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COUNTY SCHOOL PROJECTS COST \$101,211.40

Contracts totaling \$101,211.40 were signed last Thursday for five school projects in Dare County. Largest sum appropriated is for the new Roanoke Island Colored School, \$41,428.80. The projects and the amounts to be paid contractors for the work are as follows:

Manteo—erection of four primary grade classrooms, cost including heating, wiring and plumbing systems \$36,290.

Wanchese — installation of heating plant and wiring, \$8,348.55.

Manns Harbor—installation of heating plant and wiring, \$7,432.20.

Kitty Hawk—installation of heating plant and wiring, \$7,661.85.

Roanoke School—erection of a complete concrete block and brick structure, containing three classrooms, an all-purpose room, toilets, etc., \$41,428.80.

All the above sums include architects' fees.

THEY NEVER FORGET THE DARE CO. SEASHORE

Louis T. Cox, After 36 Years, Comes Back to Nags Head and Buys Ocean Frontage

Louis T. Cox of Baltimore, with his wife and daughter, came into Dare County again this summer for a short visit, and last Saturday bought 100 feet of ocean front south of Nags Head from the Fearing brothers. It was 36 years ago while Louis Cox was a typotype operator in Elizabeth City that he visited Nags Head first. In those days things were quite different.

Today he is employed by the Baltimore News-Post, but during the hot summer of 1915 he was engaged in an extravagant venture for Elizabeth City in those days. In a hot stall on East Fearing St. with A. E. Burgess and Vernon Wright, he was publishing a daily newspaper called the Evening News. It was a mighty interesting paper in those days at Nags Head where the Elizabeth City and Edenton cottagers, just about all of whom lived on the soundside, got the daily gossip from home quicker than Saunders' Independent and Peele's Advance could bring it to them.

The Evening News lasted about 15 months. It was a right interesting sheet. Its Manteo correspondent was Victor Meekins. It carried a story about a purported note from Alfred Vanderbilt found on the beach at Nags Head by Rob Midgett of Manteo. Vanderbilt had been lost with the Lusitania, sunk off Ireland by a German sub early in 1915.

Last week Mr. Cox and his family called at the office of the Coastland Times. They never forgot this section, and hope to come here to live sometime soon. Mrs. Cox is a native of South Mills. Mr. Cox is a Maryland native.

WOMAN'S ART ATTRACTS INTEREST AT NAGS HEAD

West Virginian Captures Life and Color in Sketches of Beach Scenes

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton, Jr., of Charleston, West Virginia, are vacationing for three weeks at Nags Head, and stopping at the Nags Header. Mr. Hamilton, a business man, is a painter in oils, and Mrs. Hamilton is just an amateur painter in water color, but her sketches of the beach, and nearby scenes which are displayed in the lobby of the Nags Header have captured the atmosphere of the seashore, and would-be buyers are besieging her.

Mrs. Hamilton, who says she is just a housewife, was formerly a practicing attorney, a native of New York. Her pictures are signed Eleanor Meyer Hamilton. With them is their 11-year-old son, Charles Hamilton, III.

Two years ago they were visitors at the beach. Both of them find much that is worth painting, and Mr. Hamilton is doing some oils of beach scenes.

WILLYS-OVERLAND NOW SOLD IN DARE COUNTY

New Agency Opened by Dan S. Harris and James A. Scarborough at Nags Head

Dan S. Harris and James A. Scarborough have begun selling Willys-Overland products for the Dare County section. They will handle the complete line of Willys products including the famous 4-wheel drive Jeep. Also sold will be the station wagon and pickup truck. Headquarters for the present time will be at Scarborough's garage at Nags Head.

LOST COLONY PREACHER



With "Stopping Places for the Soul" as a topic, the Rev. Walter D. Freed, pastor of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Charlotte, will be guest minister at the sixth in a series of Sunday Worship periods during the Lost Colony season at Roanoke Island August 5 at 11 a.m.

