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CAPE HATTERAS IS FAVORED BY MORE FROST FREE DAYS

Buxton's Balmy Weather Great for Growing Citrus Fruits and Gardens

Buxton.—Official weather records reflect that Cape Hatteras has more frost free days than any other sector of North Carolina. That is why in the temperate climate of Buxton on this Outer Banks Island, citrus fruit, such as oranges, grapefruit, lemons, cumquats and tangerines are ripening at this season of the year.

The official weather records show that there is a minimum of 295 "growing days" at Hatteras. These records are from the weather station in Hatteras village, seven miles west of the famous cape, and here it is actually, even warmer, most of the time.

Tourists and vacationists leaving Manteo on a chilly morning are surprised upon arrival at Buxton to find weather that is actually from 10 degrees to sometime more, warmer here than the Dare Coast's county seat 65 miles northward.

Richard Daily, veteran weather observer at Hatteras states that the community there, where the station is located, is situated some 25 miles from the nearest point on the mainland coast of North Carolina and about the same distance from the Gulf Stream.

"This favors Hatteras with warmer winters and cooler summers than the mainland coastal sections of North Carolina," he said.

"Only one year in three brings a minimum temperature lower than 25 degrees, and the average number of days with a minimum temperature of 32 degrees or lower are fewer in number, than anywhere else in the state," he said, adding "that is why we boast if at least 42 weeks of growing season for vegetables and fruits."

"Actually, few vegetables, other than those planted in a home owner's private garden are grown on Hatteras Island. And the citrus fruit is not grown commercially, although it is estimated there are some 200 or more orange, lemon grapefruit and tangerine trees on the island, with scores of them bearing fruit this year," said Daily.

"Being surrounded by water on practically all sides and the nearness of the Gulf Stream, is credited with giving this section of North Carolina a temperate winter climate, even when it is snowing or freezing in other sectors of the state.

Already this fall, hundreds of tourists have been amazed to find such a temperate climate in North Carolina as Cape Hatteras offers.

"We knew it all the time, but it took the new highway for so many outsiders to learn this fact," said Dailey.

WANCHESE RURITANS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Edward Green President; Club Seeks More Hard Surfaced Roads in Community

The Wanchese Ruritan Club, after enjoying a turkey dinner at their regular monthly meeting Friday night, heard remarks from two visitors, and elected officers for the ensuing year. Dr. Russell C. Brown, and Philip R. Smith, medical technician associated with him, were the guests.

Edward Green of Manteo succeeds V. G. Williams as President; Walton Williams succeeds Ralph Meekins as Vice President; Darrell Daniels succeeds H. O. Bridges as Secretary, and S. B. Tillett succeeds J. W. Davis as Treasurer.

The new officers will take office the third Friday in December at which time District Governor Raleigh Carver is to preside.

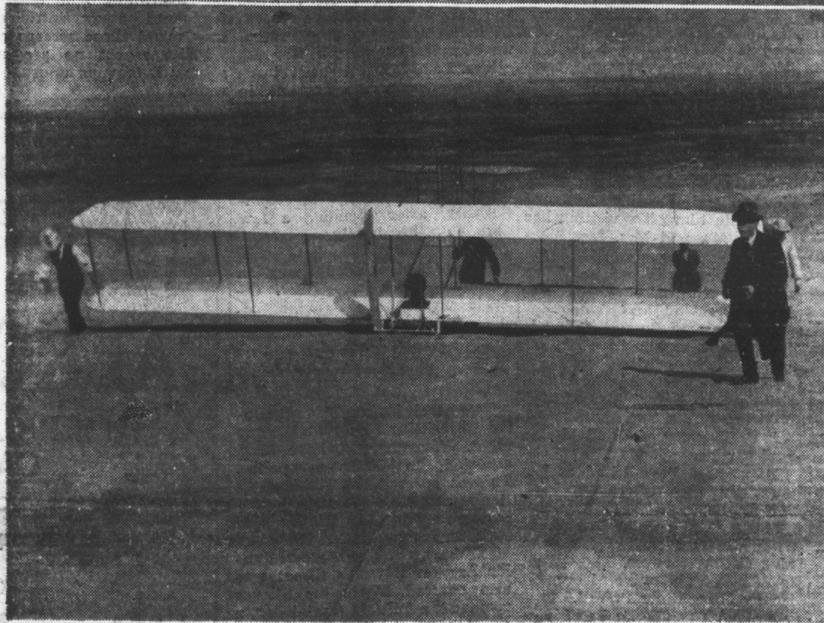
The Club passed resolutions seeking the final paving of all roads of the Wanchese community not yet hard-surfaced, but particularly hope for three, all of which have been endorsed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Road on the east side toward the J. T. Daniels homeplace; road on the south-end via W. E. Daniels homeplace; road on the west side, via the B. H. Davis homeplace to Wanchese wharf road. The two last petitioned are the roads via R. H. Midgett and R. H. Gray homes on the west side, and road into Baumtown.

