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DARE TAXPAYERS WALLOPED HARD BY HIGHER RATES

Big Jump in 1961 Taxes As Board Continues to Increase Expense; No Notice Given of Increase.

Dare County taxpayers on receiving their 1961 tax notices some three months late this week, got a severe wallop in greatly increased tax rates the result of extravagant spending by their county board during the past year, and which condition shows no signs of letting up. Taxpayers got increases ranging from 25 to 33 per cent. On Roanoke Island, the rate has jumped from \$1 to a total of 1.36, while on Hatteras Island the rate as jumped from 80 cents to \$1.00.

While some \$15,000 a year is being spent to attract newcomers to invest their money in Dare County, and whose expenditures provide employment and income to tradespeople and workers, the newcomers are finding themselves gouged unreasonably, as the great increase in taxes they bring to Dare County is being extravagantly spent, with some persons being constantly added to the public payroll with efficiency and economy words that are lost sight of.

This week, the County Board approved employing Thos. H. Briggs, operator of the Croatan Hotel at Kitty Hawk, as a tax collector, for which he is to receive ten per cent of amounts collected. The total levy is about a quarter million dollars. His job in addition to \$31,240 a year to run the Sheriff's office, which is charged with collection of taxes, although several employees of his department never have been used to help collect taxes. The board also approved of an assistant to John H. Long, County manager, whose office already is budgeted at \$1,140 a year. The Commissioners plan to spend more than a half million dollars during the current fiscal year in the operation of Dare County.

At the rate of spending, and employing new job holders, it looks like another year will require a big jump again. This week, the board approved a new expenditure of to exceed \$900 to build a cism for the new \$9,000 jail recently built at Hatteras.

The tax notices which arrived so late, were prepared by an out of town concern at a reported cost of \$2,400 whereas the estimated cost of doing the job at home as usual should have been about \$700. Taxpayers did not have an opportunity to take advantage of the discounts due them, because the notices were not mailed in time. Notices should have been mailed in September.

Taxpayers had no advance notice of the new rates, the Board having failed to publish a uniform annual budget estimate in the summer as provided by law, whereby all interested persons might have an opportunity to know what the budget is and what their officials planned to do with their money.

BIG CHANNEL BASS RUN HITS OUTER BANKS SURF

By AYCOCK BROWN

One of the greatest runs of big channel bass ever to hit the Outer Banks surf has been underway since November 1.

From Nags Head southward to croakee the big bronze back fighters have been providing sport for hundreds of anglers daily and the range in weather after several halcyon days did not curtail the phenomenal catches.

As a matter of fact it was not until the northeast set in late Tuesday that channel bass catches were reported from the Nags Head area. A less than 24 hours after the first was taken at Jennette's Pier, more than 40, ranging in size from 5 to 55 pounds, were caught.

The total catch of channel bass along the Nags Head surf and from Jennette's Pier was small in comparison to hundreds taken earlier during calm and warm weather from November 1 through the tenth. Surf fishing was good from the Chicamacomico Ocean Pier to Rodanthe-Waves southward to the inlet.

Reel hot-spots for the surfers are at the ocean pier at Rodanthe-Waves, in a slough just south of it, at several sloughs north of it, and in the Cape Point and Maxton-area, and also from Frisco to the Inlet.

Through Wednesday the largest channel bass reported was a 61 1/2 pounder landed by Burgess Hooper of South Norfolk near Salvo and a 60 pounder, one by a woman and another by a man angler near Buxton on the Cape. All who shared agreed that it was one of the greatest channel bass runs ever known on Hatteras Island.

ENGELHARD MAN IS ASSIGNED TO CONNALLY AFB



Second Lieutenant Jerry W. Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Spencer of Engelhard, has been assigned to James Connally AFB in Waco, Texas for undergraduate navigator training.

A 1956 graduate of Engelhard High School, Lt. Spencer received his commission in the Air Force upon completion of the Officer Candidate School at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Students in the navigator program receive basic, radar and celestial navigation training in T-29 aircraft, the Air Force "flying classroom." After their 35-week training period at James Connally AFB, the officers are assigned to Air Force installations throughout the world, serving with Strategic Air Command or Military Air Transport Service units.

James Connally, an Air Training Command base, trains personnel for America's expanding aerospace force of aircraft and missiles.

