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## WATER BOND REGISTRANTS FOR K.D.H. 119

Challenge Day Is February 16; \$765,000 Bond Election on 23rd

There will be 119 persons eligible to vote in the forthcoming bond election in Kill Devil Hills, the Registrar, Mrs. Jean Perry Beacham, reports. Through last Saturday, which was the last day of a special 4-week registration period, that many interested persons came forth to present themselves as qualified voters for the election to be held February 23, to exercise their opinions on the proposed \$765,000 water system. There are approximately twenty-one others who could have qualified themselves, but who did not, according to the registrar.

Speculation was that approximately 125 would come forth to register for this special election. Through the previous week, 82 persons had come forth, which indicates that 37 persons, or better than average for the preceding three weeks, chose to register during the last week. Challenge Day will be Feb. 16.

The election on February 23rd will answer the question proposed by the Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills as to whether the public water system will be constructed and financed according to plans.

Proponents of the system point to the advantages available to the public through a municipal water supply, and the resultant benefits available through fire insurance rate reductions.

## "BUCCANEER," SECOND SEAL, DIES FRIDAY

The second of two seals which came ashore on the Dare Coast died Friday night of last week in the trunk of James Knowlton's car in Raleigh. Knowlton, animal lover, had picked up the seal last Wednesday from a Kitty Hawk motel swimming pool, and taken it to Chapel Hill, where it was placed in the care of a veterinarian.

Knowlton had earlier taken the first seal along the same path, but that one—Stranger—died from multiple causes.

Buccaneer had been pronounced in fair physical condition upon its arrival in Chapel Hill, where Dr. L. L. Vine treated the animal for lice, administered a shot for vitamin deficiency, and deferred treatment for heart worms.

## IN DARE RECORDER'S COURT

### SPEEDING, THEFT, ASSAULT, NON-SUPPORT CASES TUESDAY

Teen-age driving infractions were a major issue in Dare County Recorder's Court Tuesday, when Ben Midgett, 17-year-old Wanchese youth, was found guilty of driving 90 m.p.h. in a 55 zone on two offenses. Midgett had been charged along with three other area teen-age drivers of exceeding the speed limit by substantial amounts and/or careless and reckless driving.

The case grew out of arrests on the night of February 9th, by State Highway Patrolman H. W. Pridgen. Young Midgett was one of the drivers in a caravan of four automobiles seen traveling at a high rate of speed in south Nags Head, and according to testimony by Pridgen, the autos were brought to a halt near Whalebone intersection.

Traveling with Pridgen was Dare Deputy George Frank who assisted, and while two of the drivers were being questioned, Midgett and the driver of another car, James Bernard Baker, backed away from the scene and proceeded north on By-Pass 158, in an attempt to avoid involvement.

Deputy Frank remained at the intersection, while Pridgen gave chase to the other two vehicles and after attaining a speed of 90 m.p.h., making several turns, the other drivers were located, parked—lights out—and as Midgett explained to the court "in hopes that the patrolman would pass by."

The other three youths submitted and paid fines as follows: James Bernard Baker, 17, charged with speeding 90 m.p.h. in 55 zone, also careless and reckless driving, \$115 plus court costs of \$11.20. This also

## THIS FACE WILL BE MISSING IN SUMMER WHEN THE LOST COLONY REOPENS



CLIFTON BRITTON, 52, long time director of Paul Green's The Lost Colony at Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island, died Sunday, February 10, in a Goldsboro rest home, following a lingering muscular disease.

Mr. Britton became associated with The Lost Colony in 1947 as stage manager, when the show was being directed by Dr. Samuel Selden. He later became associate director and in 1955 full-time director, which position he held continuously except for one year when he was in Hollywood studying drama writing. In the summer of 1962 he obtained a leave of absence because of illness.

A graduate of East Carolina College where he received both B.A. and M.A. degrees, Mr. Britton has been head of the drama department in Goldsboro High School since 1942, and has taught and directed The Goldmasquers, Goldsboro High School drama group which has time after time won top national honors in the drama field. For a number of years he directed his own play, "The Shepherd's Song," given in Goldsboro each year at Christmas time, and which attracted thousands of visitors from all over the country. He had written many other plays, among them "Unto the Least of These," written for and about the Shriners and performed for them and dedicated to them last year by the Goldmasquers when the Shriners held their convention. See BRITTON, Page Four

## NO VALUE SEEN IN EXTENSION OF OYSTER SEASON

Approximately 100 Attend Meeting At Manns Harbor Friday

Approximately 100 commercial fishermen gathered in Manns Harbor Friday to discuss problems facing various phases of the oyster industry in general and the oyster industry in particular.

