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#### HATTERAS HARBOR AND HARDSHIPS OF PROCRESS.

We note with interest where numerous people are taking notice of the need for improvement at Hatteras Harbor, among them being Miles Clark of Elizabeth City. Represent-ist business in Dare County ative Herbert Bonner has long been interested in this project, and hopes there is enough money in the annual appropriation for keeping the channel clear, but recognized that the most critical need now is for a breakwater.

Due to a great increase in commerce in this small harbor, all the boats that seek to use it cannot find protected moorings. Many unusual things have happened during the past two or three years to make urgent the need for a breakwater here. The vast development that has been brought contribute to the advancement and progress of an enlightabout because of the interest of the Federal and State Government has occasioned an influx of commerce beyond the capacity of local interests to accommodate in the safe area nancial aid to the promotion of tourist business in Dare of this small harbor.

The fame that has come to Hatteras Island, the facility with which motorists may reach it, the increase of boat traffic including yachts and sport fishing craft; great grow- this way and that by every wind that blows. People who opth in freight destined to the island, the larger amount of oils pose tourist development in Dare County have in the main

reminds of the old saying "busting at the seams." The conditions under which the local residents have to the citizens,—commercial fishing is handicapped for need of trades or business whose profits result from the develop- Also Corpl. Doug Guthrie of Fort the subject improvement. The State of North Carolina has ment of Dare County. There are the people who, while their Jackson, S. C. and his friend, Miss invested a half million dollars or more in roads leading to living depends on the tourist business, dispute and spout althis harbor. The Federal Government has made of the whole ways, but whose opinion prevails with your public servants. area a National park which is intensely promoted and union. Traffic has resulted which congests the ferries. From tourist business and the development of its resort facilities. many directions have come numerous yachts and sportfishpart of its activities across Hatteras Inlet to this vicinity.

It seems that a little organizing of the Federal and State agencies involved might soon bring about the essential improvement providing this breakwater. The Coast Guard, Conservation might unite with local interests and soon bring don't live here. What could be a better bargain. relief to the situation.

We believe there is no harbor on the entire coast so much in need of this sort of improvement, nor one which has so great an opportunity for service and good advertising. Here is the one harbor north of Beaufort where fishermen may come directly from the waters and load their fish on trucks for quick transit over direct highway to markets. The building of the 50 miles of road, and the free state ferry at Oregon Inlet makes this possible. But without the harbor, the road is of little avail.

#### A FERRY SITUATION WITHOUT EXCUSE.

Somebody sure gummed up the works at Oregon Inlet Saturday when four men, enough to run two boats, were allowed to spend the day on one boat trying to handle the tied nearby; anyone could remember the situation on Easter greatness and meanness. It is harder, because you will aldoubled up on Friday and Saturday. At 1:45 the writer of these lines went to Oregon Inlet to take the 2 p. m. ferry across. On arriving, a full load for the boat was well ahead in line. It was after five o'clock before he could get on the ferry at all. Of all times in the week, here on late Saturday afternoon, the State Highway forces were the worst offenders themselves, and had sent down two transports of road oil, to be used in repairing roads for work on the following Tuesday, this week. And the ferry crew allowed them to cross, and thereby keep five automobiles from going to Hatteras. Some 25 drivers of cars abandoned their intention of going to Hatteras Island in this short period on Saturday. Several, who had waited in turn nearly two hours gave up, got out of line, and went back north. Hundreds of dollars in business was lost to those whose business it is to cater to tourists, because of this inexcusable stupidity on the part of servants paid by the people. The rudeness and discourtesy inherent in some drivers here breaks out. No one is there to police the line and make motorists wait their turn. Two instances were observed of motorists who came late and pushing in up front, got on the line ahead of cars that had been waiting as long as two hours. To enforce a fair deal, it may be necessary to provide a watchman. Someone must have raised Cain, for two boats were operating Sunday and Monday to help folks get away from Hatteras Island. But the damage had been done. Somebody's Hatteras Island. But the damage had been done. Somebody's stupidity or inexcusable neglect had driven many people to abandon a trip to the island, maybe a trip that had been in the planning for quite a long while. And in their disappoint-ment and rage as they' returned north, they may have caused many others to stay above the inlet. It seems a tragic sort of thing for the State Highway Commission to allow these things to happen, when there is no excuse, and after so much has been done by the Park Service to promote Hatteras Island and bring it business; and after so many of the people of the Island have gone to great trouble and expense to provide facilities for the com-fort and enjoyment of these visitors. One thing may be born in mind. There was no excuse for the situation Saturday. The men were there, the boat was there; it could have kept traffic cleared up. Could it be, as some on the island believe, there was a conspiracy to keep tourists from going to Hatteras? tourists from going to Hatteras?

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#### SHALL THE SHORT-SIGHTED ALWAYS PREVAIL AGAINST THE ADVANTAGES OF DARE PEOPLE?

Within a few weeks, the Commissioners of Dare County will meet and approve a budget calling for the expenditure of something close to a quarter of a million dollars for operating Dare County during the coming fiscal year. Some of them will not know what it is all about, but they will sign approval of what is handed them.

In contrast to the great extravagances to be found in this budget to be put over by the free spenders of Dare County, the Commissioners, by the narrow margin of the Chairman's vote last week voted disapproval of a measure whereby improvement and enlargement of the medium of bringing bread and meat to most of the people of Dare No. 42 County might be possible.

to make any committment. They were asked to sign approv-al for the Legislature to pass a law, whereby future Boards of Commissioners would be enabled to spend as much as Norfolk, Va. ist business in Dare County.

Yet shortly before, this same Board had given eager approval to a scheme to squirt away \$100,000 to build an unfinished jail and some new offices on the back of Dare County's dilapidated old courthouse.

