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GOV. HODGES ADVOCATES INTEREST IN AIDING RESOURCES AND CURBING WASTE IN N. C.

Advocates Every Person Pay His Just Share of Taxes; As In County Government, Every Department Head Almost Has His Hand Out For More Taxpayers' Money to Spend, and New Plans Are Always Cooked Up To Spend It.

(Special to Coastland Newspapers)—In his second state-wide news conference held Friday primarily for weekly and small daily newspapers, Governor Luther H. Hodges discussed his views on many current state issues and urged the press to keep "our citizens fully informed on our governmental problems."

The Governor said he made his recent report to the people as a means of calling the public's attention to pending legislative issues. "I believe that if the people are told the facts, they will respond to this challenge as they have always responded. We in government need the understanding and constructive help of all our citizens in solving the major problems now facing our State."

For example, he added, proper solution of the water problem involves public education of the many factors involved in water conservation and the growing seriousness of dwindling water resources. The press can do much to dig into the facts in each community, county or section of the state and inform their readers on what decisions must be made in this vital public matter.

"The uses of water are increasing ever more rapidly in all categories," Hodges continued. "More and more shortages of water will occur unless its misuses are checked and sound principles of conservation and proper use are adopted. The saving of water, the proper channeling of it, and the prevention of huge losses have become a major problem of public interest and concern. Everyone who has studied the water problem agrees that it will be difficult to achieve any reasonable solution until the general public understands the seriousness of the problem."

The Governor also discussed briefly the per capita income in North Carolina as compared with other states. In 1953, North Carolina ranked 44th in per capita income as among the 48 states with South Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, and Mississippi being the only states in which per capita income was lower. Some of the reasons which have been offered in explanation include the excessive number of small marginal farms, the comparatively few industries which makes use of highly paid skilled labor, high percentage of Negroes in its population, and the unusually large ratio of school-age persons in its population. The Governor pointed out that the large number of young people makes it necessary that expenditures for education be somewhat larger than would normally be necessary.

"Among the things we need to do in North Carolina," Hodges asserted, "is to create more local capital and more actual individual interest in local processing plants who will handle the products of the farms and fields, as well as from our waters which are abounding in seafood."

The big problem in North Carolina today is fiscal, the Governor emphasized. "We need the money and people are willing to pay the extra taxes if they feel that others are paying their share of taxes, including income taxes, and if the Departments and Institutions which receive appropriations are given full value in services." On the question of a proposed state withholding tax, Hodges said that he had agreed with this proposal at first in principle, but that upon further investigation, he believed that it would not prove effective or practical at this time. A study revealed that there would be approximately 100,000 refunds per year at a cost of approximately \$50,000 per year to administer. By adding extra personnel we believe that the Department of Revenue can raise as much extra revenue at less cost to the State."

Economic, business-like administration of governmental agencies will receive a good deal of the Governor's attention in the future. "In my opinion, substantial economies can be effected in many state agencies and departments. I also believe that by doing some long-range planning for the state, instead of being content to think only in terms of one or two years ahead, our agencies and institutions will be better equipped to meet the future."

ANOTHER BIGGEST DRUMFISH LANDED IN HATTERAS SURF

Preston Quidley Wins \$100 Prize For 62-Pounder Caught July 10, 1954, on Former Gooseville Property

Buxton on Cape Hatteras, March 10.—Surf-casting for the first time in his life and on a beach newly opened to the general public when the National Park Service took over the private preserve of Gooseville Gun Club last July, BM1c Linwood M. Quidley, U.S.C.G., hooked and landed what turns out to be the biggest channel bass, or drum, landed in the United States last year and he was today so informed by Mike Ball, Fishing Contest Editor of Field and Stream.

First place carries with it an award of \$100 and some of it Quidley will likely spend for a suitable frame for the citation and maybe some framing for the set of pictures that the outdoor magazine had taken of the massive fish that was a nine-day wonder around Hatteras Island beginning last July 10th when he landed the 62-pound, eight ounce monster. It was four feet, six inches long. The only thing that he regrets now is that he ate the fish—he and his relatives and friends. He might have mounted it.

