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HOPE GLEAMS AGAIN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW HATTERAS HEALTH CENTER

Confidence Restored in Project To Provide Modern Facilities. By Levy of Small Tax on the District; Citizens and Officials Hear Outline of Methods by Medical Care Official Monday.

A glimmer of hope for a small hospital or clinic of four to six beds on Hatteras Island came out of a meeting Monday held at Cape Hatteras Court, which was attended by a few of the trustees of the Cape Hatteras Health Center and the entire County Board of Commissioners.

In attendance at this meeting and leading the discussion with valuable information was William F. Henderson of Raleigh, Executive Secretary of the N. C. Medical Care Commission, who looks with compassion on the need for such a facility as is contemplated at Hatteras.

Representing the 12 or 15 trustees of the Cape Hatteras Health Center were Asa H. Gray of Waves, J. C. Morgan of Rodanthe, Shelley Frontis, William Gibson, Mrs. Leola Rollinson, Mrs. Blanche Midgett, John L. Austin, Julian L. Austin. Also attending were Melvin B. Midgett, of the Coast Guard; Lt. F. D. Platt of the Navy; Dr. T. C. Suther, resident Public Health physician, and Jess Stamey of the National Park Service.

Previously, a petition signed by several hundred citizens of Hatteras Island had been sent to Raleigh in which it was asked that the island be set up as a Hospital District. This would enable the citizens to vote on issues to be submitted, whether the island should be bonded for funds to build a hospital, or to levy a tax merely to guarantee the operation of one.

But Mr. Henderson explained that his Commission could not be in position to consider the subject before their June meeting; or to call a public hearing until the Trustees themselves could provide some definite program of what they were asking for. Should the Commission in Raleigh, consider it advisable, the next step would be to advertise a public hearing to be held on Hatteras Island, which would be duly advertised, whereby all citizens interested might come out and express their wishes.

Should it be determined that the district should be established, then an election would be ordered to vote on any project that might by then have been adopted as best suited to the needs of the area.

While Mr. Henderson was not able to make any commitments for the Commission, he said his technical and advisory services would be available on a preliminary basis when requested by the people of the Island. Some of the things necessary to determine, is the size of the site, the cost of the building; how it shall be financed.

NATIVE OF WANCHESE ENTERS SENATE RACE



P. D. MIDGETT, Jr., church and civic leader of Engelhard in Hyde County has filed for one of the Senate seats from the Second District and this week said he will make an active campaign of all seven counties. Mr. Midgett, a son of the late Peleg D. and Mattie Midgett of Wanchese, grew up on Roanoke Island, was educated at Duke, taught school at Hatteras, a season before entering the electric power business and some 25 years ago established the electrical system which serves Hyde County and mainland of Dare County. During this period he has devoted much of his time to civic affairs, having organized the Rotary Club in Engelhard and served as its president, and has also been District Governor of Rotary. He was an organizer of the Southern Albemarle Association and has served it both as Vice-President and President; He is a Mason and a Methodist, and teacher of the Men's Bible Class; a director of the Business Development Corp., of N. C.; a director of the East Carolina Bank; a director and member of the Conference of American Organizations of Small Business of Chicago, Ill. He served as chairman of the Shellfish Committee appointed by Governor Cherry, and which formulated such protective laws for the state's oyster resources as are now on the books.

Other candidates for the Senate from the Second District are Lindsay C. Warren of Washington, now an incumbent, and Dick O'Neal of New Holland, the Hyde County representative for two terms.

DARE BOARD TO CLEAN MESS MADE BY GARBAGE MAN

Hatteras Citizens Make Vigorous Protest Against Piles of Refuse, Rats and Flies

At the opening of the Board of Commissioners' meeting at Cape Hatteras Monday, a summary was given concerning the amount of county aid now being given various functions on the island, which amounts to some \$40,000 a year. It was at this meeting which the contention over the garbage nuisance at Hatteras was forcefully brought before the Board by indignant citizens, who objected to all the trash and garbage in the township being deposited near the village of Hatteras.

This they said created a nuisance, due to rats, flies odor and unsightliness. They asked the help of the Board to stop the situation. The garbage was hauled there by a man paid by the county, yet the county Board voted to give \$500 to someone to clean it up, and burn it up.

It was brought out at the meeting that many citizens had also deposited garbage in the same spot. It was also learned that the garbage man had been working to suit himself, and there was complaint about the quality of the service. For some years, the county has been sending a check for \$200 a month, without any specifications whatever as to just what the man ought to do in return for this money. In future, it is proposed that the garbage disposal be let by contract, with complete specifications, as is the requirement in the north end of Dare County.