TURKEY DINNER NOV. 16

A turkey dinner will be sold by members of the WSCS of Mount Olivet Methodist Church of Manteo in the Manteo High School cafeteria on Thursday, November 16, beginning at 5:30. Plates will be \$1.00 each for adults, 50c each for children under 12. Plates can also be ordered and taken out. The public is invited.

WANCHESE COMMUNITY BLDG. ELECTION IS POSTPONED

Several citizens of the community of Wanchese have organized to maintain a community center, having sometime ago acquired the former school property, and on which several people have donated considerable labor in making improvements. Plans had been made to vote in Tuesday's election on a proposal to levy a small tax to maintain the building, but due to overlooking a technicality in making proper announcement of the election it was found necessary to postpone voting until a later date. Thirty days notice must be given by due advertisement before such election can be held. James W. Davis, is chairman of the community building Board of Trustees, and the citizens on this committee have shown a commendable spirit which should be of value to the community.

VISITORS CAN NOW TOUR N. C. BATTLESHIP

The Battleship North Carolina, super-dreadnaught veteran of 40 months in the Pacific during World War II, is the newest all-year visitor attraction at the historic port city of Wilmington, North Carolina. Saved from scrapping by North Carolinians who raised funds to bring their State's namesake home for preservation as a permanent war memorial, the 35,000 ton U.S.S. North Carolina is moored on the Cape Fear River at a site opposite the Wilmington waterfront and adjacent to U.S. Highways 76, 74 and 17. Visitors may go aboard between 8 a.m. and sundown, daily and Sundays.

Initially the top decks, fully armored, are accessible to sightseers. Preparation of additional areas of the ship for public inspection is proceeding. A 500-car parking area is under construction at the site.

At the time of her commissioning on April 9, 1941, and for many years afterward, the U. S. S. North Carolina was the greatest set weapon ever built by the United States. Between August, 1942, and August, 1945, she earned 12 battle stars in naval engagements from Guadalcanal to Tokyo. She was decommissioned in 1947.

Acquired by the State of North Carolina on September 6 of this year, the ship was towed to Wilmington from Bayonne, N.J. She was moored at Wilmington on October 2, and opened to visitors October 14.

HIGHWAY SPEED CAUSES DEATH OF AVON GIRL OF 15

Miss Linda Scarborough Dies In Collision On Hatteras Highway Saturday Afternoon.

A 15 year old girl was killed and two men were injured Saturday when their cars collided a mile north of Avon at 5 p.m. Saturday. State police called the Coast Guard who sent a helicopter from Elizabeth City to take the injured to Albemarle Hospital.

Killed was Linda Kaye Scarborough, 15, a high school student, daughter of Dewey H. and Edith Meekins Scarborough. Police said she was pronounced dead at the scene shortly before 5 p.m. She was riding with Bradford Midgett, 17.

Injured was William Shoemaker, 24, a Coast Guardsman stationed at Hatteras Life Boat Station at Hatteras. He was hospitalized with broken ribs, multiple external injuries.

Also injured was Bradford Midgett, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Midgett, of Buxton. He was admitted to the hospital with internal injuries.

State Patrolman D. S. Skiles said witnesses told him Shoemaker was headed south at high speed, pulled out to pass a car and struck Midgett's car.

The first passing motorist, Thomas B. Gray of Virginia Beach, Va., said by the time he had gotten the Scarborough girl out of the wreck she was dead. Officer Skiles said Shoemaker's car skidded 217 feet before the crash and traveled another 120 feet afterward.

Besides her parents Linda is survived by two sisters Joan, and Cathy of the home. Her maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Branch Meekins; her paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Dewey H. Scarborough.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Assembly of God Church with the pastor Rev. Henry Wright officiating assisted by Rev. M. L. Johnson Jr., pastor of the Avon Methodist Church.

The Choir consisting of members from both Church Choirs, accompanied by Mrs. Ervin Gray, sang Jesus Lover of My Soul and I Need Thee Every Hour. Mary Virginia serving as pallbearers were members of her class at school: Guy Padgett, Lawrence Woods, Donnie Gray, Seymour Gray, Maurice Quiddle and Elton Miller. All members of her class attended in a body.

The casket pall was of red and white carnations. There were many floral offerings.

Interment was in the family plot, Virginia Tolson of Buxton sang There's Room at the Cross.

