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## ARE BOARD FIRING TAX SUPERVISOR IN DARE CO. JULY 15

Man Who Took on Extra Work  
Without More Pay and Assist-  
ant Got Axe This Week.

Tax Supervisor Pennell A. Tillett was fired this week by the Dare County Board of Commissioners after some eight years in office. During this time he has given faithful service. He is to be relieved July 15. Along with him will go Miss Nancy Tillett of Wanchese, an assistant in his office.

Prior to assuming complete control of the Board, the present chairman David Stick had made no attempts to fire Mr. Tillett, but had failed when other members voted to retain the Tax Supervisor. But Commissioner Fuller has been given a nine thousand dollar jail at Hatteras, to be paid by the rest of the county, and Commissioner Hooper at Stumps has received some greatly devalued projects, they too voted to fire Mr. Tillett. Gray of Avon was present.

The work is to be turned over to an H. Long who will employ an assistant. For nearly two years, Mr. Tillett has taken on the duty which someone else had been paid to collect, but had accumulated in a sure set by auditors at \$100,000. Mr. Tillett has collected about \$75,000 of this money, some of it 12 years old, and without any extra pay. An unusual circumstance in the County where so few do things for free.

Part of the work of the Tax Supervisor's office is to be sent to a company out of the State which works up tax books for a fee. So the county will not be relieved of any expense. It looks like another example like the time they brought in the New Jersey law to value the property, which resulted in so much confusion and dealing for property owners. Mr. Tillett is paying the penalty of not having supported Chairman Stick in his first bid for office, and he has had it in for him ever since. So Dare County affairs are more tightly into a totalitarian government operated as firmly as any other dictatorship, where the officials have completely surrendered to the domination of one man, delighted with power.

## H. DOWDY AWARDED HATTERAS JAIL JOB

H. Dowdy, well-known Manteo contractor, was the low bidder in a sum of \$9,250 this week for construction of a jail at Hatteras, which has become an obsession of Commissioner George Fuller, who has already been described by Hatteras resident as Fuller's fly. This is a project that was held down heavily by the citizens of Hatteras Island, when the issue of the jail at Hatteras and at Manteo was submitted to the voters and defeated about three to one. The county Board had some cash on hand, and being wild to spend it, they put it into a jerry-built job in Manteo without proper safeguards, and the jail still leaks. The contractor went broke, the County accepted a bum job without paying it to be made right, and they continue for repairs and maintenance. It is a job poor in plan, appearance, and in execution. W. A. Johnston of Belhaven offered a bid of \$9,550 on the Hatteras jail project.

## ING MACKEREL SHOW UP IN GREAT NUMBERS, HATTERAS

HATTERAS—Hundreds of king mackerel have been landed by anglers aboard Hatteras based boats this week. The kings showed up in great numbers on the weekend and the size, of schooling size, have ranged from five to 12 pounds. Some of the best catches have been made by parties guided by Capt. Eph O'Neal, and practically all of the catches have been made in the vicinity of Hatteras Inlet, from waters of Raleigh Bay and Hatteras right close offshore. Fresh and Spanish Mackerel have also been a good bet for anglers fishing Hatteras waters this week.

## ESSINGER TO RETIRE AS NAGS HEAD POSTMASTER

R. Roy Kessinger, after some 12 years as Postmaster at Nags Head, is planning to retire from the service this month. He celebrated a birthday on May 27. Already, several citizens are seeking support for this job. The postoffice is operated in a building owned by Mr. Kessinger, who is a prominent fish merchant, and a veteran World War I.

## WILL REPRESENT TYRRELL AT GIRLS STATE IN GREENSBORO



MISS MARY RUTH WOODLEY, MISS DANA DAVENPORT AND MISS SHARON K. BERRY will represent Tyrrell County at the 21st annual Girls State at WCUNC, Greensboro. These girls are sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Scuppernon Post No. 182. Miss Nancy Hassell was also chosen for this honor, but is unable to attend.

