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SEASHORE NATIONAL PARK OFFERS CERTAIN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP OUTER BANKS

PARK SUCCESS MUST BE ASSURED BY NATIVES AND THEIR NEIGHBORS

Support That Is To Come From Outside Must First Be Inspired By Attitude of Those Who Live Within the Area and Those Neighbors Who Are to Gain Most By Its Creation

The Outer Banks of North Carolina has in the proposed Seashore National Park its only certain opportunity for improvement in the economic sense; a very definite and real opportunity that has been proven in other sections. The reasons will be given.

Because of its nature, the sandy soil, and small areas of the Outer Banks are not suited to profitable agriculture. There can be no development on that score. The commercial fishing is not what it used to be, this being not only true of the outer banks, but of all sections where wild life has gradually been exterminated. The old contented days of Coast Guard employment are conceded to be no more. The opportunities therefore, for employment from time honored sources constantly diminish.

What should we do? Allow these people to leave, taking from our region their fine citizenship, while they seek employment or locate permanently elsewhere? Or to allow them to remain under adverse economic conditions of the old order?

In either case we have not answered the problem, nor have we met the challenge to all of us to make progress as the world moves. We owe a duty to each other, and we owe something to the people of a state and a nation who wish to visit this interesting area. We owe much to those fine stalwart residents who have contributed so much to our county and state, and to those who have invested their life's earnings in enterprises essential to the livelihood of the people, and which cannot be taken away or salvaged at will, as people come and go.

Certainly, beside doing something to help the welfare of the common man, there must be something done to protect the enterprise of the business man.

As matters now stand, there will be no great increase in the present sources of income.

If the park should not materialize and with no increase in need, there are not likely to be any outstanding developments, not only in roads, but in other forms of transportation. One cannot run boats or trucks without paying cargo.

Without transportation there can be no industries developed that are essential to the improved income of the people.

Without any of these things, the vast expanses of land will never be worth any more than they are now worth per acre. They will ever remain undeveloped, a constant burden from the standpoint of taxes, useful only where they contain firewood, which if destroyed will ultimately result in great damage to all the people.

What then, is the advantage of retaining in one's possession something that will be of such doubtful value, when the contribution, or sale of it at a reasonable figure, and one not in excess of its true worth will eventually be helpful to the general welfare?

It is true that in most instances, the holdings of natives are rather small, and few are in position to make even this contribution to what is needed for the general welfare.

National Park a Solution

The National Park Service through the bill that has given utterance to a dream of Lindsay Warren, and other great leaders, offers the one solution and hope for the development of the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

In this bill, the National Park service will take over and develop for the public good, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, the only Seashore National Park yet approved by American legislation.

It is first required that 10,000 acres of land be donated to the Government before this can be undertaken. It is desired that some 60,000 acres in all be acquired between Ocracoke Inlet and the Virginia line, before the full dream will materialize.

The value of the minimum requirement of land is between \$25,000 and \$50,000, and with the nucleus for this land already established at Cape Hatteras and Ocracoke, it seems desirable that the full 10,000 acres be acquired in this glamorous area.

The worth of this land doesn't exceed the figure above named, because it is not moving even at that price. But there is a satisfaction in owning land that makes for sturdiness of citizenship, and taking into consideration this factor, the National Park service in its surveys and plans has exempted the various villages in the area, to provide for homes of those now resident, and for future development, for homes.

Before the Park can materialize, this 10,000 acres of land must be donated to the State which in turn will give it to the National Park service. It will be necessary for the citizens to either make donations or be willing to deed their land for no more than it is worth.

The success of any undertaking depends on the good will of those who are to be benefited. It is natural always in any public undertaking to find opposition among those who are most benefited.

But on the whole, the people of the area, seem interested in obtaining this development. So far as they can, it will be necessary that they make some contribution to its success.

And while they will benefit primarily and directly from improved conditions, larger incomes, the acquisition of roads, and a wide-spread general betterment, they are not financially able to make any appreciable contribution to the enterprise, for the land is principally owned by non-resident sportsmen.