Now how can a Board through such contrary actions, expect to win the confidence of the people, convince the public at large of its ability to fulfill the duties of the office, or ened Dare County?

County does not justify any Board member in opposing something valuable and profitable for the county. A member is expected to use some discretion and not be swayed needed, all have combined to bring about a condition which reminds of the old saying "busting at the seams." been people who opposed everything of value. They are mostly people who contribute nothing of their time to public The conditions under which the local residents have to causes, and pay a negligible amount of taxes. Many of them had as guests during the holidays, suffer is not of their making. The prevailing occupation of profit handsomely, either through employment in various Lt. Rex Guthrie of Fort Bragg. causes, and pay a negligible amount of taxes. Many of them

Conditions have changed in Dare County until at least brought to the attention of tourists in every state of the three fourths of the income of its people is the result of its

Here is a simple bill. It only permits, if considered wise ing craft to add to the congestion while basing for Gulf and necessary the expenditure of not more than \$7,500 in Stream and Diamond Shoals fishing grounds. A ferry has any one year, to promote the business on which we depend been established to Ocracoke Island, which also is handicap-ped for landing space. The Coast Guard has brought a large that much. Nor spend any of it for that matter. It only makes possible the expenditure of some or all of it if needed.

It would cost the average homeowners, the man with a new modern home, only 80 cents to \$1 a year. It would mean .04 cent tax. The principal cost, three fourths of it would not Navy, Park Service, State Highway Department, Board of be borne by residents of Dare County, but by people who

> There are a few people of course in Dare County who would object to anything. Some of them if offered a \$50 bill free at the postoffice every Saturday night would raise cain if transportation were not also provided for them to go collect the money. But while those people are few, it is more unfortunate indeed for us that we have public servants whose actions in behalf of the people who had confidence in them is guided by opinions of such backward folks instead of the progressive ones.

Seriously now, it is time to give serious thought to getting some abler, more conscientious public servants in office. Dare County has been too good to some of its officials too long.

What I must do, is all that concerns me, not what the traffic destined for a big week-end at Hatteras Island. Now, people think. This rue, equally ardous in actual and in intelthere was no excuse for this condition. Another boat was lectual life, may serve for the whole distinction between

### MANTEO PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Basnight nave had as their guests Mrs. Basnight's brother and sister-in-law,

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cessna of Narrows, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Dough

and daughter of Raleigh have returned home after visiting Mrs. service by Friday night (tonight). A. Krider.

and Mrs. Donovan Twyne.

Billy O'Neal, USCG, of Norfolk, Mrs. W. H. Etheridge is serious-

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams and children of Portsmouth, Va., spent Easter with Mrs. Adams' parents,

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. White. Policeman M. C. Mitchell re-

turned to his home Friday from Duke Hospital, Durham, where he recently underwent an operation. He plans to return soon for further treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse White spent Easter week end in Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fry spent Easter week end in Carthage with Mr. Fry's parents. Mr. and Mrs. William Ernst

and children have returned from Floyd, Va., where they visited Mrs. Ernst's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Long and children spent Easter in Richmond with Mr. Long's mother.

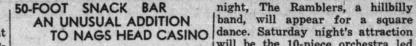
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Guthrie

Cora Myers. Mrs. Marvin Midgett and daughter, Susan, of Portsmouth, Va., are visiting Mrs. Midgette's parents, Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Midgett.

#### WAVES PERSONALS

Major and Mrs. B. W. Williams and children, B. W., Jr., and Allan C., of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Midgett.

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will be the 10-piece orchestra led by inwood Maddrey. An unusually long snack bar

was being completed this week at the Nags Head Casino, and the

CLUB management planned to have it in (Continued from Page One)

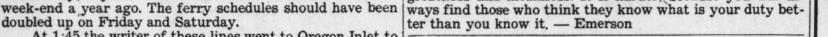
Dough's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. T. Westcott stated that so far dered in making her year in serv-A. Krider. Harry Thomas of Burlington spent Easter week end with his wife's mother and step-father. Mr wife's mother and step-father, Mr. and knick-knacks will be sold. Mrs. A. L. G. Stephenson and Additional tables and chairs have Mrs. Florine Hooper, program Mind you, they were not asked to spend any money, or Mrs. W. B. O'Neal last week end. Billy O'Neal last week end. Billy O'Neal, USCG, of Norfolk, been arranged, greatly enlarging the downstairs seating capacity, where the old bar was located. Chairman, presented a delightful program during which time music This week marks the opening was furnished by Mrs. Flay Kemp, ly ill in Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk, Va.

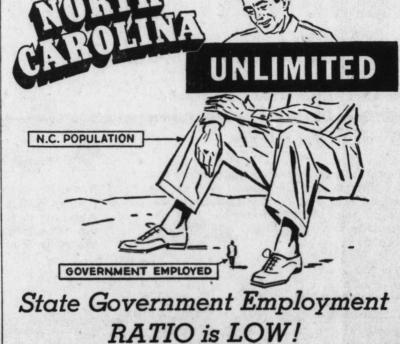




If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world. —Chinese Proverb via the Sunshine Magazine

A man may have many friends, but he will find none so steadfast, so constant, so ready to respond to his wants, so capable of pushing him ahead, as a little leather covered book with the name of a bank on its cover. -Selected





If the ratio of public employees to total population is a measure of efficiency, then North Carolina is among the most efficiently governed states in the union! A recent study showed the total number of State and local government employees equivalent to 241.3 per 10,000 population, making the North Carolina ratie fourth lowest of any state. The economy and efficiency with which our State is operated goes far in making North Carolina a better place in which to work, play and live.

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