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## SEASHORE ROAD PLAN WINNING GREAT FAVOR

Truly An Ocean Highway Contemplated in Outer Banks Project

A real ocean highway is contemplated in the proposed route for which strong sentiment is rolling up from Manteo to Wilmington. Joseph DuBois, Secretary of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce has been the motivating spirit of this movement, which has won support throughout the whole coastal area and has been endorsed by petitions carrying thousands of names.

Such highways would serve the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and the great historical areas of Roanoke Island, Kill Devil Hills, Hatteras Island and Ocracoke.

From a resolution recently passed by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, we quote paragraphs that point up the importance of this highway.

"The coastal area of North Carolina, and particularly the Outer Banks, being one of the most natural attractions in the United States and there being no actual seashore route or major highway in North Carolina within immediate proximity of the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, and further

"The National Seashore Park, proposed to be activated and completed within our state, would be served by such a highway and would, in itself, as a natural attraction, be one of the greatest assets to the State of North Carolina, and

"Such Seashore Park would constitute an immeasurable asset in bringing travelers to the state on a basis comparable to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and other similar parks in the western area of our state, and further

"Certain north-south highways across the state have been highly developed within the past few years, and such development having automatically drained considerable travel and tourist revenue from the extreme coastal area of the state, principally

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## SURF, SOUND AND OFFSHORE FISHING GOOD DURING WEEK

Surf, sound and offshore fishing was better than usual for this season of the year during the past week and some excellent catches were reported. Here in Manteo the striped bass season was getting underway in nearby sounds with a report from Carson W. Davis and his sons Vernon and Ralph that they landed several beauties near Croatan Light on Sunday. Gradually the striped bass, or rockfishing season, will get better and reach a peak during late October.

From Boyd Gray and Edgar Hooper at Buxton came reports of excellent surf casting catches at Cape Hatteras Point and Charles Williams of Cape Hatteras Hotel in Avon stated that anglers were landing a variety of fishes, including channel bass along the beach close by Avon. Gray reported that one party of four anglers from Kannapolis fishing at Cape Point for two days landed 200 fish, including trout, sea mullet, flounder, blues, pompano and channel bass. Hooper stated that channel bass takes were growing larger both in quantity and the size of fish taken. It was the first pompano catch reported this season.

In the meantime from Dykstra's Fishing Center here near Manteo came reports of good offshore fishing by parties going to blue water. On Wednesday this week Frank J. Wolfe and Eleanor Wolfe, his daughter, of Winston-Salem and Mr. and Mrs. William Francis of Hendersonville trolled from aboard Capt. Dan Lelek's cruiser, Reta, brought in dolphin, two tuna and one bonita.

## TWO HURT IN COLLISION TUESDAY AT NAGS HEAD

Serious injuries were sustained and the car badly damaged of Mr. and Mrs. Paul, operators of a sandwich shop at East Ocean View, Va., at 4:45 P. M. Tuesday at Nags Head. Their 1950 Ford collided with a truck driven by Mrs. Jethro (Celia) Midgett of Nags Head as she was making a left hand turn while northbound on the road. Her injuries were minor. The injured couple were taken to DePaul Hospital by Twiford's ambulance from Manteo.

## LONG TABLES LOADED WITH FOOD FOR EAST LAKE CHURCH HOMECOMING



SUNDAY WAS EAST LAKE'S BIG DAY. The crowd turned out of the church at noon, opened their cars and took out big baskets of food. There were long tables loaded with enough food to feed the 500 visitors three times and then some. Staff photos.

## AN ESTIMATED 500 COME TO ENJOY EAST LAKE EVENT

Church Homecoming Attracts Old Residents From far; Big Picnic Dinner

Like the Homecoming at Manns Harbor the Sunday preceding, East Lake's Methodist Homecoming this Sunday past was highly successful, and attended by an estimated 500 people. Many more were prevented from attending because of the limited ferry service now operating across Croatan Sound, and Sunday morning there were many people, who upon learning they couldn't get to East Lake in time, turned around at Roanoke Island and returned home.

