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#### MANTEO, N. C., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1954

HUNTING SEASON

**OPENS TOMORROW** 

The Usual Good Hunting Is Expected This Year In

Hyde County

The deer and bear hunting

season opens in Hyde County to-

morrow, October 15, and runs

through Saturday, January 1st.

According to reports, it looks as

if hunting this season will be as

good as usual in the county. The

deer population is believed to be

about as large as usual, and the

bear population seems to have

increased, in view of a good

many reports of damage to crops

The squirrel season also runs

from October 15 to January 1 in

Hyde County this year .

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### GOOD FISHING FOR OCRACOKE WOMAN GREAT GREAT GRANDMOTHER DEER AND BEAR NAGS HEAD EVENT **EASILY PREDICTED**

#### Channel Bass Caught During Past Week End Were Large; One 50-Pounder Taken

If weather and fishing conditions continue, as on the past week end along the coast of Dare County, the third annual Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament scheduled for October 22-24 will not only attract the greatest number of club teams, but they will have an opportunity to catch more channel bass and other surf fish than during any of the pre-vious contests. More than 25 teams have indicated they would participate in the third annual event this year, along with hundreds of individual anglers who will compete for prizes on Sunday during the open events.

Surf fishing following a midweek snap of stormy weather was perfect during the past week end. Previously the water had been too clear for perfect angling along the beaches. Scores of channel bass were taken on Saturday and Sunday between Kill Devil Hills and Hatteras Inlet, the largest a 50-pounder reeled in by H. V. Pierce of Colerain, N. C., near the battered wreck of an LST abreast the village of Waves on Hatteras Island. Pierce, who entered his 50-pounder in the Waves Annual \$100 prize contest, also accounted for a 44 pounder.

Kelly Stafford of Richmond, RFD 8, made one of the most outstanding catches at Kill Devil Hills when he brought in a 40 pound channel bass with spinning gear loaded with 15-pound test monofilament camouflaged line on a Beachcomber reel by Airex and an 8½-foot All See FISHING, Page Eight

Manteo Rotarians will continthe drive for funds for build- Boy Scouts from the seven counthe Boy Scout hut throughhouse canvas.

Due to a series of events, some p.m. Scout units from all over was also in the Air Force, but



MRS. SAIDE GARRISH, age 84, (front row right) is the proud great great grandmother of little Beverly Jean Preston, age six weeks, (front row left), who represents the fifth generation of her family at Ocracoke. Not only has "Miss Saide" lived here all of her life, but so has her daughter, Mrs. Walter C. O'Neal, and granddaughter, Mrs. Travis Williams, and great granddaughter, Mrs. Robert Preston. And baby Beverly undoubtedly is thinking, "It was good enough for them. and it's good enough for me. I'm going to be an Ocracoker."

Wanchese Group To Hear Army Engineers Friday Night at 7 P. M.

OF RURITANS

**DEEPENING MILL** 

**CREEK SUBJECT** 

The subject of deepening the channel from Pamlico Sound in-to Mill Creek at Wanchese will be the principal item of business Friday night, this week at 7 p.m. at the usual monthly dinner in the schoolhouse. The club has been working on this project for several months, and will have as guests to explain the situation, representatives of the Corp of Engineers, Wilmington office. Congressman Bonner will be invited to attend, but having just returned from a long trip, it is doubtful he can be present.



Garrish of Ocracoke, is back home at Ocracoke after two Saturday, October 16, on the courthouse lawn of Hertford, years in the Woman's Branch of fore. the U. S. Air Force. She enlisted ties of the Albemarle district will sut the remainder of October at gather to show parents and shortly after her graduation which time it is planned to en-courage the members of the local scouts to begin their house to dially invited to attend this dially invited to attend this the hours of 11 a.m. until 4:30 Texas. Mr. Helpenstill, A Texan,

Bag limits this year are as follows: DEER: daily, 1; possession, 1; season 2; BEAR: daily, 2; possession, 2; season, none; and SQUIRREL: daily, 8; possession, 16; season, 100 (may include 2 fox squirrel per day, 4 HOME AFTER 2 YEARS in possession, and 10 per season) IN WOMAN'S AIR FORCE Hunters are reminded that the law requires them to get a li-

by bears.

cense before attempting to take any wild animals or birds. The hunting license fees are: nonresident hunting, \$15.75; state resident hunting. \$3.10; combination hunting and fishing, \$4.10; county hunting, \$1.10; and hunting guide, \$5.25. These licenses may be purchased from numerous stores throughout the county or from any game warden .

