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HEARING ON NEED FOR AVON CHANNEL TO BE HELD APR. 21

Citizens Will Be Given Opportunity to Assemble Argument for Waterways Improvement

People who are interested in a better channel and basin at Avon will have an opportunity to express their views on the project at a public hearing to be held by the Corps of Engineers at the Hatteras Hotel at Avon, April 21, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Col. R. P. Davidson, District Engineer, who will preside at the hearing, advises that the purpose is to determine the advisability of modifying the existing project in any way at this time with particular reference to a change in alignment of the waterway and an increased depth.

He said the existing project provides for a channel from Pamlico Sound to Avon six feet deep and 100 feet wide with a basin at the shore end to the same depth and 100 feet by 300 feet.

The route from the existing channel from deep water in the sound to a point near the shore zigzags through several sloughs in which natural depths are six feet or more, except for one troublesome shoal area where dredging is intermittently required to provide project depth.

Col. Davidson said all interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present their views either oral or written.

He said he was particularly interested in hearing from representatives of Federal, State, county and municipal agencies as well as from commercial, recreational, industrial, civic highway, water transportation interests and property owners.

It is understood, he went on, that a new and deeper route from the basin to the sound is desired. In view of this sponsors of the desired improvements are urged to be present with pertinent factual data bearing upon the general plans of improvement, and to give detail supporting data on the economic justification of the undertaking. Opposing interests, if any, are also urged to state the reasons for their position.

Included in the factual information should be data on the type, number, origin, destination, and light and loaded drafts of boats expected to use the improved project, if provided. There should also be included the estimated benefits from fish and shell fish and other commerce transported over the project. Further, there should be figures on the prevention of damage to boats, from reduction in operating expenses and from allied activities.

He said oral statements may be heard but for accuracy of the record all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing and in six copies as the records of the hearing will be forwarded for consideration by the Secretary of the Army. Written statements may be presented at the hearing or mailed to Col. Davidson before the hearing is held.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR VISITS HATTERAS AREA

HATTERAS—British Ambassador Sir Harry Caccia toured the Hatteras Island section of Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation area with its superintendent, Robert Gibbs, Friday.

His visit to this Outer Banks Island marked two events when he became the first to arrive at the new Billy Mitchell Airport at Frisco aboard a foreign flag plane, and because he is the most distinguished of many thousands of "birdwatchers" to visit the Pea Island area to take a look at the waterfowl, shore and marsh birds and other feathered creatures that are permanent or temporary residents of the National Wildlife Refuge.

In Norfolk Thursday, Sir Harry addressed a luncheon meeting of the Norfolk-Portsmouth branch of the English-speaking union, warning that "the Communists are using colonialism in an attempt to split the United States from her allies."

"We should see this game for what it is and draw the right conclusions," he said. The United States will not escape the Communist tag of being the 'mainstay of colonialism' by the simple diplomatic expedient of turning away from her allies who still have colonies."

Following his address and luncheon engagement in Norfolk the Ambassador, accompanied by his embassy secretary, P. S. Rankine, flew on to Hatteras aboard a four engine De Havilland Heron of the British Royal Air Force.

It was the first time a four-engine plane of any nation had been seen at Hatteras.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Sixteen year old Charles D. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Evans of Manteo, is one of the outstanding sophomores of Manteo High School. He is vice president of the Science Club, Parliamentarian of the Math Club, president and program chairman of the 4-H Club, president of his class, editor of the prospective school paper, "The Brainstorm", and was class treasurer last year. In addition to his school activities, Charles is a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and sings in the church choir. Next year, he plans to play basketball.

EASTER SEALS CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL LESS THAN \$300

No Response From Almost Half of Appeal Letters; Need For Help Is Great

The present total of funds collected in the Dare County Easter Seal Campaign is \$276.87. This amount is the result of the appeal letters only. There are several coin containers placed in a few business establishments, and there is a Lily Day Sale to take place Saturday, April 1.