LOST COLONY'S "AGONA" HONORED IN CHAPEL HILL

Mrs. Cora Mae Basnight of Manteo, who plays the role of Agona in The Lost Colony each summer, was honored with a surprise lunch Sunday at the home of Mrs. Irene Raines in Chapel Hill. Mrs. Raines, costumer for The Lost Colony and The Carolina Playmakers, is a former Dare County resident. Mrs. Basnight was returning with her grandchildren, Hannon and Claudia Fry, from Carthage, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Fry. Others at the brunch were Misses Della Basnight and Roxie Etheridge of Manteo, who were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thornburg in Chapel Hill; Mrs. Thornburg, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hannah, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bloodworth, all of Chapel Hill; Glenn Vernon of Mars Hill; Miss Susie Cordon of Chapel Hill; and Mrs. Dorris Fry of Manteo. All guests have been members of the Lost Colony cast or staff.

WILDFOWL HUNT BEGINS FRIDAY IN N. CAROLINA

The Wild goose season opens today, Friday, Nov. 10, and closes January 8th. The Duck season opens November 21 and closes Dec. 30th. Wildfowl shooting was once for many years a big industry in North Carolina, and brought a livelihood to many people. A scarcity of game has caused a loss of interest in the sport, and this year, the bag limit for geese is two in a day, with only four allowed in possession.

Snow geese may not be killed, and hunters are urged to shoot only male ducks, and leave female ducks to nest next year. As many as ten may be killed, and as many as ten in possession. But limits are low on ducks. The daily bag limit is three — six in possession. One may kill six coots, and have six in possession.

LOCAL GRID CLASH SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 16

Of coming interest to local football enthusiasts will be the clash scheduled between the Manteo town team and Army. Game time is set for 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 16 at Manteo Ball Park admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children with all proceeds being forwarded to the Manteo High School Football team for purchasing needed equipment.

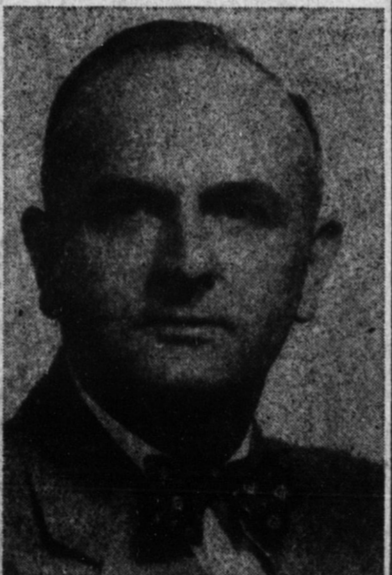
The powerful Manteo town team boasting a fast, 210 pound average line has already been sharpened by several victories this season over various local talent. They are confident of another win off Army.

DISTRICT MUSIC CLUBS TO MEET SAT. IN GREENVILLE

The Northeastern District of the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs will meet Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Woman's Club building in Greenville.

The North Carolina president, Mrs. H. G. Deal, of Hickory, and the vice-president, Mrs. Floyd Mehan, of High Point, will be present. Members will be in attendance from Manteo, Hertford and Elizabeth City. Mrs. Julian Oneto of Nags Head, a member of the Roanoke Island Music Club, is district director.

NAMED CHAIRMAN TO HEAD BIG BRIDGE CELEBRATION



W. J. WHITE of Columbia, who was named Chairman of the over-all program for the celebration to be staged in Columbia in May 1962 to recognize the completion of the Lindsay Warren Bridge over Alligator River. Mr. White is a former Supt. of Tyrrell Co. schools, is a prominent merchant, and has served several terms as president and as vice president of the SAA.

OFFICIALS OF SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE ASSOCIATION



READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT Rep. Dick Lupton of Hyde County who was re-elected Friday as Hyde's Vice-president of the Southern Albemarle Association. In the center is the new president, E. E. Harrell of Plymouth, and next is A. D. Swindell, of Pantego, the new Vice-President of Beaufort County, succeeding Dr. W. T. Ralph.

61.5 MILLIONS IN BONDS VOTED DOWN HEAVILY TUESDAY

Dare County Went For All Issues By Large Majorities; Lost By Two To One

By an average of nearly two to one in a light vote, Dare County gave approval of the 61.5 millions in the state bonds submitted to N. C. voters Tuesday. However, by a vote of upwards of two to one against, the voters of the state turned down the proposals, and all were lost, thereby giving Governor Sanford, a major blow in his ambitions to bring about many statewide improvements.

