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NEARLY HALF A MILLION AVAILABLE AT ONCE FOR MANTEO AIRPORT

Initial Outlay Is \$404,000 to Construct Two 3,000 Foot Runways, and a Seaplane Ramp in Croatan Sound; Would Give Dare County Air Facilities Unequaled on the North Carolina Coast and a Tremendous Facility For Future Growth of the Town

Work can start immediately near Manteo, on an airport to cost nearly a half-million dollars, as soon as the title for the land is clear. The Civil Aeronautics Authority is to spend \$404,000 to construct, not only two 3,000 foot runways but a seaplane ramp in Croatan Sound.

Dare County is already developing an airport with dirt runways in this area, but because the Army and Navy both like the location and view it as valuable to National defense, the CAA will give the county \$404,000. It is likely that further improvements will be required, particularly another runway, and one easily anticipates a final investment of a million dollars in the area.

The airport will be property of Dare County, if it furnishes the land, and if it doesn't furnish the land, it will lose the project, and not for many years, if ever, will the county have another opportunity to get an airport of this kind. Options have been taken on the land and the means of financing the cost must be worked out within the next few days.

The paved runways will be adequate for the landing of modern air transports, bombers, and other large planes. It will make possible a vast amount of business in airplane travel in a few years. Surveys of the aviation industry now indicate that the early possibilities of aviation stagger the imagination.

Unless Roanoke Island and Dare County have an adequate airport, this section will soon be left off the map, as other localities that cater to tourist business develop facilities for taking care of air travelers.

With prospects for this being the center of a great National Park bringing in hundreds of thousands of tourists a year, it would be suicide not to have an adequate airport in this section.

Loss of it would mean the death of the commercial life of the town of Manteo, which even now is being matched or eclipsed by the nearby beaches of Nags Head and Kitty Hawk. These are rapidly developing commercial facilities comparable with those in Manteo.

Modern hotels, on the ocean are doing a large business. It now becomes necessary that the business men of Roanoke Island wake up to the situation. It would well profit the several men of large interests on the island to donate the cost of the land, if the means are not otherwise available. A very reasonable price has been obtained for the property.

In the meantime John Ferebee, County Commissioner, whose vision months ago saw an opportunity to develop an airport here, and as a result of whose persistence the appropriation of \$404,000 was made for Roanoke Island, is making efforts to carry matters through to a successful conclusion.

MANTEO SCHOOL ENROLLS 239 STUDENTS THURSDAY

The Manteo schools opened Thursday morning with an enrollment of 239 students. 106 of this number are high school pupils, the other 133 are in grammar school. The commercial course, which has been added this year for the first time, enrolled a large number of students, both among high school pupils and those who have already finished high school.

The school lunch room will open next Thursday, September 18, but it has not yet been announced who will supervise the project this year.

SALES OF THE BOOK "Fessenden, Builder of Tomorrows" Will Help the Association

A limited number of copies of the story of the life of Prof. Fessenden, radio pioneer, is in the hands of the Fessenden Memorial Association, Inc., and the proceeds from the sales of the book will go to the general purposes of the Association. The price is \$3 plus 15c for postage and insurance and mailing. Address FESSENDEN MEMORIAL, Inc. Manteo, N. C.

SOME DECLINE IN ACTIVITIES OF FISHERMEN

Many Employed on Defense Projects, Leaving Better Opportunities to Others

The employment of many fishermen on defense projects at this time means that those fishermen remaining on their old grounds may have a bigger opportunity this year than usual.

There will be little decline in the fall fishing at Manns Harbor and Mashoes, as most of the fishing equipment there will be worked. Stumpy Point does comparatively fall fishing anyway, but there will be still less activity this season, although plans are for a lot of activity next spring.

Hatteras, as always, will be an active fishing center. There is fishing of one kind or another there, practically the entire year.

