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COASTLAND TIMES WILL ROUND OUT 25 YEARS IN JULY

Will Review Progress That Has
Come To Area In A Quarter
of A Century

In July of this year The Coastland Times will round out 25 years of publication. It is considering publication of a special birthday number recounting the wonderful progress that has taken place in our coastland during this short quarter of a century. We are glad to have had a part in supporting all the things which through the years have proven to be of most aid in bringing new and greater opportunities and prosperity to our people.

It is astounding that despite having established a newspaper in what was considered an extremely unprofitable field, and against the advice of some businessmen including newspapermen, that we have had remarkable success in keeping this venture solvent, and constantly increasing in influence and resources.

But to us who have toiled at this task, not considering discouragements, and limited financial return, it stands established today as justification of our faith in our home community. It has convinced us that the majority of the people give grateful support over the years to anyone who will consistently speak for the public interest as against personal interest.

It is true there are people who don't like the way the newspaper has been run. Many of them tell us how to run it; a few of them stupidly fight it. But most of them are people who never had a newspaper, couldn't run one if they had it, and as in most cases they are the type of people who tell everyone else how to run a business, and then get sore if their advice isn't followed.

We know the rights and duties of a newspaper, and the privileges which an editor may exercise. A newspaper is within its rights to refuse to publish anything. It is the paper's duty to publish that which is helpful and uplifting. It is not required to publish any other side of anything for anybody. It is privileged to tell the truth about anything or anybody, and if it does otherwise, it is responsible. Anybody knows that this newspaper's editor would have been put out of sight under the jail long ago, if he hadn't told the truth. We are not going to fight a good battle, print what people need to know, and then spend money to put into type and furnish space for the words of some crack-pot who declares it untrue.

Without thinking first of the business end, this newspaper has stood out, even if alone, in all movements for the betterment of the people of all communities. When there was strong opposition at the seat of political power, we were boldly advocating the beginning of a road on Hatteras Island, whereby a large number of our citizens might get a way to live in keeping with others, and enlarge their income. We persisted in this endeavor, although many opposed us by various means, until the entire length of road was built. In more recent years, it was this newspaper which led the fight for an Ocracoke highway, and our strong editorial comments were widely circulated through powerful newspapers of the state, which reprinted them.

We supported those State candidates who had a sympathetic interest in our area, and kept up the clamor for free ferries. We strongly opposed all along the imposition of toll bridges on our people while no other section of the state is thus discriminated against. This effort has born fruit in a most gratifying manner, for we find our bridges coming through, and without tolls.

From our first issue we began
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OCEAN BOULEVARD GROUP TO GATHER IN CURRITUCK COUNTY

Continued effort may be expected in behalf of the Ocean Boulevard proposed between Virginia Beach and Kitty Hawk at a meeting called for Monday night, May 16, 8 p.m., at Currituck courthouse by Wilton Walker, chairman of a recently established committee from the counties of Currituck, Dare, Princess Anne Co., Va., and the town of Virginia Beach.

The movement, begun two months ago by Currituck County people has caught popular appeal, and strong support has come from quarters in Virginia not previously interested in the road.

Virginia and N. C. persons interested in the meeting contemplate forming a permanent organization Monday night to promote interest in the road.

TWA HOSTESS



MISS FAYE CLIFT who has recently completed training as a hostess for Trans-World Airlines and is now stationed in Michigan. She is the daughter of Commander and Mrs. John W. Clift, and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scarborough of Wanchese. Miss Clift, who has spent her summers for a number of years with her grandparents, visited them last week. Her parents now live at Virginia Beach.

BILLY MITCHELL AIRPORT DEDICATION DURING JUNE

Tentative Plans Call for Ceremony at
Frisco, Hatteras Island in Latter Part of Month

Dedication of the Hatteras Air Field in memory of the late General Billy Mitchell is tentatively expected to be held in the latter half of June according to arrangements made with a Dare County committee, and the office of Governor Hodges. Honor guests will include surviving members of the General's family, Government officials and other notables.

