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ANOTHER ELECTION IN DARE BEACHES SANITARY DISTRICT

Saturday, Sept. 10th, Date Large
Area May Vote Itself Out of
Beach Unit

Saturday, Sept. 3, is the date for the fourth election to be held in Dare County this year. It is the date an election will be held to pass upon the issue of whether the area including the town of Kill Devil Hills and northward shall secede from the Dare Beaches Sanitary District. The election is a mandatory result of a petition filed by the requisite number of voters in the area which seeks to no longer be a portion of this district.

In order to vote in this election, a new registration is required and no one will be allowed to vote who has not registered anew. Registration books will be open from 9 a.m. until sunset on each day beginning with Saturday, August 6, and closing Saturday, August 27th. On each Saturday, during said period, books shall remain open at the polling place. Saturday, Sept. 3.

The registering and voting will be at the Kill Devil Hills town hall, and the registrar is Miss Jean Perry Beacham. The judges of election will be Miss Jessie Meekins and C. S. Culpepper. The issue will be for or against removal from the Dare Beaches Sanitary District of the Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk part lying north of Eighth Street, (the Atlantic Township South Line).

The Dare Beaches Sanitary District was created 12 years ago primarily to establish a water system on the beach area. Twice a bond issue proposal was defeated in elections, and bulk of opposition came from the area which now wishes to get out.

\$470 COURT FINES FROM 26 CASES IN DARE COUNTY

Tuesday's 26 cases before Recorder Judge W. F. Baum in Dare County are as follows: J. D. Alney, Norfolk, driving while intoxicated \$100; B. B. Chappel of San Francisco, \$20; J. R. Emery, Elizabeth City \$30, both for speeding; C. J. Stillman, Edenton, reckless and careless driving \$25; J. R. Brooks, Elizabeth City, no operators license, \$25; F. C. Harrell, Winton, affray and drunk, \$25.

Ten dollar fines were charged to C. D. Ballance of Norfolk, E. O. Wade of Franklin, Va.; W. D. Kollage, Galway, N. J.; R. W. Dodds of Suffolk, Francis C. Meadows of Alderson, W. Va.; R. P. Baer III of Edenton, all for speeding; R. H. Spencer, Nags Head, driving left of center line; Robert Gallop of Point Harbor, improper equipment; Elvin G. Case, and W. H. Jones of Windsor, ignoring stop sign; R. H. Oates of Norfolk, illegal parking.

Fifteen dollar fines against T. S. Brothers of Suffolk, James H. Cotton of Portsmouth, G. W. Felton of Winton, M. K. Copeland, Northwest, Va.; T. N. Dawson of Washington; C. F. Walston of Belcross; J. W. Foreman of Elizabeth City; Floyd P. Tillery of Richmond, and P. L. Perry of K. D. Hills, all for speeding.

In addition, court costs against these defendants were approximately \$225.

BEACH AUTO MISHAP CREATES HEAVY LOSS

It cost Claude J. Stillman of Edenton \$25 for the reckless and careless driving which resulted in damages of \$500 to one car and complete wreck of another. None of the facts came out in court, Tuesday, the defendant merely being allowed to plead guilty and pay a standard fine, and no evidence was put on. Stillman ran into the rear of the 1956 Chevrolet belonging to Edward Lee Midgett of Kitty Hawk Saturday night on U. S. 158 in the town of Kill Devil Hills. Stillman told town officers, N. A. Tillet and Tom Dowdy that he was going 55 mph and didn't see Midgett's car until too late to stop. Fortunately no one was injured, but it seems that a property damage so heavy in this case should be scrutinized more carefully in court. There might easily have been some one killed where so much damage is done.

SQUARE DANCE FOR BENEFIT OF 4-H AT ENGELHARD

The Hyde County 4-H Development Fund Council met July 26 in the Swan Quarter Agricultural Building. Plans were made for a square dance at this building, Friday night, August 26 for the benefit of the fund.

FISHING TRIP HAS TRAGIC END FOR BELHAVEN MAN



WILLIAM G. RALPH

A fishing trip Friday night came to a tragic end for William G. Ralph, young Belhaven businessman, when the boat in which he was accompanied by Lloyd West, ran into the breakwater at the mouth of Pantego Creek, on their return trip, and as they were nearly home. Ralph's body was lost and not recovered until next day, while West was saved by Reginald Bishop, Jr., a nearby fisherman, and has been hospitalized for shock and injuries.

