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## HURRICANE CONNIE BRINGING DISMAY ALONG THE COAST

Summer Residents Move Out As Dismal Broadcasts Continue To Urge Haste.

The radio wailing about Connie the hurricane has completely drowned out the sound of any cash registers along the Dare coast. It has been a glorious week all week for the radio commentators, who most of the time have nothing to say, but this week, with a hurricane lolling around in the South Atlantic, they have had a field day. They don't have to think, at all, but just turn to another report. And how they have chewed those reports over and over, and then they ad lib in between something like this:

"Reckon you folks out there must get tired of hearing us saying the same thing so much. Doesn't seem like there is much else to talk about. Yes, I guess most anybody gets tired of anything too much. How about you boys here in the station. You reckon they get tired of hearing about one thing so much. Well, we'll now have another weather report, but just a word from our sponsor—"

Uplanders living on the coast began to be frightened away early in the week as the slow moving hurricane continued its lazy movement northwestwardly up from the Caribbean. By Thursday morning, the Dare County coast had seen little and heard little of the storm, other than the radio wailings and the inanities of the commentators. The sea had been higher than usual, so that at high tide combers rolled over the beaches, and in some places had crossed the road on Hatteras Island. But it is to be expected the water would cross the road, since it was built lower than high tide levels, a ditch having been dug out in which to build the road. The result, for some miles, at a spot north of Hatteras, north of Buxton, and on each side of Avon station, there was water as much as four inches deep on the road.

Most folks realized that the storm could become mighty serious, and wisely took no chances. In a couple of days nearly all the cottagers and hotel guests had either gone back home, or were taking temporary refuge in motor courts on Roanoke Island, Elizabeth City and other nearby towns, hoping the storm would blow over shortly and enable them to finish their vacations.

Connie came at a most unfortunate time, it being the peak of the season, when all hotels and courts on the coast were full, staggering under all the business to be handled with overworked staffs. It is estimated that \$100,000 a day was being spent on the Dare Coast until Connie closed the pocketbooks.

Ichthyologists to visit billfish waters of Gulf Stream off Hatteras. Hatteras. — A distinguished group of ichthyologists and anglers, headed by Luis Rene Rivas, University of Miami Marine Laboratory, will spend late August and early September, exploiting the billfish famous waters off the Cape Hatteras region, it was learned here today via Allan Corson, fishing editor, The Miami Herald.

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Plans call for a big luxury game cruiser, skippered by Captain Eddie Moore, into Hatteras area. It was from Eddie's boat that a number of blue marlin marks have been set, including the world record credited to Axel Wichfeld.

Interested in the blue marlin and tuna fishing off Cape Hatteras is the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution of Massachusetts which is engaged in a program of tagging tuna and marlin. "We hope that this program will add to the general knowledge of the migrations and populations of these important game fishes," said Ed H. Smith, director of the laboratory in a recent communication with Dare County Tourist Bureau, in Manteo.

## TO SPEAK AT BUXTON AND HATTERAS CHURCHES



Coming to Hatteras, the Reverend Wade Goldston, will be guest speaker at the Buxton Methodist Church August 28, at the eleven o'clock service, also he will be speaking at the Hatteras Methodist Church at the 8 o'clock service.

Rev. Mr. Goldston is Professor of Town and Country Work at Louisburg College, Louisburg, N. C. This is a new work established at Louisburg College in 1954, to help College orient its life and ministry more definitely towards the needs of small town and open country Methodist churches within the area of the North Carolina Conference.

Mr. Goldston is a teacher of religion at the college and a part of his time in extension work with smaller churches.

It is anticipated that later other instructors will be added, and this Town and Country work expanded into a department of the college.

## THREE BIG EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED IN DARE NEXT WEEK

Three big events, the annual observance of Virginia Dare's birthday including the dedication of the Elizabethan Garden, on Thursday, August 18 and the National Aviation Day observance on Friday, August 19. Then late on afternoon of August 19 will be the annual Daniels' Clan meeting.

The events of Thursday will feature such speakers as Capt. H. C. Lydon, representing the British NATO division of Norfolk, and others. Dedication of the Garden is expected to be a very impressive event with cast members of The Lost Colony and its chorus taking part.

