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RELIEF PROMISED FOR BAD SITUATION AT OREGON INLET

Highway Engineer Says Dredging
Contract Shaping Up; Army
Engineers Visit Dare

Relief for the Oregon Inlet situation whereby shoal water has recently worked severe economic loss to the people of Hatteras Island, was promised Thursday to County Commissioner Woodrow Edwards of Waves by Chief Engineer Cam Lee of the State Highway Commission.

Mr. Lee says proposals for bids to dredge out the channel used by ferry boats are in the making and it is expected a contract will be let this month. The estimated cost is in excess of \$30,000. Mr. Lee said advice given the Highway Commission led them to believe they should not do the work before the stormy March season is over, for fear the channel might fill in again.

As promised last week, Col. R. P. Davidson, District Engineer of Wilmington and members of his staff, met with the Dare County Board of Commissioners Wednesday to discuss the status of several waterways projects in Dare County. Col. Davidson explained that the channel needed for direct use of the Oregon Inlet ferry boats is not a responsibility any longer of the Engineers Corps, since legislation has established another channel on which Federal funds must be spent. He expressed a desire to cooperate with the state in any way possible however within the scope of laws which govern the operation of his department.

Meeting with Col. Davidson also were Mayor Ras Wescott of Manteo, Mayor R. H. Cook of Kill Devil Hills, Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr. and Wayland Baum of the Dare County Waterways Committee and some other officials.

Col. Davidson was accompanied on this trip to Dare County by three staff men of the Wilmington District office of the Corps of Engineers: D. A. Gardner, chief of operations; L. C. McDuffie, Jr., Chief Engineer; and Cecil W. Henderson, Director projects operations branch. The trip included an inspection of the dredging work done at Wanchese and Manteo and a visit to the harbor at Hatteras which has been the subject of a recent dredging contract.

DEEP CHANNEL CONSIDERED FOR WRIGHT'S CREEK

The Corps of Engineers will hold a public hearing at Belhaven April 1 to hear views concerning whether or not there is a need for navigational improvements in Wrights Creek.

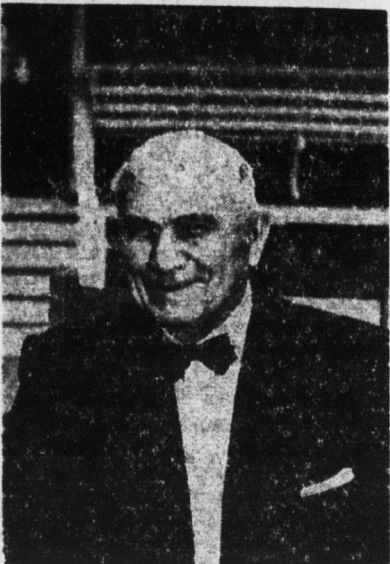
The hearing will be held in the high school auditorium beginning at 9 a. m.

Col. R. P. Davidson, District Engineer, who will preside, urges all persons who have an interest in the waterway to attend the hearing and express their views concerning the character and extent of the improvements desired and the advisability of their execution.

It is understood that local interests desire that a 12-foot stabilized channel be dredged from deep water in the Pungo River and the Intra-coastal Waterway to the main hard-surface highway between Belhaven and Pamlico Beach, a channel distance of some 2 miles. No specific route has been indicated. Sponsors of the improvement are urged to present pertinent factual material bearing upon the general plans of improvement desired and to give detailed supporting data on the economic justification of the undertaking. Opposing interests, if any, are also urged to state the reasons for their position. Included in the factual information should be data on the type, number, origin, destination, and the light and loaded draft of vessels expected to use the improvement, if provided; the estimated benefits from increased loads of fish and shellfish and other commerce transported over the project; and the benefits from prevention of damage to boats, from reduction in operating expenses and from similar items.

Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of record, all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing, in 6 copies, as the records of the hearing will be forwarded for consideration by the Secretary of the Army. Written statements may be turned in at the hearing or mailed to the District Engineer here.

