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WARD HOPES FOR EARLY PROGRESS ON OREGON INLET

Manteo Spark-Plug of Vital Project in Dare County Begins New Battle

Encouraged by the response of Federal government agencies to his reminder that the proposed opening of Oregon Inlet to seagoing vessels was approved by the National Defense department when the matter was under investigation three years ago, Alvah H. Ward, chairman and main-spring of the organization that saved the project in 1948 has this week re-activated his organization and after a preliminary exploration of the possibilities, is regaining his optimism.

Three years ago when Ward and his co-laborers bestirred themselves the Army Engineers were in the midst of preparing an adverse report on the project as not feasible. After three months work a brief was submitted to the Engineers who then reversed themselves and adopted the brief as their report with the recommendation to Congress that it be consummated immediately. Ward and his organization were able to show the engineers that the benefits accruing would pay for the dredging in one year, with a margin to spare.

Not only was it demonstrated that the project was sound from an economic standpoint, but it was endorsed by the Navy Department as desirable from the standpoint of National defense when the Navy remembers the hazards encountered in rescue operations off Cape Hatteras in 1942 when shipping valued at seven hundred million dollars was lost, together with more than 1,000 lives and with no base of rescue operation nearer than Hampton Roads, 92 miles to the north. Navy endorsement was written by Vice-Admiral Arthur W. Radford, then deputy chief of operations.

The project was finally approved. See WARD, Page Eight

HOME BB SEASON CLOSED TUESDAY WITH TWO WINS

Manteo high school closed its home basketball season Tuesday night with a pair of decisive victories over the South Mills teams. On Friday night the boys' and girls' teams, undefeated all season in Rural Albemarle Conference play, will put their perfect records on the line against their bitterest conference competitors, the Moyock squads. Both games are expected to be tightly contested, and because of the disputed victory the Manteo girls won from the Moyock team at Manteo early in the year, the hardest kind of battling is expected on the opposing teams' court. Every Manteo fan who can possibly make the trip should see these games—sure to be among the best of the season—and have his lungs in good shape to cheer on the Manteo teams before the hostile crowd.

The girls' game Tuesday was a simple case of too much class, or of too feeble opposition. Every player on the Manteo squad saw action, about 20 in all, and Coach Ayers' team won about as it pleased, 41-13. Scoring was divided as follows: Marie Etheridge, 14 points; Betty Rae Sanderlin, 8; Carolyn Gaskill, Loretta Midgett and Lelia Ward, 4 apiece; Linda Gaskill, 3. The Manteo guards kept the South Mills fore court players completely throttled throughout.

Although Manteo boys jumped off to a commanding lead, South Mills rallied and made a close game of it until near the end of the contest. In the last few minutes the locals pulled away and were in front 49-38 at the final whistle. Jack Cahoon led scorers of both teams with 16 counts. Six of the ten men who saw service for Coach Fry's squad scored at least four points. Sawyer, forward, rang up 14 markers for the losers.

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Lions Entertain County and Town Boards At Dinner Meeting Here Monday Evening

Clever Program Presented by High School Pupils Well Received. Lions Learn that Airport Reactivation To Get Consideration.

Members of the Dare County Board of Commissioners and the Manteo Town Board, Erwin Nixon, president of the Elizabeth City Lions Club, Registrar of Deeds Melvin Daniels, Mayor Martin Kellogg and newsman Aycock Brown were the guests of the Manteo Lions at their meeting in the Fort Raleigh Hotel dining room Monday evening.

Program Bounced Around
Beginning with Sheriff Frank Cahoon, several Lions made elaborately lame excuses for having failed to prepare a program for the evening, until Leonard Huggins finally said he believed he could get up "some kind of program" if allowed five minutes to do it. And then the Lions and their guests were entertained by six Manteo high school students, Betty Alice Skinner, Marie Etheridge and Millie Ward presented some vocal selections that were very well received. Miss Skinner's rendition of the tune "Honey," as she strolled among the tables and addressed the more sentimental phrases of the song to individuals among the distinguished guests, was climaxed by her singing the last part of the song to Mayor Kellogg from a comfortable position on his lap.

Carlisle Davis, Ray Jones, Jr., and Wade Nixon entertained with a series of imitations of well-known persons present. Among those imitated were Commissioner Lawrence Swain, Councilman Ras Wescott, Melvin Daniels in full oratorical swing, schoolmen Huggins, Ayers and Fry.

