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## GOOD RESPONSE NEW CAMPAIGN TOURIST FUND

Treasurer's Report This Week Shows \$12,500 Raised on New Budget

A report presented to the Dare County Board of Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday by Secretary-Treasurer Wallace McCown indicated that the Dare County Tourist Bureau, the impartial county wide promotional organization, had completed its first year of operation on a balanced budget.

The 1952-53 budget of \$14,000.00, as approved by the Board of Directors at its September meeting, is well on its way to full subscription by investment pledges from individuals and business firms scattered through out Dare County. Latest reports indicate that approximately \$12,500.00 has been pledged and the remaining \$1,500.00 is expected to be raised during the coming week. Members of the Board of Directors from the various areas of the county are in charge of completing the total budget, and will be contacting the individuals and business firms who have not yet invested in the program. Secretary-Treasurer McCown stated that due to the increasing consciousness of the citizens of Dare County to their important tourist industry, the bureau's activities for the year would again be vitally important in attracting the tourist to this area, and in cooperating with other civic organizations of the county for the promotion and growth of Dare County.

## COLUMBIA NEWS And Items From TYRRELL COUNTY

Columbia, Oct. 8.—The County Commissioners of Tyrrell County met at 2 p.m. Monday with full schedule. The County A.B.C. Board Chairman, J. A. Spencer, whose time had expired, was duly elected to serve another three years. Janitors were hired for the premises of the Court House at salaries of \$45.00 and \$25.00 respectively.

Mrs. J. H. Sawyer of Gum Neck appeared before the board asking what could be done about the "Joe Reek" road in Gum Neck, as one of the land owners on said road had refused to sign a petition to give the right of way for the Highway Commission. The County Commissioners had previously petitioned the Highway Commission for the acceptance of said road, and the Highway Commission had accepted it on condition that the right of way be given. Mr. Davenport, Chmn. of the Board advised her to have the local highway resident, D. M. Bridgeman, to stake off the road showing the land owner who has refused to sign just where the road would go, and how much extra land would be consumed by it. It was brought out that maybe then he would reconsider. Should he then refuse to sign, it would be necessary for the county to pay condemnation proceedings if the road is to be built.

The Commissioners, then, went to the Tyrrell County Public Library, at a short meeting with the Library board in regards to showing them the lack of housing facilities for same. In this instance, Iem. A. Cohoon, a newly elected County Commissioner to take office in December, accompanied them. They were sympathetic with the situation, and Mr. Davenport, Chmn., informed the Library Board that in order to build a new building, a bond issue was necessary, and that would have to be voted on by the people. The Library Board asked since the court house was in such dire need of additional office space, couldn't it be possible to incorporate the Library Building and the additional office space in a wing facing Main Street added to the Court House, and how to go about it to get public acceptance of same, so that a vote could be carried.

## PROPERTY TAXES IN COASTAL COUNTIES

Figures presented in We the People, report property tax valuations up half a billion dollars in 1951. The tax rate for various counties in this area was as follows:

COUNTY	Total Valuation	Tax Rate
Currituck	6,447,020	.90
Beaufort	34,508,083	1.20
Camden	4,247,505	2.00
Dare	12,155,451	.90
Hyde	4,655,415	2.05
Tyrrell	4,398,592	1.83
Washington	10,455,451	1.70

## STUMPY POINT GIRL IN OREGON UNIVERSITY



MISS NORVA LORINE PAYNE, daughter of Mrs. Donald Williams of North Bend, Oregon, and Ralph Payne of Elizabeth City, entered the University of Oregon this fall as a freshman, having graduated last spring from the North Bend, Oregon, High School. Miss Payne is a native of Stumpy Point, but has lived in the West since she was a small child. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Payne of Elizabeth City and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hooper of Stumpy Point. Miss Payne spent the summer of 1951 at Manns Harbor.

## DARE BOARD ABANDONS FURTHER DeFEBIO SUITS

Dare Commissioners Tuesday Decide to Quit Wasting Money on Non-Attendance Case

The case of the much publicized DeFebio family, with which the Dare County Welfare Department has been embroiled for nearly two years, and whose children are now being cared for in a boarding home at public expense, may soon fade out. The Dare County Commissioners Tuesday in a motion by Lawrence Swain and seconded by James Scarborough, declared the further prosecution of the case is a waste of money which can serve no useful purpose, and therefore has no justification. However, a great deal of money has been unnecessarily spent.

