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RECORD-SMASHING \$849,300 GIVEN TENTATIVE OKAY BY DARE BOARD FOR 1967-68

County Spending Plans Upped About \$18,000 Over Last Year; Tentative Tax Rate Set at 1.35 per \$100 Valuation Compared to \$1.45 Last Year; Valuation in Excess of \$40 Million.

Meeting last Friday, Dare County Commissioners gave tentative approval to a budget of \$849,300.82 to run the affairs of the people for the next twelve months.

A tentative tax rate of 1.35 per \$100 valuation has been adopted, subject to revision when the budget is finalized, likely in July. The rate is down only 10 cents from last year's \$1.45, despite a hefty increase in the tax valuation rolls of some \$7-million. The increase results from new construction and equalizations during the recent revaluation, which was adopted as of January 1.

The budget is based on 80% collection of the tax levy, the same figure used two years ago. In the previous year, anticipation was 80%.

1967-68 Revenue
For the coming year, revenue is expected to be derived as follows: Current levy, \$408,304.81; prior years' levies, \$35,745.28; other sources (state and federal, ABC, etc.), \$286,181.61; grants and transfers, \$20,819.12; beginning balances (estimated) \$87,250.00.

The current and prior levies indicate amounts to be derived from local or ad valorem taxes.

For the various departments, a breakdown with the new year's budget indicated first, the past year by the second figure, is as follows:

- GENERAL FUND LIMITED: \$170,941; \$148,814.42
- FARM PROGRAM: \$6,895.70; \$6,432.
- COUNTY ACCOUNTING: \$9,662; \$8,816.
- COUNTY BUILDINGS AND COURTS: \$15,129; \$21,070.
- WELFARE ADMINISTRATION: \$53,142; \$52,235.34
- OLD AGE ASSISTANCE: \$59,640; \$72,000.
- AID FAMILIES DEPENDENT CHILDREN: \$33,841; \$35,400.
- AID TO PERMANENT AND TOTALLY DISABLED: \$46,743; \$46,000.
- AID TO BLIND: \$6,509; \$6,698.65.
- GENERAL ASSISTANCE: \$5,950.52; \$9,140.
- HEALTH: \$57,529; \$52,050.
- SCHOOL PROGRAM: (current) \$202,003.61; \$165,323.58; (capital outlay) none; \$1,115.51.
- REVALUATION: \$11,570, \$23,850.
- COUNTY-WIDE DEBT SERVICE: \$131,711.68; \$137,099.13.

Of the debt service requirements, \$18,000 principal will be paid on road and bridge bonds incurred in 1948; \$10,000 Manteo school bonds incurred in 1957; \$10,000 Kitty Hawk School bonds incurred in 1956; and \$28,000 on the more recent issue for \$1,250,000 sold in 1965. In addition to the principal, interest totaling \$71,470.00 and bank charges of \$241.65 must be paid.

A copy of the budget is on file in the office of the register of deeds with complete breakdown. See BUDGET, Page Eight

MANTEO LIONS GET DISTRICT AWARDS FOR THEIR WORK

The Manteo Lions Club received district awards for outstanding work during the past year at the annual awards meeting for District 31 which was held in Williamston on June 16.

The Club received the Best Club Activities and the Best Blind Activities awards for a club of 26-50 membership. A tie resulted in duplicate Jangle Prowler awards for the Manteo club and the Elizabeth City club. This trophy is given for the most man miles traveled in visiting other Lions Clubs in the district.

Melvin L. Jackson, district public relations chairman for the year, received an award for outstanding service and Sanford C. Stallings, club secretary, again received the 100% secretary award.

Louis Midgett, Eddie Bliven and Sanford Stallings of the local club attended the Williamston meeting.

DAVID SEYMOUR NAMED STUDENT OF THE YEAR



DAVID CHARLES SEYMOUR was designated "Student of the Year" in Camden High School. David, a senior, had been president of the class during his sophomore and senior years; secretary his junior year; an active member of the Menomagen Club, Glee Club, Library Club, Annual staff, newspaper staff, Beta club, student council, basketball, baseball and marshal.

