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BOARD CONCERNED FOR 2 DAYS WITH THE STATUS QUO

To Advertise for Tax Collector, Build Jail at Hatteras; Hold Joint Health Meeting

After wrestling with various situations in Dare County and making plans for some changes in procedure, and some additions, the Dare Co. Board concluded a long two-day session Tuesday night at 9:30. Out of the meeting came orders to advertise for someone to be employed as delinquent tax collector in Dare County, applications are now being received. Both meetings extended later than 9 p.m. each night, although all members did not sit out the full meetings.

The Board reviewed complaints from Manns Harbor about the community ditch, which has been used by small boats, and was dug some years ago in the process of building a public road to the waterfront. A committee was set up to hold a meeting Tuesday night of next week in the Manns Harbor community building to iron out this difficulty. Lawrence Swain, Horace Hooper and Attorney McCown are committee members.

The Board voted to build the long-discussed Hatteras Island jail in the community of Hatteras on the site of the former Hatteras School, and to start work soon with \$5,000 set up for the purpose.

Trespass on the Billy Mitchell Airport at Frisco has become sufficient problem that it was ordered that warning signs be put up on the airport, and \$25 was appropriated for the purpose.

Accountant John H. Long was given authority to get information concerning the purchase of mimeograph and copying machines for the courthouse, and also was authorized to get heat control units installed in the several offices in the courthouse. Alleviation of a problem is sought. Some offices are overheated in order that offices on the north side may be sufficiently hot.

Numerous roads on Hatteras Island were approved, and requests will be made that the State improve them. These include the Dark Ridge road, Buxton, the Mattie Melson road, Wanchese, the Circle Drive, the Cedar Road, the Oak Ridge Road, the Harbor Road in Hatteras, and some short pieces of road leading to the home of the Payne families in Stumpy Point were approved.

The Board approved a plan to ask the Legislature to pass a law, relieving the Sheriff of the responsibility of collecting taxes, with a view to employing a full time collector for this duty. Legislation will be asked also, to increase the charges for court costs in Recorder's Court, and to put the building permit system under the tax supervisor. This law is now practically ignored. It was ordered that the Register of Deeds not record any transfers until they have been checked and approved by the tax supervisor, for tax listing purposes.

Commissioner Fuller moved that the Board investigate the legality of selling beer from a boat in Pamlico Sound, within a minimum of a half-mile off-shore. Approval of a beer license for Fred I. Jones of Manteo was given.

W. S. White, Judge Stanford White of Manns Harbor was appointed Assistant Recorder's Judge, to hold court in event Judge Baum wishes to be absent, to be paid by the Judge for such services rendered.

The Board held a joint meeting with the Currituck and Dare Health Boards Monday night at Currituck. They also had a meeting with representatives of the ABC Board to discuss profits from the stores. This meeting came out of the agitation of Tourist Bureau members who desire more money from ABC funds to carry on their work. The Bureau now receives half the profits, which during the past year exceeded \$16,000, in addition to some \$4,000 from private contributors.

Several items were tabled. These included selection of garbage disposal areas; the management of Wanchese Harbor and the Hatteras Airport, the long drawn out problem concerning the public ditch dug at Buxton for a harbor, and the commitment to build a public dock at Mill Landing, Wanchese.

INJURED BY TABLE SAW

Capt. John Wilson, Supt. of the Dare County ferries suffered a painful injury while operating a table saw last week as his glove caught in the saw. He lost the end of his right forefinger and parts of other fingers on the same hand. He was treated by Dr. W. W. Harvey Jr.

JOHN E. ROSE, 94, MOST POPULAR ENGELHARD MAN



In Eastern Hyde County which area is famed for the number of citizens who live long past 80 years there isn't a more popular citizen than John Edward Rose, who at 94 is active, and still master of his own household. He lives alone on the old road North of Engelhard, and remembers when the Waupop neighborhood, just a little beyond was the largest community roundabout. Mr. Rose does his own cooking, washing and housecleaning, keeps up his firewood, reads his bible, and looks at the news casts on his TV set. He is a faithful adherent of the Christian church, and the Democratic party. He has four children living, with whom he visits on occasion. His wife has been dead 20 years. He is a citizen well-worth visiting, for while being respected beyond the average man, he is noted for his politeness and courtesy to all people, and he has a remarkable memory.

