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## FOREST FIRES TAKE HEAVY TOLL OF PROPERTY VALUES, TYRRELL AND HYDE COUNTIES

About 9,000 Acres Burned Over Near Ponzer This Week; Water Carrying Plane From Georgia Brought in; Two Fires Rage in Tyrrell, and Army of Fire Fighters Assemble; Some Areas Extinguished Monday.

The largest of a series of Forest fires raged all week near Ponzer in Hyde County, burning over about 9,000 acres of land, some of it marshland, to the east of the community. The fire was still raging Wednesday. A water-bomber plane from the Georgia Forestry Commission was summoned to arrive Wednesday to aid in the fight, and proved very effective, foresters report.

Fire fighters were to be called in from the Camp LeJeune Marine Base; others were called from Raleigh, Elizabeth City, New Bern, and the nearby State Prison Camps. The State Forestry Division reported that the fire sprung from a land-clearing operation, probably from a burning stump Sunday morning.

Fire fighters are using tractors and plows and truck-mounted pumps.

The fire has spread into peat bog areas where it is extremely difficult to use normal fire fighting equipment. Intensive hosing or enough rain to raise the water level beneath the bog to the surface could quench the fire.

Fire-fighting headquarters have been set up in Pettigrew State Park at Lake Phelps near Columbia. Men and equipment are concentrated here and then directed to various fire-fighting points.

A State Forestry official said late Tuesday, "We don't know what's going to develop. We need rain. We need it bad."

Though this is the first fire of the year, several forest fires have raged in the Hyde County area in recent years. Stumps burned in land-clearing sometimes triggers fires which spread to adjacent timber and marshland.

Another fire in Tyrrell County near Newland was brought under control late Tuesday afternoon.

The blaze began Monday afternoon on land owned by the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. Tractors, plows, pumps and other equipment were hustled in from Dare County to help fight the fire.

No estimate was available on the amount of land burned.

A third fire broke out at noon Tuesday near Piney Woods in Tyrrell County. The blaze was still out of control late Tuesday.

Piney Woods is 20 miles from Ponzer.

### M. L. DANIELS' STATEMENTS ARE FALSE

We take pleasure with all goodwill in printing a statement from M. L. Daniels, Democratic Party Chairman in Manteo, in which he objects to statements in a political article in this newspaper last week. And so far as we know his statement to be correct, we are agreeing to let it stand as such. Mr. Daniels' statement follows:

"In your above issue under the heading 'The Low Down on The Latch-Up By Old Ring To Take Over The County' you have the following false statements concerning me.

"1. (Paragraph 2) 'and his old pal, M. L. Daniels, has made his boasts that he will again take control of the County ABC Board come next December.'

"Correction: This is a deliberate falsehood as I have never made any such statement to anyone.

"2. (Paragraph 5) 'M. L. Daniels who for many years has held the title of Chairman of The County Democratic Executive Committee, which again this year has a note of indebtedness in the bank; although although other Democrats raised funds last year to pull the party out of the hole.'

"Correction: This is a deliberate falsehood. There is no note of indebtedness in the bank for the Democratic Party of Dare County. The party is debt free and has a small surplus.

"I respectfully request that you make these corrections in the next issue of 'The Coastland Times' (Friday, April 29, 1960) as such changes reflect on my honesty and ability.

"The false charges tend to further hurt me financially and effect my livelihood as well as my character and standing in Dare County."

The position of this newspaper is as follows: "What was said with See DANIELS, Page Four

### COLUMBIA MAN ADVANCES WITH EASTMAN KODAK CO.



RAIFE G. TARKINGTON has been appointed associate head of the applied photography division of the Kodak research laboratories. He is an expert in the field of military photography, and has been with Eastman Kodak Company since 1936. He made studies of Kodachrome processing methods and was also concerned with emulsion research prior to entering military service in 1941.

For his contributions toward the advancement of aerial photography while stationed at the photographic laboratory at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, Tarkington was awarded the Tarkington Award in 1954.

