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'TOWN OF KITTY HAWK, INC.' WOULD BE CREATED BY LEGISLATIVE ACT

Under provisions of legislation now in the N. C. Senate, the area being developed by East Coast Properties in the Kitty Hawk sector would be incorporated as the "Town of Kitty Hawk, Inc." The area generally is defined as beginning at a point some 300 feet south of the bridge spanning Currituck Sound below a motel, thence running easterly along U. S. 158 Business to the bypass at which point a southerly course along west side of bypass for a distance of approximately 6,000 feet to the Sanderlin line; thence westwardly to Currituck Sound; and finally northerly to the point of beginning along the sound shore, some 5,000 feet.

Excepted from the area as defined would be such properties as Pine Cone Inn, Kitty Hawk Marina, Spruill and Perry, Outer Banks Service Station, the holdings of George Bozevich and W. N. "Bud" Rose on the by-pass and some others.

In many respects, charter of the new town would resemble that of Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills. It provides for a 4-member town council and mayor nominated and elected from town at large to 2- and 4-year terms, respectively, with vacancies filled by remainder of council; council meetings as provided by resolution; special meetings on call of majority or two members; open public meetings.

Similar to legislation enacted two years ago which eventually will provide for incorporation of Southern Shores, the Town of Kitty Hawk would be established by petition bearing signatures of 15% of freeholders in proposed town limits; such petition to be presented to the county commissioners for activation and call for town election.

Regular elections for mayor and council are set forth in the legislation for the Tuesday after first Monday in May of odd-numbered years.

Certain other procedures relative to appointments, the transaction of business, the fixing of salaries, etc. are contained in the bill.

The legislation was given a preliminary blessing by the Dare County Commissioners several weeks ago, and last week passed the N. C. House. It was sent on to the Senate, but its status at press time could not be ascertained.

The only objection raised to the legislation thus far came Wednesday to the Dare County Commissioner from David Stick, who stated that his opposition was based solely on the name selected. He told the board that the name "Kitty Hawk" as attached would have considerable significance in development of the properties by East Coast, and that he felt such name should encompass a broader territory.

Stick stated that he earlier believed that the East Coast name would be "Kitty Hawk Woods, Inc."

While the village of Kitty Hawk has been so established for farther back than anyone now living can remember, it has never been incorporated, nor has the area referred to as Kitty Hawk Beach which also includes the Southern Shores area.

KDH TOWN BOARD NAMES MAYOR PRO TEM, OTHER OFFICERS AT MEETING

Theodore Wood was chosen mayor pro tem of Kill Devil Hills by the town board at the newly-elected board's organizational meeting Tuesday night. Wood will serve as mayor in the absence of Mayor Tom Briggs.

Diane St. Clair was reappointed commissioner of public works and sanitation with Sam Rogers as assistant commissioner.

Edmund V. Nelson was chosen director of public safety and Charles Griffin, Sr., was named chairman of the finance committee.

Ruth B. Frank was reelected town clerk and tax collector.

C. J. Gilley was chosen as superintendent of the water department.

Tom Dowdy was reappointed chief of police and Alan Herrer was hired to assist Dowdy during the summer months.

Briggs, Griffin and Rogers were named to the water committee. The board asked for bids for a new garbage truck. The board also received several recommendations regarding the refurbishing and cleaning of the town water tank.

REALTORS PROTEST EAST COAST PLANS FOR INCORPORATION

Meeting Wednesday night, the Dare County Board of Realtors adopted resolution of protest to House Bill 839, which is enabling legislation for eventual incorporation of properties under development by East Coast Properties. Over signature of Ted Wood of Kill Devil Hills, president of the Board of Realtors, the following telegram was dispatched Thursday morning to Reps. Archie Burrus and Bill Roberson and Sen. Ashley Futrell:

"Dare County Board of Realtors at its regular monthly meeting Wednesday night voted unanimously to oppose H.B. 839, protesting adoption by East Coast Properties, Inc. of the name Kitty Hawk for private development separate and apart from the historic village of Kitty Hawk, its post office, churches and community; strongly recommended that sponsor of bill give consideration to changing the name Kitty Hawk to Kitty Hawk Woods as the development is now known or to Kitty Hawk Beach."

MANY FISH DIE RESULT OF FREAK STORM ON LAKE

In a freak wind storm that hit late Sunday afternoon, a large number of game fish were left stranded in the mud on the bottom of Mattamuskeet lake. A south-west wind gusting to 60 miles an hour pushed the water from the south side of the lake to the north shore, and there was no overflowing due to the low ebb of water in the lake. The unusual spectacle could be seen by one riding along the south side of the causeway.

