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POSTOFFICE DEPT. SEEKS A BIGGER BLDG. IN MANTEO

Growth Causes Bids to Be Sought For Erection of Much Larger Accommodations

Due to rapid growth of need for a bigger post office building in Manteo, the post office department is planning to invite bids on construction of a much larger building with more parking space than the one now presently occupied. The building now in use was built some 20 years ago by C. R. Evans. It was considered at that time, adequate for many years to come. Early this year, the Postoffice Department made known its plans to provide larger quarters. At that time, Mr. Evans offered to enlarge his building, but a larger building is not the whole thing these days. Parking room enters into the picture, and parking room has become a problem in Manteo. A number of business men didn't like the idea of seeing the postoffice moved, since it was most convenient to them. However many other citizens took the view it would be equally convenient to more people at some other place. In an effort to keep the postoffice where it is, M. L. Daniels, a leading merchant, circulated a petition and got about 100 signatures, urgently requesting it be kept in the same building. These names were largely of people in business or employed nearby.

A recent letter from the Regional Postoffice Operations Director, indicates that the idea of keeping the old building is discarded. He says:

"The consensus of opinion is that the present postoffice building does not lend itself to expansion and modernization under our present standards."

"Due to the fact that after expansion the present building would not be entirely suitable from an operating standpoint, and in the best interest of the public to be served, we are renewing our efforts to obtain options on sites for the construction of a building for post office purposes at Manteo. It is believed that you will be pleased with the quarters we hope to obtain under this arrangement."

So now it remains to be seen what will be done to take care of present needs bearing in mind the rapid growth of the community.

PROGRAM OF DOCTORS OF TWO STATES BEGINS FRIDAY AT NAGS HEAD

Many nationally recognized medical scientists will address the 65th annual meeting of the Seaboard Medical Assn., this week end at the Carolinian Hotel at Nags Head. The association, composed of physicians from Virginia and North Carolina, will begin its program Friday at 2 p.m., and sessions will continue through Saturday morning and afternoon.

Among the speakers will be Bernard J. Alpers, professor of neurology of Jefferson Medical College; Ivan L. Bennett, professor of pathology of Johns Hopkins University; C. D. Creevy professor of urology, University of Minnesota; John R. Heller, director of the National Cancer Institute; and Byrd S. Leavell, professor of medicine, University of Virginia. Also, Waldo E. Nelson, professor of pediatrics, Temple University; Franklin L. Payne, professor of obstetrics and gynecology, University of Pennsylvania; Donald M. Pillsbury, professor of dermatology, University of Pennsylvania; Thomas B. Quigley, assistant professor of surgery, Harvard University; John T. Sessions, associate professor of medicine, University of North Carolina, and Colon G. Thomas, Jr., associate professor of surgery, University of North Carolina.

A buffet supper and beach party Friday night and a banquet and dance Saturday night are social features of the meeting. Special program features also have been arranged for members' wives.

BOB GIBBS AT OHIO STATE DISCUSSING DUNE PROJECT

Robert F. Gibbs, superintendent of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, is in Ohio, where he is to present a paper at Ohio State University before the American Society of Agriculture and Engineering. His subject is "The Dune Stabilization Project of Cape Hatteras National Seashore". Mr. Gibbs was accompanied by Mrs. Gibbs and their son, Johnnie. Before returning to Dare County the family will visit Mrs. Gibbs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Armstrong in Hancock, Michigan, and then will visit Isle Royal National Park in Michigan, where Mr. Gibbs was formerly superintendent. The final part of their three weeks' trip will take them to Batson, Mass., where they will visit Miss Patty Gibbs.

WANCHESE FISHING BOAT MATE SAVED TWO LIVES



BEN MIDGETT, 14, son of Mrs. Terrah Midgett of Wanchese, mate aboard the sportsfishing vessel "The Boys" owned by Capt. Willie Etheridge, Sr., jumped overboard in Oregon Inlet last week and saved the lives of two small boys after the outboard motor boat on which they were riding was overturned, and Donald Ray Woodard, a three year old boy, was drowned. Three adults escaped. Midgett is a 10th grader at Manteo High School. (Aycock Brown Photo)

YOUNG SAILOR HELD FOR BELHAVEN'S MAN'S DEATH

Philip Ives Griffin, 38, a merchant seaman of Belhaven was found dead, apparently of blows on the head on May 14th in the Howard Hotel on Main Street, Norfolk. On June 10, Richard L. L. Blake, 22, a merchant seaman of Gorham, Me., was placed under \$10,000 bond for appearance to answer charges in Norfolk court that he killed Griffin. Appearing to press the charges last week was Detective Sgt. John L. Andrews of the Norfolk police department.