The club approved a campaign to seek the immediate dredging of the channel to Oregon Inlet in the vicinity of Herring Shoal, which has filled into a depth of about 2½ feet it is said. Party fishing boats, at low water, now have to make an hour's extra run via Old House channel, in order to get in and out of the Inlet.

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RARE PHOTOS OF WRIGHT EXPERIMENTS AT KILL DEVIL HILL



Orville Wright spent several weeks in October, 1911, at Kill Devil Hills near Kitty Hawk. He had come here to do some experimenting with an automatic control device and to make soaring flights with a glider.

While it was not his last visit to the area, it was the last time that Orville Wright came here to conduct experiments. He made return trips to Kill Devil Hills at the time the monuments were erected to commemorate his, and his brother Wilbur's conquest of the air in a heavier-than-air power-driven airplane. (Wilbur had died in 1912 of typhoid fever.)

In camp with Orville during October 1911 were Alex Ogilvie of England, (who had flown a Wright-built plane) his brother Lorin Wright and Lorin's 10-year-old son "Buster." Also in the vicinity of the camp were a number of newspaper photographers and correspondents. Among them was Van Ness Harwood, who covered the 1911 experiments here for his newspaper the old New York World. He also doubled as a photographer for his newspaper and

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JAMES W. DAVIS AGAIN LEGION POST COMMDR.

Special Dinner Planned for December 11th, with State Officers Invited

James W. Davis of Wanchese has been elected commander of the Fort Raleigh Post No. 26, the American Legion of Manteo, succeeding himself for a second term. Other officers elected are Ralph Swain, First Vice-Commander; Royden Tillett, Second Vice-Commander; Edward Green, Adjutant; W. A. Davis, Finance Officer; Dallas Tillett, Sergeant at Arms; Rev. H. R. Ashmore, Chaplain.

The Post has 64 paid up members. On December 11th, which is the regular meeting night, the post is making plans for a banquet, and See LEGION, Page Five

FISHING PIER PLANNED NEAR RODANTHE SOON

Nags Head Man Would Build Structure Near Village, 600 Feet Long

Plans for an ocean fishing pier at Rodanthe village are being made by R. D. Owens of Nags Head, according to the District Engineer, of Wilmington. If any objections, they are asked for at the Engineer office until December 23, 1952.

It would be approximately 6.8 miles South of New Inlet and 12 feet wide and 600 feet long extending into the Ocean approximately 470 feet beyond the mean high water line.

Plans showing the proposed work may be seen at Wilmington office and at the Post Office at Rodanthe.

Objections to the proposed work if any, will be received at this office until 23 December, 1952.

BRIDGE ASSOCIATION TO EAT AT BELHAVEN

Meeting Planned for Friday of Next Week; E. T. Bost To Be Speaker

COLUMBIA.—Annual meeting of the Alligator-Croatan Bridge Association will be held at River Forest Manor, Belhaven, on Friday, December 5, at 11 a.m. it was announced today by Floyd E. Cohoon, president, who said principal speaker would be representative E. T. Bost, Jr., of Concord, next speaker of the house of the N. C. General Assembly.

The association is composed of citizens of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington Counties who are interested in completion of U. S. Highways 64 and 264 by construction of bridges across Alligator River and Croatan Sound. An open invitation is extended to residents of the six counties as well as to any person who lives on either U. S. 64 or 264 in North Carolina. Reservations for the lunch luncheon should be made to River Forest Manor, Belhaven, not later than December 2nd.

