

David Stok
Kill Devil Hills, N. C.
3-22-1960

THE COASTLAND TIMES

WITH WHICH IS COMBINED THE PILOT AND HERALD OF BELHAVEN AND SWAN QUARTER
PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE INTEREST OF THE WALTER RALEIGH COASTLAND OF NORTH CAROLINA

MAIL SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED TO BOX 428
MANTEO, N. C.
NOT TO INDIVIDUALS

VOL. XXV NO. 29

MANTEO, N. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1960

Single Copy 7¢

SAA MEETING PLEDGES AID TO THE LOST COLONY AND HISTORIC BATH RESTORATION

Permanent Ferry Terminal at Ocracoke Island Advocated in Meeting at Pantego; Committee Appointments Made for Years Work in Meeting at Home of the President, Mrs. Scott Topping in Pantego Wednesday.

Without waiting for the full three months to roll by since the annual meeting November 7 in Columbia, Mrs. Scott Topping of Belhaven, held her first quarterly meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association of which she is president, at her home in Beaufort County Wednesday, and completed the list of nearly all committees and set up plans for the 25th year of the Association.

Beginning at 10 a.m. with time out for lunch, the officers of the association completed the business which ended at 2 p.m. with a benediction by Rev. Alexander Corey of Jameville, a former President of the Association.

The executive committee was completed in full, and most of the standing committees were listed. A few vacancies are awaiting recommendations from county Vice-presidents.

By unanimous approval, the executive committee on Wednesday did the following:

1. Set up committees to carry on the work of the Association during the coming year which will conclude with the annual convention Beaufort County on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1960, closing 25 years of continuous activity.

2. Pledged its favor and great interest in the work of the Committee for the restoration of historical Bath, and appointed Dr. W. T. Ralph Chairman to name a committee to work with the Historical Bath Commission appointed by the Governor.

3. Asked for construction of a permanent ferry landing on the north end of Ocracoke Island, to remove the handicap now occasioned tourist traffic in this area.

4. Pledged the Association to work for renewed dedication of spirit and effort through the Southern Albemarle Region in behalf of the Lost Colony, and to support the new Chairman, Mrs. O. Max Gardner and those who are working under her banner in behalf of the drama this year.

That Association will endeavor to stimulate a program for home and highway beautification to make the region more attractive to its visitors; to encourage courtesy among business interests and seek the adoption of business-like operation of state owned ferries.

The county executive committees usually includes four women and four men in addition to the County Vice president who is ex-officio chairman. In Wednesday's appointment, some deviations from this rule were noted, and a few of the county lists are incomplete, but appointments announced are as follows:

BEAUFORT: Sam T. Moore, Chairman; Mrs. Muriel Windley of Aurora; Mrs. C. E. Venters, Bath; Dr. W. T. Ralph, Belhaven; Ashley See S.A.A., Page Four

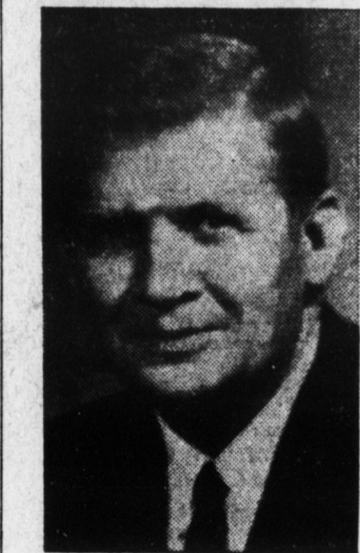
SUPERIOR COURT MONDAY CONVENES IN DARE CO.

Judge J. Paul Frizzle of Snow Hill is expected in Manteo Monday Jan. 19 to preside at the usual mid-winter term of Dare County Superior Court for the trial of Civil cases only. A calendar has been set for three days, mostly damage suits growing out of automobile mishaps. One case of more than usual interest involves the claim of W. R. Deaton of Kill Devil Hills against the State Highway Commission, in which the claimant asks for a more liberal settlement than was allotted him by appraisers who valued a large area of beach property near Kill Devil Hills, and which was taken by the State Highway Commission in the process of building the new U.S. 158 by-pass through the area. Mr. Deaton contend, and has shown by testimony in preceding hearings, that much larger amounts were paid other owners for similar property, and asks that he be awarded a settlement in line with those made with other property owners.