Dare was the only county in the area which gave approval to all the issues, in entirety, but a few counties, approved one or two of them. The issues would have provided some 13.5 million for the ports of Morehead City and Wilmington; 31 millions for higher education institutions; nearly three millions for buildings in the capital area in Raleigh to house state offices; more than 2.5 millions for libraries and the departments of archives and history; nearly 1.5 millions for community colleges; over a million for state training schools; a half-million for local hospitals; nearly a million for parks, and over a quarter million for agricultural research.

DARE MEN CHRISTEN FERRIES IN CEREMONY

R. Bruce Etheridge and A. W. Drinkwater Break Bottles on Boats Named For Them

Two of North Carolina's newest ferries, already operating on regular schedules across Oregon Inlet were featured in a delayed christening ceremony here Monday afternoon.

Also featured in the ceremonies were two distinguished Dare citizens, R. Bruce Etheridge and Alpheus W. Drinkwater, for whom the ferries were named.

Each of the two, both of whom have been active in Dare for more than 60 years, broke the gaily wrapped bottles over the bows of the former landing craft which were loaned permanently to North Carolina by U. S. Department of Interior.

The state in turn has spent more than \$200,000 in converting the vessels and a third ferry now operating at Hatteras Inlet into the finest of the highway departments fleet of ferries.

Travel Memories
Paying tribute to the men the vessels were named for was Merrill Evans, chairman of the State Highway Commission. Also participating in the ceremonies were Dare County Rep. M. Keith Fearing and Melvin R. Daniels, representing the Dare Board of County Commissioners.

Drinkwater recalled travel along the Outer Banks, Etheridge thanked the highway commission for the honor and said he hoped soon these two ferries would be replaced by a bridge.

Evans assured that the bridge would be built, that present plans call for letting the contract for the Oregon Inlet Span early in 1962.

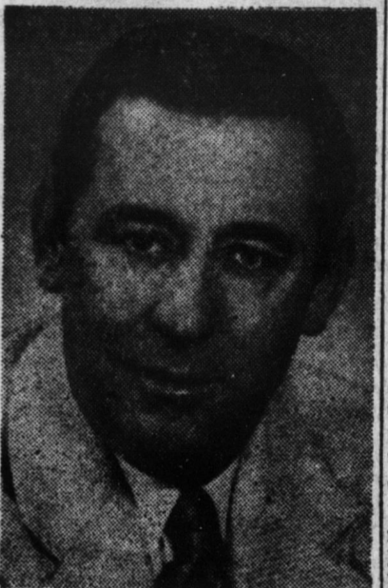
He praised the leadership of Dare County and said: "This county has seen great development as result of its leaders. I don't know another place where so few have done so much, with so little in so short a time."

Bridge Promotion
Fearing thanked the commission head for the interest he and his group have taken in pushing the Oregon Inlet Bridge. Ferry Manager FERRIES, Page Eight

SIX COUNTIES VOTE TO NAME OREGON INLET BRIDGE FOR H. C. BONNER

Southern Albemarle Group in Williamston Unanimous in Honoring Senator Ervin and First District Congressman; Plans Launched for Celebration in May in Columbia Over the Lindsay Warren Bridge on Alligator River.

CLIFTON BRITTON RECENT TAR HEEL OF THE WEEK



CLIFTON BRITTON, longtime director of the Lost Colony, who resides on Roanoke Island each summer and returns to Goldsboro for wintering, was recently featured in the News and Observer as Tar Heel of the Week. The interesting comments written by Gene Roberts, Jr., follow:

In mid-November the lights will dim in Goldsboro's high school auditorium, the stage curtain will start its slow ascent and Clifton Britton, a small boyish-looking bachelor with a crew cut, will present the opening production of his 20th season as director of Goldsboro High School's award-winning "Goldmasquer" drama group.

Britton arrived at the high school in the fall of 1942 with a satchelful of scripts, a master's degree from East Carolina College and a freshly typed master's thesis—"How to Organize a Successful High School Drama Program."

On Stage In Good Footing.
A few weeks previously an Army doctor had assured him the war years would not interfere with his plans for putting his thesis to work. "Your feet are so bad," the doctor told him, "that even the Salvation Army wouldn't take you."

Once at the school, Britton found 26 would-be drama students and a highly sympathetic principal, "Clifton," Principal C. W. Twiford said, "You can't really educate a child unless you expose him to the arts—that's your job."

The exposure began with "Death Takes a Holiday," which had just completed a successful Broadway run, and continued with plays by such proven playwrights as Thornton Wilder and George M. Cohan.