DARE UNIT OF NCEA TO MEET IN MANTEO FEB. 14

Miss Hoyle to Speak February 11; Area Conference on February 14th

The Dare County Unit of North Carolina Education Association will hold its annual luncheon meeting at the Manteo Elementary School on February 11.

Miss Ruth A. Hoyle of Elizabeth City will be guest speaker. Miss Hoyle received her education at Lenoir Rhyne College and the University of North Carolina and has been connected with the public school system as a teacher and supervisor. At present she is supervisor of the Elizabeth City School system.

On February 14 the North Carolina Education Association will hold its area conference at the Manteo High School. The conference will include representatives from Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties.

Miss Phoebe Emmons, field representative of the N.C.E.A. will conduct the conference. The following schedule will be followed: General Session at 4 p.m. in the auditorium; 6 p.m. dinner in the cafeteria and a general session in the auditorium at 7 p.m.

PARK SERVICE EMPLOYEE RECEIVES \$465 AWARD

T. Reid Cabe, maintenance supervisor for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and the Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, receives a \$465.00 award for redesigning and modifying equipment for grass planting. Using farm type equipment, such as transplanters for cabbage, tobacco and sweet potato plants, Mr. Cabe converted two of his machines into grass planters.

Prior to the use of machines, all grass planting was done by hand. The machines made it possible to plant five times as much grass with the same number of men. Mr. Cabe's suggestion has resulted in savings to date of approximately \$14,500 to the National Park Service Dune Stabilization Program.

This is the highest cash award for a money-saving suggestion in Region One of the National Park Service.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CAPE HATTERAS PTA ARE REVIEWED

Inspiring Meeting Held at Cape Hatteras School; Many Gains Made

The February meeting of the Cape Hatteras P.T.A. was held in the school auditorium on Tuesday night. The meeting was opened with a Bible reading prayer by the Reverend Henry Wright, minister to the Assembly of God Church of Avon.

It was announced that this month is the anniversary of the founding of the P.T.A., the organization having been started on February 17, 1897. In commemoration of this anniversary, a program was presented by local members. The program was based on the television show "I've Got a Secret" and was moderated by Mrs. Delores Burrus. Panel members were Mrs. Joyce Gray, Mrs. Jean Gray, Mrs. Irma Lange, and Mrs. Benrus Williams. The first contestants were Mrs. Mary Stamey and Mrs. Bonita Williams who represented the co-founders of the P.T.A., Mrs. Alice McEllen Bierney and Mrs. Phoebe Apperson Hurst. The second contestant was Mrs. Blanche Midgett who was the first president of the Cape Hatteras P.T.A. Mrs. Midgett told some of the things that the P.T.A. did in its first year at the school, which was See PTA, Page Five

BELHAVEN AIRMAN ENDS COURSE AT LACKLAND AFB



AIRMAN DAVID D. DAVENPORT, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Davenport of 810 County Rd., Belhaven, N. C., has completed his initial course of Air Force basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He has been selected to attend the technical training course for Aircraft and Missile Maintenance at Sheppard AFB, Texas.

Airman Davenport is a graduate of John A. Wilkinson High School. Basic airmen at Lackland are selected for specialized training at technical schools on the basis of their interests and aptitudes. They are reassigned to the school after five weeks of basic training. At the technical schools they are given additional military training along with the technical instructions.

Upon completion of special technical training at an Air Force Technical Training Center, airmen are assigned to operational units of the USAF Aerospace Force.

MRS. MARY TILLET PERRY, 84, DIES AT KITTY HAWK

Mrs. Mary Tillet Perry, 84, died Friday night at 10:15 o'clock in the family residence in Kitty Hawk after a long illness.