SEA FOOD SUPPER

The Engelhard H. D. Club will hold a supper Saturday night Jan. 16 at the club room of the Community Building. Shrimp plates and oyster stews will be served also sandwiches, cake, pie and coffee will be for sale beginning at 5 o'clock. Prices reasonable for a worthy cause.

SANFORD MAKING QUICK VISITS IN THE COASTLAND



TERRY SANFORD was a visitor in Dare County Thursday morning and talked with a number of friends about his campaign for Governor of North Carolina. He also visited Currituck Courthouse at 11 a.m. and on Wednesday was in Columbia.

Sanford said he will make formal announcement of his candidacy next month. About 35 people came out to hear him talk at a meeting at the Roanoke Inn near Manteo arranged by R. O. Ballance.

"Public education will be the dominant issue in my campaign," he said. "Improvement of schools is North Carolina's most urgent need." He also talked about inlets, converting gas tax to support small harbors, the Seashore Park and tourist income.

Sanford is well known hereabouts and has many friends in the area. He is a native of Laurinburg and since 1948 has practiced law in Fayetteville. He regretted that this visit was brief and said he will return during his campaign and talk more with people of interests of the area and state.

Sanford is a former State Senator and member of the State Ports Authority. He has been president of the North Carolina Young Democratic Club, and a Democratic National Convention delegate. He was a paratrooper in combat in World War II, after having been a Special Agent in the FBI.

"Our industrial expansion program must continue," Sanford said in touching on aspects of North Carolina life. "Our agricultural economy must get similar interests and emphasis, to match the success in industrial growth."

Mr. Sanford was accompanied to Manteo by several of his aides: Roy Wilder of Spring Hope, Burk Bennett of Winston-Salem, and Merrill Evans of Ahoskie.

DARE COUNTY REPUBLICANS CALL CONVENTION JAN. 30

L. V. Gaskill, Chairman of the Dare County Republican Executive Committee, has called a Convention of all Republicans of Dare County, to be held at 8:00 P.M., on January 30th at the Courthouse in Manteo. Business before the Convention will include the election of delegates to the Republican State and District Conventions.

The State Convention for North Carolina Republicans will be held in Raleigh, February 27. The featured speaker will be Senator Thurston B. Morton, Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Headquarters for the Convention will be at the Sir Walter Hotel.

The State Convention also normally endorses the Republican candidates for their state ticket. Four delegates-at-large and four alternates, to represent North Carolina Republicans at the National Convention in Chicago, will also be selected at this State Convention.

M.Y.F. WILL WASH CARS

The Manteo M.Y.F. will sponsor a car wash at Midway Station No. 2 in Manteo Saturday, Jan. 16 and 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Price is \$1.50 per car washed.

IMPORTANT UNIT OF COAST GUARD AT HATTERAS PLANNED

Finest Lifeboat Station On Our Coast to Be Built This Year; Plans Near Complete

Construction work on a new lifeboat station at Hatteras Inlet, on the north side near the town of Hatteras will begin this month Coast Guard officials in Norfolk said this week.

The new station will replace the one formerly located on the northern tip of Ocracoke Island which was washed away some years ago.

The new Hatteras Inlet Lifeboat Station will be located at the site of the Gobseville Gun Club, where the Coast Guard has maintained a temporary station since 1954, in the building formerly housing the shooting club.

Though the building design is still on the drawing boards, plans however, point toward a two-story masonry structure with detached lookout tower and combined garage-equipment building. The buildings will be faced in brick veneer. It will be the first brick lifeboat station erected in either Dare or Hyde Counties.

The initial contract, for construction of a boat basin bulkhead, dredging, piers, boat hoist and fuel storage facilities on Austin Creek at the Gun Club site have been awarded. J. T. Hardison & Son, Inc., of Washington, N. C. won this contract.

Coast Guard officials at Norfolk headquarters indicated that contracts on the buildings will be offered in the near future, with long-range planning for commissioning of the new installation early in 1961.

Meanwhile Coast Guard personnel will continue its search and rescue activities out of the temporary quarters. Archie Wahab of Ocracoke is at present officer in charge. Previously in charge was Nevin Wescott of Manteo who is now stationed at Oregon Inlet, but who will retire from service on January 31.

