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TO SATISFY JUDGEMENTS

BILL TO PAY FOR SEASHORE LANDS ADVANCES IN SENATE

The U. S. Senate Interior Committee Wednesday approved a bill to authorize funds to compensate for lands within the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. The bill, to be sent to the Senate, was introduced early in 1967 by Sens. Sam Ervin and B. Everett Jordan, and would authorize appropriation of funds in connection with the taking of 6,400 acres from private owners some ten years ago. The funds would be used to satisfy court judgments in condemnation cases pressed by the government against owners who refused to sell land for the park.

As of May 31 of this year, a report from the Department of Interior showed that funds amounting to \$2,514,462.34 would be necessary to compensate under terms of settlement agreement. Of that amount, actual compensation totaled \$1,871,201. The difference represents accrued interest.

The Department also reported that interest amounted to \$92,203.14 annually based upon the amounts agreed upon for settlement.

But there remains a snag. Attorneys for the U. S. Government have appealed from Federal District Court Judge John D. Larkin's findings as to properties covered in Civil Action 263, which involves Hatteras Island lands. Those seeking appeal have been granted until December 27 of this year to perfect the appeal which will be heard in U. S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit, based in Richmond, Va.

In Action 263, 45 tracts on Hatteras Island involving upwards of 100 persons, are included. In requesting time to prepare the appeal, attorneys for the government contend that "awards were in excess of their fair value."

In a telegram Wednesday to a Manteo attorney W. H. McCown, who represents many of the property owners, Sen. Ervin said that he would "anticipate speedy Senate action." While there can be no assurance of settlement right away, it is hoped that the matter will be enacted in the current session of Congress. The bill must have Senate and House approval.

Civil Action 401, which involves Bodie Island, property See SEASHORE, Page Three

CHAMBER MEETING SATURDAY NIGHT AT CAROLINIAN

Buffet Dinner Beginning at 7; Ballots Should Be Returned Promptly

The annual meeting of membership of the Greater Nags Head Chamber of Commerce is to be held Saturday night, October 28. A buffet dinner beginning at 7 p.m. will precede the business session.

Tickets, at \$4 each, may be obtained from Fearing's, Inc. in Manteo, Virginia Dare Hardware, Kitty Hawk; Miller's Pharmacy and the chamber office in Nags Head; and Outer Banks Trading Post, Kill Devil Hills.

Election of directors will take place at the meeting. The board of elections, under chairmanship of Mrs. Violet Kellam and including T. A. Caffery, Richard Haer, Mrs. Goldie Beckins, and Marvin Minton as members, will rally results of the election and report to the membership at that time.

Immediately following the meeting, all newly-elected directors will meet briefly to elect new officers for the ensuing year and to select a state and time for next meeting.

Those named to directorship will be expected to attend a "catch-up" breakfast Sunday morning at 9 a.m. at which time they will meet with the non-resident property owners advisory board. That board brings before chamber officials items which concern them regarding local matters, in which they have little voice in other ways.

A large turnout for the Saturday night affair is urged. Tallan Oneto, chamber president, is holding ballots on a directorship slate and is recently sent to members to return them to the self-addressed envelope which was included, or turn them in prior to the Saturday meeting.

JUNIOR POLICE ESTABLISHED AS SAFETY MEASURE

Whittington Sets Up Group to Help Patrol School Corners

Ken Whittington, the new town policeman, has recruited a group of Junior Policemen to aid in directing traffic in the vicinity of the high and grammar schools. "The primary purpose of the Junior Police is to help protect children," Whittington told a reporter. "Additionally, membership in the group gives the juniors a feeling of responsibility. Also, I hope it will instill a feeling of law and order in their minds."

Whittington estimated 15 boys aged 15 to 17 would be needed to patrol Manteo street corners along an established route between the high school and the grammar school.

He had three boys on duty Monday. By Tuesday morning there were 13. On Wednesday, he had a full complement of 15. Whittington said the biggest need now was adjustable safety belts for the boys so that they could be identified quickly by automobile drivers. Presently, the boys must depend upon hand signals to control traffic in the vicinity of the schools.

Whittington said he would check with school authorities to determine if they had any safety belts on hand that could be used by the juniors. If they are not available, he said it would be necessary to purchase them. He planned to issue identification cards to the Junior Police. He said that in order to become a Junior Policeman, a boy must have good school grades and be a "good citizen." He said that if a matter of discipline arose in the ranks of the juniors, the boys themselves would handle the situation.

