

P.T.A. TREASURY REPLENISHED

In spite of the fact that the P.T.A. spent \$451.89 on labor costs for the remodelling of the Recreation Hall, its treasury is now creeping up again after reaching a very low ebb. Thanks to monthly dues, receipts from the P.T.A. Show, a gift from Rev. Frank Fulcher, and a gift from Mrs. Maude Fulcher, we now have in the treasury \$141.44. There is still a little more to be done on the hall, fitting the screen doors, screens, etc., but nothing that will take much more money. The high school boys did the interior painting and varnishing jobs and will do any of the rest that they can.

Hyde County certainly helped us out. Its cost of materials for the job was just about double (and a little more) what the P.T.A. put into it. We certainly appreciate this help.

HYDE COUNTY HAS NEW WELFARE DEPT.
DIRECTOR

William A. Miller made his first visit to Ocracoke on Tuesday, spending all day Wednesday here for consultation with school Nurse Kathleen Bragg, and getting acquainted with the problems of the community as they related to his work.

OCRACOKE ROAD NEWS

If you want up-to-date information about progress on the Ocracoke Road (down the Island from Hatteras Inlet) write to friends here or to the Ocracoke Civic Club.

Construction at present is at a standstill with two sections as yet incomplete, but surveys being made may change the picture.

The Ocracoke mailman, who travels the route daily, can be contacted at Hatteras Village any weekday morning for up-to-date information as to condition of road, tides, etc. etc.

WHO'S WHO HERE AT OCRACOKE

Charlie Ahman has only been here for about two years, but he has certainly found a place in the hearts of the community. He's right there when there is anything important to be done -- operating the fogging machine, putting oil in the ditches, yes, and taking a lead part in the Womanless Wedding. (Charlie is going to be the unlucky Groom!)

Charlie was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He came to the U.S. in 1907, worked for General Electric for awhile then for the Merchant Marine for about 20 years, before retiring.

One day he read an article by Norman Ford: "Places to Retire on a Small Income." He bought the little book in the 8th Avenue Subway in New York, paid \$1 for it, and by the time he had read about the various places listed by Mr. Ford, he decided on Ocracoke. But he couldn't seem to find out where Ocracoke was. He inquired at the railroad station and at the bus station. Then suddenly the agent at the bus station said, "It's somewhere down in North Carolina. I think it's near Morehead City. So Charlie took a bus to Morehead City and a taxicab (that cost money!) to Atlantic. This was two years ago last August.

On the boat he inquired about small places to rent. Ansley told him his father's little place was vacant at the time, so Charlie immediately arranged to rent it as soon as he got off the boat, and he has been renting it ever since.

He has a brother, John T. Ahman, who with his wife, likes to visit Ocracoke. Charlie has a son, Jack Charles, a Commander in the U.S. Navy, who lives in Arlington, Va. There is also a grandchild, who wants to visit Ocracoke sometime.

Yes, Charlie likes Ocracoke and Ocracoke likes Charlie.
