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## CELEBRATION SET SEPTEMBER 10 AT CHICAMACOMICO

Principal Ceremony Saturday, But  
Boxing and Dancing Friday  
Night; Memorial Service  
Sunday

Twice delayed by the fury and threat of Hurricanes Connie and Diane, although all arrangements had been made for a big time, the Chicamacomico Celebration at Rodanthe is set to come off in September, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9th, 10th and 11th.

The official opening of the celebration will be on Friday night with boxing matches between Navy and Coast Guard champions, followed by dancing. Bob Smith of Manteo will be ringmaster and Maynard Daniels, will be referee. People of Hatteras Island and others are invited to bring a picnic dinner for the occasion.

The principal program beginning at 10:30 on Saturday will feature speaking by notable Coast Guard officials, Congressmen and others. There will be music and singing. This program will do honor to the former members of the Life Saving Service, who number about 40, and to retired Coast Guardsmen.

Two notable honor guests will be A. V. Middett of Rodanthe and LeRoy Middett of Wanchese, the two living members of the crew who participated in the Mirlo Rescue in 1917.

Following the program, a dinner will be served the honor guests and invited guests at Mirlo. See CELEBRATION, Page Five

## FRANK STICK BUYS REAL ESTATE IN VIRGIN ISLANDS

Frank Stick of Southern Shores, Dare County has signed contracts to buy three islands near St. Johns in the Caribbean sea, in the Virgin Islands group, according to the National Real Estate Clearing House publication, Previews. The islands are being bought of Kenneth Parker, fountain pen maker.

Three separate islands are included in the sale. Henley Cay, the largest, containing about eleven acres, is 1100 feet long and 400 feet across. Its soil is suitable for vegetation, having at present a growth of palms, shrubs and small mahogany trees. There are a caretaker's house and a 10,000 gallon cistern. A 60-foot concrete dock provides for boat landings. Another island, Ram Goat Cay, about one third as large, is some 800 feet distant and is of similar terrain. The third, Rita Cay, is a small rocky island.

The islands are but a short distance from Charlotte Amalie, the capital of the Virgin Islands, and are within cruising range of the West Indies and the north coast of South America. The main fishing channel of the Island group is said to be near Henley Cay.

Mr. Stick has had interest for several years in the islands. He and Mrs. Stick spend much time there in winter.

## FAMOUS DOLL MAKER SERIOUSLY INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. Julia Culbreth Gray, the famous maker of historical and novelty dolls, with establishments in Dare County, Florida and Washington, D. C., was the victim of an accident while riding in her own car with another driver Monday night. She was seriously injured when her car crashed into the back end of a garbage truck at Nags Head. The car was driven by Mrs. Ethelyn Watts 67, employee of Mrs. Gray. They were accompanied by a young grandson of Mrs. Gray and who was uninjured. Mrs. Watts was not seriously injured. Both were admitted to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City. Mrs. Gray is said to have sustained three fractures in one of her lower limbs and a fractured knee-cap.

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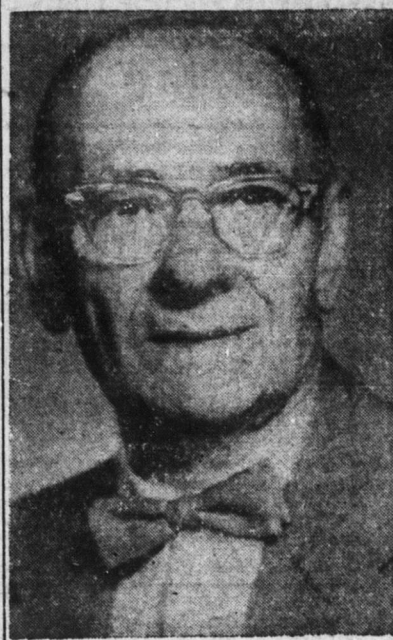
After coming back to the United States, Mr. Ward went with the Gulf Oil Co. in New York as Port Steward in charge of purchases. In New York the Wards have made their home for several years at 225-07 137th Avenue at Laurelton, Long Island. They were married in 1919, and reared three children. Their oldest son Clinton, Jr., at 24, was lost in 1947. He was chief officer on the SS Winthrop Marvin, and he is buried in India.