The Hatteras Inlet Lifeboat Station will be the second new station to be constructed in the Fifth Coast Guard District in recent years. The station at Little Machipongo on the Eastern Shore of Virginia was completed last April.

Key locations for Coast Guard lifeboat stations up and down the coast of the United States, like the site at Hatteras Inlet, greatly assist the Coast Guard's tasks of providing search and rescue service to the maritime industry and to the boating public.

MASONS HAVE A PLAN FOR VISITING SICK MEMBERS

Wanchese Masonic Lodge in Dare County has come up with a helpful plan to remember members when sick in hospitals away from home.

Instead of sending cards, and sometimes flowers to the occasional members mentioned at the semi-monthly meetings of the lodge, the lodge will form a committee of its members in other towns who will be notified and who in turn will visit the sick and convey the affection and thoughtfulness of the lodge members back home.

For instance, in Norfolk there are several who are on a committee recently named, and these include Gus Montague, Amos Daniels, W. L. Montague, George Daniels, Wilbur Daniels, Harry Hayman and many others, all former residents of Wanchese.

In other cities where so many coastland people congregate, other lodge members will be asked to serve.

This lodge is unusual in that of its 200 members, many of them by occupation are seamen or connected with seafaring, or the Coast Guard service, hence they are away from home much of the time. Singularly too, they are usually hospitalized in institutions which serve these occupations and they are easy to find, and often several will be found in the same place at the same time.

MANTEO P.T.A. MEETING IS MOVED UP FOR A DAY

Regular meeting of the Manteo P.T.A. is to be held on January 25th instead of the 26th, due to a hometown basketball game. At an executive committee meeting held Monday this week, plans were set up by Chairman John Long for a variety show to be staged soon. On this committee are Mrs. Arthur Fields, Mrs. Betty Gibbs and Mrs. McCoy Tillett.

DENTIST AND LONG TIME PUBLIC SERVANT ROUNDS OUT 45 YEARS PRACTICE IN BELHAVEN COMMUNITY



WHEN Jan. 15th rolls up, Dr. William T. Ralph will have completed 45 years as a practicing dentist in the town of Belhaven, and he holds a record for public service not exceeded by any other person of his area. Although he was only 64 years old, the past October, he has given a total of 55 years service to his community and county, in public capacity. Of course the terms of some of these offices ran concurrently, making it possible to do several jobs at once but none of them paid salaries.

Dr. Ralph served 14 years in all as Mayor, retiring last year without offering for re-election. He had served an additional eight years as Alderman. He served on the Beaufort County Board of Education for 15 years; and on the County Draft Board for 12 years, during the latter years being its chairman. He served six years as a member of the Belhaven Light and Water Commission.

Aside from these responsibilities which took much of his time, and much of his money, he has served in numerous other capacities. He has served as President of the Regional Dental Association of N. C.; as served as Vice-president and was the First President from Beaufort County on its admission to the six-county Southern Albemarle Association. He has been active on committees and groups interested in improvement of the section's fisheries and agriculture, waterways betterments and numerous civic responsibilities.

It was his contribution that gave to Belhaven the Fannie Mebane Ralph Memorial Library some ten years ago; he was a large contributor to the Pungo District Hospital, and he has given generous assistance in hundreds of needy cases which never came to the public eye.

Like all men who have followed a long career in political office and civic affairs he has met with opponents. But he has a long record of winning the things on which he set his heart, in his home community.

In other political affairs, he has served many years as Precinct Chairman on the Beaufort County Democratic/Executive Committee; has represented Beaufort County once as Delegate and once as Alternate at the National Democratic conventions of 1952 and 1956, and for many years as a regular delegate to state conventions and members of District committees.

Dr. Ralph was born in Chowan County, and he came to Belhaven to establish his office January 15, 1915 shortly after his graduation from dental college in Atlanta. His mother was from Tyrrell County and he spent much of his boyhood with relatives in Columbia.

In business life he has been successful. A friendly, helpful man, he lives modestly, but some of his neighbors believe he is a millionaire. He owns much Belhaven real estate, timberland which he harvests; and farmland which he leases. Next October he will be 65. He wants to slow up, and he is looking for a young fellow who will come to Belhaven to relieve him, and who can be expected to stay a long time too.