When the men were thrown out of the 14-foot boat, West was fortunate in having donned a life-jacket which kept him afloat. His injuries were not serious. Ralph was cut by the propeller. West, a former resident of Belhaven, lives in Newport News, but is frequently back on week ends with his wife to visit relatives. The mishap occurred before Midnight and next day the body of Ralph was discovered about 11:30 p.m.

As a lad, his schoolmates called him "Billy George," and when he grew up he became affectionately known as "Buck."

William George Ralph was 28, the son of Dr. William T. and the late Mrs. Fannie Mebane Ralph. In 1958 he married Miss Eva Wilson of Warrenton, and they have one child, a daughter, Mebane, age 11 months. He was a popular man, of fine personality, and on coming home from the service, had entered into a partnership with Ed Harris in the Harris and Ralph furniture business in Belhaven. He attended the Belhaven public schools, Fork Union (Va) Military academy and State College, Raleigh before entering the Navy, during which time he served in the Korean War. He was winner of several awards in school and in service. He was a member of the American Legion, the Rotary Club, and St. James Episcopal Church. Surviving relatives beside wife and child are his father, Dr. Ralph and his stepmother, Mrs. W. T. Ralph.

St. James Episcopal church could not hold those who came to attend the funeral at 4 p.m. Sunday, which was conducted by the Rector, Rev. Angus Miller. The pall-bearers were, Active, E. X. Ross, Jr., Ellis Winstead, Jr., Dickie Walker, Bob Robinson, Gene Purvis, Ed Harris, Reginald Bishop Jr., and Hubbard Liverman; honorary pall-bearers included many members of the American Legion Post and the Rotary Club. Burial was in the community cemetery.

Among out of town people attending the funeral were J. Herbert Waldrop and Mr. and Mrs. Wally Howard of Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryce of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hester, Earl Johnson Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ward, Wil-

HULTMANS FIND JULY SNOW AS THEY TOUR MONTANA

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hultman and sons, Robert, Richard and Randy, have returned to their home at Coquina Beach after a month's trip during which they traveled through 15 states. Mr. Hultman, of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, was the Park Service attendant from North Carolina to attend the annual Governor's conference as aide to Governor Luther H. Hodges, as the governors met in Glacier National Park, Montana, the first time they had held a meeting in a National Park. Glacier Park is this year celebrating the 50th anniversary of its establishment.

While away the Hultman family visited Mr. Hultman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hultman, in Cadillac, Mich. Near Livingston, Montana, they found six inches of snow and, having left the sunny south with summer clothing, they had to stop and purchase warmer garments.

A SPEAKER TELLS ROTARIANS ABOUT THE LOST COLONY

Many Interesting Things Attach
to the Production of This
Outdoor Drama

By AYCOCK BROWN

There are exactly 1,000 pearls on the purple velvet costume which The Lost Colony's Queen Elizabeth wears and some of the costumes work by other members of the cast are the originals, used each season since the drama's premiere in 1937.

These backstage sidelights and many more of interest provided the subject matter of a talk by Andrew Kormany, of South Bound Brook N. J., before Manteo Rotary Club here Monday evening. His backstage sidelights of the drama which has outlived all other outdoor productions came between two solos from South Pacific musical score which he sang to the accompaniment of Miss Pat Robinson, a Spruce Pines resident, who like Kormany is a member of The Lost Colony Chorus.

"Each of those 1,000 pearls on the velvet costume, one of those worn by Mary Long of Rock Hill, S. C., who portrays the 16th Century queen were sewn on by hand," said Kormany.

"It is interesting to know that Irene Rains and her team of six assistants wash each of the costumes by hand, turned many times and dried in the natural heat of the sun. That is why a costume used in 1937, is still in perfect condition and use today."

"The audience would never guess that there are 750 properties necessary for each performance—properties ranging from colonists guns, wooden knives, tomahawks, pikes, halberds, shields, to three doll babies to show the growth of Virginia Dare. Also there are beds, candles, a cradle, a large log brooms, water buckets, mugs, and a tarpaulin for Old Tom to lie on during rainy nights. There are many, many other large and small properties. These have to be made repaired and cared for and each night the mistress of properties places the props on two prop tables and after the show puts everything away in its place to await the next performance," he added.