CORNELIUS P. MIDGETT DIES IN DUKE THURSDAY



JORNELIUS PAYNE MIDGETT, 81, prominent Nags Head citizen, and owner of the First Colony Inn, died after an illness of six months Thursday morning in Duke Hospital, Durham. He was a native of Rodanthe, the son of the late John Allen Midgett, Sr. and Mrs. Phoebe O'Neal Midgett, and the husband of the late Daisy Harrison Midgett. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. J. Frank Meekins and Mrs. Lurania Midgett of Rodanthe, and by numerous nieces and nephews.

DARE COUNTY RED CROSS FUND DRIVE UNDERWAY

The drive to raise Dare County's quota of \$840 for the American Red Cross opened this week, according to Fund Chairman Mrs. Virginia Davis of Wanchese. It is hoped that during the month that sum may be raised, which is slightly less than 1959 goal.

No established schedule has been made for collections, but during March efforts will be made to contact all homes in the county. Those wishing to contribute by mail may send their checks to Mrs. Davis at Wanchese.

BONNER SPEAKS FOR BELHAVEN "MAN OF THE YEAR"



CONGRESSMAN HERBERT C. BONNER is shown at left on the occasion of his speech in Belhaven last week at a Chamber of Commerce dinner and "Man of the Year" award to Russell Johnston. Next are Dr. J. T. Wright, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Jule Purvis, Executive Secretary.

Russell Johnston was honored as Belhaven's "Outstanding Man of the Year", February 25th at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, and Herbert Bonner, the main speaker, addressed a large crowd, using as his topic "Service and Leadership".

Dr. J. T. Wright, president of the Belhaven Chamber of Commerce, presided over the meeting, and made the presentation of an engraved plaque, to Mr. Johnston. He told him that the award presented to him, represented the highest recognition that can be bestowed on a young man from the Chamber of Commerce. It was given on the basis of his contribution for outstanding achievements in Church, School, Civic and Home Life. Also for the many efforts he had made, unsolicited, for the betterment and welfare of his Community.

Mr. Johnston has proven that he is a real leader in his church; as Chairman of the Board of First Christian Church, and has assumed duties in the church in all capacities. He holds the responsible position of Postmaster in Belhaven, and is District Chairman of North Carolina Chapter of National Association of Postmasters. He is president of the Parent-Teachers Association; for the past two years has been Chairman of the annual 4th of July celebration; Chairman of the Belhaven group that worked for the school bond issue; treasurer and active member of the Chamber of Commerce; was chairman of Red Cross Bloodmobile visit here for two years; and he is a member of American Legion, serving last year as Commander. He served in the Navy for 8 years, attaining the rank of Lieutenant.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ROTARY BY NORFOLK EDITOR

"Kit" Larson Tells Manteo Group
They Are Doing Good Job,
and More Ahead

Encouragement from a good source and praise for the work that has been done in Dare County was voiced Monday evening at the weekly luncheon of the Manteo Rotary Club when R. K. T. Larson, Norfolk editor spoke on the history of this area, and how to continue enjoying it. Larson was introduced by Victor Meekins.

Mr. Larson, who is public relations editor for Norfolk newspapers, has been on this newspaper job since 1924 and had a hand in the Williamsburg restoration and the raising of funds to restore old St. Luke's church at Smithfield, Va. He was accompanied to Manteo by Stuart Rowley of the Norfolk newspapers.

In recounting the long record of the leaders of the area in making capital of historical events, beginning in 1926 with the first nationally noted celebration held at Fort Raleigh on August 18th. Larson praised the energy and enterprise of Dare County people, and encouraged them to continue asking for help from outside sources. He mentioned in particular the job that Aycock Brown has done to promote the tourist industry in the area. Continued work without let up, he pointed out, can only be depended on for best results.

He mentioned also, the appropriate plans to dedicate an airstrip at Frisco, near Hatteras in honor of the late General Billy Mitchell.

"Just keep on asking, and you will always be getting something," was his advice, in a 30 minute address packed with effective humor, illustrations and encouragement for continuing with the coastland's progressive program for a year of celebrations and homecomings that has not yet been matched in the 90 years of Dare County's history.

GASKILL WARNS DEMOCRATS GOP TICKET IN FALL

Dare Republicans Return From
Raleigh Pepped Up By
Nixon Unity

A warning of a Republican ticket for the first time in more than 25 years in Dare County is hinted this week by chairman L. V. Gaskill, who returned from the convention held in Raleigh Friday, much pepped up by the unity which surrounds Richard Nixon' campaign, which was endorsed by the Dare delegates.