NEW DIRECTORS OF BANK OF MANTEO ELECTED TUESDAY

Some Changes in Officers; New Stockholders Recognized; Gain in Resources

The Bank of Manteo added five new directors at the annual meeting held Tuesday. These are Stanford White of Manns Harbor; W. C. Foreman of Kill Devil Hills, W. W. Tarkington, Woodson B. Fearing and Maynard Mangum of Manteo.

W. R. Pearce was re-elected cashier, but Mr. Mangum was named Assistant Cashier and General Manager. H. A. Creff of Manteo was re-elected President. Other directors are Frank B. Turner and Mrs. Turner of Raleigh, Martin Kellogg, Jr. and W. R. Pearce of Manteo. The late Mrs. Z. V. Brinkley, was chairman of the board, but this place was not filled. Mr. Turner is Vice-President.

Reports showed improvement in resources of the bank over the same period a year ago.

OREGON INLET DREDGING SCHEDULED IN FEBRUARY

WILMINGTON.—The dredging of the new inside approach channel at Oregon Inlet is scheduled to get started in late February, the Corps of Engineers District office here advises.

Col. R. P. Davidson, District Engineer, reports that bids for the dredging are scheduled to be opened here February 16 with the work to begin within 30 days after receipt of the notice to proceed issued. This procedure usually follows the bid opening by only a few days. Plans require that the job be completed by June 15, 1960.

The dredging will involve about 662,000 cu. yds. and will be to a depth of 12 feet to conform with depths of connecting channels. Meanwhile, Colonel Davidson said the dredging of the channels from the inlet to Wanchese and Manteo is about 75 per cent complete and, weather conditions permitting, this project should be finished by March 1.

The dredging of the bar channel to 12 by 400 feet is planned for the spring months with a Corps of Engineers hopper dredge doing the work.

CHURCH AT SCRANTON HAS NATIVE SON PASTOR

A native North Carolinian is now serving the Scranton, Swan Quarter and Fairfield Churches of Christ, Garland Bland, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bland of Robersonville. Mrs. Bland was formerly Miss Sallie Drewry of Norfolk. They have one daughter, Mary Teresa, age 12. The family is now residing in the Scranton Church parsonage. Mr. Bland will preach at Scranton the first and third Sunday in each month, at Swan Quarter on second Sundays and at Fairfield on fourth Sundays.

MISSING WORLD WAR II PLANE SNAGGED AFTER 17 YEARS BY FISH NET IN CROATAN SOUND

Manteo Citizen Loses \$125 Net Where Many Other Fishermen Have Lost Nets Off Roanoke Marshes Lighthouse; Recovers Huge Propeller Lost When Plane Disappeared December 13, 1943 Enroute to Cherry Pt.

BEACH MEN PLEASED OLD 158 IS TO RETAIN IDENTITY

Highway Commission Announces Decision to Number Roads As Citizens Wish

Expressions of gratitude have gone to Director W. F. Babcock of North Carolina Highways this week for decision to retain the identity of U.S. 158 which has served Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk Beaches for 80 years. Mr. Babcock, in a letter to Victor Meekins, advised that the brief submitted in favor of this plan had been approved.

Old 158 will be numbered U.S. 158 Business and the new road recently completed to the west will be numbered U.S. 158 By-pass.

Citizens and business people on U.S. 158 in December appealed to the commission against the plan to number this road with a mere tag carrying the symbols "1200." They feared that the loss of identity of this long established road would reduce its importance to tourists, as a result of its loss of identity on future road maps. This could mean a tremendous loss in business from visitors who would find themselves unknowingly routed past the business on these beaches they might wish to patronize.

It was shown to the Highway Commission that on this older road is nearly half the total property valuation of the area which yields taxes to support Dare County. Further, an estimated half of the summer tourist business comes from this road, with its many stores, service stations, hotels, motels, several fishing piers and amusement centers. The previous plans of highway engineers concerning the numbering and marking of the two roads was therefore universally considered a grave economic threat.

