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## JOB OF FINDING 25,000 FORMER RESIDENTS GETS UNDERWAY THIS WEEK

### Southern Albemarle Homecoming Committee Wants Names and Addresses of Former Residents During Past 30 Years; Work Begins in Four Counties of Dare, Hyde, Washington and Tyrrell; Next August the Date

The big task of gathering the names of some twenty-five thousand people who once lived in the four counties of the Southern Albemarle section got under way this week, and blanks for the purpose have been put into the hands of postmasters, preachers and teachers through the various counties. It is estimated that at least twenty-five thousand people whose present addresses are now known have lived in the Southern Albemarle section during the past thirty years.

It is the purpose of the committee of the Southern Albemarle Association to gather these names and addresses in order that they may be appraised of the period of festivities set aside in August, this year, to be shared by all these people who return home next summer. Every person who will do so, is urged to obtain from some member of the committee sufficient blanks and a return envelope with which to send such names as they may know, and to supply all the names and addresses possible. Care is urged in getting the correct address, but if the address is not known it may be left out and the committee will make every effort to obtain it from other sources.

In launching the work for the Homecoming this summer, D. V. Meekins, Secretary of the Association issued the following statement this week:

#### How It Can Help You.

The Southern Albemarle Homecoming is planned for August, 1939, to bring back to these delightful counties of the Coastland, thousands of natives and other former residents. By staging the event simultaneously in four counties, we will enable more people to renew old associations, and to see the scenes of childhood days than could ever be done in any other manner.

There is no event with greater heart appeal, or to capture the human fancy than a homecoming. The atmosphere and spirit of friendliness and fellowship that will prevail will enliven the heart, and remove many troubles of the present. Former residents as well as countless new-found friends of theirs will come to these counties, and 25,000 visitors are expected.

The round of entertainment and festivities, the bringing in of prominent speakers, the interchange of new ideas, and the helpful suggestions (Please turn to page eight)

## T-MEN CAPTURE MAN AND MOONSHINE HERE

Fritz A. Marks of South Norfolk, unable to meet a \$500 bond, was in the Elizabeth City jail after a hearing Monday before United States Commissioner J. C. Munden. Marks was captured late last Friday afternoon by Federal agents as he came off the Manns Harbor-Roanoke Island ferry with a 110 gallon load of whiskey. He was charged with removing and concealing non-tax-paid liquor and conspiracy to defraud the United States government of liquor taxes, and temporarily held in the Dare County jail before being taken to Elizabeth City.

### NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

We want news of every village and town in the counties of Currituck, Dare, Tyrrell and Hyde, Eastern Washington and Beaufort counties. We want to establish all our correspondents, who wish to continue work, on a profitable basis, and invite letters from everyone who wants to take up this work.

We will furnish addressed envelopes on demand for the ready handing of news, and will give details of a plan whereby some easy money may be earned for working for us. For full details, address THE TIMES, MANTEO, N. C.

## BOSWOOD STATES HIS REASONS FOR STOCK LAW BILL

### Currituck Legislator Is Unashamed of Bill Petitioned by Corolla Folks

In a letter to the editor of The Daily Advance, Rep. Gid Boswood of Currituck County gives his reasons for introducing the repeal of the Currituck stock law in the present session of the legislature. Says Representative Boswood: "I have no retraction to make. I introduced the bill in good faith. I promised those folks in the campaign I would introduce the bill if they would send me a petition requesting me to do so, they sent me the petition and so far as I know, the petition was signed by every citizen living on Currituck beach.

"As I see it, they are fine people living on Currituck beach, in fact my mother lived there when she was a young girl, and I am not ashamed of Currituck beach.

"The way I see it, they have the Atlantic ocean on one side of them and Currituck Sound on the other, and so far as I know, they cannot even grow a vegetable of any kind in that section, just simply a pile of sand, and if those folks want a milk cow, hogs, or sheep, I say let them have what they want as long as they are not divided in asking for what they want and are willing to ask or make known their wants in the form of a petition and willing to sign same one hundred per cent strong.

"These people set forth in their petition that they were willing to remove all their stock without force or notice as soon as the State of North Carolina or the WPA were ready to start building a highway system in that section, and to think at the present time, these people have no roads whatever, just simply a pile of sand to push through as best they can.

"Now, as the Bill in question, when I introduced it I had no idea the State of North Carolina, the Federal Government and other parts of Currituck County would fight it, and with all that opposition I predict that the Bill will never come out of the committee room alive. Yet as I said in the beginning, my sympathy goes out to those folks on Currituck Beach in that section known as 'Corolla.'

