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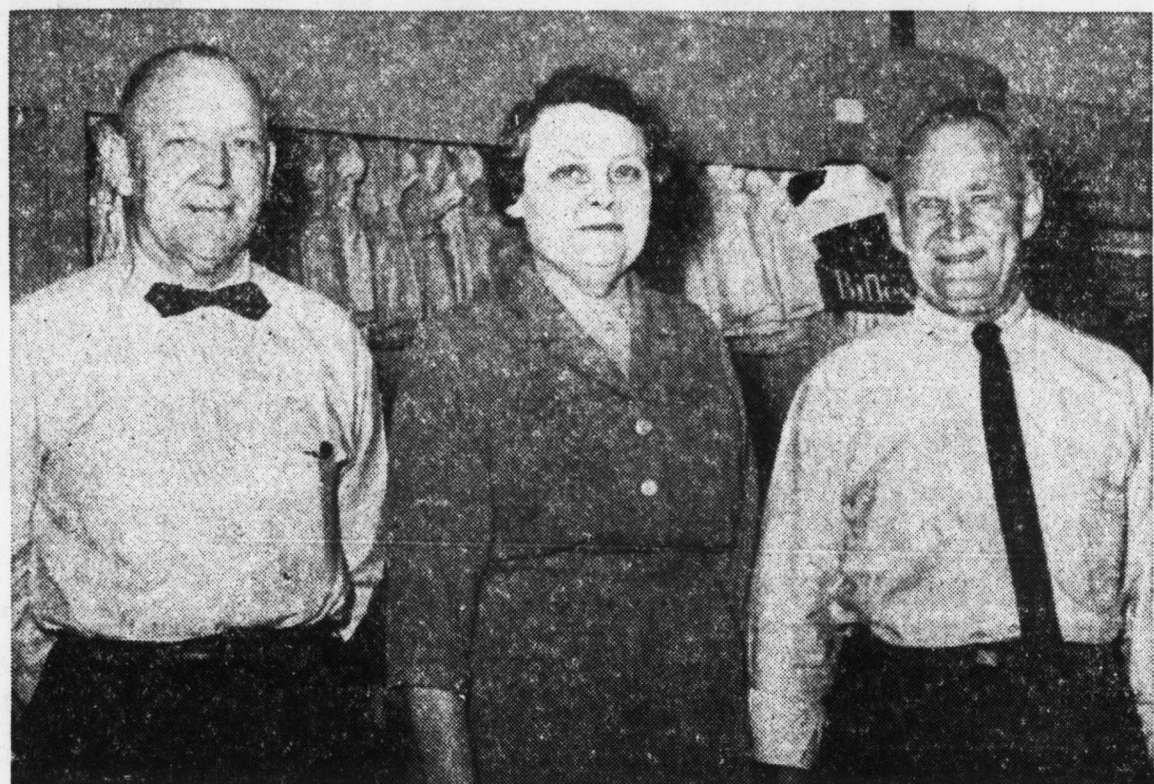
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## THE ACTIVE MANAGERS OF DAVIS DEPARTMENT STORE IN MANTEO



ON THE LEFT IS VERNON DAVIS, ON THE RIGHT RALPH DAVIS, sons of CARSON W. DAVIS who have been the active heads of Manteo's oldest store for several years. Vernon Davis has been active in community affairs, is a former member of the Manteo Town Board, and with his brother has been associated in the building of small boats. Ralph Davis is a commander in the Coast Guard reserve and served as an officer through World War II. He is a graduate of State College. Miss Ione Wescott in the center of the group manages the women's wear department, and has been with the store ever since she got out of school. In addition to these people, the store uses additional seasonal help.

## THIS YEAR PRESENTS OPPORTUNITY TO ALL CITIES FOR PROGRESS

If Citizenship Doesn't Respond to Challenge for City Officers, Complaints Should Cease

If the citizenship of the various towns in northeastern North Carolina fail to get the kind of municipal government they desire it will be for lack of willingness to assume their various civic duties. For this is the year for town elections, and all officers are open to candidates. Belhaven, Columbia, Kill Devil Hills Manteo are all subject to elections of town officers, which includes for each a Mayor and the specified number of Aldermen, ranging from three to eight.

