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ASSEMBLY GROUP PLAN HOMECOMING WANCHESE MAR. 15

A Dinner in Evening and Dedication Services Planned; Re-
vival Continues

The Assembly of God at Wanchese will celebrate the completion of their new \$35,000 church, beginning with a dinner on Tuesday afternoon at 5 p.m. March 15. Services will follow, led by a former minister, Rev. D. B. Lawrence, whose son Glenn Lawrence, also a former minister of this church will attend.

Rev. Carrol Daniels, who has been the minister for three years, a native of the community, says three other ministers, Revs. Pearce, Perkins and Mizell will attend. Meanwhile a revival at the church, which is now on its 5th week will continue indefinitely. The revival is being led by Rev. Charles Etheridge, another native son.

This remarkable undertaking by an enrollment of only 36 members, has given the congregation a brick church which seats about 300 persons. It was made possible largely by contributions of materials and labor from its members, and many people believe it would cost more than \$40,000 at contractor's prices.

Mr. Daniels says the old church building built about 20 years ago will continue for the time being to serve as an educational building but plans of the people are to supplant it sometime soon with a brick addition to the new church.

Usual Sunday school attendance at this church is listed at 126 with worship attendance at 75 to 100 persons.

LOST COLONY, TO SURVIVE, MUST GET MORE CASH

Show Has Best Prospects During
A Year of Celebrations
In Dare County

The Lost Colony's need for financial help is going to be before the public this season for what it is hoped will be the last time so far as large local contributions are expected. The show has additions to its Board of Directors, is headed by Mrs. O. Max Gardner, and spirit and enthusiasm is being put into plans for this, its 20th season.

A succession of events and conditions has resulted in deficits over several seasons; last year it was apparent that to get the show on the road, \$15,000 would be needed, a campaign was started toward raising this sum and a generous response followed. However conditions resulted in the campaign winding up with less than two thirds of the sum needed, and the necessary repairs to the old property could not be made.

Some \$20,000 the show had borrowed years before is still unpaid, and liberal contributions from other sources have been promised toward wiping out this debt. But the fact remains that the money to be raised this year to repair the property and finance the promotion of the show must come largely from local interests. Distant friends of the show who have been called on more for their crops, but they want to pay less for fertilizer, machinery and labor, and their wives want to pay less when they go to the stores to buy.

They want less waste in the courthouse, but they want to get more jobs for relatives and friends who are not needed. They demand more efficiency while refusing to believe it could be gotten by eliminating some on the payroll to give the real workers room to work.

They want taxes distributed fair and square, which means put it all on the corporations, refusing to believe the corporations will pass it back to them in increased prices. They want a balanced budget without cutting out anything they want or without firing any of their friends.

They want businesslike administration of government, but are willing to put dead-heads, incompetents and panhandlers on the public payroll to do this efficient work.

Now we have four candidates who consider themselves smart often, and who have given liberally, expect the citizens and business interests of the area, who benefit heavily from the business the show brings, should carry this financial burden.

There isn't a business of any worth in this area which wouldn't be \$100 the worse off in any year the show might not be produced. It would take only 150 contributions of \$100 each to raise the \$15,000. It would be a good investment indeed, for this year with See LOST COLONY, Page Six

ANOTHER DARE COUNTY BOY IS A PHARMACIST



WOODSON BRADFORD FEARING, Jr., 22, the son of W. B. Fearing of Manteo in February successfully completed his examination before the N. C. Pharmacy Board and is now established in the family store, associated with his cousin, M. K. Fearing, Jr. He is the third Dare County boy to become a pharmacist. Mrs. Sibyl Austin Skakle of Hatteras who now lives in Chapel Hill, is the one woman member from Dare in this profession. Mr. Fearing got his BS degree in pharmacy from the University of North Carolina in June.

ROADS, MOSQUITOES TAX COMPLAINTS UP BEFORE CO. BOARD

Plans Made For Mosquito Extermination by Commissioners; Ferry Problems Continue

The usual continual programs facing Dare County Commissioners each month, with a few added, were at their March meeting this week. Early in the day was a conference with engineers from the state Board of Health on plans for the year's mosquito spraying program. In this was included approval for cleaning out a drainage ditch at Rodanthe which has become clogged through the years.