Secretary Fred Wescott reported the receipt of a letter from Congressman Herbert Bonner promising that the Roanoke Island Airport would be surveyed by the defense department in the near future with the possibility of reactivation should the survey report be favorable. He also reported that the nominations of two persons for membership had been acted upon favorably by the board.

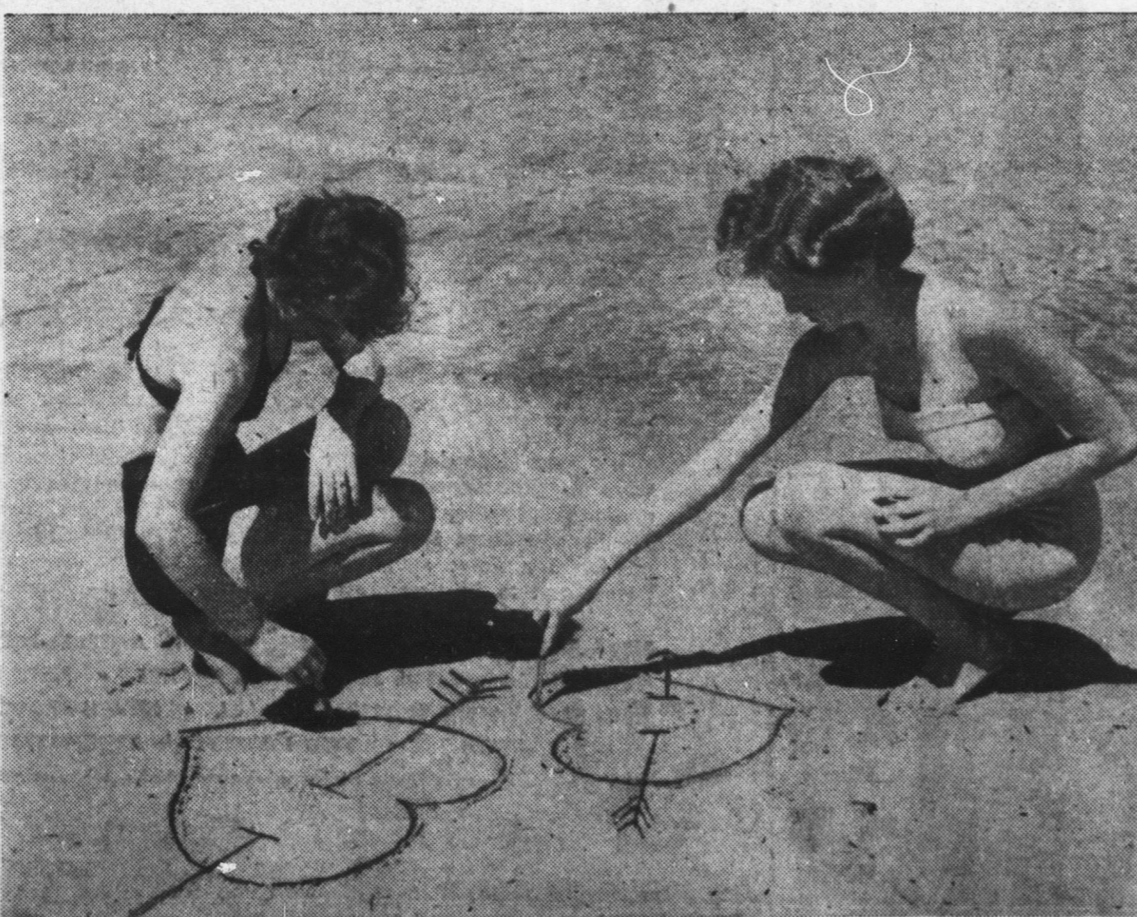
BOARD MEETING FEB. 14

B. W. Stephens, architect, will be in Manteo for a detailed conference with the Board of Education on Feb. 14 to complete plans for the county school building program.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

C. W. Mann was honored Sunday at a birthday dinner on the occasion of his 75th birthday. Approximately 30 of his children and grandchildren were present, but due to weather conditions it was impossible for the entire family to attend. Among those who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Odell Tillett and children; Mr. and Mrs. Huff Mann and children; Mr. and Mrs. James Mann and son; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Midgett and daughter; Mrs. Stanford White and children; Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Gray and son of Stumpy Point and Miss Rita Sutton.

