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## DIST. RURITAN MEETING DEC. 9 AT NAGS HEAD

About 150 Expected From Counties East of Chowan River

Upwards of 150 Ruritans are expected at Nags Head next Thursday, December 9 for a District convention. The delegates will represent clubs from the counties east of Chowan River, including Dare, according to District Governor, James W. Davis of Wanchese.

The meeting will be held at the Shrine Hall at Nags Head, and will start with a business meeting at 2 p.m., followed by a banquet at 6:30. A prominent speaker will address the dinner meeting.

Among the visitors will be the National President, William H. Brake of Rocky Mount, and National Executive Secretary, Marvin Gray of Wakefield, Va.

Mr. Davis, who is also president of the Wanchese club, reports that four clubs are active in Dare County, Avon, Hatteras, Wanchese and Manns Harbor. At one time an active club operated at Stumpy Point.

Mr. Davis mentions also that the National Convention will be held at the Hotel Statler in Washington, D. C., January 23 to 25th at which time some 1,500 delegates will attend. Ruritan has had a steady growth he says, pointing out that "Ruritan National continues to hold the sixth position in number of clubs and club membership among the nation's civic organizations. Recognizing the needs of the small community and the necessity of farmer and businessman getting together, Ruritan was formed twenty-five years ago. Once each month the many clubs (composed of one-third farmers, one-third professional, one-third optional) meet and enjoy a meal together. This is the only civic club in America that requires a certain part (one-third) of the members to be farmer. Afterward, the various committees report their progress on club objectives and projects, new business is discussed and a program entertainment is enjoyed. The ending committees cover all phases of community life, and could well be described as a chamber of commerce for rural America."

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## LATEST REPORT ON COASTAL TOLL ROAD

Bonds Not Yet Sold, But Action Contemplated in a Short Time, Attorney Says

The sponsors of the Nags Head-Virginia Beach toll road still have not sold their bonds.

Harry McMullan Jr., Washington, N. C., attorney for the Carolina-Virginia Turnpike Authority, said this week, however, that the sale may be made soon.

McMullan explained that he is scheduled to meet in New York early next week with the bonding attorneys and bond house, which are to handle the bond issues, to make final arrangements.

"All of them say," he reported, "there is no question of there being a successful sale, that it's just a question of working out the details."

The Carolina-Virginia Turnpike Authority represents North Carolina in the venture. Virginia is represented by the Coastal Turnpike Authority of Virginia Beach.

Two bond issues will be floated—one in the name of the Carolina-Virginia Authority and the other in the name of the Coastal Turnpike Authority—for a total of approximately \$3,500,000.

McMullan said the fact that two separate authorities and two states are involved has created legal problems which must be clarified before the bonds are sold.

The road will run for about 50 miles over a 24-foot wide pavement from a point north of Duck, above Nags Head, to a point south of Virginia Beach.

## CARTHER LIVERMAN HOME AFTER YEAR AT BLACK MTN.

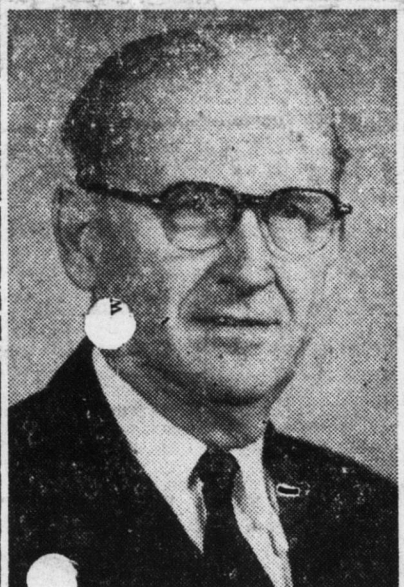
Carther Liverman, well-known Manteo man is home greeting old friends after a year and eight days in the sanatorium at Black Mountain, N. C. where he appears to have made a complete recovery from a tubercular attack. He returned home November 5. He was praising the good work done at these institutions, of which Black Mountain is a large one with some 400 patients. He is mighty happy to be back in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas with his family, and expects to go to work soon.

