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ACTIVE CHARTER MEMBERS PUSHING

MANTEO ROTARIANS OFFERING McCOWN FOR DIST. GOVERNOR



WALLACE H. McCOWN

Mantero Rotarians, who for the first time are offering a candidate for District Governor of District 771, including clubs from Mantero to Burlington and Yanceyville in the West, were inspired to a "March to Wilson" Monday Night, when all of the active charter members of the Mantero Club pledged their support for Wallace H. McCown for the post, and attendance at the Conference, March 24 and 25th together with practically 100% of the Mantero Club. The charter members are Martin Kellogg, Jr., Dr. W. W. Johnston; John Ferabee; D. Victor Meekins; Ernest E. Meekins; I. P. Davis (first president of the Mantero Club) and C. S. Meekins.

President George Whitfield announced that Rotarians, taking their Rotary Aims as follows: Wally and Sue McCown, Lawrence and Ollie Bell Swain; Ralph and Virginia Swain; Wallace and Margaret Gray; Ray and Helen Rundell; Linwood and Edna Cuthrell; Willis and Mellie Pearce; George and Elizabeth Whitfield; Stanford and Grace White. Other Rotarians attending will be Rev. Harold Leatherman; R. S. (Bob) Smith; Julian Oneto; Harold Glynn; Ray Jones, Archie Burrus, R. D. Sawyer.

A caravan leaving early Sunday morning will arrive in Wilson for a luncheon, and register for the Conference during the afternoon at the Wilson Recreation Park Community Center, conference headquarters.

The Mantero Rotarians are planning a number of special events for the Conference in their big effort to elect a candidate for District Governor, the election will take place Monday afternoon, and the Governor nominee will be officially elected along with 270 other District Governors from all over the world, at the Rotary's International Convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

Representatives from 38 other Rotary Clubs from North Central and North Eastern North Carolina will be in attendance at the Conference. The meeting is designed, according to President George Whitfield, to review Rotary activities of the year, and make plans for increasing the effectiveness of Rotary service during the coming year.

President of Rotary International, Nitish C. Lahary, of Calcutta India, will be presented at the conference by Gervis S. Brady of Canton, Ohio. Sunday night speakers will include also Sam Rundy, noted humorist of Farmville.

Monday's program will feature a Rotary Foundation Fellow, Garadond Rowlands, from England, studying at a college within the District.

Following the elections on Monday Afternoon, present Governor C. B. Martin, of the Tarboro Club will preside at the Governor's Banquet, his last official function of a highly successful year in the District. Edmund Harding, of Washington, N. C., the Tarheal Humorist, Past District Governor of Rotary, and familiar friend in the Outer Banks area, will be featured speaker Monday evening. Harding, incidentally, was the speaker at Mantero's Charter Night, January 11, 1957, and its

VOTERS AT NAGS HEAD TO REGISTER

Candidates for Town Commissioner Posts Also To File By April 1st

Despite the bill which has been entered in the Legislature to amend election provisions of the charter of the Town of Nags Head, the governing board of the town in late session Thursday afternoon, began preparations to follow instructions as had been established in the original bill which created the town in 1961.

There had been considerable speculation whether the town board would follow provisions of the original act, in view of the bill at present in the Legislature which would provide a more usual method of filing, registration and actual balloting.

In view of the many queries regarding the election machinery as originally established, we are reprinting, verbatim, the section of the charter dealing with this phase of the town.

"Sec. 4. In the last week of May, 1963, and biennially thereafter, the Governor of the State of North Carolina shall appoint five commissioners for the Town of Nags Head, who shall be sworn in as such commissioners as soon after such appointment as is possible, by any person authorized to administer oaths, and shall take office on June 1st, the date upon which their respective terms begin; provided, the Governor shall consider for appointment to fill said offices those persons who shall be recommended to him and shall be selected as follows:

(a) On or before the first day of April, 1963, and biennially thereafter, any qualified voter or nonresident freeholder desiring to become a candidate for Commissioner of the Town of Nags Head shall file with the clerk of said town their petition for such office, signed by at least three freeholders or legal residents of said town.

(b) All qualified voters and all nonresident freeholders, in order to be eligible to cast a ballot in the municipal election, must be registered in the Town of Nags Head. Registration books shall be open for registration of voters on the last two Saturdays of March each year.