Notices have been published advising the voters of the forthcoming elections and the designated time for filing for office. Registrars have been appointed, and notice given of the time in which voters may file in order to register. In all cases, if suitable candidates do not file, it will be for lack of public spirited-citizens willing to give their time to civic duties. In most cases, the public is apparently satisfied with the incumbent officials. In some cases a great deal of grumbling goes on, but this comes from people who have not heretofore been willing to make the sacrifices the jobs entail.

If competent citizens fail or refuse to run for these offices, they will have little right to grumble during the next two years. The people get the kind of government they wish if one may judge from their attitude in the past.

## FUNDS REQUESTED FOR IMPROVEMENT SHALLOWBAG BAY

Budget Asked for \$160,000 to Bring Channel to Project Depth This Summer.

Following a recent request by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner for improvement of the channel into Shallowbag Bay, Manteo, he has been advised that the amount of \$160,000 has been included in the budget for the fiscal year 1962 to restore the project depth. This project is from Nags Head light to Manteo.

Major General William F. Cassidy, Civil Works Director, conveys the following information in his letter to Mr. Bonner:

"I am pleased to inform you that an item included in the President's budget in the amount of \$160,000 for the Fiscal Year 1962 will provide for maintenance dredging at Manteo (Shallowbag) Bay navigation project which incorporates the channel is scheduled to be accomplished late this summer as indicated by the District Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington, North Carolina."

## POLICE OFFICER RELEASED IN BELHAVEN COURT

W. S. Clagon former, Belhaven police chief was released by the Belhaven Recorder Wednesday on payment of \$61 to Will Davis, who withdrew charges of embezzlement against Clagon. Clagon, a former member of the N. C. Highway patrol, had been charged with taking money from Davis under promise to get him a chauffeur's license, which had not materialized. Clagon had formerly served in Plymouth, and was a popular officer.

Clagon's firing, which left the town's three remaining policemen without a chief, resulted after Will Davis complained the chief had not obtained a chauffeur's license for Davis as he allegedly promised.

Davis' crippled condition doesn't allow him to do anything except drive a taxi and he wanted a chauffeur's license.

Davis told authorities he spoke to Clagon about the license and was told by the chief that if he gave him \$61, Clagon could obtain the license for him.

The cash was paid to Clagon, according to the story told by Davis to authorities, and when he didn't get his chauffeur's license, he began to make inquiries.

Solicitor C. R. Rich of Pantego said officers made a check with the State Motor Vehicles Bureau in Raleigh and were informed the agency had not received any communication nor money from Clagon in reference to Davis' license.

Charges of embezzlement were brought against Clagon.

When the incident was brought to the attention of the town board, officials decided to discharge Clagon.

Meanwhile, the town board is seeking another chief to replace Clagon.

## MORE HONORS ACCORDED ENGELHARD STUDENT NURSE



Ann Dudley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Swindell Dudley, Jr. of Engelhard, was chosen to represent her class at Lenoir Memorial School of Nursing in Kinston. She is now in her second year of training and has won her cap, bib and cape. Her work has been outstanding in her studies and on several occasions her achievements and photograph have appeared in the Kinston Daily paper.

She is a 1959 Graduate of East Hyde High School winning honors then as valedictorian of her class and outstanding activities in Beta Club, F. H. A., church organizations as well as in her own community.

Miss Dudley says her long time interest in a nursing career started when she was a small girl. Upon entering Lenoir Memorial she was presented a scholarship from the "Forty and Eight" club. She is now in Raleigh at the Dorothea Dix Hospital in pursuit of her studies in mental health.

## TRAFFIC CASES HEARD BY DARE COUNTY RECORDER

Tuesday's recorders court docket in Manteo consisted mainly of traffic cases. Ruby Lee Bozeivick of Kitty Hawk was fined \$25 for having no operator's license. William J. King of Stumpy Point, reckless and careless driving, \$25; Olive J. Peek, Buxton, failing to wear glasses as stipulated in driving permit, \$25; W. J. Mitchell, Manteo, speeding, \$20; Alice R. Rhodes, Manteo, failing to yield right of way \$10. Levin B. Fulcher, Jr., Hatteras, speeding, \$10.