There has been a reasonably good response to the appeal letters sent throughout the county, but there are almost half of them which have not been responded to by the contributions asked for, announced Mrs. Hughes Tillet, Jr., chairman of this year's campaign.

The Lily Day Sale, which is to be held Saturday, is being carried on by the Boy Scouts. These boys will be on the street selling the lily pins, for a contribution to help the crippled children and adults of Dare County. Everyone is urged to give generously to bring the total higher so crippling diseases can be fought.

Anyone who did not receive an appeal letter, who wishes to contribute, is asked to call Mrs. Tillet or Mrs. Thomas Biggs at Wanchese. There is a great need for a big response to this call for help.

BETA CLUB SHOW APRIL 4

The Manteo High School Beta Club variety show, which was scheduled for Friday night, has been postponed until Tuesday night, April 4, because of Good Friday services. Among other talent, Miss Holland Westcott's Rhythm Band will participate.

DARE COUNTY'S OLDEST MASTER MARINER IS ILL

Capt. James M. Woodhouse, Veteran of Over Half Century at Sea, Is In Albemarle Hospital

By VICTOR MEEKINS

On the morning of April 14, 1912, while a young seafaring man of Manteo was knotting his brow over the problems entailed in taking the examination in the Norfolk customhouse in hoping of getting his papers whereby he might become a master of sailing ships, came news that the great, new, unsinkable liner Titanic had gone down with terrific loss of life after colliding with an iceberg in the North Atlantic. Capt. James M. Woodhouse, then 25 years old, was successful in getting his captain's papers which was something more highly prized by coastland youngsters in those days than is a college education today. It meant good pay, a station of great importance and responsibility and an easier way of life.

There were few men in our coastland who ever got what is called "unlimited" papers, yet in those days it was not so easy to immediately land a job as master of an ocean-going ship. So it was about six years before Capt. Woodhouse finally became a master on his own and commanded a big ocean freighter. Most men were content to serve as first or even second mate until something turned up, something Capt. Woodhouse was not too proud to do, even taking the place of third mate, or boatswain, to keep his hand in. All the while waiting and hoping for something better to turn up. Older men in line always stood to get the pick of the jobs. The newcomers were happy at the opportunity to take their turn.

For the past few years, Capt. Woodhouse has sailed but little, being content to take it easy at the Fort Raleigh Hotel, which is owned by his half-brothers, the Fearing's. He is a son of the late Col. J. M. Woodhouse, CSA of Currituck County. His young widowed mother, when Capt. Jim was a small boy, married the late beloved Dr. Woodson B. Fearing of Manteo. I am fortunate to have some recollection of Capt. Woodhouse's recollections during our occasional chats in the hotel lobby late of evening, for he was a kind mine of entertainment about boating in earlier days.

It is with regret that many will learn that Capt. Woodhouse has for the past two weeks been in dry-dock, critically ill in the Albemarle Hospital.

There is hardly a place in the world he hasn't visited, and equally entertaining is his knowledge of the ups and downs of working on, or commanding seagoing ships. I recall his recital of many examples in which the special knowledge of a ship's master can profitably come in play against the desires of profit-reckless owners.

For in tance there was the time when Capt. Woodhouse interrupted the loading of a cargo of steel plates in Baltimore during a rain. He could have saved the owners \$75,000. He demanded that the See WOODHOUSE, Page Four

HONOR ROLL FOR SEMESTER FOR MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL



THESE STUDENTS are on the semester honor roll at Manteo High School. In order to be named an honor student, they must attain an average of 86 or over. As a reward for their good work and determination, the students and their parents will be given a banquet in April.