Britton, meanwhile, learned that the auditorium's 1,256 seats weren't enough to hold all the people who wanted to see his productions. He was forced to schedule all of his plays for three-night runs.

Drama Grew In Learning.
In his second year at Goldsboro, 185 students enrolled in dramatics art courses and Britton was forced to drop four English courses he had been teaching. Among the flood of new drama students were athletes who only a year before "wouldn't have been caught dead" on a stage.

But the students quickly learned that Britton's conception of drama was more than acting. He required them to read playwrights ranging from Shakespeare to the contemporaries. Advanced students found themselves writing original plays, designing and assembling play set and costumes, adapting musical scores and choreography and directing lighting and sound effects.

Students with a flair for art designed and printed playbills, posters and play tickets. Student writers ground out press releases and radio commercials plugging the plays.

Under Britton's direction, ballet dancers pirouetted under dancing lights. Music faded in and out to heighten the air of mystery, suspense and romance. Stage sets no longer looked like wallpaper covered panels, but like walls of homes. Painted clouds and water floated and rippled under the glare of intricate lighting systems.

A Harvest of Awards.
After two seasons of watching Britton's directing, few in Goldsboro were surprised when he took the student drama group he had

The Southern Albemarle Association with great harmony prevailing, launched its 27th year Friday in Williamston, where some 300 delegates, representing six counties, voted Unanimously favoring a resolution to give the name of Congressman Herbert C. Bonner to the proposed \$4,000,000 Oregon Inlet bridge, and to begin plans for a huge celebration in May commemorating the opening of the Lindsay Warren Bridge over Alligator River. E. E. Harrell, a Plymouth Businessman was named President of the Association.

To manage and guide the celebration to be held in Columbia honoring Mr. Warren, W. J. White of Columbia was named general chairman of the affair, with control in the hands of the Tyrrell County delegation.

The resolution favoring Rep. Bonner's name for the Oregon Inlet Bridge was introduced by Rep. Keith Fearing of Dare County.

The Highway Commission, on request of the Southern Albemarle Association, already has named the Alligator Bridge for Lindsay C. Warren of Washington, N. C., former Congressman, former comptroller general of the U. S. and long a political leader of the area.

The resolution asking that the Oregon Inlet bridge bear Bonner's name was adopted unanimously. So was another resolution, offered by State Sen. P. D. Midgett of Hyde, asking that State ferries freed when the Alligator Bridge is completed be transferred to a new route across Pamlico Sound from Engelhard to Hatteras.

Congressman Bonner was one of two principal speakers heard by the Association. The other was Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., who urged that America "maintain a national defense posture so strong as to deter any potential enemy from nuclear war and which, if any such war developed, could destroy the enemy."

Ervin was critical of the U. S. foreign aid program, the administration of which, he said, "has presented the United States to the world as a rather bewildered old gentleman." He also urged that "we realize the nature and relentless purpose of our enemy" and that the country recognize that "there can be no appeasements, no paying of blackmail."

Speaking just before Ervin, Congressman Bonner took the occasion to plug for approval of the \$61.7 million in State bonds on which a referendum will be held next Tuesday.

"We should in the Southern Albemarle and all organizations of this kind get in behind these bond issues," he said, "... so that the wealth of our young people will not continue to be exported but will remain in North Carolina."

He said the bonds had been proposed by "a great, great young man" (referring to Gov. Terry Sanford) and submitted to popular vote by the General Assembly "for the forward movement of our State."

In electing Vice-Presidents from the several counties for the year, some were re-elected, and some who had previously served were named unanimously. The list follows: Allen D. Swindell of Pantego, from Beaufort; Victor Meekins from Dare, a former Vice President and President; W. J. Lupton, Hyde County Representative was re-elected; Mr. Effie A. Brickhouse from Columbia was also re-elected from Tyrrell; George W. Corey of Williamston and Lewis Combs of Creswell were also elected for Martin and Washington Counties respectively.

M. A. Matthews of Columbia, who has been treasurer since organization, was re-elected.

Harrell, was chosen president to succeed John Hatton Gurganus of Williamston, who became president when Robert Cowen, also of Williamston, resigned on being appointed district attorney for the Eastern District. Gurganus presided over Friday's meeting.

The meeting was one of the most successful in many years. Visiting the meeting briefly were Merrill Evans, Chairman of the State Highway Commission; and Federal Judge John D. Larkins of Trenton and U. S. District Attorney, Robert Cowen who served as President of the Association until a few weeks ago.