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## FORMER BOARD MEMBER LEADS IN K. D. HILLS

**Incumbents Re-Elected Plus One Newcomer: 11 Write-In Votes for Mayor**

Edmund V. Melson, hotel operator and real estate man and a former member of the Kill Devil Hills town board, led Tuesday in a nine-way race for five seats on the board of commissioners. Three incumbents seeking re-election plus one newcomer were named for two-year terms in the balloting. Melson received 125 votes.

Mrs. Diane St. Clair received 110 votes; Charles T. Griffin 104 and Ted Wood 84, as incumbents. Also successful was Sam Rogers with 77 votes.

Unsuccessful candidates were: C. A. York with 66; P. J. M. Bayne 62; C. Lane Phillips 55; and James B. Ashley 27.

Mayor Briggs, who was unopposed, received 117 votes, but 11 write-in votes were cast for Allen Beasley for that position.

Mrs. Ruth B. Frank, unopposed for treasurer, actually led the ticket with 132 votes. Write-ins for that spot were: Ida Mae Beasley 3; Alda Peterson 1; Jean Beacham 1 and Jewel York 1.

There were a total of 161 citizens voting.

York, a former commissioner, was not successful in his bid for mayor in 1965. Last week's issue erroneously stated that he was.

## ZONING PLANS FOR KITTY HAWK ADOPTED FRIDAY

**Five-Member Board of Adjustments to Be Named by Commissioners**

Following a public meeting last Friday night in Dare County Court-house, the county commissioners formally adopted a plan for zoning Kitty Hawk Beach. Numerous citizens appeared to speak their minds, and little dissension was noted to the proposals as drawn up by a committee, and later endorsed by Dare County Planning Board and the Commissioners.

In capsule form, some of those heard and what they said: TED WOOD: "Interested in seeing that everyone is treated fairly; and feel that it should not be adopted until thoroughly studied." Wood stated that he had sold some properties as commercial which are under the new regulations included in residentially restricted areas.

DAVID LAWRENCE: "Wood is due consideration for those sales made years ago." BILL FLETCHER: "In favor of zoning but recommend thorough study." Fletcher indicated interest in a commercial property now designated residential.

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## BURNING CASE IS UNDERWAY IN SUPERIOR COURT

At press time Thursday, the case in which Edwin Moore II of Washington, D. C. is charged with illegal burning of the former Parkerson Hotel properties, was being heard before a Hyde County jury. A special venire of 100 served early Monday morning, and a 10-man, two-woman jury was named by early afternoon.

Moore has purchased the hotel from M. E. Elizabeth O. Parkerson in Manteo in 1960, the year before the building was found to be under peculiar circumstances. Earlier, a front cottage had been consumed by fire.

It is generally conceded by all that someone deliberately tried to destroy the building, but Moore is the only person charged with the offense.

The first trial resulted in Moore's conviction, with sentence of eight years imprisonment. On appeal to supreme court, a re-trial was ordered due to errors. The next trial resulted in a hung jury. Additionally, efforts have been made to remove the case from Dare County and to have the whole matter quashed, unsuccessfully.

Charles Shaw of Elizabeth City, assisted by Eric Rosdin of Washington, D. C. are representing Moore.

Presiding Judge is Hon. George M. Fountain of Tarboro. Reports Thursday were that a recess would be called and the trial resumed Monday morning.

## TRAVEL ATTRACTION



GILBERT LOVE, travel editor of Pittsburg (Pa.) Press covered the Outer Banks by car, truck, bike and Honda during the past week gathering material for a series of columns he will write about the Dare Coast as a mecca for vacationists. He was photographing the Farnesi coat-of-arms on the Pompeian stone railing of the fountain in the knot garden of Elizabethan Garden when this picture was made. The fountain, said to date back to the 16th century, is one of many pieces of antique statuary presented to the Garden Club of North Carolina for their Elizabethan Garden on Roanoke Island by the John Hay Whitney family. Love also collected notes and made pictures of attractions from Hatteras to Kitty Hawk. He was accompanied on most of his trips by Aycock Brown, manager and news director of Dare County Tourist Bureau. (Photo by Aycock Brown)

## JUDGE CRACKS DOWN ON BREAK-INS, SPEEDERS

Judge Forrest Hornor of District Court took firm action Friday in a drive to halt or slow criminal activity in the resort area of the Dare Beaches and to discourage speeders.

