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## WATER SYSTEM TOO COSTLY FOR FEDERAL AGENCY

Nags Head Meets Setback in  
Application for \$1,300,000  
Loan

Plans for a municipal water plant for Nags Head, predicated on a loan of a million dollars plus from the U. S. Community Facilities Administration, have hit a snag, it developed at the monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners Monday.

The commissioners were told that their request for a loan of \$1,300,000 was too high, property values and other factors considered. It would have to be scaled down \$150,000 to \$200,000 to have a prospect of approval.

Mayor Julian Oneto told the board that he had failed to make plane connections for a conference with the Community Facilities Administration in Atlanta recently, but that C. C. Tilley, of the engineering firm of William Freeman, Inc., High Point, representing Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills, had presented the case for the beach water system.

Tilley suggested that a new engineering plan, together with eliminating the town hall and fire department quarters included in the original loan request, might scale the figure down to a figure acceptable to the Federal agency.

Original plans called for 16-inch mains with fire hydrants every 600 feet, among other items. These will be restudied, and cost estimates on materials have been submitted to two materials supply houses in the hope that they can be reduced.

Meanwhile, the water system has advanced a little further into the future. The Town Commissioners see a prospect that they may build the town hall and fire department headquarters, estimated at some \$70,000, as a separate project. They are hopeful that they can get the necessary loan on a five-year basis and repay it by adding only five or six cents to the tax rate.

## NEW CONTRACT FOR TRASH AND GARBAGE SIGNED

Dare Beaches Will Pay \$1,800  
Less in Year Beginning  
July 1

A new contract covering trash and garbage collections was signed jointly Monday by the Dare County Board of Commissioners and the Nags Head Town Board.

The new contract is more favorable than its predecessor. The price is \$9,000 as compared with \$10,800 for 1961-62 for the Dare beaches area. For Roanoke Island, the cost is the same as last year, \$2,400. This covers the island excluding Manteo, which has its own collection system.

The two boards met jointly to consider sealed bids for the work. Only one bidder was heard from, Leonard O. Midgett, who has had the contract for the year ending June 30.

Under the new contract, collections are to be made daily except Sunday from July 1 through September 15, then twice weekly through May 31, 1963. During June of next year, collections presumably will be daily.

Midgett informed the boards that he was considering buying a second truck to facilitate collections.

The board's method of financing the operation was changed this year to a basis whereby Nags Head and Kitty Hawk will allocate nine cents each per \$100 of the tax levy to it. Last year, Nags Head paid \$7,200 and Kitty Hawk \$3,600. This year, Midgett's proposal was for Nags Head to pay \$5,000 and Kitty Hawk \$4,000.

On that basis, busy statisticians figured that Nags Head would pay an eight-cent levy and Kitty Hawk a 14-cent levy per \$100 tax valuation. David Stick, chairman of the County Commissioners and a resident of the Kitty Hawk area, objected strenuously to the differential, contending that Nags Head's favorable rate was predicted on Kitty Hawk's signing the contract also.

Midgett explained that the higher proportionate charge against Kitty Hawk was due to the greater distance to be covered, with resulting higher gasoline, maintenance and labor costs.

The Nags Head board accepted. See GARBAGE, Page Four

## HORACE A. DOUGH RECEIVES SERVICE AWARD



HORACE A. DOUGH of Manteo (center) is shown with his wife and Cape Hatteras National Seashore Superintendent H. Reese Smith during ceremonies on May 23, when Dough was awarded the Commendable Service Award by the Park Service on the occasion of his retirement, after more than 28 years of Federal service.

The award was given to the Park Service employee for his "many years of faithful and productive service" with the organization. Mr. Dough is a former superintendent of the Wright Brothers National Memorial, who began his employment with the Park Service in 1933 as an unskilled laborer.

## TOLL CHARGE ENDS FOR TELEPHONE TO BEACH FROM CITY

Beginning on July 1, there will be no toll charge for telephone service between Manteo and the beach, from Nags Head to Kitty Hawk. The announcement was made on Monday evening by Lem Blades, Jr., executive president of Norfolk and Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. who addressed nearly 150 persons at the Manteo Rotary Club observed "ladies night" at the Doreolina Restaurant on Monday at 7 p.m.