DISCUSS PLANS FOR ALL SEASHORE MEETING APR. 18



Shown here are Joe Dubois, Secretary of the All Seashore Highway Association and Stanley Wahab at Ocracoke discussing plans for the annual meeting of the Association to be held at the Ocracoke Hotel at noon on Monday, April 18th. Mr. Wahab is one of the earlier presidents of the Association which is currently headed by Major J. L. Murphy of Kill Devil Hills. The group has steadily plugged for an ocean highway from Virginia Beach to the South Carolina line—one that will follow the ocean. Vice-Presidents are Glenn Tucker of Carolina Beach and Wayland Sermons, Representative of Beaufort County. At the April 18th meeting officers will be elected.—Aycock Brown photo.

ALL-SEASHORE MEETING AT OCRACOKE MONDAY

Two Hour Annual Convention to Be Held Aboard New Ferry; Election of Officers

Annual Meeting and election of officers will be held aboard the Sea Level-Atlantic-Ocracoke Ferry on Monday, April 18, while the Ferry is docked at Ocracoke, from 12:00 Noon 'til 2:00 p.m., Joe Dubois, the Secretary advises.

Those coming from the South and Southeast, will board the Ferry in Atlantic, N. C., at 8:00 a.m. The Ferry leaves Ocracoke by noon.

Because of the uncertainty of the number of people who will attend, it was deemed advisable to eat sandwiches, hotdogs and coffee aboard the Ferry, where there is ample room to seat around 75 for our meeting. Those coming on the Ferry will most likely get hungry and eat before noon.

If you are taking the Ferry in Atlantic, and intend to return the same way, you may leave your car there, or take your car through and get acquainted with your Dare County, Hyde and Currituck neighbors.

The one-way fare is \$2.75 per adult passenger, \$6.75 per car and driver, and \$1.38 per child under 12.

STANLEY WAHAB RUNS FOR REPRESENTATIVE

R. Stanley Wahab of Ocracoke Island this week filed in the Democratic Primary for Representative of Hyde County, following requests from numerous prominent citizens of the Island and the Mainland.

A native of Hyde County, Mr. Wahab is widely known through North Carolina and is recognized for his ability and his long public service, and particularly for Ocracoke Island where he had aided numerous improvements.

He initiated the establishment of an electric power plant on Ocracoke; the construction of community roads during the Scott administration; the building of a highway to Hatteras Inlet, and has worked for the ferry service now connecting the island with its neighboring communities. He is a former President of the All-Seashore Highway Association, is a large property owner and taxpayer and a liberal supporter of all civic projects.

Mr. Wahab believes that with proper leadership, there is a splendid new day ahead for all of Hyde County. He has always worked for better harbors in eastern North Carolina; has a sympathetic interest in the problems of oystermen, fishermen and farmers. He believes in more state aid for these important industries.

During the coming weeks he expects to visit all areas of Hyde County and hear the views of the people and acquaint them with his program for Progress throughout Hyde County.

INLET DREDGING CONTRACT \$25,000 APPROVED THURS.

Work Must Begin In 20 Days From Execution; 45 Days to Finish Job

The contract was let Thursday to Cottrell Contracting Corp., of Norfolk for \$25,000 calling for the removal of 40,000 cubic yards of sand from the ferry channel at Oregon Inlet, according to a telephone statement made by C. W. Lee, Chief Highway Engineer in Raleigh, to Victor Meekins in Manteo Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Lee said the work must start within 20 days after contract is executed. A proposal some two weeks ago to do the job while putting the sand ashore was rejected as too high. It was for \$80,000. The sand under the new contract will be deposited nearby. Mr. Lee said the contractor will have a 45 day period in which to complete the work.

The figure of \$25,000, coincidentally is the estimate that Victor Meekins gave Governor Hodges in December when a desperate appeal was made to do something urgent in order to save a situation which through the intervening months has been extremely costly to the economy of the region. Governor Hodges expressed a willingness to do the job, and highway engineers went out of the way to discredit the need for the work, so that the Highway Commission all but dismissed the project. Meekins said it was the most shameful circumstance he had ever known on the part of Highway officials. Reports See INLET, Page Six

FORMER HYDE AUDITOR COMES OUT FOR HOUSE



DICK LUPTON, well known Swan Quarter farmer and businessman, former County auditor, and a leader in fraternal and civic circles, has come out for a Representative of Hyde County and promises a vigorous campaign. Heavily backed by anti-administration forces, he has made strong gains in the eastern end of the county.