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## MANTEO MAN ENDS HALF CENTURY OF SEAGOING



CLINTON S. WARD

His mother died when he was 15, so he set out on his own. He will have concluded 50 years of seagoing Wednesday, August 31st, and he expects to see more of his few living boyhood friends around Manteo and vicinity.

"Clint" Ward is the son of the late Henry B. and Sarah E. Ward of Manteo. His mother died August 28, 1904. Clint had become 15 years old on May 29th, so when summer had ended for the orphan boy, he got a job on the Str. Hattie Creef which for so many years plied between Manteo and Elizabeth City, Capt. Martin Johnson, Master. On this boat he was cook, second mate, and cargo checker. From October 1904 to July 1905, he worked on the Hattie Creef, and thus began a seafaring career of 50 years, which took him in many distant corners of the world.

After leaving the Hattie Creef in July, 1905, he went to work next day as cook on the river steamer Sarah Louise. But he wanted to go to sea, so he did a six months stint as messman on the seagoing tug Boswell. Then he got to be second cook on the passenger Steamer Natucket, when he was really going places. When he was 18 years old, he got to be steward for a year on the seagoing tug Minnie, and after that worked as steward on the tug Salutation. That job ended in three months when he was removed from the ship with rheumatic fever, and he was laid up for over six months. He then got a wintertime job as steward on the yacht Lowther, and in January 1909, he enlisted in the Navy as a ship's cook, third class.

Nowadays a young fellow starting out to go to work, asks the employer what he has to offer, but young Ward couldn't be so choosy. He stuck to his cooking job in the Navy four years, and came out as first class cook at the end of enlistment in January 1913. He had served on the battleships Iowa and Michigan, and in 1911 was on the destroyer McCall, which was the third oil-burning vessel in the U. S. Navy.

Never idle very long, in ten days Mr. Ward had gone to sea again, as steward on the seagoing yacht Polly. After the Christmas holidays, which usually called the boys home for a visit, he went as steward for more than a year on the collier, William Chisholm. Again on a yacht, as steward for six summer months, the ocean going Shawnee, then back to the seagoing tugs, the Covington this time.

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## SPRING FOR SURE ON MONDAY NIGHT PLEASED AUDIENCE

Everyone attending "Spring for Sure", the summer project play of Roanoke Island School of Fine Arts, on Monday night at Waterside Theatre seemed to be highly pleased, not only with the story the musical told about the mountain people portrayed, but also with excellent acting, not only by the principals but also the supporting cast. The great stage of Waterside Theatre was very well arranged for the story, and it could be readily noted by any attending this performance, presented for only one night, that the production staff had done a bang-up job in training for the dances, the dialogue, the singing, costuming and music.

Leads in the show, played by Valerie Gwozdecki, member of Lost Colony Chorus and Charles Nicoll, dancer, turned in excellent performances as Cindy Higgins and Jeremiah Jones, the mountain lovers. Often stealing the spotlight, however, was Lillian Prince of Chapel Hill, who recreated her role of Maw Higgins, in which she had been cast in a "Spring for Sure" production at the University town. Sharing the spotlight in several

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## REVIVAL BEGINS SEPT. 4 MANNS HARBOR CHURCH

S. C. Minister Guest Speaker; East  
Lake Homecoming September 25;  
Stephenson at Chowan

Rev. C. L. Carter of Lexington, S. C. will conduct the week's revival service beginning at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church at Manns Harbor, Sunday, September 4, according to announcement by Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, the pastor. The meeting will continue through the following Sunday.

This week, Mr. Stephenson is assisting the Rev. P. M. Porter in conducting a revival at Bethany Methodist Church near Belvidere on the Chowan charge.