Meanwhile, Mrs. DeFebio is suing in the court for alleged slander and libel. She has sued Sheriff Melvin Owens of Perquimans County, the Daily Advance of Elizabeth City, and the Coastland Times for \$100,000 each, and she has sued C. S. Meekins, Clerk of Dare County Court, and Mrs. Goldie Meekins, Dare Welfare Officer, for \$50,000 each.

The children are now being cared for in a boarding home in Perquimans County.

Other Board Actions  
The Dare Commissioners also Tuesday asked the State to continue its summer ferry schedule over Oregon Inlet. It asked for road work near the Avon school. It also directed that action be brought against J. M. Jones of Edenton charging obstructing a public street area at Nags Head, and it set Tuesday, October 15, as the date to meet and receive the settlement of Sheriff Frank Cahoon for the 1951 tax roll.

## MASHOES CREEK LOSES ITS MAJESTIC PINES

Mashoes Creek, the charming community in Dare County, facing Albemarle Sound, has lost another of its charms. The majestic pines which made it so attractive have been sold and cut and hauled away to the mills. Mashoes once had a large population, and during the fishing season supported two stores, a church, a school. But all these are long since gone, along with several substantial citizens, who were its prop and mainstay. Today only five households remain on Mashoes, and these are small ones. The population in all numbers only about a dozen people. A few years ago a good dirt road was built five miles from Manns Harbor to serve the people, but by the time the road was built, a large part of the community had gone by the board.

But Mashoes still has one great asset that will aid in its revival and increase in value. It is one of the finest fresh water fishing places in the state. Each season many people come for both black bass and striped bass, and other game fish which abound in its waters. Nearby is hunting for deer and bear, as well as smaller game. Its once fertile fields may grow up, its people move away, but prospects are that the new order will make it all the more attractive to the seeker of wildlife rewards.

## PARKS DIRECTOR COMPLETES TRIP ON OUTER BANKS

Expresses Appreciation for Reception Given in Visits To All Villages

"We will continue to give the people of the Outer Banks step by step information of the Seashore Park plans," said Conrad Wirth, Director of the National Park Service yesterday in Manteo, on his return from a three day trip on Hatteras and Ocracoke Island. "We have nothing to conceal, and we are making every effort that no one can be able to say they are not informed about the project," he said. "We found that the fears of the people and the opposition expressed heretofore had largely been the outgrowth of misinformation spread by a few who oppose the park," he continued.

"Many people later told us they were sorry they had had any part in the opposition they had expressed. Some said they had only gone along with neighbors to be agreeable, and others said they had been misinformed."

Mr. Wirth said with few exceptions, the people were friendly and the meetings were pleasant and he felt grateful for the many kindnesses that were shown the party on the trip. He regretted the visit had not been made long before. "Had this been done," he said, "maybe a lot of misunderstanding would have been avoided." This was the first opportunity he had had to get to Hatteras he said, due to completing engagements in other parts of the United States. "However," he agreed, "that those who have personal reasons for fighting the seashore park, may continue to spread other rumors which may be untrue."

Meetings were held at Ocracoke, Rodanthe, and Avon, and visits were made to all the stores and with various citizens in the area. A more detailed account is published elsewhere, and which in general covers most of the pertinent questions to come up. Mr. Wirth returned to Washington Thursday afternoon by plane from Norfolk.

## SEASHORE PARK PLANS REVIEWED ON OUTER BANKS

Park Service Officials and Residents Meet in Frank Discussion of Project

By ALICE K. RONDHALER  
Ocracoke, Oct. 6.—Residents of Ocracoke had the opportunity tonight to get first-hand information about what the establishment of the National Seashore Recreation Area will mean to them. Conrad Wirth, Director of the National Park Service met with approximately two hundred of the residents in the school auditorium and answered questions presented. With Mr. Wirth were E. M. Lisle of Richmond, Virginia, Assistant Regional Director, A. Clark Stratton of Manteo, Project Manager, and Buxton White of Elizabeth City, on the Commission of the Seashore Park. E. Carlton Kelly of Ocracoke, a member of the Seashore Park Commission, introduced Mr. Wirth and the other visitors.