AYCOCK STORES UP HIS VALENTINE CHEESECAKE SIX MONTHS AHEAD



OLD AYCOCK BROWN at his best, never is going to be outdone in keeping his cheesecake lined-up for future use. Back in August, when the Lost Colony was playing, he figured on needing a Valentine picture this month. So in humble commemoration of that great day next Wednesday, Feb. 14, we now present the proof of his foresight against a day that might be a little too cold for such shenanigans on the beach at Fort Raleigh. The girls in the picture: Miss Betty Alice Skinner of Manteo, and Miss LaNeve Dough of Panama, Manteo, and Norfolk.

AMATEUR HOUR & TALENT SHOW AT H. S. SATURDAY

The Manteo high school auditorium will be the scene of an amateur hour and talent show on Saturday night, February 10, at eight o'clock. The best talent in Manteo has been lined up for this performance, and a variety of excellent acts is assured for the entertainment of those who attend. The show is under the sponsorship of the Manteo Parent-Teachers Association; proceeds of the entertainment will be used to support the two chief objects of community betterment undertaken by the PTA this year:—the providing of new seats for the high school auditorium, and the support of the local Youth Center.

The audience will have the opportunity to act as judges of the show, for winners will be determined by audience-applause. The admission fee is trivial for such an evening of fun as the PTA-sponsored show will offer. Home-made candies, cookies and cold drinks will be on sale during the performance.

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

Figures provided by U. S. Govt. Meteorologist A. W. Drinkwater

	High	Low	Rain
February 1	71	38	.34
February 2	40	30	
February 3	34	29	.28
February 4	35	25	
February 5	43	18	
February 6	54	34	
February 7	59	36	.34

Wanchese Ruritan and Lions Play March of Dimes Benefit Game Here Tuesday

Manteo Town Girls Will Play Exhausted Winners in Second Contest On Bill of Unprecedented Brilliance.

At 7:30 p. m. next Tuesday in the Manteo high school gymnasium a titanic struggle between undefeated basketball teams is scheduled to take place. The Manteo Lions Club will square off, or kick off, or at least begin a game with the Wanchese Ruritan Club. The last defeat suffered on the court by the Lions goes back beyond the available records, and it is the proud boast of the Wanchese Ruritans that never since its organization has it ever lost a basketball game. It is even said that the Wanchese Champions have never been scored upon. The winner of the game will play the Manteo Town girls team immediately following the first contest—or as quickly thereafter as the winners can be revived.

The entire proceeds of the game will be given to the Dare county March of Dimes. It is hoped that a large crowd will attend the doubleheader, either to see the brilliant court tactics that are sure to be displayed by these flashy squads—or simply to see Melvin Daniels, Dez Rogers, Steve Tillett and Frank Cahoon strutting their stuff in a pair of basketball shorts. The unprecedented display of male pulchritude that will be on exhibition next Tuesday night will probably never again be on exhibition to the public—and the March of Dimes is to have the benefit of this once-in-a-lifetime exhibition.

Ruritan Squad

Melvin R. Daniels, captain and scoring ace of the Ruritan team, listed his squad members this week as follows: H. O. Bridges, ex-Navy hoopster of great renown; James W. Davis, former Coast Guard ace; C. W. Guthrie, all-around court tactician; R. H. Gray, said to be slippery as oil on the court; Jesse Etheridge, whose one-handed shots from the corners seem to be guided to the basket; Reggie Tillett, H. L. Davis, John Cudworth and McKay

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SOU. ALBEMARLE ASSN. MEETS AT ENGELHARD WED.

The executive committee of the Southern Albemarle Association will hold a meeting at the Hotel Engelhard in Engelhard beginning with a luncheon at 1 p. m. on Wednesday, February 14. The business session will take place at the conclusion of the luncheon. P. D. Midgett, association president, has made preparations for the accommodation of some 40 persons.

E. R. Clark and M. W. Shelton, vice president and secretary of the Association for Hyde county, are in charge of arrangements for the meeting. Those expected to attend from outside Hyde county are: Dare county: Dewey L. Hayman, vice president, Mrs. C. P. Midgett, Mrs. Grace Mann, Mrs. Mabel Jones, Mrs. Helen Baum, M. R. Daniels, Carl Mann, D. V. Meekins and Walter Perry.

Tyrell county: Paul Liverman, vice president, Mrs. Effie Brickhouse, Mrs. J. A. Spencer, E. Gomez, Mrs. Jack Pritchard, Mrs. Elizabeth Brickhouse, Louis Combs, W. J. White and R. L. Mitchell.