A free booklet containing condensed hunting and trapping regulations for the 1954-55 season is available from stores selling licenses, game wardens or the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in Raleigh.

The waterfowl season opens on November 10th and runs throlgh Janhary 8th. Large numbers of geeese began arriving at

Lake Mattamuskeet this week and the outlook for the season is very bright. An excellent breeding season and an improved supply of feed for wildfowl has given rise to predictions of more ducks and geese thas ever be-

#### HATTERAS MASONS AND WIVES MEET AT MIRLO

About 65 Hold Dinner in Interest of Building New Lodge Hall at Buxton

wives of Hatteras Island met at

Mirlo Beach Lodge near Rodan-

the Friday night, and enjoyed a

barbecue dinner arranged by the

ladies of the Eastern Star. Mrs.

Cedric (Cecil) Midgett of Waves,



**BIG CROWD AT RALLY** 

exc.

CONGRESSMAN HERBERT C. been in operation a short time BONNER, has sent out a call for he has already signed up the a big attendance at the Demo- greater portion of the residences cratic Rally to be held at Eliza- and business houses in these beth City on Thursday, October communities as well as the Cape 21, beginning at 5 p.m., and con- Hatteras Coast Guard installacluding with a fish fry. Mr. Bon- tions. For this service he chargner says this week:

Plans and arrangements have and has special rates for busibeen completed for the First ness establishments, based on the Congressional District Demo- anticipated amount of material cratic Rally to be held at Eliza- to be movd, with a minimum beth City on Thursday, October | business fee of \$2.50 per month. 21, at 5:00 p.m. at the S. L. Barnett says that he plans to ex-Sheep school auditorium. "Elton Aydlett, Bill Dawson,

Herbert Small, Lorimer Midgett, future and hopes that these com-Jerome Flora, Sheriff W. L. Thompson and other good Democrats of Pasquotank County are See BONNER, Page Four

MYSTERY AT WAVES REMAINS UNSOLVED

Snow White Buildings Changed To Battleship Gray Overnight **October 2** 

Waves, Oct. 12-They're still

with dirt. talking about the night snow white houses in this Outer Banks village changed to gray between sunset, October 2, and dawn, October 3. So far no one here and no visitors to the area who saw the results of the strangest phenomena that ever occurred on Hatteras Island have been able tion.

the morning hours of Sunday,

LOW BIDS TOTAL CONGRESSMAN ASKS FOR BUXTON-FRISCO MAKE WAR ON \$182,479 FOR NEW GARBAGE-TRASH HATTERAS SCHOOL

> and Frisco have undertaken a project of garbage and litter

clean-up, which is already mak-

Banks. For a long time the

littered the beaches and road-

David M. Barnett of Buxton

has purchased a large truck and

has arranged for garbage pick-

up twice each week in the com-

Although the service has only

hauling distance to his disposal

Not content with simply "hid-

ing" the gartage, Barnett has se-

cured the auvice of experienced

field

thing about it.

The communities of Buxton Lively Bidding for High nd Frisco have undertaken a School Job That Has Been **Delayed Four Years** 

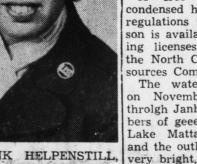
ing a marked improvement in Low bids totaling \$182,479 for the appearance of the Outer construction of a high school building at Hatteras Island were open-Coastland Times, county offied Tuesday in the office of the cials, citizens and the visiting public have thought and talked Dare County Board of Education. of the need for cleaning up the There were six bids on general garbage and debris which has construction; seven electrical bids; five plumbing bids and six heatsides. Now a group of forward looking citizens have done someing bids.

Low bids offered were as folows: General, Hunt Construction Co., \$146,000. Electrical, New Home Appliance Co. of Elizabeth munities of Buxton and Frisco. City, \$9,650. Plumbing, Kennan & Corey \$13,921. Heating, Kennan & Corey, \$12,908.

This building was made possible four years ago by Dare County's share of the school bond issue voted under the leadership of Governor W. Kerr Scott. Due to a fight between parties in Avon and es \$1.75 per month per residence Buxton as to where the school should be located and the timidity of the authorities in finally locating the school, its construction has been delayed and the children obliged to endure unfavorable accommodations in the crowded tend his pick-up service to Avon school at Buxton. The new buildand Hatteras in the very near ing is to be erected on a site some two miles west of the present munities will respond to a suffischool at Buxton, on a plot of cient degree so that he can ground opposite the home of the late A. D. Jennett. charge the same rates as in Buxton, even though he has a longer