David W. Gaskins of Wanchese, given a 60-day suspended sentence for taking a stove from the home of his wife, Mrs. Barbara Gaskins, the stove being owned by a third party. He was charged with abandonment of his wife and two children, and ordered to pay \$20 a week for their support.

## TEN UNIFORMS A GIFT OF THE MANTEO LIONS

Manteo Lions Club Tuesday night voted favorably on the purchase of ten baseball uniforms for the Manteo High School athletic department. The cost is \$15.40 each. This will surely boost morale of this group, as well as improve their appearance.

On Tuesday, April 4, the basketball team and Coach Jerry Cahoon will be dinner guests of the Lions Club.

## STRONG SENTIMENT FOR BEACH ROAD IS BUILDING UP

VIRGINIA BEACH — A Virginia-North Carolina corporation will be formed to promote construction of a coastal boulevard from this southeast Virginia resort town to Nags Head, gateway to the Outer Banks.

This announcement was made Thursday night as some 60 persons from the two states met at the Thunderbird Motor Lodge here to make plans for the boulevard.

In addition, it was announced that the committee already has received pledges of five miles or so of free right of way from what it termed "major property owners" along the proposed route.

Among the Tar Heels attending the session were Wilton Walker, Jr., of Currituck, secretary of the committee along with Sidney S. Kellam of Virginia Beach, and co-chairman with D. W. Bagley of Moyock; Victor Meekins of Dare County. Kellman also was there.

Others from Dare County were Walter Perry, David Stick, Junior Parker, Geo. H. McGaw, Thos. U. Briggs, George Crocker Jr., Maj. J. L. Murphy, Bob Gibbs, Ras Wescott, Dotts Fry, John Wright, John Donoho, Ted Wood, Jim Scarborough and Elwood Parker.

It was virtually the same group which met informally at the Princess Anne (Va.) Courthouse last April and organized the following month at a meeting in the Currituck Courthouse.

The highway plan of the new Coastal Boulevard Association is different from a toll road program put forward a few years ago, it was explained. The consensus at this latest meeting showed the feeling was strong the states should be

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## REVIVAL BEGINNING SUNDAY AT MANTEO BAPTIST CHURCH



REV. STEDMAN C. DAVIS, pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church at Whiteville, will be the visiting evangelist for a series of revival services beginning Sunday morning, March 26 at eleven o'clock at Manteo Baptist Church and continuing throughout the week with the closing service on Easter Sunday night, April 2nd.

The Rev. Mr. Davis, a brother of the pastor of the Manteo Baptist Church, began his ministry about 25 years ago and is qualified to deliver inspiring messages. The hour each evening will be 7:30 p.m. Special music will be rendered at each service by the Church Choir under direction of the pastor, Rev. M. J. Davis with Mrs. Willis Pearce at the organ.

He will also speak at chapel exercises in Manteo High School on Tuesday March 28th.

The nursery will be open at each

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## BOMBING RANGE LOCATION OPPOSED IN HYDE COUNTY

Bonner Object to Threat to Wildfowl and Business Interests of Mattamuskeet Area

WASHINGTON — Rep Herbert Bonner of Washington Friday bluntly told the Air Force that it might as well look for another site for bombing range which it had considered placing at Engelhard in Eastern North Carolina.

The Congressman, chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, said he has received many protests against Engelhard's selection.

In response, he has written Air Force Secretary Eugene M. Zuckert and Interior Secretary Stewart Udall in strong opposition to the proposal. He has also conferred with Air Force liaison men.

The livelihood of many persons who operate motels, and cafes and are hunting guides would be threatened by the proposed bombing range.

Bonner's letter to the Air Force secretary reads as follows:

"Attention has been called to the fact that the Air Force is considering establishment of a bombing range in Hyde County, North Carolina, near Engelhard.

"I write to formally and vigorously protest the establishment of the bombing range in the area now under consideration. For the reason that the site is practically adjacent to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Reservation at Mattamuskeet Lake in Hyde County.