Oldest visitor there was Marshall Twiford, 74, of Norfolk, a former resident, who was accompanied by his wife, several daughters and grandchildren. And there were Evertons, and Creefs, Sawyers and Smiths, Joneses and Brattens, Basnights and Manns, Harrells and Pinner, and many other families represented by those who had come back from Norfolk, Elizabeth City and many other places.

It was a sunny day, and cool enough, and tables were loaded with enough food for twice the number present. Fond recollections of days long past came up and were exchanged by people who had not seen each other in a long time. A good attendance, just about all of the people of the East Lake community with friends from Manns Harbor, Stumpy Point, Manteo, and elsewhere in Dare and Tyrrell attended.

Dr. F. S. Love, District Superintendent preached at 11 a. m., and the East Lake church was filled. Marshall Twiford, recalled, how as a small boy, he saw them building the church. The sills were hand-hewn from logs drawn from the woods by mules.

### SPECIAL MATINEE

A special matinee will be shown Friday Sept. 18 at the Pioneer Theatre, at 3:30 P. M. The movie to be shown is Walt Disney's "Peter Pan".

## TOURIST BUREAU HELPING PROMOTE FISHING TOURNEY

Dare County Tourist Bureau will have an important role in the promotion of the second annual Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament scheduled for October 16-18, it was announced Wednesday by Dal H. Williams, president of the sponsoring organization.

In addition to press publicity, which the bureau's manager was handling for the coming event already, Aycock Brown will serve as local contact agency for Nags Head Surf Fishing Club insofar as handling team entries and serving as an informational source. Actually the work Brown will do

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## RAISING FUNDS TO BUY LIGHTS FOR BALL PARK

Manteo Group Seeking \$2,600 To Establish New Attraction at Waterworks

Casual conversation sometimes work around to worthy projects, at witness the campaign by a group of Manteo's young men to raise contributions totalling \$2,600 to establish a lighted ball park near the Manteo water plant. Within a few days, contributions of \$300 had been cornered, several of the at \$25 a clip.

The committee is now busy, and includes the following go-

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## Four Days Celebration in Dare Commemorating 50th Anniversary Of First Airplane Flight

The four day celebration concluding December 17th, the 50th anniversary of Man's First Airplane Flight in Dare County by Wilbur and Orville Wright will project Dare County and the N. C. Coastland into greater prominence than ever before.

It is to be a stupendous celebration and with good weather may well be expected to bring the largest assemblage ever in Dare County to witness an exceptional program and a mighty air show. This four-day celebration will be internationally noted, and of world wide importance.

It offers many opportunities for the people of Dare County to put their best foot forward so to speak; to make friends for the county, and the glory of the state. In connection with the celebration, THE COASTLAND TIMES will issue a large souvenir edition, profusely illustrated with photographs of Dare County, its past and its present.

This souvenir issue of the paper will give all the business men of the area an opportunity such as never before to get the story of their business and their service before the world. It will be a newspaper that will be kept for many years by those who will treasure their visit to this area.

Within a few weeks the material will be assembled and in the meantime, it will be well to plan the message so it may be well displayed when printed in this paper. Convey your wishes to The Editor, the Coastland Times.

## FOUND GUILTY OF BLOCKING ROAD TO OCEAN

W. H. Jennette Appeals Case Tuesday in Dare Court

The obstruction of the extension of U. S. 64 to the ocean immediately south of Jennette's fishing pier has finally come into court. W. H. Jennette, Jr., was charged with obstructing access to the ocean through this area which he claims is his land. Others contend it is a public road. Judge Baum held he was guilty but he appealed to Dare Superior Court.

Warren Jerome Midgett, whose wife and six children are being taken care of by the Welfare, was sent on to the roads for 12 months, to comply with a judgment six months ago. He told the court his earnings had been only \$150 a month, not enough for himself, but privately said he preferred the roads to supporting his children as it was a lot easier for him.