On Friday, August 19, National Aviation Day will be observed at Kill Devil Hills with Congressman Herbert C. Bonner as a principal speaker. Highlights of the observance will be the swearing in of 120 or more Air Force recruits, music by the Air Force band of Langley Field, Va. and a flyover of Air Force planes. The exercises begin during early afternoon. See EVENTS, Page Ten

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## ZONING BOARD MEETS AUG. 17 AT KILL DEVIL HILLS

There will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of the Town of Kill Devil Hills Wednesday night, August 17, 1955 at 8:00 p. m. in the Town Hall to consider the following requests:

1. Request by the Kill Devil Hills Realty Corporation to rezone blocks 36, 41, 42, 47, 48, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, and 60 for light industry.

2. Request by Ocean Acres, Inc. to rezone the north 800 feet to Wrightville Avenue of their property from residential to business.

3. Request by Avalon Beach Realty Company to rezone lots 319 and 320 on Bayside from residential to business and to rezone the Private Beach for business.

All interested parties are urged to attend.

## TO SEEK INFORMATION ON PART-TIME WORKERS

Special supplementary questions designed to find out whether unemployed persons are seeking full-time or part-time work will be asked in the August Current Population Survey, according to Supervisor Clinton C. Oldham of the Census Bureau's district office at Charlotte, N. C.

## BROWN CORRECTING FALSE REPORTS IN HURRICANE HYSTERIA

Tourist Bureau Manager Calls Score On Many Ridiculous Reports That Have Been Circulated

Aycock Brown, on Thursday morning sent from Manteo to news agencies, a wire correcting some of the misinformation that has gone abroad, and to offset what some are describing state of hurricane hysteria created as result of tremendous and elaborate coverage press and radio is giving Connie.

First.—Wright Memorial Bridge on U. S. Highway 158, entrance from Currituck County to Dare beaches, Roanoke Island and Outer Banks is not closed and common sense would indicate that this bridge, which is connecting link with Outer Banks and mainland will not be closed.

Second.—Upper Dare Beaches reports of Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk and Southern Shores in less than 48 hours changed from bustling vacation region with population of up to 15,000 persons to ghostlike region with population of only about 1,000 persons. Ninety eight percent of summer cottages boarded up and closed, but several hotels still have many guests and this goes for few of motels.

Third.—Tides have been above normal, but they have not covered road in Nags Head region as yet. They have covered road in some of low lying sections of Hatteras Island. Seas still running high.

Fourth.—C. A. Wardman, Chief Meteorologist in charge Hatteras weather station where new hurricane tracking unit was installed on July 31 this year reported that barometer eight o'clock this morning was 29.78 as compared to 29.92 Wednesday a.m. same time. Wind velocities Easterly 20 to 25 miles per hour Wednesday a.m. eight o'clock as compared to 25-30 miles per hour today eight o'clock.

Chief Warrant Officer H. A. Glynn, commanding Hatteras group U. S. Coast Guard stations from Oregon Inlet to Ocracoke reported anemometer there had recorded winds of about 30 miles Thursday morning at 8 o'clock with gusts up to 45 miles. Same conditions prevailing at Diamond Lightship thirteen miles southeast Cape Hatteras in constant radio contact with Capt. Gynn's Cape Hatteras Station Headquarters. He stated that flood tides had flowed over beach in areas between Avon and Buxton and between Frisco and Hatteras, lowest lying areas of highway on Outer Banks of Hatteras Island. He stated that tides had not affected sand barricades built recently at New Inlet, between Pea Island and Rodanthe. See BROWN, Page Ten

## SECRETARY OF STATE TO SPEAK AT WANCHESE



HON. THAD EURE, Secretary of State of North Carolina is to be principal speaker Friday afternoon August 19th at the Annual Daniels Day reunion at Wanchese Methodist Church. The speaking will be followed by a picnic supper on the grounds. Members of the Daniels family will come from far and near, and will include sons of the late Josephus Daniels of Raleigh, who was a faithful visitor at the reunions during his life. The occasion this year is expected to be bigger than ever.

## RULES FOR NEW TERM OF DARE CO. SCHOOLS

Mrs. Mary L. Evans, Superintendent of Dare County Schools, calls attention to several matters concerning the opening of schools:

1. It is necessary for a child to become six years of age on or before October 15 in order to enter school. The Attorney General has ruled that any child born on October 15, and would, therefore, be eligible for admission to the first grade.
2. All children entering the first grade must have been immunized against typhoid, whooping cough, and diphtheria and vaccinated for small pox.
3. All first graders must present birth certificates upon enrollment.

The Dare County schools will begin the 1955-56 school term on Tuesday, September 6. On Monday, September 5, at 9:00 a.m., all principals will meet at the Manteo School for a pre-school conference.