(c) On or before the 15th day of April, 1963, and biennially thereafter, there shall be forwarded by the Clerk of the Town of Nags Head, a ballot to every registered nonresident freeholder at their last known address and to registered legal residents of said town, said ballot containing the names of the persons so filing for the above-stated offices. The ballots shall be properly marked as designated, and notarized by any person authorized to administer oaths and returned to the Chairman of the County Board of Elections of Dare County in a sealed envelope not later than six o'clock P.M. on the Tuesday following the first Monday in May, 1963, and biennially thereafter, said ballots to be then opened and tabulated at seven thirty o'clock P.M. on said Tuesday, in the office of the Clerk of the Town of Nags Head by the Chairman of the Dare County Board of Elections, said opening being public. The five persons receiving the highest number of votes for the office of commissioner shall be recommended for said office and upon appointment shall serve for a term of four years, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified; provided, however, that at the Municipal election to be held in May, 1963, the three commissioners appointed who received the largest number of votes shall serve for a term of four years and the other two commissioners appointed shall serve for a term of two years. Thereafter, all commissioners duly appointed shall serve for a term of two years, until their successors are duly appointed and qualified.

"Such commissioners shall elect from among their number one person to be mayor, who shall serve for a term of two years, or until his successor is duly appointed and qualified.

"When the ballots have been opened and tabulated as hereinabove provided, the Clerk of the Town of Nags Head and the Chairman of the Dare County Board of Elections shall immediately forward to the Governor of the State of North Carolina the result of said balloting.

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CLIPPING LATE IN LIFE A REBER FAMILY TRAIT



NO, THIS ISN'T A FUTURE BEAUTY QUEEN getting her locks clipped. It's a boy, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Reber of Wanchese, getting his first haircut. The stoic look you see on his face is no act. After some preliminary qualms, the little fellow submitted quietly to the unaccustomed shears.

His name is David Bradford Reber, or "Braddy," and like most of the Reber men, he is receiving his first clipping late in life. His father and his twenty-one-year-old brother both wore their long curls until the age of five. Braddy's nephew, slightly older Christopher Reber, received his first haircut only a few days earlier.

The tonsorial artist is Tom Russell of Mantero, who has been at the business of making men better groomed for thirty-odd years. Braddy's mother is shown in the background.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED, BUT

AUTO'S ADVENT SEEMS RECENT TO WANCHESE OCTOGENARIAN

Most of us can't remember how things were on the island before the invention of automobiles, telephones and electric lights. A look at how things have changed was given us by Mrs. Eleonor Tillett of Wanchese. Mrs. Tillett, at eighty-eight, is the oldest lady in Wanchese.

Born in 1875, she spent her first six years on Roanoke Island, then moving to Bodie Island, where her father, Peter Gallop, was the lighthouse keeper. Mrs. Tillett recalls that in those days the beacon was kept burning by neither electricity nor kerosene, but a kind of crude lard oil. Two years were spent there, while the tutoring of her sisters and herself was done by a traveling teacher from the island. When she was eight, her family returned to Wanchese, where she has lived ever since.

In 1896 she was married to a local fisherman, Charles Tillett. He worked in the area until his death in 1941. The couple had eight children, four sons and four daughters. The Tilletts owned the first telephone in Wanchese, and Mrs. Tillett remembers when lightning struck the wires and cracked down inside the house, scaring everyone, but without damage. Her cousins owned the first automobile in the area, and when asked if she remembered when they were first invented, she laughed and said, "That doesn't seem very long ago at all."

She remembers especially well when the sound froze over one winter, and she and several others walked to the beach over the ice. There were no bridges in those days, and a trip to Elizabeth City and back took a period of days. With no roads and not even an automobile to drive if there were, a trip to the mainland was quite an adventure.

One of the unforgettable moments in her life was a shipwreck that occurred when she was a child at the lighthouse with her father. The "Success" was the ship, from which the Captain and mate emerged unhurt to stay with them at the lighthouse. Although this office has no record of such a ship, the vessels barometer still exists, and bears the name "Success."

Mrs. Tillett lives in her own home with her daughter, Mrs. Dora Hayman. From her marriage have come not only her children, but thirteen grandchildren, thirty-six great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. When asked how she felt about the raising of such a whopping big family, she snorted and said, "Children weren't raised this way back then. We had to scrub clothes over washboards, and work at chores when I grew up."

Mrs. Tillett is fond of recalling the days when no one had ever heard of a lawn mower, days when horses in the yard were sufficient to trim the grass. And a radio? Books were the evening's entertainment, if anyone even felt like sitting up

OPPOSITION TO NEW P. O. SITE MOUNTS

Southern Nags Head Interests Begin Campaign to Change New Building Site

Mounting opposition to the location chosen for the new Nags Head Post Office is apparent among residents of the southern portion of Nags Head, and at a meeting Wednesday afternoon, forces were being organized to block, at least temporarily, postal officials' plans to go ahead with construction at the Hollowell Avenue site.

