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## COUNTY BOARD TO SPEND \$50,000 ON COURTHOUSE

New Vaults for County Records, Plus Office Space from Lindquist Fund

Some \$50,000 is to be spent soon on Dare County's ramshackle old courthouse, built in 1904. The county commissioners have approved the spending of the \$50,000 recently realized from the sale of the land donated to Dare County by the late David Lindquist of New York, and which was bought by the National Park Service, Ed Pugh, Jr. of Elizabeth City, a native of Wanchese, was employed to supervise the work at a fee of one fourth of 7% of the awarded contract.

The board this week approved a request and forwarded same to the highway commission for an all-weather road from Manns Harbor to Mashoes, and asked for drainage improvements at Avon. Appearing in behalf of the Mashoes road were Wilbur Pinner, C. W. Mann, Will Mann, John Midgett and W. S. White.

The board voted to cancel a charge of \$139.14 taxes of N. F. Jennett of Buxton for the years 1938-40-41, and to reconvey to him certain lands sold for taxes, on payment of the sum of \$68.81.

## PARK HISTORIAN IS NOW ON JOB FOR SEASHORE

Albert Dillahanty Located in Dare County in Connection With Project

The National Park Service stated today that Albert Dillahanty, park historian, has entered on duty at Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area by transfer from Statue of Liberty National Monument, New York.

The assignment of Dillahanty to the area will assist the National Park Service to move forward with its project to collect and assemble the history of the settlement, development and maritime activities the "Bankers." Since much of information is unwritten, have been passed from generation generation by word of mouth, and in privately owned documents, Dillahanty will have to work closely with the people of the Outer Banks. He will, in time, become a familiar figure along the entire length of the Seashore area. Since arriving on September 1, he has made several trips to Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and to the village of Hatteras. The island of Ocracoke is yet to be explored.

Although Dillahanty finds this area quite different from his native Tennessee, he was familiar with the North Carolina country prior to his assignment here. He trained with the famous 101st Airborne Division at Fort Bragg and, while there, married the former Wilda Comer, also a Tennessean, who was employed by the War Department in High Point. They made their home in High Point for a number of years. Both Dillahantys trace their ancestors back through the hill country of what is now eastern North Carolina before final settlement in Tennessee.

Dillahanty is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman Junior College, Henderson, Tennessee; received his B.S. from Bethel College, McKenzie, Tennessee; his M.A. from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and has done post graduate work at the University of Tennessee and the American University, Washington, D. C. Before coming to the National Park Service, he was affiliated with the Tennessee public school system.

In 1948, Dillahanty joined the National Park Service and was assigned to Shiloh National Military Park, a Civil War battlefield on the Tennessee-Mississippi border. While there, he wrote the Shiloh Historical Handbook, a National Park Service publication, and did much to complete the rosters of soldiers who participated in that battle. In recognition of outstanding work on Confederate records, the United States Congress presented him with a medal at the national convention in Washington.

From Shiloh, Dillahanty was moved to Statue of Liberty National Monument where he directed the interpretive programs, historical restorations and museum work at the Statue, Castle Clinton National Monument and Federal Hall Memorial National Historic Site.

The Dillahantys, who are temporarily living in one of C. N. Evans' beach cottages, have an eight-year-old daughter, Alberta, and a son, John, age three. A permanent residence is to be established in Manteo.

## VISITING EVANGELIST



LUTHER TASKER, who is holding revival services at the Assembly of God Church, Buxton, Rev. Tasker is a visiting evangelist of Adams' Hill, and will hold services nightly except Monday for the next two weeks. Robert E. Rayle, Jr. is pastor.

## PAGEANT CLOSSES 1954 SEASON ON ROANOKE ISLAND

Lost Colony Showed to 45,227 Paying Customers in 1954

Due to a series of incidents, most of which involved weather conditions, the Lost Colony paid attendance for the 1954 season ending last Sunday totaled only 45,227 as compared to 52,157 during the 1953 season, according to statistics released this week by General Manager R. E. Jordan.

Nevertheless, with plans for new kinds of promotion and hopes for better breaks from the weather, the Lost Colony will begin its 1955 season on June 25 next year and continue through Labor Day eve, September 4, it was stated.

The Paul Green drama showed to 6,940 less persons this year than in 1953, and gross receipts dropped in comparison to last season. Just how much loss occurred in 1954 will not be officially known until the state auditors arrive next month to make an accounting of the year's business. All bills for 1954 are not yet in, and the drama's year does not end until September 30. Manager Jordan has advised all who do business with the show to have their final statements in by September 30 in order to be paid and included in the current year's business.

