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# **FISHERMEN SEEK** TO END FISHING *)F LONG NETTERS*

Hatteras Island Fishermen Ask County Board to Close Area; Dry Law Also Asked

A petition was signed by many citizens of Hatteras Island, was presented to the Board of Commissioners this week, urging that the Board seek to get legislation to prohibit long net fishing in the area inside the reef between Kings Point and New Inlet, these waters being adjacent to Hatteras Island, and on which the resident stake net fishermen depend.

The petition sets forth that the long nets are especially destructive to small fish, that the fishing of such nets in this area is taking a livelihood from many people who have no other place in which to fish.

The Board, without endorsing the petition, considered it out of their jurisdiction, but forwarded it to the Board of Conservation and Development.

A petition, requesting a bill prohibiting the sale of beer, or other intoxicants in the whole area was acted upon favorably, and on motion by Commissioner Lloyd Scarborough and seconded by James Scarborough, the Board voted to ask Representative Etheridge to pass a law calling for a referendum on the matter.

Considerable antagonism has denet fishermen from Wanchese have reported getting their nets badly torn in the area by barbed wire and old automobile fenders. These fishermen believe that residents in the area of controversy, have carried out the junk and dumped it overboard to discourage long net Parents of 21 Boys Especially fishing.



trict Begins Sunday; P. D. Midgett to Be in Governor's Race

The election of a district governor will highlight the annual conference of Rotary International District 278 which convenes at Woody Cox, Douglas Robinson, Elizabeth City on February 8, 9 Billy Brown, Dannie Moulson, By- married. Returning to the hospital, and 10.

MANTEO, N. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1953

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**5000 EXPECTED TO** 

**VFW CONVENTION** 

IN DARE IN JUNE

By AYCOCK BROWN

The annual state encampment of

the Veterans of Foreign Wars will

be held at Nags Head, June 4-7. Forrest V. Dunstan, senior vice-

ommander of the VFW State De-

partment stated today that approx-

imately 5,000 delegates would be

Should there be 5,000 delegates

present, it will also be the largest

convention ever held on the Dare

coast or in any coastal resort of

Sponsoring the encampment this year will be the Manteo Post

"Convention headquarters will

be at the Nags Header Hotel,"

said Dunstan. "The committee on

housing will operate from the ho-

tel, but meetings will be held in

the auditorium of Club Casino and

The Shrine Club will be meeting

place for the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW."

**CAMPAIGN FOR A** 

Meeting in Swan Quarter Fri-

day Discusses Narrow Road Leading to

Washington

WIDER U. S. 264

SAA GROUP WILL

# N. C. PRESS ASSOCIATION PRAISED THIS PICTURE

Members of the North Carolina Press Association meeting recently chose this picture by Frank Jones. Winston-Salem Journal, as one of the best in competition. Jones shot the picture during the Lost Colony Photo Rehearsal last June to show the exciting drama of the Paul Green spectacle's new "Indian Attack Scene," of Act. II. The scene won acclaim of critics and will be a feature of the symphonic drama's second act again this year when The Lost Colony opens for its 13th season in Waterside Theatre at veloped among the two groups of Manteo on June. 27. Actors in the picture are Carlyle Davis, Manteo, as Indian, and Charlotte Lehman, fishermen, and some of the long Raleigh, and Virginia Young, Chapel Hill, as colonist women.

Tubercular Wife

On motion of County Commis-

MANTEO SCOUTS TO BE PRESENTED AWARDS SUNDAY

Asked to Attend Ceremony at Methodist

Church

Hills Tuesday the Dare County The Boy Scout board of review Board passed a rule that quarterly will conduct a court of honor for financial statements of all depart-Manteo Troop 165, at 9:45 Sunday morning at Mt. Olivet Methodist church. Awards will be presented for the Board by the county acto those boys who have advanced countant. in rank to tenderfoot to second The Board tabled a request that class scout. the county pay for the care of the

Parents have been asked to attend the court of honor, which will be held 15 minutes before the regular Sunday school hour.

pital, Carther Liverman, Jr., ran Boys to receive recognition are to South Carolina where they were ron Sawyer, Walter A. Dough, St. request was made that Dare Coun-Clair Basnight, Jr., Lloyd M. Westy assume his wife's hospitaliza-

DARE BOARD ASKS FOR YOUTH BITTEN BY QUARTERLY STATEM'NTS POISONOUS SNAKE Vote To Set Up \$5,923.80 in 1953 NEAR WANCHESE Budget for Health Center; Decline to Pay Bills of

Harry Nizer Plays Heroic Part; Treats Victim and Kills Snake

sioner W. H. Lewark of Kill Devil James Edward Midgett, 12, who ievs near Wanchese, was the victim of a bite by a poisonous cotments of the county government ton mouth moccasin Sunday, Feb-since October 1952, be prepared ruary 4, while playing with Harry ton mouth, moccasin Sunday, Feb-Nizer, a neighbor boy, on a trash pile near their home.