NOON FRIDAY THE LAST DAY TO FILE FOR AN OFFICE IN THE COUNTY

At noon, Friday, (today) 15th is the last time a candidate may file for public office in the county. In order to file, one must sign a blank, and pay a fee. For Board of Commissioners, the fee is \$10; for Board of Education \$5. For other offices the fee is based on the salary of the office.

It's a fine opportunity for everybody who wants to have a good time to run for office this year. Weather is beautiful; it's been a poor commercial fishing season. The Casino season hasn't opened yet, and a little diversion is needed. Besides, the election fund is in the hole, and the fees will help pay the bills.

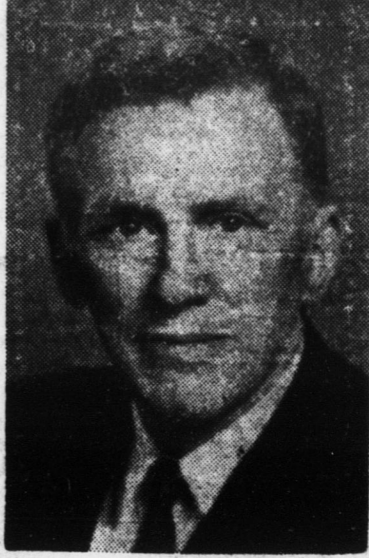
BOARD TO HEAR COMPLAINTS ON TAXES IN DARE COUNTY

The Dare County Commissioners will hold a short session on Monday, May 16th, at Manns Harbor Community Building from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, to hear complaints from property owners who have added to or built new property during the past year, and who may object to the assessments. In the afternoon, the Board will sit at Manteo to hear complaints from Roanoke Island. On Tuesday, the 17th, the Board will sit from 9 to 4 at Kill Devil Hills town hall to hear from property owners of Atlantic township, and Nags Head precinct. Questions as to valuations placed during the 1958 revaluation by a former Board of Commissioners cannot be considered at these hearings, since they were established for a four-year period.

1960 PIRATES JAMBOREE EXPECTED TO BE BIGGEST AND MOST COLORFUL YET

Buccaneer Royalty To Be Selected At Dagger Dance For Teenagers and Jolly Roger Ball For the More Mature Pirates; Numbers of Goodwill Junkets Have Preceded Event, Costumed Pirates Going to Far-Away States.

LARKINS TO SPEAK IN MANTEO SATURDAY



HON. JOHN D. LARKINS, Jr., candidate for Governor is to speak at 7:30 Saturday evening in Manteo in the courthouse, following which he will be entertained at an oyster roast at Mill Landing, Wanchese. Also attending this meeting will be P. D. Midgett, Jr., of Engelhard, a candidate for the State Senate.

BOATING EVENTS WILL CONCLUDE PIRATES JAMBOREE

Second Annual East Coast Family Runabout Races in Manteo May 1

The second annual East Coast Championship races for Family Runabouts will be held in Shallow-Bay in Manteo on Sunday afternoon, May 1.

The event, which is sponsored by Dare Power Boat Association in cooperation with the sixth annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree, will be the concluding featured attraction of the latter event which will be presented for three days. The Pirates Jamboree this year begins on Hatteras Island April 29, moving to the Dare Beaches and Roanoke Island on the following day, Saturday April 30, for the buccaneer landing and battle on Kitty Hawk Bay and the colorful coronation ceremonies at Waterside Theatre near Manteo.

Tommy Daniels of Manteo announced the following information relative to facilities. He is the racing chairman and he stated that two ramps were available in Manteo, close to the location of the boat racing pits.

"Closing time for entries will be 12:45 o'clock noon, on May 1 with a drivers meeting following at 1 o'clock at the pits," said Daniels. "There will be trophies for first, second and third place winners in the six classes, which will race in a course of one and two thirds mile, three laps per heat."

Classes follow: 14 foot, 25-35 HP, 1st heat, 1:30; 2nd heat, 3 p.m.; 16 foot class, 25-35 HP, 1st heat 1:45, 2nd heat 3:15; 14 foot and up class, 40 HP, 1st heat 2:00 and 2nd heat 3:30 p.m.; 14 foot and up class, 45 HP, 1st heat 2:15 and second heat 3:45; 14 foot and up, 50-60 HP, 1st heat 2:30 p.m. and 2nd heat 4:00 p.m.; 12 foot six inch and up, Unlimiteds, heats at 2:45 and 5:15 p.m.