DR. SWALIN AND YOUNG TENOR AT LOST COLONY

Dr. Benjamin Swalin, Director of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, oldest state musical organization in any state, was the guest-actor at Tuesday's Celebrity Night performance of The Lost Colony. In addition to taking a role in the regular performance, Dr. Swalin was interviewed on the stage at intermission time by Samuel Selden, director of the drama.

John Mizell, of The Lost Colony Chorus, entertained at intermission by singing several very well-received solos. Mr. Mizell was named "Voice of Tomorrow" in a competition in Philadelphia earlier in the year in which more than 500 soloists were entrants.

NEW REGISTRANT

William Gus Saunders, Jr., of Wanchese, son of Mrs. Ann Saunders of Nags Head, registered with the Dare Selective Service Board on Monday. Saunders reached his 18th birthday on July 21. He is in the Maritime Service, based at Norfolk.

PARKS COMMITTEE PUSHES DEVELOPMENT OF HATTERAS PARK

The July 28 issue of The State Advertising Bulletin included a paragraph which holds out the hope that, at last, something about the development of Cape Hatteras State Park may be about to be done. This is what the Advertising Bulletin had to say:

"Attendance figures may give a hint as to why the State Parks Committee frowned on Hiwassee and indicated probability of transferring funds from it to development of Hatteras on the coast. Members of the Committee, who visited it last week, were favorably impressed with possibilities of Hatteras for development as a first class State Park and indications are that work on it will be speeded up so that it will be ready for visitors by the time the hard-surfaced road is completed to Oregon Inlet. (Only about 12 miles, from Rodanthe to Oregon Inlet, which is crossed by free ferry, remain to be paved.)"

If the development of the park and the completion of the highway can be hurried along by the efforts of the State Parks Committee, the committee members will rate a round of thanks from the people of Dare County—and from tourists from everywhere.

MANNS HARBOR WIVES SLAY 50-LB. WILDCAT

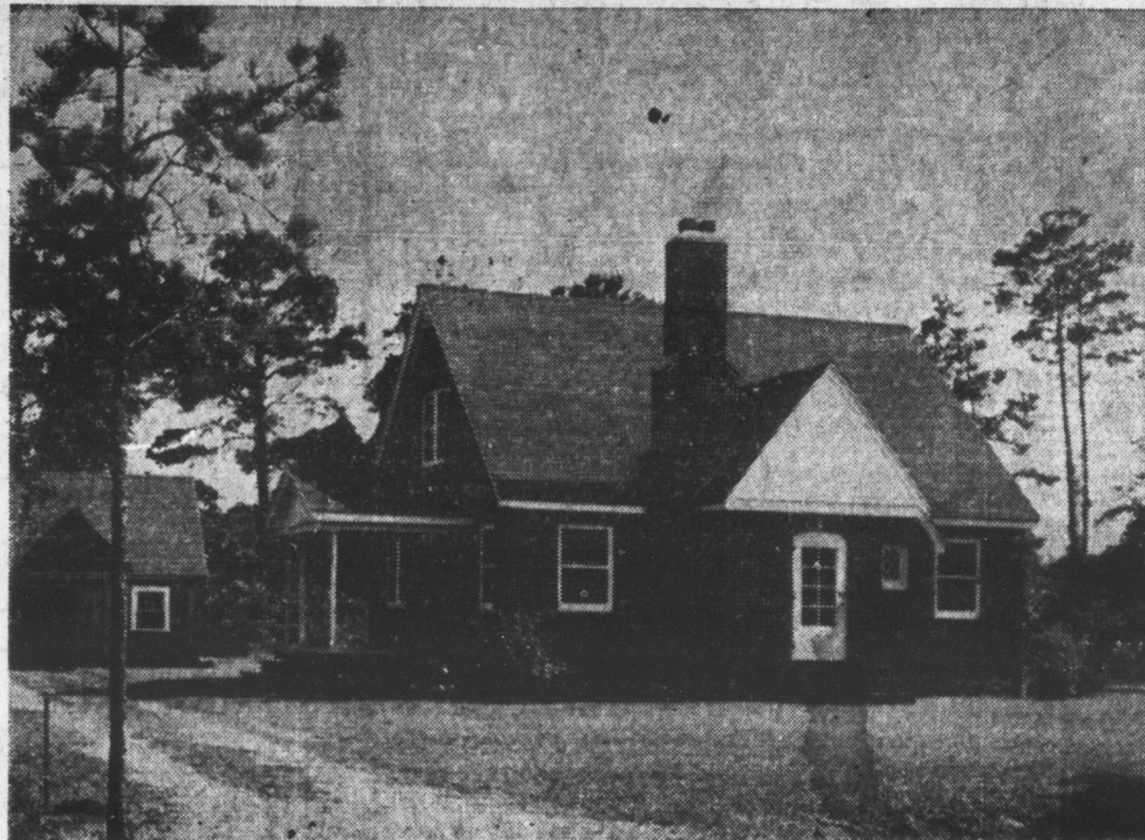
Mrs. John Jambura and Mrs. Preston Twiford Got Tired of Loss of Their Chickens