Jordan pointed out that of the 62 performances scheduled for 1954, three were total rainouts. Of the remaining performances shown, there were four or five partial rainouts during which attendance dropped to a minimum and then, at the very end of the season when some of the loss could have been regained, Hurricane "Carol" came on a Monday, resulting in four nights when attendance did not total an average one night performance near the close of the season.

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## WARRENS AND HOYTS VISIT OUTER BANKS

Among prominent North Carolinians visiting the Outer Banks, including Nags Head and Hatteras Island during the week end while stopping at the Arlington Hotel, Nags Head were Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Warren and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hoyt, Washington merchant. On Saturday the party drove to Hatteras Island, it being the first visit of Mr. Hoyt.

Mr. Warren, who was highly complimented recently by Governor Umstead, said some nice things about the Governor too. He said it was most fortunate for the Coastland that the Governor was so intensely interested in the ferries and the progress of the Cape Hatteras Seashore project, and in building the Croatan Bridge at this time. Mr. Warren said the bridge is a great forward step for the area, and that Governor Umstead's interest means that we will not be saddened by any toll bridge, which is unthinkable in North Carolina.

## MORE COLLEGE STUDENTS

Several names of students going away to school were inadvertently omitted last week. Among them are the following: James Buxton Daniels of Wanchese, who is entering the Norfolk Division of William and Mary; Jacqueline Farrow of Waves, UNC, Chapel Hill; Reuben Payne and Bobby Twiford of Manteo, N. C. State College, Raleigh; Michael Hayman of Nags Head, McDonough Military Institute, Baltimore, Md.

Marie Etheridge and Ray Jones, Jr., of Manteo, East Carolina College, Greenville.

## DISTINGUISHED NEWER CITIZENS OBSERVE EVENT

The Huntington Cairns of Southern Shores Have Birthday Party

Florence and Huntington Cairns went back to Washington this week—but not home.

From here out, for the second half of the hundred years they plan to live, home will be Dare County and Washington just a place where he has a job.

Just when they decided to become citizens of North Carolina—she was born in North Carolina—they don't quite know, but the idea began to take form when they came down for their first visit 17 years ago.

Last week it became informally official when Mr. Cairns, as Mrs. Cairns puts it, decided to give himself a birthday party. He was fifty years old and the party began on Wednesday evening at their house in the Southern Shores area of Kitty Hawk.

By the time the party ended three evenings later both had decided that they were so filled with North Carolina vittles that they could never think of themselves as anything but Tar Heels again. And so from here out they will be citizens and, as often as they can manage it, residents.

Officially Huntington Cairns is secretary and treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery of Art in Washington. He is also general counsel for the Gallery and as near as any one man can be, he is the Gallery. In collaboration with the late Judge N. A. Townsend, Cairns acting for the late Andrew W. Mellon and Townsend for the late President Franklin D. See EVENT, Page Four

## NEW NEIGHBORS GREET FOLKS OF CHICAMICOMICO

Growing Civic Club at Mirlo Beach Lodge Plans for Progress

When the Civic Club of Rodanthe and Waves met at their regular meeting time Saturday night they had their largest gathering, and gained several new members. Their meeting was held at the new Mirlo Beach Lodge, half a mile north of Rodanthe, and was presided over by W. W. Edwards, the president.

The club discussed the forthcoming fishing contest which takes place September 22-24. Mr. Edwards called on General Robert C. Macon, President of the Mirlo Corporation, who spoke briefly, welcoming the group to the Lodge. He spoke of their interests in general, and what may be expected to come to pass in the way of development in the great natural playground of this area.

A barbecue dinner was served buffet style in the Lodge Kitchen, the ladies of the community being assisted by the Macon group. General Macon was accompanied by his wife, his sister-in-law, Mrs. Edward Macon and her daughter, Miss Mary Mason and they spent a week at the Lodge.

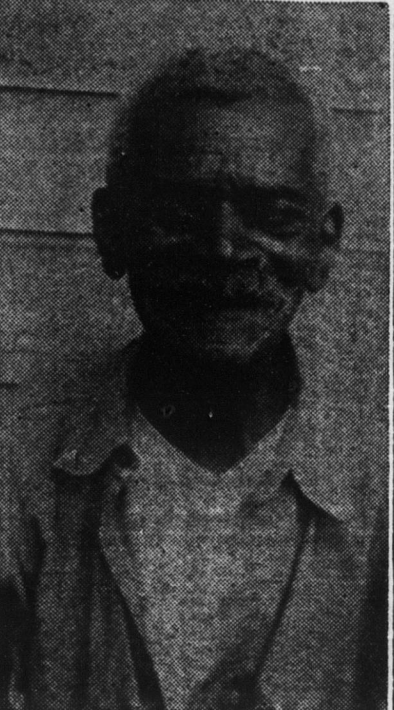
Upwards of 70 people attended the dinner, and among those in the party were:

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Meekins, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Midgett, Zeke Midgett, Mrs. George Eason, Mrs. G. W. Midgett, Miss Norma Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roadcap, Miss Jazania Herbert, Dan Morrell, Mr. and Mrs. John Herbert, Mrs. R. B. Payne, R. D. Owens, Jethro Midgett, Mrs. Olive Patrick, Mrs. Valton Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. Fred O'Neal, all of Rodanthe.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Gray, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gray, D. L. Gray, Newcomb Midgett, Mrs. Nellie Farrow, Mrs. C. L. Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Midgett, A. V. Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. O'Neal, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Midgett, all of Waves.

Dr. and Mrs. Sharp and two children of Buxton, Capt. Steve Basnight of Salvo; Reuben Etheridge of Manteo; Clara Frank and Jack Frank of Gary, Ind.; and Lawrence Bender of Beardstown, Ind.; Gen. and Mrs. R. C. Macon of California, Md.; Mrs. E. B. Macon and Miss Mary Macon of Washington, D. C.; Victor Meekins and Bill Meekins of Manteo.

## BEST LOVED NEGRO IN DARE DIES AT 90



WILLIAM HENRY WOODLEY, a gentle old man who was loved by everyone, died Monday of this week at his home near the Manteo Airport, and he had lived within a few hundred yards of this spot all his life, having been born in this vicinity October 25, 1864. He was Dare County's oldest negro, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was the son of the late John and Barbara Woodley, and one of a large family; only one of whom remains alive, a brother, John W. Woodley, Roanoke Island merchant.

His wife died 17 years ago, and of the children, only one remains, Jim Woodley who is in the Pullman Service. A stepson is Capt. George E. Pruden of Norfolk, who formerly was in command of Pea Island Coast Guard Station. There are several grandchildren.

The last days of Mr. Woodley were spent in considerable discomfort, due to the aches and infirmities of age, but he was always cheerful, he did not complain about his tribulations. He was thankful for his friends and their remembrances. He loved people, and all people who knew him loved him too. He will be greatly missed on Roanoke Island.

## LINWOOD MAYO, NEW ADMINISTRATIVE AID FOR SEASHORE PARK

Linwood E. Mayo, administrative assistant to Allyn H. Hanks, Superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, arrived on Saturday, September 4, 1954 to take up his duties. Mr. Mayo's duties will be to act as office manager and assist the Superintendent in carrying National Park Service policies and program in the areas in and around Manteo as they are developed for the good of all peoples.

Mr. Mayo was born in Bar Harbor, Maine and educated in the schools of that town. He was married in 1944 to Gladys Scott of Silver Spring, Maryland and they have three children, Paul, age 9, Donna, age 6 and Timothy Clarke, 14 weeks.

Mr. Mayo served over three years in the Naval Reserve during World War II at the Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J. and the South Pacific. Mrs. Mayo also served her country in the WAVES at Lakehurst, N. J.

Previous to coming to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, Mr. Mayo was affiliated with the National Park Service at the Statue of Liberty National Monument, Bedloe's Island, New York and Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, Maine.

Before entering Government service Mr. Mayo was assistant to Dr. John J. Bittner at the Jackson Memorial Laboratory, research in cancer and genetics, at Bar Harbor, Maine, and in the See MAYO, Page Eight

## USAF OFFICER IN MANTEO TWO DAYS EACH MONTH

Technical Sergeant Dallas E. Quitley, Jr., the Air Force recruiting officer for Dare County and six other eastern Carolina Counties has announced that he will be in Manteo two days each month. The sergeant will be at the Manteo Post Office each first Friday and Saturday and will take applications for the regular air force, women in the air force and also interview prospective aviation cadets. Anyone interested may see him at this time or write: USAF Recruiting Station, Post Office Box 358, Greenville, N. C.

## PARK SERVICE PLANS MUSEUM AT BODIE ID.

Road To Be Hard-Surfaced; Architect Lays Groundwork This Week

L. B. Coryell, architect from the Richmond, Va. office of the National Park Service, spent the greater part of last week in Manteo making preliminary plans for establishment of a natural history museum in the larger of the existing buildings at the Bodie Island Lighthouse. Those familiar with the area will recall that this structure was, for a great many years, the residence of the lighthouse keeper.