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LOCAL BOARD TO AID EMPLOYMENT OF EX-DRAFTEES

With the Army preparing to release some men from active duty in the near future, the Selective Service system is making plans to render all possible assistance to such men as are released in obtaining re-employment.

(According to present plans all selectees, 28 years old or over, who are now in the Army will be released upon application for discharge. In addition, the Army is planning to release an unspecified number of selectees as soon as their year of service is completed.)

General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, today pointed out that the Selective Service act imposes the duty of carrying out its re-employment provisions upon the Selective Service System as well as upon former employees. Local boards throughout North Carolina will be the focal point in the program, the director said.

The re-employment program provides for the appointment by the State Director of a Re-employment Committeeman to be affiliated with every local board in the state. The committeeman will act as a liaison agent between the returning soldiers and employers. He may be a member of a local board, a member of an advisory board, or a person appointed especially for the purpose.

The function of the local board Re-employment Committeeman will be to get in touch with the former employer prior to the release of a soldier, to see if his former job is available to transmit the records of returning soldiers who have no jobs awaiting them to the nearest State Employment office, and generally to use every means at his command to assist the soldier in obtaining employment.

Director Metts pointed out that the Selective Service Act provides that every selectee released from active duty shall be given certificate of satisfactory service if he completes his training to the satisfaction of the Army. The act then specifies:

"In case of any such person, who in order to perform such training and service, has left or leaves a position, other than a temporary position, in the employ of any employer and who (1) receives such certificate, (2) is still qualified to perform the duties of such position, and (3) makes application for re-employment within 40 days after he is discharged."

"(A) If such position was in the employ of the U. S. government, its territories or possessions, or the District of Columbia, such person shall be restored to such position or to a position of like seniority, status and pay;

"(B) If such position was in the employ of a private employer, such employer shall restore such person to such position or to a position of like seniority, status, and pay unless the employer's circumstances have so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to do so."

Put a Tax on Them!

The Pennsylvania Board of Fish Commissioners points out that: "One adult dragon-fly accounts for as many as 40 adult mosquitoes per day. This is not an average but for numerical reasoning, if 1,000 dragon-fly nymphs are prevented from reaching the adult stage, 40,000 mosquitoes stand a good chance, barring other checks, to carry on propagation. As each adult female lays from 200 to 400 eggs, think of the countless numbers that are increasing rapidly from day to day. Therefore, we can say that the fisherman who is bothered so much by the mosquito, unwittingly helps increase the number of this pest by using dragon-fly nymphs for bait." Put a tax on dragon-fly nymphs, we say.

ARMY

A small "army" of experts, numbering more than 4,000 persons, is conducting the British leave-taking buying program in this country.

And Now It's Pills for Minnows!

A Minnesota company is marketing oxygen tablets designed to keep minnows alive in your minnow bucket. A tablet dropped into water gives off oxygen for a period of about 10 hours, according to the company's advertisements. Good thing if it works.

Food has become so scarce in many parts of Greece in recent weeks that foreign observers predict many natives will die of starvation this winter.

THAD EURE TO HEAD NATIONAL ASSOCIATION



Secretary of State Thad Eure who on Friday was elected president of the National Association of Secretaries of State at the annual year at Los Angeles, California, convention which was held this time is the first time the honor has ever been given to a North Carolinian.

29 PASS TYRRELL RED CROSS SWIMMING TEST

Twenty-nine Tyrrell County boys and girls successfully completed the Red Cross sponsored swimming school held at Colonial Beach for the past two weeks.

Instructor Thurston J. Mann is completing the administration of the Junior Lifesaving course to three boys this week. They are J. E. Norris, Jr., Fred Cohoon and Parker Harris.

Pupils passing the intermediate swimming course were: Sarah Liverman, Herbert Liverman, Griffin Spruill, Don Reynolds, Edith Adams, Warren Roughton, Lory Reynolds, R. S. Spruill, Julia Mae Poston, Audrey Alexander, Jessie M. Eason, Mary L. Knight, Ruby Sawyer, Charles Davenport and Lancy W. Mayo.