Mrs. John Jambura and Mrs. Preston Twiford of Manns Harbor have been suffering mightily because of a wild-cat's depredations in their chicken yards. The men of the community didn't seem able to do anything about it. Roy Midgett himself says he lost a dozen ducks because of this slick old wildcat which used to come out of the swamps.

Mrs. Twiford and Mrs. Jambura surprised the old cat last week. They heard a chicken squawking and they investigated the cat and he ran away. He left the chicken he had killed, so they tied the chicken to a fence post, and waited with a gun. The old cat came back.

Both these good ladies took a shot at him, and they killed him. Neighbors say the cat weighed 50 pounds.

NEW HOME OF MR. AND MRS. JAMES W. DAVIS AT WANCHESE



IN A NEW clearing among the pines, on the road that leads to Wanchese Wharf, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Davis have built one of the community's most attractive homes, just recently finished. Lt. Davis, upon retiring after a long career in the Coast Guard, returned to cast his lot with the friends of his boyhood, and made a considerable investment in his home, as did his two brothers, Crowder and Alex, who live not far away. More homes to be printed soon. Photos by Vic Meekins.

SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT. 5

Cape Hatteras School Situation Still Up in the Air.

Dare county school children will go back to their books to begin the 1951-52 school term on Wednesday morning, September 5, according to a school calendar issued from the office of Mary Langston Evans, Dare County Supt. of Schools, on Thursday of this week.

School principals' work will precede the opening of school by one day, when the principals gather at Manteo School at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4, for their annual meeting.

School Closes—? The County Superintendent said that the teachers of Dare county will vote soon after the school term begins to determine whether the date for the closing of school next spring shall be Friday, May 30, or Tuesday, June 3. The earlier date will be possible if the teachers elect to accept a Christmas holiday period running from December 14 to January 3; if the vacation is extended to January 7, school will close on June 3. The earlier closing date may be desirable for teachers who plan to attend summer session courses, Mrs. Evans said.

Cape Hatteras School The school board has received a reply from the State Board of Education concerning its recent vote to place Cape Hatteras Consolidated School at Avon. The State Board ruled the site unacceptable. A second letter has been dis-

LIONS INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS ARRIVE IN DARE SATURDAY

A party of distinguished members of Lions International will visit the Dare Beaches and Roanoke Island in the next few days. Headed by Curtis D. Lovill of Gardner, Maine, Director of Lions International, the party will include John T. Stickley, Director and Counselor of Lions International; Norman Trueblood of Elizabeth City, State Lions Club Secretary and an International Director; Louis K. Day, President of the North Carolina Association for the Blind, of Rocky Mount; George T. Rogers, Governor of Lions District 31-E and Chairman of the State Council; H. Woodruff, Governor of this District, 31-F. The group will be quartered at the Wilbur Wright Hotel, Kill Devil Hills.