Attending from Dare besides Chairman Gaskill of Wanchese were Dan Burgess of Stumpy Point and Walter Gaskill of Manteo. The Dare chairman said he was pleased with the re-election of State Chairman W. E. Cobb of Morganton, although he said eastern delegates out of loyalty had to vote for the unsuccessful candidate from the east.

With a county pledged to Richard Nixon, Mr. Gaskill says he believes Dare can round up several candidates for a county ticket this year. Only county offices open for election are boards of Commissioners, Education, and the Representative.

Mr. Gaskill reported pleasure at the speech of Senator Thurston B. Morton of Kentucky, the keynote in Raleigh. He is convinced Nixon will be elected and believes it is important to Dare County to have an effective working GOP organization to protect the rights of this area to Federal patronage.

"I am not looking for a job of any kind for myself," Gaskill said, "but I do feel the wonderful job Mr. Cobb has done in the state merits some effort on the part of all of us, even in a small county like Dare."

An estimated 1,000 delegates attended the session in Raleigh. The convention endorsed Richard Nixon for President, but did not instruct the State's delegates for him, Mr. Gaskill said. The convention said no party ever had a man better qualified for president than Nixon.

Others from adjoining counties in Raleigh for the meeting were Smith Harrell of Mamie, and Dr. Henry Liverman of Engelhard.

For State Vice-Chairman, Miss Frances Ratcliff of Pantego lost to Miss Stella Rutledge of Wilton. Four alternate delegates to the National convention were selected from five nominees, the 5th and loser being L. E. Austin, a Durham negro editor.

PLYMOUTH GETS BIG INDUSTRY TO MAKE CORNSTARCH

Eight Million Dollars To Be Invested
in Plant Using 4,000,000
Bushels of Corn a Year

When the Southern Albemarle Industrial Committee met in Belhaven this week at River Forest Manor, it had one of the biggest pieces of news before it that has ever come out in this area. For years, P. D. Midgett of Engelhard has preached that industries should be encouraged to utilize home products. Chairman W. M. Darden of this committee in Belhaven this week says one is coming to use home products. His town will get it.

Plymouth, has been chosen as the location for an \$8 million corn starch manufacturing plant, first of its kind in the entire South, Governor Luther H. Hodges said this week. Southern Starch Industries, Inc., a North Carolina corporation founded for the purpose of producing corn starch, has joined Dixon Chemical and Research, Inc., which has headquarters in New Jersey, in forming Dixon Southern Chemicals, Inc.

Company officials said present plans call for the Plymouth plant to produce 80,000 tons of industrial corn starch per year from the approximate four million bushels of corn the concern plans to purchase annually in Eastern North Carolina.

Pointing out that the new plant in Washington county will be the only one of its kind outside the Midwest, Governor Hodges said "the decision to construct this plant at Plymouth is not only exciting and wonderful news for that section, but for all North Carolina."

Governor Hodges said he was delighted that this plant was going to Eastern North Carolina, which has a surplus of labor and needs new plants and other job opportunities.

Company officials said the Division of Commerce and Industry of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development and local people in Plymouth have been of considerable help to them. See INDUSTRY, Page Five

OP OFFICERS IN NORFOLK COAST GUARD DISTRICT OFFICE



REAR ADM. PETER COLMAR CAPT. CLIFFORD R. MacLEAN

SINCE the old days when some 15 shore stations of the U. S. Life Saving Service constituted the bulwark of the economy of Coastland Dare County, and during the years since the consolidation of this service with the Coast Guard, it has been of much interest to our citizens to know all about the top men in command of the District in which our lifesavers served. Now Dare County has only seven stations; Ocracoke Island has one instead of two; Currituck County has none left of seven, but those remaining stations are considered mighty important, and instead of serving close at home, there are far more men than ever from this coast enlisted in this service—but they are away in other ports or on ships of the Coast Guard.

It is a pleasure to present here two fine men who have succeeded a long recent list of heads of the district in recent years. Rear Admiral Peter V. Colmar is head of the district, and his next in command is Capt. Clifford R. MacLean.

Peter Vincent Colmar, was born on July 17, 1908 at Sodus, New York. He was graduated from high school at Newark, New York, in 1925, and entered the United States Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut, in August 1926.