Those completing the beginner's swimming course were: David C. Davenport, Billie Spruill, Howard Thompson, Harry Roughton, Billie Spencer, Malcolm Eason, Emmet Eason, Maurice Waff, Franklin Alexander, Steven Clifton and Helen Brickhouse.

SIDEWALK IS ADDED TO BROAD STREET

Completion of a sidewalk and curbing on Broad Street from the Norfolk-Southern depot to the entrance to the Tyrrell County Training school was made this week by the street forces of the Town of Columbia under Chief of Police Julian Poston and Street Commissioner Floyd Cohoon.

SCOTT SEES SHORTAGE OF FARM IMPLEMENTS

Owing to a present shortage of materials and labor for the manufacture of farm machinery, North Carolina farmers are urged by G. T. Scott, Johnston County farmer and chairman of the State AAA committee, to plan carefully before placing their orders for 1942 requirements.

"It is becoming increasingly apparent," he said, "that shortages of labor and supplies will occur in many lines of production as the defense program increases its scope. Plans are underway to increase the production of iron, steel, and other raw material, but for the next year we need to economize on materials used in the manufacture of farm machinery." The State AAA committee chairman explained that this means farmers must estimate now their absolute minimum needs for machinery and repair parts for 1942.

To aid in determining requirements, the secretary of agriculture has requested the County Defense Board, acting as a group, to make a survey of farmers' minimum wants for the coming year. A questionnaire listing all types of machinery and implements has been mailed to each county for filling out.

Scott suggested to all chairmen of county boards that they check with implement dealers, community AAA committeemen, businessmen, and farmers before making final estimates of 1942 requirements.

"Farm machinery manufacturers have given priority rating for securing necessary materials," Scott said, "but in view of the present crises farmers should their orders to a discreet minimum."

MAYOR AND TOWN CLERK SIGN NEW SERIES OF BONDS

Board of Aldermen Plan the Purchase of Land For Fire Station Drive

The recently-authorized issue of Town of Columbia refunding bonds is ready for distribution to the subscribers, Town Clerk A. W. Houtz informed the board of aldermen at their regular meeting Monday night.

Mayor W. M. Laughinghouse and Town Clerk Houtz made a trip to Raleigh last week for the purpose of signing the bonds, just back from the engravers. They will be distributed through the Local Government Commission.

In a short and routine meeting, the members of the town board ordered all current bills paid and heard the monthly reports of Chief of Police Julian Poston and Town Clerk Houtz.

After some discussion, the board appointed a committee to make arrangements for the purchase of a driveway for the town's two fire-trucks from the proposed municipal building which will be constructed from the old power station on the Norfolk-Southern tracks.

A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Many years ago a little six-year-old girl was taking a ride with her father. They came to a lowly village. The people lived in shanties that were ugly and dirty. There were no places for children to play.

"When I am grown up," the little girl whispered to her father, "I am going to live in a big house right next door to poor people, and the children can play in my yard."

The little girl was Jane Addams. When she grew up she lived just as she had said, in a big house in a very poor neighborhood, and the children came and played in her yard.

When Jane Addams was a young woman, she found a friend, Ellen Starr. Her friend became so interested in Jane Addams' plan as she was herself, and the two started together. They found an old house that had once been a beautiful mansion, and rented part of it for thirty dollars a month. It had been built by a man named Hull, and so they called it Hull House. They had the ceilings and the walls plastered, and they hung new paper on the walls to make them interesting. The woodwork was repainted and the floors polished. Pictures were put up, and Hull House began to look like a home.

There were many foreigners in the neighborhood, and all were poor. Both the men and the women worked in factories. The children played in the streets, for the rooms in the tenement houses were small and few. In places a family of five or six lived in one small room.

At first the people in the neighborhood did not visit Hull House when Jane Addams invited them. They could not understand why two women would come to live among them, so they were suspicious. But some of them the more bold soon came, and then others followed. They were beginning to see that Jane Addams only wanted to be a good neighbor. Then mothers brought their babies to be cared for while they worked in the factory. They came for help when they were sick, or in trouble. On cold days the children came to play in the large rooms, and to read the children's books Jane Addams had provided. At night the older folks came to read and talk and study.