Robert L. Stallings, Jr., director of the Department of Conservation and Development, Commercial Fisheries Committee Chairman Eric Rodgers and members Lorimer Midgett and Wannie Gurkin; and an industry advisory committee composed of Garland Fulcher, Oriental, Clyde Potter, Belhaven, and Ralph Meekins, Wanchese, conducted the meeting.

When asked if the oystermen would like an extension of the season due to unfavorable weather that has hampered tonging and dredging for the bivalves this winter, Harvey Best of Stumpy Point said, "We have not had an oyster season this year—not because of weather but because," and he emphasized the fact, "our oysters are gone."

He was one of several oystermen present who claimed that the big need was to plant shells to create new oyster beds on oyster rocks that have become depleted.

Carson Hooper, Wallace Gray, Melvin R. Daniels, Milton Hooper, Jesse Etheridge and several others were present. See MEET, Page Four

## JAMBORAMA PLANS ARE SHAPING FOR APRIL-MAY

Events scheduled for three out of four Dare Coast Pirate Jamboramas week ends planned for April 20, May 4 and May 11 were announced at a meeting of committees headed by Lionel Edwards, but nothing definite was brought forth for April 27, which previously had been stated, would include the Hatteras Island phases of the 1963 vacation launching.

Due to the current transportation facilities available resulting from the Ash Wednesday Storm Inlet problems, the residents of lower Hatteras Island have not yet indicated whether they would be able to participate in the events of the April-May Jamborama.

"If the inlet is refilled and if the State builds a highway in time to have traffic moving to Buxton and Hatteras by April, it is believed the phases of the Jamborama originally planned for the island on April 27, will be staged as in past years," Edwards said.

The Hatteras phases of Pirate

## TRAFFIC LIGHT TO BE PLACED AT TROUBLE SPOT

John Mitchell Succeeds R. L. Payne As Night Policeman; Street Paving Considered

The Town Commissioners of the Town of Manteo, meeting Monday, voted to erect two large signs of Welcome, one at the northern boundary and one at the southern boundary of the town, the signs to be in place in time to greet summer visitors.

The board also discussed hard-surfacing all unpaved streets in the town. After the meeting adjourned, figures were received from George Mack, highway engineer for the N. C. Highway Commission on grading, shaping and draining same. Only 1.55 miles of unpaved streets remain in the town, according to figures released by Mrs. Juanita Parker, clerk to the board. Action will be taken on this matter later, as the estimates arrived too late for the meeting.

Of prime importance to improving the safety of the driving and walking public is the move to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Lodge Street and highways 64 and 264. This has been needed for many months, and Mrs. Parker is instructed by the board to write to the N. C. Highway Department and request the installation.

S. C. Basnight was authorized to deliver 50 loads of dirt and grade same in place on First Street.

John Mitchell was appointed night policeman, to replace Robert L. Payne, resigned.

All members of the board were present, in addition Mayor G. T. Wescott and attorney Martin Kellogg, Jr.

## NEED FOR C. G. FACILITIES IN BELHAVEN TOLD

Present Plans Would Consolidate Hobucken, New Bern and Belhaven

Approximately 100 persons gathered in the John A. Wilkin School auditorium in Belhaven last Wednesday evening to publicly make an appeal to Coast Guard officials to retain its facility at Belhaven.

Mayor James Younce presided over the meeting and presented Cmdr. C. H. Jurgens, Chief of Aids to Navigation service and Cmdr. Ward R. Turner representing the Coast Guard.

Cmdr. Jurgens said the purpose of consolidating Hobucken, New Bern and Belhaven stations was to save money. The Commander stated that he felt the people had not utilized the helicopter service out of Elizabeth City in the past. However he was impressed with the local meetings and would take local views to the Admiral.