"In all there are about 200 costumes used in the show since every character wears at least two changes and some wear as many as five or six changes during a performance. These costumes must be checked daily and washed weekly." Kormany doubles as a bass singer in the choir and as Wanchese, the unfriendly Indian. He is first seen wearing his choir robes. At that time beneath his robe he is painted up to the neck. Moments after the choir leaves the loft, he had painted his face and decorated same authentically with contrasting stripes.

"Several notable actors gained their first foothold on professional theatre in The Lost Colony. Several have attained fame and fortune. Among the group might be remembered Julia Meade of the Ed Sullivan Show who once played the female lead role of Eleanor Dare, R. G. Armstrong, now in New York production of the miracle worked who is best known in TV, Charles Griggs, now in Hollywood acting in television and on the screen, the late Ainslie Pryor, and the most famous of all, Barbara and Andy Griffith."

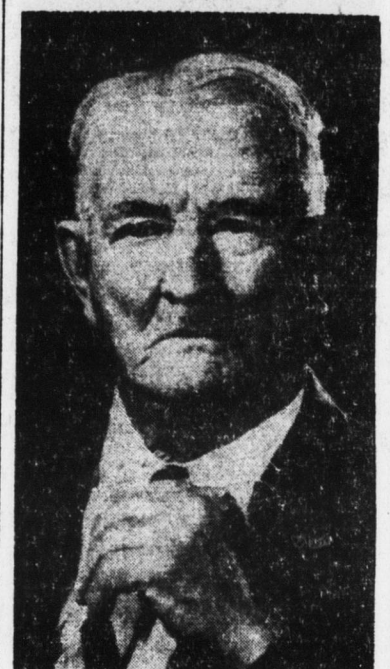
"It may not be generally known that in the technical work, since there is no curtain, all scenery has to be shifted as noiselessly as possible in the dark—and by untrained technicians, except for the five or six rehearsals they have before the show formally opens. There are some 2,000 or more mistakes that could be made, anyone of which could wreck the show. For example in striking (taking down) the set for the Queen's Garden Scene in Act One, there are over 100 handles to be found in the dark, and that in no scene change is there as much as two minutes for the stage to be cleared and ready for the next scene—all in the dark and quietly."

Continuing, Kormany pointed out that, understudies have to be selected chiefly for size, since, when they go on in the place of a principal, they must wear the principal's costume. In few cases where an understudy and principal vary greatly in size new costumes have to be made for the understudy, which must blend with the lights and all the other costumes of the scene in which it will be worn.

"Lighting for the show pulls 104,000 watts. The lighting must indicate the time of day or night and establish the mood of each scene. Lack of light between scenes gives the effect of a curtain so the scenery may be changed."

For the benefit of visiting Rotarians see LOST COLONY, Page Five

DARE RECORDERS JUDGE WILL BE 84 AUGUST 3



JUDGE WASHINGTON F. BAUM

will be 84 on Wednesday, August 3, and his daughter, Mrs. Nevin Westcott will hold open house for all his friends who wish to call, from eight to ten p.m. Judge Baum, long a fisherman and merchant, has been judge of the Dare County Recorder's Court since it was established in 1929 and has held the office longer than any other recorder's judge in the state. His many friends wish him many more years of his usual activity and good spirits, and continued success as a judge as in the past 30 years. He is a former chairman of Dare Board of Commissioners, and more than 35 years ago, he held out for the building of roads and bridging of Roanoke Sound by issuing bonds, all of which were opposed, but have paid off. He has also served as town Mayor and Magistrate, and in other public capacities.

HYDE AND TYRRELL MEN IN FLORIDA TRAINING



Left to right are shown Coast Guard reservists, Nathaniel B. Sears, SN, of Fairfield; Terry F. Swain, SA, of Columbia, and Ernest D. Willis, SN, of Oriental who have completed two weeks training in Jacksonville, Fla.

Often called "Week end Warriors" or "Part-Time Sailors", Coast Guard Reservists each summer undergo an intensive two-weeks program of active duty training equaling any received by a seven-day-week warrior or full time sailor.

Eleven members of ORTUAG 05-599, Elizabeth City, received 14 days of port security training at the Coast Guard Reserve Training Detachment, Jacksonville, Fla., Naval Air Station, ending July 23.