The Air Strip completed in recent weeks is 2,400 feet long and will permit landing of large planes. The exercises will take place on the spot, and it will be dedicated in memory of the late General Billy Mitchell who was an early and outspoken advocate of strong air power and a separate air force, and who then won the disfavor of the Army heads, and was condemned by court martial. He resigned his commission, but later developments have proved how right he was in his vision and forward thinking.

It was near the Hatteras Airport that he directed the bombing operations in 1920, which proved the effectiveness of Air Power in Warfare. General Mitchell died in New York in 1936 at the age of 57.

Two children of the late General Mitchell are living not far from Washington, at Boyce, Va. They are William Mitchell, Jr., and Mrs. Kenneth Gilpin, Jr. The widow of General Mitchell remarried and is the wife of Thomas Bolling Byrd, a brother of Senator Harry Flood Byrd of Virginia and of the late Admiral Richard E. Byrd, famed as an explorer. The Byrd apple-growing interests in the Winchester, Va., vicinity are said to be the largest in the world.

These members of the Mitchell family are interested in attending the ceremonies at Hatteras in connection with its dedication accord.
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PATROLMAN WHITEHURST REPLACES ARTHUR FIELDS

State Highway Patrolman W. E. Whitehurst is now assigned to Dare County, replacing Arthur Fields who has been promoted and transferred to another area. Mr. Whitehurst, a native of Elizabeth City has been stationed at Ayden for the past eight and a half years. His duties began here April 29th, and he expects to move his wife and three children to Manteo shortly, living in Mr. Fields' home on County St. Mr. Fields made a good record for efficiency by his fair but firm policy during the past four years in the Manteo area.

TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS IN SCRANTON AREA SERVED

Telephone service is being extended to about 50 new subscribers in the Scranton area, Currituck Township, Hyde County, according to K. C. Wilkinson, manager of the Belhaven exchange from which these dial phones will be served. The phones, which are expected to all be in service in June reach the communities of Malesville, Germantown and Sladesville. These lines are part of the vast system of the Carolina Telephone Company which has long served Beaufort, Hyde and Tyrrell Counties.

DARE GAINS 523; POPULATION LOSS IN HYDE, TYRRELL

Preliminary Census Reports Show
Net Loss of 745 in Three
Counties

On the basis of preliminary census reports issued from the office in Washington, N. C., of District Supervisor for the 14th Congressional District, John R. Brinson, the counties of Dare, Hyde and Tyrrell show a net loss in population of 745 in ten years.

The report, substantially correct may be subject to revision and Mr. Brinson requests all persons who have not been counted by an enumerator to write to him in Washington, N. C. His desire is for accuracy. Official announcement of population will be made at a later date from Washington, D. C.

Beaufort County now with 35,622 counted, lost 1,512 people in the past ten years. Washington, now at 9,764 gained 66 persons.

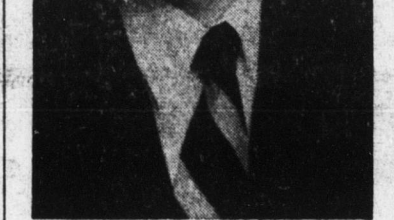
Pitt County, the largest, has 69,443, having gained 5,654. Greenville gained 5,752 and now has 22,476. Elizabeth City gained 1,120, now having a total of 13,805.

Dare County, now with 5,923 gained 523; Tyrrell, now with 4,495 lost 553; Hyde, now with 5-
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HYDE COUNTY MAN GOES TO ASHEVILLE POSITION

WILLIAM L. COCHRAN, Jr.,
native of Swan Quarter, has re-
signed from the Norfolk Re-
development and Housing authority
staff where he has been since Au-
gust 1957, to become executive Di-
rector of a newly created Re-
development commission in Asheville.