Andrews testified that Griffin was a "free bleeder" and died from loss of blood from superficial cuts on his head.

Blake's name was found in Griffin's note book, Andrews said. Andrews testified that Blake was asked to come from his ship, the USS Independence, to the detective Bureau for questioning. Blake denied he knew Griffin or how his name got in Griffin's note book, Andrews said.

Blake then agreed to take a lie detector test said Andrews, after which he was charged with the murder.

The detective said Blake's wallet was searched and Griffin's name was found in it. Blake denied to the policeman that he knew how it got there.

Andrews testified that Blake then gave an oral statement in which he admitted meeting Griffin in a tavern and drinking with him.

Blake, the detective said, told him that he and Griffin went to Griffin's hotel room and drank some more. Andrews said he hit Griffin on the head with the telephone and left.

INTER-CITY ROTARY MEETINGS SUCCESSFUL

From a standpoint of fellowship, the series of inter-city Rotary meetings between Columbia, Engelhard and Belhaven are highly successful. The first one was held in Columbia, the next one will be in Engelhard, and the second was held last week at Pantego. At the meeting last Tuesday, P. D. Midgett, a past District governor was recognized; M. L. Basnight spoke on behalf of the Columbia club; Leon Ballance spoke for the Engelhard club, and Marion Dilday, president of the Belhaven club was master of ceremonies. Miss Sue Ormond, assistant Beaufort Co. Home agent spoke on a recent trip to Panama, and illustrated the ancient customs of the people by colored slides. Mrs. Fernie Laughinghouse presented the speaker and Allen Swindell was program chairman.

PUERTO RICO LED WEDNESDAY DURING MARLIN CONTEST

One Fish Weighing 441 Pounds Caught; Thomasville Man Takes 412 Pounder

By AYCOCK BROWN
Puerto Rico took a commanding lead in the Hatteras Blue Marlin Fishing Tournament Wednesday when San Juan banker Esteban A. Bird added a 335-pound blue marlin to 441 1/2-pound taken by team-mate David Rodriguez Tuesday.

The United States got in the running when N. Reese Layton of the Ocean City, Md., Marlin Club, moved into third place after William Akin of North Tarrytown, N. Y., and T. J. Baugh of Charlotte, N. C., paired a 200 1/2-pounder and 190 1/2-pounder, respectively.

South Africa is nipping at the heels of the Bahamas anglers. Capt. Elbert van der Riet boated a 439 1/2-pound fish aboard the Twin II with Capt. Edgar Styron, a pioneer blue marlin charter captain from Hatteras.

Two marlin were taken by non-affiliated anglers, fishing as individuals. Hal Lyman of Boston, Mass., publisher of Salt Water Sportsman magazine, fished with Riet aboard the Twin II and caught a 392-pound blue marlin.

George L. Hundley of Thomasville, fishing aboard the Olive E, owned by John Wood of Princess Anne, Va., caught a 412-pounder.

NEW LAKE FARMER TO BE TRIED FOR DUMPING 80 HOGS

Beaufort County Authorities Affected by G. L. Radcliffe in Pollution Case

Some 80 hogs have been dumped into a canal near the New Lake section of Hyde County since mid-February, and G. L. Radcliffe has been charged with the offense by Beaufort county authorities.

Radcliffe, a New Lake farmer faces trial in the Belhaven Recorder's court Wednesday, June 22 for failing to bury the hogs that are alleged to have been killed after they were stricken with a disease believed to have been cholera.

County Solicitor William Mayo said that Beaufort County moved into the case when some of the dead hogs floated up the canal and into Beaufort county, a warrant was issued charging Radcliffe Wednesday.

Both county and state health authorities have investigated the matter, and people have been assured that any fears of a health hazard have been ruled out. H. J. Rollins, state veterinarian with the Department of Agriculture, reported on Saturday, that his investigation shows that Radcliffe has violated a serious state law, and that he should be charged and tried for the offense. It is estimated that there were 80 hogs weighing from 60 to 100 pounds each that were dumped into the canal at various times in the past few months. The law requires that all dead livestock must be buried at least three feet underground for reasons of health.

It has not been fully determined just what disease the hogs were stricken with, but it is thought by some to be cholera.

COUNTY CHAIRMAN PERRY URGES A BIG DARE VOTE

"Regardless of how Dare County goes next Saturday in the run-off for Governor, I hope the people of the county will turn out and show their interest in the Democratic party by one of the biggest votes ever reported from this county," Walter D. Perry of Kill Devil Hills, the Dare County Democratic chairman said yesterday.