Loville, who will be a guest actor for The Lost Colony's Celebrity Night performance on Tuesday, Trueblood, Stickley and Rogers will be met upon their arrival Saturday evening by President Ralph Davis, Secretary Fred Westcott, Zone Chairman Edwin Midgett and other members of the Manteo Lions Club. Mr. Day arrives Monday and Mr. Woodruff on Tuesday.

All of the distinguished visitors will be present for the meeting of the Manteo Lions Club at the Hotel Fort Raleigh on Monday evening. Mr. Lovill will speak to the group which will include representatives of the Camden, Elizabeth City and Weeksville Lions Clubs, in addition to the Manteo Lions.

REGISTRANTS AT FORT RALEIGH INCREASING

According to figures compiled by Robert L. Atkinson, superintendent of Ft. Raleigh National Memorial, visitors at Fort Raleigh during July included persons from 45 of the 48 states, three U. S. territories and ten foreign countries. The total registrants last month numbered 44,685, compared with 43,218 in July 1950.

Travelers from Colombia, Arabia, Canada, Denmark, Australia, Greece, Germany, Switzerland, Lebanon and England signed the visitors' book, as did visitors from the U. S. territories of Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Panama Canal Zone. All states in Continental United States were represented except North Dakota, New Mexico and Vermont.

"STAGE DOOR" TO BE PRESENTED MONDAY

Dramatic Group Will Turn Over Proceeds to High School Athletic Fund

At 8:30 p.m. Monday evening, August 6, a benefit performance of the play "Stage Door" will be presented at the Manteo high school auditorium by a cast of players from the cast of The Lost Colony. Proceeds will go to the Manteo high school athletic fund. "Stage Door" is a three-act Broadway success by George S. Kaufman and Edna Ferber. The production is being directed by Marty Jacobs.

Members of the cast are: Ruth Thompson, Janet Feinblatt, Lee Helfgott, Natalie Etheridge, Mickey Bowen, Virginia Michalak, Nena Williams, Virginia Young, Constance Treadwell, Anne Shadwell, Doris Jane Hayslett, Louise Westcott, Leonora Townsend, Charlotte Lehman, Marty Hardy, Dan Reid, Jean Ward, Charles Shearon, Bill Wedell, Robert Bennett, Hal Shadwell, Bob Swain and Dottie Drinkwater.

Stage manager for the production is Barbara Skinner. Hal Shadwell is in charge of lighting effects. Janet Feinblatt has charge of preparation of the sets. Property manager is Lee Helfgott, as-

TO SELL 35 BUILDINGS AT MANTEO AIRPORT

The sale of about 35 buildings at the Manteo airport has been authorized by the Government. Proceeds from the sale of these buildings must be used to repair and improve the airport and other buildings essential to airport operation.

The law requires that the buildings first be advertised for 30 days, which means that bids will not be opened before sometime in September. Notice of sale of bids will be prepared soon, and published after first being approved by the District Airport Engineer.

KITTY HAWK CLUB ERECTS PUBLIC BULLETIN BOARD

Completion of a community bulletin board at Kitty Hawk was announced this week by Claude Midgett, chairman of the committee in charge of the project for the Kitty Hawk Civic Club.

Midgett said that the board was erected by the club because so many people had complained that posters and bulletins announcing dances, bingo games, special moving pictures and similar events were cluttering up telephone poles and trees in the community.

"At first it was suggested that we simply ask the various recreation establishments to refrain from putting their announcements in the community," Midgett said. "However, we didn't feel that this would be fair to the business establishments involved, and so it was decided to erect a central bulletin board for their convenience."

The bulletin board is located in a prominent position adjoining the main road, in a vacant lot just to the east of the Post Office. It is available to any business, individual or group desiring to put up posters or bulletins, and they are urged to use the bulletin board instead of scattering their posters throughout the community.

