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## PARTIAL SLATE PICKED IN DARE BY REPUBLICANS

### County Chairman Says Complete Ticket Will Be Offered This Fall

A partial slate for county offices was picked Tuesday night by Dare County Republicans in Manteo, according to County Chairman, V. G. Williams, Mr. Williams says they didn't get a full ticket, but they have until March 25th to fill it out, after which the candidates will file and enter the primary May 29th.

Walter C. Gaskill, who is well known in Dare County, will be candidate for the nomination for Sheriff. No candidates were selected for Register of Deeds or Clerk of the court, for Representative or Recorder, although L. V. Gaskill of Wanchese is expected to run for the latter office.

The following have been endorsed for Commissioner: Leo Midgett from Nags Head Township; Lundy Twiford from the Mainland District; E. B. Scarborough from Kennebec; Isaac Jennett from Hatteras, and W. R. Toler from Atlantic Township. Sumner Scarborough of Avon, and Preston Bassett from Frisco for Board of Education.

## COCONUT PALMS MAY BE ADDED ON CAPE HATTERAS

By Aycock Brown  
Buxton. — Through the co-operation of the sub-tropical resort town of Naples in Florida, Cape Hatteras, the nearest mainland point to the warm Gulf Stream north of southern Florida, may soon add coconut palms to the tropic foliage and plants already thriving here. As a result of this, the largest seeds ever planted in North Carolina were this week placed in the soil at Buxton and nearby Frisco.

The coconut palm seeds were fully un-husked coconuts, so that they were sent here individually mailed from the Ad Miller Associates of Naples, each seed bearing shipping labels and stamps on the gray-green covering of the juice-laden seeds.

Experimenting with the planting of the seeds at Buxton is Mrs. Maude White, postmaster, owner of grapefruit and orange trees in her yard and Mrs. John Hooper, who has had excellent luck growing tangerine trees and several varieties of non-native cacti. At Frisco, H. L. Tandy, operator of a tackle shop and recreation center planted one of the Naples palm seeds. Tandy, one time operator of his own nursery and green houses in Asheville, has lived on Hatteras Island for the past 20 years and believes the coconut palms can be developed here with proper care.

In addition to grapefruit, oranges, tangerines and coconuts, growing and producing fruit successfully in the Cape Hatteras area, other sub-tropical plants which have grown wild along this section of the Outer Banks which enjoys a year around Gulf Stream climate, includes fan palmetto, yucca or "Spanish bayonet", and bear-grass. Several varieties of wild cacti also thrive in the area which is now being developed as America's first oceanside recreation area, known as the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

## SEASHORE MUSEUM FOR CAPE HATTERAS

A maritime museum near the base of Cape Hatteras lighthouse will soon be one of the attractions of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore recreational area. J. Paul Hudson, National Park Service museum authority was here this week to arrange for temporary exhibits, with a permanent display of maritime objects planned before the year has passed.

The museum building will be on the second floor of the former site of assistant keepers of Hatteras Lighthouse. It is one of two buildings in the immediate area, the other being the present residence of Chief Ranger Gus Hultman of the National Seashore.

Hudson visited the site here with Clark Stratton, chief of operations of the southeastern division of the National Park Service and Allen Hanks, superintendent of the National Seashore who arrived to assume his current duties on March 1 from Everglades National Park in Florida where he had been serving as assistant to the superintendent.

## DR. BARACH SUCCUMBS TO BRIEF ILLNESS

### Well-Known Summertime Resident Was Early Leader in Diabetics Research



DR. JOSEPH BARACH, 70, medical director of Falk Clinic and world-famous authority on diabetes, died March 7 in Womans Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., after a brief illness. Dr. Barach is well-known on Roanoke Island, where he has been a summertime resident for the past eight years at his "Mountain Hill Ranch" on the east side of the island. His home was at 6230 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dr. Barach was born in Calvary, Poland-Russia, in 1883, the son of Zorach and Deborah Oppenheim Barach. They came to the U. S. in 1888, and his citizenship was derived from his father.

A leader in medical research for more than a half-century, Dr. Barach participated importantly in high Government councils over the expenditure of public funds for research.

