has won her a reputation in Eastern North Carolina. Her knack, however, is simply vision and hard work.

It was probably because of this reputation for getting things done that Mrs. Topping recently was made president of the Southern Albemarle Association.

With Mrs. Topping at its helm, this six-county group is steering a course to change the face of Eastern North Carolina, particularly those counties south of Albemarle Sound.

More Bridges, Better Highways Dedicated to improving highways, bridges and increasing industrial development in the area, the Southern Albemarle Association See MRS. TOPPING, Page Four

MEEKINS REJECTS CLAIMS MADE BY DAVID STICK

David Stick of Atlantic Township has presented this newspaper a lengthy article, 2,200 words in which he alleges Victor Meekins made false statements, and wants it published in comparable position with a news story carried in these columns on Dec. 11, and which contained some 1,100 words.

The article, while purporting to deny statements made by Meekins, contains for most part an attack on Meekins and before printing same it is being referred to attorneys, as Meekins says it is so completely inaccurate, in some parts entirely false and fabricated, that he believes it is libelous, and that he believes it is born completely out of the malice, discourtesy, and unreasonable manner Stick has manifested toward him for the past year.

Meekins says Stick tried to pull a fast one over the Board of Commissioners Monday and have his article adopted in the County files, even though Board members didn't have an opportunity to know the contents beforehand. As chairman, Meekins ruled it was out of order, and did not receive the motion. The article is being withheld, pending legal opinion in this issue. Meekins says he assumes "full responsibility for all statements made in the Dec. 11th article, that he will welcome the opportunity to present all the issues to the people of Dare County, either at the polls or in a court of law." And he adds, "I have never had to lie on anyone as Stick has been doing in this instance, even on one in whom I am so completely devoid of confidence. The truth is bad enough."

OLD CHRISTMAS FINES IN DARE AID ITS SCHOOLS

Saturday's Celebration Winds Up With An Abundance of Spirit of the Season

As the outcome of the Old Christmas celebration at Rodanthe Saturday night, more money was contributed in Recorder's Court in Manteo Tuesday to the Dare County schools, than the total door receipts at the oyster roast and entertainment so generously provided by the citizens of the community. Nine men, with one more to come up later, have already contributed over \$300 in fines for the disturbance they created more than it would have cost to repaint and repair the community house.

Four warrants were brought by Patrolman Skiles, the others by Deputies Sheriff Donnie Twyne and Raymond Bassett. The two largest fines of \$50 each were paid by Jimmy O'Neal, for drunkenness and interfering with an officer and by Horatio Beck of Rodanthe for being drunk and disorderly and also interfering with an officer.

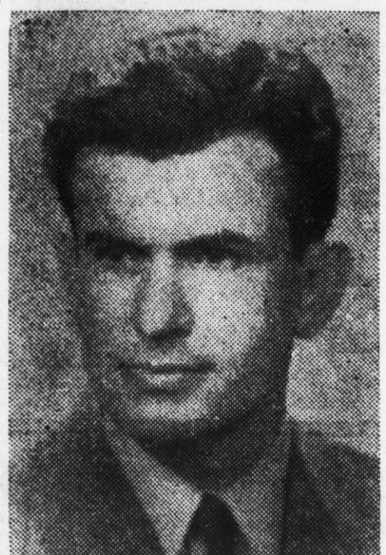
Forty dollar fines were charged L. B. Fulcher for drunkenness and McLellan Midgett of Rodanthe, charged with being drunk and disorderly, using profane language and interfering with an officer. Ronny O'Neal of Rodanthe paid \$45 for similar charges. Talmage Willis of Frisco, drunk and disorderly, paid \$25; Anderson Midgett of Hatteras \$20 for engaging in an affray; Lee Wayne Tandy of Frisco \$15; Ervin Balance of Poplar Branch paid \$35 for drunk and disorderly conduct and for interfering with an officer in performance of his duty.

Dalton O'Neal in the 9th case is scheduled to be tried on Jan. 26.

Much is usually said about that weird creature known as "Old Buck," which is traditionally a part of the Old Christmas festival. But Judge Baum in Recorder's court said it looked to him like the young bucks had taken over and he wanted to know what had become of Old Buck.

Other Court Cases In a long drawn out case continued from an earlier term, in which H. R. Craddock of Manns Harbor had brought charges against the brothers Cecil and Morris Midgett that they had trespassed on his land and made See COURT, Page Four

SWAIN REELECTED TO HEAD PIRATE FESTIVAL



Chosen this year for the second time to head the Pirate Jamboree in Dare County, is Lawrence Swain of Manteo who with Herbert Van Vleeck of Kitty Hawk as co-chairman, will direct the 1960 affair. A co-chairman for Hatteras Island is to be named and a second meeting will be held to make plans, on January 24th. Julian Oneto, who currently holds the crown as pirate King announces this week that beard growing for the 1960 event has begun. Plans are in the making to pay expenses of this year's Pirate King and Queen to the West Indies.

