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## \$100,000 FUND APPROVED FOR FAR CREEK JOB

### Waterway Improvement at Engelhard Would Provide 12-Foot Channel

The Senate Appropriations committee this week voted \$100,000 for the deepening of Far Creek into Engelhard to make it conform with the inland waterway, from Pamlico Sound, and if the House and Senate concur in this effort, there will be a 12-foot channel made available to shipping interests of this Hyde County town.

The measure was approved largely because it was represented as essential to the farming interests of Hyde and Tyrrell Counties, and such improvement will no doubt play a large part in the development of Engelhard as a grain center, where already large terminal facilities have been built.

At the time the \$100,000 was voted into the bill, the Senate Committee restored \$840,000 to the Kerr Dam at Buggs Island where the Government is developing electrical generating facilities under the guise of flood control.

On behalf of the Engelhard project, Senator Willis Smith put into the record letters from the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation and the Hyde County unit. These and other letters pleaded that the farmers of Hyde and Tyrrell County depend solely on truck and large transportation since they have no railroad. It was set forth that a number of industries in the area would be helped by deepening Far Creek by two or three feet.

Industries at the present time include several saw mills, grain terminals, plants for handling fish, ysters, fertilizers, etc.

The favorable action this week is a considerable step in the progress of this project. Of course it must pass both the House and Senate.

## TAX RATE IS CUT IN HYDE COUNTY; BUDGET IS FIXED

### Amount for 1952-53 Set at \$232,772; New Rate \$1.90; Former Rate \$2.05

Some improvement is general noted in the new budget set this week by the Hyde county board of Commissioners and good news to the taxpayer, is that the rate paid last year. A rate of \$1.90 has been set up as sufficient supplement to funds from other sources to carry on the work.

Some small increases were noted in requirements of the growing schools of the county, but decreases in some departments of the schools. Some increases in welfare requirements, but economical administration of welfare as compared with other counties is noted. Chief reason was due to lower requirements of debt service funds. Hyde is gradually paying off its indebtedness.

The lower tax rate of \$1.90 for the forthcoming fiscal year is based on the 1951 valuation, although the 1952 valuation now being tabulated is expected to show some increase. The 1951 valuation was \$5,665,415.

The total sum required to run the county, this time will be \$2,772,050. The money comes from many sources, but less than half is paid directly from ad valorem taxes.

The total amount of taxes to be levied is \$1,073,328.88. The remainder of a quarter million dollars is better covered from state and federal aid grants; receipts from other taxes, intangible taxes, back taxes, and several minor sources revenue.

Briefly, the county requirements set up are as follows: General Fund, \$2,236,000; Poor and \$15,612.00; Health \$2,834.00; Forest fire prevention, \$2,400.00; Agricultural Department, \$765; County Accountant fund, \$85.00; Old Age Assistance, \$5,500; Aid to Dependent Children, \$27,840.00; APTD fund, \$7,000.00; Revaluation fund, \$8,300.00; County Debt Service, \$37,000.00; School current expenses, \$920,000; School capital outlay, \$450,000.

For the administration of the welfare office in the county, which shows careful management, as mentioned before, the following amounts are set up. See RATE, Page Eight

## BELOVED KITTY HAWK COUPLE MARRIED 50 YEARS



MR. and MRS. A. D. TILLETT celebrated their Golden Wedding at their home in Kitty Hawk on Friday, June 6, when their children entertained for them. More than 100 guests called during the evening. Hosts and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Avery Tillett and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tillett of Kitty Hawk; Mr. and Mrs. Clay Tillett of Virginia Beach; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamilton of Sea Level.

Guests were greeted at the door by Jackie Tillett and Martha Leary, granddaughter and great granddaughter of the couple.

The five-tiered wedding cake topped with miniature bride and groom was the centerpiece on the dining table which was laid with a gold-colored linen cloth, and was cut by Mr. and Mrs. Tillett. The hostesses served the cake with punch, mints and salted nuts. A profusion of mixed summer flowers was used throughout the house.

The bride of fifty years was dressed in a navy blue with shoulder corsage of gold-colored roses. Four of the six attendants at the wedding which took place at Kitty Hawk in 1902 were present, these being Will Tillett, Mrs. Ella O'Neal, Zenith Perry and Mrs. Polly Harris. Rev. J. P. Tingle, pastor of the Kitty Hawk Primitive Baptist Church, made a short address of welcome, and Rev. W. J. Freeman, pastor of the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church, led in prayer.

Besides three sons and a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tillett have nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

## OREGON INLET FERRY SERVICE INADEQUATE FOR TOURIST TRAFFIC

Rodanthe.—North Carolina has built America's "first real ocean highway," between Nags Head and Hatteras and the pavement is such that traffic can pass over the route without experiencing difficulty.