### Helped Found Clinic

He had been medical director of the Falk Clinic since its beginning some 20 years ago. He also was director of the University Clinics for the University of Pittsburgh.

As an early leader in the fight on diabetes, he was one of seven American doctors chosen to administer insulin after its discovery 30 years ago.

He was president of the American Diabetes Assn., 1944-46, and a member of its Council from 1941 until his death.

### Worked on Arthritis

With the United States Public Health Service, he was chairman from 1946 until 1951 of the Metabolic and Endocrinology Section which steered the spending of research grants.

As an outstanding expert in the field of public health, he was appointed in 1952 as a member of the national advisor council on arthritis and metabolism with the Public Health Service.

Dr. Barach was associate professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh's Medical and Dental Schools.

### Authored Books

He was the author of 150 contributions to contemporary medical journals and several books including:

"Self Help for Diabetics," "Diabetes and Its Treatment," and "Food and Facts for the Diabetic."

Following his graduation from Pitt's School of Medicine in 1903 and internship at West Penn Hospital, he served as pathologist for South Side and Eye & Ear Hospital, and was on the staffs of Presbyterian and Medical Center Hospitals.

He was a captain in the Medical Corps in World War I, and was director of the Selective Service system in Pittsburgh during the second World War.

### Banting Medal Winner

For his work in the field of diabetes, he was awarded the Frederick G. Banting Medal. His name was inscribed on the Wall of Fame at the World's Fair of 1940 for notable contribution to "our living, ever-growing democracy devoted to peace and freedom."

Surviving are his widow, Edna L. Barach; two sons, Joseph L. Montclair, N. J., and Richard L. New Haven, Conn.; one sister, Mrs. Leona Kirsch, New York, and one brother, Louis, of Pittsburgh.

Family members asked that flowers be omitted, and said that contributions instead could be made to the Pittsburgh Camp for Diabetic Children. Checks may be made payable to L. L. Penock, treasurer, 540 Medical Arts Bldg., Pittsburgh 13.

## REPRESENTATIVE FROM C&D DEPARTMENT TO HOLD MANTEO MEETING

E. E. Huffman of the State Dept. of Conservation and Development, announces that a meeting will be held in Manteo Tuesday, March 23, 8:30 p.m. at the community building for discussion of the industrial possibilities for this area.

This meeting is one of many being held throughout the state for the purpose of discovering new industrial potentials and the interesting of outside industry. County officials, officials of incorporated communities, Chamber of Commerce representatives, civic club presidents and other interested persons are invited to attend.

## GOOSEVILLE GUN CLUB PROPERTY ADDED TO PARK

### Area To Be Designated As 'Lyons-Stelwagon Area'; Purchased For \$47,000

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay announced today that 735 acres had been acquired for addition to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area in North Carolina.

The acreage is considered one of the choicest stretches of surf fishing frontage on the Atlantic Ocean. Purchase of the area is another important step in Secretary McKay's program to expand the Hatteras project to attain the ultimate goal of 28,500 acres for this unique recreational area.

It follows closely Secretary McKay's action of last week, adjusting the boundaries of Everglades National Park, Florida to include 271,000 new acres, bringing the park to 1,500,000 acres.

The new Hatteras area, purchased from Lyon and Wilson, Inc., of Detroit, Mich., for \$47,000, extends from near the western boundary of the town of Hatteras to Hatteras Inlet and around to the north in an extensive "fishhook." It includes beaches, dunes, and marsh. It is a favorite haunt of migratory waterfowl and a nesting area for gulls and other native birds.

The property is known as the Gooseville Gun Club property. Previous owners stipulated in the purchase contract and deed that the lands will remain closed to migratory waterfowl hunting, unless at some future date the Secretary of Interior deems it advisable to alter this condition. Such action will be taken on joint recommendation of the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service, both of the Department of Interior and the Wildlife Resources Commission of North Carolina.