Complaints were made from the community of Duck about the condition of the road. An additional complaint came about the threat of the nearby bombing range, and the Board approved a resolution asking that the Navy remove this menace to life and property to another area. A petition will be forwarded the Representatives in Congress.

A group of Wanchese ladies appealed for help on widening the dirt road serving the community's principal cemetery and this matter was put on the list of appeals to the state maintenance crew.

Approval was given for sending representatives of the Board as requested by the Department of Conservation, to the Eastern Carolina Industrial Conference in Goldsboro on March 31. The Board also approved holding the April meeting at Cape Hatteras, whereby citizens, now handicapped by de- See MEET, Page Six

HYDE METHODISTS ANNOUNCE MANY LAY SPEAKERS

Methodist laymen from Belhaven, Manteo, Wanchese, Kitty Hawk, Manns Harbor, and Stumpy Point will speak in the Mattamuskeet Charge Methodist churches during the Lenten lay speaking program, March 13 through April 10. Following is the schedule of services and speakers: March 13: at Amity Church, Preston Twiford of Manns Harbor; at Watson's Chapel, J. W. Davis of Wanchese. March 20: at Amity, Jack Guthrie of Belhaven; at Bethany (Gulrock), Ralph Swain of Manteo; at the Engelhard Methodist Church, Calvin Payne of Stumpy Point; at Watson's Chapel, V. G. Williams of Wanchese. March 27: at Amity, Carlos Dowdy of Kitty Hawk; at Watson's Chapel, P. A. Tillett of Kitty Hawk. April 3: Engelhard Methodist Church, Morgan Sparrow of Winsteadville; at Watson's Chapel, Preston Twiford, April 10: at Amity, Willis Wise of Manteo; at Watson's Chapel, W. R. Tillett of Wanchese.

All services are at 11 a.m. with the exception of the service at Bethany which is at 3 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

About 120 laymen are serving as lay speakers in the Elizabeth City District of The Methodist Church. During the weeks prior to Easter, Methodist laymen are conducting the program of lay speaking throughout the nine districts of the (eastern) North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church.

LAST RITES SAID FOR POSTMASTER BEN F. SHANNON

Dies in Washington After Long Illness; Service Conducted Tuesday in Manteo

Benjamin Franklin Shannon, 43, Manteo postmaster, died Saturday in the U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md.

He was a native of Dare County and had lived in Manteo all his Navy service. He had been employed as a radio engineer before becoming postmaster.

He was a son of John and Mrs. Sammy Jane Baum Shannon and the husband of Mrs. Lula Rogers Shannon.

Besides his wife he is survived by one son, Roger Shannon of Manteo; four sisters, Mrs. Molly Gallop of Norfolk, Mrs. Emily Smith of East Lake, Mrs. Janie Rogers and Mrs. Grace Lee, both of Manteo; four brothers, Charlie Wallace, Jack and Richard Shannon all of Manteo.

The funeral service was Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo by the Rev. Leroy D. Leppard, retired Navy chaplain. Burial was in Manteo Cemetery.

Rev. W. E. Cholerton, Manteo Baptist Pastor assisted in conducting the funeral which was concluded at the graveside. The choir, composed of J. H. Long, L. L. Swain, Mrs. Burwell Evans and Beatrice Brickhouse sang "Just a Closer Walk With Thee," and Mr. Long sang "Beyond the Sunset." Mrs. Victor Meekins accompanied at the organ.

The pall was of red and white carnations. The floral offerings were many. Active pall-bearers were Doran and Geo. H. Quidley, Ellsworth Midgett, Jr., M. L. Daniels, Jr., Marvin Mann and Fred Wescott. Honorary pall-bearers, H. L. Davis, C. R. Evans, F. V. Cahoon, R. B. Etheridge, D. M. Meekins, Frank White, and R. Jack Williams of Raleigh.

MANTEO GIRL TO ATTEND YOUTH FITNESS CONFERENCE

Elizabeth City Club Providing Interesting Program Under Direction of Rev. Grissom

Upwards of 100 persons are expected next Tuesday night to participate in Manteo Lions Club's 10th anniversary observance, when members, past members, visitors from clubs in Elizabeth City, Camden and Weeksville and other guests gather. The occasion will be one of particular note, with visitors providing the evening's program.

It will be held at Manteo High School beginning at 7:15 with the meal being prepared and served by seniors, proceeds providing help for their trip later this spring.