BLOODMOBILE TO BE IN HYDE CO. TUESDAY, JAN. 12

Chairman Walter E. Bishop of Scranton announced this week that the Bloodmobile would be in Hyde County at the Agricultural Building on Tuesday, January 12, and calls upon all patriotic citizens to appear and assist in this worthy cause. Mr. Bishop is hopeful that Hyde will redeem itself this time since the quota was not met last year when 75 pints of blood was expected. Some over 50 pints were given.

The hours will be from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and those who plan to be donors are expected to come not later than 3 p.m. which is only 30 minutes before the closing time. Citizens are urged to come as early as convenient, preferably in the morning hours.

DRINKWATER'S NEW YEAR PARTY GROWS BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS



ABOVE may be noted the benevolent mug of Alpheus W. Drinkwater as he appeared on the stroke of midnight at his annual New Year Eve party which has become as traditional as anything else in this part of the country. This year's party was biggest of all, as they grow bigger each year, and it looks like he'll have to rent a hall soon. The leading hostess of this party is his daughter Dorothy, his social and business secretary and retired Army nurse, shown here at his left, and continuing are John Booth his son-in-law, Mrs. Booth; names of all who attended. On the table may be seen the silver punch bowl which was presented the Drinkwaters when they were honored as the first citizens of the year some 14 years ago. Mr. Drinkwater, 84, is going strong, and his cheerful demeanor is stimulating to numerous widows of the community.—Aycock Brown Photo.

MRS. LYDIA B. REBER DIES AT NAGS HEAD WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Lydia Virginia Beasley Reber died at 2:20 Wednesday at her home in Nags Head, following a sudden illness. She was born at Nags Head 67 years ago, the daughter of the late William and Mary Beasley and had been a lifetime resident of Nags Head. She was the wife of John H. Reber, and a member of the Methodist church. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lena Mae Evers of Los Angeles, and three sons, John H. Jr., Edward H. and Freddie of Nags Head; two brothers, Seth Beasley of Norfolk and Charlie Beasley of Collington; a half-sister, Mrs. Margaret Bowden of Corolla. Burial will be in the Cudworth Cemetery at Wanchese.

WOMAN'S CLUB WILL ELECT OFFICERS JAN. 12

The Manteo Woman's Club will meet on January 12 at 8:00 P.M. at the Carolinian Hotel, Nags Head. The January meeting is the Club's annual business meeting. Elections of officers will be held as well as annual reports given. All members are urged to attend.

VISITS IN COLORADO

Mrs. Virginia Davis has returned from Colorado Springs, Col., where she visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Simon.

LOST COLONY DIRECTORS IN ENTHUSIASTIC AGREEMENT ON PROGRAM FOR 1960 SEASON

Committees are Set Up Thursday in Manteo, Disappointment Because Illness Kept Mrs. Gardner, the Chairman, and Paul Green, the Author From Attending, But High Hopes Expressed For Success of the 20th Season of Drama.

SAYS OLDER HEADS FAVOR EDWIN GILL FOR N. C. GOVERNOR

Political Writer Sums Up Street Corner Appraisal of Most Talked About Candidates

By FLOYD WOLF (Raleigh Correspondence)

RALEIGH, Jan. 6.—Ask most any man on the street today who he is supporting for Governor and he evades with the question "Who's going to be the next governor?" It looks like everybody throughout the state is trying to find out a sure thing, so one can jump on the bandwagon in hope of winding up with some political favors for himself.

However, there are a few people who stand out in the open and holdy tell you which of the candidates present or potential, they will favor or when the race is on. At this writing it might as well be passed along how the cards stack up.

John Larkins of Trenton, is well-known, has been a gubernatorial hopeful through these many long years, as attested by the zeal which he has put into his considerable service as state Democratic party chairman, National Committeeman, etc. He made much headway in the early months of his unannounced campaign, and he has great strength among party stalwarts who espouse the doctrine that party service is sufficient qualification to entitle John to occupy the mansion. But there are lots of people yet to be convinced that he is heavyweight enough to assume the entire responsibility and to carry out the burdens of governing some four million people through a rugged epoch that seem to grow more complex each year.

Terry Sanford, who four months ago, was conceded by most men to See GILL, Page Five

More than 20 directors and other officials of the Lost Colony met in Manteo Thursday to exchange ideas about what should be done toward planning for the 1960 season of Paul Green's outdoor drama, The Lost Colony which will show again in July and August. Despite heavy rains, which prevented several distant members from appearing, and worse still, illness which kept both Mrs. O. Max Gardner, the Chairman, and Paul Green, the author from attending, the entire group appeared in accord on major plans, and enthusiastic that the show must go on, despite handicaps.