"I hope the Junior Police can persuade other youngsters riding bicycles to stop at stop signs," Whittington said. "Such action just might save a life or prevent an injury." "I doubt if many youngsters know that riding a bike through a stop sign is just as much of a law violation as an adult driving through a stop sign. You can get a ticket for each violation."

The boys in the Junior Police ranks include: See POLICE, Page Four

CONCLUSION PENDING IN MATTER CONCERNING NAGS HEAD TRAILERS

No action was taken at the public hearing Monday, October 23 in Nags Head town hall, in the matter concerning Mac Miller's plans for extension of the Nags Head Trailer Court. It had earlier been announced that the extension would be in the area west of Business-158.

Mayor W. A. Williams said that Mr. Miller failed to present any plans or layout, and the matter was set aside for further consideration by the board of adjustments following such presentation.

At the hearing Monday some 25 or 30 neighbors appeared to protest the construction of such a project in their area, and some others offered defense of the project.

No date has been set for action inasmuch as it is not known when the plans will be submitted. Williams indicated that he expected prompt action pending the presentation.

Two More Hearings Already scheduled for November 8 are two more hearings. One concerns application for construction in South Nags Head on property of W. B. McManus of one-family dwellings.

The other is the matter turned down three weeks ago concerning W. B. Harper who sought permission to construct duplex rental accommodations in the residentially-zoned area. At the hearing on October 9, at which time the board of adjustments ruled against Mr. Harper, it was stated that revised plans in conformance with regulations would be presented soon.

Mayor Williams urges the public to attend these hearings and express views.

98 PINTS BLOOD IN MANTEO VISIT ON WEDNESDAY

Short Eleven of Goal; Next Visit to Cape Hatteras in March

Despite a failure to meet the quota of 109 pints Wednesday, Red Cross chairman Joe Hume said that the program "went very well." Ninety-eight pints were donated, thus a further deficit of 11 pints now exists which will be charged and expected to be made up in future visits.

Hume cited the location change from Manteo High to the elementary school as one reason for the Wednesday deficit, however, he said this was not a point of great significance. It had earlier been announced that the high school, as usual, would be used, but recent work on the gymnasium floor prevented that.

The chairman expressed appreciation to donors and volunteer workers who helped with registration and professional services. He said that the spirit of cooperation was high among all who came to help.

The bloodmobile's next visit to Dare will be in March when it will be at Cape Hatteras. Next trip to Manteo will be in April or May.

THIRTY-SIX CLUBS ENTER TOURNEY AT CAPE HATTERAS

10th Annual Surf Event Begins Thursday to Be Followed by Individual Competition

Thirty-six fishing clubs from North Carolina to New Jersey have entered teams in the 10th annual Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Surf Fishing tournament scheduled to begin Thursday, November 2.

The three-day event will conclude with the annual awards dinner at Cape Hatteras School. Jim Mays, news director of WTAR in Norfolk will be the principal speaker.

The first two days of the tournament will be for team competition. There will be two morning and two afternoon fishing sessions lasting three hours each. The morning sessions begin at 7 o'clock and continue until 10; the afternoon sessions begin at 1:30 and continue until 4:30 o'clock.

On Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon there will be open individual competition in which any angler registering for same may enter.

Mrs. Ormond W. Fuller, president of the sponsoring Cape Hatteras Anglers Club, stated this week that headquarters See TEAMS, Page Three

CHRYSANTHEMUM BLOSSOM TIME ON ROANOKE ISLAND



MISS MILDRED PRICE AND MRS. FLOSSIE PRICE, her mother, are considered the champion chrysanthemum growers of Roanoke Island. They are shown in a section of their garden at their Manteo home almost hidden from view as they make a backdrop for the gorgeous white flowers which they sell or give to friends at this season of the year. (Aycock Brown photo)

MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL AGAIN TOLD IT'S DIRTY

The Dare County Grand Jury told Superior Court Judge Walter Cahoon this week the Manteo High School building needs to be cleaned and better tended.

"The building is not cleaned and tended as it should be," the grand jury said in its report. "We recommend that more janitorial and maid help be hired to eliminate this condition."

"Stage and floor of the auditorium are littered with cigarette butts, candy, and paper and needs a good cleaning."

The report on Manteo High School and other public buildings in Dare County was made after an investigation by the grand jury during the October term of Superior Court.