"The establishment of a bombing range in this vicinity would totally destroy the purpose for which this wildlife reservation was established. On Mattamuskeet Lake in the migratory season there is the largest concentration of Canadian geese on the Atlantic flyway. In addition, there concentrates on this lake other migratory fowl, including ducks of all types. Between the town of Engelhard and the site there is a small airstrip used by the Civil Air Patrol.

"Furthermore, bombing in this area would destroy one of the finest areas for all types of local birds and game. I am requesting the Secretary of the Interior to file a formal protest due to his supervision over the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service."

In his letter to Udall, Congressman Bonner pointed out that, as Secretary of the Interior, it was his responsibility to oppose the location of the bombing range at this site.

"I told him I hoped he would file a strong, formal objection," said the Congressman.

## TOURIST BUREAU BOARD TO MEET AT HATTERAS

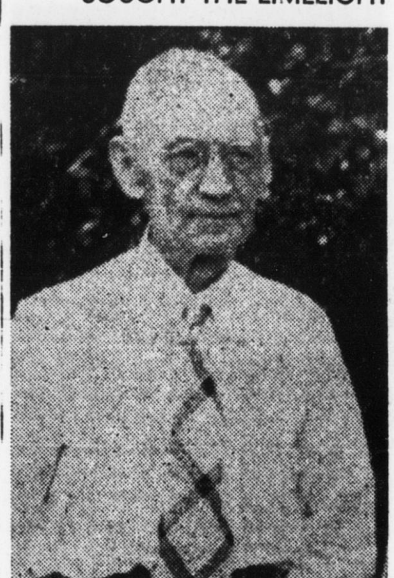
The Board of Directors, Dare County Tourist Bureau, will have their spring meeting in Hatteras, Thursday, March 30, it is announced by Mrs. Ina Evans, chairman. Donald Oden, a board member from Hatteras Island, has arranged for the meeting to be held at Channel Bass Restaurant, beginning at 10 o'clock and including luncheon.

Mrs. Evans stated that various chairmen of sub-committees appointed at the winter meeting in Manteo would present reports.

## EARLY FAILURE PREDICTED FOR FIRST STORE IN DARE SELLING DRY GOODS ALONE

Belief Was Widespread a Store Which Carried Only Clothing Would Not Attract Trade of People Accustomed to Filling All Needs Under One Roof. Carson W. Davis, A Far-Sighted Merchant, Disproved All This, and Lives to Be County's Oldest Merchant.

### NEVER STRUTTED NOR SOUGHT THE LIMELIGHT



CARSON W. DAVIS stands out as one Manteo citizen who has never gone out in front seeking notoriety and fame. Coming to Manteo as a stranger more than 50 years ago, he didn't seek to take over political leadership, but when worthy causes were brought to his attention, he was a generous contributor, and made no show about it. He is perhaps the only Manteo businessman during the half century, who never engaged in any occupations or endeavors, other than his chosen business. While others ran for office or became contractors or ran mail routes, he stuck right by his store; no man ever applied himself more assiduously, and none have been apparently more successful. To have continued uninterruptedly in business for over a half century is a remarkable achievement, for he went to his store every day for that length of time.

Some 60 years ago, a young store clerk in Perquimans County heard that the late W. J. Griffin, a Manteo merchant needed a helper. That was the time when Carson W. Davis came to Manteo, and proved himself to be no ordinary store clerk. He had energy and ideas and watched merchandising trends. He was not a fly-by-night fast worker who popularized himself by giving the bosses cigars away to favorite customers and the bosses candy to kids of favorite customers. He was always courteous, dignified, and businesslike.

It was with some indifference the news was received some over 50 years ago in Dare County that Mr. Davis was going to open a store on his own, and would sell nothing but dry goods. It was almost unanimously expressed that this store would be an early failure, because people wouldn't trade where they couldn't buy grindstone or gunpowder, paragon or plow-points, fish nets or fertilizer, or anything else they wanted, and as they had always been doing in the other stores in the area.

