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## DEDICATION JULY 19 OF KITTY HAWK'S NEW POSTOFFICE

Was Established 83 Years Ago;  
Three Tates and Three Baums  
Have Held Postmastership.

Kitty Hawk's new post office will be dedicated at 3:00 p.m. on July 19, 1961, Postmaster Kathryn L. Perry announced yesterday. The new facility, located in Kitty Hawk village, is part of the Post Office department's unique commercial leasing plan, she explained. Under this program, investment financing is used to obtain needed facilities which remain under private ownership, pay local taxes and are leased to the Federal Government. (A plan to give Manteo an improved postoffice was defeated three years ago, when public spirited citizens filed a petition opposing it).

At the same time, the need for large outlays of money from the Federal Treasury for construction purposes is eliminated.

The new local post office, incidentally, is part of a program of accelerated postal construction and modernization ordered by President Kennedy, to stimulate the nation's economy and to assist Postmaster General J. Edward Day in his programs to provide the nation with the finest postal service in its history. Mrs. Perry pointed out that it was built under lease by M. K. Coaring of Manteo. This program of new post office status of which the local post office is a part—together with modernization of existing postal facilities over the nation will provide about \$270,000,000 for new construction for the country to be started in the approximate 9-month period between Feb. 15 and Dec. 31, 1961. Included in the program will be more than 2,000 new post offices. Meanwhile, for the local postal dedication, the postmaster announced that Hon. J. Jack Williams, Field Services Officer, will be present. Congressman Herbert C. Bonner is expected to take part in the ceremony.

"Our patrons will derive more enjoyment from doing business here, their mail will be handled more efficiently and this building and its up-to-date equipment will enable our postal employees to work under the best conditions," the Postmaster commented.

"The new facility, she added, will be a link with a postal system that today has over 35,000 post offices. This system serves more than 13 million persons and handles over two-thirds of the world's mail. Over 560,000 postal employees are handling about 65 billion pieces of mail a year, including over a billion parcels," the Postmaster added.

"National population increases will add nearly 3,000,000 people to our population in the next 12 months, with about one and a half million marriages and the establishment of 663,000 new households. His will be reflected in increasing demands for more postal services."

The Kitty Hawk Post Office was established on November 11, 1878 and was located on the water at the head of Kitty Hawk Bay. The location of the Post Office has changed about four times since then, but has always remained in the village. Following is a list of the postmasters who held office here and their dates of their appointments: Ira. Sophia D. Tate November 11, 1878; Joseph M. Baum November 2, 1879; William J. Tate January 2, 1892; Addie M. Tate February 3, 1898; Elijah W. Baum January 10, 1914; Hettie M. Baum (Acting) February 14, 1929; (Permanent) June 7, 1929; Kathryn H. Perry (Acting) January 1, 1954. (Permanent) March 24, 1955.

**I. EASTERN STAR  
SPONSORING RUMMAGE  
SALE ON SATURDAY**

The Roanoke Island Chapter 79 of the Eastern Star will conduct rummage sale Saturday morning, July 15. The group will sell their goods in a tent located in front of the Manteo Amusement Center on county Street.

On sale will be clothing for men, women and children. The group has announced a particularly wide selection of children's clothing. In addition to clothing an assortment of small household utensils will be available.

Proceeds from the sale will go to a general fund which contributes to state and national welfare projects.

A spokesman for the local Eastern Star chapter has commented, "There will be bargains galore for men and all. Buyers will find all sizes, colors and materials from which to select. We hope many of the local citizens will benefit themselves and others by purchasing bargains during this sale."

## THREE ROANOKE ISLANDERS SING IN THE LOST COLONY CHOIR



SHOWN HERE ARE THREE RESIDENTS OF MANTEO who are singing in the Choir in Paul Green's symphonic outdoor drama, THE LOST COLONY, now in its twenty-first season in the Waterside Theatre. Reading from left to right are Mary Jolliff, Helen Baum, and John H. Long.

## GRADY H. GASKILL NEW PRINCIPAL OF MANTEO ELEM. SCH.

Grady Hart Gaskill, a Dare County native, will take over his duties as new principal of Manteo Elementary School in September to replace former principal Clarence Butler.

Butler, who held the post for the past two years, becomes principal of Manteo High School this year filling a vacancy left by Allison A. White who died recently.

Gaskill, the new elementary school principal, attended Manteo High School and received his B. S. and M. A. degrees from East Carolina College.