Washington county: Mrs. H. P. Barnes, Mrs. Cedric Davenport, W. T. Phelps, Mrs. W. M. Darden, Delbert Patrick, H. W. Bridges, Wade Hardison, E. O. Arnold and J. R. Campbell and W. L. Whitely, vice president.

CONTRIBUTIONS FAIL TO MEET POLIO QUOTA

Excellent Results Reported In Mashoes Drive; Elsewhere Donations Are Less Than In Former Years

Mrs. Balfour Baum, campaign chairman of the Dare County March of Dimes, announced this week the results of the drive in three more communities.

At East Lake, where the drive was conducted under the direction of Mrs. Emily Smith, \$6.00 was collected; Mrs. Melvina Whidbee was in charge of the campaign in Salvo and collected \$3.20; at Mashoes the drive was directed by Mrs. Will Mann and \$14.00 was collected. The results in Mashoes, the county chairman said, exceeded expectations; had the whole county contributed on a scale proportional to the contribution at Mashoes, Mrs. Baum said, the county's quota would have been easily exceeded.

The Roanoke Island Baptist church, the only church group to report contributions to the county March of Dimes chairman, donated \$12.00.

The coin collection boxes, which were the least productive of the campaign's fund-raising devices, the chairman said, produced \$20.

Mrs. Baum said that it appears that Dare county will fall below its quota of \$1,500 by a considerable amount unless later reports reverse the slow present trend. She wishes it announced that contributions can still be mailed to the county chairman's office and that those who have failed to contribute to this worthy cause so far should mail their contributions at once.

MRS. ODELL T. DUVALL FOUND DEAD IN CHAIR

Widow of Late Eph. R. Duvall Dies at Home in Manteo Wednesday Afternoon

Mrs. Odella Tillett Duvall, 54, was found dead, when a neighbor, Capt. Lum Midgett, called on her about five Wednesday afternoon, sitting in a chair in her home on the corner of First Avenue and Road St. in Manteo. She had been dead about an hour. She was the daughter of the late Tillman and Harriett Ann Tillett of Nags Head, and wife of the late Eph. R. Duvall of East Lake and Manteo. She was a member of the Manteo Baptist Church and the Manteo Rebekah Lodge.

She is survived by three sons, Maynard of Ft. Pierce, Fla., Calvert of Baltimore, and Gilbert Duvall of Manteo; Wayland, a fourth son, was killed during the late war in the Pacific. She has several grandchildren, and nephews and nieces.

She is survived by the following brothers, Ravon Tillett of New Jersey, Marshall Tillett of Nags Head, Elisha Tillett of Grandy, Robert Tillett of Beaufort; by three sisters, Mrs. Winnie Brown and Mrs. Adelia Brown of Zebulon, and Mrs. CeCe Davis of Currituck County.

Funeral arrangements pending. The body is at Twiford Funeral Home.

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DARE BOARD COMES TO AID OF INLET PROJECT; ASKS HARBOR AID; RAISES PAY

Jim Vannote Appointed Veterans Service Officer Without Pay; Contributes \$160 to Davis; Clerk Appointed at \$60 per Month; Board Wants to Know About Dare's Road Funds, and Ask Bill for Community Harbors.

In response to an appeal for action on the Oregon Inlet dredging project by Alvah H. Ward, the Dare Board of Commissioners on Tuesday voted to appropriate \$250, half the sum requested, to further efforts to get the project under way. The county's grant, however, was made conditional—it will be given, provided the town of Manteo appropriates a like amount, and provided that another \$250 is raised by Mr. Ward. The motion was passed without a dissenting vote, after being made by Commissioner Swain and seconded by Commissioner Austin.

The Federal Congress has passed the bill approving the project at Oregon Inlet. Delay has occurred because assignment of the necessary funds to proceed with the project, of such vital importance to Dare county, has not been made. The board voted a motion proposed by Commissioner Swain that Mr. Ward's efforts in behalf of the Oregon Inlet project should be recognized officially by a resolution expressing the Board's appreciation.

During the day's business Melvin Daniels, in his capacity as clerk to the board, was instructed to write several official letters in behalf of the board. Upon motion by Mr. Swain, he was instructed to write to Highway Commissioner Shelton for further explanation about the money due the county from the bond fund.