Prospects are good for fair prices on fish. The local demand has been unusual this summer, and fishermen, on the whole, have done good business. Prospects look good for those fishermen who will look well to their work this season. It will be cool weather before shipments start moving to the Northern markets.

\$105,000 ALLOWED FOR BEACH CONTROL WORK

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner was notified by the White House Tuesday that the President has approved a WPA project in the amount of \$105,274 to continue the beach erosion control and sand fixation work along the coast lines of Dare, Hyde and Currituck counties, and restore, conserve and protect natural resources of water, soil, forest and wildlife. Work includes planting grass, shrubs, and trees; reducing fire hazards; conducting fire pre-suppression work; operating nurseries; improving buildings; providing water control facilities; fences, trails, and small structures; and performing appurtenant and incidental work. The work also includes making surveys and conducting investigations and research activities. Publicly and privately owned property. Operations on private property, for which proper agreements have been obtained, is to consist of conducting beach erosion control work. The United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service is the sponsor.

NEW WILDLIFE ORDER IS TO BE REOPENED

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner Tuesday held conferences with W. C. Henderson, assistant administrator, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, regarding the new regulation of migratory wildfowl hunting in Hyde County. Mr. Bonner requested the Fish and Wildlife Service to reconsider this unjust and unfair regulation pertaining to Hyde County, and requested that they be dealt with as the other adjoining counties were.

The Congressman also held a conference with Honorable Jack J. Dempsey, under-secretary of the interior, who has direct supervision over the Fish and Wildlife Service. Mr. Bonner was assured that reconsideration of the matter would be given, and he hopes that a satisfactory adjustment can be worked out.

DARE LIBRARY ADDS NEW REFERENCE BOOKS

The Dare County Library at Manteo has recently added several very fine reference books to its shelves, among them being "The Junior Book of Authors", especially good for children between the ages of seven and 17; "A Treasury of American Prints" by Thomas Craven; "Who Was When" a dictionary of contemporaries, by De Ford; and "The Shell Book" by Julia E. Rogers. The last named book should prove most interesting to any local people who make a hobby of collecting seashells.

TYRRELL LEGAL LIQUOR STORE'S PROFITS GOOD

More Than \$6,000 Turned Over to County Last Year Says Leary

Refuting a report from Raleigh recently published in the Tribune, Tyrrell ABC store Manager C. H. Leary pointed out that \$6,299.53 in profits from the sale of legal liquor in this county were turned over to the county treasury last year alone. The Raleigh report quoted Robert Grady Johnson, State ABC chairman, as giving the profits from the Tyrrell store since its establishment as \$5,736.52.

Audit

Leary's figure was taken from a copy of the annual audit of the state's 27 ABC counties, as certified by Auditor C. S. Wester. The audit shows that the county's percentage of profit over taxes and operating expenses was 20.74 per cent, among the highest percentage of profit in the state and almost two per cent above the average of 18.76 per cent.

According to the audit, for the 12 month period from July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941, the gross sales for the county were \$30,375.30. Cost of the liquor sold during the year was \$19,283.67, eight and one-half per cent revenue tax and three per cent sales tax took \$2,410.72, and operating expenses were \$1,872.85. The county ABC board paid \$686 for law enforcement and other forms of revenue were listed as bringing in \$178.16.

Petition

Reports are that petitions are being circulated in the county calling for an election to determine whether the county will remain wet or go dry. According to the law, 15 per cent of the registered voters in the last election must sign the petition before the county board of elections can call an election. None of the petitions have appeared in Columbia to date.

Loss of the \$6,000 a year income from the ABC store would be a serious blow to the county budget, operating on a 14 cent less tax rate this year than before. The \$6,000 represents from one-eighth to a tenth of the estimated \$48,741.57 income from real estate and property taxes during 1941-42 assuming 100 per cent collections.

TWO CASES DISPOSED OF BY RECORDER BAUM

Two cases were disposed of in short order by Recorder W. F. Baum in Dare Recorder's court Tuesday.