Highlight of the evening's program will be entertainment provided by six Elizabeth City Lions club members under direction of Rev. Maurice Grissom, pastor of First Baptist Church. About forty will attend from Elizabeth City.

The Manteo club was organized in January 1950, sponsored by Elizabeth City club, but did not receive its charter until March. Over the years, it has been responsible for many improvements in the area, more notably toward school and aid to blind. Many campaigns are conducted during each year to aid in financing its work. At present plans are being made for a light bulb sale in April.

Willett Tillett of Wanchese is present and extends a special welcome to all past members and their wives to attend. All persons planning to join the group are requested to call Melvin Jackson, secretary, so that adequate preparations may be made.

DARE COURT LIGHT

Dare Recorders Court Tuesday was lightest in many a day. Paul M. Kendrick was fined \$115 and costs for being drunk and disorderly, driving with no lights, and driving drunk. In another case he was ordered to pay costs and \$12 for a glass broken out of the car of Rupert Perry who brought all charges.

MORE TELEPHONES FOR ROSE BAY, SCRANTON

Telephone Company construction forces have begun work on a project which will provide service to some 51 applicants near Rose Bay, Sladesville and Beulah communities, according to K. C. Wilkinson, manager of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company in Belhaven, who stated that the project will involve an estimated expenditure of \$32,984.

Accomplishment of this project will involve placing 10.9 miles of buried and eight miles of aerial wire.

This is one of many such rural projects being undertaken by the Telephone Company to provide service to the rural areas in its 41-county operating territory.

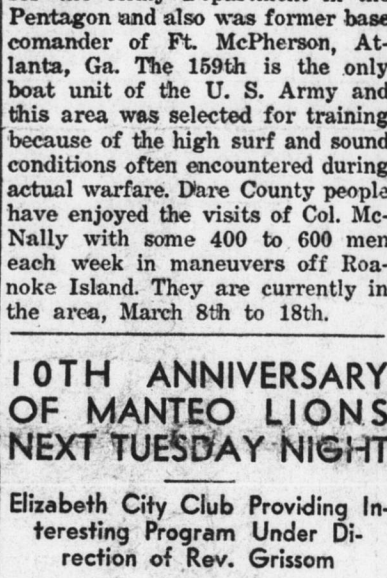
COMMANDANT ASSAULT BATTALION TRAINING GROUP



LT. COL. JOSEPH D. McNALLY, USA, commanding officer 159th transportation Battalion (Boat) Ft. Eustis, Va. He is married to the former Miss Coral Coble, Albemarle, N. C. A veteran of 20 years service in the Army and is affectionately known among his men as "Jumping Joe," a name he earned in his Army career when he was a paratrooper. His paratrooper career ended as result of injuries received in a jump. He served over seas in combat areas both in World War II and the Korean War. Among his assignments he worked for the Army Department in the Pentagon and also was former base commander of Ft. McPherson, Atlanta, Ga. The 159th is the only boat unit of the U. S. Army and this area was selected for training because of the high surf and sound conditions often encountered during actual warfare. Dare County people have enjoyed the visits of Col. McNally with some 400 to 600 men each week in maneuvers off Roanoke Island. They are currently in the area, March 8th to 18th.

The case was transferred from Dare County court to Currituck.

SWAN QUARTER MAN IS AN ASSISTANT AT DUKE UNIV.



ROBERT G. BERRY, born and reared in Swan Quarter has been named administrative assistant in the Duke University Medical Center's department of surgery.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben W. Berry, Sr., of Swan Quarter.

Succeeding B. A. Grubbs, who resigned to accept a position with an industrial firm in Port Clinton, Ohio, Berry also is associated in an administrative capacity with the surgical division of Duke Hospital's Private Diagnostic Clinic.

Born and reared in Swan Quarter, Berry received the B.S. degree from the University of North Carolina last month. He served in the U. S. Navy from 1950-54 and later did personnel work for a Chicago department store.

CHURCHES REMEMBERED IN CAPT. MIDGETT'S WILL

Late Hotel Owner Remembers All His Nieces and Nephews and Bequeaths a Treasured Heirloom

The will of Capt. Cornelius P. Midgett who died March 3 was probated this week in The Dare Court-house, and is interesting in the variety of its bequests. It gives to the Manteo Baptist church, and the Methodist churches of Rodanthe and Manteo \$500 each. It gives to the nearest Museum to Rodanthe, either State, county or Federal, the treasured ancient platter willed him by his grandfather Cornelius Payne. It gives to his niece, Mrs. Palmer Midgett his china closet at Nags Head. Previously, he had bequeathed to her his homestead at Rodanthe.