In the beginning, Mr. Davis was associated with a late R. W. Smith, a longtime political figure in Dare County, who had also been in the mercantile business with the aforementioned Mr. Griffin, and who had faith in the Davis know-how. The new store opened in the old Smith building on the waterfront at the foot of Lodge St. which was once occupied for a long time by Owens Cafe, and has had a succession of tenants for short periods thereafter.

Mr. Davis put all his detractors to rout, and in a short time, he had acquired the much larger store he now occupies, and which has been completely rebuilt, and made to look like the stores they build in the modern shopping centers.

When Mr. Davis began business over a half century ago he carried as now, good lines of merchandise. Florsheim Shoes, Queen Quality Shoes, English-American and J. L. Taylor and Sons Tailoring. Fashion Q clothes by Wear-Well Co., and W. H. Miles shoes, are some of the names that come to mind across the years. When a young man became of courting age it was his ambition to buy a tailored suit from Mr. Davis. As said before, he didn't pass out things indiscriminately, but this writer recalls once when having a suit tailored by Mrs. Davis, he threw in an extra pair of pants. Many suits made to measure for us by Mr. Davis wore a long time, all fitted properly, and everything was completely satisfactory.

Now what might be the secret of Mr. Davis' success? He has been in business longer than anyone else in Manteo or Dare County for that matter. We have observed that he gave full value, that he didn't throw credit around indiscriminately, although he must have lost some accounts. We have never had a request from him for payment, but invariably, he invited more business by writing across the bottom of his statements, "orders please." During the many years while the Coast Guard flourishes in Dare County, Mr. Davis became headquarters for official uniforms, and when he dressed well the man of the house, the family came along. He carried fine goods for the ladies, and children.

While some of his neighbors opposed taking the tolls off the Roanoke Sound Bridge out of fear our homefolks would all go away to trade, Mr. Davis said he welcomed a free bridge. His confidence was justified in the big increase in trade that came from summer residents on the beach, who swarmed into Manteo, and found things selling for less than in the larger towns. At that time, Mr. Davis told this writer that every week seemed like Christmas week, so much had business improved.

From the outset, Mr. Davis made trips to Baltimore and other markets twice or more a year, where he could do his own buying with close scrutiny, and keep up with the latest materials and merchandising trends.

Early in the new store's career, Mr. Davis married Miss Ella Creef, the daughter of the late George and Ann Creef, substantial Manteo citizens, and the outcome of this union was two sons and a daughter. The daughter is Mrs. J. R. Meikle of Roanoke Rapids, and the sons, See DAVIS, Page Four

## \$30,000 FINE AND FIVE YEARS FOR SAMUEL G. JONES

Norfolk Machine Shop Owner Loses Appeal in \$277,000 Income Tax Case

Samuel G. Jones, 67, lost his appeal before the Earl Warren Supreme Court Monday. Jones, owner of the Berkley Machine Works, had sought to evade a conviction for failing to pay \$277,000 in income taxes.

Jones received a five year prison sentence and was fined \$30,000 by the court. The case has been in court nearly two years, and in May 1959 took ten days to try.

During the trial, then U. S. Dist. Atty. John M. Hollis attempted to prove Jones charged off personal expenses as business costs.

Figuring prominently were his 290-acre Sajo Farms in Princess Anne County and extensive company holdings on Ocracoke Island on the North Carolina Outer Banks. Another large residence is now being rebuilt by Jones at Ocracoke.

Jones claimed the Ocracoke holdings—Berkley Manor, Samjo Manor and the Green Island Gunning Club—were used to entertain prospective customers in lieu of national advertising. He said they were not used for his personal pleasure.

In the course of the trial Judge Hoffman cited Jones, often a testy witness, for contempt. Hoffman never acted on the contempt citation, however.

Jones' defense attorney, Gordon E. Campbell, asked the court's mercy and said Jones was "just living by his own code."