After a general discussion of the Seashore Park Project, Mr. Wirth asked for questions. R. S. Wahab, Jr., of Baltimore, presented a list of pertinent questions. Mr. Wahab explained that he had spent a good deal of his life on Ocracoke and was interested in the genuine welfare of the people here. The nine questions which he propounded were answered by Mr. Wirth, as follows:

- (1) What is the purpose of the Government in establishing the area? (the area being the National Seashore Recreation Park);
- (2) Under what authority is the Government proceeding?
- (3) What lands and waters are included in the area?
- (4) What rights and restrictions will the Government exercise over the area?—(a) as to commercial fishing, (b) as to sport fishing, (c) as to hunting, (d) as to grazing of livestock?
- (5) Will the Government establish and operate commercial enterprises such as stores, hotels, restaurants, theaters, filling stations, transportation facilities sports guides, fishing and hunting facilities in competition with private interests?
- (6) What are the plans for development which will give the area attractive features which it does not already have and would a paved highway be built from Hatteras to Ocracoke?
- (7) What is the source for the money to purchase the park?

## WISE TAKES OVER NEW LONDON POST



COMDR. KIPLING W. WISE, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Dewey Wise of Stumpy Point, assumed duty as Commanding Officer, U. S. S. Kitek last week as he relieved Commander John G. Roemgk, USN in charge of command ceremonies at the U. S. Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut. Commander Wise takes command of the experimental anti-submarine warfare destroyer Witek no stranger to submarine warfare. All his experience with the exception of his first year of commissioned service has been directly related to some branch of this vital branch of naval warfare.

Commissioned as an Ensign in the Naval Reserve in February, 1941 and after a year of service as Assistant Turret Officer aboard the newly commissioned battleship North Carolina, Commander Wise was assigned to a pre-commissioning detail ordered to England to commission the Surprise—a reverse lend lease British corvette. Duty aboard the Surprise was for three years, the last year as Commanding Officer.

More sea duty involving anti-submarine warfare followed when Commander Wise took command for a year of the frigate Asheville, then command of the Destroyer escort Coolbaugh.

With a wealth of anti-submarine warfare experience gained at sea, Commander Wise was ordered to a three year tour of duty in 1945 to the staff of the Surface Anti-Submarine Development Detachment at Key West, Florida.

From 1948 to the time he received orders to the Witek this summer, Commander Wise served as Assistant Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet.

Commander Wise attended Louisiana College, Louisiana, North Carolina. He accepted a commission in the U. S. Navy with rank of Lieutenant Commander in 1945 and was promoted to the temporary rank of Commander in July of this year.

He is married to the former Mary S. Alcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Alcox of Norfolk, Va. Commander and Mrs. Wise are now residing with their two boys in New London, Connecticut. The family spent some time with relatives at Stumpy Point this summer.

## OLEN AUSTIN, HATTERAS RETIRED VETERAN, DIES

Funeral rites for Olen West Austin, 65, of Hatteras, who died Saturday in the Marine Hospital at Norfolk, were conducted Tuesday at Hatteras Methodist Church by the day afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Rev. W. B. Gregory, pastor. Burial was in the Austin Cemetery. Mr. Austin was a native and lifelong resident of Hatteras, son of Jim and Sally Bailey Austin, husband of Emerline Robinson Austin, a veteran of World Wars One and Two, a member of the Hatteras Methodist Church and a member of the Wanchese Masonic Lodge. He retired from the Coast Guard in 1944 as a chief boatswain after serving 27 years. Surviving besides his mother and wife are two daughters, Mrs. Lelia Leonard of Bee Branch, Arkansas, and Mrs. Belle O'Neal of Avon; one sister, Mrs. Louisa Peele of Hatteras; two brothers, Jack and James Austin of Hatteras; and five grandchildren.

## NAGS HEAD MIDSHIPMAN GOING UP AT ANNAPOLIS

U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY, ANNAPOLIS, MD.—Selected to serve during the Fall term here as Midshipman-Lieutenant (junior grade) is Fred O. Purser, Jr., son of Mrs. Lucille S. Purser of Nags Head.

Midshipman First Class Purser entered the Academy in July, 1949, after graduating from the Oak Ridge Military Institute, Oak Ridge.

## BOAT EXPLODES AND BURNS MAN OFF LONG SHOAL

Shrimp Boat Goes to Bottom When Willie Etheridge, Jr., Is Injured

A gasoline explosion aboard the shrimp boat Carrie, operated by Willie Etheridge, Jr., 32, and Charles Scarborough of Wanchese Monday at noon resulted in serious burns to Etheridge who is now being treated in Marine Hospital, Norfolk. Scarborough was blown overboard by the explosion which wrecked the boat, and it sank in 16 feet of water four miles below Long Shoal light beacon.