### WEST BELHAVEN CITIZENS MEET WITH ALDERMEN

Survey Considered, Looking to Extension of Sewerage Lines in City

A large group of citizens from West Belhaven appeared Monday before the Board of Aldermen in the mayor's office with Mayor Younce presiding and Aldermen C. R. Potter, C. B. Tillman, O. H. Johnston, Ralph Edwards and Dick Taylor attending, also present were E. L. Voliva, L. R. Smith and Dr. J. T. Wright of the Light and Water Commission.

Mayor Younce presented Carl Mengel of the Olsen Engineering Co., of Raleigh and asked him to explain the clauses of the contract that his firm had prepared for the town. Mr. Mengel said that a survey could be made by his firm for approximately \$2,000, and the town would not be obligated beyond this should they for any reason be unable to follow through with project. This survey would be planned to tie in with a sewerage disposal station, should it come in the near future as anticipated.

Mr. Mengel was confident that the survey could be made within a short time—30 days or so. After considerable discussion a motion was made by Mr. Tillman and seconded by Mr. Potter, that the Olsen Firm proceed with the survey. All aldermen voted in favor of the motion, the Light and Water Commissioners were agreed also.

Financing the projects, Mayor Younce said should a bond issue fail other means would be sought. He asked Mr. Mengel if it would be possible to secure Federal aid. Mr. Mengel explained that the program was not adequate, but that some towns do receive such aid each year and about twelve North Carolina projects would receive help this year. Federal aid is awarded on the basis of necessity, indebtedness of town, and readiness of plans to proceed with project.

### REGISTRATION BOOKS FOR VOTERS OPEN SAT.

By law, the registration books shall be open all day Saturday, October 30th at the usual voting place in each precinct in county and state of North Carolina, where-by all persons who may be 21 years of age, or who may be of age at the time of the General election in November are authorized to vote in the May 28th primary and forthcoming elections.

The books will be open on May 7 and 14 also for this purpose, and on May 28th will be challenge day.

### \$100,000 SPENT FOR PUBLIC HARBORS THAT ARE A FARCE

County Has Spent The Money Without Providing The People A Single Guarantee

By VICTOR MEEKINS  
More than \$100,000 has been spent of people's money in Dare County during the past 35 years to provide several communities with public harbors for small boats. Yet during all this time, in no instance was any safeguard set up to insure the rights of the public in future years.

This has been a costly lesson, and there is now no excuse for permitting anything so stupid to happen again. I will name a number of these cases.

Citizens of Manns Harbor are now handicapped because their needs have grown beyond all present facilities in what is known as a "county ditch." When it was built, the officials failed to get properly executed covenances of the land, and now all land bordering the ditch is privately owned. The situation is critical and costly. Men are handicapped in making a livelihood from commercial fishing. Needless strife between neighbors arises, out of the situation.

In Wanchese, a piece of land was bought for a public canal, and several thousands of dollars has been spent on it. But the land has all been dug away, and the borders of the canal may be used by the public only by consent of the private owner.

In Buxton, the county spent \$1-300 two years ago to build a boat canal to serve the fishermen of the community, and it too is dug in such manner that the public does not have full use of its shoreline, and perhaps never will have it. The possibilities of this outlay of the people's money cannot materialize in the present status.

In both Salvo and Waves canals were cut with the people's money through private lands without any guaranty that the public could ever enjoy the benefits for which they paid. In Stumpy Point a similar investment was made many years ago, yet county officials have allowed something that was much needed and what might have been of great value to come to nothing. There are some other similar instances.

There is only one way to safe harbor. See HARBORS, Page Ten

### PRECINCT MEETINGS TO BE HELD EVERYWHERE MAY 7

On May 7th, all Democrats are expected to assemble in session at their usual voting place in every precinct in North Carolina at 2 p.m. At this time, there should be named a precinct executive committee consisting of five members, two of whom should be women, and who should in turn elect a precinct chairman to serve for two years.

This meeting should also designate delegates to attend the County convention, at the courthouse, to be held on May 14th, and which should be attended by the precinct Chairmen of the whole county.