Two wildlife officials, Patrolman T. H. Robbins and Protector W. E. Lawrence salvaged a large number of the fish and turned them over to the county schools. Many died trying to bury themselves in the mud before the wind let up and the water leveled off.

Most of the fish were large bass, with some weighing up to five and one half pounds.

The lake bottom was visible for about a mile from the causeway. Persons could walk out about 50 yards from shore. It is unlawful to pick up game fish and private citizens were prevented from catching the stranded fish.

Patrolman Robbins stated "It's proof that the lake is well stocked with game fish, and even though some were lost, the lake will remain a sportsman's paradise."

BEACH CLEANUP ON LARGE SCALE SLATED TO BEGIN

Annual clean-up of beach areas, through cooperative sponsorship of the Dare County Commissioners, State Highway forces and Nags Head Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for the next few days. This pickup of debris is supplemental to the normal pickup conducted weekly or more often by a contractor on behalf of the county. Areas affected will be Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head.

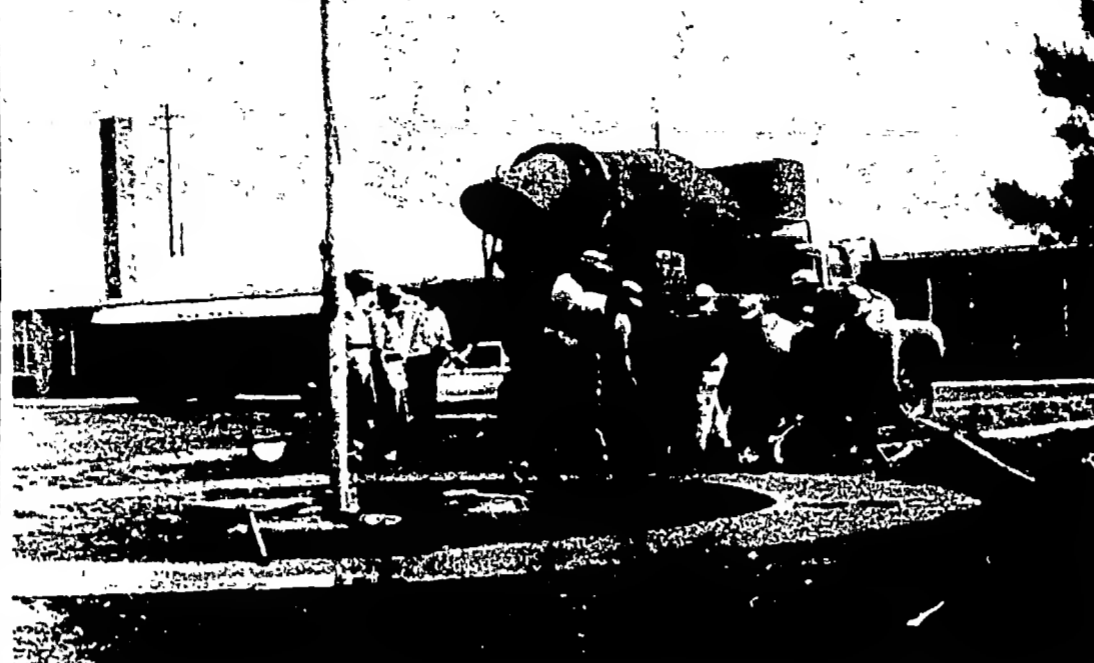
In addition to the usual, old bedsprings, refrigerators, and the like will be picked up. "All that is required of property owners is that such undesired materials be placed near the highway right-of-way before May 18," a chamber of commerce placard advises.

The only refuse which will not be picked up will be building materials. However, a weight limitation of 200 pounds for single objects has been stressed.

O. L. Baum of Kitty Hawk offered a lone bid to the county commissioners for \$495 for use of his equipment and necessary manpower to accomplish the special clean-up Tuesday of this week.

P. J. M. Bayne, chairman of the clean-up project for the chamber, has urged cooperation of property owners to the fullest extent. "The busy tourist season is rapidly approaching and we must all lend our efforts toward getting the beaches in the most presentable shape possible," he said.

