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RAPID GROWTH OF BEACHES IN DARE CREATES URGENT NEED FOR EXPANDED PHONE SERVICE

Business Interests as Well as Visitors Crying For Enlargement of Facilities Now Overcrowded and Unable to Give More Than Token Service; Business Transactions Handicapped and Indifference of Phone Company Cited.

There's no doubt about it. It's going to take some stepping around on the part of the telephone company serving the Dare Beaches, if they expect to continue to hold the good will and support of not only the business interests of the area, but the numerous visitors, who even while on vacation find it important to keep in touch with the affairs back home.

The needs of the beach have grown so rapidly, that the facilities now on the beach, apparently enlarged very little beyond the capacity of 15 years ago, are rendering only token service. Lines are overcrowded and delays in getting calls through, particularly long distance calls are exasperating and prohibitive.

The successful placing of a call takes a large part of the time that the visitor wishes to devote to his vacation. The business men of the beach are crying for enlarged facilities. They outspokenly claim the telephone company is completely indifferent to their responsibility in the matter.

Typical of the complaints about lack of phone service on the beach is a letter from Warren Francis, the well-known Washington Correspondent of the Los Angeles Times, who for many years has been a frequent visitor on the Dare Beaches, and usually stops at the popular Croatan Hotel at Kitty Hawk. He was a recent visitor with Mrs. Francis, and despite his love for Dare County's seashore, he found his visit less enjoyable for lack of adequate telephone service. He says:

"Over the many years we have been visiting Kill Devil Hills, Mrs. Francis and I have been suffering exasperating delays and inconven-

\$6,000 LOSS IS RESULT OF ACT NEAR SALVO

Ballinger Contractors' Grading Machines Smashed by Criminals Who Still Evade Arrest

Last Sunday morning between 2 and 3 a.m. a criminal act of the most senseless kind was committed about one-half mile south of Salvo on Hatteras Island. An undetermined number of vandals started the engines of three Diesel motor graders belonging to the Ballinger Paving Contractors, drove them together, and abandoned the scene after damage estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$6,000 had been done.

Sheriff Frank Cahoon and W. W. Spence of Elizabeth City, State Bureau of Investigation agent, reported that the radiators of all three machines were shattered and that they had been driven together with such force that the chassis of the graders had been ripped apart.

Sheriff Cahoon said on Wednesday that no arrests had been made as a result of an all-day investigation by the two law-enforcement officers on Tuesday. He did say that the investigation will continue until the perpetrators of the idiotic act are brought to justice. Until the criminals are caught, he said, no information about the clues the officers are following would be released to the public.

The Ballinger Paving Contractors have offered a reward of \$250 for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the crime.

The contractors have been the victims of other criminal acts on the Lower Banks in recent weeks. A number of batteries were lately stolen from contractors' trucks and air compressors which have been located on Hatteras Island aerating the paved road the company built there last year.

The paving company has deserved well of the people of the Lower Banks and has done its contracted work quickly and efficiently. One of the company's generous acts has been the building of one-half mile of paved surface from the highway to Fairhaven Church, between Waves and Rodanthe, at no cost to the citizens—as a free gift from the company. Company officials and reputable citizens are at a loss to understand the motives of the criminals.

OFF TO SEA



IVEY C. EVANS, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Evans of Manteo, has joined the Merchant Marine; he shipped out of Norfolk August 5 aboard the ship "LaSalle," bound for Holland, Germany, France and England. Young Evans has two uncles, Gus and Lance Montague, of Norfolk, who have made following the water their lifetime careers.

DARE TOURIST BUREAU IS DISCUSSED TUESDAY

At a meeting held in the courthouse Tuesday afternoon with about 25 people present, a proposal was discussed for the organization of a Dare County Tourist Bureau, to publicize all sections of the county and assist tourists in enjoying its advantages.

County Commissioner Lawrence Swain presided at the meeting and remarks were made by most of those present. The proposal was to organize a bureau to conduct a program of publicity, and that it be supported by the various Chambers of Commerce, the County of Dare, Town of Manteo, and The Lost Colony.

A Committee was appointed by the Chairman to draft a plan to submit to a later meeting for further discussion.