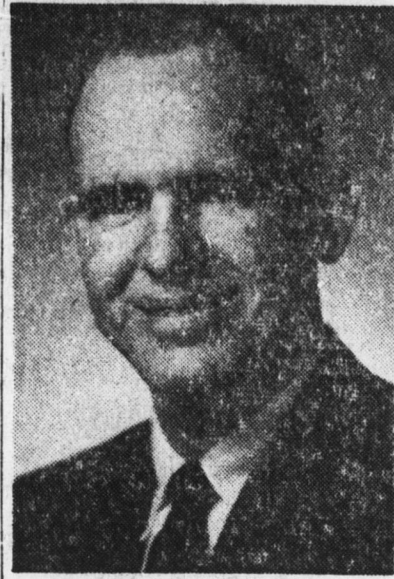
He is a graduate of Swan Quarter High School and the University of North Carolina. His parents are well known in Hyde county.
Mr. Cochran previously served with the South Norfolk authority for one year. Asheville with 90,000 population, offers the Hyde County man an opportunity to move further ahead in re-development work.



On Tuesday, the 17th the Board will sit at the Town Hall in Kill Devil Hills the whole day, to hear citizens of the beach area, Colington, Duck, and Kitty Hawk. Following the meeting a short conference will be held with members of the Currituck County Board.

A meeting of the Board at Buxton for the same purpose of hearing complaints from the citizens of Hatteras Island will be held for their convenience from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ROTARY CONFERENCE GETS UNDERWAY FOR TWO DAYS



FERD L. DAVIS of Zebulon, District Governor of the 771st District will be on hand Friday and Saturday at the Carolinian Hotel at Nags Head to conduct the annual gathering of the 37 clubs sprawling across northeastern N. C. as far west as Yanceyville. The attendance, some of which drifted in Thursday is expected to reach 350. Mr. Davis, son of a Zebulon minister, is an attorney and publisher, former World War II flier, and former member of the Board of Conservation and Development.

There will be a fellowship banquet on Friday evening. The Manteo Club is host, and Julian Oneto and Bob Gibbs, the next president, and Lawrence Swain are assisting in the overall program.

S. Wade Marr of Elizabeth City a former District Governor, will deliver the address at Friday's banquet.

DARE BOARD TO MEET AT MANN'S HARBOR, MANTEO AND KILL DEVIL HILLS

The Dare County Board of Commissioners will meet two days next week, as required by law, sitting as a Board of Equalization and Review for the purpose of hearing complaints on property valuations for the Jan. 1960 listings. On Monday, the 16th, from 9 to 12 the Board will be at the Community building at Manns Harbor to hear from citizens of the Dare mainland. From 1:30 to 4:30 in Manteo, to hear from citizens of Roanoke Island.

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FEDERAL AID FOR DARE SCHOOLS IN TOTAL SUM \$11,834

Assistance For Schools in Federal-
ly Affected Areas Approved
in Washington

Because Dare County is a Federally affected area, it qualifies for Federal aid to its school system, and Congressman Herbert C. Bonner was notified last week that the county's tentative entitlement for the fiscal year 1960-61 is \$11,834. This provides of course that the school load justifies the full sum. However there has been verified for immediate payment to Dare County the sum of \$8,875, Mr. Bonner reports.

Because of a request from school officials at Cape Hatteras for an additional class-room, R. O. Ballance and D. V. Meekins, chairmen of the Boards of Education and Commissioners are investigating with Mr. Bonner the possibility of getting Federal assistance for constructing the addition, in order to spare the county a large part of the load. This project may require several weeks or months to work out, but early assurance of such aid, would enable the county to go ahead with the project before the need grows unduly burdensome. The need of the Cape Hatteras school grows from the large number of Navy families stationed nearby.

Projects such as these, which Mr. Bonner, and the Dare Commissioners follow through, often take a long time. The public never knows the extent of the work that goes into them; they are seldom heard about before they are concluded, and then soon forgotten, even though the benefits last for years to come.

DR. LAKE TO DISCUSS HIS CAMPAIGN ON NORFOLK T-V

Dr. I. Beverly Lake, candidate for Governor in the May 28th Primary, will be seen and heard on television over WTAR-TV, Channel 3, Norfolk, in a fifteen minute program commencing at 6:10 p.m., on Monday of next week, May 16th. This program is being sponsored by friends and supporters of Dr. Lake in the Albemarle area, and Dr. Lake will discuss on this television program the vital issues of the campaign.