Present officers are: Floyd E. Cohoon, Columbia, president; Harry Swain of Tyrrell, Russell Swindell of Hyde, Lawrence Swain of Dare, R. F. Lowry of Washington, H. L. Swain of Martin and Mrs. Scott Topping of Beaufort, vice presidents; Mrs. W. S. Carawan, Columbia, secretary; Julian H. Swain, Columbia, treasurer; and W. H. Booker, Plymouth, director of publicity.

Each of the six counties has two directors, as follows: Harry Sawin and Charles Cohoon, Tyrrell; Leon Ballance and P. D. Midgett, Hyde; Clyde W. Biggs and Tom O. Sutton, Dare; P. Bruce See BRIDGE, Page Five

MANTEO SOLDIER BACK FROM NEWFOUNDLAND



Airman 2nd Class Robert B. Twiford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Twiford, of Manteo, has been transferred to the 1912th Airways and Air Communications Squadron (AACSS), Olmstead Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa., and is back in the U. S. after duty in Newfoundland.

Prior to entering the Air Force, he graduated at Manteo High School in Manteo. He is a graduate of the Air Force Radio Maintenance School at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. This picture is from an early photo made when he first entered the Army.

Airman Twiford has been assigned to duty as a Senior Radio Maintenance Mechanic with the 1912th AACSS Squadron. This Squadron is a unit of the major communications system of the U. S. Air Force. Its mission is to guide military aircraft to all parts of the world by radio means through the operation of communications facilities and navigational aids along thousands of miles of airways.

ANNUAL COST OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT JUMPS 63% IN DARE IN FOUR YEARS

Current Year's Budget Shows \$76,000 Increase in Expenditures For Regular Operation of County; Departments Spending \$207,000 This Year as Compared with \$131,138.50 in 1948-49.

AVON OFFICER HAS NORFOLK ASSIGNMENT



—U. S. Coast Guard Official Photo

LT. MANSON E. MEEKINS, USCG, recently assumed duties as Senior Investigation Officer, of the Norfolk Office of Coast Guard Merchant Marine Inspection. Lt. Meekins succeeds Commander Donald G. Elliot, USCG, who left on September 15, 1952, for assignment to the Merchant Marine Detail in Yokohama, Japan. Lt. R. T. Young, USCG, who has filled the billet in the interim, will continue serving as an investigating officer. Lt. Meekins formerly was with the Merchant Marine Inspection Office, in New York City.

Under the general direction of Commander W. J. Conley, Officer-in-Charge of Merchant Marine Inspection, Norfolk, Lt. Meekins will have the prime responsibility for initial inspection of accidents involving merchant vessels and reported mal-practices of seamen aboard resident vessels in the states of North Carolina and Virginia.

Lt. Manson E. Meekins, USCG, was born February 18, 1916, in Avon. A 1934 graduate of Elizabeth City High School, he began his career at Strathmere, New Jersey, in April 1935, as a Surfman. He is a son of Lt.-Com. and Mrs. George Harrison Meekins, USCG Retired, of Avon.

Progressing through the enlisted rates to the position of commissioned officer, he has distinguished himself as an able marksman and won many awards in Coast Guard and National competition. Acclaimed as an expert pistolman as well as rifleman, he was awarded several ribbons for marksmanship prior to World War II, including the gold Coast Guard medal of "Distinguished Marksman."

His first six Coast Guard years were spent at various Lifeboat Stations along the East Coast, during which time he was temporarily assigned with several Rifle Detachments. While on duty at the Baltimore Recruiting Office, in early 1941, he also served as an instructor with the Treasury Revolver Training Detachment, Washington, D. C. Later that year he was sent aboard the U. S. Maritime Service ship AMERICAN SEAMEN.

Then a Chief Gunner's Mate, in June 1943 he was transferred to See MEEKINS, Page Five

MEETING TO PLAN TO GET LOST COLONY ON ITS FEET

Roanoke Island Historical Association directors meet in Raleigh at the Sir Walter Hotel Wednesday, December 3, it was stated by Martin Kellogg, chairman.

The association which sponsors The Lost Colony will have on its agenda, the mapping of plans for next season's presentation of the symphonic drama, longest-lived outdoor production in America.