Sam Moore, colored, was charged with assaulting his wife, and he got a 30-day suspended sentence, provided he stay out of this court for six months and pay \$15 and court costs.

In last week's session of court, six cases were tried. Bryan E. Smithson pleaded guilty of allowing an unlicensed person to drive his car, and paid \$25 and the costs of court. William Russell Seymour also was fined for the same kind of offense, and for speeding 50 miles in a 35-mile zone, for all of which he paid \$48.20.

For speeding 65 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone, and having no operators license, James Andrew Bray paid \$25 and court costs.

Creedy Daniels paid court costs for driving with improper brakes. For having no operator's license and for refusing to yield the right of way, James Clay Bryant paid \$35.70.

George Albert McCleese was up for abandonment and non-support of his wife and two children. He got a 60-day suspended sentence on condition he pay \$15 a week for their support.

## SPEEDING HAS BECOME PROBLEM AT HATTERAS

Ruritan Club Will Make Effort to Obtain Some Law Enforcement

Hatteras.—Completion of the highway on Hatteras Island has made more acute the problem of speeding motorists. A particular problem is presented by teenagers who not only speed through the village, but disrupt the peace and endanger lives by ending their bursts of speed with squealing tires.

In the absence of an officer of the law, members of the Ruritan Club will endeavor to control the problem. Meeting Thursday, September 10, members unanimously agreed that upon any three members observing anyone speeding or driving in a reckless manner, those three shall go to the offender and issue a warning. Should the offender commit a second offense, he (or she) shall then be reported to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, with recommendation that his (or her) driver's license be revoked.

In addition, it was agreed to erect a sign at the entrance to the village warning motorists against speeding or other traffic violations. Should the sign be defaced or destroyed, as so often happens in the community, every effort shall be made to discover and prosecute the offender.

Other business agreed upon was to complete the community club room, which underwent a major renovation operation last spring; and in the future, to be responsible for the maintenance of the room. The meeting was held in the club room at the Hatteras School with 23 members enjoying a fish dinner.

## WM. W. DAVIS OPENS ROOFING BUSINESS

A bonded roofing firm, a branch of the Cradock Sheet Metal and Roofing Co., is now open in Kitty Hawk to give quick service to builders on the Dare Beaches and vicinity. Announcement of this firm was carried recently in this paper. The owner of the business is Wm. W. (Bill) Davis, who is well known in this area, having spent his summers on the beach for several years. By error it was made to read "Phil" Davis in the advertisement.

## GREAT 4-DAY CELEBRATION TO MARK ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST AIRPLANE FLIGHT

December Event Will Be International in Importance; Great Air Show and Other Attractions Scheduled, and Estimates Predict Greatest Crowds Ever to Visit Our Coast.

### COMMERCE TEACHER



MISS MAGGIE CAROLINE DANIELS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Daniels of Wanchese, has started her teaching career in Elizabeth City, where she is a member of the commercial class faculty. She graduated with honors from East Carolina College earlier this year, being awarded a B. S. degree in business education. In Manteo during recent summer months she has done tourist work for Dare County Tourist Bureau and The Lost Colony.

## 1163 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN DARE SCHOOLS

Increase of 48 Over Last Year; Kitty Hawk Gets New Teacher

The total enrollment for the Dare County Schools for the 1953-1954 school term is 1,163, compared with 1,115 enrolled during the same period last year. The Kitty Hawk School shows the greatest increase in enrollment with 27 more elementary children and 11 more high school students.

Enrollment figures for the nine schools of the county are as follows:

Elementary — Manteo, 238; Wanchese, 104; Manns Harbor, 78; Stumpy Point, 15; Kitty Hawk, 160; Avon, 50; Buxton, 89; Hatteras, 85; Roanoke, 50. Total 869.

High School — Manteo, 141; Kitty Hawk, 52; Buxton, 81; Roanoke, 20. Total 294.

An additional teacher has been granted to Kitty Hawk School by the State Board of Education. Mrs. Sophia Fulcher of Manteo has been employed as the extra teacher for the Kitty Hawk elementary grades.