He was named "best all-around" student in the superlatives contest and was awarded a \$50 scholarship from the Camden-Pasquotank MYF sub-district and another \$50 scholarship from the South Camden Ruritan Club.

MANTEO YOUTHS GET FINES, HEAVY FRINGE PENALTIES

Judge Warns Boys They Courted Term on Roads In Shoplifting

District Judge Forrest Hornor fined and assessed fringe penalties against four Manteo high school youths Friday on charges of shoplifting at two stores in Nags Head.

Three of the boys pleaded guilty to charges of taking Eve watchbands and a pair of shorts from the Gallean and the Colony House. One pleaded not guilty. Hornor convicted him on a lesser charge.

Hornor warned the defendants he would have been justified in sentencing them to the roads for two years. He said he refrained from sending them to the roads because of their ages.

The youths appeared without counsel in district court.

Ted Dale Midgett, 16, Manteo, high school sophomore, pleaded guilty to taking a watchband and not guilty to taking anything at the Gallean; Robert Lee Tolson, Manteo, high school junior, 16, pleaded guilty to taking a pair of shorts at the Gallean and not guilty to taking anything at the Colony House; Robert Clayton Hayward, 17, Colington, sophomore, pleaded guilty; Phillip Don Bruce, 17, sophomore, pleaded not guilty.

"I can't understand why you do this," Hornor said before announcing judgment. "This is the way to start a life of crime."

"What you have done is serious. The shoplifting trend throughout the country is costing millions of dollars and the public has to pay for it."

He fined each youth \$100 and costs, remanded them to custody of their parents, put them on probation for two years, took away their driver's licenses for six months, warned them not to be away from home after 9 p.m. for three months, and told them to report immediately to the probation officer. He said they must pay the court costs the day of trial, but gave them until Jan. 1 to pay the fine. He said they must earn the money for the fine.

"I don't want your parents to see COURT, Page Four

LITTLE DAMAGE DONE BY FIRE IN SCHOOLHOUSE

Officials Say Loss Of About \$500 In Blaze Fully Insured

Fire of undetermined origin broke out in the ceiling of a class room of Manteo's old elementary school late Tuesday. It was extinguished before extensive damage was done.

Seth Henderson, superintendent of Dare County schools, said about \$400 to \$500 damage was done to one class room in the Bonnie Belle Evans Building. The old school is immediately to the rear of the new elementary school which will be opened for classes this fall.

Henderson said the building was fully insured and that repairs would be completed in time for use of the class room at school opening.

Henderson said there was no indication how the fire started. He said some welding was under way and that there was a possibility some of the wiring was defective. A fireman said there was an electrical box near the welding operations. The room was not being used at the time the fire broke out.

The fire was confined to the ceiling area. All books stored in the room were removed without damage, Henderson said.

The superintendent praised the fire department for its efficiency in putting out the fire and removing books and records that could have been damaged.

SAA COMMITTEE CALLS FOR FOUR-LANING HIGHWAY

Plea to Be Formally Presented to SHC in Washington June 30

AURORA. — The executive committee of the Southern Albemarle Association last week went on record as urging the State Highway Commission to construct a four-lane highway into the Southern Albemarle region, leaving the choice to the commission.

The association had previously gone on record as requesting that both U. S. 264 and U. S. 64 be four-laned.

The new action was taken because Southern Albemarle Association leaders said it is impractical to expect that both routes be four-laned at the present.

A call for one route, to be chosen by the Highway commission, is expected to move approval ahead at the state level. At least, it removes the barrier that a double request might seem to throw up.

The new action will be presented to the commission when it meets in Washington on June 30.