Formerly he has taught in Alamance School in Guilford County, served as principal of Plain View High School and has served as Principal of Plain View Elementary School in Sampson County.

Gaskill, originally from Wanchese, commented this week, "I wanted to come home again, so where I had an opportunity to come here I accepted."

Gaskill stated that he has no "radical changes" in mind as he takes over the 463 student school this year, but that he will "certainly take the necessary steps to see that the school is operated as effectively as possible."

Presently he resides with his wife, the former Ada Draughon of Plain View, in a cottage at Bodie Island. The Gaskills have two children, Bridgett, 7, and Kyle, 10. See GASKILL, Page Four

## BRIGGS VISITING ON COAST; ENJOYING FISHING

Charles Briggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Briggs of Kill Devil Hills, has along with his wife, been visiting on the Dare Coast the past several days, and enjoying the pleasures of the area. Briggs has enjoyed a rise in fame during the past three years residence in Hollywood, and during this period has played in an average of some 20 or more television or movies a year.

For several years he was a member of the Lost Colony cast. During his stay in the area, he was entertained on a Gulf Stream fishing trip with Capt. Thomas (Buddy) Cannady of Wanchese, a school classmate, on the cruiser Mel-O-Dee; on this trip also were his father, and uncle Raymond G. Scoggins of Pittsburgh, Pa. The catch was reported as plentiful—53 big bluefish, four dolphin and seven bluefin tuna ranging up to 65 pounds weight.

Merrill Evans of Ahoskie, a former Board member is the Chairman.

**PIER FISHING UP TO PAR**

**NAGS HEAD.**—Ocean pier fishing between Kitty Hawk and Hatteras has been up to par or better for the first of July.

All piers report excellent catches of fish when the tides are right. The catches include sea mullet, trout, occasional blues, croaker and perch.

## WEEKEND WEATHER

Temperatures will be near normal but show a slow warming trend over the weekend. Normal high temperatures 83 and low temperature 74. Scattered rain showers are indicated Friday with generally fair weather Saturday and Sunday. Winds light to moderate southerly. Fishing weather good.

## ALLOCATIONS OF ROAD FUNDS MADE; NEW COMMISSION

New 18-Man Highway Commission Installed Tuesday; Sanford Outlines Challenge

Allocations of Secondary road funds for several counties of the area have been made by the new Highway Commission, sworn in this week in Raleigh. John Gilliam Wood of Edenton is the Commissioner from the Northeast, and the following counties, their unimproved road mileage and funds allocated on the basis of two thousand dollars per mile are listed. Actually, there won't be enough to go far in the coming year. It may be noted that Dare County's secondary road money during the past four years has all been expended in Hatteras Island and Atlantic Township.

Dare is shown with the smallest number of unpaved miles, and only enough money to do less than four miles.

Another popular citizen appointed on the Highway commission is Graham Elliot, Washington, N. C. automobile dealer and political leader. Counties under this jurisdiction, mileage and allocations are listed as follows:

County	Unpaved Mileage	Funds Allotted
Bertie	253.5	\$50,700
Camden	76.7	15,340
Chowan	69.9	13,980
Crittucket	83.9	16,580
Dare	39.3	7,860
Gates	154.8	30,960
Hertford	159.5	31,900
N. Hampton	170.2	34,040
Perquimans	120.5	24,100

Other members of the new commission are D. G. Bell of Carteret; Duncan M. Faircloth of Brunswick; Worth Joyner of Edgecombe; Tom McLean of Robeson; Clifton Benson of Durham; W. E. Horner of Chatham; Elsie Webb of Hoke; James G. W. MacClamrock of Alamance; Jimmy Glenn of Davidson; Paul Younts of Anson; Watson Brame of Alleghany; Clint Newton of Cleveland; Jack Kirsey of Avery; Yates Bennett of Buncombe and Ted Jordan of Cherokee. In all there are 18 members on the new Board.

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## DR. W. T. RALPH OF BELHAVEN MADE DIST. ROTARY GOV.

WASHINGTON. — Dr. William T. Ralph, Belhaven dentist, was officially inducted into office as governor of District 773 of Rotary International in an inter-city meeting of Washington and Belhaven-Pantego Rotary Clubs held here Thursday evening.

Dr. Ralph was elected district governor at the Rotary International convention in Tokyo, Japan, early in June, and succeeds J. Bruce Eure, attorney, of air Bluff and Whiteville.