## DAILEY RETIRES AT HATTERAS STATION

C. A. Wardman Takes Place of Veteran Weather Man

Hatteras. — C. A. Wardman has succeeded Richard Dailey as meteorologist-in-charge of the U. S. Weather station at Hatteras where one of America's oldest weather stations is located.

Mr. Dailey was retired from service recently after being in charge of the local station for the past 35 years.

Mr. Wardman was transferred here from the U. S. Weather Station in Caribou, Maine, to Hatteras and he began his duties locally on September 1. The weather station at present occupies a building originally constructed by a group of northern sportsmen as a Girl's Club.

The original weather station building here, established many years ago is soon to become a Coast Guard Station. It has been reported that the crew of Hatteras Inlet Station and the equipment will be moved here. It has become necessary to soon abandon the Hatteras Inlet station due to the danger of it collapsing in stormy weather and as result of beach erosion which has brought the ocean's surf almost to the foundations of the building.

A four-day celebration will mark the 50th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' flight at Kill Devil Hills, near Kitty Hawk, December 17, 1903, it was announced in Manteo this week by Miles L. Clark, chairman of the celebration committee. The meeting in Manteo was attended by Carl Goerch, chairman of the N. C. 50th Anniversary Celebration Commission, W. R. Elder, Civil Aeronautics supervisor for Eastern North Carolina, Wade Marr, Elizabeth City, David Stick Kill Devil Hills, C. S. Meekins, M. R. Daniels, A. W. Drinkwater and Aycock Brown, members Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society of which Clark is chairman of board, Horace Dough, of National Park Service and Ralph Whitenor, Washington, D. C., promotional director of Air Force Association.

The celebration will begin on December 14 and continue through December 17th with each day's activities featuring a segment of the aviation world.

Monday, December 14 will be defense day, with special emphasis on military services' contribution to national security through use of airplane. Tuesday will be Industry Day and will include participation by aircraft manufacturers, airlines, and government agencies whose activities relate to aviation.

Wednesday will be Pioneers and Private Flyers Day. Many "old timers" will be on hand to pay tribute to the Wright Brothers and to "relive" their early flying exploits. The program will feature demonstrations of the use of small planes and the importance of the private flyer to the nation's airpower resources.

Thursday will be the day. All phases of aviation will participate in the day's activities to make it an inspiring and spectacular tribute to the two world-famous Brothers who discovered powered flight on the same desolate sand-dune 50 years earlier.

The Kill Devil Hills celebration is being jointly sponsored by the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society, the Air Force Association, the National Park Service and North Carolina's 50th Anniversary Celebration Commission. The committee is made up of a member from each of the sponsoring organizations.

Highlights of the four-day celebration will be the unveiling for public view, the reconditioned site of the first flight, with a reenactment of original flight. The committee is presently soliciting subscriptions throughout nation to finance cost of two crude wooden sheds which Wrights used for a hanger, living quarters and workshop. They will be rebuilt on their original location and equipped as they were in 1903. The 60 foot monorial which the Brothers used to launch their plane on its history-making flights 50 years ago will be located in its original position. Permanent markers will locate the take-off and landing points of the four December 17, 1903, flights.

At 10:35 on December 17, the oldest flyable plane will reenact the original flight over the same course and at the same altitude. Orville Wright who made the first flight, flew 120 feet in 12 seconds at an altitude of 10 feet.

The December 17th program will include a special memorial ceremony at the monument atop

## FEEDING FIRST FLIGHT VISITORS TO BE BIG JOB

In order that arrangements may be completed as quickly as possible, Miles L. Clark of Elizabeth City has requested that if any local caterer is interested in establishing facilities for feeding the several thousands of persons expected, that they advise Aycock Brown of Dare County Tourist Bureau in Manteo immediately. Brown is serving as local contact for the Committee. These arrangements must be made immediately and if no local caterer or organization can take care of the situation, arrangements will be made with a non-resident and professional caterer, who will establish necessary eating facilities, Clark stated.