Archie Burrus, spokesman for the group, stated that those attending the meeting were "in full accord" in the proposal to get further attention paid their requests for a more central location. Burrus indicated that legal counsel will be retained, and that "only a fair hearing and reasonable treatment" is expected in the matter. Until now, there has been no public hearing on the proposal for a new building, and the only official approval has been in the form of a nod from the Nags Head Town Board.

While the opposition forces were being organized, a news release dated March 6, apparently withheld until last week's town board go-ahead signal, was sent from the Greensboro real estate division of the Post Office Department, stating that the department sought competitive bids to build and lease the new facility, at the Hollowell Avenue location. Deadline for submission of bids is 2 p.m. April 8.

It is apparent from the bidding information submitted, that plans of the department may extend into the future some 30 years in respect to the next new building for Nags Head. The basic lease agreement would be for ten years, with four 5-year renewal options.

At the meeting on Wednesday, it was pointed out that the Hollowell Avenue location is only 2-1/10 miles from the Kill Devil Hills town line, and just 3-5/10 miles south of the present Kill Devil Hills post office. From the proposed site to the southern extremities of Nags Head, it is 9-6/10 miles.

In addition to Burrus, attend- See P. O., Page Six

"ENTERPRISE" LEAVES SITE OF BUXTON INLET; PROGRESS BEING MADE IN ROAD WORK

Second Dredge Expected to Depart Next Week at Completion of Fill Work; Highway Promised by Easter Week End; Work Underway Already on Road Bed; Island Accommodations Expected to Experience Favorable Patronage.

SEN. MIDGETT OFFERS REDISTRICTING BILL



SENATOR P. D. MIDGETT OF Engelhard, Hyde County, introduced a bill in the State Senate Tuesday which would give consideration to area as well as population in the distribution of Congressmen in the State Legislature.

The redistricting program would be carried out without the necessity of an amendment to the Constitution, he announced. Midgett noted that his bill would give no more than two senators to any one county, nor would it include more than five counties in a single district, thus considering area in the distribution. The counties with two senators would be Mecklenburg, Forsyth, and Guilford.

The bill sets up a number of one-county districts, increasing the number of Senate districts by eight, to 41. These one-county districts would be: Cumberland, Wake, Onslow, Robeson, Durham, Alamance, Davidson, Gaston, and Buncombe.

Another bill to redistribute the representation in both houses was introduced by Sens. David Clark of Lincoln and Wilbur Jolly of Franklin. Their proposed bill would model the Legislature after the Federal Congress. Under the bill the House membership would be cut from 120 to 100, one representative from each county. The Senate would be raised from 50 to 80, based strictly upon population.

The bill would assure that the population of each new district could not vary more than 25% from 1/80th of the total population, after new district lines had been drawn. These lines would prevent the possibility of less than 45% of the state's population falling within the areas entitled to elect a majority of the senators.

If the Legislature failed to reapportion after a federal census, a committee composed of the Senate President, two citizens chosen by him, and two members named by the Governor would carry out the task.

The Senate envisioned by Clark and Jolly would give five senators to Mecklenburg, five to Guilford, three to Forsyth, three to Wake, two to Durham, two to Buncombe, and two to Gaston.

Although the bill would call for the statewide vote at the next general election, Clark said he hoped for an early vote to set up the program for the 1964 election.

In support of his program, Sen. Clark said, "I just can't conceive that the Supreme Court would throw out something based on the principle that the Federal Congress has used all these years."

Several other bills which would also call for a constitutional amendment were offered. One would raise the Senate membership from 50 to 60, another from 50 to 55.

SEA HAGS TO MEET

The Sea Hags Surf Fishing Club will meet at the Sea Hag Port on the beach on Monday evening, March 25th. at 8:30 P.M.

The sand-spewing Dredge "Enterprise," on the project at Buxton Inlet for the past several weeks, departed early this week. It had accomplished its part in the closure of the Ash Wednesday Storm-created gash and is now on its way to a delayed project in Wilmington Harbor Col. J. S. Grygiel, Wilmington District, Corps of Engineers, some two weeks ago had promised that the dredge would not be removed from the project until completion of its work, and unless an emergency in Wilmington Harbor developed. According to information relayed by Park Service Superintendent James B. Myers, the "Enterprise" departed on Tuesday, been furnished Mr. H J the completion and departure schedule having been furnished Mr. Myers by Mr. Oberjohann, Chief, Construction, U. S. Army Engineers, at the Buxton project site.