Capt. Midgett owned the First Colony Inn at Nags Head and the estimated value of his estate is \$75,000 or more. The will was dated October 7, 1959. He directed after expenses incident to his burial be paid, that all his property be sold and divided as follows: To John J. White, of Manteo, his faithful loyal servant; to Mrs. Helen Jones of Elizabeth City, Jack Ellison of Suffolk and Charles Rudder of Newport News \$1,000 each. To Charles and Sonny Briggs of Kill Devil Hills \$500 each; to Susan and Rita Jackson of Elizabeth City \$500 each; to his great nephews, Palmer, Jr., and Claude Midgett, \$3,000 each.

The remainder of the proceeds is to be equally divided among his nieces and nephews: Dallas Midgett, Eliza M. Edwards, Rowena Midgett, John Allen Midgett, Nora M. Herbert, Ellery C. Midgett, Bethany M. Gray, Herbert J. Midgett, Martin J. Townsend, Phoebe See CAPT. MIDGETT, Page Seven

CENSUS BUREAU SURVEY

Special questions on consumer income, educational attainment, literacy, and family characteristics will be asked in the U. S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey in March, according to Director Joseph R. Norwood of the Bureau's regional field office at Charlotte. Information will be collected locally by Mrs. Virginia L. Davis.

MOTEL HOSTESS SEEKS \$40,000 IN DAMAGE SUIT

Mrs. Geraldine A. Gunter Suing in Currituck Superior Court This Week

A suit for \$40,000 in which a Dare County woman is plaintiff in behalf of her child is underway this week in Currituck County Superior Court. Mrs. Geraldine Austin Gunter, a comely Buxton motel hostess asks the court to find against Edgard Styron and his daughter, Brenda Frietager for injuries alleged to have been received by Verna Elaine Gunter, age 6, when struck by Capt. Styron's car while driven by his daughter, Mrs. Frietager.

Mrs. Gunter alleges she should get \$7,500 also to repay her for hospital bills and loss of income from her job at the motel while she was attending her daughter when in the hospital. Mrs. Gunter testified the girl was unconscious in the hospital for 18 days. She alleged the child was carried 98 feet by the impact of the car. The accident is alleged to have occurred over three years ago—September 1956.

The case was transferred from Dare County court to Currituck.

FRONTIER PARADISE WAS LAND OF BOTH WONDER AND FEAR

Amazing Story of Beach Land in Dare, Anciently Populated by Britons



This is an amazing story. Recently, while running through the early files of The Coastland Times, we ran across an article concerning that ancient settlement long since abandoned in the midst of the Dare mainland wilderness, and known as Beech Land. We think it is worth investigation further in the light of more recent discoveries during exploration of owners of this vast property. Tradition gives it an atmosphere of wonder and fear. Tradition has long held it to be the final refuge and home of the Lost Colony when they fled from their settlement in fear of the Spaniards.

Although many other citizens have told us about this region, the story we reprint here from the files of 24 years ago, was based on information furnished by the late Murray D. Sawyer of East Lake, long a prominent community leader, member for years of the Board of Commissioners and of the Board of Education of Dare County, who died in 1937. Here is the story as Mr. Sawyer gave it. Quote:

An amazing tract of land in Dare County up Milltail Creek, ten miles from Alligator River and five miles from Buffalo City, has a unique history unknown to the people of this county today. The story of Beech Land, sounds almost incredible, yet the statements of reliable people, and the vestiges of the civilization that existed in this great frontier region bears out the history that has been handed down.

Known by reason of the great beech trees that surrounded this wild and fertile region, whose astounding history chronicles a strange and tragic story that rivals the tales of the most woolly pioneer, this Beech Land stands deserted, its once magnificent farms, grown up in tall timber, its old homes crumbled to dust and the tall grave markers of its cemeteries hidden by heavy brush.

Many Killed By Plague. Its 5,000 acres of highly fertile land once held a happy and prosperous population of 150 people who lived at home and had a sufficiency of all material things. In the midst of their prosperity, they were stricken down by a mysterious plague, and only a few families were able to depart. These went west, and north, and continued to prosper.