She was a native and life-long resident of Kitty Hawk, daughter of the late Benjamin and Almira Tillet and widow of Charles Bailey Perry. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, Kitty Hawk.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Olive Hayman and Mrs. Mary L. Pugh of Kitty Hawk and Mrs. Lillie Shannon of Manteo; two sons, Cal A. and Charlie L. Perry of Kitty Hawk; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Beasley of Kitty Hawk and Mrs. Almira O'Neal of Manteo; 14 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the graveside in Austin Cemetery, Kitty Hawk Sunday at 2 p.m. Elder George Trevathan, of the Primitive Baptist Church officiating. Pall bearers were Will, Colon and Hallett Perry, Eldridge and Clyde Beacham, and Avery Tillet.

CAR STOLEN FROM BRIDGE TENDER; ANOTHER FOUND

The Sheriff's office Thursday recovered a stolen car which had been abandoned at the Kitty Hawk bridge, and is searching for another which was apparently stolen in place of it by persons unknown. The 1951 Plymouth belonged to Howard Bray, bridge-tender, and the car recovered by officer Donnie Twyne, belonged to Marvin Gilbert Vick of Kinston. It is a 1951 two-tone, blue Oldsmobile.

CURRITUCK MAN CHAIRMAN STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION



MERRILL EVANS of Ahoskie, a native of Grandy in Currituck County has been named chairman of the State Highway Commission by Governor Sanford, replacing Mel Broughton Jr. who resigned last week. Mr. Evans served as a member of the commission during the term of Governor Cherry, and he has served as a member of the legislature both in the Senate and the House, has been on the County Board of Hertford County, and for many years a Sunday school teacher.

This first appointment from the east by Governor Sanford will prove a popular one. Mr. Evans is highly regarded and his previous service on the highway Commission is remembered with satisfaction. In that period, he gave much consideration to the improvement of neighborhood roads. Early in the Sanford campaign, he came out strongly for the Fayetteville man, and canvassed the entire district in his behalf, contributing immeasurably to winning majorities in most counties of this area.

BLOODMOBILE TO VISIT SWAN QUARTER FEB. 21

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Agricultural Building in Swan Quarter Tuesday, February 21, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

W. E. Bishop, Hyde County Chairman of the Red Cross Program, says Hyde County residents desiring to see the program continued should make arrangements to donate blood at this time. The county fell short of its quota last year and should make every effort to meet the quota this time in order to assure the continuance of the program.

Mr. Bishop pointed out that many Hyde residents have benefited from the program by having blood available when needed, thus relieving family members from seeking donors at the time of need.

COVERING THE WATERFRONT—MUTINY OFF OCRACOKE ISLAND IN 1793 BROUGHT FIRST DEATH SENTENCE IN U. S.

By AYCOCK BROWN

"Four sailors were hanged for mutiny at Ocracoke Island, N. C. in 1793, when the first sentence of death imposed by a federal court, Bern (New Bern) N. C., in the United States was passed at the time.

The foregoing was a newspaper filler a friend of mine had clipped from a Wilmington, Del., newspaper in 1941. He had sent it to me for publication in the short-lived Ocracoke Island Beacon I was publishing at the time.

I began a search for additional data about the incident in the old State and Colonial records on file in the courthouse at Beaufort, but failed to find anything.

In the next edition of the Beacon, referring to the clipping and my fruitless search for additional data, I wrote: "Perhaps some reader of this island newspaper could help me get facts about this 'first death sentence' resulting from the mutiny off Ocracoke Island."

My appeal for additional data did not go un-noticed and a few days later Romulus A. Nunn, widely known jurist and historian of New Bern sent me plenty of facts about the incident. His story in detail was published in the December 15, 1941, edition of the Beacon. I had planned at the time, due to its human interest, to send the story out to various Editors, but a War had started, and it was only a few weeks until I was in it up to my neck, and out of the writing business for four years or more. The story as Judge Nunn gave it to me from records he had in his possession follows:

Mutiny Off Ocracoke
First death sentence under authority of the United States was given in 1793 by the Federal Court at New Bern. It was the case of the United States against Manner and five other mariners charged with