The annual East Lake Homecoming at the Methodist Church will take place Sunday, September 25, Mr. Stephenson says. This affair is always attended by a large crowd, and is looked forward to with much interest. Dinner on the grounds follows the usual Sunday morning service.

Homecomings were held at Stumpy Point and Manns Harbor respectively on July 3 and June 12th this year.

## THE TWO REMAINING VETERANS OF THE "MIRLO" RESCUE



LeROY S. MIDDETT of Wanchese, and Arthur V. Middett of Waves, who will be among some 60 veterans of the Old Life Saving Service as honor guests at the Rodanthe Celebration on September 10th, are the only two living members of the crew which 38 years ago, rescued the crew from the burning ship Mirlo, torpedoed off Rodanthe. The Mirlo was a British oil tanker. This rescue on August 16, 1917 brought many medals and international recognition to the gallant Rodanthe coast guardsmen. The list of this crew is as follows: John Allen Middett, in charge; Prochorus Lee O'Neal, Zion S. Middett, Clarence E. Middett, Arthur V. Middett and LeRoy S. Middett.

## A PATROLMAN GETS MANY COMPLAINTS DEMANDING ACTION

Don't Think You Are Getting By  
If You Don't See a Patrolman;  
You May See Him Later.

Don't think you are getting by if you don't happen to see a highway patrolman. You might be using the wrong tag, you might be letting minors drive your car, or any one of a number of things. The Highway Patrolman probably knows about it, because some other person has been only too glad to tell him, and he will get around to see you later.

Arthur Fields, Highway Patrolman stationed in Manteo, who has Dare County territory to look after, says there are plenty of folks always volunteering information about one thing or another, so that even if he wanted to overlook something, he couldn't get away with doing so. He says the reason most often given by informants is that they don't mind paying their taxes and don't like to see others getting by without doing the same.

Take the matter of using the wrong tags on cars for instance. Mr. Fields says he is just going to have to crack down on this. A man will go to Virginia and trade in his old car on another. He will put the N. C. tags on the new car and not only drive home with them, but will continue indefinitely to evade the N. C. tax which pays for the roads all enjoy. The law provides for this a penalty of \$10 to \$50, the costs of court, and even a jail sentence.

Then there are people who buy a car with an old Virginia tag, and they bring that to North Carolina and continue to drive without exchange of title, or paying a N. C. tag tax. There is a stiff penalty for this, and a lot of neighbors make

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## BIDS ARE OPENED ON IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGHWAY 264

Bids were opened Tuesday on 19.38 miles of grading, structures and paving on U. S. 264 in Hyde County from east end of proposed bridge over Pungo River at Leechville southeast to Swan Quarter. Low bidders were: roadway, Nello L. Teer Co., Durham, \$465,249; moving buildings, Bailey Brothers, Selma, \$17,650.

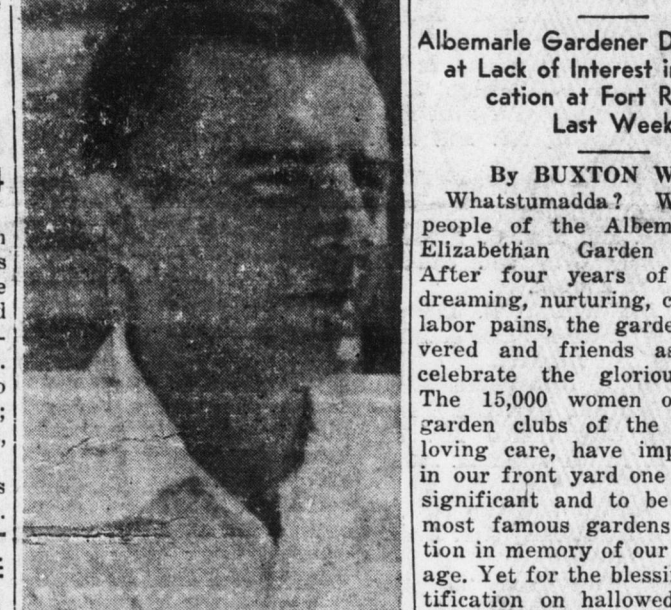
The Highway commission is scheduled to review the bids today.