Alfred Pfeiffer and James I. Leary both pled guilty to simple drunkenness and were each fined the costs of court.

WANCHESE SCHOOL HAS SMALLER ENROLLMENT

School opened at Wanchese Thursday with around 89 pupils, slightly less than last year's enrollment.

The school lunch room, which will open in a few days, will be under the supervision of Miss Ophelia Davis.

SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE WILL PLAN CONTINUED PROGRESS AT HYDE COUNTY MEETING

Representatives of the Four Counties to Hear Report From President Daniels on Success of Association Program; Officers For Coming Year Will Be Elected

Important developments in the Southern Albemarle's road and bridge program will be presented to the members of the association by President Melvin R. Daniels of Manteo at a meeting in Engelhard, early in October.

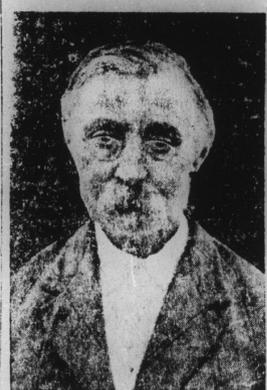
Hyde County association members, under the leadership of Vice President O. L. Williams, will act as hosts to the representatives of the three other counties. Plans are being made to secure a prominent speaker for the day.

Election of new officers to serve for the coming year is also scheduled to come off at the meeting.

President Daniels is quite enthusiastic over the recent strides made by the association toward the completion of its program of county seat to county seat highways for Hyde, Washington, Dare and Tyrrell and of bridges or "free and adequate ferries" over Alligator river and Croatan sound.

He points out that the fact that no mention was made of freeing the ferries over Alligator and Croatan when Governor Broughton removed the tolls from the Oregon

EAST LAKE'S OLDEST AND BELOVED CITIZEN



JOHN FENNEL HOLMES, 83 years old, and the oldest citizen of East Lake, visited the town of Manteo last week, after an absence of three years. He came to see his son, J. P. Holmes. He is one of the finest citizens of Dare County and is the oldest man in the entire East Lake section. Moreover, he is a man loved by all the community for his gentle, friendly and upright life. For 40 years, more or less, he served his community as Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school. He married Miss Patsy Payne of East Lake about 60 years ago, and they have eight living children and two dead. His entire life has been spent in one locality, and his present home was built some 35 years ago. "I remember," said Mr. Holmes, "that Dalphus Hooper and Tom Tillett from Manns Harbor came to East Lake and built the house for \$1.50 a day and their board." Mr. Holmes recalls much of the old life on East Lake as far back as 75 years ago. "For 20 years I worked for the Buffalo Lumber Company for a dollar a day, and had to walk four miles night and morning, and I worked ten hours a day at that," he said. "But it was easier to live then, for I tended a place, farming every year, raised corn, peas and other crops. In fact raised about everything I ate except flour, because there was no mill to grind corn in those days. We had hogs, and cattle, and chickens, and there were plenty of game of all kinds."

Mr. Holmes is active and in apparent good health. Asked if he had his life to live over again, he said: "I suppose I would farm, but I should try to buy property—in the right places. Property does more for a man than anything else," he said. "Property builds a man up." Mr. Holmes doesn't believe people today are as good as they used to be, particularly about keeping their word and paying their debts. Life is a little too easy for them, he thinks.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are Alpheus, Chester C. and Mrs. Harry Creaf of East Lake; J. P. Holmes of Manteo; Mrs. Seymour Sawyer, Alonzo and Ebert Holmes of Elizabeth City; and Mrs. Charles Jarman of Wilmington, Del.

LAND DONATIONS FOR PARK AREA ARE SHAPING UP

First Dare County Gift Recorded Is by Miles Clark; Stanley Wahab, Others

The first deed filed for record in Dare County for land donated to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park is a gift from Miles L. Clark, pioneer oil man of Elizabeth City and went into the hands of Dare County Registrar of Deeds Melvin R. Daniels Monday.