AVON MAN SAFE BUT BOAT TOTAL LOSS FROM FIRE

Loran O'Neal Rescued by Fishing Craft As Boat Burns Near Stumpy Point

The small motor craft "L. P., Jr.," belonging to Loran O'Neal of Avon, caught fire about five miles off Stumpy Point Wednesday forenoon and sank to the bottom of the sound between 11:30 and 12 noon. Capt. O'Neal was the only man on board when the blaze broke out, and he stayed aboard the vessel fighting the fire until, after suffering minor burns, he was forced to go over the side and swim for safety. He was picked up a short time after entering the water by an unidentified fishing craft.

Cape Hatteras, Oregon Inlet and Chicamacomico Coast Guard Stations received word of O'Neal's plight at about 11:30 a.m., and rescue boats were immediately dispatched from all three stations. Coast Guard planes from Elizabeth City Coast Guard Air Station were circling the scene before the flame-swept vessel sunk beneath the surface, according to Capt. Levene Midgett of Chicamacomico Station.

INLET-RODANTHE ROAD LINK CONSIDERED BY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Jr., Raleigh lawyer and son of former Governor Ehringhaus, represented Dare county before the State Highway Commission in session in Raleigh Thursday, according to Melvin R. Daniels, clerk to the Dare Board of Commissioners. He explained the vital need for the completion of hard-surfacing the highway on Hatteras Island, the approximately 12 miles of sand road between Oregon Inlet and Rodanthe.

A petition signed by 2,000 citizens was to have been presented to the highway commissioners by Capt. Levene Midgett of Rodanthe. But Capt. Midgett was prevented from making the trip to Raleigh by the necessity of taking charge of the rescue activities when a boat burned and sank in the sound off Stumpy Point on Wednesday.

The Highway Commissioners will meet in Manteo on August 31 and September 1, and it is planned to make representation to them at that time of the acute need for the early completion of the highway. Mr. Ehringhaus will report to local officials on the results of yesterday's meeting of the Commission in Raleigh.

LOST COLONY DREW 22,000 IN JULY

Congressman Bonner and Famous Band to Be Here for Washington Night Saturday

Attendance figures for the first month's performances of The Lost Colony this season total 22,022. Figures for the last week, from the July 26 performance through August 1, totaled 4,470. Individual showings drew as follows: July 26, 851; July 27, 674; July 28, 1,244; July 29, 327; July 31, 827; August 1, 547.

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner will be present at The Lost Colony Friday night for the performance which has been designated "Washington Night" in honor of Rep. Bonner's home town. Johnny Long's famous orchestra, which plays a dance engagement on the beach Saturday night, will give a concert at Waterside Theatre before curtain time.

MOTHER OF NAGS HEAD POSTMASTER DIED MONDAY

Funeral services were held in Philadelphia, Pa., Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Della Morgan Kessinger, who died at her home in that city after a heart attack early Monday morning. Burial was in the family cemetery at Missinburg, Pa.