Mr. Perry considers it important for the prestige of the county that its people show an interest in public affairs, even though there is only the run off for Governor on the ticket on June 25th.

Dare County people, who go away in the interest of projects for the benefit of the public shouldn't have it thrown in their face that "you people in Dare County don't have enough interest in your own welfare to turn out and vote," which is a remark that is often made. Another is that the county, despite all the benefits received, voted Republican in the last presidential election.

Speaking for himself however, Mr. Perry said the party organization has no right to take sides in races between Democratic candidates. The concern of all members of the party executive committee is to urge a big turn-out at the polls.

THE LEGION OF MERIT GIVEN COL. DAVIDSON



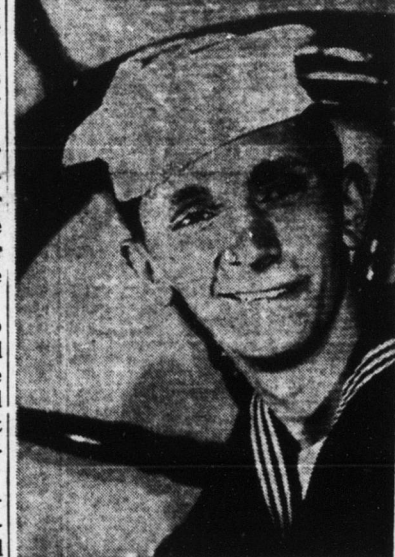
WILMINGTON. — Col. R. P. Davidson of the Corps of Engineers was presented the Legion of Merit this week in Atlanta by Maj. Gen. F. M. Albrecht, the Corps' Division Engineer of the South Atlantic Division.

Colonel Davidson, District Engineer of the Wilmington District, was cited for "meritorious conduct" while Area Engineer of the Thule Air Force Base in Greenland from July 1958 to July 1959, immediately prior to coming to Wilmington.

While at Thule, Colonel Davidson was responsible for all construction including the multimillion dollar Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS) and involving over 1,500 government and contractor employees.

The citation said his "exemplary performance of duty in this assignment is worthy of emulation and reflects distinct credit upon himself, the Corps of Engineers and the military service."

HOME FROM CAPE MAY



ROBERT D. MIDGETT, JR., has been home visiting his parents in Stumpy Point after completing basic Coast Guard training at Cape May, N. J.

DARE CHAIRMAN FOR LAKE

RALEIGH. — Two prominent Dare County residents have been named Chairmen for The Dare County Lake for Governor Committee. They are Allen Mann of Manteo, Chairman, and Bobby Owens of Manteo, Co-Chairman. Mr. Owens was the manager in Dare County for John Larkins in the first primary.

INTERESTING FIGURES CONCERNING POPULATION ON OUTER BANKS DURING 80 YEAR PERIOD 1870 TO 1950

It is interesting to note the rise and fall in population on the Outer Banks of northeastern North Carolina, according to figures of the U. S. Census. In 1950, Hatteras Island had only 1,622 people. The figure may be larger in the official report of this year's census. A hundred years ago, Portsmouth, just across Ocracoke Inlet, was the largest town on the Outer Banks. In 1870 it had dropped to a population of 341, and has declined now to less than one dozen people. Hatteras Island had 1,622 people in 1950, and now has additional ones on the lower end, which is Hatteras township, comprising the communities of Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras.

The larger population in 1940 was the result of a number of men stationed in the area on Works Progress Administration, CCC jobs, and other Government activities which closed up shortly afterward. Ocracoke's population has continued steady, and now is showing growth.

Here are the figures, which show population of four townships: Population Figures, Outer Banks, U. S. Census 1870 to 1950

Year	Hatteras Township	Kennekeet Township	Ocracoke Township	Portsmouth Township
1870	673	509	368	341
1880	821	631	400	221
1890	906	793	466	204
1900	987	842	548	150
1910	1,041	644	565	182
1920	1,115	712	587	143
1930	1,132	663	547	104
1940	1,201	806	525	42
1950	1,046	576	509	14

Hatteras Township includes the villages of Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras, Dare County. Kennekeet Township includes the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon, Dare County. Portsmouth Township in Carteret County includes the small village on the North end of Core Banks. Ocracoke Township embraces the Island of Ocracoke in Hyde County.