Generally speaking, all students will attend the same schools which they attended last year. A few specific assignments to different schools have been made:

1. Manns Harbor and East Lake students in grades 5 through 12 have been assigned to the Manteo School.
2. All students living on Hatteras. See SCHOOL, Page Ten

## GOLF COURSE FOR SOUTHERN SHORES NEAR KITTY HAWK

Second 18-Hole Course Announced Recently For Dare Coast

By AYCOCK BROWN  
Kitty Hawk.—An 18-hole golf course is planned for the rolling dunes and woodlands and beach flats of Southern Shores, and work on the project will begin at the end of the current summer season, says Frank Stick, whose company created swanky Southern Shores on the north coast of Dare County. The company, which includes John McMullan, N. Eton Aydielt and Cyrus Aydielt of Elizabeth City, would make available 150 acres of land for the course with an additional 200 acres if necessary.

"This course will be the highest course above sea level south of the New Jersey highlands, and it will be the only course, I believe, which will have a view of the ocean," said Stick.

The initial outlay is planned to take in about one and one quarter miles north and south, west of the present cottage development. Initial cost of the project has been estimated at \$200,000, and Stick stated "we plan to have the course ready by the summer of 1956."

Mr. Stick stated sponsors of the proposed golf course included such names as Leo Kernan, Princess Ann Golf Course professional, John J. O'Donnell, Va. State Champion Golfer, of the Sewalls Point Golf Club, Billy McDowell, Elizabeth City businessman and president of the Sea Ranch Beach Club here, W. S. Braithwaite of the Duck Realty Company, Virginia Beach, and Montague and Miller, realty agents of Charlottesville, Va.

Mother Vineyard Course  
Guy H. Lennon of Manteo announced. See COURSE, Page Ten

## FHA SUPERVISOR NAMED FOR EIGHT-COUNTY AREA

This county has a new area supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration, it was announced this week by state FHA officials. William E. Henry, whose headquarters will be in New Bern, will serve an eight county area, which includes Dare, Hyde and Beaufort counties.

Mr. Henry, a 1949 graduate of N. C. State College, has been with the FHA for six years. Since 1950, he has been stationed in Sampson County.

The FHA now has sixteen field men throughout the state as compared with four previously. According to the announcement this week, no change is planned in the county set-up.

## DRINKWATER MEETS OLD FRIENDS ON 80th ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY



ALPHEUS W. DRINKWATER, famed as telegrapher, weatherman, and friend of man is here shown with some of the boys of the Virginian-Pilot of Norfolk, Sunday afternoon at the Sea Ranch. First is Harry P. Moore who has worked for the newspaper more than 50 years, and who wrote the first story of the first airplane flights. Next Mr. Drinkwater, then Ralph Pool, and R. K. T. Larson of the Pilot staff. Aycock Brown Photo.

## CHICAMACOMICO CELEBRAT'N POSTPONED 2 WEEKS ACCOUNT OF WEEK'S HURRICANE SCARE

Same Program To be Followed, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 26th, 27th and 28th; Two Weeks Allowed to Avoid Conflict With Other Events Scheduled in Dare County.

## SUNDAY A.M. SPEAKER AT LOST COLONY



DR. CLYDE A. MILNER, President of Guilford College, Guilford, N. C., will be the guest minister at the seventh of a series of Sunday worship services at the Lost Colony which will take place at the Waterside Theatre Sunday morning, August 14, at 11 o'clock. His sermon topic will be "Perpetuating Our Christian Heritage."

A native of Tennessee, Dr. Milner received his Doctor degrees from Hartford Theological Seminary and Wilmington College. He has travelled and done rehabilitation work in Europe, was Dean of the college and Professor of Philosophy at Guilford College before becoming its President in 1934. Dr. Milner is an active member and leader of various organizations such as the Greensboro Rotary Club, Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, Fine Arts Festival Association of Guilford County, and many others.

In addition to the speaker the famous Lost Colony Chorus under the direction of Nena Williams and Hedley Yost at the console of the organ, will furnish the music for the service.

## DRINKWATER TELLS CROP INSURANCE GROUP ABOUT STORMS AND 1st FLIGHT

Alpheus W. Drinkwater, Dare County's No. 1 citizen, was principal speaker at a convention of the Federal Crop Insurance folks meeting here at the 4-H encampment on Roanoke Island. Drinkwater told more than 100 persons attending the convention about hurricanes, and first flights of the Wright Brothers in 1903 and 1908. Preceding Drinkwater at the talkfest on Thursday noon was Aycock Brown, manager and news director of Dare County Tourist Bureau.