Hornor was liberal with fines and jail sentences and orders for malefactors to stay out of Dare County.

"Something has got to be done to break up this business of breaking and entering into beach cottages," Hornor said. "I think they (the culprits) ought to go to jail."

A defense attorney's description of an illegal entrance into a beach cottage as "a trivial matter — a boyish prank" brought a sharp rebuff from the judge.

"I'm going to make an example," Hornor said. "These people are old enough to know better."

Hornor's remarks came during trials of four Norfolk, Va., high school youths on original charges of breaking and entering the L. R. Meekins cottage at Avalon Beach in Kill Devil Hills. The youths were William Eugene Shaw, Jr., James Groer, William David Bartlett, Jr., and Steve Persinger.

Shawn was charged with the offense as of March 24 and the others a day later.

Much of the testimony was in the form of statements taken from the boys by Police Chief Tom Dowdy of Kill Devil Hills and Deputy Sheriff L. W. Beasley.

Most of the testimony was that Shawn and a companion had arrived at the Meekins cottage the night of March 24 and that at least one entered through a window. The other boys, arriving the next night, had stated they were under the impression Shawn had arranged for them to remain at the Meekins cottage after attending festivities at the Nags Head Casino. The boys said they realized something was wrong and left almost immediately after arriving at the cottage March 25. But after the Casino closed and their car broke down they had no place to stay. So they went back to the Meekins cottage and entered through a screen door which one chap said was not hooked, was swinging open now and then, and "it hit me in the back as I stepped in." The wooden door, all testified, was open.

The three latecomers said they went to bed about 3 a.m. and got up at 6 o'clock to hitchhike back to Norfolk. They said the cottage had been broken into previously and noted that there were signs of damage.

At this point the defense attorney announced he was willing to withdraw the pleas of not guilty to charges of breaking and entering and to plead the boys guilty to trespass, a lesser

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## DARE TAXPAYERS SAVED EXPENSE OVER 'DEFENSE'

**Action to Employ Full-Time Director Voted Down by Board Monday**

At least temporarily, Dare County taxpayers will not be burdened with the establishment of a costly "civil defense director's" office. That conclusion was reached when Dare County Commissioners Monday voted down a motion to name an Elizabeth City retired military man, now a postal employe, to the position.

Col. David W. Spivey, charged with the supervision of CD programs in many eastern N. C. counties, had before action was taken presented the board with his views on establishing such a program, and selection of personnel to implement the program. Cost had been pegged at about \$13,000 annually, half or more of which would be borne by Dare County taxpayers depending on the percentage of time such CD director would be employed in those duties.

The CD office was budgeted last year at something around \$13,000 annually, but taxpayers believing that the position was a political plum for defeated L. L. Swain, former board chairman, clamored for relief and many were bitterly opposed to such a move. Swain later received a State Department appointment, which eventually took him to Thailand and Vietnam, and the position was never filled.

Many Dare citizens, learning that the salary was around \$6,000 annually, applied for the job. Eventually, all those candidates were eliminated and in recent weeks W. Stanford White, board chairman, has interviewed other prospects.

Following Colonel Spivey's presentation Monday, and subsequent discussion by board members, Commissioner Calvin Burrus moved that the board employ one Edward Alberton, Jr. of Elizabeth City, for the position. The motion failed to receive a prompt second, but finally Commissioner James Scarborough spoke as Chairman White called for action on a previous motion earlier offered by Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr.

In rapid action, White called for vote and through a confusion over whose motions were being entertained, board members Harvey, and Ronald Tillett voted affirmatively for Burrus' motion. Burrus failed to vote.

At that point, Harvey challenged the whole procedure, and the chairman called for the motions again.

On second calling, Burrus offered his motion again, James Scarborough offered a prompt second. Calling for a vote, only Burrus and Scarborough voted affirmatively.

Harvey's motion calling for investigation of a plan whereby an industrial relations, or commerce-and-industry type official might be employed instead of a civil defense director, was then offered. Commissioner Ronald K. Tillett seconded, and Commissioner Pannel A. Tillett voted affirmatively.