BANKING FACILITIES ARE EXTENDED TO CAPE HATTERAS

Bank of Manteo Opens Branch at Buxton; Rotarians Feature The Event Monday Night

The Bank of Manteo opened its branch office at Buxton on Cape Hatteras Monday, with Mrs. Curtis Gray of Buxton in charge. Attending from Manteo were W. R. Pearce, Cashier, Frank B. Turner of Raleigh, acting head of the bank, W. S. White a director, from Manns Harbor, and Wallace R. Gray, Manteo attorney and Ernest Fuller of the Manteo office.

The branch is located temporarily in the Hayes Fulcher building. Mr. Turner stated Monday the bank expects to erect its own building to house it. Permission to open the Branch was given by the State Banking Commission in February.

The opening of the new branch was featured Monday night at the Manteo Rotary Club, with Wallace Gray leading the program. Mr. Turner spoke to the club. In connection with the movement for a new bank, Mr. Gray referred to a brief asking for this extension, which was prepared by the late Ben Dixon MacNeill and which is published elsewhere in this newspaper. Victor Meekins was asked to make some remarks about MacNeill. He said:

"Anything connected with the Outer Banks is important to this town and county. The Bank of Manteo for over a half century has been a tremendous factor for good. Hatteras Island has long since arrived and is an important part of the State.

"It would be difficult for anyone to submit an epitome on a few minutes notice of the life and motives of so complex a nature as was Ben Dixon MacNeill's. He loved his fellowman, that is, the truly worthwhile of them. He had a solid sense of human values, and he had no patience with the selfish and stupid.

"He thought but little of people who with little or no ability, had an inordinate craving to win honors and titles. Like all people who are dedicated to helping the community and county, he had the crusader's impatience to see things accomplished. He cared nothing about what others thought, he craved none of the foolish adulation and praise which is sought so avidly, by so many who do so little. See BANK, Page Twelve

CENSUS SEEKS FACTS ON HOW TO PEOPLE GET JOBS

Information on how people get jobs will be obtained from special questions to be asked in the June Current Population Survey.

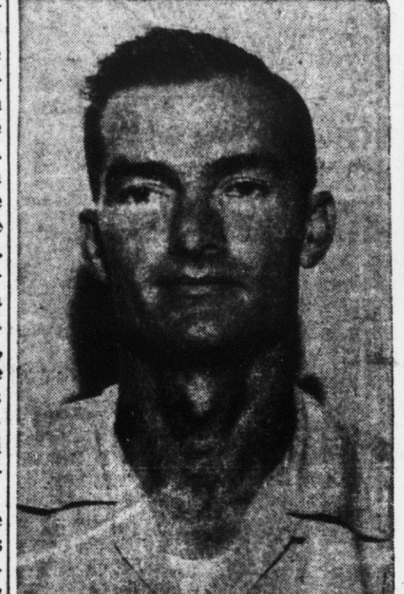
The special questions will determine whether persons have obtained jobs through government employment offices, private employment agencies, labor organization, school placement offices, help-wanted advertisements, and the like. The information on how people obtain jobs will be used by the Bureau of Employment Security of the U. S. Department of Labor in developing plans for increasing the efficiency of operations in government employment offices.

Current Population Survey information will be collected locally during the week of June 20 by Mrs. Virginia Davis of Wanchese, N. C.

SANFORD DECLARES INTENTION THAT NORTHEASTERN N. C. IS BROUGHT BACK INTO STATE

Says Our Section Has Been A Part of Southeastern Virginia Long Enough; Promises Consideration for Schools; Recognition of Tourist Business; Agricultural Research and Highway Program Close To People.

BELHAVEN TO OBSERVE JULY 4TH AS USUAL



E. R. JOHNSTON, Belhaven postmaster has again been chosen to hold the mammoth July 4th celebration as overall chairman of this important event which has become a regular annual part of the life of the town. American Legion Post No. 249 sponsors the show of course, and its members take active parts. The morning is usually devoted to a big water show; there is a big street parade, a mighty fish fry at the community house; a couple of beauty contests; big time baseball games, carnival, a ball, and plenty of music. Mr. Johnston is now lining up his committees, and work is underway for the event which will be two weeks off from Monday.

SEARCH FOR TUNA BEGINS THIS WEEK END OFF HATTERAS

Marine Biologists Expect to Find Important Species in Carolina Waters

By AYCOCK BROWN
Marine biologists and internationally known big game fishermen have organized for a bluefin tuna search off Hatteras this week end. Scientists believe that giant bluefins weighing from 300 to 1,000 pounds may be found at this season near the eastern edge of the Gulf Stream in their northward migration.