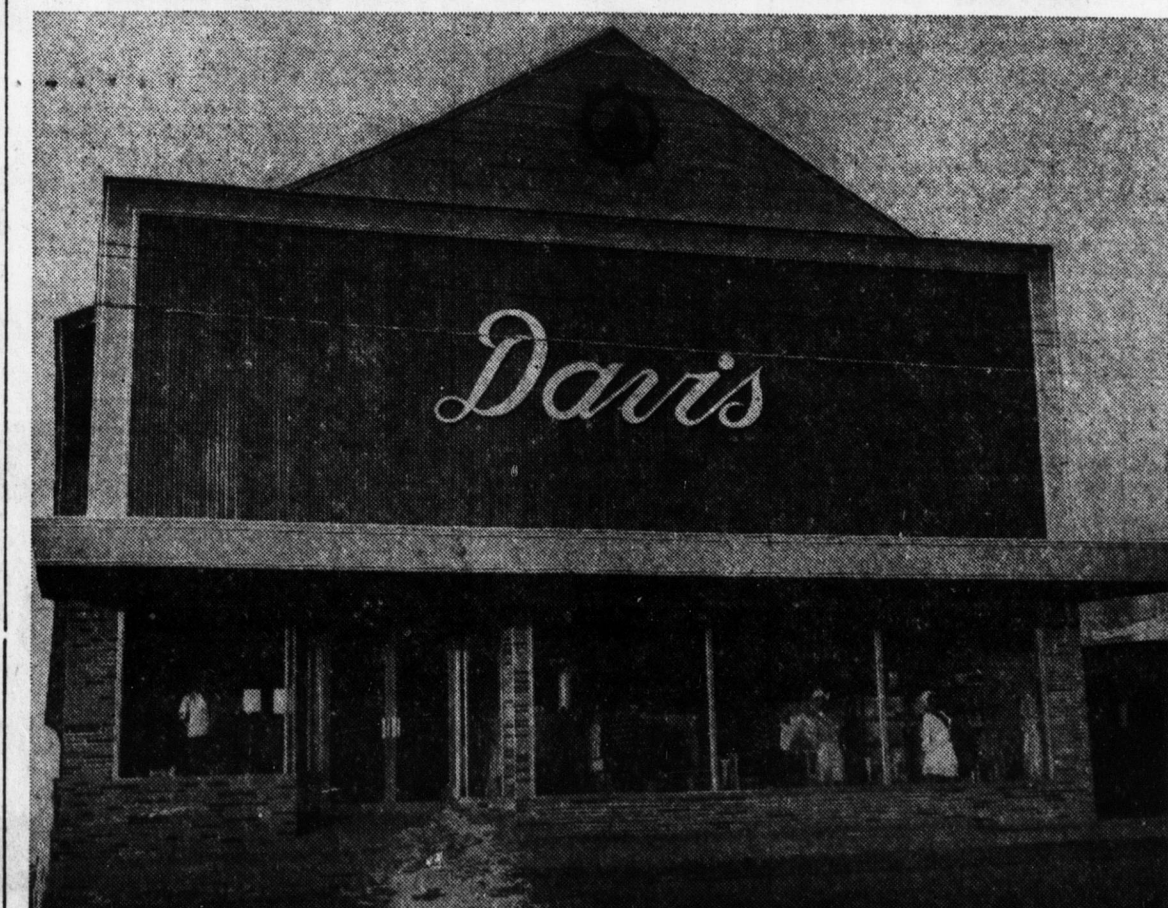
Said Judge Hoffman: "If every man were permitted to live by his own code, we would have a country that would be in a terrible condition."

## THREE DAY OUTLOOK

The Weather Bureau at Hatteras has released the following three-day weather outlook:

Temperatures will be average, two to four degrees below normal. The normal high will be 61, the low 48. Dry and pleasant weather is indicated. It will be warmer Friday; cooler Saturday and Sunday. Winds will be generally light westerly.

## REMODELED QUARTERS FOR DAVIS FIRM BEING OPENED THIS WEEK END



SHOWN HERE is the Carson W. Davis store, which has been undergoing a complete modernization program, with sparkling new interior fixtures and displays, and which will officially reopen for business Saturday. A week-long open house will be observed, with special buys in many departments. Several door prizes will be awarded at a drawing next week, details of which are shown in the firm's advertisement on page 16. Many of the firm's suppliers are represented in a congratulatory section of today's issue.