MANTEO LIONS BUILDING MEMORIAL TO GEORGE HALE QUIDLEY



MANTEO LIONS CLUB MEMBERS are shown building a memorial to the late George Hale Quidley who was the popular maintenance engineer at the new Manteo High School following its completion a few years ago. Members of the Lions are doing the manual labor on the project which consists of paved walk and circle around the school's flag pole and a walk leading to a flower garden. The project was nearing completion when the photo was made Saturday. It will soon be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies by students of the school. Financial assistance was given the project by citizens of Manteo. . . . On the same day the photo was made other members of the active Manteo Lions club were preparing another project, The Lost Colony concession stand at Waterside Theatre which they operate during the drama's season which this year will begin on June 23. (Aycock Brown photo)

FERRY FARES TO BE LOWERED ON TUESDAY, MAY 16

The North Carolina State Highway Commission will reduce fares on its two toll ferries effective Tuesday, May 16, according to E. H. Baggs, ferry operations manager. Baggs said the over rates will go into effect when the ferries operating between Southport and Fort Fisher and Cedar Island and Ocracoke begin their summer schedules.

It should be noted that dredging operations which were made necessary by drifting sands are now underway on the Southport-Fort Fisher run and are scheduled for completion by May 15. The beginning of the summer schedule is, of course, contingent upon dredging being completed by that date.

Under the new set up, vehicle fares include driver and all passengers with the highest toll on both ferries set at \$10. In addition, space will be available to vehicles up to only 40 feet on the Cedar Island to Ocracoke Run and up to 55 feet on the Southport to Fort Fisher Run.

A complete listing of fares and rates follows:

Cedar Island-Ocracoke

- Type fare and rate:
 - a. Pedestrian 50¢
 - b. Bicycle and rider \$1.00
 - c. Passenger car, station wagon, carryall, pickup, camper-20' or less in length and motorcycle \$6.00.
 - d. All other vehicles or combinations up to 40' in length \$10.00. (ALL VEHICLE FARES INCLUDE DRIVER AND PASSENGERS)

Southport-Ft. Fisher

- Type fare and rate
 - a. Pedestrian 25¢
 - b. Bicycle and rider 50¢
 - c. Passenger car, station wagon, carryall, pickup, camper-20' or less in length and motorcycle \$1.50.
 - d. Other vehicles or combinations up to 40' in length \$3.00.
 - e. All other vehicles or combinations up to 55' in length \$10.00.

NEW MANTEO BOARD ORGANIZES, REAPPOINTS ALL DEPT. EMPLOYEES

The newly-elected Manteo town board organized itself Wednesday night and reappointed all department employees.

McCoy Tillet, Jr., the only new member of the board, was chosen police commissioner. Woodson B. Fearing II, who holds longevity honors as a board member, retained his street commissionership. Carlisle Davis was elected water commissioner.

The board reappointed the following: C. C. Duvall, chief of police; Seldon R. Midgett, water superintendent; Juanita Parker, town clerk; C. B. Parker, head of garbage collection and street maintenance; Martin Kellogg, Jr., town attorney.

Mrs. Parker is the oldest town employee in point of service. She has been town clerk since 1947. The board gave tentative approval for installation of a new fire alarm system, depending See MANTEO, Page Five

BUDGET TRIPLED NAGS HEAD CHAMBER TO ACT ON CHANGE OF NAME

A meeting of membership and officers of Nags Head Chamber of Commerce has been called for Tuesday night, May 16 to act on two important matters. One involves adoption of proposed revised constitution and by-laws, the other the budget for 1967-68.

Under the proposed revised constitution, the Chamber would become "The Greater Nags Head Chamber of Commerce, Inc." and among other changes would elect 12 directors as compared to the present eight. Many other minor changes in mechanics of the operation are contained in the new proposals, which will be explained at the meeting set for 7:30 in Cypress Room of the Carolinian Hotel.

Budget increase Tentative budget to be presented would increase from about \$5000 in the current year to \$14,876. A breakdown shows planned expenditure as follows: Salaries \$3600 Social Security 151 Office rent, heat included. 1000 See CHAMBER, Page Four

AUTO LICENSES NOW SOLD DAILY IN MANTEO

Automobile owners in the Manteo area will have less trouble now with securing license plates. Mrs. Juanita Parker, who formerly handled the license sales for this area, has resumed the job, and plates can be purchased from her from nine until 12 noon and from one until five o'clock in the afternoon each day, Monday through Friday, at the town office in Manteo.