Girls are chosen from the rising senior class with five qualifications: mentally alert and physically fit; enthusiastic and cooperative; honest and dependable; capable of developing qualities of leadership and aware of opportunities in Girls' State, and personally concerned to improve the ability of their citizenship.

## HONORED ON BIRTHDAY



M. C. MITCHELL, Manteo's Chief of Police was honored last Friday evening with a dinner at Walker's Diner, the occasion being his 65th birthday, and the hostesses were Mrs. Mitchell and their daughter, Mrs. Doris Walker.

Red roses, Mr. Mitchell's favorite flower, were used as decoration and the white birthday cake was topped with large red sugar roses. A three-course dinner was served. The grace was said by the Mitchell's granddaughter, Erlene Walker. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Walker's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lloyd Walker of Jacksonville her son and daughter, Carl and Erlene Walker; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Midgett; Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Midgett; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Cannady; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sears; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lee Mann, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Midgett; Woodie Fearing; Mrs. Juanita Parker; Martin Kellogg, Jr.; Donnie Twyne; Frank Cahoon and Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Meekins.

## MANY EASTERN N. C. TOWNS GETTING NEW POSTOFFICES

Some 15 new postoffice buildings are scheduled for the northeastern North Carolina area, some of them already completed, some under construction and others in the planning stage according to Postal Inspector J. T. Johnson of Asheville. Hatteras is among the list of prospects; a survey now being underway to provide a new building. A modern building has just been built at Kitty Hawk, but is not yet in commission. A project at Manteo seems to have fallen by the wayside following a petition by a number of citizens to continue the postal service from the present building, built some 20 years ago.

A new building is to be dedicated at Winton on Saturday. Other towns on the list approved for new postoffices are Littleton, Halifax, Murfreesboro, Hobgood, C-Swell, Shawboro, Roxobel, Aulander, Gatesville, Colerain, Como, Lewiston, Hertford, Fairfield, Scotland Neck and Nags Head.

## UNIQUE DESIGN EXECUTED IN CONSTRUCTION OF VIVIANNA



THE VIVIANNA MOTEL, recently completed under the direction of Robert O. Ballance, adds a distinctive new look to motel accommodations at Nags Head. The building is of gray stone construction and has a roof over each unit; is air-conditioned and heated for year-around use.

## VIVIANNA MOTEL FORMAL OPENING SET FOR SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Parker Hosts  
at Public Showing 4 to  
6 P. M.

The fascination of the Dare coastal area has again lured a Virginia couple who for several years spent their holidays here, to invest in business and become residents. Mr. and Mrs. Horace F. Parker, who previously lived in Portsmouth and operated a wholesale distributing business, are formally opening their Vivianna Motel this week, and on Sunday will be hosts at a showing of this new facility. An invitation is extended to all interested to call between the hours of 4 and 6 p. m.

The Vivianna is located on the ocean front between the 16th and 17th mile-post. Built of gray stone basically, it features "A" roofs over each unit, spacious porches overlooking both the east and west. All units are efficiencies, with two double beds, carpeted floors, ceramic tile baths, and the motel is completely air-conditioned and heated. A glass-front lounge and office combination is located in the center of the building where television and other relaxation conveniences are provided. Mr. and Mrs. Parker make their home in a spacious apartment above the office.

Robert O. Ballance of Manteo, general contractor, and many other suppliers, this week are extending congratulations to the Parkers through our columns, and are looking forward to the showing this week end.

While the motel has not been officially open, the management has found itself quite busy for the past two weeks taking care of guests, and even had one request for a year's rental for one unit. Mr. Parker, who is an ardent fisherman, has had to dispense with some of this sport for the present.

## AVON BOY JOINS THE "VOICE OF AMERICA" SHIP



ENGINEMAN JOHN O'NEAL, 27, of Avon, left for New York, on the first leg of his journey to join the crew of the Ship, "Currier" the Voice of America Ship, planning to leave N. Y. for Greece Friday of this week.