#### HUNTING, TRAPPING BOUNDARIES IN SEASHORE PARK

sanitation e perts and has de-Pursuant to the Act of August veloped his own disposed area 7, 1937, as amended by the Act where the dimpings are burned, of June 29, 1940, and guided by treated with lime and covered the recommendations made by All of the public officials who State of North Carolina and Dehave been advised of this pro- partment of Interior representatives in February 1954, the Secgram have endorsed it most enthusiastically. Dr. Donsid retary has designated the Fed-Thorpe, the resident physician at erally owned lands within Cape the Cape Hatteras Health Cen- Hatteras National Seashore Reter, has long advocated programs creational Area open to hunting. The only area that will be to improve the health standards to give a satisfactory explana- of the communities and he favors open to hunting or trapping the project for that reason. The within the boundaries of the As it all was happening during National Park Service is primar- National Seashore on Bodie Isily interested in the appearance land, according to Chief Ranger October 3, many residents here of the island, as it is seen by its Hultman, is an area of approxi-October 3, many residents here visitors, and park officials en-were almost stifled with an odor dorse the program because they the north dike of the Goosewing believe that it will pay big divi- Club property and the north dends in the increased good will boundary of the Dare County of the traveling public which is tract. This area is bounded on one of the Outer Banks' greatest the east by a line 2000 feet west financial assets. Dare County of and parallel to the highway; Commissioners Lloyd Scarbor- on the west it is bounded by the ough and James Scarborough mean high-water mark of Roanand R. S. Smith, the county ag- oke Sound and the property desent, are all high in their praise cribed is presently in private of the communities and especial- ownership outside the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.



ing the past few weeks, the Rotary project in behalf of the Boy lic. Scouts has lagged somewhat.

Some of the committees have reported partial results of their canvassing. One or two individuals of the club had contacted all persons assigned to their committee. The fund raised hobbies, and show their collecthrough cash donations to date, according to the "Drive Thermometer" in downtown Manteo stands at approximately \$600. The fund goal is \$3,000.

E. E. Meekins, Treasurer of the Boy Scout Building Fund for the Manteo Rotary Club, reported last week the foolowing contri butions beside the \$122 previously reported:

By Martin Kellogg \$100; \$20 each by D. L. Hayman and W. R. Pearce; \$30 each by O. J. Jones anl Lawrence Swain, and \$10 each by Paul Gray, Allyn Hanks, W. A. Williams, Sam and Omie Tillett, Jess Newman, P. J. M. Bayne and charles Marshall. \$25 each by Ralph Swain, C. S. Meekins, R. D. Sawyer; \$5 each by J. H. Deniston, Mrs. Georgia Howard, Bryan Cruze. Wynne Dough, Mrs. Charles Evans, Mrs. Clara Owens, E. L. Brown, Jethro Midgett, J. E. Harris, Paul Dykstra and Toby Tillett. \$2 each by J. C. McCabe, Grace Jordan and Albert Dillahunty. \$3 by Jim Scaroborugh, and \$1 each by Millicent Osmon, and Balfour J. Baum.

HOMER W. PATE, NATIVE OF SALVO DIES IN ELIZ. CITY

Homer Wood Pate, 61, died Elizabeth City following a heavy for the skimpy new schedneart attack Saturday afternoon ule of one round trip an hour, at 3:40 o'clock. He was a native and many persons who would of Salvo, Dare County, the son of the late Willie and Dorcas Pate, the husband of Mrs. Pearl Lane Pate; carpenter and a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He had lived in Elizabeth City for several years. He lived in Manteo several years. Surviving besides his wife later boat, and the result is the are three sons, Merritt of Alexlast boat still leaves a few. At andria, Va., Carroll of Maryland late hours, an extra boat was and Gilbert Pate of Elizabeth pressed into service Sunday, but City; one daughter, Miss Ruth no relief will be in sight unless Pate of Elizabeth City; one halfan extra boat is put into service brother, McKinley Midgett of earlier. Good fishing weather of Norfolk; one half-sister, Mrs. Marinna Hill of Elizabeth City; days will continue to bring They stopped at Kill Devil Hills, packs a world of thrills and edu- has not been solved to everyand four grandchildren. large numbers of sportsmen.

involving drives for funds dur- the Albemarle will be present to after getting out came East to put on a free show for the pub- enlist with the U.S. Coast Guard

T. F. Lowry, chairman of the Fair committee, said he expects home in the East. to have 15 tents full of Scouting activities going on at the same time. The Cub Scouts will make handicraft items, work at their tions. There will also be a den Meeting. Boy Scouts will put on ects demonstrations of finger printthe ing, carpentry, woodcaring, signaling, home repairs, civil defense, Indian lore, handicraft, camping, conservation, cooking, first aid, public health, leather work, metal work, forestry, pioneering, and foundry prac-

tice. There will be no admission fee and nothing will be sold or collected. \$107,298.