## BAG LIMIT BEFORE BREAKFAST AT MIRLO BEACH



LOOKS like hunting got its right start December 1. Picture shows Bill Meekins at Mirlo Beach Lodge near Rodanthe, with his limit of both ducks and geese bagged Wednesday morning before eight o'clock, leaving time for a day's work. This hunting spot is a few hundred feet south of the Pea Island Wildlife line, and is considered very good during cold, blustery weather, more than on still, calm, warm days. Several hunters have been doing well in this area. Fred O'Neal, Capt. Levene Midgett and his brother Andrew, Zeke Midgett and some others have prepared for a good season. The first three weeks of the hunting season got off slow because of beautiful weather, but now prospects are encouraging, old timers say.

## PENTECOSTAL GUEST SPEAKER IN MANTEO



DR. A. C. HOLLAND, prominent layman of the Assembly of God Church, principal of the Manteo High School, will be the guest speaker 7:30 Friday night Dec. 3 at the Manteo Church of this faith. The public is cordially invited. Dr. Holland was speaker to the men's fellowship meeting at the Wanchese church Wednesday night of this week. Dr. Holland came to Manteo this year. He served for 14 years as Supt. of Jones County Schools.

## MRS. MARY W. GRAY IS BURIED AT AVON

Mrs. Mary W. Gray died at Avon Monday night, Nov. 22. Mrs. Gray was 78 years old and the widow of the late Oliver Gray.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. B. P. Miller of Tuckerton, N. J.; and Mrs. Burgess Gray of Avon; six sons, Willard Gray and Ellis Gray of Avon; Watson Gray, Cyril Gray, Jack Gray of Norfolk; and Oliver Gray of Amegansert, N. Y.

Funeral services were conducted at the Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Lester C. Jarrett conducting and Rev. Couch, pastor of the Methodist Church, assisting. Ushers were Fred Gray and George O'Neal. The pall bearers were Blutcher Scarborough, Earl Meekins, Luther Hooper, Moody Meekins, George Meekins and Mitchell Gray.

## CADET FROM ENGELHARD LISTED ON HONOR ROLL

Major P. W. Collins Superintendent of the Camden Academy in Camden, S. C., has announced that Cadet James Allen Gibbs, son of Mrs. R. L. Gibbs of Engelhard, is listed on the Academic Honor Roll of the Academy for the three-week period ending November 15.

## DAMAGED TREES EASY PREY OF TIMBER WORMS

Blown Down Trees After Storms Casue Death of Many Others

Dare County Ranger Frank Hemilright announces that the Department of Conservation and Development, Division of Forestry's Pest Control Forester, R. L. Scheer, has asked him to point out the danger of insect infestations in pine timber which was damaged by Hurricane Hazel.

Due to the considerable quantity of timber which was blown down there is a strong possibility that bark beetles will build up to large numbers next spring and summer if we have another dry growing season. The primary danger is from Ips engraver beetles according to Mr. Scheer. These insects are already scattered over most of Eastern North Carolina and seem to be unusually aggressive. Normally these beetles cause relatively little danger in standing pine, but the extreme dry weather for the last two or three years has weakened the pine timber so that it is unable to resist an attack in a great many cases.

County Ranger Hemilright advises and urges landowners to remove all down and leaning pines from their woodlands. Those with only a slight lean and little root disturbance can probably be safely left. Those trees with a portion of their roots actually out of the ground, however, are a definite hazard and should be removed. Damaged timber should be salvaged during the coming winter months. Where it has no salvage value, it should be removed and destroyed. If it cannot be destroyed, the last resort would be to at least get it down on the ground and be sure that all roots are cut from the main trunks. This last procedure will probably have very little if any effect and therefore should not be resorted to except in extreme cases.

Only one or two damaged trees in a stand of timber can serve as a center of infestation especially when surrounding timber is in a weakened condition as it apparently is at this time. Consequently care should be taken not to overlook any down or seriously leaning trees.

## MANTEO BASKETBALLERS TO OPEN SEASON TUESDAY

Athletic officials at Manteo High School announced this week that the school's basketball season will open next Tuesday night, December 7th, when both boys' and girls' teams will meet teams from Swan Quarter High School. The first game is scheduled to get underway at 7:30 p. m.

## SURVEY URGES ALLIGATOR RIVER BRIDGE NEXT

Long Range Plans Call for Shortening U. S. 64; Many Projects Cited

A New York engineering firm has made a survey of North Carolina's road needs during the next ten years, and in it is recommended a bridge over Alligator River to cost \$2,980,300.