The settlement of Beech Land had been deserted entirely by the time of the Civil War. A man named John Smith who used to live in the East Lake region would recount his boyhood recollections of Beech Land. It is said that the people were so happy and prosperous they forgot God. They refused to listen to the preaching and pleadings of a preacher who lived in their community. He told them they should humble themselves in the midst of their prosperity. He See PARADISE, Page Six

FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL IN RACE FOR GOVERNOR



MALCOLM B. SEAWELL, who entered the campaign for Governor three weeks ago has resigned his office as Attorney General. He has had a notable career in the law and his father was Attorney General and Supreme Court Justice. Seawell laces all his speeches with frequent references to the majesty of the law.

"I sincerely believe that the rule of law is the only rule which we may follow with safety here in North Carolina," he has said, "and that it holds out the only hope for this day and the only assurance of a tomorrow."

Again, "The law doesn't lend itself to being bent without running the sure risk of being broken."

The tall Presbyterian Scotsman came by his belief in the law by inheritance as well as by conviction. See SEAWELL, Page Six

FOUR HORSEMEN GO BOLDLY FORTH TO RESCUE CAROLINA

There Are Many Beasts Arisen to Slay; Many Devils to Exorcise; Strange Bed Fellows Seen

By FLOYD WOLFE
RALEIGH.—The Four Horsemen, each going forth to challenge and slay the great dragons that stand in the way of progress in North Carolina, are girding on their armor and getting ready to save the state. They are seeking the governorship, each in his own way trying to do what the majority of the people desire.

Their prowess and agility as warriors will be determined in the next two months. The man who succeeds may be the man who commands greatest expenditure of money, or he may be the man who most successfully convince most of the people sufficiently interested in going to the polls, or being willing to be hauled there, by interested partisans, that he is the man who'll fill the bill.

From the promises that are being made, all the candidates are doing their best. Apparently here are some of the prime demands of the people.

The people want their taxes cut, but they want more money spent for schools, roads, hospitals, asylums.

They want expenses cut, but they want to raise the salaries of all the state employes, teachers, etc.

They want the price of goods to go down, but they want a higher minimum wage and less working hours per week.

They want courts increased and more judges and prosecutors employed but they want courts streamlined and they want fewer cases on the dockets.

The want gas taxes cut, but they want more roads and bridges built.

They want the farmers to get enough to do all these things for the people, and the only job for See HORSEMEN, Page Six

K. D. HILLS MEN GET MEDALS FOR SAVING 2 LIVES

Commendation for John Harris and Phillip Sawyer Efforts in August

NORFOLK, March 4.—Two Coast Guardsmen received commendations here today for their rescue of two people from drowning off a North Carolina beach last August.

At a muster of Tidewater's Coast Guardsmen at the Berkley Moorings, Fireman John A. Harris, Jr., received the Coast Guard's Commendation Medal, and engineer, third class, Phillip C. Sawyer, received a Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

Captain Clifford R. MacLean, Fifth District Chief of Staff made the presentations. Both men are assigned to the Kill Devil Hills Lifeboat Station, Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina.

They were cited for the rescue of William E. Stoney, and his wife, of 303 LaSalle Avenue, Hampton, Va., who were caught in rough surf and in danger of drowning two and one-half miles south of the Kill Devil Hill station last August 4th.

Sawyer and Harris were standing by their amphibious boat near the scene when they heard calls for help. An unidentified civilian called their attention to the Stoney's struggling in the surf some two hundred yards from the beach.

Both Coast Guardsmen donned lifepreservers. Harris, with a line strapped about his waist, plunged into the eight-foot surf. He battled his way through the hazardous waters to the exhausted couples side. They clung tightly to him, while Sawyer and a number of unidentified persons pulled them to the beach.

The two Coast Guardsmen were credited with saving their lives. Harris is a native of Virginia. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in January, 1957, and has been assigned to the Kill Devil Hills unit since September, 1958. He is 20 years old.

Sawyer, 23, is a native of Manteo, N. C. He has been serving at Kill Devil Hills since January, 1958, having enlisted in the Service in September, 1956.

JAMBOREE TO MEET AT NAGS HEAD SUNDAY P.M.

A general meeting of committee members and others interested in staging the Pirates Jamboree will be held at The Carolinian Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. This will be an important meeting to plan the Jamboree slated during the last week end of April.