At the same time, the committee heard a plea that a previous action urging the SHC to build a bridge across the Pamlico River be presented at the Washington meeting. The committee, at its first quarterly meeting of the year went on record as endorsing a See SAA, Page Four

MRS. MARY BASNIGHT AS A MANTEO 'BETSY ROSS'



MRS. MARY BASNIGHT, widow of the late Capt. Tom Basnight who was for many years skipper of the N. C. Fisheries Patrol Boat "Croatian," became a modern "Betsy Ross" recently when she re-made the Cross of St. George flag for the town of Manteo. It is the early English flag that was in use when the Sir Walter Raleigh colonists attempted to establish a settlement on Roanoke Island during the late 16th Century. It is the official flag of The Lost Colony drama which begins its 27th season Friday night, and likewise the official flag of Manteo where it flies from masts at the town hall. Mrs. Basnight re-made the flag for Dr. W. W. Harvey, former Manteo Mayor. (Aycock Brown photo)

FOR 1,385TH PERFORMANCE

OPENING NIGHT OF LOST COLONY WILL BE JUNE 23

Director-Choreographer Joe Layton will unveil his 1967 edition of "The Lost Colony" outdoor drama Friday night at 8:45 (DST) in the Waterside Theatre on the Port Raleigh National Historic Site. The symphonic, historical play will continue through August 27, every night except Sundays.

The opening night this year will be the 1,385th performance since Paul Green's "granddaddy" of outdoor dramas was first given on July 4, 1937. This is the 27th production season. The show was suspended for four years before World War II.

Layton is an internationally known stage of musicals, having won a TV EMMY award for his first Barbra Streisand special, "My Name is Barbra," and an EMMY nomination for his second, "Color Me Barbra." He and Miss Streisand are collaborating on a third for release on TV next fall. Layton was choreographer of the original Broadway production of "The Sound of Music," won a TONY award for staging Richard Rodgers' "No Strings" on Broadway; staged the musical numbers for the current hit movie, "Thoroughly Modern Millie"; and recently opened a revival of "South Pacific," starring Florence Henderson, in New York's Lincoln Center.

"The Lost Colony" is sponsored by the Roanoke Island Historical Association, in cooperation with the National Park Service and the State of North Carolina. Mrs. Fred W. Morrison, Chairman of the R.I.H.A., is the Producer. The general manager is John W. Fox.

The production coordinator is Dumeau Noble, a member of the faculty of the N. C. School of Arts at Winston-Salem. Randolph Umberger is production stage manager, George Frautwein is choral director and Irene Smart Rains is costumeur. The lighting, including \$15,000 in new equipment this year, is by Nanaume Porcher of New York City who handled the lighting last fall for the opening production in the Metropolitan Opera's new house in New York City.

SUBDIVISIONS RULES ADOPTED AT FRIDAY MEET

Authorization of Kitty Hawk Garbage District Okayed by Dare Commissioners

While last Friday's meeting of the Dare County Board of Commissioners was primarily a budget session, the long-drawn-out process of adopting subdivision regulations was accomplished. Last October the Dare board adopted, legally, what it believed to be a binding set of regulations.

When it was discovered that the statutes had not been complied with, another attempt was made this past spring, at which time a public hearing was held in the courtroom. Many amendments to the proposed regulations were submitted, referred back to the planning board, and recently that board sent the modified proposals back to the commissioners.

After being delayed for several meetings, the commissioners finally made the rules binding Friday.

Garbage District
In response to request from numerous citizens in the Southern Shores area through petition, the board voted to include the concerned area within the garbage district of Kitty Hawk. The new area is "All of the community known as Southern Shores, the boundaries to extend from Martin Point Creek on the north side of Highway 158, East to Ocean Boulevard, thence northerly approximately four miles to the Hargrave line, thence westerly to Currituck Sound, thence southerly along Currituck Sound and Martin Point Creek to the place of beginning.

CONSTRUCTION ON RECREATION AREA FINALLY BEGINS

Outer Banks Recreation Association Lets Bids for New Facility

The long-awaited construction of the golf course for the Outer Banks Recreation Association got underway Monday. To be built in Duck Woods near the Kitty Hawk School, the entire recreation facility is expected to cost \$300,000.

Julian Oneto, Nags Head, president of the OBRA, says the golf course is expected to be completed in spring of 1968. "I don't think anybody really envisions the impact the golf course will have on the off-season tourist business in Dare County," said Oneto.