Quidley is one of the two sons of Mrs. Lilla Quidley of Cape Hatteras who are serving in the Coast Guard, as is traditional in their family. The other is En2c Preston Quidley, now stationed at the Hatteras Inlet Lifeboat Station which moved to the Gooseville Clubhouse when the Park Service swapped with the Coast Guard for other island property. Preston Quidley is one of the most unrelenting and successful surf-casters on the island, but brother

BISHOP PRAISES WORK OF DARE EPISCOPALIANS

Administers Confirmation Rites and Dedicates Organ At St. Andrews By-The-Sea

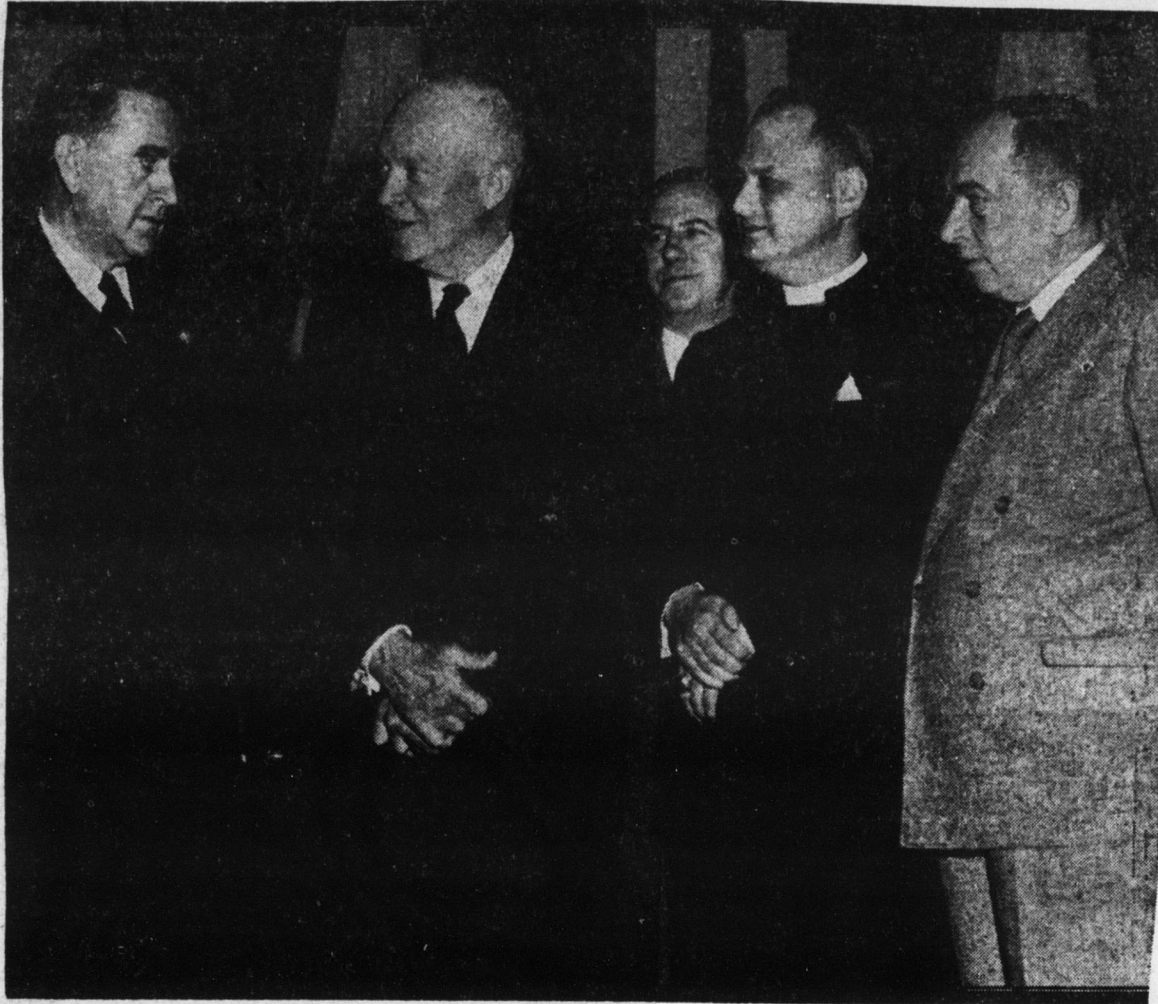
By AYCOCK BROWN
Nags Head.—On his annual visitation to St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, Monday night, Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, D. D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina was high in his praise for the church work accomplished here during the past few months by the Rev. A. C. D. Noe, his vestrymen, auxiliary and parishioners.

During an evening worship, Bishop Wright administered the apostolic rites of confirmation to 19 persons. He also inducted lay readers, the vestry of St. Andrews and its Woman's Auxiliary officers. Immediately prior to his sermon, which was a Lenten message to the congregation which filled to capacity every pew in the little church, Bishop Wright dedicated an electric organ presented to St. Andrews Parish by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Frank of Henderson in loving memory of his father, Nathan Frank and brother Harry Clay Frank. Also dedicated during the evening worship were a pair of altar candlesticks, acquired for the church by Patterson J. M. Bayne of Nags Head.