And from Corolla comes another letter to the same editor voicing the opinion of Lonnie F. Bowden of Currituck Beach:

"In connection with the letter signed by Bradley O'Neal published in this column of the February 11 issue concerning the stock law, I want to say that I agree with the statements made by Mr. O'Neal and want to further add that there should be no reason why we cannot keep our stock until the road is completed, for what stock that is left on the banks use the backwoods and marshes as their grazing grounds and are seldom ever seen out of their range, while the road will be run along the coastal line.

"However, we will be perfectly willing to take up our stock as soon as a road is completed as this will enable us to find some other source of income.

"Mr. Boswood, our representative, has been over here and he realizes how badly we need what income we get from our stock, so he is doing all he can to help us. No doubt he knows too that when the stock is sold it will cut out a lot of the taxes that are now going into the Currituck County treasury."

A. C. Stratton, superintendent of the National Park Service work camps, has made preparations to abandon beach control work north of the Dare-Currituck line if the Boswood bill is passed. There is no sense in planting grass to save erosion, Mr. Stratton has pointed out, if cattle are going to graze it off before it gets started.

## STUMPY PT. FISHERMAN TRYS POULTRY RAISING

### Other Sources of Revenue Sought By Citizens of Dare Mainland

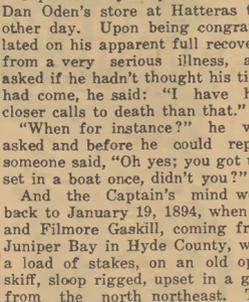
Allen Osborne, well-known fisherman of Stumpy Point has taken up a sideline which he hopes to make his principal source of income, according to C. W. Overman, county agent of Dare County. Mr. Osborne has a broiler production project underway and has constructed a new brooder house to hold 500 chicks. Last week he put 500 barred Plymouth Rock chicks under his brooders and apparently they are doing nicely.

On Wednesday last week, J. W. Twiford of East Lake accompanied Mr. Overman to Elizabeth City to attend the swine meeting conducted by H. W. Taylor, G. W. Falls, and members of the State Department. Mr. Twiford was well impressed by the lecture on Swine Sanitation and the lecture on raising swine. At a meeting held for East Lake farmers on Saturday afternoon Mr. Twiford told the group about the swine meeting and urged his neighbors to join him in following up the recommended Swine Sanitation Practices.

At the East Lake farmers' meeting, held at East Lake School on Saturday afternoon, Mr. Overman discussed with them the subject "Living at Home in 1939." They discussed the importance of producing a greater variety of vegetables in the home garden and of having a good year around garden. The canning of sufficient vegetables for use during the winter was also stressed. Emphasis was placed on the importance of producing a bountiful supply of poultry and eggs, meat and dairy products for home use; also the production of a bountiful supply of feed for the livestock on the farm.

Lastly they discussed the construction of simple, inexpensive home conveniences, making necessary repairs to fences and buildings, and building toward making the farm an asset and a better place in which to live rather than a greater liability. The aim of these farmers this year is "To Build."

When the first United States census was taken in 1790, the population was only 3,929,214.



Capt. Lev. Quidley came into Dan Oden's store at Hatteras the other day. Upon being congratulated on his apparent full recovery from a very serious illness, and asked if he hadn't thought his time had come, he said: "I have had closer calls to death than that."

"When for instance?" he was asked and before he could reply, someone said, "Oh yes; you got upset in a boat once, didn't you?"

And the Captain's mind went back to January 19, 1894, when he and Filmore Gaskill, coming from Juniper Bay in Hyde County, with a load of stakes, on an old open skiff, slooped rigid, upset in a gale from the north northeast. The mishap occurred at one o'clock of a Friday afternoon. The two men climbed onto the bottom of the boat, stuck the end of a stake in the centerboard well, and hung on. As the loneliness of night set in upon them Filmore Gaskill wanted to jump overboard. "We can never make it," he said. "So we might as well go now." But with sterner will Capt. Quidley said: "Let's hang on." About ten o'clock that night Capt. Quidley heard a heavy splash. Filmore had jumped into the raging water. But nothing could be done to help him.