1960 CENSUS WORK UNDER SUPERVISION OF JOHN R. BRINSON

All Counties Of First Congressional District Served From Office in Washington

Establishment of a district office for the 1960 Census of Population and Housing at the Post Office Bldg., Washington, was announced today by Director Joseph R. Norwood of the Census Bureau's regional office at Charlotte.

John R. Brinson of Belhaven will be supervisor of the district office. He will direct a force of 15 crew leaders and 242 census takers in the following counties: Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington.

Taking the 1960 Census nationally will require the services of 160,000 enumerators, 10,000 crew leaders, and 400 district supervisors, all temporary workers. The district supervisors, working under the general direction of the permanent regional field directors, are responsible for a phases of the census in their districts. Duties of the district supervisor include the recruiting of the crew leaders, obtaining space for crew leader training, recruiting and training a small office staff, reviewing the completed questionnaires, and direct supervision of the field canvass which begins on April 1.

Prior to the start of the census, all households will receive in the mail an Advance Census Report Form, a new census-taking device which is designed to speed up the field canvass and provide more accurate statistics. Distribution of this form, which contains the basic population and housing questions, gives the family chance to assemble information about each member in advance of the census taker's visit.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER AT BUXTON JANUARY 20

James M. Vannote, Veterans Service Officer for Dare County, will be at I. C. Jennette's Store in Buxton on Wednesday, January 20, about 10:30 a.m., and will consult with veterans on any type of veterans service.

By AYCOCK BROWN
A shell encrusted airplane propeller which William L. "Snooks" Tillett brought to the surface from the bottom of Croatan Sound near Roanoke Marshes Light station recently may solve the mystery of a military plane which disappeared without leaving a trace enroute from Norfolk to Cherry Point Marine Air Station during World War II.

Tillett was dragging for crabs when his net became fouled in the propeller. Retrieving the propeller he brought it into port at Wanchese when he unloaded his crab catch at the Chief Wanchese plant, and finally put in the yard of his home near Roanoke Negro School.

Victor Meekins learned about the propeller this week from L. V. Gaskill, retired Coast Guard officer in Wanchese. He was told about the military plane which had disappeared on its flight from Norfolk to Cherry Point in 1942 or 43. Course of such a flight could have been over the area where the three-blade propeller was found. One of the blades was missing. The remainder of the plane is believed to be submerged on the spot as commercial fishermen frequently report that their nets snag on something in that section.

Meekins telephoned Coast Guard headquarters in Norfolk, but was unable to get information on a plane lost so long ago. The propeller had obviously been in the water for several years, as indicated by the amount of barnacle, oyster spat, mussels and other crustaceans clinging to the metal.

Ben Dixon MacNeill, the distinguished author of The Hat-See PLANE, Page Four

HOW WELFARE CAN BRING HAPPINESS; HELP DESERVING

A Strong Appeal Made By Hyde County Welfare Department For Needy Causes

"I don't want to stop school, I want to graduate but my parents have seven other children and they can't help me even though they want to see me finish school. My Dad hardly makes enough to feed the family." This statement was made to the Superintendent of the Hyde County Welfare Department, by a girl who is in high school. She swallowed her pride and expressed the initiative to come and ask for clothes and shoes to wear in order that she might not be embarrassed by her school mates. The only thing this department could do was to promise her that we would make an appeal for help not only for her but for the many who are in school and wish to remain there. We have many requests such as this by persons who can not qualify for the many services given by the Welfare Department. It usually comes from the parent but the need is such now that the children make an appeal for themselves. Many come from families whose parents work every day they can but still make too little to clothe the children in the family. It takes it all for the food consumed and there is nothing left for the school child but to continue wearing the rags and trying to conceal their humiliation.

About a year ago, the Hyde County Welfare Department made an appeal for clothing and shoes to help the swelling tide of children who remain out of school—violating a state law—because they are barefooted and without the needed clothing. Many children leave home early and return late and eat nothing between breakfast and supper. They can hide their hunger but they can't hide their feelings of humiliation that comes from their having to wear ill-fitting and ragged clothing and shoes. We can do much to eliminate this problem. Of the clothing and shoes given last year to the Welfare Department, we were able to issue 248 pieces of clothing and shoes to 90 persons. They would not have had them if you had not made it possible through your willingness to help by giving. Many calls came from Belhaven from persons who are interested and See WELFARE, Page Four