Dr. W. T. Ralph, speaking on behalf of the delegation, said his thinking was based on 15 or 20 years actual experience with the Coast Guard where hundreds of boats of varied sizes pass through the Inland Waterway each month. He also pointed out that we have one of the largest crabbing operations on the East coast, and that North Carolina licensed 600 shrimping boats in Pamlico Sound last year. Dr. Ralph pointed out the services rendered by the Coast Guard during hurricanes, which from time to time have brushed our shores, is most valuable, and that a unit placed at a greater distance would be of little value as communications are so poor that a message could not be gotten through.

Dr. E. G. Winstead and other speakers pointed out that Coast Guard service west of Waching See NEED, Page Four

## KITTY HAWK BOY SCOUTS PREPARING CAMPSITE

The Kitty Hawk Boy Scout Troop, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Shelby Hines, is busy preparing a campsite on Colington Island, with hopes of using it in the near future and of also having it in shape to offer visiting Scouts as a campsite. Mr. Hines has been offered assistance from the men of Navy Duck, who have taken an interest in the Scouts and their projects.

The main goal of the Scouts for the next month will be working to achieve the various classes of scouting. Approximately 20 boys belong to the troop, and they plan a camping trip sometime in early March.

## DIST. GOV. CANDIDATE HEADS ROTARY GROUP



WALLACE H. MCCOWN

Rotarians from Manteo to Murphy in North Carolina, seven other states, and seventeen foreign lands, paid tribute to their President, Nitish C. Lahary, of Calcutta, India, and welcomed him to North Carolina on Monday night, February 11th, at a banquet held at the Winston-Salem Coliseum, with fourteen hundred Rotarians and ladies in attendance.

The four Rotary Districts of North Carolina, joined together for the first "all-North Carolina" Rotary meeting ever held in the State.

"Pat" Gilchrist, a Director of Rotary International for Zone 4, southeastern United States, was the Master of Ceremonies, for a program which included music by the Salem College Choir, remarks by Past President of Rotary International, "Buzz" Tennett of Asheville, North Carolina, and a stirring introduction of President Lahary by Secretary of Commerce, Luther Hodges, himself a former District Governor, and Director of Rotary International.

President Lahary spoke to a rapt audience, as he wove his See ROTARY, Page Four

## BEGINS MARCH 3

### JAMES B. MYERS TO BE NEW PARK SERVICE HEAD

The appointment of James B. Myers as superintendent of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, was announced today by the Department of the Interior. Myers, who will report to his new post March 3, comes to Cape Hatteras from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where he has served as superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park since 1958. He succeeds N. Reese Smith, recently appointed Chief Engineer for the Park Service's Eastern Office of Design and Construction at Philadelphia.

A native of Mount Sidney, Augusta County, Va., Myers holds an A. B. degree from Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va. and has also completed graduate work at the University of Virginia. His Park Service career began in 1937 as a clerk in the Southeast Regional Office in the accounting and payroll sections.

From 1942 to 1946 Myers was on active duty with the U. S. Navy winning a Bronze Star Medal for his services directing naval gunfire in support of the Seventh Infantry Division during World War II operations at Okinawa. Returning to the Park Service after the war, he advanced to property and equipment supervisor before he was appointed in 1948 as custodian and later superintendent of Mannassas National Battlefield Park at Mannassas, Va., where he served until his promotion and transfer to superintendent of the House of Franklin D. Roosevelt & Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Sites, Hyde Park, N. Y. in 1955.

## KITTY HAWK PTA WILL MEET ON FEBRUARY 21

The Kitty Hawk PTA will meet in the school auditorium at eight o'clock Thursday night, February 21, and all members are urged to attend. A Founders Day program will be presented and plans will be announced for a barbecue dinner to be held March 2 from 5:30 until eight o'clock. The price will be \$1 per plate, and take-out orders can be filled.

Other plans for the evening are in the offing.

## WRIGHT INDICTED FOR \$27,585.66 BY FED. GRAND JURY

Former Manteo Bank Teller Expected to be Tried At May Term in Elizabeth City

John Robert Wright, former note teller with the Bank of Manteo (now Planters National Bank & Trust Co.) was indicted on an embezzlement charge by a Federal grand jury in Raleigh Tuesday.

According to the indictment, Wright embezzled amounts from \$400 to \$1800 on 26 different occasions in 1961 and 1962. The 27th count charges Wright with making false entries totaling \$27,585.66.