DISTINGUISHED FORESTER VISITS N. C. WOODLANDS



DR. CARL O. TAMM, (second from left) Forest Ecology Professor of Stockholm's Royal College of Sweden, learned of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company's operations when he visited N. C. Woodlands in Dare and Tyrrell counties last weekend. With him on his visit was Westvaco's Dr. Joe Martone of the company's Laurel (Maryland) laboratory at left and Dr. T. E. Maki, forest management professor at N. C. State University in Raleigh. At right, N. C. Woodlands Manager Quentin Bell of Manteo who was host to the distinguished foresters on their coastal area visit. (Aycock Brown photo)

MOORE ACQUITTED IN THIRD TRIAL ON FIRE CHARGES

Jury Agrees That State's Evidence Circumstantial In Beach Case

Edwin G. Moore II, Washington, D. C., was acquitted by a jury Wednesday of a charge of malicious burning in 1961 of the Parkerson Hotel in Nags Head. It was the third time Moore had been tried on the charge. The first trial ended in his conviction and he was sentenced to eight years in prison. The State Supreme Court granted a second trial which was held before a jury of Gates County residents. A hung jury resulted and a mistrial ordered. The third trial was conducted before a jury from Hyde County.

Moore had purchased the hotel from Mrs. Elizabeth Q. Parkerson, Manteo in 1960. A year later the building was found ablaze under peculiar circumstances.

The defense argued that Moore had left Nags Head two days before the fire was discovered on the third floor of the hotel and that he could not have been responsible for the candles which were set on that floor and the flammable fluid present.

Moore had paid \$18,000 down on the building and the remaining \$42,000 was placed in a deed of trust.

The state maintained the hotel was burned for insurance benefits.

The jury required less than two hours to acquit Moore after a one-hour charge from Judge George M. Fountain. The defense contended the state's case was based solely on circumstantial evidence.

Disposal of the criminal charge against Moore opens the way for completion of two civil suits concerning the case. The trustees and heirs of Mrs. Parkerson had filed a foreclosure suit against Moore, and he had filed a countersuit, charging misappropriation of funds.

Both cases have been consolidated and are expected to be tried together.

DARE FISHERMEN AGAIN PROTEST NEW LEGISLATION

In further protest to proposals pending in the N. C. Legislature to amend fisheries regulations pertaining to Dare County, three men appeared before the Dare County Commissioners Wednesday.

A delegation was before the board last week, with result that the board transmitted resolution of protest to the "written" permission feature of the bill. Through some misunderstanding, what the commissioners actually recommended last week was that the amendment proposing "written" permission be okayed excepting that area of the beach within Kill Devil Hills.

Charles T. Griffin, representing the Kill Devil Hills town board, and C. G. Brickle of Nags Head. See PROTEST, Page Five

FROM FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION CAPE HATTERAS WATER ASS'N. SEEKING ADDITIONAL \$75,000

VIRGINIA BEACH FIRM IS AWARDED O.B.R.A. CONTRACT

Georgia Firms Also To Participate In Golf Course Construction

At long last, the Outer Banks Recreational Association has awarded construction contract for its golf course. The award was made Wednesday, following loan closing the previous day. Farmers Home Administration officials turned over its check for \$390,000 to officials of OBRA, who in turn endorsed same to Planters National Bank. Next step was the forwarding of a \$390,000 Planters check to FHA, actually just some more Federal red tape. The effect is that FHA has guaranteed repayment of the loan which came through Planters for construction of the regulation course and its related facilities.

According to David Stick, secretary to the association, John H. Malbon of Virginia Beach on Wednesday was awarded contract for \$94,000 for certain phases of the construction. Two Georgia firms were successful bidders on other phases of the work.

Malbon's firm will handle "clearing, grubbing, excavation of drainage canals and ditches, and the spreading and disposal of excavated materials; clearing and grubbing of golf course and installation of drain pipe.

Southern Turf Nurseries of Tifton, Ga., for seed bed preparation and planting of grasses and seed" was granted contact at \$38,200.

Russell Daniel Irrigation Co., Athens, Ga., for \$45,950 was contracted for "irrigation systems, including construction of pump house.

Stick said that construction is slated to begin within 30 days, and completion within 150 days following, thus pointing toward possible play on 9 holes of the 18 by fall of this year.

Several other phases of the overall OBRA plans have been re-scheduled for bidding again in late summer, because of excess over estimates in the original bids. Stick indicated that prospects for more favorable bids could be expected later.

The OBRA course is being constructed on a 300-acre tract donated by Kitty Hawk Land Co. north of U. S. 158. It lies between the more highly developed residential areas of Southern Shores and Currituck Sound.