The students are as follows: (left to right) back row: Charles Evans, Johnny Podolski, Terry Beacham, Buddy Boyce, Mike Keller, Jimmy Dough, Miles Davis, Lionel Shannon, Michael Dough, Darrel Midgett, Butch Baum, Teddy DeFebio, Wayne Wescott, Paul Dykstra. Next row: Tommy Toler, Thomas Wolfe, Michael Parker. Next row: Fred Roush, Chris Payne, Sylvia Scarborough, Bonnie Davis, Myrtle Meekins, Mary Faye Rogers, Nancy Lynn Midgett, Susan Washburn, Darlene Hines, Mrs. Stalins, Willene Partridge, Clara Mae Owens, John Etheridge, Robert Wescott. Next row: Carol Harris, Ann Davis, LaVerne Davis, Ozella Etheridge, Betty Ruth Flowers, Babs Wescott, Carol Miller, Rosemary Santerlin, Pam Daniels, Ellen Perry, Dionne Tillet. Next row: Nancy Coles Basnight, Sandra Tillet, Nita Ambrose, Marion York, Nancy Pearl Midgett, Mary Earle, Susan Basnight, Linda King, Alta Midgett, Charlotte Perry, Isabel Krider. First row: Nancy Leatherman, Lois Mann, Betty Kay Daniels, Brenda Daniels, Betty Finn, Wanda Hines, Patsy Midgett, Frances Mann, and Corrine Sanderlin.

DEMOCRATS IN DARE ASKED FOR CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

Solicitation of contributions in Dare County for the Democratic party, is underway this week. County Chairman Walter D. Perry of Kill Devil Hills said the county had been assigned a quota of \$300 in the campaign for the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh this month, and he or other workers would approach all loyal Democrats to give them an opportunity to contribute. The general idea is that those who have long enjoyed the best political jobs in the area would head the list of contributors, and his rule prevails in most counties.

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS FOR NATIONAL SEASHORE

Beautification projects at two National Seashore sites will be underway soon according to an announcement from the office of Superintendent Robert F. Gibbs.

A Norfolk firm, Greenbrier Farms Inc., with a low bid of \$9,470.30 was awarded the contract for grading, planting, seeding and mulching the residence and maintenance areas of the National Seashore on Bodie Island and at Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.

"The work will consist of planting and mulching 1,040 trees and shrubs; and topsoiling, seeding and fertilizing 9,000 square yards," said Superintendent Gibbs, pointing out that this was another Mission 66 project in the development of Hatteras National Seashore.

VICTOR MEEKINS INSTALLED POSTMASTER IN MANTEO

The wheels of politics turn slowly sometimes, and the same opportunities do not usually turn up twice in succession. On Tuesday of this week, Victor Meekins of Manteo was installed acting postmaster of the Manteo office by direction of the Postmaster General dated March 22nd. It was the second time the office had been offered to Meekins, and he said he would not count on luck for a third time. Some 27 years ago, Hon. Lindsay Warren, the congressman offered the postoffice to Meekins, who declined it in favor of Charles R. Evans, in the interest of party harmony. "At that time," says Meekins, "I had been favored with political office and did not wish to see a contest develop."

Meekins, who has been a consistent Democrat, and loyal supporter of both Mr. Warren, and Congressman Bonner, was nominated by Mr. Bonner who was mindful of the circumstances of 27 years ago. When news of the appointment came out, opposition developed among a group of self-named Young Democrats in Dare County, headed by a woman who is the brother-in-law of one of the aspirants to the Postmastership. In protest of his appointment, a petition circulated, getting about 100 names, some of whom said they hadn't read the petition, and others are not bonafide patrons of the office. This was done in the interest of party harmony, they were told. Meekins said he had made no moves to obtain the job, had asked no endorsement, nor asked anyone to write letters in his behalf.

Meekins said he was highly pleased at the confidence tendered by Mr. Bonner, by the many expressions of good-will that had been volunteered him by numerous citizens, and particularly by the fine spirit of cooperation instantly accorded him by Mrs. Ferebee and the efficient staff in the Manteo postoffice. He said many people had expressed regret that he has removed himself from his usual flavorful participation in politics in the future.