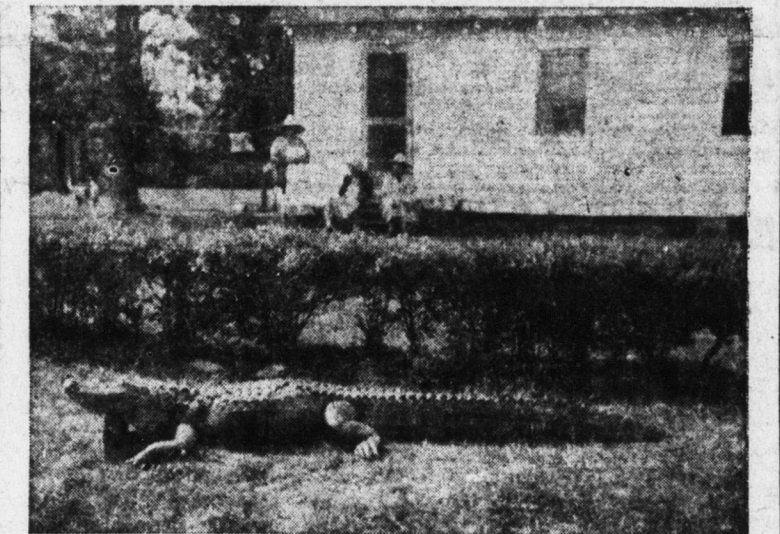
Mr. O'Neal is married to the former Olive Gray also of Avon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Neal, and is highly regarded by his homefolk's.

## COBIA FROM PIER, BLUES WHITING AND TROUT

NAGS HEAD.—A 15 pound cobia was caught by an angler fishing from Jennette's Pier here at Nags Head on Tuesday. It was the first cobia to be taken from a Dare Beaches Ocean Pier so far this season. Name of the angler was not immediately available.

Other anglers fishing the ocean piers from Kitty Hawk to Rodanthe and along the beaches of Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head have been bringing in plenty of nice blue whiting, trout and occasionally flounder.

## LARGE ALLIGATOR KILLED IN TYRRELL COUNTY



COLUMBIA — A seven foot seven inch Alligator estimated to weigh 150 lbs. was killed in the Sound Side Community, about five miles north of here Sunday, May 28.

The gator was spied in a canal known as the Avenue Canal, which opens to the Albemarle Sound, about one mile inland, by J. T. Brickhouse, Driver for the Trailway Bus Co., whose home is adjacent to the canal.

Using a 30-30 rifle, Brickhouse shot the animal, which immediately dove into the mud. Assisted by Grover Liverman, Brickhouse managed to pull him to the surface Thursday.

This is the first known Alligator reported seen or killed inland in the Tyrrell County area, and the first recalled by local fishermen to have invaded the Albemarle Sound.

## DUKE STUDENT AND WIFE TO ASSIST DARE CHARGE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leverenz will spend ten weeks working with the pastor of the Dare Charge at Stumps Point, Manns Harbor and East Lake conducting Vacation Bible School and working primarily with the children and youth groups.

Mr. Leverenz is a native of Kingston, New York, a graduate of Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa and has just completed his second year at Duke Divinity School. While at Morningside, Mr. Leverenz was a member of The Melodiers Quartet, singing in various cities throughout the Midwest. He also spent several months in a "Work" camp in Germany, under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee.

Mrs. Leverenz is also a graduate of Morningside College and is at the present time employed as Secretary of Duke Memorial Church at Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Leverenz will reside at the parsonage at Stumps Point during their stay here.

## COMMITTEE TO BE NAMED FOR HURRICANE WARNINGS

A Hurricane Warnings Coordination meeting held Wednesday in the court house in Manteo resulted in plans to establish a committee for Dare County, probably under the Civil Defense organization, which is headed in Dare by Sheriff Frank Cahoon.

The meeting was one in a series being conducted along the Eastern Seaboard by the U. S. Weather Bureau in Washington, D. C.