Graduated and commissioned Ensign on May 15, 1929, he subsequently was promoted in rank as follows: Lieutenant (jg), May 15, 1931; Lieutenant, May 15, 1933; Lieutenant Commander, June 26, 1942; Commander, September 15, 1942; Captain, August 5, 1949; and Rear Admiral, February 1, 1959.

From July, 1929 to August, 1931, he was assigned to the duties of watch officer aboard the cutter Modoc stationed at Wilmington, N. C., then was given command of the CG-214, a 75-foot patrol boat stationed at New York City with a Coast Guard Intelligence Unit. In August, 1933 he was assigned as instructor in radio and engineering at the Coast Guard Academy where he remained until June, 1937. He then moved to the cutter Galatea stationed at New York City to serve a year as her executive officer.

In June 1938 he was assigned to post-graduate studies in electrical engineering at the University of Michigan. See COLMAR, Page Five



REAR ADM. PETER COLMAR CAPT. CLIFFORD R. MacLEAN

Clifford Rolston MacLean was born on October 5, 1907, at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and was graduated from Sault Ste. Marie High School in 1926. His military career began with an appointment as a Cadet at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut, on August 2, 1927.

Graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree and commissioned an Ensign in 1930, he thereafter advanced in rank as follows: Lieutenant (jg), June 1933; Lieutenant, June 1936; Lieutenant Commander, July 1941; Commander, July 1943; and Captain, August 1951.

On his first assignment from the Academy, he served on the Coast Guard Cutter Mojave on International Ice Patrol out of Boston, Mass. His next assignment from 1931 through 1933 was aboard the Cutter Seminole based at his home town of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. From 1933 to 1934 he served aboard the Coast Guard Destroyer Herndon based at New London, Conn. In 1934 he came back to the Great Lakes, this time to the Cutter Tahoma of Cleveland, Ohio. He served on this icebreaker for 18 months.

From 1935 to 1939 he served on engineering duty on the Cutter Tampa, based at Mobile, Alabama. See McLEAN, Page Five

LESSONS FOR THE COASTLAND FROM THE FAR SOUTH

We've Got What It Takes to Do
With By Providing Prime
Ingredient: "Work"

By VICTOR MEEKINS

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 23.—Two weeks ago when I started on this trip with Catherine to visit Roger in La., it was a spirit of resignation and submission. This spirit came out of a long desire to see our son more often than he was able to come home. Resignation came of my age, and my dislike of either riding or driving on long trips. At my age I doubted I would ever get there and as far back toward home as this point, without the assistance of an ambulance. Now I have never felt better. Since then I have visited old friends after looking for them. I have missed a few of those dear coastland people who are scattered all through this Southland but I have found on this trip something more valuable, and that is the renewed conviction that I still owe a lot to my homefolks, and that no matter how weary the day finds me, I must keep on working to make up for the time I have lost in the long ago past. I have renewed encouragement; a renewal of a spirit of dedication; a conviction that everything one does must be with the first motive to benefit all the people.

During all this trip I have followed my resolution to forget business at home. I have not seen a North Carolina newspaper, nor any N. C. news in other papers save references to the paid negro students, who while being supported by the white citizens of our state, have allowed themselves to the made monkeys by northern agitators in order to stage demonstrations at white lunch counters. As I view it, we whites ought to drop the business of coddling these nit wits, and sacrificing our money to support them so long as they are not willing to take advantage of it. I can't see the point of their lives. See LESSONS, Page Four

MRS. ANGES MIDGETT DIES AFTER YEARS OF ILLNESS

In the death of Mrs. Angles Midgett, wife of Willie E. Midgett of Manteo, who died in a Norfolk hospital Sunday morning, the town lost a citizen who until her illness began 16 years ago had been a faithful, helpful community worker, citizen and neighbor. She was born at Buxton 61 years ago, of a prominent family, but had lived in Manteo more than 40 years. She was the daughter of the late Seymour and Mollie Tolar Miller. The recent years of her illness had been spent at the nearby home of her sister-in-law, Miss Eulalia Midgett because she had been a shut-in, but withal she had maintained an inspiring spirit of cheerfulness despite her afflictions.