Blades was accompanied by his son, Lem Blades III, general counsel for the independent company, and Bill Meekins, area supervisor for Norfolk and Carolina Telephone & Telegraph. The president noted that elimination of toll charges to the beach was but one of the service improvements being made as a result of the conversion to a dial system. "Outer Bankers will now be able to dial a call, station to station, over long distance, without having to contact the operator," he said. "We are making a one-quarter million dollar investment in our new system on the Banks," he added.

The president explained that Dare County will have 100 more telephones than Hertford County when the conversion to dial takes place on July 1. Despite the fact that there are a few more phones in Dare, we do not plan to charge more than our Hertford rate, which is \$25 per month," he said. "In other words, if your phone bill is now \$4.75 per month, it would be \$5.00 after the conversion," Blades said. He noted that no increase will be added for persons using 10 or 4 party lines.

The president's talk was followed by a film entitled "The Independent" which explained, in detail, the advantages and research necessary for conversion to a dial system. The film explained that the Independent Telephone Association pioneered the dial system and graphically illustrated every facet of a dial system's operation.

Lem Blades III, general counsel for the company, opened the program with an informative discussion of Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co.'s operation in the state. He noted that a microwave path with five towers to Manteo would be completed by July 1. "A microwave path to Norfolk should be in existence here by See PHONE, Page Four

## INVITATIONS OUT FOR GOLDEN WEDDING AFFAIR

Invitations have been issued to the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Midgett, which will be held at their home in Buxton on Tuesday, June 12. Celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary, this popular couple have expressed a wish that all their friends and relatives visit them on this happy occasion when they will hold Open House.

## ZONING SYSTEM PUT IN EFFECT FOR NAGS HEAD

Commissioners Take Steps To  
Set Up New B-4  
Classification

A zoning ordinance, effective immediately, was adopted Monday by the Nags Head Board of Town Commissioners.

Immediately thereafter, the commissioners took the first step to amend the new measure. At the instance of Commissioner W. Lionel Edwards, the board approved the formation of a new business district, denominated B-4, which would require six-foot clearance on each side of all business and residential buildings erected in an area extending from Danube Avenue south to Lakeside Avenue on the west side of U.S. 158 Business.

The proposed amendment must go to the Nags Head Planning Board for approval. If that is forthcoming, a public hearing on it will be held June 25.

Adoption of the zoning measure was the highlight of a busy day for the commissioners, who met first in the Town Hall, then recessed to meet with the Dare County Board of Commissioners to consider garbage removal problems, then returned to the Town Hall for a second session that lasted until late in the afternoon. Mayor Julian Oneto presided.

The zoning ordinance sets up two residential classifications, and an industrial category. Designed for possible future needs, the industrial classification would be exclusively for industrial uses with provisions for customary secondary uses, but no area was set aside for it.

The R-1 residential district is set up exclusively for single-family residences, with provisions for customary secondary uses. It embraces the entire area west of the U.S. 158 Bypass and includes all of the Sound Side or Old Nags Head area. Also R-1 embraces the area between the two highways south of the turn-off road to Manteo (N.C. 64 and U.S. 264).

The R-2 residential area is set up primarily for residential uses with provisions for beach cottages and cottage courts. It is the area on the east side of N.C. Highway 1001 beginning south of the Whalebone Motel and running to the southerly limits of the town.

The B-1 business district is primarily for the conduct of retail service type establishments. It is the area lying on the west side of U.S. 158 Business and extending west to U.S. 158 Bypass, bounded on the north by Lakeside Avenue and on the south by the turnoff road (64 and 264) to Manteo.

The B-2 business district is basically for residential uses, cottages, and convenience type retail trade establishments. It includes the area on the turn-off road to Manteo extending west to the town limits.

The B-3 category covers the hotel and motel district. It is primarily for hotels and motels, with provisions for cottage courts. It is the ocean front area extending from the northern town limits to Whalebone, and lying east of U.S. 158 Business.