Capt. Quidley held on Friday night, all day Saturday and Saturday night, through the bitter cold, his clothes wet. Surely help would come on Sunday. After awhile the numbness eased his pains, although the intense thirst made him sup the salt sea water with avidity. But there was no passing on Sunday, and he was just a few miles off Hatteras. Still cold and wet, he clung on through Sunday night, and though the sea sprayed and drenched him, the wind beat and battered him, the cold penetrated his frozen garments, he never gave up. He was alone, beyond the sight of every one, and with no one in his sight, the only sounds the rolling sea, the whistling wind, the screaming gulls waiting to pick his eyes out had he lost consciousness. (Please turn to Page Two)

## NEW STATIONS FOR COAST GUARD IN THIS DISTRICT

### Commander C. Sullivan Announces Authorization of New Units at Ocracoke

Commander C. J. Sullivan from Seventh District headquarters in Elizabeth City announces that two of the Coast Guard's new super stations will be constructed in this district—one at Bogue Inlet and the other at Ocracoke. They will be remodelled along similar lines as the \$53,500 super station now under erection at Fort Macon and will make five new, modern stations in the Seventh District.

The new station at Cape Hatteras is to be commissioned March 1, and has been two years under construction. A second at Cape Henry is almost completed and will probably be occupied during the summer. Commander Sullivan said that orders authorizing occupancy of the new Hatteras unit have come through and that Chief Bos'n (L) George H. Meekins will be ordered into the station March 1.

Bids on the building contracts for the two new stations at Bogue Inlet and Ocracoke will be advertised soon. Commander Sullivan said the Construction and Repair division of Coast Guard headquarters in Washington notified him their construction had been authorized. When commissioned, the two new units will replace stations commissioned in 1905. They will be modern in every detail with the latest electrical devices and equipment.

Their erection will give the Seventh District five new stations, located at Bogue Inlet, Ocracoke, Cape Hatteras, Cape Henry, and Fort Macon to serve the northern Carolina Coast.

## TWO NEW HOTELS ARE BEING BUILT ON BEACH ROAD

Two hotels are under construction along the beach highway. A new 15 room structure going up just south of Nags Head is being built by Leo Midgett of Manteo, owner of the Carter Apartments here. D. C. Tillman of Spot is contractor for the work.

Farther up the beach highway at Kitty Hawk shores Mrs. J. B. Anderson is having constructed a 14 room hotel which should be open for the public in April. The new hotel is situated between the highway and ocean quite near the Anderson cottage. The building is of two story frame construction sheathed with shingles and has a spacious lobby on the first floor. It is surrounded by a porch. According to Mr. Anderson, his wife will run the hotel which will serve "home folks" as well as the tourist trade. If it proves practical, the hotel may stay open all year round.

Mr. Midgett's hotel near Nags Head is expected to be completed in time for the summer season. The new building is situated on the inside of the curve of the beach highway as it turns eastward toward the Whalebone filling station and the Roanoke Sound bridge approach. Construction has already progressed as far as the second story, and workmen are sheathing the sides with large white composition shingles. The new building will have a front porch 10 by 36 feet.

## DARE NEXT BEAUFORT IN RECEIPT PRODUCTS

### Surplus Commodities Help Many During Month of December, in Dare and Vicinity

There were 518 cases representing 2,036 persons certified by Dare County welfare authorities as eligible to receive surplus commodity products during January, 1939, Arthur E. Langston, State director of commodity distribution with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, announced his week.

## UNKNOWN THUG SLUGS PEDESTRIAN; WOMAN'S CAR SEARCHED LATER

### Vincent O'Brien of Camp Wright Knocked Out by Heavy Fist Near Roanoke Island Baptist Church; Unknown Men Search Car of Miss Drinkwater Wednesday Night; Not Yet Apprehended

### SOUGHT BY G-MEN FOR THEFT; UNCAUGHT



John Joseph Stadleman, who is the object of search by G-Men, after two years of hiding out. A bulletin issued last week by the Department of Justice says Stadleman is wanted for the robbery of some \$500 from the Canteen at Camp Hatteras. Camp Hatteras of the Federal Beach Erosion project, Frisco, Dare County, in March, 1937. Stadleman quietly departed this county, took a boat from Hatteras to Engelhard and was out of the way before the theft was discovered. His age is 45, he was born in New York City. Heavy build, ruddy complexion, of German-American parentage, and talks with an accent.

## DARE SURFMEN WITH WALL ST. ADDRESSES

### Coast Guardsmen Assigned to Guard Silver Being Shipped West Point

Post office clerks along the North Carolina coast may have felt some amazement during the last few months, upon sending mail directed to well-known Coast Guardsmen of the Banks country to a Wall street address in New York City. The reason of so many Coast Guardsmen having Wall streets addresses these days, is that a large number of men were transferred from the stations of this district and sent to New York as guards during the transfer of many million dollars worth of gold and silver bullion from the Treasury stronghold in New York City to the government's new vaults at West Point, New York.