The gift is 45 acres of land fronting on the ocean near Cape Hatteras, and was formerly the property of the English explorer and writer F. A. Mitchell-Hedges. Mr. Clark purchased some 700 acres of his holdings when the explorer left Hatteras in 1936 for further exploits in Central America.

Mr. Clark is planning to make further donations of his land in the Park area it is said.

While there have been donations running into hundreds of acres pledged, Mr. Clark's gift is the first of record in Dare County. Several deeds have been recorded in Hyde County, covering gifts made by citizens of Ocracoke Island. Among these donors is R. Stanley Wahab, who, like Mr. Clark, is a member of the Seashore Park Commission.

Both men, highly successful in business, have been generous boosters and financial contributors to public movements in their localities for many years. Wahab owns a light and ice plant, a hotel and other enterprises at Ocracoke. Mr. Clark, some 30 years ago founded a successful oil business beginning with a small boat he bought for \$20 at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

It is a source of satisfaction that contributions are coming first of all from Commission members themselves, which indicates enthusiasm and strength necessary for the successful work of any group. "This manifests loyal support and cooperation, and when two members of the Commission plan the gift of hundreds of acres, others far removed from the picture cannot doubt their sincerity and enthusiasm," it is said.

Other donors, all on Ocracoke Island in Hyde County and the acreage given are: Earl O'Neal 21, Jane Bryant 58, R. F. O'Neal 11, I. W. O'Neal 21, Calvin O'Neal 6, Charlie McWilliams 91.

While some 4,000 acres are pledged in the vicinity of Cape Hatteras and Ocracoke Island, there yet remain about 6,000 acres to be contributed, and needs to approximately only 500 acres have yet been made, it is stated.

The North Carolina Commission, while seeking 10,000 acres necessary before the Park Service will take over and administer the area as a National Park, hopes for an eventual 60 acres over a distance of 125 miles extending from Ocracoke Inlet to the northern part of Currituck Beach.

Members of the Commission are J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Raleigh; R. Stanley Wahab, Ocracoke; Stanford Martin, Winston-Salem; Roy Hamton, Plymouth; Mrs. J. A. Buchanan, Durham; Van Campen Hellner, New York; Josh Horne, Rocky Mount, and Miles Clark of Elizabeth City.

R. Bruce Etheridge is ex-officio chairman of the Commission.

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES DROPPING OFF IN DARE

Only Five Licenses Issued by Registrar of Deeds in July and August

Only five marriage licenses were issued during the past two months by Registrar of Deeds Melvin R. Daniels. Two went to out-of-state couples.

The registrar of deeds could offer no reason for the decline in the number of marriages per month. People apparently aren't getting married as much as they used to.

The licenses were issued to Charles R. Beasley and Miss Stella E. Gavriel of Coalington; Jasper Kranke and Miss Sarah Tuck of Alta Vista, Va.; Hugh McChesney of Woodruff, S. C.; and Mrs. Alice Etheridge of Manteo; Gordon Riddick of Hobbsville and Miss Pearl Etheridge of Manteo; and Fred A. Guyer of Newport News and Miss Marie L. Gillis of Barnesville, Va.

HENRY TWIFORD SERIOUSLY ILL IN NORFOLK HOSPITAL

Henry Twiford, well known Manteo resident, underwent an emergency operation Wednesday night at 11 o'clock, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Norfolk. Mr. Twiford is seriously ill, but last reports are that he is expected to get along all right unless complications set in.

PARK OFFICIALS VIEW HATTERAS ISLAND IDEAL FOR GREAT DEVELOPMENT

Intensive Study Has Revealed Many Exceptional Advantages Possible For North Carolina Coast; We Have Learned That Roads Will Be a Distinct Advantage and May Be Expected to Follow Establishment of Seashore Park

By VICTOR MEEKINS, Secretary North Carolina Seashore Park Commission

This week gave me an opportunity to study in detail some of the plans and observations of National Park officials concerning the possibilities of the Cape Hatteras Seashore recreational area, which when consummated, will give North Carolina the only National Park on the seacoast of this Nation.