The precinct chairmen at the county convention should then elect a Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the County, for a term of two years. This county convention should name delegates to the State Convention to be held in Raleigh on May 19th.

The following is the list of Precinct Chairmen of Dare County as furnished this week by County Chairman M. L. Daniels of Manteo:

Manteo, C. R. Evans; Wanchese, Mack Etheridge; Stumpy Point, R. D. Wise; Manns Harbor, W. S. White; Mashoes, T. R. Midgett; East Lake, George W. Ambrose; Hatteras, F. L. Peele; Frisco, Julian Austin; Buxton, E. P. White; Ayon, O. G. Gray; Rodanthe, W. A. Meekins; Nags Head, C. E. Parker; Kill Devil Hills, J. L. Murphy; Kitty Hawk, P. A. Tillett; Duck Sol Whitson; Colington, Lewis Meekins.

### CONSTERNATION IN HYDE OVER NEW REGISTRATION

Some consternation among candidates in Hyde County has followed news that a new registration of voters has been ordered this year. Many fear that voters will be so late getting on the books, that service men entitled to vote by mail may not have an opportunity to register again and obtain ballots.

From reports that have come in, it is believed to have been inspired as a smart political trick in the interest of candidates who have felt shaky, and believe their fortunes would be favored by the lighter registration anticipated.

Registration books open April 30, and remain open for two succeeding Saturdays with challenge day on May 21st.

### 1960 KING AND QUEEN OF THE PIRATES SELECTED IN SATURDAY NIGHT CEREMONIES



MRS. BURWELL (INA) EVANS will rule as Queen, DICK WARD as King; coronation to be held Saturday afternoon at Fort Raleigh and Congressman Herbert C. Bonner will officiate at the crowning.

### A KITTY HAWK ARTIST HAS RALEIGH ART SHOW



The Meredith College department of art is presenting the paintings and drawings of Susan Sanderlin in the Joyner Hall Art Gallery this week and through May 6, in Raleigh.

Miss Sanderlin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Sanderlin of Kitty Hawk. Her one-man show, a graduating exhibit, is open to the public on week-days from 8:30 a.m., until 5 p.m. It will be featured for the Hospitality Week-end when more than 20 high school seniors will visit the college for two days.

Miss Sanderlin, the pupil of Ruth A. Clarke and Rose Messick Melvin, is at present teaching in the Needham Broughton High School in Raleigh, under the supervision of Mrs. Martin Ehrlich.

Susan is a member of the Astrotelton Society at Meredith; has served this year as art editor of the college annual, Oak Leaves; and also has been a member of the staff of the college newspaper, The Twig.

### IRA SPENCER LEAVES COMMISSIONER RACE; ENDORSES HOOPER

Ira Spencer popular operator of a seafood cafe at Manns Harbor this week withdrew his bid for Dare County Commissioner and gave his unqualified endorsement to Horace B. Hooper of Stumpy Point. Chief among reasons expressed by Mr. Spencer is a desire that unity and good will be increased between the communities in the interest for greater progress for the whole county. Mr. Spencer's statement is as follows:

"Although I filed for County Commissioner from the Mainland District at the request of friends, I did not desire to run if Mr. Horace Hooper should run, and as he has been a good member of this Board in helping to get our county out of debt, and has gained experience that should help him in becoming more helpful and capable in another term I do not think our county should lose the benefit of this experience, and I would prefer that he be elected instead of myself. I shall vote for him and support him in any way I can. It is my desire that there should be a continued improvement of friendship between our communities. We will not make progress by being divided over differences that mean nothing. Let us all stand together for the betterment of our county. We will all be the better off."

### TWO YEARS PENALTY ON BRICKHOUSE FOR SHOOTING COMBS

Most Sensational Case in Tyrrell Court This Week Results in Sentence by Judge Morris

The case taking up most time and attracting most interest in Tyrrell County Superior Court this week was that in which James Brickhouse was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill Mark Combs, inflicting serious bodily injury. The case wound up with intent to kill being stricken from the charge, and Brickhouse got a two year sentence and the Judge's recommendation against any parole before end of term.