Mrs. Josie Jones Ferebee has been serving as acting postmaster during the past year by appointment under the Eisenhower administration. She has been popular with the office staff and efficient. In the life of the Manteo postoffice, it has been headed most of its time by members of the Jones family. Two brothers and a nephew have preceded Mrs. Ferebee as postmasters. Ironically it has been an office of many casualties during the past few years. Postmaster Charles Evans was forced to resign because of physical disabilities; last year Postmaster Ben Shannon died in office. Frank White, clerk, is now in the hospital, but reported improved.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

Three day weather outlook released by the Cape Hatteras weather station:

Temperatures will be a few degrees above normal. The normal high is 65, the low is 50. Mostly cloudy and warm with occasional rain late Friday and Saturday. Fair and cooler Sunday.

GROUP MEETS AIRING IDEAS ON NEEDS OF DARE COASTLAND

Convention Hall at Nags Head, Modern Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Among Many Ideas

During a two day seminar held on Nags Head this week representative citizens of Dare County discussed and made plans for the future development of the area.

A variety of projects ranging from baby sitting services to the construction of a convention hall here on the Dare Beaches, to the revival of citrus growing and improvement of sportfishing facilities and the construction of bridges with immediate improvement in present transportation facilities were included in the discussions.

Revival of the fin and shell fish industries of the area which would help develop mainland communities, highway improvement and beautification of approach roads leading into the area were also included in the planning.

The Seminar was jointly sponsored by Nags Head Chamber of Commerce and the Dare County Board of Commissioners with two State agencies and the Dare County Tourist Bureau represented at the meetings. Robert D. Barbour, head of the division of Community Planning, Department of Conservation and Development and Robert E. Stipe, assistant director, Institute of Government at Chapel Hill, where the state representatives present who participate in the discussions. The seminar was presided over by David Stick, chairman, Dare County Board of Commissioners.

"This seminar has been so successful and well planned, we will use it as a model for similar meetings of county and municipal groups in the future, throughout the State," said Barbour at the final session of the seminar.

Stipe presented an outline and discussion on various phases of county planning and the economic development of areas which adopt such programs.

Groups of six people including a moderator met at different times during the seminar to discuss future plans for the development of the area. Each listed projects discussed and designated whether such projects were to be considered as immediate needs or long range planning.

One of the immediate needs, the group decided was a convention hall which would be combined with a youth recreational center and possibly a shopping center. Possibilities of building such a project and having it ready by 1962 was discussed. It would cost upwards of \$175,000, and would be built cooperatively by the operators of vacation facilities who would buy stock in the enterprise.

The Oregon Inlet bridge, with plans hoped to be included in that project soon to be built was one of the topics and the ocean highway northward from Kitty Hawk to connect with the Chesapeake Bay Tunnel routes were listed as top priority projects.

All present agreed, including the state officials in on the seminar discussions, that Dare County was on the move and looking towards See MEETING, Page Eight

SUNRISE SERVICES TO BE IN WATERSIDE THEATRE

Several churches of the area, their choirs and congregations will participate in Easter Sunrise Services at Waterside Theatre in Fort Raleigh on Sunday morning.

Site for the services was provided through the cooperation of Dare ministers and the National Park Service, and J. Sib Dorton general manager of The Lost Colony.

While all churches of the area have been invited to take part in the services the ministers actively participating will be the Reverends Harold Leatherman, Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, J. W. Carroll, Wanchese; M. J. Davis, Manteo Baptist Church, Joseph Burroughs, St. Andrews by the Sea, (Episcopal), and C. W. Goodwin, Roanoke Island Baptist Church.

The traditional service will begin at 5:30 o'clock and the Sun will rise at 5:48 o'clock. If inclement weather prevails, due to no shelter the services will be cancelled.

HYDE CHURCHES TO HOLD JOINT EASTER SERVICE

The Churches of Hyde County will hold a joint Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday morning at 5:45. The service will be held on Lake Mattamuskeet at the second culvert from the South entrance on the lake road.

A breakfast will be served following the service at the Seranton Christian Church Fellowship Building. The public is cordially invited to attend.