Projects listed for counties of the First Highway District are as follows:

Currituck—Rural roads, 46.65 miles of improvements, no new construction, \$77,000 right of way costs, \$807,000 construction costs; Municipal roads, no changes; Structures, two to be replaced, \$98,700. Total for county, \$982,700.

Dare—Rural roads, 67.34 miles to be improved, 14.49 miles new construction, \$173,500 right of way costs, \$1,873,200 construction costs; Municipal roads, 5.1 miles to be improved, 4.7 miles new construction, \$55,000 right of way costs, \$395,100 construction costs; Structures, nine to be replaced, one new, \$2,980,300. Total for county, \$5,477,100.

Hyde—Rural roads, 63.22 miles to be improved, one mile new construction, \$46,500 right of way costs, \$1,340,000 construction costs; Municipal roads, 1.1 mile to be improved at cost of \$25,000; Structures, 13 to be replaced, one new, \$323,400. Total for county, \$1,734,900.

Tyrrell—Rural roads, 45.87 miles to be improved, \$31,500 right-of-way costs, \$641,000 construction costs; Municipal roads, 0.73 miles to be improved, \$11,500 construction costs; Structures, four to be replaced, \$409,800. Total for county, \$1,093,800.

Washington—Rural roads, 36.82 miles to be improved, \$84,000 right-of-way costs; \$697,000 construction costs; Municipal roads, 10 miles to be improved, \$6,000 right-of-way costs; \$150,000 construction costs; Structures, two to be replaced; \$34,800. Total for county, \$971,800.

## DARE RECORDER HEARS "MONKEY BUSINESS"

Two cases had trivial endings this week before the Dare Recorder, both resulting in dismissals. Surely the Judge must have felt like fining the complaining witnesses who wretched when prosecution day came.

S. C. Midgett had sworn out a warrant against his son S. C. Jr. for creating a disturbance in the father's home. It must have been pretty rough going for a father to appeal to the law against his son. But the prosecution was not pressed, and the case ended in a nolo pros, tantamount to dismissal.

Mrs. Katy Hand, had her boy friend Desmond Rogers Jr. haled into court. She charged him with having stolen her pocket-book with \$50 in it. This unhappy climax of a romantic interlude had cooled off by court day and all hands moved for a dismissal. This motion was denied by the court, but later the Judge found Rogers not guilty and dismissed the case.

This Mrs. Hand, it will be recalled is a much-married defendant, who was recently brought to court by a former husband, who charged she kidnapped their children from a school in Illinois. The former husband claimed that he had been awarded custody of their children by a court order.

## NEW POSTMASTER ON JOB AT WAVES

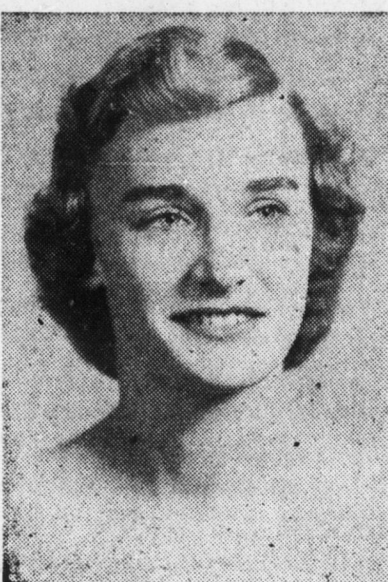
Mrs. Mattie Midgett of Waves, wife of C. A. Midgett, merchant, was installed Tuesday as postmaster at Waves by J. P. Johnson, postoffice inspector. She succeeds retired postmaster, Mrs. Anne Midgett, wife of Dan Midgett. Mrs. Anne Midgett has served as postmaster continuously since the office was established 16 years ago. Waves is the easternmost point in North Carolina.

Mrs. C. A. Midgett is a sister of Capt. Levene W. Midgett of Rodanthe.

## WOMANS CLUB TO HOLD BAKE SALE IN MANTEO

The Manteo Woman's Club is to hold a Bake Sale, Saturday, December 4th at Fearing's Drug Store, to assist in raising funds for the pediatrics table recently bought for the Dare County Health Center at a cost of \$400. The sale will begin at 9 a.m., it is reported.