In their study of the zoning problem, the board was assisted by Durwood Curling of Kinston, chief area planner with the Division of Community Planning of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development. There was some question as to the adequacy of the map showing the various zones, and Curling agreed to prepare a more detailed map for the town's use.

Also in the zoning matter, the board approved a contract with the Department of Conservation and Development under which it will pay the department \$930 as its share of the cost of base maps, land use plans, a population survey and an economic study, together with other services in community planning. This project was approved by the board October 23, 1961. A first payment of \$460 was authorized, with the second payment of \$470 falling due July 1, 1963.

The town is paying a small fraction of the cost of these services, it was explained, since \$3,800 has been made available for them from outside sources. The board was careful to point out that the new zoning ordinance does not affect existing construction other than that more than 60 per cent destroyed by fire, storm or other agency. Also, it was explained that it is always possible to amend the ordinance as future needs may

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## PAUL GREEN ATTENDS THEATER CONFERENCE



PAUL GREEN, author of "The Lost Colony" and other plays, novels and stories, is in Athens, Greece attending an international conference dealing with the theatre and the performing arts in the modern world.

Leading theatre people from all over the world are in Athens for the two-week meet, including American playwright Tennessee Williams, Jerome Robbins, choreographer of "West Side Story", and others.

The conference is being held by the Greek government which will also play financial and social host.

Playwrights, composers, directors, choreographers, stage designers and technicians and all other people of the theatre world will gather, including those from Russia, Green, as the father of outdoor symphonic drama in this country, is representing what he likes to call "the people's theatre."

His long-time powerful symphonic drama, "The Lost Colony", will be presented for the 25th season opening July 1. It was the success of "The Lost Colony" which led to the establishment of such outdoor theaters, comprising a people's drama from Florida to the Dakotas.

Pulitzer prize winner Green (for his 1927 Broadway play "In Abraham's Bosom") will join the faculty of the Radio, Television and Motion Picture department of the University of North Carolina next fall as graduate writing coach.

## R. SOUND BRIDGE TO BE NAMED FOR WASHINGTON BAUM

Commissioners Submit Name Of  
Dare's Veteran Judge  
To Highway Dept.

The Roanoke Sound Bridge will be officially designated as the Washington Baum Bridge, if efforts by the Dare County Board of Commissioners are successful. The Board unanimously agreed Monday to ask the State Highway Commission to designate the concrete connection between Roanoke Island and Nags Head in honor of the 84 year old Judge of Records Court.

Lawrence Swain, Nags Head Township Commissioner, who proposed the motion, moved that "the Highway Commission be requested to honor our most progressive citizen, who, in effect initiated the construction of the first bridge across Roanoke Sound, leading to the construction of the Roanoke Sound Bridge and the beach highway, by naming the present Roanoke Sound Bridge in his honor—the Washington Baum Bridge.

Baum, was recently unsuccessful in a bid to retain the Records Court Judgeship which he had held for 30 years. The ageing judge is a former chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners, who pioneered a bridge over Roanoke Sound despite outspoken opposition to the bond issue which the project necessitated. A former fisherman and merchant, the judge also was Mayor of Manteo at indicated that the Highway Department will undoubtedly approve the name. "Any ceremonies will have to wait until the request is approved by the Commission," as pokes man said.

Planning boards, drainage ditches and roads were the other topics of primary concern at the Monday meeting of the county board. George A. Daniels reported to the commissioners that \$11,025 drainage projects for mosquito control had been completed. The drainage projects, which were undertaken at Skyco

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## YORK HEARING CONTINUED TO OCTOBER TERM

Charge Against Kill Devil Hills  
Man Increased to  
Felony

Trial of Clarence Arnold (Shug) York of Kill Devil Hills, charged with feloniously shooting Sam L. Liverman as the aftermath of an argument over "two loads of clay," was continued to the October term of Dare County Superior Court by Judge W. F. Baum in Recorder's Court Tuesday afternoon.