## TWO MILLION MILES AND NO ACCIDENT



Motor Coach Driver Oscoe C. (Mose) Basnight of Manteo who has driven through storms, highwater, good weather and bad, between Manteo on Roanoke Island and Elizabeth City-Norfolk, during the past 26 years was receiving a safe driving pin of recognition when this picture was made at Manteo. Basnight has driven Virginia Dare buses a total of more than two million miles during his safe driving career. Paul L. Burbage of Rocky Mount, safety engineer for the Markel Service, Inc., of Richmond is shown presenting the gold award pin to Safe Driver Basnight. (Photo by Aycock Brown)

## MANS HATTERAS WEATHER WATCHING EQUIPMENT



C. A. WARDMAN, meteorologist in charge of powerful Hatteras Warning Center, temporarily located at Hatteras and to be moved next winter to a site nearer the center of Diamond Shoals weather. Recently we carried an article about the expensive equipment that this station is now operating during hurricane season. (MacNeill Photo)

## DANIELS DAY BRINGS VISITORS FROM AFAR

The Daniels Day meeting at Wanchese Friday of last week was one of the most successful ever held. Secretary of State Thad Eure paid glowing tribute to the spirit and purpose of the meeting, eulogized the late Josephus Daniels, and was made an adopted son of the tribe. Visitors came from distant states, and even people from Canada, Switzerland and other foreign countries attended. Beside Mr. Eure, other speakers were Melvin Daniels, and Archie Daniels of Spray, N. C. A generous picnic dinner was spread on the grounds. The growing interest in this annual party brings larger attendance each year. Mr. and Mrs. Josephus Daniels Jr., Mrs. J. M. Broughton of Raleigh, Mrs. Frank Graham of Chapel Hill; Dr. J. D. Messick, President of East Carolina College, Judson Blount of Greenville, Lewis Daniels of Winston were among out of town visitors.

## CAPE HATTERAS ELECTRIC CO-OP TO ELECT OFFICERS

Thursday night of next week, Sept. 1 at Avon School a meeting of the stockholders or members of the Cape Hatteras Electric Membership Corp. is to be held for the purpose of electing directors.

At a meeting held by directors Saturday night at Buxton, a list of candidates was made up for submitting to the stockholders next week. Other nominations may be made from the floor. A full attendance of members is urged at the meeting next week.

## MURALS IN KNAPP BUILDING PORTRAY DARE COAST LINE

Roanoke and Hatteras Islands  
Supply Subjects now For Artist  
W. F. V. Kugler

By BEN DIXON MacNEILL  
Manteo, Aug. 25.—When the commission is finished about three years from now, the fourteen panels of the mural designed for the walls of the auditorium of the Knapp Memorial Building housing the Institute of Government at the University of North Carolina will cover about 1500 square feet of canvas but as he finishes the first panel of the series here this week the artist is beginning to feel cramped for room.

As conceived by Mrs. Joseph Palmer Knapp, widow of the man who created a publishing empire, by the Board of Directors of the faculty committee of the University the colossal mural will depict all of North Carolina's story and Knapp foundation which he established before his death and by the Artist W. F. Vandever Kugler, a widely known New York portrait painter, is finding the subject big and complex and as challenging a problem as any painter has approached.

Kugler began his work on Roanoke Island, partly because here is the scene of the beginnings of history in North Carolina and in America, but largely because he also found here, in Albert Q. Bell, what he considers the ideal consultant and collaborator and the work has proceeded since the beginning of August in Bell's home workshop now converted into a studio and research library. Both have worked a twelve-hour day, not because they are in a hurry but because they just hate to quit.