Retiring Governor Eure presented the governor's emblem to Dr. Ralph, and a past governor's emblem was presented to Eure by Past District Governors Charles L. McCullers of Kinston and Dr. Maynard O. Fletcher of Washington.

An address by Edmund H. Harding, highlighting Rotary experiences of the quarter of a century since he began his service as Rotary district governor, was interspersed with many humorous and anecdotal sequences. Harding was introduced by Carl Goerch of Raleigh, a former president of the Washington Rotary Club. Dr. Zeno L. Edwards, Sr., of Washington, presented Goerch, now retired publisher and editor.

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## KILL DEVIL HILLS 1961-62 BUDGET IS RAISED TO \$42,345

Garbage Collection Included for First Time in Town Expense

The Kill Devil Hills Town Board of Commissioners will meet July 25 to take action on a \$42,345.00 budget which is proposed for the coming year. The budget is as follows:

TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS, NORTH CAROLINA  
PROPOSED BUDGET 1961-1962

Estimated expenditures:	
General Fund:	
General expenses	\$ 7,800.00
Sanitation Department	13,000.00
Police Department	8,575.00
Fire Department	2,500.00
Street Department	1,300.00
Powell Bill Fund	9,170.00
Total estimated expenditures	\$42,345.00

Estimated Revenue:	
General Fund:	
Ad valorem tax	\$28,920.00
Other revenue	4,255.00
Powell Bill Fund	9,170.00
Total estimated revenue	\$42,345.00

A complete breakdown of this budget is on file with the Town Clerk in the Town Hall, Kill Devil Hills.

Much of the budget's increase over last year is due to an amount set aside to purchase a new type garbage collection truck for the town. Garbage collection by the new truck began July first.

According to a city hall spokesman the town's garbage collection schedule will be daily for the summer as it is in other areas of the beach. Most of the garbage collection on the beach is done by the County under a new tax levy made recently.

In order to collect the total Kill Devil Hills proposed budget, the town expects to levy taxes at a rate of fifty five cents per \$100 property valuation. All revenue in the town comes from property taxes except for an amount from the Powell Bill Fund.

Those from Columbia and Creswell attending the oath taking in Raleigh were: Mr. and Mrs. James C. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chas. Cohoon, Miss Pat Cohoon, Mrs. C. Earl Cohoon, Mr. and Mrs. Milton L. Basnight, Mrs. Charlie M. Brickhouse of Raleigh, formerly of Tyrrell, Mrs. Joseph G. Brickhouse, and Ronald Pritchett of Creswell. Former residents of Creswell there: Mrs. Elizabeth (Phelps) of Raleigh, Mrs. Carrie Mae (Holmes) Brock and daughter Ruth of Richlands.

Walker, a Democrat and active campaign manager for Governor Sanford, and ardent supporter of his program, is a foremost citizen of Tyrrell County. He is the immediate past-president of the Columbia Rotary Club; a past-commander of Suppermong Post No. 182 of the American Legion; member of the Ruritan Club of Creswell, and Tyrrell County Farm Bureau. Through still a member of Graham N. C. Presbyterian Church, his church activities here are centered in the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

A veteran of War II, he volunteered in the U. S. Navy, and served as pharmacist mate on independent duty in the South Pacific. He was awarded several campaign ribbons, citations and battle stars. Under Civil Service, he was Embalmer supervisor for the Federal Government following World War II.

A native of Graham in Alamance County, he was born July 21, 1911, to the late H. Currie and Hattie Richmond Walker. He graduated from Graham High School in 1931; attended Elon College; graduated from Gupton - Jones embalming College, Nashville, Tenn. in 1934, and passed embalming and funeral directors examination of North Carolina. He is now a licensed and operating funeral director and embalmer, and own and operates the Northeastern Mutual Burial Ass-

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The two became lost in the marsh but later found their way to Deep Creek. They followed it until they could see automobiles passing on the highway. Then the two men started to swim across the creek. Criss drowned in the attempt.

His body was recovered by the Coast Guard at approximately 10:45 the next morning.

Criss was married and the father of three children. Formerly he had lived in Williamston, N. C.

## WALKER'S HARD WORK FOR SANFORD REWARDED



CURRIE EDWIN (JAKE) WALKER, owner and operator of Walker Funeral Home in Columbia and Tyrrell County corner for the past ten years, and with 30 years experience in burial insurance has been appointed North Carolina Burial Commissioner, Commanding a salary of \$9,600. per year for four years, by Governor Terry Sanford.