Upon motion by Mr. Perry, seconded by Scarborough, the Board instructed Mr. Daniels to write to the county's representative in the legislature, R. Bruce Etheridge, requesting him to vote against the proposed bill which would allow use of highway funds to maintain city streets. Diversion of such funds is feared to presage hard sledding for small counties like Dare.

YACHT'S RELIEF ALSO RELIEVED COAST GUARD

By BEN DIXON MacNEILL

Buxton on Cape Hatteras, Feb. 9.—Coast Guardsmen along the Outer Banks have about got their breath back to normal after sort of holding it for more than 30 hours over the past week and wondering which of the six stations between Ocracoke and Oregon Inlet would have the old pleasure-boat HOLIDAY piled up on its door-step—and the report is that sea-sick crewmen aboard cutters have about got their sea-legs back under them.

Patrols fought their way along the beach between the two inlets throughout the emergency which began about 6 o'clock Saturday morning and did not actually end until the Cherokee put a line aboard the rudderless Holiday about 3 o'clock Sunday. Patrols were made difficult by the driving snowstorm that piled drifts along the beach and made visibility extremely low.

Surfmen in all the stations, under the command of Chief Warrant Officer G. H. Meekins here and Warrant Henry Peele on Ocracoke, were ready for anything but it was Lieutenant Walters of the Coast Guard Air Base who put an end to the mystery of just where the derelict was. It was the distressed boat's skipper's belief that he had drifted, by some miracle, from Bodie Island past Diamond Shoals and two cutters, the Cherokee and the Agassiz, were searching in that area.

Just on the chance that the boat hadn't passed Diamond Shoals at all, Lt. Walters headed his JRB north about 10 o'clock Sunday morning, leaving the big B-17 to search the south side. Walters found the craft wallowing helplessly off Wimble Shoals. The first thing the crew asked for when he spoke to them on his radio was some coffee. The seas had flooded their galley. Walters went to Elizabeth City, got some coffee and dropped it aboard them before he called it a day. He radioed the Cherokee the actual location of the Holiday and the cutter wallowed back through No. 9 pens and took her in tow and surfmen in the stations were able to relax.

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Village Harbors for Dare Rep. Etheridge is to be written to for information on another matter. Mr. Daniels has been instructed to ask the county's representative to explore the possibility of the county's receiving some state aid in providing harbors at the several villages of the county, "even to the extent of a bill in the legislature" to be introduced by him.

And, finally, Mr. Daniels is to address a letter to the Highway Commission requesting the placing of 35 mile per hour speed limits on the following roads: through Hatteras, Buxton and Avon village; beginning at the Virginia Electric Power Co. plant and running through the village to the end of the present highway; at Wanchese, from the Methodist church to Mill Landing and the Wanchese wharf.

Lower Valuation
The Board passed a resolution lowering the valuation of the property on Duck Island, owned by W. Taylor Johnson, to \$20 per acre.

Frank Ausband and Wallace McCown, Manteo attorneys, appeared before the board requesting the valuations for Avalon Beach properties in 1951. The Board set the valuation at \$200 per lot where paving has been completed, and at \$100 per lot where paving has not been done. Sound side lots were evaluated at \$200.

Veterans Service Officer

J. M. Vannote was named veterans service officer for the county to succeed I. P. Davis, resigned. He was appointed to serve until June 30, 1951, at no salary. A part-time clerk to attend to details of his work was authorized at a salary of \$60 per month; the board named Mrs. Louise Creff for the clerk's position. The service officer was granted \$20 per month with which to defray miscellaneous expenses.

Extra Service
I. P. Davis, whose resignation as Public Welfare Superintendent was accepted by the Board at its last meeting, spoke to the Board, expressing his appreciation for the cooperation he had received from its members during his term of service. On motion by Swain, seconded by Scarborough, the Board ordered that the county pay to Mr. Davis \$160, "equivalent to one-half month's salary, for services rendered outside of regular duty in his work as veterans service officer in the county, same to be charged to the general non welfare fund."

County Farm Agent R. S. Smith and the district farm agent were the last of the Board's numerous visitors Tuesday. They asked for more suitable office space for the home and farm agents in the Dare courthouse. The Board told them that their request would be kept in mind when repairs to the building were made.

On motion of Austin, seconded by Swain, an increase to \$50 per month was given Chief of Police M. C. Mitchell of the town of Manteo.

In addition to the contribution made to Mr. Davis, the increased county pay roll is now \$660 a year more than set forth in the current budget.