#### ROTARY PRESIDENT AT MANTEO CLUB MONDAY

Egbert Peeler of Raleigh. District Rotary President, attended the meeting of the Manteo Club Monday evening, and made an inspiring talk on the ideals and performance of Rotary principles in action. Mr. Peeler visited the Elizabeth City club at noon. Several out of town visiting Rotarians were present. Following the meeting, a conference was held with the District President; this being his first official visit to the club.

#### WEEK END TRAFFIC TOO HEAVY AT OREGON INL'T

Week end traffic at Oregon Inlet ferry has proved much too osts. Bryant claimed he went to Jones' trailer seeking payment of a debt of \$1.50 Jones owed him. He visit Hatteras Island were disapcontended there was nothing to pointed during the week ends it Jones' accusations. has been in effect. On last week end, many people were unable to get on the boat. On Friday, Sat-WARREN AND WORTHY IN urday and Sunday, waiting lines DARE DURING WEEK-END of cars have been so long as to cause many to wait over for a Two retired officials from Washington, N. C., Lindsay War-

and is now training at Cape May. The couple hope to make their

LOW JIDS ANNOUNCED ON ROAD PROJECTS

NEGRO FINED FOR INVADING

NEIGHBOR'S TRAILER HOME

rtn, formerly Comptroller Gen-

eral of the United States, and

and visited Manteo.

The State Highway Commission

group. opened bids Tuesday on road proj-29 counties. Low bids for jects totaled \$3,592,619,.38. ing address, and Lloyd Scar-Included in the list was o conborough, lodge Secretary, was ed. tract for 0.9 of a mile of hydraulic one of the speakers. Asa H. Gray

embankment on U. S. 64, an ap-Victor Meekins, Fab Dailey, proach for the new bridge to be Dick Darden and L. W. Midgett constructed over Croatan Sound. This was readvertised after bids who responded with a few reproved eecessive about a month marks. ago. The low bidder this time was

A review of the lodge at Cape Nello L. Teer Company of Durham, which offered to do the job for

was outlined. The Lodge now has On a project calling for the reabout 40 members and is going location of U. S. 264 at Scranton, strong. During the meeting conn Hyde County, E. P. Brinkley of Raleigh turned in a low bid of tributions of some \$35 was hand-\$105,482 on grading, paving and ed in. Proceeds from the dinner also went to the building fund. structures; and Barnhill and Long, Inc., of Tarboro, handed in a low The meeting closed with group day, the deep gray color remainbid of \$92,486.70 on the roadway. singing.

#### CIRCUS COMING AGAIN TO NORFOLK, SAT .- SUN.

The famed Ringling Bros.

James Bryant was tried in Dare Barnum and Bailey circus is sound shore following westerly Recorder's Court Tuesday, charged coming to Norfolk on Saturday with trespassing in the trailer and Sunday of this week with two performances each day, 2:15 did have a gaseous odor more or home of Leon (Shorty) Jones near Manteo, and while he pleaded not. and 8:15 with doors open at 1 guilty, he was adjudged so by the court on two counts. For assaultbig animals and other sights and ing Jones, he was fined \$10 and wonders.

costs of court, and for stealing \$9 One of these rare attractions from Jones, he was fined \$25 and is the great hippopotamus, Colo-

> and pounds. Three tons is a lot of animal. There are hundreds of that the color of paint would be rare animals and hundreds of circus stars of international fame. Among the four great super-spectacles is Dreamland, \$300,000 to produce.

> The great hippo has a mouth boring communties had masses teeth for a peanut, but a square any unusual odors on the night meal consists of a bale of hay, and several bushels of vegetables.

Ford S. Worthy, recently U. S. Marshall for the Eastern District There's nothing like circus time for the kids, and seeing munities of similar situations .-of N. C. were visitors in Dare the kind enjoyed the past several County during the week end. "The Greatest Show on Earth" cation and delight.

that many said smelled like sul-Some 65 Masons and their phur.

Mrs. A. H. Gray, Jr., a native of Hatteras Island, explained that not only was white paint changed to gray on the exterior of most of the homes, but interiors were also discolored. Her living room still showed the efthe Worthy Matron spoke to the fect of the phenomena a week C. P. Gray, Master of the Cape after it happened, but the exter-Hatteras Lodge made an inspir- ior showed only streaks, mostly beneath the eaves, that remain-

"It was an unusual odor. presided, and called on Dick Job, Smelled like a gunshell that had just been fired," said Mrs. Gray.