Mrs. J. E. Winslow, Vice-Chairman presided in the absence of Mrs. Gardner who had already sent in names of her committee appointments. The problem of a new manager is to be left in the hands of a committee, headed by Mrs. Fred Morrison. The legislative committee is headed by E. Bruce Etheridge; the finance committee is headed by Miles Clark; the membership committee by Mrs. Winslow, and on some other committees the chairmen are yet to be selected. Mrs. Inglis Fletcher is Chairman of the Elizabethan Garden Committee.

Unable to attend also were Attorney General Seawall, J. Melville Broughton, Jr., Jonathan Daniels, and Dr. C. C. Crittenden, Director of the State Historical Commission. Those attending included several new Board members: Mrs. Sam Clark, Sr., of Tarboro; Mrs. W. B. Rosevear of Edenton; and Chancellor W. D. Aycock of the University and others.

Other directors present were L. L. Swain, M. K. Fearing, Jr., W. D. Carmichael and John W. Parker of Chapel Hill; Victor Meekins, Martin Kellogg, Jr., Melvin Daniels, M. L. Daniels, Jr., Archie Burrus, R. Bruce Etheridge, C. S. Meekins of Manteo; C. Alden Baker and Albert Gard of Elizabeth City; Mrs. Morrison of Washington; R. E. Jordan, former show manager; Aycock Brown, publicist; and Clifton Britton of Goldsboro, director.

The group was served an elaborate luncheon at 12:30 by the members of the Manteo Home Demonstration Club, led by Mrs. Beulah Gaylord, Home Agent, and high praise was given it at the meeting. Assisting in this job See LOST COLONY, Page Four

HIGHEST TAX RATES FALL ON TWO ENDS OF BEACHES

Some inquiry has been made as to the cause of a higher tax rate being evident this year on the beach area at Nags Head which is south of Kill Devil Hills, and the area north of Kill Devil Hills in the Kitty Hawk locality. P. A. Tillett, tax supervisor explains, that while the County has not raised rates, there was an increase of five cents per \$100 valuation in that part of the area in the Kitty Hawk school district, due to the bond issue voted for the new Kitty Hawk school, and the sum necessary to retire the bonds made it necessary to increase this rate from 15 to 20 cents.

The greatest increase in rates came from the 24 cent levy made not by the County Board of Commissioners, but by the Commissioners of the Dare Beaches Sanitary district which was some ten years ago for the purpose of establishing a water system on the beach, but which has twice been voted down. This new 24 cents was added when the three Commissioners of this district decided to buy fire fighting equipment, which they have done, and have set up two fire departments, one on the north end and one on the south end of the beach.

The required percentage of freeholders attempted to get the Sanitary District dissolved, but apparently the three Commissioners were able to prevail with the State Board of Health, and the citizens' wishes were disregarded. Taxpayers are now footing the cost which falls alike on all property, whether developed or undeveloped. Explanation: The county wide tax rate levied by the Board of County Commissioners is .80 for See TAXES, Page Five

TRANSMITTER INSTALLED IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Installation of a radio transmitter to permit communication between the Dare County Sheriff's office and cars of deputies equipped with radio, has recently been installed for use when directing an officer in response to a call for aid.

This equipment is part of a plan to enable the office to be more efficient. The usual daytime help will be able to man the equipment, and at night time, one of the officers who is not now burdened with official work can be used. In response to a telephone call for help, the attendant can radio any deputy who may be in his car, if he cannot reach him by phone. Funds for the work have been provided in this year's budget.

SCHOOL BELL OWNED BY BELOVED DARE TEACHER RECOVERED

The Manteo grammar school is again in possession of a school bell used for many years by the late Miss Bonnybel Evans who died in May 1953 after 43 years of teaching in the schools of the state, nearly all of which were spent in the schools of her home county. The bell has been polished and is being displayed in the trophy case of this school in the Bonnybel Evans building.

This bell, familiar to many people who are now parents and some who are grandparents, was Miss Evans' own property. It disappeared soon after she left her work when stricken by her last illness. Recently, Mrs. Matilda Inge, while teaching her classes in English, See BELL, Page Four

ABC STORE SALES SHOW GAIN IN YEAR \$28,616.10

Sales reported by the Dare County ABC Board for the year ending December 31, 1959 exceeded the preceding year's sales by \$28,616.10. Total sales were \$350,161.55. Net profits on total sales showing an increase during the year of \$3,147.77. Total net profit during the year \$38,515.17 for 1959. Sales during the month of December were \$3,412.65 more than in December of 1958. The 1958 sales totaled \$18,462.15; in December 1959 \$21,874.70.