Harry Nizer, who is 13, and rated among the brightest in his calss at school, remembered his wife of a tubercular patient at the training in 4-H work. He quickly tubercular hospital. A Dare Counkilled the snake, and bound the ty supported patient at the hos-Midgett boy's arm with a tourniaway with a girl patient and went quet, and is believed to have saved

his life by this display of presence See YOUTH, Page Five

# **TWO ACCIDENTS** OCCUR IN TRAFFIC NO CROATAN SOUND BRIDGE **UNDER PRIVATE OWNERSHIP** OVER WEEK END Careless and Reckless Driv-

ing Charges Brought Against Colored Car Operator

exc.

Two automobile accidents over the week end were investigated by Highway Patrolman R. C. Holt. In one case, charges of careless and eckless driving were brought against one of the drivers. No one vas injured.

The first and more serious accident occurred at 6 o'clock Satur- River gets bridged, it looks like day night when a 1940 Mercury the State will have to do the job. owned and operated by George The N. C. Supreme Court last week Washington King, Negro, of Man- handed down a decision that the teo, collided with the rear end of legislation creating the Carolina a 1942 Chevrolet truck owned by Virginia Coastal Highway Corpor-St. Clair Basnight and operated by ation is unconstitutional. This Cleston Parker, colored. Both ve- company had sought to build a nicles were headed south on High- highway from Kitty Hawk to Virway 345. Parker said he was going ginia Beach, and to bridge Croatan about 30 miles an hour and King Sound. They had gotten laws passclaimed to be going 40 or 45 miles ed that would have enabled them an hour.

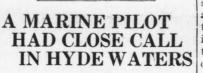
only slightly damaged. Charges lation violated the State's constiwere preferred against King.

The second accident happened at 4:45 Sunday afternoon, about tive authority to the Municipal North Carolina, it was pointed out. 250 feet south of the monument Board of Control.

M .Saunders of Wanchese told the vision for highways and bridges in of the VFW and the Elizabeth patrolman that she had pulled out five counties -- Currituck, Dare. City Post. Already these two local in front of Perry's store and was Tyrrell, Hyde and Carteret-in vio- organizations have started laying driving only about 20 miles an lation of the Constitutional provi- plans for the convention and will hour. Martin Campusano, Jr., of sion that the General Assembly soon set up a housing bureau here the Coast Guard cutter Narcissus may not pass local, private or spec- to handle accommodations for the at Portsmouth, Va., said he was ial laws affecting highways, bridg- group.

the front of his car struck the rear corporations and governmental at the Dare County Shrine Club. bumper of Mrs. Saunders' automobile.

Damage to the Coast Guards- have to be done in some other way. man's car was estimated at \$150 Further legislation may be in the and that to Mrs. Saunders' car at making. No effort has been made



ience Harrowing Eight Miles Off Engelhard

glide in a warplane with a dead fort was made to get the State ing and discussed the importance

APPEARS FEASIBLE SOON Supreme Court Throws "Municipal Corpora-

tion" of Land Promoters "Out the Window" in Ruling Last Week; Proposed Toll-Road to Virginia Beach Also Affected by Court's Adverse Decision.

state.

If Croatan Sound and Alligator ed that would have enabled them to operate tax free, and which gave the state of th The car was damaged to the ex- them the right of eminent domain. tent of about \$300. The truck was The supreme court said this legis-

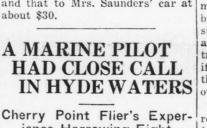
tution in three ways: 1. Because it delegates legisla-

road, on Highway 158. Mrs. Dell 2. Because it makes special pro-

units.

by our legislators to encourage the state to build a bridge across Croatan Sound. It might be that our trusted servants are waiting to see if they can still find a way to help the promoters get a corporation owned toll bridge.