CANDIDATE JONES SPEAKS AND CANVASSES IN DARE

Walter Jones of Farmville, spent two days in Dare County canvassing for Congress this week. He was accompanied by an old friend, and a former resident of Manteo Sammy Kee. He spoke to a group in the courthouse from a prepared speech Monday night, and was introduced by Attorney Wallace R. Gray. He was later presented to a group elementary PTA at Manteo School. His appearance brought listeners from Stumpy Point, Kitty Hawk, Wanchese and other Dare communities.

THE HUMAN DYNAMO WHO ENERGIZED WOODSTOCK REA



WM. W. BULLUCK, more than any other one person is responsible for having energized the spirit and support which pushed Woodstock REA in Beaufort, Hyde and Washington Counties to its strong position in the vast REA firmament, which story is carried in this paper today. Mr. Bulluck, a native of Belhaven is the general manager of Woodstock. His achievements and his position bear ample witness to his ability and zeal for the cause. He has also given considerable time to assist his neighboring REA co-ops with their problems.

LARGER INTEREST IN SOME PRECINCT MEETINGS IN DARE

The misapprehension that the incumbent political organization in Manteo was being threatened, developed something of the proverbial "tempest in a teapot," Saturday, and a large group, as compared with the usual eight or ten, came out to the Democratic precinct meeting at 2 p.m. A large segment of the Young Democratic group in Manteo had joined forces with the older group in the precinct, and by a diligent canvass had brought out enough partisans to swell the group to over 100. It turned out that the challenging group had made no effort to bring out a show of strength, and the organized group elected their five nominees for precinct committee with large majorities.

Some of the precincts held no meetings. Stumpy Point held one this time, inasmuch as R. Dewey Wise was retiring as precinct chairman, and H. E. Best was elected in his stead. Kill Devil Hills had 18 present. Nags Head about eight.

Other precinct Chairmen, on the basis of incomplete reports are as follows: Buxton, Bud Fuller, chairman; Hatteras, F. L. Peel, chairman, Kill Devil Hills, Major J. L. Murphy; Manns Harbor, Henry Armstrong; Wanchese, Mack Etheridge; Nags Head, Pat Bayne; Kitty Hawk, P. A. Tillett; Duck, S. B. Whitton; Colington, W. L. Meekins; Frisco, Julian H. Austin. INSERT LARGER

Mashoes, the smallest precinct, and still is being operated this year, named the following officers: T. R. Midgett, chairman; Mrs. Bethel Twiford, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Grace T. Midgett, Sec'y, S. C. Basnight and Boyd Basnight. Appearing at Buxton at 2 p.m., Harold Fuller and some others waited at the school house for two hours, no others appeared, and no meeting was held. E. P. White, the precinct chairman at that time was reported as being in Wilmington embarking on a cruise to Bermuda. However a letter was mailed from Buxton Monday, certifying that a meeting was held, E. P. White elected chairman; W. L. Scarborough, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Carol Dillon, Secretary, C. P. Brady and Mrs. Blanche Midgett. Mr. Fuller advised that on consulting Mr. Scarborough after the time for the advertised meeting had expired, was advised by Mr. Scarborough that he knew nothing of the meeting and that he presumed Mr. White had attended to such matters as usual.

Avon reports that veteran O. G. Gray, was re-elected chairman; C. T. Williams, Mrs. Vivian Scarborough, Gene Gray, and Walter Smith on the committee.

Wanchese re-elected Mack Etheridge, J. W. Davis, Vice-Chairman, Randy Owens, Secretary, Willett Tillett and Rondal Tillett. No report came from East Lake precinct to this newspaper. In Manteo, Jack Cohoon was
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HYDE CONVENTION SAT.

A Democratic convention for Hyde County will be held in the courthouse in Swan Quarter at 7:30 Saturday night, May 14, according to announcement by John H. Swindell, chairman of the Hyde County Democratic Executive Committee.

SILVER JUBILEE OF REA POINTS UP ITS VALUE IN COASTLAND

Woodstock In Belhaven Is Largest, Followed by Cape Hatteras and Ocracoke

Twenty-five years ago this month, Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill which authorized the formation of the Rural Electrification Administration. The Silver Jubilee of Rural Electrification is being observed in recognition of the great improvements which have been made in rural America during the past quarter century because of REA.