Lay readers inducted during the services were John Earle and Charles Marshall of Manteo. Members of the vestry of the recently organized parish were, Dewey Hayman, Nags Head, senior warden; Gordon Kellogg, Manteo, junior warden; R. S. Smith, Manteo, secretary treasurer; G. G. Bonner, Martin Kellogg, Jr., Aycock Brown, Manteo; and P. J. M. Bayne and Walter P. Gray, Nags Head. Officers of the Woman's Auxiliary officially installed during the services were Mrs. James C. Bardin, Manteo, president; Mrs. Ernest Yeates, vice-president; and Mrs. Mae Brinkley, Manteo, treasurer.

Following the services at St. Andrews, those attending the services were guests of the Woman's Auxiliary at a Coffee Hour

PRESIDENT INVITED TO ATTEND "THE LOST COLONY"



MEMBERS of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation, accompanied by Bishop Thomas H. Wright, Wilmington, called on President Eisenhower at the White House to extend an invitation to him to speak at Fort Raleigh and attend the showing of the drama "The Lost Colony". Congressman Herbert C. Bonner for the Governor and the Delegation and Bishop Wright for the Roanoke Island Historical Society, extended the invitation to the President. Shown above, from the left, are Senator W. Kerr Scott, President Eisenhower, Bishop Wright and First District Representative Bonner. Standing in the background is Jack Spain, Administrative Assistant to Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (Photo by Seth Muse)

MANTEO FIREMEN HONORED AT DINNER LAST THURSDAY

Ivey Evans, Retired Fire Chief, Presented Watch and Gift of \$100

The Manteo firemen were guests of honor last Thursday evening at a dinner given by W. B. Fearing and M. K. Fearing in Fearing's Cafe in Manteo. Raymond Wescott, fire chief, was master of ceremonies, George Creef, assistant chief, read a letter of appreciation from the Town of Manteo.

Ivey Evans, recently retired fire chief, was presented a watch for service to Roanoke Island during the many years he served in that capacity. The watch was a gift from the Fire Department, as also was a gift of \$100 from the department's Social Fund, which is contributed to by the firemen and by donations from people who have appreciated their services in time of need.

Among those present in addition to those named above were Newton Davis, president; Guy Midgett, vice-president; Edwin See FIREMEN, Page Four

HATTERAS BOY SERVING WITH U. S. SEVENTH FLEET

Formosa (FHTNC) — Aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Essex is Crawford R. Austin, Jr., commissaryman first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford R. Austin and husband of Mrs. Stella H. Austin, all of Hatteras.

The Essex, along with other carriers and supporting ships of the U.S. 7th Fleet, have been participating in the evacuation of the Tachen Islands.

The Essex has been launching her Banshee, Cougar and Panther jet fighters and propeller driven Skyraiders day and night to help with the success of the operation.

ARMY ENGINEERS TO DEEPEN OCRACOKE CHANNEL TO 12 FT.

Washington, March 8.—Wallace Channel in the Ocracoke Inlet area is to be dredged to a depth of 10 feet, Rep. Graham A. Barden and Herbert C. Bonner were informed this week by Brig. Gen. E. C. Itchner, Corps of U. S. Army Engineers.

The two Eastern N. C. Congressmen have consistently pressed for increasing the depth of the channel, which is the gateway to Pamlico Sound and is used extensively in commercial fishing. Last year they were successful in having the dredging project incorporated in the Rivers and Harbors Act, with an authorization of \$188,000 for increasing the depth to 12 feet.

While the present proposal falls two feet short of the original authorization, both Barden and Bonner expressed gratification that Wallace Channel is to get this partial relief, looking forward to the full authorized depth of 12 feet at a later date.

Itchner said the proposed dredging "is considered of an emergency nature" and "it is expected that dredging operations will be initiated at the earliest practicable date during this spring."

With a view toward further development of navigation in the See CHANNEL, Page Four

MANN'S HARBOR HOLINESS HAS TRUMPETER PREACHER

Revival services are being conducted at the Manns Harbor Holiness Church each evening at 7:30 from now through March 20 by Rev. W. C. Unruh of Atlanta, Ga. In addition to being a preacher, Rev. Unruh is also a trumpet player and promises special music at each service.