A special roads committee, sand acres of land on Currituck headed by E. O. Arnold of Robeach. There was no way to devel- per met in Swan Quarter Fri-CHERRY POINT-A three-mile op it unless a road were built. Ef- day in the Agricultural Build-



driving about 40 miles an hour. es or ferries. Although he saw the car ahead, 3. Because it permits a corporahe did not realize how slowly it tion, which is not legally a municiwas moving. When he started to pal corporation, to enjoy a taxpass it, oncoming traffic forced exempt status which is limited by him back into his own lane and law to the property of municipal

If the toll road is built, it will

This history of the proposed toll road goes back some five years. In 1948, there developed a project for the promotion of several thou-

George Colclough, present governor, said nominations for the district's highest office will be called for at 9:45 a.m. February 9. Alpresent time expressed intentions of nominating candidates, Colclough said other nominations are expected from the floor.

The Engelhard Rotary Club has already indicated it will nominate P. D. Midgett, Jr., and Joe Holland will be supported by the Murfreesboro Club as its candidate for governor.

Governor Colclough said each club will be permitted one electoral vote for each 25 members or greater part thereof. The Raleigh club with seven electors has the largest membership and consequently the most significant vote. There are a total of 64 electors in District 278. Each elector must be present to cast a vote in the election.

Four principal addresses have been scheduled for the three-day event which will be held in the Virginia Dare hotel and will be attended by representatives of 38 clubs within District 278. Feature speakers will be George Means, of Chicago, Ill., secretary of Rotary International; Sydney R. Montague, of Hollywood, Calif., a former member of the Canadian Mounted Police, Charles Phillips, of Greensboro, Public Relations director for Woman's College, University of North Carolina, and Wade Marr, \$86.20. The largest contribution of Elizabeth City.

### WILLIAM ALBERT BEST DIES AT STUMPY POINT

William Albert Best, 73, lifelong esident and well known retired fisherman of Stumpy Point pass ed away Tuesday night at his home after a long illness. He was the son of the late Joe Harvey and Adeliane Gray Best of Stumpy Point, and the husband of Lucy Cutrell Best, his wife being a native of Hyde County. He is survived by five sons: Alton, Guy, Harvey, Woodrow and W. A., Jr.; two daughters, Mrs. Clyde Payne and Mrs. Harold Wise, all of Stumpy can Executive Committee on Jan- magazine coverage, the hunt was Point, and several grandchildren. Funeral services weer scheduled in Beaufort County.

for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Stu.npy Point Methodist Church, Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, officiating, and burial in the community cemetery.

cott, Donald R. Clark, Raymond tion. Wescott, Jr., Fleetwood Titchell, The Board voted to set up a David Simpson, Mike Jones, Lawthough only two clubs have at the rence Swain, Caleb Brickhouse, get as Dare County's part of the James H. Stillman, Roy Gray, Jr., fund to build a health center in Tommie L. O'Neal, Mearl Meek-Manteo. ins, Jr., Davis Ballance, Coy Til-The Board also voted to ask Rep. lett. Jr.

Etheridge to pass a law transfer-These boys were examined and ring the Community Center in advanced in rank Jan. 15, when a Manteo from the management of special board of review was held at a board of trustess, to the board the Methodist education building. of commissioners. The board of review consisted of The Board made a request that James M. Williams, chairman; the \$25 a month heretofore paid by Raymond Wescott, Sr., and W.

Mearl Meekins."

# MARCH OF DIMES NEWS IN DARE CO.

Communities Reporting Exceed Quotas; Buxton More Than **Doubles** Quota

the County ABC Board to Edward White of Manns Harbor, be paid to Clarence Hassell, the Deputy Sheriff, to pay him for enforcing the prohibition law on the Dare mainland.

PUBLIC INVITED TO ANNUAL FOX HUNT AT NAGS HEAD

John Ray Watkins of Oxford, master of the annual Valentine Season Fox Hunt beginning at Nags Head on February 12 and continuing for three days, stated of Dimes campaign, according to that the public was invited to Mrs. Helen D. Ward of Manns watch the hounds as they were giv-Harbor, the Dare County chairen workouts each day in the man. Rodanthe exceeded its quota marshes and woodlands of this area.