Most colorful of all pre-Pirate Jamboree events will take place on Nags Head next week end when the teenager's Dagger Dance is presented on Friday night, April 22, and the Jolly Roger Ball is held on Saturday night, April 23. Designed to select scullions to the current pirate prince and princess and a new king and queen to reign during 1960-61, both events will be held in Ras Wescott's spacious Nags Head Casino, the scene of similar royal events during the years since the Pirate Jamboree was created to serve as official launching time for the Outer Banks vacation season.

The reigning teenagers who will lose their titles at the Dagger Dance are Prince Raymond White of Manteo and Princess Joanne Midgett of Hatteras. On the following night at the Jolly Roger ball, Pirate King Julian Oneto of Nags Head and his Pirate Queen Winona Peele of Hatteras will lose their crowns to successors. These Royal buccaneers have had a busy year since coronation ceremonies in 1959.

It has been the chore of King Julian to arrange junkets to many places and on these trips go the bearded costumed pirates and their ladies. Already this year Oneto has made costumed trips in company with his pirates to Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia and several Eastern Carolina towns. Two of the trips during the past week, goodwill spreading junkets for the event, were to Washington where the group was received by U. S. Senators and Congressmen and to the Norfolk area again. In the Norfolk area on April 9, 120 teen-age pirates invaded the great port city to be filmed for a one hour long television show to be presented over a Norfolk station April 16.

Pre-Jamboree events on Hatteras Island where the first day of the Jamboree will be held April 29, with beach buggy races, the world's biggest free salt water fish fry, costume contests, games for children and demonstrations of horsemanship by Ocracoke banker pony riders as featured attractions, have been regular Saturday night dances at the Hatteras community building.

Week end after next, will mark the sixth annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree, with events scheduled for following places: Hatteras, April 29; Dare Beaches and Manteo, April 30; Manteo Bay, May 1. The May first events will be boat races.

FISHING PROSPECTS ARE EXCELLENT FOR EASTER

Good weather has been predicted and sportfishing prospects for the Easter season should be excellent in all Dare Coast waters. The prediction is based on the fact that during the past week catches have been better than average for this time of the year.

More than 50 channel bass have been landed with rod and from the surf and inlet on Hatteras Island. Most of the early catches were made in the Hatteras Inlet section. Largest reported was a 52½ pounder taken by Edgar Hooper of Buxton. Charles Simmons of Petersburg brought in a 51½ pounder from the surf. Andy Weiler of Nags Head boated a 49 pounder casting at Oregon Inlet.

Large mouth bass and strippers were taking artificial lures in the fresh waters of South Lake during the week and with live bait some excellent catches of crapple and jack (pickere) were also reported from mainland waters.

WILL OF HERBERT CREEF PROBATED IN DARE CO.

In the will of the late Herbert A. Creef, prominent Manteo business man who died this month, all personal effects were left to his wife, Mrs. Anne Creef, and certain other rights in the remainder of the estate, with final disposition to be shared equally by his five children. His sons, George Creef and Herbert, Jr., were named Executors of the will. The estate is believed to be one of the larger ones in Dare County.

THOSE WHO HAVE FILED FOR DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

The list who have filed for office in the Primary on May 28th, in Dare County is as follows:

- R. Bruce Etheridge, incumbent for Representative.
- Lindsay C. Warren, incumbent, Dick O'Neal of New Holland and P. D. Midgett, Jr., of Engelhard for State Senate.
- Flay Kemp of Manns Harbor and Floyd Hooper incumbent of Stumpy Point, to represent the Mainland District on the Board of Education.
- Charles T. Williams, III, incumbent, for Board of Education for Kennebec Township.
- Shelley Frontis, incumbent, for Board of Education from Hatteras Township.
- Victor Meekins, incumbent and Lawrence Swain of Manteo for County Commissioner from Nags Head Township. Also D. L. Hayman of Nags Head.
- David Stick, incumbent and T. J. (Jepp) Harris of Kitty Hawk for County Commissioner, Atlantic Township.
- Horace Hooper of Stumpy Point, incumbent, and Ira Spencer of Manns Harbor for Commissioner, Mainland District of Dare County. On the Republican ticket, Daniel W. Burgess of Stumpy Point has filed for this office.
- George R. Fuller, Jr., incumbent for County Commissioner of Hatteras Township.
- Woodrow W. Edwards, incumbent of Waves, and Fred Gray, Jr., of Avon, for County Commissioner, Kennebec Township.