The continuance was granted on request of defense attorney J. Henry Leroy after the court had inserted the word "felonious" in the warrant against York at the request of the prosecuting attorney, Martin Kellogg. Bond of \$1,000 was continued.

The shooting took place May 18. Three bullets hit Liverman in the legs. York is a member of the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners, and the case has attracted much interest in the community.

Murphy Glenn Peterson, Negro, was given a 30-day jail term, suspended on payment of a fine of \$25 and costs, on a reckless driving charge resulting from an auto accident on the highway near Manteo May 26, in which his car overturned. He blamed bright lights on two approaching cars.

Charles Ray Sawyer, charged with operating an auto trailer See COURT, Page Four

## BUILDING INSPECTOR TO SERVE ALL DARE COUNTY CONSIDERED

The feasibility of having a single building inspector for all of Dare County, with a view to uniformity of regulations and enforcement, was discussed Monday by the Board of County Commissioners and the Nags Head Town Board.

The boards named two members of a tentative four-man committee, with the other two to come from Manteo and Kill Devil Hills if those communities agree to go along with the project.

Named were Lawrence Swain, for the county, and Lionel Edwards for Nags Head.

The committee would draw up qualifications for a county-wide building inspector for consideration later by the four governing boards concerned.

If the plan is adopted, the Nags Head board estimated that a tax levy of four cents per \$100 valuation would be necessary to meet the town's share of the cost.

## ENGINEER DREDGE "HYDE" TO CLEAR INLET CHANNELS

The hopper-dredge "Hyde," an ocean-going vessel of the U. S. Corps of Engineers, is expected to arrive on the Outer Banks on Saturday at 6 a.m. to begin the restoration or Oregon Inlet to a channel depth of 14 depth of 14 feet.

Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., chairman of the Daree Waterways Improvement Committee stated that he was given official notice of the dredges expected arrival by Cecil Henderson, a representative from the District Engineer's Office, who met with Harvey on Thursday morning.

Harvey stated that work would begin on Monday to clear the channels across the bar at the inlet. "The channels have suffered from serious shoaling since the Ash Wednesday Storm," he said. "We hope that the dredge will dig even deeper than the minimum depth of 14 feet which is required," he added.

The Oregon Inlet dredging project was made possible by the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1950; it is a continuing function undertaken by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

## COASTLAND TIMES PHONE AT BEACH OFFICE

The Beach Office of the Coastland Times, established three weeks ago, now has a telephone.

The number is 4791.

The office has been set up to serve the Dare beaches. It will handle news, advertising, subscriptions and job printing. Ralph Pool, veteran newspaper man, is in charge.

Don't fail to call if the Coastland Times can serve you.

Since the office is a one-man affair at present, a call before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m. will be advisable.

## DARE LICKING PROBLEM OF POLLUTED WATER BUT MUCH STILL TO BE DONE

Cottagers Warned Not to Drink or Cook  
With Untested Water Unless It Has Been  
Boiled 10 Minutes; Health Department  
Adds Three Aides to Speed Check-Ups

## HEALTH GROUPS HOLD SESSIONS AT CAROLINIAN

Tri-State Medical Association  
to Convene at Beach  
Monday

Two health groups are holding early June conventions at the Carolinian Hotel, Nags Head.

The Eastern Affiliate of the North Carolina Public Health Association opened its annual meeting Thursday with a business meeting, get-together and dinner, and is continuing its sessions through today, with about 150 members attending. It covers Eastern North Carolina.

The Tri-State Medical Association, covering North and South Carolina and Virginia, will meet next week from Monday to Thursday, inclusive. An attendance of about 150 is expected for it also.

The public health group will hold a general session today from 10 a.m. to noon. Sectional meetings will follow, from 2 to 4 p.m. A hospitality hour will be given from 6 to 7 p.m., and a banquet from 7 to 9, with an address by Dr. J. W. R. Norton, State Health Director. Entertainment and a dance will follow.