"But so far the State has not improved the ferry service, even though additional schedules have been added and efforts are being made by the ferry operators to move all autos carrying tourists and Hatteras Island residents over the water link of the highway," said Capt. Levine Midgett who was one of the original proponents for paving the trackless-roadless trails on this island.

"On Sunday," said Captain Midgett, "there was so much traffic and so many automobiles in line waiting for ferries that many persons were delayed several hours in returning to the mainland, or the upper banks of Nags Head." "We had more off island automobiles on Hatteras last Sunday than ever before, and the summer season is just beginning. As time goes along there will be an increase in the number of persons trying to make the trip down here," he stated. "Our greatest number of summer visitors will be here during late July and through August."

Captain Midgett is of the opinion that as the State built the present highway that has opened the once isolated island and its seven communities to tourists, the officials should have anticipated the travel to this area and created an Oregon Inlet ferry system that will serve the public.

"North Carolina's advertising division has done a good job in telling the world about Hatteras Island, and it seems that just about every tourist in the country wants to come down here. Now that we have a paved road, the problem of ferrage across the Inlet has become what some term as a critical situation," he concluded.

## RECORD CHANNEL BASS IS LANDED AT WAVES



Waves.—A 53 1/4 pound channel bass landed in the surf at Waves on May 21 by Amelia Ballance of Buxton, is scheduled to become the world record fish for its species to ever be landed by a woman angler on 25 pound test line, it is reported here.

A 75 1/2 pound channel bass landed by Lieutenant B. R. Ballance her father, in 1939 was an all-tackle world record for more than 10 years. He landed his fish at the Point of Cape Hatteras.

The International Game Fish Association is the authority for the new record. When officials of the association learned that Miss Ballance, currently a nurse in DePaul's Hospital at Norfolk but a former Coast Guard Spar had landed the big fish on 25-pound test line they contacted her for all details in order that the record may be authenticated.

Miss Ballance was surfcasting in a slough close by the rustied hulk of a World War II LST that had wrecked in the breakers here several years ago when she landed her big fish. It measured 53 1/4 inches from tip to tip and its girth was 30 1/2 inches around, according to Lieutenant Ballance. She was using a glass casting rod and her hook was baited with mullet when she made the catch.

This is the second world record fish to be landed by a woman in Dare waters this season. Two weeks ago, Mrs. Mary Black of Chillicothe, Ohio, landed a 97 pound cobia while trolling at the western edge of the Gulf Stream southeast of Oregon Inlet. This was an all-tackle record for women, the previous record being an 80 1/2 pounder.

Both of the record fishes of Dare for this season are now being authenticated by Miss Francesca Lamonte, secretary of the International Game Fish Association.

## BARKING DOGS IN MANTEO KEEP FOLKS AWAKE NIGHTS

There has been much complaint for some time about dogs running loose on the streets of Manteo. Chief of Police M. C. Mitchell calls attention to the town ordinance on dogs. The ordinance reads as follows: "All dogs shall be kept off the streets unless accompanied by the owner. If dogs are on the street at large they shall be picked up and placed in a pound until the owner calls for them and pays a fee for the care of the dog while in the pound, this fee to be \$1.00 for the first three days, or any part thereof and 50¢ a day thereafter."

## MRS. DELLA M. ROLLINSON

Mrs. Della Meekins Rollinson, 79, of Hatteras, died last Wednesday in the Beacon Nursing Home in Manteo following a long illness. She was a native of Dare County, the daughter of Moses and Louisa Meekins. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Fred Stowe and Mrs. Lettie Gautier, both of Hatteras; two sons, Homer Rollinson of Norfolk and Neyer Rollinson of Hatteras; two sisters, Mrs. Sallie Austin and Mrs. Maggie Austin, both of Hatteras.

Funeral services for Mrs. Rollinson were conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Hatteras Methodist Church with the Rev. W. B. Gregory, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. G. R. Thomas, pastor of the Assembly of God Church of Hatteras.

God Will Take Care of You and Old Rugged Cross were sung by the church choir with Mrs. Diamond Gray accompanying at the piano.

The casket was covered with a pall of pink and white carnations and fern.

Burial followed in the Rollinson Cemetery at Frisco.

## DARE TOURIST BUREAU URGES STATE IMPROVE OREGON INLET SERVICE

### Directors Hold Meeting at Hatteras; Budget Adopted Shows Increase of \$4,000 Over Last Year.

### WILKINSON ADDRESSES DARE CO. REPUBLICANS

#### Washington Attorney Extolls Party Virtues and Belabors New Deal and Fair Deal

The evils of today in our national life were laid in vigorous words at the doors of the New Deal and Fair Deal administrations of Roosevelt and Truman, by John A. Wilkinson, prominent Washington, N. C. attorney and party leader in a Republican rally in the courthouse in Manteo Wednesday night.