BUY EASTER SEALS TO HELP CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Drive Begins March 10; Mrs. W. B. Fearing of Manteo Is Chairman for Dare County

The annual Easter Seal sale for the benefit of crippled children will begin Thursday, March 10, according to announcement by Mrs. W. B. Fearing of Manteo, chairman for Dare County. Mrs. Ephy Priest of Manteo is secretary-treasurer. These two, together with Dr. W. W. Johnston, Miss Delroy Burrus and Miss Bessie Draper, constitute the board, and they stated that they had received great co-operation in the past, which they appreciated, and hope to receive the same fine co-operation again this year.

Letters containing the seals are being mailed out and each person receiving one is asked to send in a contribution promptly. In case the seals are not wanted, Mrs. Fearing stated it was not necessary to return them. Also it is possible that a number of people who would like to contribute might not receive one of these letters, but their contributions will be welcome. They can be mailed to Mrs. Fearing or Mrs. Priest in Manteo.

Coin cards are being sent to the school children, and each child who returns the card with coin or coins attached will receive a pink Easter bunny pin.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM BOMB CAUGHT IN NETS

Carl Mann, Commercial fisherman of Manns Harbor, mainland village of Dare County conceded Saturday that he was a lucky man. On Friday while towing net in Croatan Sound hoping to catch crabs he landed a World War II bomb or depth charge. Taking it ashore someone suggested that the Navy should be notified. On Saturday a Navy demolition squad went to Manns Harbor, saw what it was and went about business of exploding same. The blast was so terrific that many windows in stores and residences of Manns Harbor were shattered and shock of blast also shook windows in Manteo on Roanoke Island and resort villages along the beach. Someone jokingly stated that it was "the last shot of World War II." Carl Mann's comment was, "No telling where me and my boat would be today if that thing had gone off when it got fouled in my net."

FINE FOR FIGHTING AND THROWING POP BOTTLE

Jerry Bell McCleave, young Manteo Negro, was fined \$10 and costs of court, and ordered to pay for some window panes at the home of Geo. A. Wise, his uncle. Mrs. Wise had brought charges that McCleave had thrown a pop bottle through a window at two men, employed as bridge-workers, who slept in their home—namely George Brimmer and James Davis. Davis was also fined \$10 and costs for assaulting McCleave next day.

IMMEDIATE START ON \$300,000 INITIAL ROAD PROJECT FOR OCRACOKE ISLAND ASSURED

Governor Hodges' Visit Assures Beginning of Section of Road To Unite Ocracoke and Hatteras Islands; Visit of Official Party Saturday Pleases Islanders and Assures Citizens of Their Place in The State's Economy.

N. J. TOLAR HEADS DARE NCEA UNIT FOR NEXT TERM

Dr. Herbert Mulholland of N. C. Department of Public Instruction Guest Speaker

N. J. Tolar of Manteo, school supervisor for Dare County, was elected president of the Dare County unit of the N.C.E.A. Saturday when the Dare group met for a luncheon at the Arlington Hotel at Nags Head. Other officers elected were Rev. R. E. Rayle, Jr., of Buxton, vice-president; Mrs. Fred Trew of Nags Head, secretary; and Mrs. Irene B. Midgett of Kill Devil Hills, treasurer. Mr. Tolar was also named delegate to the state convention at Asheville.

The speaker for the day was Dr. Vester Mulholland, director of research and statistics of the N. C. department of public instruction. He used as his topic the problem of public relations in connection with school problems.

Mrs. Violet Austin of Hatteras, retiring president, presided at the luncheon. She made the address of welcome and introduced the guests, who included Herbert Settemyere of the extension division of N. C. State College, who accompanied Dr. Mulholland; Miss Sarah Halliburton of Kill Devil Hills; members of the county and local school boards; and the teachers of Dare County. Robert L. Terrell pronounced the invocation and Mrs. Wallace Mustian of Kill Devil Hills rendered special accord selection. Mrs. D. E. Evans, county superintendent, introduced the speaker.

A turkey dinner was served.

1955 RED CROSS DRIVE IS GETTING UNDERWAY

Mrs. P. J. M. Bayne, Chairman, Announces Committees; Good Response Expected After Help For Hazel Damage

Mrs. P. J. M. Bayne, Chairman of the 1955 Fund Drive for the American Red Cross for Dare County has announced the names of most of her district captains for most areas. As announced, these names are: Duck, Mrs. Carrie Whitson; Kitty Hawk, Mrs. Minnie Toler Colington, Mrs. Ida Meekins; North end of beach, Mrs. Ruby Culpepper and Mrs. P. M. Bayne; central area of beach, Mrs. Mary Youth; south end of beach, Mrs. Theresa Tillett; Wanchese, Mrs. Myrtle Tillett; Manteo Negro Community, Miss Lottie Simmons; Manteo Residential, Mrs. Marguerite Umphlett; Manteo Business Houses, Wallace Gray, Chairman of Hatteras Island and for the communities on the mainland will be announced within the next few days.