In the general session today, the North Carolina Merit System will be discussed by Claude E. Caldwell, supervisor of the Merit System Council, Raleigh. The local retirement system will be discussed by Nathan H. Yelton, executive secretary of the N. C. Local Government Employees Retirement System, Raleigh. A general summary will be given and discussion led by Dr. Robert D. Higgins, director, Local Health Division, State See SESSIONS Page Four

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## COLORED PASTOR STILL FIGHTING FOR THE PULPIT

The case of Collins et al. vs. Simms, which has been kicked back and forth between the Dare Courts and the Supreme Court of North Carolina is still as undecided as ever. Last week, Judge Henry L. Stevens, Jr. ruled that a motion for a bill of particulars be considered at the next term of Superior Court, after attorneys for the defendant were unable to make an appearance.

The controversial case arose in 1959 when a Rev. J. C. Simms of Haven Creek Baptist Church in Manteo continued to attend and preach at the church despite his ouster at a regular business meeting of the colored congregation. A temporary restraining order was placed upon the Reverend in February of 1960, prohibiting him from preaching in the church; and in May of 1960 Judge Hooks ordered Rev. Simms not to trespass on the church grounds.

On appeal, the North Carolina Supreme Court ruled at the Spring Term of 1962 that the defendant is restrained unless he can show that he was elected pastor of the church subsequent to 11 February 1960. The defendant, Simms, has made claims that he was duly elected pastor at a later date and requested trial. The postponement for the decision on a bill of particulars, will delay trial until October.

Cases handled by the petit jury at conclusion of the May term of Superior court last week were as follows:

Robert Earl Stewart; drunken driving, not guilty.

William Jackson Midgett; drunken driving, \$100 and costs.

Charlie Hand Balance; drunken driving, \$100 and costs.

Thomas Ben Daniels; drunken driving, no appearance and capias issued.

William Wheeler Balance; reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

Lasalle Midgett; reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

The cases of State vs. Willard Arnett, Jr.; State vs. Dal Haywood Williams and State vs. William Charles Shoemaker have been continued until the October Term.

By RALPH POOL  
A water pollution problem on the Dare beaches, unparalleled in the history of the Atlantic Coast, is being brought under control by the Dare County Health Department with the active aid of State health authorities.

A staggering amount of work has been done already, but much still remains as a result of the Ash Wednesday storm, which flooded septic tanks throughout the beach area and spread their contaminated contents from Southern Shores to Oregon Inlet, and Hatteras.

Recent rains have helped the situation by leaching away some bacterial infection from the saturated area.

In correcting the situation, health workers were faced with the problem of checking an estimated 3,000 places—homes, hotels, motels, restaurants, service stations and so on—from the north end of the Dare beaches to Ocracoke inlet. About 2,500 of these are north of Oregon Inlet, according to Dr. W. W. Johnston, Dare County Health Director. These included 153 places serving the public.

The size of the problem was emphasized Wednesday by W. C. Lackey, regional supervisor for the Sanitary Engineering Division, State Health Department, who has been at work in the area for many weeks.

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## NO INVITATIONS FOR BOMB RANGE MIDGETT STATES

"If they are waiting for an invitation from Hyde County, they can rest assured that it will not come." These were the words used by State Senator P. D. Midgett in referring to a charge by Air Force officials, on Tuesday, that they had been unable to present their case concerning a practice bombing range to the people of Hyde County.

The charge had been made by Major Gen. J. H. Moore of Seymour Johnson Air Base in Goldsboro at a press conference in Greenville on Tuesday. Midgett denied on Wednesday that the Air Force's views had been denied an airing in Hyde County. Midgett stated that a meeting was held with Air Force officials from Langley Air Base in Virginia at Engelhard last spring. At that time the Air Force not only told their story, but also displayed the equipment proposed for use on the bombing range, Midgett said.

Midgett stated that Air Force officials came to Engelhard as guests of the Rotary Club, "and the meeting set off a furor in Hyde County. They convinced one that the range would not be extremely detrimental to the country," he said, "and the vigorous opposition expressed by the people of Hyde County at that time has neither diminished nor weakened."

Told that the Seymour Johnson officials would welcome an invitation to discuss the matter with the people of Hyde County, Midgett said "if they are waiting for an invitation from Hyde County, they can rest assured that it will not come."