Jane Addams' friendly house was known to people in many lands. They called it Hull House, but the Italian women in the neighborhood had a better word for it. They called it "la casa di Dio—The House of God."

RECKLESS DRIVER IS FINED BY RECORDER

Charley Bateman pled guilty to reckless driving in Tyrrell Recorder's court last Wednesday and was fined the cost of court by Recorder W. W. Sawyer.

Bateman was charged by Highway Patrolman M. B. Stewart with operating an automobile without proper brakes or lights.

SAVES

The Rural Electrification Authority now is making possible inexpensive local storage of fresh meat, eggs and vegetables formerly wasted, as a contribution to the national defense effort.

MUSKRATS MIGHT BRING MILLIONS IN CAROLINA AS WELL AS MARYLAND

Not Only the Furs, But the Meat of This Lowly Animal Constitutes a Big Industry in Other States; Maryland Muskrats Bring in Two and a Half Millions Annually

MENHADEN MAY BE SECRET OF BIG BLUEFISH

Old Bluefish Seldom Seen on N. C. Coast Thrive on Diminishing Menhaden

What has become of the big bluefish that used to be found along the North Carolina coast? Maybe they have declined for lack of food, according to Dr. R. V. Truett of College Park, Maryland, who was in Manteo over the week end. Dr. Truett is biologist for the Maryland Department of Research and Education.

"Bluefish thrive on menhaden," Dr. Truett says. "And there has been a rapid decrease in the number of menhaden, due to the activities of the companies taking these fish for fertilizer. Wherever there are many menhaden, there are apt to be bluefish."

After all, that is the problem confronting most species in the world, the problem of food, Dr. Truett observes. We in eastern North Carolina realize there is a decline in all species of fish. And until more sane methods for conservation are enforced fish life can never increase above the inroads made by modern methods of fishing.

Dr. Truett with his wife and children were here aboard his cabin cruiser Mahatru. He is on the staff of the University of Maryland. While here he was accompanied to Fort Raleigh for the show, by John E. Ferebee, County Commissioner, and general booster.

BICYCLISTS ARE URGED TO BE VERY CAREFUL

More bicycle riders were killed in North Carolina the first seven months of this year than were killed during the entire twelve months of last year, the Highway Safety Division reported this week.

Accident records show that 25 bicycle riders met with death on the streets and highways of this state from January through July of this year, an 80 per cent increase over the 14 cyclists killed the first seven months of 1940 and a 25 per cent increase over the total of 20 cyclists killed all last year. A majority of the riders killed were boys, and most of them were killed because of violations of the rules of safe riding.

Warning that bicycles are classed as vehicles under the State law, and that cyclists must obey the same general traffic regulations that apply to motor vehicles, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, listed the following 12 rules for bicycling with complete safety:

1. Refrain from "cleber" or "stunt" riding.
 2. Dismount and walk across dangerous intersections.
 3. Keep to the right and close to the edge of the roadway.
 4. Learners should ride in a park or other safe place.
 5. Ride without wobbling; avoid sharp turns.
 6. Say "No" to anyone desiring to ride as passenger.
 7. Never hitch onto a moving vehicle.
 8. At night, carry a light in front and either a light or reflector in the rear.
 9. Stop for all stop signs.
 10. If parcels are carried, strap them to the frame or place in a basket carrier.
 11. Avoid crowded streets and heavily traveled highways.
 12. Keep yourself and your bike in good condition.
- "If bicycle riders will obey these simple rules this business of one bicycle fatality every week will be stopped in North Carolina," Hocutt said.

COOPERATION

Cigarette manufacturing companies are cooperating with the United States drive to sell defense bonds by printing appeals to the public on the backs of cigarette packages.

Fox Farming

The most spectacular and important fur animal enterprise in the United States is silver-fox farming, which yielded 6,000 pelts in 1923 and increased the output to 350,000 pelts by 1940.