Scarborough escaped burns, but Etheridge was in a serious painful condition. The two men swam around until rescued by Walter Ballance of Hatteras in the trawler "Oriental." Etheridge lost his boat, two shrimp nets, and radio-telephone. The men were then carried further up the sound by Leland Wise of Stumpy Point in the Linda J. Their plight had been radioed to the Coast Guard, and arrangements made so Malcolm Daniels of Wanchese went to bring them men the rest of the way home. Medical treatment was given at Manteo, but the burns became so painful next day that Etheridge went to the hospital, where he is now resting more comfortably. The boat valued at some \$5,000 will cost at least \$2,500 to repair, it is now estimated. It has been towed to Wanchese.

## WILDERNESS IN DARE OPEN BY SPECIAL PERMIT

Licensed Hunters Allowed in Season on Pulpwood Company's 168,000 Acres

West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company will issue temporary permits extending to individuals the right to hunt on its Dare County timberlands during the hunting season which opens Oct. 15, it was announced this week.

William Ernst, Jr., manager of the lands, said the permits will be available on and after Oct. 13 in the company's office at Manteo, or through the following company employees: William Basnight, East Lake; Ira O. Payne, Stumpy Point; and James Mann, Manns Harbor.

To be eligible for a permit to hunt on company lands, a person must hold a hunting license issued by the State of North Carolina. The company permits will be valid only for the hunting season which opens in North Carolina on Oct. 15, 1952.

Mr. Ernst pointed out that the system of individual hunting permits was being tried this year, pending development of a permanent policy dealing with hunting on company lands.

"Our main interest in the lands we acquired recently in Dare County is to grow continuing crops of pulpwood for use in the manufacture of pulp and paper," he explained. "But," we realize that an abundant supply of game, of interest to many sportsmen in this area, is among the resources of the land, and we expect this game population to increase as the See WILDERNESS, Page Eight

## SEASON'S DAILY BAG LIMIT ON GESE, THREE A DAY

Information as to the bag limit on geese printed last week in this paper was incorrect in that it was stated the daily bag limit this year is two geese. This information was gotten from a post office bulletin that was prepared before the recent ruling of the Fish & Wildlife Service, which has set the bag limit this season as three geese in a day. The limit of possession at any one time is three geese and eight ducks. The daily bag limit on ducks is four.

## MANTEO MEN FIGURE IN RESCUE ON HIGH SEAS

Norman Ward and Brantley Brown, crew members of the S. S. Compass, bound out of Norfolk last week with a cargo of coal for Savona, Italy, ran into adventures on the high seas near Cape Verde Islands when they rendered aid to the crew of a Portuguese freighter that broke in two and sunk. Twelve members of the shipwrecked crew were saved by the Compass crew, while the remainder were picked up by another ship.

## HOMECOMING AT EAST LAKE

A homecoming day service is to be held at the East Lake Methodist Church Sunday morning, October 12, at 11 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.

## CONSERVATION CONGRESS IN RALEIGH NOV. 17-19 COVERS MANY IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

Eminent Officials, Teachers and Leaders On List of Speakers Who May Well View With Alarm the Damage and Destruction Mankind Has Wreaked Upon Our God-Given Blessings.

By WADE LUCAS  
The program for a Conservation Congress, will be held in Raleigh November 17-19, it was announced by Dr. C. Sylvester Green of Chapel Hill, chairman. It will be sponsored by the State Department of Conservation and Development.

Dr. Green, who is chairman of the State Board of Conservation and Development's special Conservation Congress committee, listed an outstanding number of speakers for the three-day program to be held in the hall of the House of Representatives in the State Capitol. All sessions will be open to the general public.

The general theme of the congress, plans for which have been in the making by the C. and D. Board for more than a year, will be: "The Wise Use of Our Natural Resources."

George D. Ross, director of the State Department of Conservation and Development, will keynote the opening session of the Congress on Monday, Nov. 17, after Miles J. Smith of Salisbury, chairman of the C. and D. Board, has formally opened the sessions. Ross' topic will be: "Conservation and Development in North Carolina."

State parks, mineral resources, forestry and water resources will be discussed at the morning, afternoon and evening sessions of the first day, with Thomas W. Morse, superintendent of State Parks for the C. and D. Department, leading off the discussions. Others to speak on parks and recreation and their subjects are: Allyn P. Bursley, regional chief, land and recreational planning, National Park Service, on "National Parks and State Parks"; Ralph J. Andrews, director, North Carolina Recreation Commission, on "Local and Industrial Recreation"; Dr. C. C. Crittenden, director, State Department of History and Archives, on "Preservation of Historic Sites"; and Frank H. Brant, chief landscape engineer, State Highway and Public Works Commission, on "The Roadside Park in North Carolina."