Mrs. Dan Midgett is postmaster here. Her home was one of the most heavily coated with what

ever it was that changed white Hatteras, which is less than a to gray. She explained that much year old, was given. The plan of of the gray matter had disapbuilding a fine meeting place peared during the week. "The Speight Harris; a son, Comdr. sunshine seemed to bleach the Clarence Milton Speight, USCG; outside walls of houses back to their former whiteness," she explained. Still on the porches of her home in sections of the walls where the sun did not reach each Speight, both of Norfolk, and

> Newcomb Midgett, a retired Coastguardsman, believes the answer to the mystery lies with the great masses of eel grass that had accumulated on the winds in the wake of two recent World. hurricanes. The rotted grasses,

less sulphuric like. "Rotting eelways smelled like this," he explained. "I've noticed it for the

But Newcomb Midgett had never known the atmosphere to

be so heavily laden with the odor changed overnight.

Waves is two miles south of Rodanthe and two miles north of Salvo. Both Rodanthe and which it is said cost more than Salvo, like Waves, are on the residing at Manteo for the past 23 sound shore. Each of the neigh-

big enough to drop a sugar bar- of eel grass along the shore-but rel into. He will show his great there have been no reports of

of October 2, and the white

one's satisfaction.

ly of the citizens who have, promoted the project.

J. M. SPEIGHT, NORFOLK MAN DIES SUDDENLY

Joseph Milton Speight, 68, husband of Sophia May Pierce

Speight, died suddenly at Manteo, Saturday at 5:45 p.m. Besides his wife he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mary two sisters, Mrs. William Ogle, of Norfolk, and Mrs. J. C. Vann, of Corapeake, N. C.; two brothers, William C. Speight and James E. four grandchildren. Mr. Speight

was a native of Gates County, N. C., and had been a resident of Norfolk for 33 years, residing at 111 Elwood Avenue. He was a member of the Epworth Methodist Church, Wesleymen's Bible Class, Corinthian Lodge No. 266 A.F.&A.M., and Woodmen of the

Funeral services were conducted at the Hollomon-Brown MRS LOUIS COX WRITES Funeral Home Monday.

MRS. PRESTON BASNIGHT OF ROANOKE ISLAND DIES

Roanoke Island lost a highly esteemed citizen Tuesday in the

death of Mrs. Julia Amanda Pinner Basnight, 65, who died Monday afternoon in the Albemarle Hospital after a long illness. She was a native of East Lake but had been vears. Mrs. Basnight was the daugh-

ter of the late John Pinner and Mrs. Phobe Creef Pinner. Besides her husband, William clipper era. Preston Basnight, she is survived

paint on houses did not turn by two daughters, Mrs. Andrew gray. Neither were there reports Clark and Mrs. Willie Rogers from other Hatteras Island com- both of Manteo; a son, Marvin P. Basnight of Manteo; a sister, Mrs. Thus the mystery here at Waves Lillie Bratton, of Manns Harbor; a brother, Fred Pinner, of Norfolk, and six grandchildren.

The only areas open to hunting or trapping within the National Seashore on Hatteras Island are those strips of land in public ownership bordering Pamlico Sound for 250 feet toward the ocean from mean highwater and extending between the villages of Salvo and Avon, Avon and Buxton and between Frisco and Hatteras. These strips contain a total of about 500 acres.

Provisions for hunting on all ands under the jurisdiction of National Park Serivce on Ocracoke Island were also provided in the 1940 amendment to the original Act creating the National Seashore with the understanding, of course, that all such activities would be in accord with applicable State and Federal laws. Any further information desired is available at the office of the Superintendent.

## POETRY OF COASTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Cox, of Dundalk, Md., have opened their cottage, The Spindrift, at Nags Head, for part of October. Their son, Lt. Cdr. W. Robert Cox, U. S. N., Mrs. Cox and their young son, Teddy Lee, are guests.

Mrs. Cox, Sr., chairman of the poetry group of the Dundalk Woman's Club, is a native North Carolinian and is deeply intrigued by the Dare Coastland. She has put to verse a tribute to stauch ships, courageous sailormen, and heroic surf patrols of the coffee

The Priscilla's captain was a member of her family and Rasmus Midgett, of Gull Shoal Life Saving Station, was the lone surf patrolman who rescued, singlehandedly, the survivors, for which feat he received the Gold Life Saving Medal.

and 7 so that visitors may see the grass along our shores has alpast 30 years.'

nel Nile, who weighs six thous-