"This is an informal hunt, and we who put our Walker hounds into the chase certainly have no objections to anyone attending the daily hunts," he said .

Last year about 150 persons from this and many states attended the hunt. There were about 100 hounds in the chases which took place in the Bodie Island beach area. Dozens of foxes were jumped and chased and several were bag-

ged during the three day hunt. Instead of riding horses and dressing up in fancy clothes for the Nags Head Valentine Hunt, persons taking part ride aboard jeeps, trucks or stock cars, and no formal attire is worn. These features of the hunt have been responsible for the annual events and south along the coast, and here for the past several years in close to the surf," said M. L. Burreceiving national publicity. Last rus, local fish and oil dealer.

uary 28th, at a meeting then held also filmed for television. Headquarters for the hunt this year will be the Pine Room of the angler cannot get channel bass to tee are C. T. Allen of Aurora, Lis- Carolinian Hotel, It was Mrs. Luand Wheeler Martin of William- first conceived the idea for the annual hunts.

EXAMINATIONS SOON FOR PARK RANGERS

fund of \$5,923.80 in the 1953 bud- Openings Anticipated in Connection with Cape Hatteras Seashore Project

> The National Park Service has announced that preparations are being made for a Civil Service examination for Park Rangers. Details will be available in the near future covering the type of questions to be asked on the examination and the educatinal requirements for persons wishing to take the examination.

> This examination will be of interest to many people in Dare County because of the Park Service's plans to employ a number of

Rangers at Cape Hatteras National Seashore as soon as the necessary land is purchased. Ran-

gers at the Seashore will be chosen from among those persons throughout the country who pass tion. this coming examination.

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# TRAWLERS CATCH CHANNEL BASS OFF CAPE HATTERAS Hatteras .- Proof that red drum,

the famous channel bass of sports- suddenly the engine coughed, sputfishermen migrate to and from deep water off shore here instead. of traveling north and south along the coast, may result from recent

catches in trawl nets in deep water attempt to restore full power to several miles from the surf. At least two trawlers operating the success. When the engine fail- islation. They just didn't believe Earl Topping, who are delegates in 15 or more fathoms of water ed to respond, he notified his wingsome 10 or more miles off the man, Second Lieutenant Alex Mor- motors were forced to get a court Charlotte this week both attendcoast during the past week have rison, and began surveying the caught channel bass. One boat area for the best location to ditch case themselves in the courts to dorsement of the group for the brought in about 600 pounds of the fish which individually weighed

from three to 10 pounds each. channel bass that averaged from 20 to 30 pounds each.

"General opinion has been that these game fish migrated north was picked up."

"Catching the species in trawl nets operating in water up to 20 faththat I couldn't make the island, made to build the road. oms deep, several miles off the I made an easy turn into the wind

coast, may be proof that when the take bait or lures in the surf and (about 99 mph). I set her down serve the traffic on U.S. Highways bound freight trucks and passter Markham of Elizabeth City, cille Purser of the Carolinian who inlet, the fish have gone to deep about 1000 yards from the island." 64 and 264, had become desperate engers buses have reached trewater off shore, and not to a southerly area.' See PILOT, Page Five

life raft in the chilly waters of greatest road need existing in Dare ven and Washington. Pamlico Sound-all this and more County. Some encouragement came About half of this narrow road who saw the plane go down from elsewhere, they backed off.

afar, reported all was lost.

Unhurt and apparently unshaken after his harrowing brush with ing bonds. But there were no bid- veloped on this road. Beside Mr. death, Major Leo P. Frohe II calm- ders for the bonds. The project Arnold, those attending the ly chatted with his flying mates looked too risky. Failing in this, of Marine Attack Squadron-211 they attempted to borrow the monand told how a combination of his ey from the Government lending previous training, "perfect" sur- agency ,the RFC. The RFC turned vival equipment and smooth res- down their application for two and cue work saved his life.

three quarter million dollars. Modestly omitting any mention of his own cool actions in the effort and put in a lot of hard work Hyde County Commissioner, of 'ditching" operation, he major re- and time and spent some money. lated his grueling experience from The beach road looked too risky for the time his AD-2 Skyraider first investors, but the promoters got Quarter member of the Comcoughed and sputtered, until he hold of a smart idea. If they could mittee; Earl Topping, Hyde had been safely deposited at the get a bridge over Croatan Sound County Agent and Victor Meek-Elizabeth City Coast Guard sta- tied in with the proposition, this looked pretty sound, and with the retary.