Dr. Jasper L. Stuckey, State geologist, follows with a talk on "Needs in Developing North Carolina's Mineral Resources." John A. Reinemund, geologist, U. S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, will discuss "Future Coal Expectancy in North Carolina," and Charles F. Lewis, manager, Volunteer Cement Co., Knoxville, Tennessee, will speak on "A Cement Industry and Mineral Resources." Harry E. LeGrand of Raleigh, geologist, U. S. Geological Survey, Ground Water Branch, will end this phase of the congress with a talk on "Ground Water Development in North Carolina."

## TYRRELL TO BE HOST TO SAA OCTOBER 30th

County Board Elects Delegates to Southern Albemarle Association Annual Meeting

COLUMBIA, Oct. 8.—The Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners voted to entertain delegates attending the annual meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association which will be held on Oct. 30 at their meeting Monday afternoon and also approved the following delegates from Tyrrell to represent the county at the meeting: Mesdames Julian Swain, Effie Brickhouse, Bettie Williams, Blanche W. Cohoon, H. L. Chaplin, Polly Leary, L. L. Gibbs, Rose Pritchette, William Bateman, G. W. Everett, Statha McClees, J. A. Spencer, Willie Basnight, C. J. Liverman, Margaret McClees, E. J. Brickhouse, C. E. Morris, R. L. Spruill, Sr., W. A. Howett, E. L. Mosley, Sam S. Woodley, Dennis M. Pledger, Jr., Lloyd Davenport, J. W. Hamilton and Miss Sara L. Taft.

Julian Swain, G. W. Selby, J. W. Brickhouse, W. Charles Cohoon, Otis B. Cohoon, C. R. Chaplin, H. T. Davenport, J. B. Pritchette, J. A. Cohoon, R. L. Spencer, W. A. Mayo, W. J. White, Sam S. Woodley, B. T. Lindsey, E. R. Davenport, J. H. Daniels, C. E. Morris, James S. Davenport, R. L. Mitchell, H. S. Swain, Harry P. Swain, H. H. Harris.

C. W. Tatem, former legislator, is president of the Association this term. Next time the presidency is due to come to Dare County. Mr. Tatem was the first president of the Association when it was organized in 1935.

## MANY FISHERMEN BUT FEW FISH IN FISHING TOURNEY

Weather Was Fine, and It Was Quite An Event, But Fish Didn't Show Up

By AYCOCK BROWN  
Surf fishermen from more than a dozen state were at Nags Head to match their skill against teams, individuals and a variety of fishes during the open surf fishing tournament ending Sunday, October 5. While fishing conditions were very favorable from a weather standpoint, the surf was apparently fishless in many of the sloughs fished between Kitty Hawk and Oregon Inlet during the open competition on Sunday. Results had been a bit better on Friday and Saturday and while no large channel bass the size of those being landed from Jennette's Pier, (tourney headquarters) on opening day of the event, the teams brought in a total of 114 fish of several varieties including small channel bass (puppy drum), kingfish (sea mullet), croaker, weakfish (trout), flounder and bluefish.

Winning Teams  
Winning teams received their trophies at the Tourney banquet in the Carolinian Hotel on Saturday night. In addition to awarding the prizes members of the sponsoring clubs, and the well known surf fishermen as Henry W. Stelwagon, of Phila. and Willard Shaner of Margate, N. J., made brief speeches.

The Dover Fishing Club of Philadelphia, captained by Russ Walls, won first place in team competition with 21 fish landed giving the team a total of 96 points including 35 as bonus for catching the most fish. The gold trophy, trophy was won by this club and also the Carolinian gold trophy. A club must win the trophy two years in succession or three times not in succession to permanently claim the trophy. Each of the five members of the team were presented with gold medals. Two members of the club, Walls and Edna Bowman, tied for first place in the largest number of fish taken by an individual. They each caught six. Walls conceded the prize to Bowman. The prize, a handsome piece of luggage.

Dot Beaman's Woman's Surf Fishing Club of N. J., won second place in the team competition by outfishing 16 other teams in the competition. A silver trophy was See TOURNEY, Page Eight