The Elizabeth City group is one of 29 reserve units from six districts in training at this 3,400 acre Naval Station.

The reservists, close to 200, represent states from Maine to Florida and from South Carolina to Missouri.

TEN YEARS' SERVICE

Samuel E. Midgett of Manteo, was honored this week for ten years service with Nationwide Insurance Companies. The award was made by C. V. Walton, Regional Sales Manager. Mr. Midgett was among 37 employees and agents in the companies' Southeastern Regional operation to be so honored this year.

DARE DRAWS SOCIAL SECURITY TOTALING \$351,144 ANNUALLY

By End of 1959 314 Persons Were
On the Rolls Says
Dist. Office

At the end of 1959, as Federal social security was starting its twenty-fifth year, old-age, survivors, and disability insurance monthly benefits were being paid in the Manteo area to 614 persons at the rate of \$351,144.00 a year, according to Earl W. Trinkle, Field Representative, serving this area from the Norfolk social security district office. This is a substantial increase in number of beneficiaries and amount since February 1959, the last previous date for which figures are available, he said. There are several reasons for the increase it was stated. Among them being the long-term growth and longevity of the aged and that portion of the population eligible for benefits. He also stressed the point that while the benefits are intended primarily for the individual economic security, these payments in such large amounts help business in the communities generally because most of the money is spent immediately on food, clothing and other necessities.

Nationally, he said about 13.75 million persons were receiving old-age, survivors, and disability insurance monthly benefits at the end of 1959 at an annual rate of more than \$10 billion. The old-age insurance average monthly payment in this area compares favorably with the average for this region of \$65.45.

He also pointed out that almost half a million disabled-worker beneficiaries and their dependents receiving benefits nationally a yearly rate of over \$400 million. In this region the average payment is \$400 million.

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BLACKMER'S MAGIC ABILITY BROUGHT HIM SUCCESS



SIDNEY BLACKMER, who is a celebrity attraction scheduled at Lost Colony Saturday night, was born in Salisbury, N. C., educated at Warrenton, Mercerburg Academy, Pennsylvania, and the University of North Carolina where he studied law. He has a Litt. D. degree from Catawba College.

After serving in World War I as a Lieutenant in the Field Artillery Corps Mr. Blackmer returned to the stage. His name first went up in lights in 1919 as a star in "39 East". He has since starred in six branches of the entertainment world: stage, screen, radio, vaudeville, television, and the lecture platform. Mr. Blackmer reached one of the high spots in his stage career in the 1940-50 season when he won both the coveted Donaldson Award as the "best actor" and the Antoinette Perry "Tony" award for "the most distinguished contribution to the American Theatre" for his performance as "Doc" in "Come Back, Little Sheba". He is the only actor ever to achieve this double honor.

Prior to his Army service he made his debut on Broadway with Richard Bennett in "The Morris Dance" and later toured the nation with the Ben Greet Shakespearean troupe, playing a score of classical roles, followed by a New York engagement with Margaret Wycherly in THE 13th CHAIR. He appeared in "The Mountain Man," "The Love Child," "Not So Long Ago," "Trimmed In Scarlet," "The Moonflower," "Love In A Mist," "Quarantine," "The Rivals," "Rolo's Wild Oat," "Bridges," "The Carolinian," "Scaramouche," "Round Trip," "Wonderful Journey," "Caviar To The General," "The Social Register," "The Blue Bandanna," "Mina," "The Brass Ring," "Chicken Every Sunday," and many others. A pioneer in television, he has appeared on all major network shows. He has played roles in 20 motion pictures. His performances as Teddy Roosevelt won the Oscar for Warner Brothers in "Teddy, The Roughrider." His recent tours include "All my Sons," "Dear Ruth," "The Country Girl," "Bus Stop," "Inherit The Wind," and "Sweet Bird of Youth." He has starred in the country's major summer theatres and is the producer, director, and often star in his own summer theatre at Hinsdale, Illinois.

He has received many national acting awards including News Reel Theatre Award for finest performance in a short subject and Pacific Coast Critics Award for finest performance by an actor. He is on the Board of Directors of The Players, National Board of AFTRA, Episcopal Actors Guild and Actor's Equity Association. He is married to Suzanne Kaaren and has two sons: Brewster, a second year student at Mercersburg Academy, Pennsylvania, and Jonathan, now a student at Tuxedo Park School, New York.