Among those attending the meeting were Wm. Hardy, Lost Colony Manager, Melvin Daniels, Z. V. Brinkley, C. J. Townley of Kitty Hawk, E. V. Nelson of Kill Devil Hills, Dan Harris of Nags Head, Asa Gray of Waves, M. L. Burrus of Hatteras, M. L. Daniels, Jr., Sam Midgett, Gordon Kellogg, A. H. Ward, David Stick and Mrs. Isabel Murphy of Kill Devil Hills.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS TO MEET HERE

Regular Meeting of State Board to Be Held in Dare Courthouse September 1.

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular September meeting in the Dare County Courthouse in Manteo at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 1. The full commission will be present for the dispatch of regular business. The meeting will be open to the public.

After the public meeting in the courthouse, the commissioners and their wives will adjourn to the home of A. W. Drinkwater, where they will be entertained socially until time for lunch at the Roanoke Island Inn at 1 p.m.

The date of the commissioners meeting here coincides with the birthday of Chairman of the Commission Henry Jordan.

DeFEBIO RE-HEARING AT 2 P. M. FRIDAY

Another hearing in the Dare County Juvenile Court is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday to reconsider the fitness of Frank and Theo DeFebio to provide a proper home for their three minor children. As a result of an order signed by Chauncey S. Meekins, juvenile court judge, the children have been in a boarding home in Perquimans county since early in the summer.

Mr. DeFebio is still living in Dare county at the former Paul Gamiel Coast Guard Station near Duck, which has been the family's home since they came to Dare county in January 1950. Mrs. DeFebio is employed in Washington, D. C., as a taxi driver, though she makes frequent visits here. Mrs. DeFebio contends that the "suitable" home required by Judge Meekins for the children has been established in Washington, D. C., and she told a member of this newspaper's staff last Sunday that all the court's stated requirements for the release of the children—establishment of a suitable home, See DeFEBIO, Page Four

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND WIFE HURT IN WRECK

Ahoksie Woman Dies; Stumpy Point Man and Wife, South Mills Teachers, in Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Meekins of South Mills are in the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, the victims of an automobile accident which took place at Morgan's Corner, near Elizabeth City, shortly after six o'clock Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Meekins are reported to be suffering from head injuries. Mrs. Meekins in a critical condition. Mr. Meekins injured less seriously.

Killed in the wreck was Mrs. Russell Lanier of Ahoksie. Mr. Lanier was injured. According to reports, the Lanier car skidded and swerved on the road, hitting the Meekins car head-on.

Mr. Meekins, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Meekins of Stumpy Point, is to be principal of the South Mills school this year, and he and Mrs. Meekins had just moved to South Mills.

RETIRED OFFICER'S CONDITION IS BETTER



The many friends of Lt. Commander Walter G. Etheridge, USCG retired of Manteo, will be glad to learn that his condition is reported greatly improved. Comdr. Etheridge has been critically ill in the Elizabeth City hospital for three weeks, a victim of uremic poisoning. Tuesday he was removed to the Marine Hospital in Norfolk. The vast number of visitors who came to his bedside in Elizabeth City was extremely heartening to the patient, and attested the great affection in which he is held in the Coastland where he spent more than 30 years in the service. His last assignment was his war-time command of the great Coast Guard base at Galveston, Texas. On his return after the war he was retired and has been living on Roanoke Island.

CAR SMASHES IN GAS STATION'S WALLS SUNDAY

Three Young People Fail to Negotiate Turn Returning from Beach and Car Plows into Midway Station

A 1949 Chevrolet convertible failed to negotiate the turn at the junction of the beach highway and the road to Wanchese Sunday morning about 3 a.m. and plowed into the southeast corner of the Midway Service Station, operated by George Hale Quidley.

Although a large display window was shattered and a gaping hole driven in the side of the concrete and brick building, the three persons in the machine were not critically injured. They were Richard Deprix, the driver, Roy Beacham, Jr., of Kitty Hawk; and Faith Hazen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hazen of Wanchese. The Twiford Ambulance Service rushed the two young men, both members of the Coast Guard, to the Albemarle General Hospital in Elizabeth City soon after the accident occurred. Miss Hazen accompanied the ambulance to Elizabeth City, but her injuries were not considered serious enough to require admission to the hospital.