The report covered schools at

FIRST FLIGHT AIRPORT AGAIN OPEN; REPAVED

Dickerson, Inc. Completed Job Last Week Under \$22,000 Contract

Superintendent K. A. Wing, of the National Park Service, reports that the First Flight Airstrip at Wright Brothers National Memorial, Kill Devil Hills, is once again open for business, after having been repaved this past week. The \$22,000 contract was awarded to Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe.

The 3,000 foot runway was opened December 17, 1963, during ceremonies marking the 60th anniversary of the First Flight by the Wright Brothers. Private flying has shown a great increase in the last five years. (In August of this year it was reported that there were 450-500 student pilots in Tidewater flight schools alone.) Fly-in visitors to the Memorial have also increased. During 1965, 1921 visitors registered. In 1966, 1975 flew in and through September of this year, 1895 visitors have arrived by private aircraft. The number of passengers per aircraft has also increased from 2.3 in 1965, to 2.4 in 1966, and to 2.6 in 1967.

There are no service facilities at the airstrip; and only 12 parking spaces are available so visitors are required to limit their stay to 24 hours.

SQUIRREL HUNTER'S POOR AIM BLAMED FOR VEPCO OUTAGE FRIDAY

A squirrel hunter's poor aim caused approximately five thousand customers to be without electric power several hours last Friday, according to H. R. Linkous, VEPCO Elizabeth City district manager.

The outage occurred when a string of insulators on a newly converted 115 thousand volt line was hit by misguided shots around 2:12 p.m. Since the trouble was some distance from the nearest road, the problem was not immediately evident. Once the damaged insulators were located VEPCO's crews worked to restore power, sectioned the trouble line and restored service to approximately nineteen hundred customers in Currituck County by 3:05 p.m. Insulators were replaced and all customers power had been restored by 6:12 p.m.

Customers affected extended along the line from Currituck County to Manteo, including REA customers on Hatteras Island.

The two diesel units at Kitty Hawk were able to carry a portion. See HUNTER, Page Six

FIRST IN HIS OUTFIT TO BAG MAINLAND DEER



BRYANT SURRATT, A2C, U. S. Air Force, temporarily attached to the Stumpy Point Bombing Range, bagged this 6-point buck alongside a road canal one day this week. Surratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Surratt of Lexington, was the first in his outfit to kill a deer this season on the Dare mainland where the big game hunting season began October 13. (Photo by Aycock Brown)

Kitty Hawk and Cape Hatteras as well as Manteo schools, and the condition of the courthouse, health center, and the community building. Most of the criticism was leveled at the Manteo High School. This was also the case in the Grand Jury report in May when the body called for "immediate improvement in cleanliness and maintenance of the Manteo and Hatteras schools."

The report on public buildings in addition to 39 criminal indictments the Grand Jury handed down for court consideration.

The jail was found to be "newly painted and in good condition." Offices in the courthouse were in "proper order." The body recommended installation of an extension telephone in the office of the clerk of the court.

The Health Center was "clean and orderly," and the Welfare Department in the Community Building needs "patching and painting." A wall in the Lost Colony office needs a hole repaired.

The Kitty Hawk school was found to be in good condition except for a trough in the boys restroom and termite problems around outside doors.

The jury asked investigation of a bus driver's complaint of no tickets issued to drivers passing a stopped school bus while loading and unloading.

The Cape Hatteras school, which got a shellacking in the May report, was mentioned thusly:

"Found emergency door improperly working on school bus also bad foot and emergency brakes. No fire extinguisher in the laboratory or Home Economy." See JURY, Page Four

DARE SCHOOLS GET FURTHER FEDERAL AID

A U. S. Government check for \$1,578.63 was delivered to Seth B. Henderson, Superintendent of Dare County Schools and John H. Long, county accountant, by Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge manager William C. Good on October 18. This check represents payment to the County under the Refuge Sharing Act (Public Law 88-523).

CLOCKS SWITCH

Daylight-Saving Time, in effect since April, comes to an end this week, at 2 a.m. Sunday morning. The clock should be set back an hour before retiring Saturday night.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE UPHOLDS TOUGH LINE FOLLOWED BY HORNER

Few District Bench Sentences Lowered By Cahoon In Fall Term Covering Murder, Drunk Driving, Breaking and Entering, Larceny, Worthless Checks; Defendants Pay Higher Costs.

