

# THE NAGS TALE

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### OUR THANKS

We would like to thank the many Merchants that cooperated in making this small newspaper a success for without their support the whole venture would have been an impossible one. We sincerely hope that by publishing this small weekly we can in some way help the business people of this beach and Manteo and if there is anything we can do please let us know. Your welfare is our welfare and the sooner we realize that fact the better off we will be.

### SPEED—SPEED—SPEED

There are many ways of killing a person but the most common of our day is by a weapon called the AUTOMOBILE. I think I am safe in calling the automobile a weapon as it kills more people than any other one thing in the United States today. Nags Head is not an exception to the rule and although we have been very lucky so far our luck can not hold out if we continue to allow drivers to drive sixty and seventy miles an hour along our highway. Something should be done about it before it is too late.

### LIGHTS—LIGHTS—LIGHTS

If there has ever been a place on the face of the earth that is dependant on electricity Nags Head is. For this reason the people should come together and demand better service than is at the present time being given by the V. E. P. Co. I do not know the reasons why for the past three week-ends we have, at one time or another, been without lights but I make the above statement notwithstanding what the trouble may have been. It is the duty of a company of this kind to serve the public and this they have not been doing. If the lines have been breaking then the V. E. P. Co. should have installed stronger lines last winter when there were but a few people on the beach. If the transformers have been giving trouble then that should have been fixed earlier in the season. After all a person renting a place of business at the beach has but three months at the best, and this year only two months as June was a cold month, to pay the rent and it is without reason to think he can do it if the lights are out every

Saturday night, his best night. Again I would like to make an appeal to the good people of this beach to act.

### "MUSIN'S"

#### By The Beachcomer

There's been considerable argument of late as to who is the belle of the beach. Some claim that Helen Parker deserves the mythical ratings while others hold out that the fictitious title should be given to Martha Buchannon, Mary Tudor Hudson, Carolyn Aydlett, Betty Evans, or Wanda Miller.

Looking back at year's gone by we can remember the summer when Martha Outlaw ruled the beach, another when Lydia Evans was tops, and still more recently when Mary Wood Winslow ranked first. Birth certificates would certainly show that these girls were in their early or middle teens when they were having their heyday's.

In line with this it's our opinion that the younger girls deserve a chance, and we feel confident that the early teen girls on the beach at present can more than hold their own in this matter of popularity and good looks. We cite Anna Wood, Nita Newbold, Jane Evans and Annie Felton, as good examples of what we are trying to prove.

Times were when the favorite pastimes at Nags Head were climbing sand-dunes and sitting around bon-fires on the beach. They've been replaced in the last few seasons with running over to Manteo for a movie, or just going to ride along the beach. Can it be that Nags Head's going modern?

In line with current discussion of the garbage collection situation comes one of the funniest cracks in weeks. Speaking about one rather well-to-do family on the beach, free-lance garbage collector Mrs. Tillet of Kitty Hawk, said: "They have the sweetest swill on the beach."

Thinking back about years gone by is fun. Remember the time when Joe Burke and his Duke Ambassadors were stealing all the girls along the beach . . . When Billy Robinson's "Whippet" was the pride of all Nags Head . . . When "Country" Perkins was at his prime . . . When there were more stags at girl breaking dances on Tuesday's, than at regular dances on Saturday nights . . . When people who came here on weekends to fish, actually fished . . . When they held square dances in the old dance hall on the sound side . . . When Flatfoot Sambo was beachcombing, same as we're doing now . . . When pin games had never been heard of and the boys had money in their pockets. . . . When C. H. and Lydia scared the wits out of their crowd by pulling that "she's fallen off the deck" trick . . . when Cack, and Sas, and Frank, and Clem introduced the "Big Apple" and folks thought they were crazy . . . When shoes were outlawed and wearing a cot was a capital offense . . . Them day's is gone for ever.

Miss Isabelle Toms is spending July at the Callum Cottage with her father.

Miss Katherine Jessup is spending the summer at the Jessup Cottage.

### PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW



Sheriff Victor Meekins

To like a man is to know him and such a man is Victor Meekins, sheriff of Dare County for the past nine years. Mr. Meekins is 41 years old, a native of this county and for three years editor of the Dare County Times. Before assuming the duties of editor of his county newspaper Mr. Meekins worked with "The Independent," printed in Elizabeth City. For the greater part of Sheriff Meekins life he has been working for the public in some way whether publisher or keeper of the king's peace. We greatly admire a man of such high standard and recommend that each visitor at Nags Head make it a point to meet and chat a while with him.

Miss Margaret Burgwyn of Woodland, N. C., is hostess to a house party at the Charlie Parker Cottage, Kitty Hawk Shores. The guests include Misses Peggy Holmes Fairmont; Nancy Taylor, Harrellsville; Margaret Britt, Murfreesboro; Ann Bennett, Rocky Mount; Ann Burgwyn, Capphanos, Va.; Meriam Hancock, Oxford and Grant Jones of Wilmington.

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Mr. Thomas Clark was given a surprise birthday party at his cottage Wednesday night in honor of his 19th birthday. Those who attended were Roger Shannonhouse,

Edward Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Cahoon, C. B. Morrisette, Carlton Lister, Wood Boyce, Diddy Armstrong, Melba Parker, Mrs. Clark and the host Tommy Clark.

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