One of the matters to be brought up at the meeting is the employment of a new manager for the drama to succeed William Mardy who has resigned, effective December 1, this year. Hardy will be manager of Unto These Hills, the new symphonic drama entering its second season at Boone, in 1953.

Next year will mark the 13th season for the Lost Colony, first of the symphonic drama types of outdoor productions created in 1937 by Pulitzer Prize Winner Paul Green of Chapel Hill.

It takes a lot of vigilance and saying "no" to hold a budget in line. The cost of government in Dare County had done a lot of leaping in the last four years, and the current budget for the fiscal year 1952-53, shows a jump of 63 per cent more being spent for County Government than was set up for the year 1948-49. In round figures, the jump is about \$76,000.

The budget, which is just being made up, was not finally completed until a few weeks ago, and still there are some snags that are being ironed out. But this year's budget now shows a total of something more than \$207,000 and at the present trend is showing signs of crowding the quarter million dollar mark for operation of the county. The budget four years ago, totalled some over \$131,000.

Detailed figures on the cost of the various departments of the county this year, and where the county expects to get the money will be shown elsewhere in these columns. A comparison of the two budgets referred to follows:

Department	1948-48	1952-53
County Commissioners	1,200.00	3,375.00
Co. Accountant	1,797.50	2,460.00
Clerk Superior Court	2,300.00	3,560.00
Co. Farm Agt.	1,100.00	1,315.00
Co. Home Agt.	1,100.00	1,346.00
Coroner	200.00	190.00
Treasurer	300.00	300.00
Co. Fire Warden	1,400.00	2,040.00
Co. Jail	400.00	2,700.00
Co. Sheriff including Del. tax collector	8,295.00	11,858.00
Library	2,400.00	4,765.00
Courthouse & Grounds	5,160.00	1,585.00
Register Deeds	4,356.00	5,886.00
Elections	1,550.00	1,800.00
Outside Poor WELFARE:	5,900.00	6,700.00
Old Age Asst.	2,987.00	3,800.00
Aid Dep. Child.	1,259.00	4,480.00
Aid to Blind	3,000.00	5,982.00
Welfare Administration	15,862.00	17,611.00
Health Dept.	3,210.00	6,837.50
Superior Cts.	1,935.00	3,425.00
Rec. Courts	2,780.00	2,450.00
Tax Supervisor	4,270.00	9,410.00
Gen'l Co. Government Interest and Bonded debt	10,943.00	18,995.00
Co. Schools	22,620.00	22,170.00
Totals	131,138.50	207,071.00

In 1948-49, the tax levy was \$105,000, based on a rate of \$1.50. This year the total tax levy, with the rate down to \$1, but 10 cents higher than last year, totals \$130,500. The difference in the amount of tax levy and the amount to be spent, as in all years is anticipated from other sources as follows: State and Federal Relief grants, refunds for Beer and Intangible taxes, from the State Treasury, income from land sales and collections of delinquent taxes, and from ABC store profits.

The total property valuation in Dare County for the current year is \$13,050,000. The majority of the property is located in the area of Dare County bounded on the North by Caffey Inlet and on the South by Oregon Inlet and east of Roanoke Sound.

Breakdown of Cost of Operating Departments

With possibility of a few slight errors in the hurry of typing, the anticipated cost of operating the various departments, with salaries paid, follows. With only three or four exceptions a considerable increase is shown in each of these departments, and some of them very large increases. With some departments, there is a constant tendency to increase expenditures, and a few of them instead of trying to save money, when they find themselves with a surplus, they make haste to spend it instead of saving to help the coming year's budget.

The anticipated income is \$130,500, assuming all the taxes are collected. See BUDGET, Page Seven

ORANGES RIPEN AT WARM CAPE HATTERAS



AGNES FULCHER of Buxton-on-Cape Hatteras stands beneath one of several orange trees now bearing fruit in the warm climate of the North Carolina Outer Banks. Not only oranges but grapefruit, lemons, tangerines and cumquats are also ripening during late November and early December. Veteran Weather Observer Richard Daily of Hatteras explains why Cape Hatteras area enjoys such mild weather, in accompanying story. (Photo by Aycock Brown)