An 18-hole golf course is one of the needs of this tourist oriented area, as there is not a facility of this kind available at the present time.

In addition to the course itself, the area will have a clubhouse, swimming pool, two tennis courts, pro shop, driving range and badminton courts. The 300 acres of land on which the new facility is being constructed has been donated by the Kitty Hawk Land Co. The project is being financed by a Farmers Home Administration Loan.

The Outer Banks Recreation Association is composed of 323 charter members and was formed in 1961 for the purpose of building the proposed golf course and related facilities, for use of the members.

The area may be used, however, by guests staying at hotels and motels who are members of the OBRA upon payment of a fee.

It is estimated that the clearing and grading of the acreage will take around 120 days. The irrigation systems for the course should be completed by early next year, at which time the seeding will see COURSE, Page Eight

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS MADE AT CONFERENCE HELD IN GOLDSBORO

The Methodist North Carolina Annual Conference was held last week in Goldsboro, and the following appointments were made in the Elizabeth City district: Wesley Memorial, Columbia, R. W. Johnson; Columbia Circuit, J. M. Saunders; Creswell, H. M. Hunnings; Currituck, E. E. Whitey; Hatteras, W. H. Burnside, Jr.; Kinnakeet, J. B. Jenkins; Kitty Hawk, H. S. Wilkinson; Manteo, H. S. Winberry; Moyock, J. M. Lewis; Ocracoke, T. H. House; Pilmoor Memorial, R. M. Smithson, Jr.; Plymouth, C. W. Barbee; Roper, D. W. Griffin; Stumpy Point—Manns Harbor — East Lake, W. J. Evans; Wanchese, W. N. Heggoggy.

Assigned to Student Affairs at N. C. Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, was J. B. Eskridge, formerly of Wanchese. W. L. Barbee, formerly of Stumpy Point, goes to Bethesda in the Durham district. On the retired list are E. E. Edmond, E. R. Meekins and P. M. Porter.

In the Greenville district: Belhaven, F. G. Peterson; In the Greenville district: Mettamuskeet, Haywood L. C. Martin; Swan Quarter, R. C. Hamilton, Jr.

ELECTRIC SERVICE OUT FOR SEVERAL HOURS THURSDAY: DISRUPTS MANY SCHEDULES

If Your Paper's Late, Blame It On Power Failure and Raise the Dickens with Veppo for That And Other Inconveniences; It's Time the Utilities Commission Set Some Rules for Guidance and Planning.

EAST LAKE MAN RETIRES FROM N.C. FOREST SERVICE



ELISHA LUNDY TWIFORD will retire in June after devoting 22 years to the N. C. Forest Service.

Lundy began working with the forest service in May, 1945, as a lawman and smokechaser. When he first started work, he operated the old wooden tower and checked smokes in his car. The steel tower was later erected and Lundy has operated it every since.

Lundy is married and has 6 children. He is the preacher at the Holiness Church in Manns Harbor. In his spare time, Lundy likes to tend to his garden and fish. He and his wife, Mamie, presently live at East Lake, but they plan to move to Manns Harbor some time this summer.

When asked about his most thrilling moment, Lundy says: "It has to be the 1957 fire at Stumpy Point." The Stumpy Tower operator was in the hospital, so Lundy was transferred there. The fire burned around the tower and caught him in it. Luckily, a sea breeze came up and pushed the smoke away at the last minute. Lundy says it almost was the last minute.

NAGS HEAD TOWN BOARD HEARS BUDGET REQUESTS

The Nags Head Town Board held a special session on Monday, June 19 at 9 a.m. in the Municipal Building. Adjourned from their June 5 meeting for the purpose of presenting and approving the town budget for 1967-68, the meeting was attended by Commissioners C. G. Brackley, J. L. Newman; C. P. Nunnemaker and Dewey L. Hyman.

The budget, as presented by Mayor W. A. Williams, Jr., allows for a total increase of almost \$15,000, with no increase in tax rate, which is now set at 95 cents on each \$100, according to Mrs. Rae M. Brickhouse, town clerk.