A number of Coast Guardsmen have returned from this duty, but several of them are still in New York; L. D. Midgett of Buxton, Calvin and Rudolph Midgett of Rodanthe and Andrew Gray of Avon are in New York yet. Others who were sent to New York were Crowder Davis of Wanchese, Flora Midgett of Rodanthe and R. T. Dowdy of Corolla. The men sent from this district are men who have usually qualified as expert marksmen with rifles. The American government is not only transferring its bullion from New York to the safer place at West Point, which is similar to the giant stronghold at Fort Knox, Kentucky, but it is bringing in from other countries much gold and silver that has been bought on the markets, and is being added to the nation's metal reserves.

A solid truckload of silver, similar in size to a loaf of bread, is guarded by a surfman, both front and rear, armed with machine guns and pistols and convoyed by many other armed guards. It is practically an impossibility to waylay a convoy so heavily guarded. A single truckload of the silver is worth approximately \$175,000.00.

## SUES FOR DIVORCE

Roydon Tillet of Wanchese has filed suit in Dare Superior Court against Mary V. Tillet for absolute divorce on the ground of two years' separation. The suit will be tried at the May term of Superior Court.

Vincent O'Brien, an employee of Camp Wright of the Beach erosion project is laid up in the Camp Wright hospital from bruises about the head, sustained when an alleged assailant, unknown to him, jumped from a car near the Roanoke Island Baptist Church Wednesday night about ten-thirty o'clock and struck him to the ground.

O'Brien, slim, dark, and in his thirties, has been with the Park Service camp for several years and is a hospital attendant. He is known more often as "Ramona" because of his crimson lips and rosy cheeks, as he associates with few people, and is not known by many. His closest companions are young boys in the local CCC camp.

About an hour later, Miss Dorothy Drinkwater, returning from an errand to the northend of the island, saw a car parked half-way across the road, a few yards north of the CCC camp, and slowed up her car, thinking it someone having car trouble. She says two men with pistols rushed out and informed her they wanted to search her car for liquor. One of them got in the car and made a thorough search but finding none, politely got out and permitted her to go on. She says this man wore a dark suit and a brown hat and was of heavy build. Neither of them, she says, offered any impudence or violence, and she judged at the time they were two of the numerous Federal T-Men who have been watching the liquor traffic in this vicinity, and have recently captured several men bound out of East Lake with cargoes of moonshine. They moved their car from the road and allowed her to pass on.

Miss Drinkwater, somewhat frightened, hurried home and reported the incident to her father, A. W. Drinkwater, who got night policeman W. A. White to go to the scene, but the car was gone, and only the track of an old car with small tires remained at the vicinity.

### CCC Boys Suspected

Vincent O'Brien told Sheriff D. V. Meekins, who investigated the two incidents Wednesday, neither of which seems to bear any relation to the other, that he had been informed he was struck by a CCC boy. He said he was momentarily dazed when struck down in the road, and had to borrow a flashlight from a nearby home to find his glasses, and then walked the remaining two miles to the camp. From the impression he got when the car slowed up beside him and (Please turn to page eight)

## "UNCLE JEFF" HAYMAN BURIES FAITHFUL DOG

Uncle Jeff Hayman is in mourning again this week. He has just given a decent, Christian burial in a secluded corner of his garden to the remains of Molly, his faithful dog, which died at the ripe old age of eleven years and two months. She was the last effeminate thing about the place, and the loneliness that has overcome Uncle Jeff by this bereavement may precipitate him into matrimony much earlier than he had intended. The dog was the pet of his last wife, Hattie Dough Hayman several years, even before they were married, and had been the constant companion of "Uncle Jeff" as faithfully as it stuck by its mistress.

## MANTEO BEATS E. CITY IN SUNDAY'S GRID GAME

The Elizabeth City boys want another chance at the Manteo team Sunday since Manteo again beat its out-of-town opponents with a score of 13-6 against Elizabeth City in last Sunday's football game. The local boys started the game off with a six point lead when Ernest Meekins ran the ball back for a touchdown after the opening kickoff. Elizabeth City blocked the attempt at conversion. Elizabeth City then marched down the field for a touchdown but failed to make the extra point. In the third quarter Manteo again scored when Gerald Wise carried the ball over the goal line with two tacklers at his heels. Ike Davis, Jr., plunged into the line for the extra point.