FABULOUS BLUES GRABBING BAITS OFF DARE COAST

By AYCOCK BROWN

The fabulous Outer Banks bluefish were back in waters off the Dare Coast this week. A hundred of the fish would weigh a half ton or more. Anglers trolling with red rubber lures that somewhat looked like the business end of a live squid accounted for 114 of the whoppers in two days.

One party, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Musgrave and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ellison of Chagrin Falls near Cleveland, Ohio caught 37 Monday. They were fishing with Omie Tillet aboard his cruiser Sportsman. Their largest blue scaled at 13 1/2 pounds. The rest and all that were taken during the first two days of the run, which Tillet had intercepted about 12 miles east of Oregon Inlet ranged from eight to 13 1/2 pounds, averaging a bit over 10 pounds for each of the fish taken.

Inshore the snappers were being caught by the hundreds each day, in Oregon and Hatteras, and on Tuesday, the first from Roanoke Sound were landed. A couple of anglers from Pittsburg trolling from their private outboard powered boat "Puppy Drum" caught 11 adjacent to the Washington Baum Bridge connecting Roanoke Island and Nags Head.

Down at the inlet, old timers like Lee Perry of the Deepwater, Jesse Etheridge of the Caradwyn, Harry Baum of the Jo-Boy, and other skippers were catching them by the dozens. Perry and party aboard Deepwater brought in 208 of the little blues which had been caught in three hours of fishing. The snappers were small blues, however rarely weighed. See BLUES, Page Six

A resolution passed by the directors of Cape Hatteras Water Association Wednesday night will be directed to Farmers Home Administration, seeking a supplemental loan of \$75,000. That action was taken after it was ascertained that the project to supply water to Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras could not be constructed with the available \$1,200,000.

A second resolution approved by the board provides for award of contracts to low bidders so that construction can begin within 60 days from opening, assuming the loan of \$75,000 is approved.

Vance Swift, chief of community services loan division, Farmers Home Administration, Raleigh, was present for the session, as was Joseph E. Hardee, project engineer, representing Moore Gardner and Associates, Inc. of Asheville which firm was retained by CHWA some three years ago to begin a study.

Bids for construction were opened April 27 at the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club. Of the forty-one requests for bidding documents, thirty were returned covering all phases except one. That phase, labeled 3A, was negotiated with Kellogg-Cuthrell, Inc. of Manteo.

All low bids were in excess of funds budgeted, by some 20%. Negotiations were entered into with all low bidders, with some project modifications, but after all justifiable paring, the costs were \$1,286,000. The Association has about \$11,000 on hand, thus the request for an additional \$75,000.

Swift told the board that the supplement would be available provided assurance was made by the local board to provide revenue to amortize the entire loan. This additional revenue presumably would come from an increase in the minimum rate, now generally pegged at \$4.00. Estimates are that \$4.50 minimum monthly charge would suffice. At inception of the studies a minimum rate of around \$9.00 per month was estimated. Later when it was learned that qualifications could be met for a considerable Federal grant, the minimum charge estimate plummeted.

The various project phases are:

1. Wells.
2. Raw and finished water aerators.
3. Distribution system.
- 3A. Well field roads, pumps, and lines.
4. Elevated tanks.
5. Treatment plant.
- 5A. Elevated tank foundation.
6. Electrical.
7. Heating and air-conditioning.

One of the modifications negotiated was the reduction in number of wells from 35 to 20. Engineers indicate that 20 will serve the communities' needs for the next five to 10 years, which time additions can be made as necessary.

Of the \$1,200,000 already assured, \$670,000 is a grant while the remaining \$630,000 will bear 5% interest to be amortized over a 40-year period.

WILLIAMS NAMED NAGS HEAD MAYOR IN MONDAY MEET

W. A. Williams, Jr., was named unanimously by fellow board members to the mayoralty of Nags Head, a position he had held formerly. He served from 1963 to 1965, when he chose not to seek re-election. Dewey L. Hayman served in that position from 1965 through last week, and while seeking re-election, he had expressed himself as preferring to be a board member rather than mayor. Other board members elected May 2 were J. L. Newman, C. G. Brickle, and Carl P. Nunemaker.

Appointments made Monday by the board included that of Martin Kellogg, attorney; Mrs. Rae Brickhouse, clerk; Melvin Basnight, water superintendent; and Donnie Twyne as chief of police.

MANTEO JUNIORS TO PRESENT PLAY FRIDAY

The Manteo Junior Class has issued another reminder of the play "Cheaper by the Dozen" which will be presented Friday night at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. It will begin at 8 p.m. and tickets will be available at the door.