HOW WOMEN AND MEN ORGANIZED A FIRE DEPT

Loss of Ross Burrus' Home at Hatteras Stirred Community Into Prompt Action

By MRS. JUANITA PEELE
At 7:30 P.M. September 28, 1959, Hatteras villagers had just about finished washing supper dishes and were just thinking "what's on TV tonight" when a sudden burst of excitement ran through the village—"Ross Burrus's house is on fire"—a call that made all residents shiver. For on that fateful evening, a strong wind was blowing, there had been no appreciable rainfall for considerable time, and with only buckets and hand extinguishers to fight the fire, saving the house was impossible, and chances for saving the motel were indeed slim. Downwind from the motel were more houses, business buildings and fuel storage tanks. There easily could have been a horrible holocaust in Hatteras that night!

On this evening was conceived the Hatteras Village Fire Department and on October 1, the community met as a resolute body and started the ball rolling to make possible the Hatteras Volunteer Fire Department.

Many difficulties were facing this small community. But at that first meeting, 72 residents turned out and enrolled as charter members. Officers were elected, a future meeting date set and arrangements made for Deputy Fire Chief of North Carolina Sherman Pickard and Fire Chief Warren of Plymouth Fire Department to speak in October.

Enthusiasm mounted high and the dream rapidly became a reality. Within a period of 25 days a sum of over \$2,300 was raised by voluntary contribution. On November 2, the Hatteras Fire Association voted to adopt a charter, by-laws, and elect a board of directors. Norfolk Airport donated a fire siren.

On December 27, 1959, the executive board accepted the bid of the Howe Fire Apparatus Company, and contributed to purchase the engine and accessories for \$14,000 payable in 7 years at 6% interest, with delivery in about six months. A site was selected for the future fire house, automobile tags were purchased for the Volunteer Firemen, and the week of April 11 was declared Clean-Up Week. Canvassers were out for contributions and many other ways of raising the necessary funds were discussed and followed. In May the treasurer announced that over \$3,000 had been collected. The down payment was made to the Howe Company with delivery promised in August.

August 12 was a big day in See DEPT., Page Five

FORTY DAY SEARCH FRUITLESS FOR KITTY HAWK MAN'S WIFE MISSING SINCE NEW YEAR'S EVE

Bill Anderson Returns Thursday Sick From Exhausting Trail To Many Cities Between Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and Montreal, Canada, Former Home of Mrs. Beatrice Joyce Gilbert Anderson, Probable Amnesia Victim.

MANTEO MAN GOES ON A MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE



LESTER CONRAD WARD, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ward of Manteo who is aboard the USN Destroyer James C. Owens with the 2nd fleet, left last week on a cruise which will take him to the Mediterranean, and perhaps the Red Sea. He is in the Radio division, and is expected to soon reach the rating of Second Class seaman. He expects to be gone seven months.

LESS WORK REQUIRED TO BENEFIT FROM SOCIAL SECURITY

Some Changes in Laws; Other Facts About Program Outlined by Office Manager

Anyone who has been told in the past that he did not have enough work under social security to qualify for payments should get in touch with his social security office now to see if he is eligible under the change in the law. This suggestion is from Earl W. Trinkle, Field Representative of the Social Security District Office in Norfolk, Virginia.

The amount of work required to get social security benefits has been reduced. Just how long must you work depends upon your date of birth (or if you die or become disabled, upon the date of your disability). Because of this recent change the survivors of workers who died after June 1954 and who were not eligible for benefits under the old law may now be eligible. In many cases the amount of work required under the old law has been reduced about a third. For example, a man becoming 65 or a woman becoming 62 in the first six months of 1960 needed 4 1/2 years of work or 18 quarters of coverage under the old law to be eligible for a monthly benefit. Under the new law 3 years or 12 quarters of coverage are required.

No social security payment can be made if there is less than a year and a half of work under social security. This provision in the Social Security Law was not changed by the 1960 Amendments. Another provision that was not changed is that no one ever needs to have more than ten years of work under social security in order to qualify for a benefit. A disability insurance benefit still cannot be paid to anyone with less than five years of covered work.