The meeting, arranged by County Chairman V. G. Williams brought only 25 people to hear him. Represented at the meeting were East Lake with one or two, Avon with several and Wanchese with several people present. East Lake and Avon were former strongholds of the party.

Wilkinson scored the Republicans who had deserted their party to take jobs under the New Deal, all the way down from U. S. Marshall to foreman of WPA gangs. He said the only way to sanity in Government now is to turn down Truman and his party.

The amazing thing about the rally was not the few people who were present, for the Republican party died in Dare County during the New Deal and WPA days. It was the remarkable versatility and energy of the speaker, Wilkinson. Never in many a day has an audience in Dare County heard a political speech so vigorous, so convincingly prepared and so ably presented. The group marvelled at the ability of the man to talk for an hour without loss for words, without groping for a fact, without incorrectly stating a name. As the speaker said: "My friends tell me I have thrown away my career by not being a democrat; but I am fighting for a principle."

A visitor at the meeting was Sheriff B. Ray Cahoon of Columbia, one of the Republican stalwarts of the district.

## BRIDGES TO ORGANIZE RADIO OPERATORS

### Wanchese Man, Former Navy Radioman Appointed Emergency Coordinator by Radio Relay League

Holmes O. Bridges, W4QZT, P. O. Box 146, Wanchese, North Carolina has been selected to set up an organization of local amateur radio operators prepared to furnish organized emergency communication in time of disaster, it was announced today by Communications Manager F. E. Handy of the American Radio Relay League, national association of radio amateurs.

Bridges' assignment, which carries the title of Emergency Coordinator, is to band together members of the amateur radio service in his community to perfect arrangements for emergency radio communication by hams in the event of natural disasters or other emergencies. In addition to use of normal station equipment working from commercial power, amateur stations using self-powered radio transmitting and receiving equipment are needed. Mr. Bridges, as ARRL Emergency Coordinator, will call local meetings of amateurs, establish common operating procedures, and arrange regular drill periods when the hams' personal stations may be mobilized under simulated emergency conditions.

In announcing the appointment, Handy pointed out that radio amateurs have traditionally had the responsibility of being in constant readiness to offer assistance in time of need with ham-acquired skill, emergency-powered transmitters and a wealth of community spirit. "When sleet storms disrupt telephone and telegraph service, or floods isolate whole communities," the League's Communications Manager said, "it is amateur radio that comes to the rescue with operators and self-powered equipment, often as the sole agency able to transmit messages calling on the outside world for aid for the stricken community."

"To be prepared for this function," See BRIDGES, Page Eight

## 125 ATTEND RADIO BROADCASTERS MEET AT CAROLINIAN HOTEL

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Radio Broadcasters is in session at Nags Head, with the Carolinian Hotel as headquarters. This is the second successive year the convention has been held at Nags Head. Getting off to a start Thursday, the 125 members in attendance and their wives will be guests on Friday night at a special semi-dress rehearsal of the Lost Colony at Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island. Saturday will be devoted to election of officers and other business. Pat Patterson of Washington, N. C., is president of the Association, and general convention chairman.

## MRS. MAGGIE MIDGETT OF MANNS HARBOR DIES

One of Manns Harbor's finest women, widow of a prominent and beloved man, the late Robert L. Midgett, died at her home Tuesday after a long illness. She was a lifelong resident of Dare County and the daughter of the late Daniel and Abbie Hayman.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home. Burial was in the Midgett Cemetery. Mrs. Midgett was born at Kitty Hawk and a resident at Manns Harbor for the last 70 years, and a member of the Manns Harbor Methodist Church. Surviving are two sons, Clarence L. and Ray L. Midgett, both of Manns Harbor; one daughter, Mrs. Tressie Gard of Manns Harbor; two sisters, Mrs. Sallie Gard and Mrs. Mary D. Midgett of Manns Harbor; one brother, Jeff Hayman of Wanchese.

## PARROT LIKE BIRD SEEN IN DARE FOREST

Stumpy Point.—David Lawrence timber cruising on the Dare mainland saw a bird in the swampy woodland three miles from Stumpy Point on Tuesday which he said all the colors of a parrot.

This brought up the question again, does the Carolina Parakeet, supposedly extinct for many years, continue to exist in the great woodlands of this coastal county. Once the Ivory Billed Woodpecker was supposed to have been extinct until a small flock of them was discovered in the Louisiana swamps a few years ago—Ken Ward, Dare fish and game guide had reported two years ago that he thought he had seen a parrot in the big woods of Dare County, but it was never substantiated.

## THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF AMBERJACK ARE REELED IN

Thousands of pounds of Amberjack, a Gulf Stream variety of game fish which attract many anglers to the Dare Coast from Nags Head and Wanchese southward to Hatteras Village each summer, have been caught during the past few days.

It has not been considered anything out of the ordinary for a half dozen anglers aboard a charter boat catching up to 50 'jack averaging 20 or more pounds per fish.

On Sunday alone an estimated 5,000 pounds of these sports fish were caught. In the old days anglers, or many of them, did not bother to take amberjack home. That was before they discovered that an amberjack steak costs them considerably less than prime western beef, and if you like seafood you'll enjoy the flesh of amberjack.

R. E. Rollason, W. S. Perry, G. W. Privott, R. M. Young and Bill Phelps of Norfolk fishing with Capt. Willie Etheridge, Jr., of Wanchese on Sunday brought in 51 'jack. On the same day another Norfolk party out in the blue water aboard Capt. Omie Tillett's Jerry Jr., landed 42 fish. This was Charles T. Fleear and party of six from Norfolk.

On Monday Roy N. Bentley, Thomas J. Johnston, Cooper Johnston and Robert C. Folden of Due West, Va., and H. C. Kynoch of Roxboro, fishing the Gulf Stream near Diamond Shoals with Captain Tillett from aboard the Jerry Jr., landed 38 amberjack, and several weighed more than 25 pounds each.

Amberjack are usually taken in the vicinity of sunken ships or near buoys. They are surface feeders and will take a trolled lure, but usually the lure is towed beneath the surface. Once the 'jack strikes, he will start sounding for the bottom and to bring one to gaff is no easy job.

Feathers and spoons are used to lure the fish.

## TAKES ROTC COURSE

Cadet Rey B. Guthrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Guthrie of Manteo, a senior ROTC student at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., is attending a six-weeks ROTC Summer Camp at Fort Benning, Georgia, beginning June 19, 1952.

Cadet Guthrie will participate in a variety of field exercises at the Ft. Benning ROTC Camp, designed to develop further leadership ability and increase his technical knowledge.

## SECOND SAILFISH OF SEASON LANDED OFF HATTERAS TUESDAY

Hatteras.—John Laskey of Washington, D. C., who came to Hatteras to fish exclusively for blue marlin, raised four on Monday, but failed to get either of the giants to take the whole mackerel bait that was being trolled in the wake of Capt. Ernal Foster's Gulf Stream cruiser, Albatross.

On Tuesday he landed a sailfish, a speelman weighing 47 pounds and measuring 6 foot eleven inches from tip to tip. The sail, second to be landed in Hatteras waters this year from aboard the Albatross, was taken with the marlin bait.

His sail was 11 inches longer than the first caught this year along the North Carolina coast. The first sail of the season was a 6-footer landed by James E. Beatley of Richmond, Va.

## PRE-INDUCTEES MAY ENLIST THROUGH JUNE

Men who have received their pre-induction physicals and have not received notice to go for final induction may enlist in the branch of service of their choice until June 30, according to T-Sgt. Elmo LeBlanc, Army-Air Force Recruiting sergeant stationed in Washington, N. C.

The local Army-Air Force Recruiting station is open from 8 to 5 o'clock Monday through Friday.

Sgt. LeBlanc stated that as soon as circumstances permitted, he would again make periodic visits to outlying towns in both Beaufort and Hyde counties.

## FOUND FISHING GOOD IN DARE COAST WATERS

During their two weeks vacation here at Kill Devil Hills, the Lawrence Owen and Ernest Stillier families of Salisbury, N. C., were amazed at the variety and number of fishes that swim in local waters.

Their total take of large mouth bass during their vacation was 92 and their fresh water score made in Kitty Hawk Bay also included 25 white perch and 16 blue gill bream. Trolling from the bridge on the Manteo highway these two Salisbury families caught a mixed bag of 12 striped bass and trout, and during two days of fishing from an ocean pier they reeled in 104 blues. They caught so many fish of so many varieties, that they did not keep a record of the croakers, pigfish, sea mullet and flounders, it was stated.

## MANTEO BOY TO GO OVERSEAS WITH ARMY

Camp Rucker, Ala.—Private First Class Carlton A. Etheridge, Manteo, North Carolina, has been ordered to a port of embarkation for overseas duty.

He has been serving here with the 47th "Viking" Infantry Division.

## GOVERNOR-ELECT UMSTEAD TO BE AT DRAMA OPENING

The twelfth season of Paul Green's symphonic drama, "The Lost Colony," will be officially opened on Saturday night, June 28, at 8:15 o'clock by Governor-elect William B. Umstead, who will be present for the opening ceremonies.

## LEAVES FOR FLORIDA

Roger Meekins left Friday for MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fla., where he will undergo a four-week R. O. T. C. training period.