State's witness Mark Combs testified that he was shot by defendant James Brickhouse, Sunday, Oct. 4, 1959, in front of the Methodist Church in Gum Neck, which resulted in loss of his left leg.

Further testimony brought out that Combs was shot at close range by a single shot gun, shown in evidence, with No. 1 buckshot; Dungarees worn by Combs were produced showing the path of bullets to have entered the leg from the rear. Three bullets were taken from the leg, and one passed through, injuring the right leg. An empty buck-shot shell found at the site of the shooting by Sheriff Clair E. Morris and a full shell of like size taken from the defendant by the Sheriff following the incident were exhibited.

The flashlight which Combs admitted having in his hand on the previous night when he showed the defendant in the defendants, home, and with which the defendant Brickhouse contended he was hit over the head by Combs and knocked unconscious, was testified by the Sheriff to be a two cell flashlight, and there were no dents on said flashlight indicating a strong blow has been inflicted with it. Brickhouse said that he was in Gum Neck about 11 miles from his home on the Sunday morning to see a man about selling a drink. See COURT, Page Four

### LIBRARY STAFF PRESENTS MONDAY ROTARY PROGRAM

What was termed an exceptionally fine program was given the Manteo Rotary Club Monday night by the librarians who hold forth in the same community building.

Mrs. Jean Ward and the Staff of Dare County Library, including Mrs. L. L. Gibbs, Mrs. Kay Roush, and Miss Jeanetta Overcash, presented what Mrs. Ward termed a "Library Staff Meeting" which involved a panel discussion into which the members of the Rotary Club and the Club proper were central subjects. The program so impressed a visiting Rotarian from Massachusetts, he said he was going home and tell his large, fine City Library how well the folks in Dare County are doing. Woven into library presentation which quite obviously required considerable time and thought in planning and preparation, was a concluding note and decision to "Let's invite the Rotary Club to visit the Library right after their meeting on April 25, and to become charter members of our 'Friends of the Library' group." President Oneto said "just about every member and visiting Rotarian accepted this invitation."

## HATTERAS EVENTS OPEN 6TH ANNUAL PIRATES JAMBOREE CEREMONIES FRI. MORNING

Series of Colorful Dances and Ceremonies Expected to Create Largest and Best Attended Of These Celebrations on the Entire Dare County Coast. Congressman to Take Part in Fort Raleigh Program Saturday.

### BONNER TO SPEAK IN MANTEO SATURDAY



CONGRESSMAN HERBERT C. BONNER, who will come to Manteo Saturday to attend the Jamboree program at Fort Raleigh, will also make a public speech Saturday evening at the courthouse in Manteo at 7:30. Mr. Bonner especially wishes his friends from Hatteras, Buxton, Avon, Rodanthe, Kitty Hawk, Colington, Wanchese, Stumpy Point, Manns Harbor and all other parts of Dare County and from neighboring counties to come to the meeting. It is a fact, that he receives more letters from Dare County than any other county in his district, regardless of size, because Dare has so many more veteran's matters, men in Government service and more waterways and other Federal projects, than other counties.

### MANY INTERESTED IN OPERATION OF HATTERAS AIRSTRIP

Fliers in Distant Cities Impatient To Make Use of It Soon

Much interest has been aroused by the modern air strip now being constructed three miles northeast of Hatteras by the state of North Carolina, on land leased to Dare County by the National Park Service, and fliers are already telephoning in, some from distant cities impatient for an opportunity to use it, according to Supt. Bob Gibbs of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

It will be ready for use in about ten days or two weeks, according to W. N. Spruill, Division Highway Engineer under whose supervision the 2,500 foot strip is being built.