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## DARE AND TYRRELL SCOUTS CAMP ON ROANOKE ISLAND



A GROUP OF 94 GIRL SCOUTS from Dare and Tyrrell counties enjoyed a camping trip last week end at the 4-H Encampment on Roanoke Island. Some of the Pear Pad Patrol group are shown cooking in the open on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. George L. Mann of Manteo was director of the camping event which proved to be an interesting adventure for the participants. (Aycock Brown photo)

## MANTEO GIRL SCOUTS JOINED BY COLUMBIA AT WEEK-END OUTING

The first overnight encampment of the Manteo neighborhood Girl Scouts, junior and cadette troops, was held last week end at the Roanoke Island 4-H camp, north of Manteo. Guests of the Manteo Girls were Columbia girls scouts of junior Troop 375 and cadette troop 411. This was also the first encampment for Columbia girls who have been organized about a year.

Beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, the 94 girls attending lugged gear and belongings in a variety of fashions as no suitcases were permitted. Supper of "hubb stew" was cooked out in the open.

Saturday's activities included cooking of breakfast, hotcakes, bacon, followed by a Croatan Sound shore hike until mid-afternoon. Though pleas for a nap (to make up for sleep lost to giggles Friday night) went unheeded, the girls managed to gather wood, build fires over which they cooked stewed chicken, chili con carne, beans, two kinds of potatoes and baked macaroni and cheese, eating promptly on schedule.

Highlight of the encampment was the Camp Fire Service Saturday evening. Included were stories, songs, talent shows and awards. The Columbia troop 375 winning talent with their fashion show; troop 411, most congenial; troop 165, Manteo, for best all-round.

Sunday following breakfast a "secret's own" with scripture reading, Bible lesson, and songs was directed by Manteo troop 165. Camp broke at 9:30.

Director for the encampment was Mrs. George Mann with Mrs. Carl Swain as assistant, both of Manteo. Adult leaders attending were Mrs. Thomas Yeby, Jr., troop 411; Mrs. Clyde Sawyer, Mrs. W. E. See SCOUTS, Page Six

## HIS CHANNEL BASS WAS THAT LONG



SALT WATER SPORTSMAN PUBLISHER HAL LYMAN of Boston was asked to describe the channel bass he had caught the previous day as he was eating breakfast at Nags Head one morning recently. "It was this long," said Lyman and that was when the picture was shot. Lyman, an ex-naval officer who spent much time in Norfolk during World War II, parlayed an idea he had to produce a magazine that would largely feature surf casting into the successful slick-paper Salt Water Sportsman monthly publication. He is well-known in North Carolina and along the Atlantic coast. He is an expert fisherman. The fish he was describing was caught while trolling at Oregon Inlet aboard Capt Omie Tillett's cruiser "Sportsman." (Aycock Brown photo)

## WILLIAMS LEADS NAGS HEAD VOTE; MCKIMMEY LOSES

Former Mayor W. A. Williams led the ticket in Nags Head Tuesday, with 96 of the 106 votes cast. Other successful candidates are C. G. Brickler 80, Dewey L. Hayman 77, Carl Nunemaker 75 and J. L. Newman 62.

Tommy McKimney, who has served on the town board since the charter was granted in 1961, narrowly missed re-election, with 58. Nineteen votes were cast for W. L. Edwards who died early last week. A write-in campaign for Bob Preston failed with 18 votes and Bernie Daniels received one.

Those elected will name a mayor from their ranks, at a meeting set for Monday, May 8. Williams served as mayor from 1963 to 1965, and prior to that had been a commissioner.

## DARE PLANNING BOARD WILL MEET ON MAY 9

The Dare County Planning Board, originally scheduled to meet May 16, will meet instead on Tuesday, May 9, at 10 a.m. in the court house in Manteo.

At this time consideration will be given to the revision of Dare County sub-division regulations. All interested parties are asked to be present.

## AS PROPOSED IN NEW BILL

## DARE FISHERMEN VIGOROUSLY PROTEST NEW REGULATIONS

A delegation of commercial fishermen, some thirty strong, appeared before the Dare County Commissioners Monday to protest proposed amendments to legislation which controls commercial fishing along Dare County beaches. The proposals would further tighten regulations which restrict fishermen to usage of property to which they have permission.

Presently, except (Section 1.) from the statute is as follows:

"Provided, however, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize, permit or allow commercial fishermen or any other persons to drive across, enter upon or allow commercial fishermen or any other persons to drive across, enter upon or conduct their fishing operations on any private property other than that owned or leased by them except by permission of the owners in the above described area."