Not only is Bell an amateur painter and designer, but also he is minutely informed in every detail of life as it was on Roanoke Island and in England four centuries ago when Englishmen began to dream of a New World. Bell designed and built the world-famed outdoor theatre on Roanoke Island and until this year supervised its operation and maintenance. He designed also the

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## LACK OF INTEREST IN GARDEN EVENT A DISAPPOINTMENT

Albemarle Gardener Disappointed  
at Lack of Interest in Dedication at Fort Raleigh  
Last Week

By BUXTON WHITE  
Whatstummada? Where were people of the Albemarle at the Elizabethan Garden dedication? After four years of conception, dreaming, nurturing, carrying and labor pains, the garden was delivered and friends assembled to celebrate the glorious occasion. The 15,000 women of over 500 garden clubs of the State, with loving care, have implanted here in our front yard one of the most significant and to be one of the most famous gardens of the nation in memory of our proud heritage. Yet for the blessing and sanctification on hallowed ground its nearest friends, who stand to benefit most, stayed away in droves. Why?

A topmost estimate of attendance might reach a hundred with the larger portion from distant points I have seen better turn-outs for previous Virginia Dare birthday parties. Combined with the garden ceremonies, there should have been

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## COSTS \$25 FOR ALLOWING MINOR TO OPERATE CAR

For allowing an unlicensed minor to operate his automobile, Leon D. Farmer paid a fine of \$25 and costs, in Dare Recorders Court Tuesday.

Leaman Gibbs of Engelhard paid a \$25 fine and costs for driving without operators license. Because the complaining witness failed to appear, the case of Roscoe Turner was dismissed. Turner was charged with taking from his sleeping friend Jimmy Matthews, the sum of \$367 while the two were on a drunk. Matthews got fired from his job at a Nags Head cafe after bringing the charges against Turner, and he disappeared. The complaining witness will pay the costs if he can be found.

Monroe C. Campbell paid \$35 and costs for driving 70 miles in a 35-mile zone.

Willie J. Austin of Avon was brought up for driving a car without license plates. He was taxed with the costs of court, and declared there were numerous neighbors of his who had to be brought to account for the same thing.

W. J. Sermons paid \$15 and costs for driving 50 mph in a 35-mile zone.

Louis Lathan Mann of Nags Head appealed from a decision which found him guilty of turning from the highway without giving proper signals. When he turned, the truck operated by Lloyd K. Middett of Manns Harbor ran into Mann's new Oldsmobile and it was damaged some \$450. Middett testified he blew the horn at Mann. Mann contended he didn't. The case will go up to Superior Court.

## 110 BOYS FRIDAY SWORN INTO AIR FORCE AT KD HILLS

A most impressive ceremony Friday afternoon of last week was the swearing in of 110 boys, white and colored into the U. S. Airforce in a ceremony at Kill Devil Hills. Speakers at this event were Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, Secretary of State Thad Eure on behalf of the Governor of N. C., and Col. A. F. Reisher Jr., USAF who administered the oath. Melvin R. Daniels was master of ceremonies.

A suitable scroll was presented to each of the candidates from the Governor of N. C. which was handed the men by Miss Margaret Pearce of Manteo.

Previously a luncheon had been held at the Carolinian at Nags Head, attended in addition to the above by Major Ned Hayes and Lt. Col. Robert W. Greer, USAF, by State Senator N. Elton Aydtlett of Elizabeth City and civilian guests.

The men were flown to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas for early training. In the group was a Colington boy Bryan Meekins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Meekins of Colington, a community near Kill Devil Hills. He graduated from Kitty Hawk High School.

## DR. JOHNSTON ADVISES NECESSITY OF VACCINE

Because of the great probability that the flood waters caused by the recent storms along the Coastal County some of the private water supplies have been inundated and subjected to possible pollution. Such a condition could make typhoid fever inoculations and booster injections most advisable.

In view of these facts Dr. W. W. Johnston, district health officer for Currituck and Dare counties, wishes to call the attention of the public to these facts and to remind those who may wish to receive this protection that they may receive these inoculations and injections as follows:

FOR DARE COUNTY—At the Dare County Health Center, Manteo on Wednesdays and Fridays—9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FOR CURRITUCK COUNTY—At the Currituck Health Center, Currituck on Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and at the Powells Point Clinic, at Norris Sawyer's Old Store, on Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.