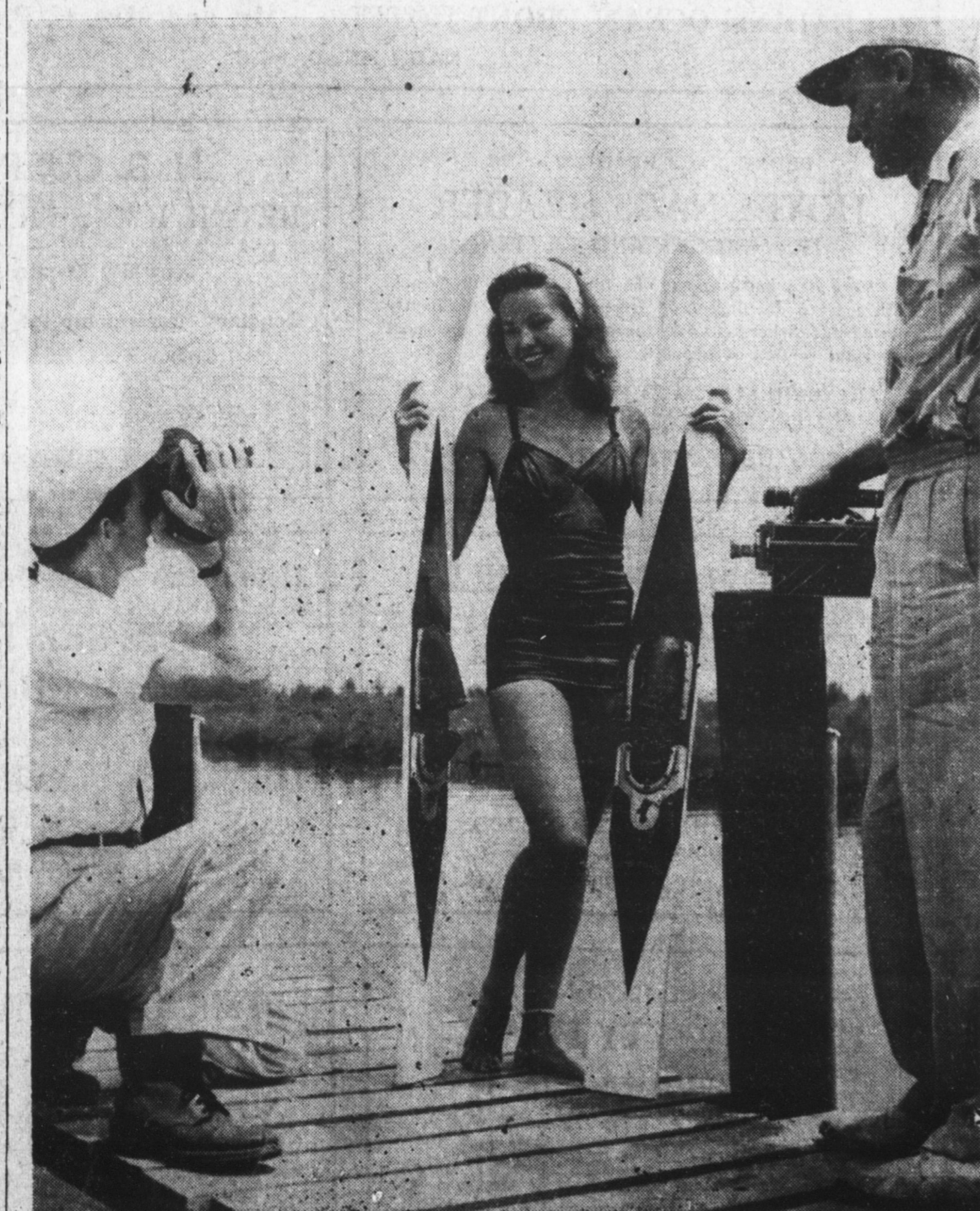
Mrs. Kessinger was the mother of R. R. Kessinger, Nags Head postmaster, and the widow of John Roper Kessinger of Roper and Washington, who died many years ago. Surviving, besides R. Ray Kessinger of Nags Head, are three other children, Mrs. Ted Blount of Plymouth, Miss Esther Kessinger of Philadelphia and A. J. Kessinger of Saudi Arabia.

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

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

	High	Low	Rain
July 26	80	70	.14
July 27	90	68	
July 28	88	70	
July 29	88	74	.28
July 30	85	72	.14
July 31	90	71	
August 1	93	71	

POSING FOR CLOSEUP IN DARE-LOST COLONY TRAVELOGUE



When attractive Mickey Gunnerson of New Bern visited Manteo for a tryout before Lost Colony choreographer John Lehman, she didn't know that she would also be filmed in the Dare County-Lost Colony moving picture travelogue which is nearing completion under the direction of John Ehle of the University of North Carolina Communications Center. But that is what happened, because Mickey, who is outstanding in water sports, happened to bring her water skis along, hoping to find suitable waters in Dare to enjoy the sport. Roanoke sound waters were ideal for waterskiing, she learned. Photo shows Mickey posing for the final closeup as Cameraman Bill Gulley shoots the winsome Gunnerson smiling with Director Ehle standing by. (Photo by Aycok Brown.)