

Cape Lookout Property Owner Tells Governor of New Grass, Tree Growth

Gov. Luther Hodges has championed the cause of preservation of the outer banks. The governor forwarded to us this week a letter written to him by a friend of his, John T. McIsaac Jr., who has property near Cape Lookout.

Mr. McIsaac, in the letter which follows, gives his views of the improvement on Core Banks, since the horses and cattle have been removed.

September 24, 1959

Honorable Luther H. Hodges
Governor of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Luther:
Last night (while Jeanie and I were eating some of our 4-pound blue fish which we caught in the surf at Cape Lookout a couple of weeks ago and which incidentally stayed there for the full two weeks that the Bryans were there), we were talking about the change that has come over Core Bank since the cattle and horses were removed. The thought has occurred to me that perhaps you have not been out there and are not familiar with what a spectacular thing has happened on this bank.

We first became aware of it in July when we went down beyond the lighthouse to one of our favorite clamming spots and found that we had difficulty in following the old road since the grass and some shrubs, I presume yaupon, had started to grow up where the main thoroughfare for the horses had been. On our later trips, and we have made a number of them this year, we watched with amazement as the whole appearance of the bank changed. As a matter of fact on Labor Day weekend when we went down to the same general area to get our first oysters, we could not find any trace of this road and noticed that the grass and the sea oats which have had a fantastic crop of seed this year had grown up sufficiently in the scooped-out area where the road was so that it is now completely filled with sand and there is no possible way of finding where it once was. As a matter of fact, we got completely lost and finally had to go out on the beach to get our bearings to come back. In the area down toward the point of the Cape where, as you know, the dunes are badly cut back the seed from the oats has dropped over the edges and already sprouted to the extent where the straight banks which were left from last year's hurricanes have already filled up with sand and have resumed the appearance which they had some seven or eight years ago. We also noticed with complete amazement that the flat area of the beach on the exposed side now has sprigs of these same oats coming up to about six inches high and that each of them has a small pile of sand around it so that, in effect, there is the beginning of an entire new line of dunes as much as 200 feet outside the remaining ones. Apparently there is some sort of an air current through here which carries the seed because the general appearance is that a new barrier of dunes is at least trying to build itself between the point of the lighthouse. This unfortunately will

run right down the middle of the area which has been used for landing planes on the island. You will probably recall the low swampy area between the new dock and the Coast Guard Station which had nothing in it but grass as recently as last spring. This has now grown up to not only grass but a number of these same bushes some of which are as much as six feet high and are apparently growing like weeds. We also noticed that next to Skinny's house in a low place where there had always been the semblance of some roots of some kind which we could not identify that a complete scuppernon vine has grown up and has on it about two bushels of good scuppernons ready for the picking. As a matter of fact, it is growing so fast that Skinny is planning to build a trellis for it in order that he will have a shady spot.

When we first started going out there, Skinny decided that he would see whether or not he could grow any trees of any sort in the area around his house and as a result planted them on several different occasions only to have them die. Apparently this was due to the cattle either walking on them or nibbling at the tender shoots since the ones which he planted last fall have survived almost 100%. At the present time he has both loblolly and shortleaf pine and, believe it or not, one cypress tree doing beautifully and now some two to three feet high growing in what was bare sand as recently as last fall. He has also attempted some long-leaf but due to the fact that they look so much like the grass which has taken over where he planted them, we are not sure whether they are alive or not.

Unfortunately the fishing was so good that we simply did not take time to take any pictures, but the thought has occurred to me that perhaps you would like to have your conservation people take the time to go out and get some pictures before it grows up to the point where no one will believe that this could possibly happen. I do not know when I will get out there again myself, but if it is soon enough I will attempt to get some pictures for you, although I am afraid that if the fishing is as good as it has been for the past months that I will be completely unwilling to even take the time to snap a few pictures of the new shrubbery.

Jeanie joins me in sending our best to both you and Martha.

Sincerely,
Mac
John H. McIsaac Jr.

Library Club Elects New Officers at W. S. King

By HELEN FARMELEE
The Book Worms are planning a big year. On Thursday, Sept. 17, the Book Worms library club, held its first meeting in the library of the W. S. King School. The officers elected for the first semester are:

President, Bernard Martin; vice-president, Rose Adams; secretary, Mollie Walker; treasurer, Delores Pickett; and Vonnice Hamm reporter.

The constitution was read by our advisor, Mrs. McLendon.

Miss Senior Superior is Miss Florence Ham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Ham, route one, Newport. Her favorite foods: chicken, cabbage, ham and cholla cake; her favorite color is red; her favorite song: Good Things Will Come to Those Who Wait; hobby, cooking; subjects: English and economics; teacher, Mrs. M. J. McLendon; friend A. C. Galloway.

Mr. Senior Superior is Donald Lee Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Henderson, Morehead City. His favorite foods, sea-foods; color, blue; song, Say Man; hobby, sports; subjects, English and French; teacher, Miss M. L. Thope; his favorite friend, Delores Pickett.

Junior class presented a program Friday, Sept. 25, titled Increasing Our Knowledge of Football.

The panel was Mollie Walker, Evelyn David, Delores Pickett, Mary Stile, Hannah Bryant, Lillian

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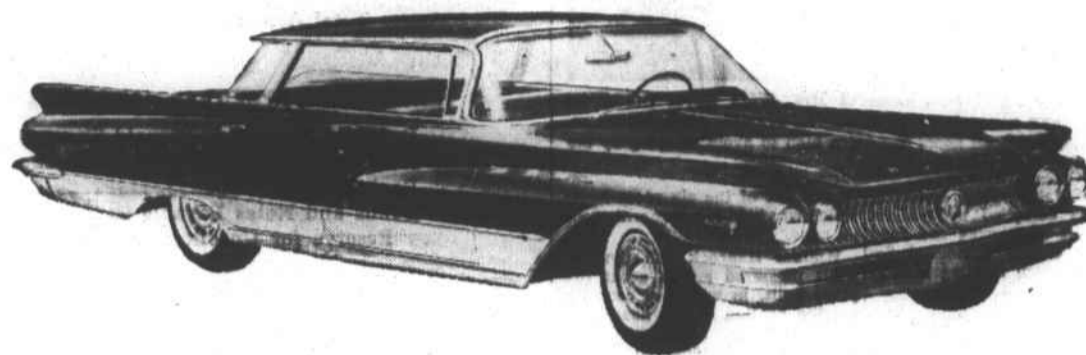
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Sound View FWB Church Plans Revival Services

Revival services will begin at the Sound View Free Will Baptist church Oct. 12 and continue until Oct. 18. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 with the Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, pastor of the Davis Free Will Baptist Church, as the guest

evangelist. Mr. Van Kluyve is a graduate of the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tenn. There will be special singing. Everyone is cordially invited. The Sound View Free Will Baptist Church is located on Highway 24 ten miles west of Morehead City.

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