Mr. Coryell, working with Jess Denniston, resident engineer for the Cape Hatteras National Recreational Area, surveyed the building and prepared tentative plans for converting the building for public use. These plans provide for exhibit space, rest room facilities and outdoor platforms or blinds from which wildlife in the nearby fresh water ponds can be observed. In conjunction with this development, the present dirt access road will be realigned and hard-surfaced.

The natural history museum is to be the second planned by the National Park Service for the Seashore Area. The first was opened at the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse in July of this year and is devoted almost exclusively to the story of shipwreck and disaster in "The Graveyard of the Atlantic." The new museum will portray one of the less turbulent stories of the "Outer Banks", but one in which thousands of tourists have a vital interest. Exhibits relative to plant, animal and marine life will predominate, but some space will be devoted to ever changing story of coastlines, inlets, sounds and tide. Present plans call for the opening of the museum before the summer season of 1955.

## LUCY STOWE, HATTERAS, LANDS BLUE MARLIN

Third Woman To Land One Of These Big Fish Off N. C. Coast

Hatteras—Miss Lucy Allen Stowe, native of Hatteras and an employee of the U. S. Weather Station there for several years, landed the largest of three blue marlin taken off Hatteras on Labor Day. She is the third woman to land one of these great game fish off the North Carolina coast, and the first North Carolinian to boat one this season.

Total blue marlin score for the Dare coast this summer advanced to 10 when the three were brought in to the Blue Marlin Fishing Docks here on Monday. Of the 10, nine had been taken by Virginians who are coming to Hatteras in increasing numbers to pit their skill against billfishes generally and blue marlin in particular.

Miss Stowe was fishing from Capt. Edgar Styron's new cruiser the Twins II. A new record for the American coast, and possibly any other big game fishing port where blue marlin were taken, was made on this cruiser Monday. Two of the great fighting billfishes were taken, the second, a 172-pounder being landed by Walter Wilkins of Norfolk who is associated in the ownership operation of the Blue Marlin Fishing Center. They landed their fish at a point near the Continental Shelf 10 miles southeast of Diamond Lightship. In approximately the same waters on Monday, J. A. Pugh III trolling from Capt. Bill Webb's cruiser Bill Jack, hooked and boated a 236 pound marlin. The 320 pounder measured 11 feet seven inches from tip to tip and 52 inches around its girth.

Previously at Hatteras this season Dr. J. C. Overbey of Norfolk had landed a 442-pounder on June 12 and a 391-pounder on August 13. Sidney Bowen boated a 231-pounder on August 20. In the Oregon Inlet fishing fleet to date, four blue marlin have been landed, two by anglers fishing from Willie Etheridge's Chee Chee, one (and the largest) by an angler fishing from Capt. Les and Fred Evan's Ranger and one from Greg Basnight's boat the Slow and Easy.

Before Miss Stowe's catch on Monday, two blue marlin had been landed by women anglers off Hatteras. The first was boated by Mrs. Ross H. Walker of Richmond, Va. on July 13, 1952 and the second, on August 19, 1952, by Mrs. W. T. Wilkins of Piqua, Ohio.

## GOLDSBORO FIRM LOW BIDDER FOR BUILDING OF CROATAN SOUND BRIDGE

T. A. Loving Company Offers to Build It For \$2,530,064.90; Approaches to Bridge to Cost \$158,423; Project Expected To Take Two Years in Building.

## DARE BOY IN JAPAN



Atsugi, Japan (FHTNC)—Major Col. R. V. Best, son of Guy V. Best of Stumpy Point operates a slicing machine while serving with a squadron of Marine Air Group 11, a unit of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing at the U. S. Naval Air Station here.

## LEARY HAVING SADIE HAWKINS EVENT SUNDAY

Is Institution at Nags Head Now After Six Years Of Operation

The third "Sadie Hawkins Day" of the 1954 season will be held this Sunday, Sept. 12 at Leary's Bingo, Nags Head. "We really are offering some beautiful merchandise this year," is the announcement this week of W. K. Leary, manager of the amusement place.

"Sadie Hawkins Day" began in 1949 at the close of the first season of bingo at Nags Head. Rather than hold the remainder of their merchandise over till the next summer, the bingo operators decided to show their appreciation to their patrons. So, the idea of "giving it all away" was originated then and has continued since, being well patronized each year. Several thousands dollars worth of prizes, ranging from baby bottles to washing machines, are given away each year at these events.

Leary says that more and finer prizes are in store this year than ever before, and will make their receivers very happy. The bingo stand will open at 12 noon.