Boundary barriers and "keep out" signs will be removed from the area on May 1. Another special provision of the site, specifies the area will be designated as the "Lyons-Stelwagon area" in recognition of the interest of G. Albert Lyon of Detroit and See PARK, Page Ten

## CHANNEL BASS SHOW UP IN COASTAL WATERS

### Fairly Large Numbers Caught In Nets By Hatteras Fishermen

Hatteras. — Channel bass, a favorite game fish of salt water anglers have appeared in sizable schools here, but so far the only catches reported came from commercial fishermen operating pound nets in Pamlico Sound or haul nets along the surf of Hatteras Island. Perry and Lawrence Austin and Cephus Willis of Hatteras are reported to have caught large channel bass Monday.

First catches with rod and reel are usually made in the surf during late March. Almost simultaneously, the rugged fighters begin taking artificial lures trolled in the wake of party boats operating at Oregon Inlet.

Channel bass caught in nets here during the week, numbered some 75 fish, each from 30 to 40 pounds. One crew caught 30 one morning, the smallest weighing 35 pounds.

While channel bass are considered strictly game fish by anglers who frown when they are caught in nets, the species is known as one of the best food fishes in our waters.

All 30 fish taken by one boat this week, were sold shortly afterward at a local fish house. Channel bass locally bring about \$1.50 each when sold to residents here. This compares to 50 cents which until recent years was considered the regular price for one of the 35 to 40 pound fish.

## DIES IN NORFOLK



EDWARD McMULLAN MANN, 44, a former resident of Manteo, died suddenly at 5 p.m. Saturday of last week at the residence in Norfolk—460 Suburban Parkway. He had lived in Norfolk for the past 13 years, following his departure from Manteo. He was born in Elizabeth City, but his parents were Manns Harbor people, and his father, the late Dan E. Mann, lived their last years in Manteo. They were the late Mr. Mann and Mrs. Elma Fulcher Mann.

Beside his wife, Mrs. Eda Simpson Mann, he is survived by a son, Michael Mann of Norfolk; five sisters, Mrs. Allen Mann, Mrs. Charles Evans, Mrs. Herbert Bliven, Mrs. Sherman Twiford and Mrs. Eloise Cartwright, all of Manteo, and two brothers, Marvin Mann of Miami, Fla., and Clyde Mann of Camp Lejeune.

He was a supervisor at the Norfolk Navy Yard, and was a member of the Chesterfield Heights Methodist Church and charter member of the Methodist Men. He was active in fraternal circles, being a member of Wanchese Lodge 521, A.F. and A.M.; John Walters Royal Arch Chapter 68, Grace Commandery 16, Knights Templar, and Khedive Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

## MANY PROTESTS MADE TO BONNER CONCERNING TAX

### Tax on Structures In Navigable Waters Being Re-Scheduled

More than a thousand communications have been received by the U. S. Corps of Engineers in connection with the proposed schedule of fees for fishing permits in and adjacent to navigable waters, according to information released this week by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner.

Mr. Bonner, Representative from the first congressional district of North Carolina, says he has received many letters protesting the proposed schedule, and that he is vigorously opposing the schedule to tax net fishermen.

Under Federal laws, prior permission must be obtained from the Department of Engineers before performing any work in or over a navigable water of the United States. The purpose of these laws is to protect the waterways from any unreasonable obstruction to navigation. The permission is granted in the form of a permit for which, up to now, there has been no charge.

Brig. Gen. E. C. Itschner, Deputy Assistant Chief of Engineers for Civil Works, provided Rep. Bonner with the following reply and information concerning the matter:

"Title V of the Independent Offices Appropriations Act, 1952 (Public Law 137—82nd Congress) provides that any authority, license, or permit, issued by any Federal agency shall be self-sustaining to the full extent possible. The head of the agency is authorized by regulation to prescribe such fees as he shall determine to be fair and equitable. Bureau of the Budget Circular No. A-25 dated 5 November 1953 to the Heads of Executive Departments and Establishments directed that the schedule of fees be implemented at the earliest possible date. The proposed fees are intended to recover to administrative costs of issuing permits and have been based on reported costs from our field offices. When a permit is issued, a single fee, determined from the proposed table as it may finally be approved and issued, will be See BONNER, Page Ten

## Mrs. Lucetta Montague, 85 Years Old, Has Delivered 900 Roanoke Islanders

### Married at 13, and With A Family of Eight Children, Mrs. Montague Still Lively As Ever

By Roger Meekins

It was a cold, dreary day—the year was 1900. Snow covered the ground, and icicles hung from the trees and eaves of the houses. Someone had gone for the doctor, but he had been gone all night and hadn't returned. There was no doctor about.