## MAY COURT ATTENDANT GREENSBORO COLLEGE



MISS MAXINE SCARBOROUGH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Scarborough of Manteo, has recently been chosen as senior attendant for the May Court at Greensboro College, Greensboro, where she is a member of the senior class. Miss Scarborough was a May Court attendant year before last, and has had a number of other honors during her four years in the college.

## KELLOGG CONTINUES TO HEAD THE LOST COLONY



MARTIN KELLOGG, JR., of Manteo, Wednesday was reelected chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association at the association's luncheon session held at the Sir Walter. Other officers, all of whom were reelected are: Russell M. Grumman, Chapel Hill, vice-chairman; Isaac P. Davis, Winton, secretary; C. S. Meekins, Manteo, treasurer; and Richard E. Jordan, Manteo, general manager.

## DARE REPRESENTATIVE IMPROVES FROM ATTACK

Good news comes that Hon. R. Bruce Etheridge, Representative of Dare County is recovering in Rex Hospital, Raleigh, following a painful attack that occurred while eating a late supper in a Raleigh cafe, Tuesday night. He had gone to Raleigh with a group from Manteo, for a meeting Wednesday of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, sponsors of the Lost Colony. His illness has not been diagnosed, although at first it was called a heart attack.

He was reported Thursday as cheerful. His wife was with him, and friends called to see him.

## HIGH TIDES AT THE FISHING GROUNDS

OREGON INLET FOR DEC.		
	AM	PM
Wednesday	1 10:48	11:16
Thursday	2 11:39	
Friday	3 0:14	12:36
Saturday	4 1:15	1:35
Sunday	5 2:18	2:38
Monday	6 3:19	3:41
Tuesday	7 4:20	4:40
Wednesday	8 5:17	5:38
Thursday	9 6:13	6:33
Friday	10 7:06	7:27
Saturday	11 7:58	8:19
Sunday	12 8:49	9:12
Monday	13 9:39	10:05
Tuesday	14 10:29	10:59
Wednesday	15 11:19	11:55
Thursday	16	12:11
Friday	17 0:52	1:03
Saturday	18 1:48	1:56
Sunday	19 2:43	2:50
Monday	20 3:36	3:44
Tuesday	21 4:25	4:35
Wednesday	22 5:10	5:22
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Tuesday	28 9:02	9:22
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Thursday	30 10:24	10:53
Friday	31 11:14	11:55

## RUINS OF FRANCIS YEARDLEY'S ENGLISH HOME MAY HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED ON ROANOKE ISLE

Sun-Baked Brick Uncovered in Woods on Shannon Homeplace Near Manteo May Be Part of House Built 67 Years After Walter Raleigh's Colony Disappeared in 1587.

The discovery several days ago, of a quantity of what appeared to be ancient sun-baked brick, on the Shannon homeplace near Manteo, has given rise to a number of theories. Recollections of local residents offer little help in solving the mystery of the brick.

Back in 1654, some 67 years after Raleigh's colony disappeared from Roanoke Island, Francis Yardley came down from Virginia, trafficked with the Indians, saw the remains of Raleigh's fort, and built an English house on the island. It is now believed remains of the foundation of this house have been dug up on the property now owned by the family of the late John Shannon of Manteo.

P. B. Zevely, a Canadian engineer, who came to Nags Head this year and established a home for himself and wife, may have accidentally discovered Yardley's mansion. When Mr. Zevely learned of strange bricks being uncovered through the years near the home of Ben Shannon, he became interested. With electronic detectors he got enough reaction to convince him that considerable

"something" lay beneath the surface of the ground at the location. After making agreements with owners of the property, Zevely began digging. His first thought was the possibility of finding buried treasure. After much digging no treasure was located but several fragments of unusually large bricks were found. This spot was apparently the foundations of a residence many years ago.

Aycock Brown has sent some of the bricks to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C. for an opinion as to their origin. The report is awaited with interest.