BUXTON YOUTH VOTED C.G. 'BEST SHIPMATE'



BENJAMIN R. GASKINS, JR., seaman apprentice USCG, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin R. Gaskins of Buxton, was voted "best shipmate" of his graduating company at the U. S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center, Cape May, N. J.

After indoctrination in the attributes of the Best Shipmates, the graduating company votes one of its members to receive the award.

Operating under the newly formed Department of Transportation, the Coast Guard conducts an active program of air-sea search and rescue, Merchant Marine inspection, ocean "weather" station patrols, scientific and humane treks into the north and south polar regions. It also cooperates with Customs and other federal agencies in the enforcement of law.

A graduate of Cape Hatteras High School in Buxton, Seaman Apprentice Gaskins entered the service in July 1967.

BAKE SALE, NOV. 4TH

The Manteo Rebekah Lodge will sponsor a bake sale November 4th, from 9 a.m. on, in the vacant lot across from Wise's Red & White. All merchandise will be home baked.

WHOPPER FROM HATTERAS INLET



C. A. WINGATE of Petersburg, Va., displays the largest wing mackerel reported taken with rod and reel along the Outer Banks so far this fall. He caught the 38-pounder while trolling with Capt. Ernal Foster at Hatteras Inlet. It was one of four whoppers Wingate and two Richmond friends, R. L. Jordan and Cecil Ward caught late Saturday while trolling with artificial lures. (Aycock Brown photo)

Judge Walter W. Cahoon and Solicitor Herbert K. Small waded through scores of cases involving murder, divorce, drunk driving, breaking and entering, larceny, and worthless checks during the fall session of Superior Court here this week. Court adjourned at noon, Thursday.

There were several appeals from District Court decisions handed down since the May term of Superior Court. In the main, the appellants would have been better off financially had they accepted their District Court punishments. Only in isolated instances did Cahoon reduce the sentences that had been handed down by District Judge Festress Horner.

Where the punishments given by each court were equal, the costs were not. District Court costs usually are \$15 per case, whereas Superior Court costs average about \$50.

Several appellants charged with drunk driving passed up a chance that a trial jury of home-county citizens would free them, and pled guilty. Some longtime court observers noted that drunk driving cases high on the docket were heard by a jury and guilty verdicts were returned. In similar cases that came up in the latter part of the session, the defendants elected to plead guilty to reckless driving without waste of the court's time.

Clyde Ferbee, a Currituck county negro, pled guilty to manslaughter in the death of John Ellis, another Currituck negro, in Manteo last June 23. The grand jury had indicted Ferbee on a charge of murder, but the state and court accepted the plea of guilty to the lesser charge.

Several of Ferbee's neighbors testified that the defendant's reputation was good, that he had never been in trouble before, and that he came from "good people."

Cahoon sentenced Ferbee to not less than 10 and not more than 12 years in prison. The judge noted that Ferbee saved himself "considerable time" by pleading guilty. Cahoon assured him that when the parole board determined he was ready for work release, the court would give him consideration. See COURT, Page Four

DISTRICT COURT HOLDS SHORT SESSION DESPITE SCHEDULED RECESS

District Court was supposed to be in adjournment Oct. 20, but it wasn't.

Judge Festress Horner and Solicitor Wilton Walker had noted an anticipated light docket and also considered the fact that Superior Court would get under way in Manteo on Oct. 23. Therefore, they reasoned, without much business for district court, Judge Horner could take a vacation. He did.

But on Oct. 19, Russell E. Twiford, an Elizabeth City attorney, learned that one of his Buxton clients could leave college long enough to answer a charge of drunk driving. He asked the solicitor's advice.

Solicitor Walker was agreeable. He said he liked to come to Dare county at any opportunity. Walker discovered that Horner's co-worker, Judge W. S. Privott, of Edenton, also wanted to come to the county and would be glad to hold court. Courthouse officials here were notified.

Harry M. Lange, Twiford's client, was found guilty and sentenced to four months in jail suspended on payments of a fine of \$100 and costs.

A reckless driving charge against Ernest Lee Kinney, Elizabeth City, was continued because the arresting state trooper could not be present.

Howard T. Waller, Delmar, Del., pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving and get 30 days suspended on payment of a fine of \$35 and costs.

A charge of failing to comply with the boiler inspection law against A. S. Austing, Jr., Hatteras, resulted in a prayer for judgment continued on condition that he comply.