R. C. Schmidt of the Washington office and Gordon Dunn of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Fla., were present to discuss plans with approximately 40 people who attended. Col. Harry E. Brown, director of the Department of Water Resources in Raleigh, and former director of hurricane rehabilitation, attended. A number of others from Dare County and Pasquotank counties were there, as well as several members of the N. C. Highway Patrol and other U. S. Weather Bureau officials.

## ROANOKE ISLAND BAPTISTS TO HAVE REVIVAL JUNE 12-18

Revival services will be conducted at the Roanoke Island Baptist Church June 12 through 18. Services will begin at 8:00 P. M. Ralph W. Knight, Jr., pastor of the Wilmont Baptist Church, Charlotte, will be the visiting speaker. It is hoped to have these churches render music for the meeting.

## FORT RALEIGH LAND PROJECT MOVES FAVORABLY.

N. C. Would Add \$125,000 to  
Fund for Enlargement and  
Improvement of Histori-  
cal Area

The long planned objective of Director Conrad Wirth of the National Park Service to give more worthy recognition to Fort Raleigh as a great National Shrine, appears nearer with legislation underway in Raleigh for a state appropriation of \$125,000 to aid in a quarter million dollar project for development and improvement of the property. More land is to be purchased. The bill, which has wide support is solidly backed by Reps. Fearing of Dare, Griggs of Currituck, Cohoon of Tyrrell and Lup-ton of Hyde, and Senators P. D. Midgett Jr., Lindsay Warren and others.

The bill will help pay for 125 additional acres of land.

The National Park Service now owns Fort Raleigh, which for years had languished under private ownership. Many improvements have been made. The project is administered and protected by NPS and widely advertised whereby many thousands of tourists are attracted annually.

Meanwhile, in other quarters plans are shaping up for further recognition of this historic spot where the First English settled in the New World. Prospects are that private donors will contribute a matching to that provided by the State.

## CAROLINA TELEPHONE GIVES LARGER ENGELHARD SERVICE

Carolina Telephone Company construction forces have completed work on a project which has provided additional facilities to Nebraska and vicinity South of Engelhard, North Carolina. Upon completion of this project some 20 applications received new service and several others received primary grades of telephone service.

This disclosed by K. C. Wilkinson, local manager at Belhaven, who stated the accomplishment of this project involved placing approximately 12.4 miles of buried cable at an estimated expenditure of \$29,569.

This project in Engelhard is one of many that have been constructed by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company to provide up to date service in its operating territory.

## COOLISH MAY WEATHER CUT TRAVEL ON COAST

Cool weather in May cut into Cape Hatteras National Seashore travel, as compared to the same month last year, but two other National Park Services installations in Dare showed an increase during the month.

The 42,539 visitors counted at the National Seashore was 20.5 percent less than May 1960.

National Park Service officials attribute the decrease the temperature from day to day which averaged 5.6 degrees below normal during the month. Other travel officials believe that the 45 minute ferry trip across Oregon Inlet, as compared to about 20 minutes last year, may have also reduced visitation to the National Seashore.

Both Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and its museum, and the Wright Brothers National Memorial, which also has a museum reported increases this year in May as compared to 1960.

With 4,532 visitors counted, the calendar year total to date for Fort Raleigh increased to 14,855—an increase of 11 percent.

In May last year 16,510 persons visited Wright Brothers National Memorial as compared to 17,651 during the same month in 1961.

Coolish May weather also cut into the business of vacation operators, but all sportsfishing, the biggest late spring attraction on the Dare Coast-Outer Banks, has been up to par and better except for channel bass catches.

## FORMER MANTEO MAN TRAINS IN ELECTRONICS

"Ernest E. Meekins, Jr., -22 West 9th St., Port Angeles, Wash., recently completed an intermediate course in radio and communication electronics from Cleveland Institute of Electronics.

He passed an examination conducted by the Federal Communications Commission and now holds a Commercial First Class License. The Cleveland Institute of Electronics, located in Cleveland, Ohio, has been training men in intermediate and advanced radio-television-electronics for more than a quarter of a century.

Mr. Meekins is a native of Manteo.