## FRANK W. MUSTIAN PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

Camp Tokyo, Japan.—Frank W. Mustian, son of Dr. Wallace F. Mustian, Kill Devil Hills, recently was promoted to captain while serving with Camp Tokyo Headquarters in Japan.

The 26-year-old officer, assistant claims officer in the legal section, arrived overseas last January from Fort Jackson, S. C. Captain Mustian is a 1943 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## AVON BOY VISITS PARIS ON NAVAL CRUISE

Norfolk, Va. (FHTNC)—Paris, city of light, was the high point of a two month Midshipmen Training Cruise just completed by Cecil Williams, seaman, USN, son of Mrs. Ruby Williams of Avon.

The cruise designated "Midshipmen Cruise Baker" gave Naval Reserve Officer Corps Midshipmen from over 40 colleges and universities on-the-job training aboard ship.

The ship returned Sept. 3rd and stopped at Grenock, Scotland; Brest, France and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Tours were arranged for Midshipmen and the ship's company to Glasgow, London and Paris.

The Wisconsin was flagship of the training squadron which included five destroyers and destroyer escorts, an oiler and a high speed transport.

Good news for the South Alabamian section of North Carolina came out of Raleigh this week.

Low bids totaling \$6,839,037.50 were received by State Highway engineers Tuesday for 30 road improvement projects, including a 2.7-mile long bridge across Croatan Sound between Manns Harbor and Manteo.

The Highway Commission was to review the low bids at its regular meeting Thursday. Some 294 bids were opened Tuesday.

T. A. Loving Co. of Goldsboro was low bidder with \$2,530,064.90 on the Croatan Sound bridge. Highway Chairman A. H. Graham said allocations available for the construction of the bridge total \$2,750,000. He added that the bid on the project plus engineering costs would about equal the allocation.

Other major projects on which bids were opened include: 12 miles of grading and structures from the Johnston-Harnett line for relocating U. S. 301; four miles of grading and structures in Lincoln for relocating N. C. 150 for a bypass at Lincoln; and 5.3 miles of grading and structures for relocating U. S. 29 around Reidsville.

Dare — Bridge over Croatan Sound on U. S. 64 between Manns Harbor and Manteo. T. A. Loving & Co., Goldsboro, \$2,530,064.90.

Dare—0.9 mile of muck excavation and hydraulic embankment in the relocation of U. S. 64 from Manns Harbor-Mashoes road about six miles southeast of Mashoes, east to Wier Point. (Approaches to proposed Croatan Sound bridge). Steen Contracting Corp., Norfolk, Va., \$158,423.00.

## TWO NEW FISHING RECORDS MADE FOR COAST AREA

Nags Head.—Two new fishing records were made in waters off the Dare Coast during the current week. Both records involved billfish catches.

On Wednesday, two Kentucky anglers, trolling from Capt. Kermit Godsey's cruiser Wilbur G. off Oregon Inlet hooked and boated a pair of sailfish. The anglers were Thomas W. Lambert and Thomas P. Lambert of Henderson, Kentucky. Their sails measured six feet one inch and seven feet four inches.

In addition to the two sails, it was the first time two of these fish had ever been taken in one day from a single boat off Oregon Inlet, being caught on the Wilbur G, a 40 pound whelp was also landed. The latter fish was taken by Elmer Largent of Ashland, Ky.

Another similar record was made off Hatteras on Monday when two blue marlin were boated in one day by anglers fishing from the same boat.

Generally speaking the fishing which was hampered only temporarily by Hurricane "Carol" has been excellent since last Saturday. Three blue marlin were taken on Monday at Hatteras, and a vernal sailfish along with hundreds of dolphin and amberjack and other blue water varieties of fish, have been caught off Oregon Inlet and Hatteras during the week.

Inshore fishing from the ocean See FISHING, Page Four

## DARE SCHOOLS OPEN TUESDAY, SEPT. 7

Enrollment 1151 for County; More Registrations Expected

The total enrollment for Dare County schools on the second day of the school year was 1151, according to Mrs. Mary L. Evans, county superintendent. This is approximately the same number as last year's enrollment. However, it is expected that the attendance will increase, as a number of new families are moving into the county, and many residents who are taking vacations after the rush summer season will be home in a few more days.

The enrollment broken down is as follows: Manteo high school, 141; Manteo elementary, 193; Buxton high school, 76, elementary; 93; Kitty Hawk high school 38, elementary 178; Roanoke high school 20, elementary 51; Wanchese 122; Manns Harbor 82; Avon 42; Hatteras 93; Stumpy Point 22.