She returned at once to her home. The young men, badly bruised and suffering minor cuts and abrasions, were transferred next day to the Marine Hospital, Norfolk. Neither's See CAR, Page Four

CAA OFFICIALS MEET WITH DARE COMMISSIONERS

Rules Set Up to Get County Airport at Manteo on Sound Operating Basis

CAA officials meeting in Manteo Wednesday with the Dare County Board of Commissioners discussed the Manteo airport, and the county's contract with the government to maintain it. An agreement was reached on many points, in which the law governing airports and the property must be carried out.

All airport funds must be kept in a separate fund and cannot be used for other purposes. Fences have been torn down and must be replaced and blocked to stop traffic off the airport property. New growth of trees must be cut down. Repairs are to be made to buildings needed for airport purposes.

The Board agreed to carry out these provisions, and appointed D. V. Meekins as manager of the airport property. Following recommendations of the airport consultants, the Board ordered that leases must be made up by all persons using airport property, and that adequate rent must be paid for same, into the airport fund.

Last week President Truman sent to Congress a request for \$29,458 to be used for resurfacing two of the runways on the airport.

Officials attending the meeting were Charles Hanst, airport consultant from Atlanta Regional office, and B. A. Waldenmaier of the Wilmington office.

Authority has been given to offer for sale some 30 buildings not needed for airport purposes, and bids for these will be available in a few days from the office of Airport Manager, P. O. Box 428, Manteo, N. C.

LOST COLONY'S ELEVENTH SEASON ENDS SEPTEMBER 2

Paul Green's symphonic drama, The Lost Colony, will present its last performance of the current 11th season on Sunday night, September 2. Attendance this year will be a near record for the drama which was originally planned as a "one season pageant" in 1937 to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare, first child of English parentage born in the New World that was to become America, and the tragic attempts of colonists sent out from England by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1587 to establish a new nation on Roanoke Island.

Attendance for the current season is expected to pass the 50,000 mark for paid admissions before the 1951 finale on September 2. Since the premiere of The Lost Colony in 1937, more than 550,000 persons have witnessed the drama.

NORFOLK MINISTER AT LOST COLONY SUNDAY

Dr. Edgar A. Potts of Norfolk, superintendent of the Norfolk district Methodist churches, will be guest minister at Waterside Theatre religious services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

PROOF A-PLENTY THAT FERRY BOATS ARE INADEQUATE TO NEEDS OF TRAVELING PUBLIC

Many Complaints About Type of Service Being Rendered Over Alligator River and Croatan Sound; Nothing Will Do The Job But Bridges and Failure To Build Them Not Justified by Highway Commission.

JUST MAKING A GOOD START AT NAGS HEAD



G. T. (Ras) Westcott, Casino Operator at Nags Head, who calls his dance hall "the most beautiful ballroom in the south," thinks the recent rapid growth of the Dare Beaches is only beginning. "That's why I have been trying to get the best name bands to the beach all summer." Big name bands have been the rule at Nags Head this year, and a glimpse at Westcott's advertising will show who's on the top bill at the beach every week throughout the season.

DANIELS REUNION HAPPY OCCASION AT WANCHESE

The annual re-union of the Daniels Clan at Wanchese, August 19, proved a happy occasion, and the renewal of old acquaintanceships and felicitations. Visitors from several states were present. Joseph Daniels, Jr., guest of honor made several remarks in behalf of his family, and acknowledged the glowing tribute to his late father, paid by Judge W. I. Halstead who made the principal address in the Methodist Church auditorium. Melvin R. Daniels was master of ceremonies, an elaborate picnic dinner rounded out the occasion.

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER Figures Provided by U. S. Govt. Meteorologist A. W. Drinkwater

	High	Low	Rain
August 16	87	69	
August 17	91	73	
August 18	90	70	
August 19	91	68	
August 20	87	73	
August 21	88	73	.28
August 22	86	72	.16

A ferry boat is not a bridge—not by a long shot. North Carolinians in rapidly growing numbers are bearing witness to that fact, altho the State Highway Commission has tried to argue down the need for bridges year after year.

A vast area of the state is being neglected and thousands of its people, and would-be visitors of the Southern Albemarle region are subjected to needless hardship because of this failure on the part of the Highway Commission to do its duty.