As late as 1940 most of the rural areas of Washington, Hyde and Beaufort Counties were without electric power. Local people decided to take advantage of the opportunity which Congress had made available through the Rural Electrification Administration.

Organization work was begun and on November 5, 1941, the certificate of incorporation for Woodstock Electric Membership Corporation was issued. The original signers of the certificate were: L. C. Wharton; William W. Bulluck; D. R. Paul; A. E. Midgett; Mrs. E. J. Clayton Mrs. J. H. Respass; J. H. Allen; Harry Adams and Frank Fortescue. These people, along with many others, worked hard in organizing the cooperative.

Beginning Delayed World War II delayed the actual beginning of the operation of the cooperative, but on December 15, 1944, Woodstock EMC served its first members. From 114 members in 1944 to over 2750 members today is a tremendous growth. And these members are people and organization from all walks of life. There are about 1600 farmers and 965 from many other occupations. In addition, there are 129 rural businesses other than farms and 57 schools and churches.

Woodstock serves the most sparsely settled areas and thus has less than 5 meters per mile of line. But whether in thickly settled areas or sparsely settled areas, when the farmers and their families received electric service they found many uses for it and they are finding new uses for it each day.

At the present, \$1,505,000 has been borrowed from REA by Woodstock EFC. With this borrowed capital over 540 miles of line have been built in Washington, Hyde and Beaufort Counties.

This capital also was used for substations, transformers, meters, service equipment, and office equipment, all of which are necessary for the operation of an electric cooperative.

Loan Being Repaid Although Woodstock was in operation 8 years before a margin was realized, \$270,000 has been repaid on the loan which includes \$20,000 repaid ahead of schedule. In addition, \$212,895.00 has been paid in interest. These payments mean that the members who use the system are paying for it and they now own debt-free approximately 20% of the total assets of the system.

The operation of this business, which is now valued at \$1,424,000.00, is a big job and requires 14 full-time employees and some part-time help, who receive an annual payroll of slightly more than \$60,000. Most of the employees are themselves members of the cooperative, and their payroll is spent locally.

More than 10,000 men, women, and children in this area receive their electricity from Woodstock EMC, their own cooperative. Electricity has provided these people an easier life and a higher standard of living. It is estimated that these same people have spent more than \$5,000,000 in the local business areas for electrical wiring, appliances, and equipment since they first received electricity. These purchases have stimulated the local economy and helped prove that rural electrification is good for everyone, whether he lives in town or in the country.

What is in store for the future. With new uses for electricity being developed each day the potential growth of the cooperative is beyond measure.
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POLICE CHIEF ILL

Manteo's beloved Chief of Police, Marvin Chester Mitchell suffered an attack Wednesday the result of working too long hours and over-excitement during the political campaign. He was treated by Dr. Harvey, who said a week's rest and medication ought to do him good, and sent him to Norfolk General Hospital, where he could enjoy the ministrations of numerous nurses, and be removed from the political passions which for a man of age, arouse the most exciting emotions when taken serious.

HONORARY TAR HEELS TO WITNESS OPENING OF NEW HATTERAS AIRPORT FRIDAY



This shows the newly completed Billy Mitchell Airport at Frisco, near Hatteras which is to be turned over to Dare County tomorrow afternoon, at 5:30. It has a paved runway 75 feet wide and 2,400 feet long with clear approaches. It is the first one built in the state by the Highway Commission in cooperation with the National Park Service and cost close to \$100,000. It is expected to be a big business asset to Hatteras Island, making possible the landing of many planes bringing big game fishermen from all over the country, and many other tourists. Photo by Dick Jordan of Nags Head. ON FRIDAY afternoon, (today) at 5:30, a brief ceremony will mark the opening of the new Billy Mitchell airport at Hatteras. Governor Hodges will make a short talk. Division Engineer W. N. Sprull of the Highway Commission, Robert Gibbs, Supt. of the Cape Hatteras Seashore, and members of the county board of commissioners will take part. It will be the formal opening of the airport, and will mark the completion and turning over to the county by the state, the new airport. The visiting of Honorary Tar Heels is an annual event on this coast. They included numerous newspapermen, state officials and are mostly a group of out of state people who have rendered special services to the state.