Cost of administration will increase from \$16,789.95 to \$19,785; Police Department from \$10,120 to \$10,850; Main-See BOARD, Page Eight

By FRANCIS W. MEEKINS

From 6:15 a.m. Thursday until 5:30 p.m., residents of many sectors of Dare County were inconvenienced by no electric service, while many others were provided a token amount.

Immediate cause of outage of the complete supply of outside power to Dare County except for the mainland which is served by Pamlico Power and Light Company, was damage to two of four main lines crossing the Inland Waterway at Coinjock. That line was put into service last June, a new 110,000-volt line which Veppo officials claimed would serve this area credibly and adequately for many years to come.

But already there have been two major failures, both over water. This first occurred in January, when one of the cables spanning Currituck Sound broke. A commendable job of repairing the break was made during difficult weather conditions. It was some weeks later that permanent repair was accomplished, and at that time current was again out for several hours.

The break Thursday morning was attributed to the boom of a crane on a vessel proceeding through the inland waterway, which exceeded the allowable height.

George A. Whitfield, manager of the Manteo office, said that the structures holding the cables were 200 feet high, but that he was uncertain how high the cables actually were above the water table. It is presumed however, that they must have been some 150 feet.

During the outage, some areas of the Dare Beaches were provided partial service through the Kitty Hawk booster plant, and on Hatteras Island, the plant there was also started. Veppo supplies power to that island's Cape Hatteras Electric Membership Corporation, an REA agency, and it in turn retails to its customers. Cape Hatteras also sells to Ocracoke Electric Membership Corporation, and presumably those details also were started on Thursday in an effort to supply the subscribers.

Roanoke Island Residents
Further Troubled
For several weeks recently, subscribers of Veppo in the outlying areas of Roanoke Island have been inconvenienced considerably and at great expense in some cases, by failure of Veppo to supply adequate service.

The problem arose when See ELECTRIC, Page Four

DARE COUNTY A WELCOME SIGHT AFTER EXOTIC BANGKOK IN THAILAND

Arriving back in Dare County recently, Mrs. Lawrence Swain has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Jordan, in Nags Head and plans to make her home once again in Manteo after living for five months in Bangkok, Thailand. Mrs. Swain, who went to Thailand to be in an area nearby to Viet Nam, where her husband is stationed, found the city of Bangkok beautiful and full of interesting and exotic sights, but decidedly lacking in the niceties of cleanliness and sanitation. When she arrived there the 25th of January, she found it necessary to use two air conditioners and three electric fans. When she left on June 10, she said, the temperature was little changed, although the rainy season had started and would last until November.

Despite rumors of snakes in the houses in Thailand, Mrs. Swain said they had no snakes in the houses in the area in which she lived. However, they did have small, friendly, gray lizards that chirped like birds and were called "chinchucks".

Even so far away from Roanoke Island, Mrs. Swain found familiar faces. Lt. Col. (USAF) Aubrey Roger of Manteo is stationed there, and Paul Akers (USMCR) of Kitty Hawk, serving in Viet Nam, was there briefly. Mr. Swain, located near Saigon, recently suffered three broken ribs and a number of bruises in an automobile accident, according to Mrs. Swain.

LIGHTING DESIGNER



NANANNE PORCHER of New York City, designer and active participant in the installation of nearly \$15,000 in new lighting equipment for "The Lost Colony" outdoor drama, is shown here with one of the modern new quartz spotlights. In the background of one of two new 48-foot aluminum towers which give "The Colony" a "new look" this year. (Aycock Brown photo)

NEW WELFARE BOARD MEMBER TAKES OATH



A NEW MEMBER of the Dare County Board of Welfare is Mrs. Maxine Evans of Kitty Hawk, shown here as she was sworn into office by C. S. Meekins, clerk of superior court at the courthouse last week. Mrs. Evans replaces Mrs. Grace Hooper of Stumpy Point on the Board. (Aycock Brown photo)