Col. Grygiel had negotiated with the Atkinson Dredging Co. to divert the dredge "Enterprise" from the project in Wilmington Harbor to the Buxton Inlet subsequent to the storm in late November which widened the inlet dangerously.

Buxton Inlet was originally cut by the March, 1962 storm and was about 600 feet wide at the time. The office of Emergency Planning furnished the Corps of Engineers \$225,000 to close the inlet to relieve the emergency conditions it had created in the local communities.

A contract was awarded to the Atkinson Dredging Co. to do the work, and their dredge "Hampton Roads" started the work early in November, 1962. Severe storms hit the area late in November and widened the inlet to 1400 feet. Severe erosion was experienced, immediately adjacent to the inlet, 2000 feet on the north and 3000 feet on the south.

These weakened sections were considered for all practical purposes part of the inlet. The Office of Emergency Planning furnished an additional \$475,000 to effect the closure of the enlarged inlet, to include the repair of the eroded sections.

Several coordinating meetings were held among representatives of the Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, U. S. National Park Service, and the State Highway Commission to ensure the closure of the inlet and the construction of a road across the closure at the earliest possible date.

Adverse weather conditions in January greatly hampered the progress being made by the "Hampton Roads." Colonel Grygiel negotiated with the Atkinson Dredging Co. to divert the latter's dredge "Enterprise" from the project in Wilmington Harbor to the inlet project. Mr. Atkinson cooperatively agreed.

The "Enterprise" began pumping on February 17, and the flow of water through the inlet was stopped 3 days later.

Meanwhile the local citizens, on their own initiative, heretofore undertook efforts of their own to retard the erosion which was taking place at and near the inlet, by placing thousands of sandbags and dumping hundreds of junked automobiles in the affected areas. They received splendid voluntary support from the local U. S. Naval and U. S. Coast Guard facilities, Camp Lejeune, the State Highway Commission, and the National Park Service. Colonel Grygiel stated that these efforts definitely aided the closure of the inlet.

Superintendent Myers stated that the National Park Service share of costs to strengthen the dike fill north and south of the inlet for long range protection will amount to approximately \$12,000.

On a recent inspection, Colonel Grygiel stated that the entire fill should be completed by the end of March, but indications are now that the work will be completed several days prior to the 31st.

The State Highway Comm.- See DREDGES, Page Six

MANY PEOPLE PONDER HOW TO TRAVEL WESTWARD IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION

Following last week's publication regarding the new one-way street system in Mantero, many citizens have wondered how to travel westward in an easterly direction. This, needless to say, would be a difficult task.

The correct information is as follows: both County and Main Streets will run eastward from the highway into town. County Street will continue as far as Bay Street, where it will resume as a two-way artery, while Main Street will connect with Water Street. An announcement of the date of the new system will follow the next Mantero Town meeting.

The congestion problem in Mantero is a growing pain, and news of the town's plans has been received with some degree of jubilation. It is hoped that no injurious mishaps occur due to the situation, while preparations are being made for the remedy.

HEALTH CLINICS FOR HYDE PRE-SCHOOLERS

Hyde County's annual pre-school health clinic will be held at the Swan Quarter Health Department on the following dates: West Hyde, March 26th; O. A. Peay, April 2nd; East Hyde, April 9th; Davis, April 23rd and 30th. Parents are asked to bring the child's birth certificate and complete immunization record.

EAST HYDE SENIORS TO PRESENT PLAY ON 29TH

The senior class of East Hyde High School in Engelhard will hold one performance of its class play March 29th, at 7:30 P.M. The play is entitled "This Ghost Business". Admission is fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for students. This is the only performance that will be given.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT EAST LAKE SUN. P.M.

The public has been cordially invited to attend special services Sunday afternoon at East Lake Methodist Church, beginning at 3 p.m., when choirs from churches on Roanoke Island and Manns Harbor have been invited to participate.

Rev. L. A. Smithson, pastor, welcomes all members, visitors and friends to attend Sunday afternoon, when Mantero Methodist, North End Baptist and Manns Harbor Methodist church choirs have been invited to participate in a special song festival.

VET OFFICE TO CHANGE HOURS APRIL 1ST

The Dare County Veteran's Service Office announces a change in office hours to become effective Monday, April 1st. The change will be from the present afternoon hours to morning hours, 9:30 to 12:30.