Major Frohe was flying an in- State Highway Commission's strument training hop over Pam- blessing, which would in effect the Hyde County Board was ill lico Sound, about eight miles east- mean the Highway Commission in bed with infuenza and unable northeast of Engelhard, when the didn't plan to span these waters crisis began. "I had been on instruments for about 10 or 15 min- might work.

utes," the major recalled, "when tered---and then stopped." Diagnosing the trouble as "fuel

operating the electric booster in an the giant AD engine, but with lit-

his plane. "I picked out a little island that were hopeful the courts would rule Hyde County's progress. I thought I could reach," the major with them. But such is not the Another trawler brought in five said, "and began my glide. Lieu- case. The courts said the scheme SAA group will ask for a heartenant Morrison meanwhile radioisn't lawful.

ed the 'Mayday' call for me and

Major Frohe estimated that his Beach, one of the promoters on to the section of the road under glide covered at least three miles the Virginia end of the project, is consideration since it was built

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engine, a "ditch" landing in water Highway Commission to build this of campaigning for a wider U.S several miles from the mainland, road to the Virginia line. It was 264, the narrow 16-foot road and more than an hour afloat on a represented that this was the between Swan Quarter, Belha-

happened to a Second Marine Air from highway officials, but when is in Hyde County, which for the Wing pilot in one hectic afternoon they were reminded of other great most part has shoulders insuf-Tuesday of last week. Fishermen road needs on Hatteras Island and ficient on which to park a car,

and is bordered by canals on each side of the road. A tremen-The land speculators then attempted to build the road by sell- dous amount of hauling has demeeting were Allen D. Swindell. Chairman of the Beaufort County Board of Commissioners; Dr. W. T. Ralph, Mayor of Belhaven; Leon Ballance, SAA Vice-president for Hyde County; C. W.

Fairfield; E. A. Williams, Swan ins of Manteo, Association Sec-

Chairman Herbert Sadler of to attend. The meeting was adwith a bridge, the whole thing journed at noon, while the entire

party enjoyed a splendid turkey dinner at O'Neal's Hotel, served In the last legislature nobody by Miss Pearle Sadler. Following was trying to help us get bridges or a bridge built by the State, but the dinner, the group returned our representatives were sanction- to the meeting to discuss the prostarvation," Major Frohe began ing the corporation project, en- gressive program of the Hyde County Farm Bureau chapter. deavoring to tax free privileges. But even at that, investors O. L. Williams, Swan Quarter doubted the soundness of this leg- Attorney, and the County Agent it would hold water, and the pro- to the Farm Bureau meeting in opinion. They had to bring a test ed, this meeting, and got the ensatisfy prospective investors. They waterway projects essential to

Later on in the spring, the ing before the State Highway If the toll road is built it will and Public Works Commission was going to hang around until I have to come through other meth- on the 264 widening project. ods. Sidney Banks of Virginia There has been no improvement before he finally pancaked his quoted in the Norfolk newspapers nearly 30 years ago. Yet the plane on the water. "When I saw as saying further efforts will be enormous increase in traffic of all kinds has taken place, and

In the interim, during the past heavy hauling on wide trucks is and kept hauling back on the stick year, the people of the section enormous. Lumber, logs, farm to get my speed down to 90 knots which so badly needs bridges to produce, fish and oysters, in-The major described his landing at the apparent desertion on the mendous proportions not antici

See GROUP, Page Five

The local home demonstration club also gave a donation. Donations by the local people and candy sales at the school brought the total amount up to \$86.20.

Mrs. Tracy Hooper, Buxton See DRIVE, Page Five

## REPUBLICAN HONOR WANCHESE CITIZEN

V. G. Williams of Wanchese, furniture salesman, Sunday school teacher, former U. S. Commissioner and Dare County Magistrate, was unanimously elected a member of the First District Republi- year in addition to newspaper and

ston.

Other members of the commit-

Hatteras community, Mrs. Harold Midgett Chairman, reported collections of \$154.54, or more

than its \$150 quota for the March

of \$25, Mrs. Ward says, raising a

total of \$26.38. Mrs. Beulah O'Neal,

Buxton more than doubled its

quota which was \$35. The total

amount turned into the fund was

was made by the school children.

chairman for this community.