Travel over the ferries is very heavy this summer. The insufficient service has caused numerous people to be subject to inconvenience and loss. It has caused many vacation trips to be spoiled. We see many letters each week from ferry travelers who complain about the schedules as well as the manner in which they are treated on the boats.

Here is a letter from a New York newspaperman who came to this section to write it up—to advertise and do us good; he asks that he be reimbursed for needless damage to his car. That is costly advertising for us: Gentlemen:

I am dropping you this line enroute, to apprise you of the following.

On Monday last, August 13th, I took your ferry from Manteo. Your ferryman, while I was on the boat and they were loading, ordered me to edge over, to get a car in between my car and another. I complained that there seemed no room for such and that there might result paint scraping, telling him my car had just been painted. He insisted, and wedged a car VERY close to mine.

Then, he and another man of the crew lifted the rear end of my car bodily, right bang against the side of the ferry, without my permission.

After leaving the ferry I found that quite severe scraping of the paint had resulted, on two of the rear fenders. There was no possibility of examining the car until well off the ferry, we were packed on the boat like sardines. They packed us in MUCH too closely.

On reaching New York next week I shall have to have the fenders re-painted and will then send you the bill. This was a regrettable occurrence. I came to Manteo to do a story on the Pageant, I enjoyed my visit there very much and See PROOF, Page Four

DAMAGE TO THREE AUTOS IN TWO-CAR COLLISION HERE

Three late-model automobiles were damaged as a result of a two-car collision at the intersection of Road and County streets in Manteo about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The cars driven by Mrs. Maude Castlebury Layton of Littleton and Walter J. Purdy of Ravenswood, W. Va., collided at the street crossing, after which Mrs. Layton's car continued through the intersection and struck the 1951 Plymouth owned by J. Gordon Conrad of Winston-Salem, which was parked in the driveway at the Frank Ausband home.

Mrs. Layton was driving south on Road street; Mr. Purdy's car was going west on County street before the accident occurred. Purdy's car was about three feet on the left side of the center of the road after the accident, the investigating officer reported. Purdy said that he was driving about 15 miles per hour. Mrs. Layton said that she was driving about 25 miles per hour, but Purdy said that she accelerated the engine as she approached the intersection and was going, in his opinion, about 40 miles per hour.

Policeman M. C. Mitchell, who investigated the accident, estimated that the damage to Mrs. Layton's car, a 1951 Pontiac, was about \$350; \$75 to \$100 damage was done to Purdy's 1950 Buick; and the Conrad car will require about \$200 repairs.

All parties involved in the accident were covered by insurance. There were no arrests, and, by agreement among the principals, no charges will be brought.

According to Mrs. Layton's driver's license, the Littleton lady had celebrated her 74th birthday one day previous to the accident. She was born August 21, 1877.

MENS BIBLE CLASS AT WANCHESE METHODIST CHURCH PRACTICES REAL PRACTICAL RELIGION



THE MEN'S BIBLE CLASS of Bethany Methodist Church, Wanchese, Roanoke Island appears to be worth more than ordinary notice. We have been hearing about it for some time, but recently took occasion to look it over and make a picture of it for proof. The picture shows an average attendance, in fact this picture was made on a

rainy day. What impressed us about this class is what we had heard about its good work in behalf of the needy, as well as its support of various church projects. It is the first Bible class we have heard of that has two treasurers. In addition to its regular treasurer, it has a treasurer for its "Jug Fund."

Along with its collection plate each Sunday goes a "jug" into which a second contribution is dropped. This fund is kept separate in case some serious case of distress arises in the community which needs it. Sometimes the class raises an additional fund, and thinks nothing of sending \$50 or \$60 to aid some

community member with a hospital bill. It regularly sends \$10 a month to one man who is a chronic hospital case. It bought a church carpet costing \$60 and cleaned the church grounds at a cost of \$25. It underwrote the painting of the church auditorium which cost several hundred dollars.

It has members of all ages from 20 to 75. The class has about 60 members, and its usual attendance is about 45. It has an exceptionally able teacher, V. G. Williams, a furniture salesman. The assistant teacher is Dallas Tillett. Melvin Daniels is Class President, and Peter Tillett Treasurer. The Treasurer of the Jug Fund is Steve Tillett.