An hour and five minutes after I board the Pennsylvania air transport at Norfolk, I was landing at the magnificent new Washington National airport. In Washington I ran into Ben Hall Lambe, public relations man for the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Lambe, who is a frequent visitor in Dare County and a great booster of the North Carolina coast, is the owner with Joyce O'Hara of some 200 acres of land near Salvo.

Before we had gotten around to eating a delightful dinner at one of the country clubs near Washington, I learned that Mr. Lambe is a native of North Carolina, a great friend of Josh Horne, of Rocky Mount, who was his classmate at Duke University, and I was further delighted to learn that he considers donating his land to the Seashore Park.

On Monday and Tuesday, I visited in the colossal building that belongs to the Department of the Interior, which under Harold L. Ickes, administers so many of America's far-flung interior affairs. Here is the headquarters of the National Park Service.

Here I found the National Park Service officials intensely interested in the possibilities of developing first of all, Hatteras Island, as a show place for America. They have given it great study and revealed many of the features of the area that by comparison with other sections of the country, make it exceptional from the viewpoint of the tourist.

I was glad to find, instead of the impression once abroad that the Park Service officials opposed roadbuilding, that to the contrary they realize the need for roads in this area, and I know they realize that roads must be built, not only to serve the people who live there, but to permit an anticipated tens of thousands of visitors annually from all parts of America.

From a glance now and then at the advertising matter issued by the Park Service about other recreational areas, that tremendous advertising of great value will be given the Hatteras region, once it is definitely established as a park, I noted particularly the opportunities for making a living that have been opened up for guides, for tourist homes, for local businessmen that have characterized other National Parks. This feature is impressive because it will likewise mean a new, and steady income throughout the year for the people of the North Carolina Coast.

There seems to be no objection to building roads, but there is a general desire, that any road that might be built in the near future shall be of a permanent nature, that will fit in the finished picture of a carefully planned development created for the enchantment of the natural beauty and the conservation of the Natural resources of the region.

It seems that this kind of policy will be the best one for the State of North Carolina, since by building good roads as it goes along, it will build something of permanent and lasting benefit, something that will not have to be abandoned or torn up later.

The National Park Service will not encourage any kind of desecration of the area, whether it be a possible desecration of the Natural resources, or the erection of objectionable places of business.

Either of these things would defeat the purposes of a National Park, and would make the area undesirable and unattractive for tourists.

The National Park Service under the plans in mind, will take it over as soon as ten thousand acres of land are made available to it by gifts of citizens or from the state of North Carolina.

While there are several large property holders who have tentatively pledged the gift of their land, there will remain many small tracts locally owned that are essential to the success of the project. The owners of these lands are, in few cases, able to donate them free of cost.

But if they will be willing to sell them at no more than they are worth, in order that they may be dedicated to the public benefit, an effort will be made to interest some patriotic and philanthropic American to provide the funds necessary to buy this land and to give it to the cause.

This objective seems quite feasible, but it will only be possible, if other wealthy men cooperate in giving their lands, and if the other landowners will cooperate fully and reasonably with their good will and assistance.

From my best observation, North Carolina has not another opportunity anywhere so great, for it will have an unusual attraction, and one that will endure for all time.

In scanning the new law, I was further impressed with the wisdom, the understanding and foresight of Lindsay Warren, the father of the law, who has made it possible to set aside, not only broad waters in Currituck, Dare and Hyde where natives may continue with their time honored hunting, but that an additional 2,000 acres may be set aside for public shooting grounds.

With this contingency having been properly anticipated and carried out, it appears that greater satisfaction and opportunity for those who wish to hunt will result from the park, than from the present meagre possibilities that loom for those who wish continued enjoyment of their favorite sport.

To sum up the situation, it now appears, that the one thing, to create more than early neighborhood roads, will

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