There is widespread opinion that this air strip will be one of the greatest assets to development of sportfishing and tourist business on Hatteras Island, and several groups have applied for information with a view to leasing it from the county and to set up a fixed base operation to accommodate the flying public, Victor Meekins, chairman of the Dare County Board said this week. Meekins, with Commissioners George Fuller and Woodrow Edwards of Hatteras Island have followed the project, through from December, negotiating for the land and for construction of the strip. The air strip, located adjacent to the village of Frisco, will be leased. See AIRSTRIP, Page Four

### ST. ANDREWS BY THE SEA TO HAVE NEW RECTOR

"The Vestry of St. Andrew's by-the-Sea, Protestant Episcopal Church, Nags Head, announces that The Rev. Joseph P. Burroughs has accepted the call extended by the Vestry and will become the Rector in May. The Rev. Mr. Burroughs at the present time is in charge of Calvary Chapel, Tarboro, and St. Ignatius Church, near Tarboro.

He is a native of North Carolina, born in Wadesboro and a graduate of Davidson College and the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass., where he received two degrees.

Rev. Mr. Burroughs will hold his first service at St. Andrew's on Sunday, May 8. He will occupy the Mustian Cottage on the beach, which will serve as the Rectory."

The Sixth annual Pirate's Jamboree will get underway Friday morning at Hatteras, on the open beach near Atlantic View Hotel with a series of contests and children's games at 11 a.m. to be followed at noon by the biggest fish fry ever held there.

The coronation ceremonies for pirate royalty will take place at Waterside Theatre, Fort Raleigh, Roanoke Island, when Hon. Herbert C. Bonner, will take part.

Following the fish fry Friday at Hatteras, there will be two classes

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of beach buggy races at 2 p.m. near the scene of the fish fry, and Friday evening the usual colorful dance will be held at the Hatteras Community building, with the local band comprised of citizens and Navy men performing. This band last year was a great success.

Gaily and authentically costumed buccaners including newly elected royalty for the coming year, busy committees in charge of a variety of colorful and exciting attractions, thousands of persons of the Dare Coast and elsewhere will converge on Hatteras, the Dare Beaches and Roanoke Island this week end to celebrate the sixth annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree and launch officially the 1960 vacation season of the Outer Banks region.

Representative Herbert C. Bonner of the First Congressional District of North Carolina will participate in coronation pageantry to be staged at Waterside Theatre at The Lost Colony site on Saturday. He will, on this second day of the three day event, place the crowns on King Dick Ward of Kitty Hawk, and Queen Ina Evans of Manteo in the ceremonies beginning at 2 o'clock. Chairman Swain says no admission will be charged.

This year for the first time the coronation is being held during daylight hours in a great theatre where the revelry of dancers will not interfere. The ceremonies will take form as a pageant especially written for the occasion by Mrs. Isabel Murphy of Kill Devil Hills and Mrs. Lucille Winslow of Nags Head. In addition to the new royalty, the king and queen, the prince and princess and their respective courts, winners of period costume contests, school children and others will participate. There will for instance, be a Governor and Mrs. Charles Eden, the governor's secretary Tobias Knight, who was in business with Blackbeard, Sir Francis Drake, a sort of pirate-ex. See JAMBOREE, Page Four

### 75,000 TONS OF ASPHALT TO GO IN HATTERAS ROAD

Widening and Surfacing of 50-Mile Stretch Will Require Several Months

In the widening and surfacing of the Hatteras Island Highway, which job is to begin soon, 75,000 tons of asphalt will be used, the road will be widened by two feet, and the job will require several months, Division Engineer Bill Spruill said this week.

An asphalt plant has been set up, and a loading depot where materials may be barged in, has been established at Avon. Work will begin on the north end of the road at the Oregon Inlet ferry and will work southward. Considerable income will be provided local labor to be employed on the project.

During the period of construction, which will take all the rest of the year, a road nearby a mile long at Hatteras, known as "The Old Back Road," will be improved and surfaced as well as a short road at Avon called "The Gray Road."

It is hoped that the Hatteras Island road, when completed will meet specifications of the U. S. Bureau of roads to assure its eligibility for Federal roads under the primary road program.

The present road, a third of which was built by an appropriation of state funds during the administration of Governor R. Gregg Cherry, was completed from funds provided by a bond issue during the Administration of Governor W. Kerr Scott.