She was a member of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, in Manteo, where funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. by the Rev. Harold F. Leatherman, the pastor, assisted by Rev. C. R. Olsen.

Surviving her are her husband, Willie E. Midgett, retired Coast Guard station commander; a son, Milton M. Midgett of Norfolk; three sisters, Mrs. Carlos Peele of Hatteras, Mrs. Jarvis Midgett of New Smyrna, Fla., and Mrs. Juanita Parker of Manteo; a brother Donald Miller of New Smyrna, Fla., and two grandchildren.

COORDINATION PLANNED FOR DARE'S HISTORICAL EVENTS

At a committee meeting held Monday night in Manteo, plans shaped up for coordination of the several celebrations scheduled to take place in Dare County this summer. W. H. McCown is chairman of the committee, and the meeting was attended also by Mrs. Leo Midgett, of the Manteo Garden Club, Mrs. Beulah Gaylord, Home Agent, Jim Rea, Agricultural Agent; Bob Gibbs of the National Seashore; Aycock Brown, Victor Meekins, Mrs. Bertie Ward, Allen Mann, Jr.

Celebrations are contemplated in several other Dare County communities, and perhaps in some communities in the neighbor counties of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Currituck which gave the area to create Dare County 90 years ago. The important happenings to be noted in Dare during this year include the Annual Pirates Jamboree; the dedication of the Billy Mitchell Airstrip near Hatteras and the Wright Aviation Museum; the Blue Marlin fishing tournament; the 1000th performance of the Lost Colony, the completion of deep water channel from the ocean into Roanoke Island harbors, the beginning of constructing a three million dollar bridge connecting Tyrrell and Dare over Alligator River, etc.

UNCLE DOCK FROM DUCK WRITES: Can't Discover The Reason For Any Great Change In The "Facts of Life" These Days

Dear Mr. Editor:

I don't know why you left my last two letters out of the paper unless they weren't interesting enough. It's got so nowadays unless we do something radical nobody notices it. We make a great do-about everything, and that makes me think about all this rip-roaring talk in our neighborhood about the self-appointed task of one of our teachers to give her young pupils all the facts of life at once.

Now I just don't see the point of going hog-wild on the idea that school teacher, maybe an old maid, can't find enough to do without considering it her duty to get her pupils together and tell them that the awful consequences of motherhood is going to batter them down before they get to be sophomores in high school. It may be that a few of them gals go hog wild on the idea that they should coax some green boy into giving them a little assistance in achieving their supreme function ahead of time. We always have had a few girls so far as I can recollect, who had less about the neckline than they had below it, but how to get the country to realize that all people are not created the same seems an impossibility in this age.

One of my neighbors thought it was time to give her daughter some good advice, so one day she called the girl in, and as is usually the case, she began to stammer and turn red, and finally told the girl, "I hope you realize it is my duty to give you some good advice about the facts of life." Much to her surprise the girl said:

"Why mother, I've been knowing all about that for several years. Have they changed any since you was a girl?"

Now all this ruckus that is being

raised about this teacher that wants to start a new course with mixed classes seems to me a matter for our school officials to take in hand. If our school officials think it is all right to turn some teacher loose with radical ideas, then we should look over our school officials carefully, and if they are not doing the right job, we should try to find some others who will do better; that is, if they are to be found. After all, in my opinion, the whole trouble begins with the folks at home who don't give their children enough of the right upbringing when they are little. People don't share enough of their time with the children who are their responsibility.

We don't pay enough attention to picking good teachers, and we are too prone to turn all our responsibilities over to the all teachers, whether they are good or bad. Sometimes we get stuck with teachers we wouldn't allow in our doors, but it looks like we are willing for them to have full charge of training the minds of our children.

Now Mr. Editor, I don't think it will do any good to say anything about this class in sex education in our school. But I don't see the point in rushing the thing along, and getting the young folks thinking about such things ahead of time, when they ought to be working on something more important. It's a subject on which everybody else, so far back as I can remember has been anxious to volunteer information. I guess we shouldn't complain too much when teachers take it on themselves to get in there also and go to pitching. Maybe some of them are sore about missing out on something they think the young folks are getting a lot out of.

Yours for more commonsense,
UNCLE DOCK FROM DUCK