Four women gathered around and drew straws to see who was going to be "head doctor." The lot fell to Mrs. Lucetta Montague, and she led the group in delivering Mrs. Debbie Daniels' baby.

Since that time Mrs. Montague has delivered somewhere around 800 or 900 babies. Her records were lost when her home burned in 1936, and at that time the count was 700.

Mrs. Lucetta Montague, now at 85, was born October 19, 1865, the daughter of Nancy Cudworth and George Charles Daniels of Wanchese, and she has lived at Wanchese all her life. She married McAllister Montague when she was 13.

Mrs. Montague delivered her last baby when she was 76, with Dr. W. W. Johnston of Manteo attending. She had delivered two in the same day, one of whom was her granddaughter, Judy Powers.

Of all the babies she has helped all the babies she has helped bring into the world, every one of them has been on Roanoke Island. She has never delivered a baby off of the Island. Many times she has delivered children of the first babies she helped bring into the world. And out of the 800 or 900 babies she has assisted with, only one has been lost. But she never lost a mother.

When her sister, Mrs. Leticia Tillett, now 76, was about to have a baby in 1918, Mrs. Montague was called on to help. Mr. Tillett had to come dig her out of her house—the snow had piled up so deep that she couldn't get out.

Three years ago Mrs. Moneague broke her ankle in a fall, and the bone specialists told her she would never walk again. But what liars they were, for today Mrs. Montague walks around all by herself, with the aid of a walker to support herself on. She was out in the garden grubbing ground at the time, and fell over a stump and broke her brittle bone. She was 82 years old then. Last summer she spent four weeks visiting in Clayton and Raleigh, and about four weeks in Elizabeth City. She doesn't have to stop and think twice about taking off on a trip to the beach, or to Norfolk. She is ready to go most any time.

Mrs. Montague has broken



about every bone in her body, except the neck, at one time or another. Her right arm has been broken in three places; several ribs have been broken, both arms, collarbone, shoulder, and both wrists. The muscles in her hands, since she broke her wrists, don't permit her to close her hand completely, but that doesn't stop her from making aprons for every one of her daughters at Christmas time.

Dell Saunders, 69, is the oldest of her eight children. Next comes Lance, 65; Gus, 62; Sally Daniels, 59; Ophelia Daniels, 55; Bright Evans, 53; Rae Davis, 50; Nancy Atkinson, 47. She has 27 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Out of all the babies she has delivered, Mrs. Montague has delivered with only three sets of twins. Her busiest time was once when she went three days and nights without sleep. "I had already been up for two days and nights, and just got home," Mrs. Montague said, "when somebody came to get me to go to another one. I told him I couldn't do it—that I was too tired. 'Well we've tried to get somebody else,' the man told me, 'and now I just don't know what to do.' So I got out of bed and stayed up another day and night," Mrs. Montague told.

She got her start back in the days before there was any doctor or nurse on Roanoke Island. "I used to have a little horse that I would ride around to get to the places," she said. The first doctor to help her was Dr. Fox.

Mrs. Montague says that Dora Davis is about the last living associate that she had when she was just a girl growing up. Mrs. Davis still lives at Wanchese too.

## UNLAWFUL TO CLEAN SEPTIC TANK WITHOUT HEALTH DEPT. PERMIT

Dare County has an ordinance forbidding anyone to clean septic tanks unless a permit has been issued to him by the health officer or his authorized representative, it was pointed out this week by the Currituck-Dare district health department officials.

"Unauthorized persons are visiting homes in this area and offering to clean out septic tanks at excessive rates," the officials stated, "and your health department requests your cooperation in curtailing this offense. If anyone approaches you about cleaning your septic tank make him show you a permit from the health department."

This law was passed for public protection. If all the residents of the county will cooperate, the department pointed out, this type of unauthorized service can be stopped.