In this connection, it is interesting to quote here the letter written by Francis Yardley to his friend John Farrar in England under date of May 8th, 1654 about his journeys, and the house he built, and which is as follows:

Virginia, Linne-Haven, this 8th May, 1654

Sir,

My brother Argol Yardley hath received many letters from you, with animadversions and instructions to encourage him in the prosecution of better designs than that of tobacco, but myself never any: yet the honour I bear you, for your fervent affections to this my native country, commands me in some measure to give you an account of what the Lord hath in short time brought to light, by the means of so weak a minister as myself; namely, an ample discovery of South Virginia or Carolina, the which we find a most fertile, gallant, rich soil, flourishing in all the abundance of nature, especially in the rich mulberry and vine, a serene air, and temperate climate, and experimentally rich in precious minerals; and lastly, I may say, parallel with any place for rich land, and stately timbers of all sorts; a place indeed unacquainted with our Virginia's nipping frosts, no winter, or very little cold to be found there. Thus much for the country; the manner and means in the discovery follows: In September last, a young man, a trader for beavers, being bound out to the adjacent parts to trade, by accident his sloop left him; and he, supposing she had been gone to Roanoke, hired a small boat, and with one of his company left with him came to crave my license to go to look after his sloop, and sought some relief of provisions of me; the which granting, he set forth with three more in company, one being of my family, the others were my neighbours. They entered it at Caratoke, ten leagues to the southward of Cape Henry, and so went to Roanoke Island; where, or near thereabouts, they found the great commander of those parts with his Indians a-hunting, who received them civilly, and shewed them the ruins of Sir Walter Raleigh's fort, from whence I received a sure token of their being there. After some days spent to and fro in the country, the young man the interpreter prevailed with the great man, and his war-captains, and a great man of another province, and some other Indians, to come in and make their peace with the English, which they willingly condescended unto; and for the favour and relief I extended to the interpreter in his necessity, in gratitude he brought them to me at my house, where they abode a week, and shewed much civility of behaviour. In the interim of which time, hearing and seeing the children read and write, of his own free voluntary motion he asked me, (after a most solid pause, we two being alone), whether I would take his only son, having but one, and teach him to do as our children, namely in his terms, to speak out of the book, and to make a writing; which motion I most heartily embraced; and with expressions of love, and many presents, crediting with cloaths, dismissed him. At his departure he expressed himself desirous to serve that God the Englishmen served, and that his child might be so brought up; promising to bring him in to me in four moons, in which space my occasions calling me to Maryland, he came once himself, and sent twice to See RUINS, Page Four

## COUPLE LOSE ALL AS HOME BURNS AT WANCHESE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Paul of Wanchese was completely destroyed by fire shortly after 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. No one was at home at the time, and the cause of the fire is undetermined. Mrs. Paul and her four children, the oldest of whom is five years old, had left a short time before to visit in the home of her father, Will Barnett. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Willie Etheridge, a close neighbor, who turned in the alarm. The Manteo fire department answered the call immediately, but the whole house was ablaze and the roof ready to fall in by the time they arrived. It was said the only articles saved were a small table and a pillow. The family lost not only the house, but all their furniture and clothing. A purse is being made up locally to help them through this time of disaster. Mrs. Paul before her marriage was Miss Almeda Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnett of Wanchese. Mr. Paul, who came from the Bath region, has been in the employ of the Daniels Building Supply Company for several years.

## MRS. BEULAH J. ETHERIDGE BURIED AT BUXTON MON.

Mrs. Beulah Ray Jenette Etheridge, a native of Buxton, died Sunday in Granville County at 1:20 p.m. She was 68 years old, and the daughter of the late Ben F. Jenette and Mrs. Jenette of Cape Hatteras. She is survived by two sons, Pat and Ray; by three sisters, Mrs. C. P. Gray, Mrs. Frank Miller of Kill Devil Hills, and Mrs. Herbert D. Middleton of Charlotte; by three brothers, W. R. Jenette of Raleigh, U. C. Jenette of Virginia Beach, and U. B. Jenette of Buxton. The funeral was conducted at 1:00 p.m. Monday from the Buxton Methodist Church, and burial was in the family cemetery.

## FAIR HAVEN HOST TO OUTER BANKS SUB DIST.

The Outer Banks M. Y. F. Sub-district met at the Fair Haven Church, Rodanthe-Waves on Monday night Nov. 29th, with 75 youth and adult workers from the 6 churches represented. A program was given by the Fair Haven group. Sonja Odin presided in the absence of the president. Announcements were made about the forth coming events of the year. Installatin service was held for the sub-district officers. The installation service was presided over by Rev. D. E. Meadows, from the Hatteras charge. The next meeting of the sub-district will be held at the St. Johns Church, Avon, in January. The representatives of Little Grove Church in Frisco took back the Banner, which was the second time this year they have done this.