Wright, former Marine and a native of Texas, was charged in mid-September with making fraudulent entries in the bank's records to the extent of \$16,615, and embezzlement of \$1,100 at that time.

He was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Thomas Gallop in Elizabeth City, at which time he waived preliminary hearing and was placed under \$750 bond.

The new figure of \$27,585.66 was concluded after a thorough investigation of records by bank examiners and FBI personnel. The bank lost no money, however, since insurance carried repaid the losses.

The case is expected to be heard in Federal court at the May term, in Elizabeth City, with First District Judge John D. Larkins, Jr. presiding.

## NEW LOST COLONY MGR. LOOKS TO SHOW OPENING

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Fox of Raleigh are in Manteo this week, making advance preparations for the 1963 opening of Paul Green's The Lost Colony at Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island. Mr. Fox is the newly appointed manager of the drama, and is trying to become acquainted with as many local people as possible. He and Mrs. Fox plan to move to Roanoke Island in the near future.

## NEW NATURALIST ASSUMES DUTIES AT C.H. SEASHORE

Bruce Black, a veteran of some 20 years work with National Park Service installations in various parts of the country, arrived recently to assume duties as Naturalist for Cape Hatteras National Seashore. He comes to the Outer Banks from Crater Lakes National Park, in south-central Oregon, at the crest of Cascade Mountains.

Black is a native of Bakerfield, Calif., and his wife, the former Barbara Birch, is from Whittier, Calif. They have four children, three of whom entered Manteo Schools this week. The Blacks are residing at Bodie Island in one of the Park Service personnel houses. In this regard, Black noted this week their surprise at being located so near the surf. "They told us we would be close to the ocean, but we didn't realize the breakers would be at our door," he exclaimed.

He began part-time work with Park Service installations in the early forties, and has been continuously employed since 1948. For a while he was assigned to duties at Joshua Tree National Monument in the Mohave Desert, but for the past seven years See SEASHORE, Page Four

## BOTTLE COMES ASHORE

### LONELY HEARTS MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THIS ITEM

There are many messages received via the ocean's strength during the year along the coast, but one retrieved this week from the surf on the northern extremities of Dare, may provide unusual results.

It had apparently been tossed overboard by a handsome Greek youth, Scarios Nici, who gave his home address as 18 Samou Street, AYO Dafni, Athens, Greece, and Nici, employed by the Triton Shipping Co. of 26 Broadway Street, New York, 4, N. Y., wants to correspond with an American girl. On back of the photograph accompanying the

## LIQUOR-MAKING OPERATION BROUGHT TO A STANDSTILL IN HYDE COUNTY THIS WEEK

Apparently Managed By Dare County Interests, Four Men Found on Scene; Arrests Made and Whiskey Still Destroyed; One Hundred and Fifty Gallons of "White Lightning" On Hand.

The supply of bootleg hooch is going to be curtailed in some quarters, at least temporarily, as result of a raid by Federal ATU, State and local officers in the evening hours of Tuesday, Feb. 12. A distillery operation, which reportedly had been going on for some time, and under observation for several weeks, was rudely broken up in an all night act by agents at a site approximately a mile west of Long Shoal River between Stumpy Point and Engelhard.

Arrested near the scene was William Gray, 49, of Stumpy Point, and a 17-year-old youth who fled at a high rate of speed in a mid-fifty model Cadillac, and was apprehended near Engelhard. The Cadillac, according to reports, had its motor burned up by the time it reached Engelhard, some 12 miles from the site of the still.

Officers began their raid around sunset Tuesday afternoon, and observed four persons active in the whiskey making operation. Whereabouts of the other two had not been ascertained at this report, but investigating officers believe they fled into the swamp woodlands surrounding the distillery operation. Little did the average motorist concern himself when passing through this desolate stretch between Engelhard in Hyde County and Stumpy Point in Dare, but could have, for the manufacturing was being done just a scant hundred yards or so from U. S. Highway 264.

One hundred and eighty gallons of merchandise was prepared, ready for shipment, and reports indicate that the fluid had been bringing upwards of twelve dollars a gallon, with ready markets available in eastern Virginia. Only token amounts of "moonshine" have been noted in the Hyde and Dare County areas recently, but it is believed that the source was the now-disrupted operation. Unconfirmed rumors say that the liquor was of good quality.

