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**WHETHER BRIDGE HELPS OR HURTS IS UP TO US**

It's Up to Dare County People to Be Wike Awake And On the Job

By VICTOR MEEKINS  
Nearly every day the question is asked me "What is a free bridge going to do for you all, what kind of benefits do you expect to get out of it?" And my answer is, it is not going to throw anything in our laps; it's going to give those who will work, a chance to work a little more, and make it a little harder on those who don't want to work.

Free things never do anybody any good who don't want to work themselves. The bridge simply presents us a wonderful opportunity. Those who hear this opportunity knocking on the door and invite it in will get something out of it. Those who are too dull and dumb to heed the warning and profit by past history won't get anything.

I expect the bridge to broaden the opportunities of everyone. It will likewise offer opportunities to outside tradesmen to come in and do business. If local tradesmen don't keep up with the times. It is not going to hurt any retail stores in Dare County who keep their stocks and service abreast of the times. In fact, every progressive store will make more money out of the increase in volume that tourists will make possible.

The bridge will bring thousands of people where hundreds came before. From the humblest boy who rises early and catches soft crabs to peddle to cottages, to the man who toils early and late in his vegetable patch, or the fisherman who is out before sunrise for fresh fish, there will be greater opportunities to make a living for those who want to work.

We're Going To Have To Lock Our Doors Now But, even as it was with the toll

bridge, there is a great change in conditions bound to arrive. We cannot live as we used to when everybody went barefooted and loafed all summer. New comers bring us new styles and ideas to live up to. Modern examples are set that will be aped, and we will have to pay for them through the nose. Certainly those who enjoy these new things will have to work harder to pay for them, and the man who won't work to get them is going to find it all the tougher to get along with his family.

Judging by the past five years, the influx of newcomers, and the increased activity as a result, a free bridge will make me work more. Five years ago the Sheriff got a call to Nags Head about once a year when some of the natives disagreed. Today he is lucky if he doesn't get a call once a day during the tourist season. We have automobile wrecks on the beach; sometimes folks get killed. There are investigations to make; things are stolen, folks get in court for fighting, or for some disorderly conduct. And naturally there is a great increase in civil litigation as property values rise. Today there is three times more work for the Sheriff's office on the Nags Head Beach road area alone, than in the whole county five years ago.

And we are going to have to lock our doors nights all the time. We didn't used to have to lock anything. But each year the need for locks increases. We have no control over who comes to see us. For along with all the good and valuable that comes to us, there is an army of riff-raff, who always go where the good people are. We will have to endure them, and deal with them, too.

We might as well be thankful to the true fact. The bridge is only presenting us an opportunity. What we will get out of it, we will have to work for ourselves. No matter how big or strong a bank is in our midst, we will never draw anything from it unless we first put something in it.

**New Business Opportunities**  
There will be business opportunities along the highways, and in town, that never existed before. Are local people going to run these businesses, or are they going to go to sleep, and let outsiders come in and make the profits?  
All of these businesses will make jobs for the working class. Are the working class going to qualify and

make a specialty of catering to the tourists and showing them a good time, or are they going to wait until laborers from elsewhere come and take the jobs?

We are going to have many of the foremost people of America down here with us from time to time. They will bring us many good ideas, and much inspiration. But, even as music played in the desert where there is no one to hear it, it will do no good unless it is heeded.

We must be on our constant guard to maintain the old time standards of Southern hospitality that has made us friends and made famous our section. This is an asset equal almost to our ocean, our beaches, or our sky and our breezes. And certainly we must be patient and courteous to all who may visit us.

**Must Keep Taxes Down**  
The County Treasurer will profit from the bridge opening. The increase in land values, and the great building development to take place, will add more taxes year after year to help pay the mounting expense of government the improvements will make. We must be careful and not make the taxes too high in this county, lest we discourage our friends, and in effect, kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

Let each man look in it for himself. For my part, I welcome the free bridge. True, it is not bringing me the Dare County I grew up in and always loved. We no longer have the dreamland of old where life went easy, and labor always surrendered to summer's languor, and each shared of the others substance. But that isn't possible anywhere anymore. We are all forced to make a harder living, because we want all the modern things that other folks have. We have to keep a step with the rest of the country, or get run over by the crowd who chases the handwagon.

**Each Man For Himself**  
I have long since realized that I can't have the Dare County of old when everyone was happier and had more leisure, fewer responsibilities, and greater opportunities to help their friends. Now we will all have to help ourselves more. It will make us all a little harder, a little less thoughtful, but we will have to take it on the chin and march along with the crowd. We have got to make a living like other folks and in competition with methods used by folks the world over. We are past the day of the oxcart and the log canoe. We can only use them to amuse the tourists.

The bridge gives us not only an opportunity, but a tremendous responsibility. Nature has made only one Dare County. Its ocean, its dunes, its forests, skies, and its ports are matchless. It is a heritage too precious and too great to be rashly kept by any one people. It should belong to all the world. It is our responsibility to share it unselfishly with the people of our whole country, inviting them to come and visit with us, and to remember when they come that they are our guests.

I hope to keep this in mind. But Dare County, as she was, or as she is, or as she will be, she will be home to us. We will stay with her what she is, and we will be paid well for doing it, in the happiness of ourselves and our families, and the ultimate achievement and prosperity that will come to all of us who work and struggle for some useful and happy goal. Come on bridge, we will go with you, and let the devil take the hindmost!

**WANCHESE BOYS SEND BANDAGES TO AFRICA**

Much Interest in the Daily Vacation Bible School Recently Closed

Great interest was manifested in the daily vacation Bible school recently held at the Wanchese Methodist Church under the leadership of Rev. W. N. Vaughan, Pastor. This was the first school of its kind ever held in this section.