Mr. Walker was sworn in as North Carolina Burial Commissioner Tuesday, July 11, at 11 a.m. in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol. A group of about 100 was present to watch the Oath of Office administered by Associate Justice E. B. Denney. He was presented by Governor Terry Sanford.

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## LOW BIDDERS ON NEW HATTERAS C. G. STATION

Manteo Firm Expected to Build New Facility for \$303,794 Near Inlet

Kellogg-Cuthrell, Inc., of Manteo, N. C. was apparent low bidder Tuesday on construction of a Hatteras Inlet lifeboat station, the Coast Guard announced.

The firm submitted a bid of \$303,794. Next lowest of six bids submitted was \$371,136 by Hunt Contracting Co. of Norfolk.

If the bids are accepted, a contract will be awarded within 10 days, the Coast Guard said.

The contract will provide for construction of a two-story station dwelling, equipment building, lookout tower, and a watch house on the southern tip of Cape Hatteras Island.

A temporary woodframe station, built in 1954, now serves the area. It is also located on the southern tip of the island and will probably be abandoned when the new station is completed. The present station was built after the Coast Guard facility on the northern tip of Ocracoke Island was washed away by a storm some years ago.

The new station will be the second constructed in the 5th Coast Guard District in recent years. In April 1959, Little Machipongo station on the Eastern Shore was completed.

Facilities to serve the new Hatteras station have already been completed. They include dredging, a boat basin bulkhead, piers, boat hoist, and fuel storage tanks.

Work on the new station is expected to start in 30 days.

## TOURIST BUSINESS CONTINUES ON TOP IN DARE COUNTY

Ferry Traffic at Capacity; Many Notable Guests Visiting on Beach

Following a fourth of July "business boom" the Dare beach area continues to team with, fishermen, campers, sun - worshippers, and tourist this week with no apparent indication of an "after holiday" business slump.

One motel operator on the beach commented Tuesday, "Business is perfect. Things couldn't be better for me. We've been full for two weeks and we are still full. I have to turn a lot of people away each day." Another beach business man said, "The restaurant has been full for every meal. We can hardly feed them all at suppertime, but I couldn't be happier."

The state operated free ferrys across Oregon Inlet are continuing to operate at full capacity and reports from the Mission 66 camping grounds indicate that the campers are still overflowing the facilities.

Up and down the beach a colorful array of license plates tells a tale of visitors from many places. Vermont, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Ontario, Canada, South Carolina, and, yes, even Virginia Beach tags have shown up along with many others on the beach.

From Washington, D. C. this week came a party of dignitaries hunting a retreat from the nation's capitol. Included in the party at the Carolinian were such notables as Congressman Herbert Bonner, Congressman Benjamin O'Neal, Congressman Thor Tollefson, Congressman William Maililand. In the same party were Mr. T. P. Bartle, Vice-President of Lykes Brothers Steam Ship Company, Vice Admiral Roy Gano, and Vice Admiral Jason Hirshfield.

Among tobaccoists taking a pause at the beach before North Carolina's golden crop is harvested in a flurry of activity this fall was Mr. W. I. Bissette from the tobacco belt in eastern North Carolina.

The state Highway Patrol has added two extra men to its Dare County force for the summer to help handle the heavy traffic, the Nags Head Post Office and many of the Dare beach businesses have extra time workers to help meet the demands of the heavy trade.

**ROGER BELL SERVES WITH  
INFORMATION CTR. SCHOOL**

**BRUNSWICK, GA. (FHTNC)** — A Manteo, naval reserve officer is serving at the Naval Combat Information Center School, Brunswick, Ga.

He is Lt. (jg) Roger Q. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Q. Bell of Manteo.

The school trains officers and enlisted men of the Navy in the use of airborne and shipboard radar for our nation's early warning defense system.

Lt. (jg) Bell entered the naval service in March 1956.

## DISTINGUISHED BELHAVEN CITIZEN HONORED IN WASHINGTON



PRESENTED PIN — J. Bruce Eure of Fair Bluff is shown pinning the District Governor's Rotary pin on Dr. W. T. Ralph of Belhaven at the inter-city meeting of the Belhaven-Pantego and Washington Rotary clubs in Washington last week. Looking on are Leon Thompson, president of the Washington club, who presided at the meeting, and Edmund Harding of Washington who was the main speaker.

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