Participating in the raid were four Federal ATU officers, from several eastern N. C. offices; 1 roving state ABC agent; and Donovan Twyne, Dare County ABC officer, who was called to aid the Federal agents, since it was believed that Dare County connections existed.

William Gray was arrested at approximately 6 a.m. Wednesday morning, and the younger man somewhat later following the flight westward. The still was in full operation during Tuesday evening, according to investigating officers.

Charges have been made against Gray, and he was given a preliminary hearing in Washington Wednesday before U. S. Commissioner Jennette H. Atmore. He was bound over to U. S. Eastern District Court under \$500 bond, and later released, on charges of illegal possession and operating a still illegally.

The still discovered Tuesday night was described as a 100-gallon steam rig with 300-gallon boiler, six 400-gallon mash vats, four 60-gallon mash barrels, and with 1800 gallons of mash at the site. Mash capacity was estimated at 2500 gallons.

A dynamiting operation was performed about 3 p.m. Wednesday. See LIQUOR, Page Four

## INLET SAID TO BE HOLDING AT 100-FOOT WIDTH

Park Service Relieves Volunteer Efforts to Stabilize South Shore

The problem of combatting erosion has apparently been solved at the Buxton inlet, and the project is termed generally as "holding its own" while awaiting the services of the second dredge "Enterprise" which is digging its channel into the scene.

The National Park Service early in the week relieved the volunteer workers who had labored under difficult weather conditions in the sandbagging operation designed to halt erosion on the south shore.

D. S. Gardner, chief of operations for the Army Engineers in Wilmington, was in Dare County Wednesday doing advance reconnaissance on how the dredges will be positioned after the Enterprise reaches the site. Mr. Gardner expressed himself as pleased with the work done by the volunteers in the matter of erosion. The Enterprise, Mr. Gardner explained, should be in position about Sunday and begin pumping Monday or Tuesday.

Accompanying Mr. Gardner to the scene were Ray Rundell, acting superintendent of Cape Hatteras National Seashore; Dennis McGinnis, the park's supervisory engineering technician; and Edward Nash, park engineer. Also present were W. S. Winslow, State Highway Commission bridge engineer specialist; Bill Bragg of the State Highway Commission; and other State officials. County Commissioner George Fuller was also there.

## FOX HUNT GETS GOOD START ON THURS. MORNING

Several excellent runs plus two kills were made during the opening hour of the 15th annual Nags Head Valentine Season Fox Hunt, Thursday morning as many jeeps, trucks and autos loaded with hunters trailed the hounds that were trailing the foxes.

The hounds and the hunters came from Oxford, Greenville, Suffolk and other sectors of eastern North Carolina and Virginia.

First kills, and initial runs were made in the Whalebone Junction area of lower Nags Head where there have been reports of foxes being caught by muskrat and otter trappers recently.

The weather was perfect for the beginning of the hunt, a situation which in past years has not always been perfect.

Of the hundreds or more hunters there are many women in the group who are seasoned followers of the chase.

Heading the group is Chandler Watkins of Oxford who be- See HUNT, Page Four

## DRIVE NEARS \$1000 GOAL FOR ROANOKE ISLAND M.D.

A total of \$963.48 has been turned in to the 1963 March of Dimes fund by Mrs. Abe Sobel, Roanoke Island chairman. Mrs. Sobel expresses herself as highly appreciative of the hard work which has been done by her co-workers in raising this amount. Donors not previously listed are as follows: R. D. Sawyer Motor Co., \$10; Roanoke Island Gardens, \$10; Dare County Shrine Club \$50; Pioneer Theatre, \$5; Aida's Beauty Shop, \$1; Roanoke Laundry, \$3; Burrus Self-Service Food Center, \$5.

Additional Mothers' March collectors have turned in the following: Mrs. R. D. Sawyer, Jr., \$35.50; Mrs. Rose Smzadja, \$17.45; Mrs. George Creef, \$3.05; Mrs. Caleb Goodwin, \$11.77; Mrs. John B. Etheridge and Mrs. Reuben Etheridge, \$3.15; Mrs. Joe Dowdy, \$8.50; and Mrs. Ivey M. Evans, \$16.20.