The new amendment would insert the following: "WRITTEN PERMISSION." Except from Section 2-A. as presently written:

"All fish, crabs, skates, dogfish, all waste, residue and all marine life which is caught and brought ashore in the aforesaid nets or seines from the Atlantic Ocean in connection with the said operation."

To the above, the proposed amendment would insert: "EQUIPMENT USED IN SAID OPERATION."

Charles Nunemaker of Colington, prominent fish dealer who acted as spokesman for the

## PUBLIC HEARING ON REGULATIONS FOR SUB-DIVISIONS

**Modifications and Legal Adoption of Dare Proposals Set for May 23**

In action Monday afternoon, the Dare County Commissioners adopted resolution calling for, among other things, another hearing dealing with sub-division regulations as previously believed formally enacted several months ago County Attorney W. H. McCown, reporting to the board his opinion, stated that the county had not fulfilled requirements set forth in the statutes called for to precede the hearing last October 21.

This forthcoming hearing, not to be confused with the hearing last Friday night dealing with Kitty Hawk Beach zoning, deals specifically with sub-divisions.

Only one private citizen bothered to appear at the hearing last October 21—Ellsworth B. Midgett, Jr. of Manteo—in addition to county officials.

Effect of the May 23 hearing will be to legalize the adoption of such subdivision requirements, and make certain modifications as are deemed necessary in the public interest, which have come to light within recent months. Such variances are to be submitted to the commissioners through the planning board to be placed in order for consideration at the hearing.

Further provision of the ordinance adopted Monday places copies for public inspection in the office of the clerk to the board of commissioners for study and consideration. It is specifically stated that the order heretofore entered and directed to the Register of Deeds with respect to filing of sub-division plans is suspended until such formal adoption as may be accomplished May 23.

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## FRESHMAN LEADS MANTEO TICKET IN TUESDAY VOTE

With six in the running and 140 voters exercising their privilege, a newcomer to the political field headed the ticket in Manteo. McCoy Tillett, Jr., capture 113 votes; incumbents Woodson B. Fearing II followed with 92 and Carlisle Davis had 73 votes.

Unsuccessful in bid for council seats were Guy H. Midgett, with 57 votes; Joseph W. Pool, with 44 and Willis Wise with 30. Sam E. Midgett, mayor, unopposed, received 109 votes. Ralph Davis, Alice (Mrs. Gordon) Kellogg, C. B. Parker and Dennis Midgett each received one write-in vote for mayor.

## A.B.C. BILL WOULD ALLOW MORE FUNDS TO DARE TREASURY

Commenting on the legislation introduced which passed the N. C. House last week, Robert H. Midgett, supervisor of Dare A. B. C. system, stated that as result of the bill more revenue would be paid the county treasury.

"We are now required to appropriate 5% of net profits for law enforcement, but our actual expenses in that field are closer to 10%," he stated. As explanation, he stated that 5% for the past year would have been \$2,773.04, whereas the board had expended about twice that much for salary of the officers, uniforms, vehicle, and other expenses.

"It is proposed in the legislation to eliminate the enforcement program, give the 5% to the sheriff's department and let the sheriff and his deputies enforce the A.B.C. laws. Likely this would enable four full-time deputies as compared to the present three-man force."

## HYDE TOWN SEEKS TO GIVE UP CHARTER

The town of Engelhard has asked the legislature to revoke its charter so that it may apply for a federal water supply grant.

Such grants are available only to unincorporated areas.

Rep. Archie Burrus, D-Dare, introduced the bill to revoke the charter of the Hyde County town. He said the charter had never been inactive for 25 years but never had been revoked.

Burrus also asked the legislature to require fishermen to get permission of property owners to fish in certain beach areas in Dare County.

## OCRACOKE PONIES TO BE SOLD BY PARK SERVICE



IN MARCH of this year the National Park Service accepted ownership of the Ocracoke Ponies and instituted a program of herd management. It is the intent of the Service to maintain a representative group of Ocracoke ponies at a location where they may be seen by Park visitors.

The Service, as an initial step, set the number of ponies to be maintained at the level of between 12 and 15 animals. In order to correct an existing biological imbalance and reduce the group to the recommended size, Acting Superintendent Thomas Morse announces plans to offer for public sale three animals as follows: 1 mare, bay

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## RED CROSS MEETING NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

The Dare County Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a quarterly board meeting Friday, May 12. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the community building, Manteo, and concerned parties are urged to attend by Joe Hume, county chairman.