## HENRY J. HOLMES, NATIVE OF EAST LAKE DIES

Elizabeth City. — Funeral services for Henry Jordan Holmes, who died March 11, were conducted March 12 at the Twiford Funeral Home by the Rev. D. J. Reid, pastor of the City Road Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. L. Sigsbee Miller, pastor of the Pearl Street Assembly. Pallbearers were Burnette Basnight, Foster Basnight, Buster Brickhouse, Elmer Holmes, Thomas Holmes and Melvin Dixon. Burial was in New Hollywood Cemetery.

Mr. Holmes was a native of East Lake, but had lived in Elizabeth City for 40 years.

## NUMBER OF FIRES ENDANGER HOMES ROANOKE ISLAND

### Marsh Fires Believed To Have Been Started Purposely On South End

Almost the whole south end of Roanoke Island has been burned over within less than a week, as a result of what is thought to be the work of vagrants.

Last Thursday night a fire was started in the marsh at Skyco which burned almost all the way to Wanchese on the west side of the highway, destroying also a good amount of young timber near the highway. A high north-east wind fanned the flames and spread them rapidly. The fire eventually burned itself out.

Monday morning another fire was started on the east side of the highway a few hundred yards south of where the first one began at Skyco, and the Manteo fire department was called to protect property at Wanchese. A strong northwest wind pushed the flames southward across the marsh and into some of the woods at the north end of the village of Wanchese, destroying a considerable number of trees and endangering property on the extreme east edge of the village.

Esman Gallop started a backfire to keep the flames away from his home, and the truck was called to Stand by. Later, the flames worked their way southward across the eastern edge of the village and all the homes on that side were in some danger, but no property was destroyed other than woodland.

The domesticated wildfowl at Mill Landing were driven from their home on the east side of the creek, and were somewhat unhappy about it.

The fire burned all the way to the south end of the marsh.

Wednesday afternoon another fire brought out the fire truck to Wanchese again. This time it was a fire of somewhat lesser magnitude near the highway just north of Luther Daniels' home. No great damage was reported.

The fires first started last week on Wednesday when a large number of acres of timber was burned on the north end of Roanoke Island west of the Brown Etheridge home and westward to the Airport boundary. Many homes of Negro citizens were in danger, but the fire department was on hand to prevent loss.

Many people have expressed the belief that the fires have been started purposely in the marsh, not really intending to do any damage. But nevertheless the fires spread and endangered valuable property in other areas of the Island.

## ALPHEUS DRINKWATER HOME FROM HOSPITAL

After a month in Albemarle Hospital, where he underwent surgery, Alpheus Drinkwater has returned to his home and friends who have crowded in to visit him find him astonishingly improved in health and spirits.

Following some weeks of increasing discomfort Mr. Drinkwater's condition became acute a month ago, his illness being diagnosed as euremic poisoning.

It required a week's treatment to get him in condition for surgery and he reacted with a surprising energy after the removal of enlarged glands that were obstructing the discharge of his kidneys.

His condition began to clear up immediately and he was further reassured by laboratory tests that made certain that nothing of a malignant nature was present.

Mr. Drinkwater's daughter, Dorothy, a veteran of the Army Nurse Corps who served through the North African and Italian campaigns was constantly with her father. He is up and around part of each day, sleeps well and is rapidly regaining his strength. The illness, he and his family now believe, was a silver-lined cloud—it finally got the Western Union office out of the house. Mr. Drinkwater retired as operator last year but the company just ignored him and left the office where it was until the family just moved off and left it for a month.

## MONUMENT WEARING BIDS INVITED FOR REPAIR

The Wright Monument at Kill Devil Hills is wearing and needs repair. It is in a mighty bleak spot and bids are being asked for the work, which calls for cutting out and re-pointing joints in stone and brickwork, caulking and other bricked work.

Information may be obtained on application to Horace A. Dough, Supt.

With the beginning of Spring sportsfishing along the Outer Banks, the ferry traffic at Oregon Inlet during April should more than double the February figures. By early summer additional ferries are planned to be in operation at Oregon Inlet to take care of See FERRY, Page Ten