Frank J. Mather III, research associate, Woods Hole (Mass.) Oceanographic Institute, one of the world's leading authorities on tuna is already at Hatteras to co-ordinate the search.

"Time of the migratory passage of giant bluefin by the Western Bahamas and of their arrival in northern waters suggests strongly that substantial numbers of these fish may be off Cape Hatteras and the North Carolina coast at this time," Mather told a group of scientists and anglers here at Hatteras Marlin Club for the club-sponsored International Blue Marlin tournament this week to participate in the research.

Mather said the boats would fish with long line gear originate by the Japanese commercial tuna fishermen, and by deep sea trolling from sportsfishing boats.

"Fishing will be attempted at 180 feet," Mather explained, "because previous experience has shown large catches of tuna at that depth on long line gear, 50 to 60 miles offshore."

The current operation will be carried out June 17-20.

Among marine scientists who will participate are Dr. William Hassler, N. C. State College; James Morrow, Bingham Oceanographic Laboratory, Yale University; John R. Clark, marine sport fishing biologist with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Dr. F. G. Walton-Smith, of the International Oceanographic Institute, University of Miami; Donald deSylva, marine research associate at the University of Delaware and several graduate students.

Governor Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina who has been participating in the tournament ending Thursday expressed a keen interest in the tuna research exploitations off Hatteras this week. See TUNA, Page Twelve

This northeastern North Carolina area has been a part of southeastern Virginia too long, and Terry Sanford wants it brought back into North Carolina. This he will see to, if he is elected Governor, he said Tuesday in Elizabeth City at a dinner meeting of some 150 supporters from the area. Sanford says he would provide a highway commissioner closer home to the people. He would also see that local agriculture has the benefit of research facilities, and in other means of increasing per capita income, he would encourage the tourist business.

This of course, could mean much to his listeners for our people wish complete assurance that nothing can happen to delay construction of the Oregon Inlet bridge. The Northeastern section wants to see an ocean highway southward into North Carolina from Virginia Beach. It wants state encouragement of better small harbors for the commercial fishing communities.

Sanford's remarks brought heavy applause. The meeting was presided over by Lorimer Midgett, Elizabeth City banker and native of Manns Harbor. Mayor Levin Culpepper welcomed the visitors from other counties, and many newspapersmen.

On education, Sanford said he would like to bring North Carolina up from the bottom ten in the nation, to a place second to none. He would have a secondary roads officer in each district, rather than one only for the entire state.

Sanford said Lake's attempt to associate him with the NAACP was unreasonable. The NAACP, Sanford said, has only 1,200 members in the state, and not even the negroes of North Carolina follow it. "No organization, inside or outside of N. C., will get me under its thumb," Sanford said. He declared the charge immoral, and an appeal to race prejudice.

Sanford said negroes, by and large did not vote for Lake on May 28th because they want separate schools too, as being best for their children. Negroes are now taught by their own teachers, 100 per cent, and in North Carolina more negro teachers are employed than in the entire state of New York. Negro teachers in N. C. are on an equal pay basis with white teachers. Mr. Sanford didn't say so, but a higher percentage of Negro teachers are said to have qualified and are drawing more pay than white teachers in N. C.

Sanford said we do not need a climate in North Carolina that would bring a cloud of court orders, Federal troops and possibly bloodshed. "What we need is a program of massive intelligence instead of one of massive resistance," he said.

Sanford said he would see that the area got full benefit from the State's Industrial Development program. He believes that the per capita income of the people can be materially increased through development of home industries.

Most of the hecklers at the meeting were 15 years or younger in age, some of them in cars driven by the mothers. Some were reported to have been sent over from Camden County including two 15-year-old boys whose performance was in poor taste. In his remarks prior to introduction of Mr. Sanford, Lorimer Midgett said the "T" in Lake's name stood for "Illusive," meaning according to Webster that Lake's campaign is "unreal and misleading." Sanford supporters See SANFORD, Page Twelve

CLUB ENCOURAGED IN MARKING HISTORIC SPOTS

Ralph Swain, Chairman of a Committee from the Manteo Rotary Club reported Monday night that he is receiving encouragement for the Club sponsored program to mark historic sites on Roanoke Island and other parts of Dare County, for the benefits of tourists. Mr. Swain read a letter from Hugh Dortch, who pledged aid in supplying information about the Battle of Roanoke Island in 1862. Some 30 years ago, a county supported program, erected large signboards at the scene of this battle; at Fort Raleigh, at Mother Vineyard Road, and on the Highway to the ferry describing the work of Fessenden inventor of the wireless telephone.