It is recommended that you contact your nearest social security office if you think this change in the law may be of benefit to you.

Under the old law, which stays in effect until 1961, a beneficiary under age 72 who goes to work and earns more than \$1200 loses one month's benefit check for every \$80 (or fraction of \$80) by which his earnings go over \$1200. Earnings of even \$1 over the \$1200 limit mean the withholding of the beneficiary's entire monthly check. If his wife is also entitled to benefits based on his social security account, her benefits are also withheld.

Beginning with 1961, a beneficiary who earns \$1200 or less will get his benefit payments for all 12 months of the year. A beneficiary who earns more than \$1200 in a year will have \$1 of his benefits See BENEFITS, Page Four

Bill Anderson, popular merchant and magistrate of Kitty Hawk Beach, returned home, sick at heart and battling with the flu Thursday after a 40-day search which took him to many cities on a wide trail between Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Montreal, Canada in a fruitless search for his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Joyce Gilbert Anderson, 30, who disappeared December 31.

While Mr. Anderson was on a business trip to Florida between the Christmas holidays, Mrs. Anderson left in the family car for a business trip of a few hours in Elizabeth City. There she left the car, bought a bus ticket to Washington, D. C. She carried no money, so far as Mr. Anderson has ascertained and did not take her clothes, or luggage.

The couple were married in Florida in December 1959, and she had been apparently satisfied at the Kitty Hawk store and the customers were favorably impressed. She was an attractive, dark haired woman, and had been a widow for nine years. Because of some injury on her head, Mr. Anderson fears she is an amnesia victim, as she had been suffering from headaches.

When the young woman failed to return to Kitty Hawk from Elizabeth City, Mrs. Anderson, Bill's mother, was greatly alarmed, and alerted her son in Florida.

He began his exhaustive search with a visit to her mother who lives in Florida, who had no knowledge of her daughter's disappearance. Through a telephone call to her brother in Montreal, he learned nothing of his wife's whereabouts. All he knows is that she left the car in Elizabeth City, bought a bus ticket to Washington, D. C. and from friends in Washington he learned that she had told them there was nothing for her in life, she had no home, no friends, and that her husband had died of a heart attack.

Mr. Anderson said they had no difficulties, and that she was apparently happy when he left her to go to Florida to look after some property. He said they had returned home shortly before from an enjoyable two-weeks vacation in New York.

Sheriff Frank Cahoon has instituted a widespread search for the missing woman, with negative reports from many police departments. The FBI and other law enforcement agencies have been apprised of the situation.

MRS. ELIZA TWYNE, OLDEST ROANOKE IS. CITIZEN DIES

Mrs. Eliza Ann Forbes Twyne, 92, died Friday at 6:45 a.m. in Albenmarie Hospital after a long illness. She was said to be the oldest native citizen of Roanoke Island.

She was a lifelong resident of Manteo, a daughter of Samuel T. and Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Austin Forbes, and the widow of James B. Twyne. She was a member of Manteo Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Elisha Twyne of Baltimore.

The body was taken to Twiford Funeral Home, Manteo.

The funeral was conducted at Twiford Funeral Chapel in Manteo at 2 p.m. Sunday, by Rev. M. J. Davis, pastor of Manteo Baptist church and Rev. C. W. Goodwin of the Roanoke Island Baptist Church, north of Manteo. Burial was in the family plot at the old home place. Pall bearers were Lee Dough, Steve Basnight, Roy Etheridge, Victor Moskins, Tom Russell, and Dan Canady. With Frank White Jr. at the organ, a choir consisting of Mrs. Lotta Midgett, Geo. Powell, Mrs. Lotta Midgett, Mrs. Camille Podolsky, Mrs. M. J. Davis, and Mrs. M. J. Davis f.f.M.F.M. Mrs. Mary Ellen Braswell sang the following hymns: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Rock of Ages," and "It is Well With My Soul." There were numerous floral offerings.

MANTEO ELEMENTARY PTA

The Manteo Elementary School P.T.A. will meet Monday, February 13, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. All members and interested citizens are urged to attend.