Mrs. Bayne reports that the initial response to the fund drive has been excellent. Many residents of Dare County realize that the Red Cross furnished a great deal of help after Hurricane Hazel last fall. She points out that funds sent into the county when we needed them most, represented about eight times what Red Cross collected in the County last year.

ISLAND RESIDENTS BECOME LOST COLONY ACTORS EACH SUMMER

Manteo.—Paul Green's symphonic drama THE LOST COLONY which will have its 15th season premiere in Waterside Theatre at Fort Raleigh, here on Roanoke Island, July 1, has played an important role in the economy of Manteo and the Dare Coast since it was launched here back in 1937, according to Melvin R. Daniels, a member of the board of directors of Roanoke Island Historical Association.

Daniels, who was one of the founders of the drama, now America's longest-lived outdoor production to operate continuously each summer for so many years, made the foregoing statement this week as General Manager Dick Jordan was making ready for island tryouts for parts in the show. The tryouts will be

By ALICE K. RONDTHALER

Ocracoke, March 7.—Venit, Vidit, Vicit: he came, he saw, he conquered! It is typical of Ocracokers. They are not talking so much these first days following the Governor's visit about the money which Governor Luther H. Hodges made available to them for the building of a long-desired road between Hatteras and Ocracoke; they are talking about the man himself. "That's a fine man. You can tell it by just looking at him, even before he says anything at all." Further days will bring in adequate discussion of the money and the road! The individualism which marks all Ocracokers will bring forth a hundred and one ideas which will gradually be amalgamated with those of highway officials and engineers into a concrete road! As the Governor said, "We must be patient. There are difficulties. It will take time and money. But the chief thing is to make a start."

Governor Hodges touched the innate desires of many Ocracokers when he hoped that spilling would not come with progress. "Keep the good traits of character inherent in your background and history—simple, honest living, informal lawful relationships, without law." "You deserve to share in the glories, opportunities, and the problems of this great State" . . . "Invite the world in and show them the friendliness that exists here at Ocracoke, but try to maintain the characteristics that have made you great and simple, to me these are synonymous."

Ocracoke was not fully prepared for the direct and definite announcement made by A. H. Graham, Chairman of the State Highway Commission. Most people had expected interest and promise of support from the visiting mainland officials, but the statement that the Governor had allocated \$200,000 of the Highway Surplus Fund and that the Highway Department had added \$100,000, making a total of \$300,000, clinched the matter in a direct way that appealed to the well-known straight-forwardness of all Ocracokers. This was no beating around the bush; this was beating the bush itself.

March 5, 1955 will be a day long remembered here. Nature herself provided one of those rare and perfect June days. An hour before the Governor and his party were due to arrive by helicopter from Cherry Point, out came the sun, away rolled the clouds; beautiful blue sky above, beautiful blue water beneath, gentle breezes stirring the sea oats, brightly dressed children, men and women, all walking or riding gaily to the station to greet the Governor and his party at eleven o'clock. (No, not to the railroad station; Ocracoke's only reminder of such mainland din is the continual pounding of the surf on the Atlantic Ocean beach, which at times sounds like a long, long freight train going easily over a long-long trestle.) This was the U. S. Coast Guard Station where the helicopters land. Ocracoke's Boy Scouts, mounted on Banker Ponies, added a dash of color to the event as they galloped up. Boy-like they were the first to spot the big black birds coming out of the southwest horizon to flutter down before the expectant crowd. Their scoutmaster, Capt. Marvin Howard, was one of the first to shake the Governor's hand.

Friends from North, South, and West had come to enjoy the day at Ocracoke. From the North they had come by ferry and jeep over the rough, sandy "inside" ruts that will sometime become the new road. From the South they had come the previous day by three-hour mail trip on the Dolphin from Atlantic. And from the west they had come by boat across Pamlico Sound, using the means and the route that Ocracokers have used for the past one hundred and ten years to reach their County Seat at Swan Quarter.

Many a child's eye was focused on Highway Patrolman Bill Williams of Hyde County, who with his uniform and "real gun" was a sight not familiar with this peaceful village.

GOVERNOR HODGES ON OCRACOKE ISLAND



GOVERNOR LUTHER HODGES seems well pleased as he chats with Noel Yancey, manager of the Raleigh bureau of the Associated Press, on historic Ocracoke Island. The picture was made last Saturday when the Governor and a delegation from Raleigh visited Ocracoke and promised a start on the long-needed road to connect the island with other parts of North Carolina. (Photo by Ben Dixon MacNeill)