An interesting feature was contributed by the Juniors and Intermediates who made 300 yards of bandages to send to the Belgian Congo, in Africa, for use in a hospital maintained there by the M. E. Church.

The school was divided in four groups. Lesson material for these groups were: Beginners—Our Happy World; Primaries—Children of One Father; Juniors—How Nations Share; Intermediates—How Far to Nearest Doctor and Scouting, using Boy Scout Hand Book. Eight of the boys received their Scout certificates during the worship period one morning. Those receiving these were: Melvin Daniels, Jr., Willis Daniels, Troy Hamilton, Dempsey Payne, John Brothers, Ryan Midgett, Donald Gray and Colan Swindell.

**C. I. HOOPER DOWN TO HIS BED ALL THE TIME**

C. I. Hooper, splendid citizen of Stumpy Point, is confined to his bed, having been ill due to a general decline for some months. While bright and cheerful most of the time, he has no strength. Mr. Hooper and his good wife have reared a fine family of children, all of whom are doing well, and his children, grandchildren, brothers and their children, number almost half the folks on Stumpy Point. Folks all around this vicinity regret his illness deeply.

Debts of all kinds in this country amount to \$281,000,000,000 which is nearly equal to all kinds of wealth estimated at \$300,000,000,000.

**JOHN TOLER'S CASE A MYSTERY**

Young Ex-Service Man, Sailor and Skyco Boy Confined at Home Helpless

John T. Toler, young man of Skyco, about three miles from Manteo, is still confined to his home with a baffling disease that has rendered him helpless for about two years. He recently returned from a second stay of several months at the Public Health Hospital in Norfolk. He is slightly improved.

Paralyzed in the lower limbs, John was struck down on his return from a voyage to India about two years ago. There seems to be a seafaring strain in the Toler family. John's occupation is that of a sailorman. He has wandered all over the world. He served in the Navy during the war. From his earnings, he supported an aged father, and upon his mother, and more recently a wife. John was working down in Hyde County, and got married just before he got sick. Physicians cannot learn what is the trouble with John. It is believed he got the germ of some Asiatic disease while in India on his last voyage. John had a great habit of buying curios and souvenirs, anything for remembrance for his mother and his friends. Shops and wares of East Indian merchants are not always reckless, and some germ laden object might have possessed John.

John is very lonely; he appreciates the visits of friends and everyone should spare the time to visit him and help him pass the hours. He always was a good boy, and took care of his mother. Now things are not so prosperous with them. There are many ways they could be helped. John has a mother, a wife and baby on his hands and no income.

John's father was the late Thomas Toler, a splendid and upright citizen, who died some years ago at the age of 90. The father too, had been a sailorman, and was back in 49, made a trip around the horn, to the gold fields of California, in an old square rigger. Those were the days when men were men, and Franko Island people always talked at the story of Capt. Toler's voyage.

**WHAT FREE TOLLS MEAN TO THE BEACH RESORTS**

To give you an idea of how free bridges increase the traffic to any place, here is what the Beaufort

Atlantic Beach Bridge, removing of tolls on Atlantic Beach bridge has proven a boon to weekend traffic. Last Saturday it meant business for local restaurants, filling station operators and others along the route leading to the resort.

Five state highway patrolmen stationed at the beach Saturday and Sunday estimated that approximately 2,000 cars were handled without a serious mishap. It was estimated that on Sunday afternoon more cars were parked at the beach than ever before on any one day. In addition to taking up all available parking space, automobiles were parked on either side of the causeway leading to the bridge and along the entrance to Port Manteo pike.

People who pay cash rarely meet with dirty looks when they buy.

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**ASK YOUR COAST GUARD MAN ABOUT THE FLAG**

You Might Clip This and Put In Your Hat, We All Ought to Know It

Coast Guard men all along Dare County have to raise and lower the stars and stripes every day. But it's a dead shot that not even a handsome man like Capt. Levene W. Midgett, Tom Barnett or Walter Etheridge can recite the following rules by heart, about the U. S. Flag. Try out your Coast Guard man on this:

1. Do not permit disrespect to be shown to the Flag of the United States of America.
2. Do not dip the Flag of the United States of America to any person or any thing. The regimental color, State flag, organization or institutional flag will render this honor.
3. Do not display the Flag with the union down except as a signal of distress.
4. Do not place any other flag or pennant above or, if on the same level, to the right of the Flag of the United States of America.
5. Do not let the Flag touch the ground or the floor, or trail in the water.
6. Do not place any object or emblem of any kind on or above the flag of the United States of America.
7. Do not use the Flag as drapery in any form whatsoever. Use painting of blue, white and red.
8. Do not fasten the Flag in such manner as will permit it to be easily torn.
9. Do not drape the Flag over the hood, top, sides or back of a vehicle, or of a railway train or boat. When the Flag is displayed on a motor car, the staff should be affixed firmly to the chassis, or clamped to the radiator cap.
10. Do not display the Flag on a float in a parade except from a staff.
11. Do not use the Flag as a covering for a ceiling.
12. Do not carry the Flag flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.
13. Do not use the Flag as a portion of a costume or of an athletic uniform. Do not embroider it upon cushions or handkerchiefs nor print it on paper napkins or boxes.
14. Do not put lettering of any kind upon the Flag.
15. Do not use the Flag in any form of advertising nor fasten on advertising sign to a pole from which Flag is flown.
16. Do not display, use or store the Flag in such a manner as will permit it to be easily soiled or damaged.

It is used to understand the many things without electric lights, running water and other conveniences have an automobile standing by.

The basic idea of the big business boys is that the country exists for big business and the people are fattening to be picked again.

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