Brown gave some historical and current figures and information about this great water-county's founding and development as a vacation resort region. Julian Mann, native of Hyde County who had made arrangements for the convention meeting, introduced Drinkwater and Brown. The Crop Insurance folks plan to be here until Saturday and hope to see a performance of The Lost Colony, despite Connie or Diane before they leave.

## MORE LIVING MEMBERS OF OLD LIFE SAVING SERVICE

In addition to those previously published in these columns, the following list of names of former members of the old U. S. Life Saving Service has been received by the committee for the Chicamacomico Celebration.

Napoleon B. Etheridge and Joe Etheridge of Knotts Island, N. C., E. O. Hooper, 301 Windmere Ave., Norfolk, Va., Edward Drinkwater, Joe Barco Capt. A. L. Barco, Capt. Henry N. Holmes, Capt. C. H. Wroten, Capt. T. J. Barnes, Roy V. Dudley, and John Rainey of Virginia Beach; Peter T. Henley and E. W. James, Oceana, Va.; Commander James A. Price, 605 N. Road St., Elizabeth City; Wiloughby Olds, Grandy, N. C.; Joe Evans, 615 Manteo St. Norfolk, Va.; John Etheridge, Norfolk, Va.; Dal Bowden Creeds, Va. and Capt. Richard B. Ireland, Nags Head, N. C.

These men with the others previously listed, have been invited to be special guests at the celebration.

The celebration scheduled for three days this week at Rodanthe, honoring the veterans of the Life Saving Service and the Coast Guard, for which all plans had been completed, has been postponed for two weeks, Chairman W. W. Edwards announced Thursday morning. The celebration will now be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 26, 27 and 28.

Mr. Edwards said he anticipated unsettled weather, resulting from this week's hurricane might deter many people from attending this week end. Two weeks are given to permit of plans for the occasion, and an earlier date would have conflicted with events scheduled at Roanoke Island on August 18 and 19.

Mr. Edwards believes the original program will be followed in its entirety, provided none of the principal speakers have other engagements, in which event, substitutes will be obtained.

Plans are going ahead for the event, and a large boxing ring and speakers' stand is under construction.

The high seas which will roll in for several days after the hurricane would have interfered with some of the drills. These seas will be down in two weeks, it is hoped, and everything should be more favorable for an enjoyable day.

Persons having interest in the celebration should communicate with W. W. Edwards, P. O. Box 75, Rodanthe, N. C.

## GREAT TRAVEL INCREASE TO SEASHORE PARK AREA

By AYCOCK BROWN  
Nags Head.—By private motor vehicles, airplanes and boats, a total of 75,304 persons visited Cape Hatteras National Seashore here on the Dare Coast, and Ocracoke Island, during the month of July, according to official counts released today by Superintendent Allyn Hanks' office at the administrative headquarters of America's first oceanic recreational area of the National Park Service.

The total number of visitors during July alone this year was only some 35,000 less than the entire number visiting the area throughout the whole year of 1954. Estimated number of visitors to the National Seashore during 1954 was 110,000 persons.

The 75,307 persons entering the National Seashore this year in July, pushed the total attendance or visitation to 181,542 persons during 1955 since January 1. Park Service officials believe that the total visitation this year, judging from counts during the first seven months will reach 350,000 to 500,000 persons.

"August," said Hanks, "is usually the peak travel month for this coastal region, and our total count this month should run higher than in July."

"But August does not mean the end of the travel season on the Dare Coast," he added, "as September and October are also favorite vacation months along the Outer Banks."

July travel figures for the National Seashore showed an increase of 74.3 percent of visitors over June this year, the report showed.

An increase in number of visitors was also shown at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site during July 1955 and compared to July 1954. The number of visitors (including Lost Colony patrons) during July this year was 34,741, as compared to 33,742 in July 1954. During the month 20,436 persons visited the area to witness performances of The Lost Colony.

Visitors counted at Wright Brothers National Monument at Kill Devil Hills, near Kitty Hawk, during July was approximately one-third of the number counted entering the National Seashore area. During the month of July, according to Horace Dough, superintendent, a total of 25,466 persons were counted at the site of the Wrights' first flight.

## REBEKAH MEETING

The regular meeting of Manteo Rebekah Lodge No. 52 will be held on August 15, at 8:00 p.m., at which time twelve candidates will be initiated. All members are asked to be present.