Because of his love for North Carolina and his intense loyalty he was made an Ambassador Of Good Will for the state of North Carolina by Governor Gregg Cherry. Mr. Blackmer insists it was because he knows what chitlins are, and what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina.

DANIELS DAY AT WANCHESE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 19

The usual Daniels Day reunion annually held at Wanchese in August of each year is scheduled for the 19th. Usually, some member of the Josephus Daniels family of Raleigh attends, as did the older Josephus himself while he lived. Usually a picnic is held at Bethany Church and a short program of speaking inside the church with Melvin R. Daniels, Dare County Register of Deeds, master of ceremonies. Members of the clan gather from distant places, and as nearly every family in the community is related, a large attendance is customary.

SIDNEY BLACKMER, TERRY SANFORD TO VISIT LOST COLONY

Other Noted Guests For Saturday Night Performance Include
Capt. John Borden, Himself

Sidney Blackmer, a distinguished North Carolina actor, native of Salisbury and Governor Nominate Terry Sanford will attend the Lost Colony Saturday night of this week, July 30th. Blackmer, will fly into Washington Friday, and will come to the show from there the week end guest of an old friend, Dr. Fred Morrison at his cottage at Kill Devil Hills.

Two other visitors of interest are Mrs. Bat-Dori an Israeli dramatist, now touring America's outdoor-dramas, and the other is Capt. John Borden, who oddly enough is from Carolina, and who was discovered when he wrote in for tickets to the show.

Sanford will make a pre-curtain address on this special night of The Colony. He will be visiting friends in a county that gave him majorities in both primaries.

Other dignitaries will be guests of honor at a "meet the cast party" formance. Blackmer, who has won and reception on the stage of Waterside Theatre following the permanent awards for his acting ability, is scheduled to talk with members of The Lost Colony cast and Mrs. Bat-Dori will have an opportunity to interview members of the cast of America's longest-lived outdoor production.

Capt. John Borden, now attached to the Armed Forces College in Norfolk is a native of Wilson, N. C. It just so happens that he has the name of The Lost Colony's Captain John Borden, the male lead role, played this season by Bob McQuain of Richmond, who leaves after the current season for assignments in Hollywood.

The Lost Colony, a drama which tells the story of English speaking America's beginning in the New World of the 16th Century is now in its 20th season with performances scheduled nightly except Mondays through September 4.

HATTERAS PARK DIRECTOR TALKS TO 3 ROTARY CLUBS AT ENGELHARD

Some 450,000 people visited the Cape Hatteras National Seashore last year and it appears now that more than half a million visitors will visit it this year," Bob Gibbs park director, last week told members of three Rotary clubs gathered at Engelhard for an inter-city meeting.

Mr. Gibbs said that at the present time the Park Service is putting much effort and money in an effort to stabilize the sand dunes along the Outer Banks area which makes up the Cape Hatteras Seashore park.

"The Outer Banks are the greatest protection in holding back the Atlantic Ocean from you here on the shores of the mainland," the speaker declared. He also pointed out that the park should help adjoining areas by attracting an increasing flow of tourists through this section.

Mr. Gibbs called the Hatteras Seashore park "the finest stretch of undeveloped shore along the Atlantic coast." He said in developing it, the Park Service in providing only those services not suited to private enterprise—namely, swimming areas, parks and camp grounds. He also pointed out various museums are being set up to focus attention on some aspects of the region.

The speaker was presented by Linwood Cutrell, Engelhard native who now resides at Manteo where he is engaged in the construction business.

Leon Ballance introduced the guests including Hank Van Dorp, President of the Belhaven-Pantego club, who presented his club members, and Jake Walker, president of the Columbia club, who introduced his members.

Other visitors included C. C. Abernathy of Greenville, Victor Meekins of Manteo and Tom Spencer of Washington, all visiting Rotarians.

Engelhard Rotarians were named by Harold Jarvis, Jr., of the Engelhard club. The Rev. Angus Miller of Belhaven gave the benediction. Orville Ballance led the singing, and P. D. Midgette Jr., gave the welcome.

The meeting was held at the Engelhard hotel with Earl Pugh, president, presiding. An overflow crowd forced many of the host Rotarians to eat in the kitchen.