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## McCOWN ELECTED HEAD OF TOURIST BUREAU IN DARE

### Manteo Attorney Heads Organization; Bureau Plans Bigger Program for 1955-56

Wallace H. McCown, Manteo attorney and long a faithful worker in behalf of the Dare County Tourist Bureau this week was given top place in the organization at the annual meeting of its directors in Manteo. Mr. McCown was elected Chairman of the Bureau's board of directors for the coming year, succeeding Mrs. Lucille S. Purser who presided at the Tuesday meeting and who will be a member of the board of directors for the coming year. George Fuller of Buxton, succeeds A. H. Gray as vice-chairman. Gray will serve as a member of the board for the coming year. Mrs. Orville Baum of Kitty Hawk, succeeds McCown as secretary-treasurer.

Due to a series of events, such as hurricane warnings, rains and a great decrease in number of visitors as a result, all of which retarded business in a big way along the Dare Coast during August, there was an air of uncertainty prevailing insofar as a Tourist Bureau was concerned, until Tuesday of this week. Then, at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the organization reports were given, financial statements were studied and general discussions were held. The result was that the board felt the Tourist Bureau was not in such bad shape as some had anticipated, and initial planning for a bigger and better program of publicity and promotion during the coming year was started. It was also the general feeling that now was the time to recoup on setbacks caused by uncontrollable situations.

It was brought out at the meeting, that the success of the type of program the Tourist Bureau has carried on during the past four years depends on the financial support given by business men and women of the area who believe in See McCOWN, Page Four

## NATIONAL SEASHORE TRAFFIC AHEAD OF 1954

### Fifty Percent More Visitors at Wight Memorial in August Than in July

By AYOCK BROWN

Nags Head.—An estimated 225,151 persons have visited Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area during the first eight months of 1955, as compared to the estimated total of 110,000 persons counted as visitors during 1954, the first year of operation for America's first oceanside National Park unit. The figures represent a one-way count over automatic traffic counters placed at the Nags Head entrance to the National Seashore area.

Actually the total estimate for 1955 would be several thousand more persons, had not August been a month of storms, reported hurricanes and rainy or generally unfavorable weather for travel.

Allyn Hanks, superintendent of the National Seashore, said today that in August, 1955, a total of only 39,048 persons entered the National Seashore region here along the Outer Banks of North Carolina. This figure compared to a total of 75,300 persons who entered the National Seashore region during July, of this year.

Previously this summer it had been estimated by Dare County Tourist Bureau that up to 500,000 persons would visit National Seashore Recreational Area this year of 1955. Due to the storms, See SEASHORE, Page Four

## NEGRO MEN WHO SAVED LIVES OF WHITE WOMAN AND BABY IDENTIFIED

The three Negro men who saved the life of a Columbia white woman and her small baby when her car ran into a canal near Gum Neck recently have been identified by one of our readers.

Robert Topping of near Swan was on his way to Columbia when he saw Mrs. Mark Alexander's car swerve off the road into a deep canal almost a mile ahead. He speeded up and when he reached the spot, his father, Delemy Topping, and his brother, Melford Topping, jumped in the canal; they first handed the small baby to Robert and then got Mrs. Alexander out of a window of the car just before it sank from sight.

The men offered to take her to Columbia to the hospital, but she said that she was not hurt and asked that they carry her back to her mother's at Gum Neck.

Original reports of the accident failed to identify the rescuers and now that they are known they may receive the credit due them.

## Quality of Lost Colony This Season Amazed and Delighted Its Visitors

### Many Spectators Continue to Call It Finest of Outdoor Dramas. Rumors of Change in Choir Next Season, As Show Ends 15th Year

By CATHERINE D. MEEKINS

The Lost Colony ended its 1955 season in Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island on Sunday night, September 4, playing to an audience of more than a thousand. There were 981 tickets sold for the Sunday night performance, and several hundred Saturday night patrons were also there, using rain checks because of the rain-out Saturday night.

The cast gave one of the best closing night performances in the history of the show. With most of the out-of-town actors packed and ready to take off the minute the show was over, it could have been expected there would be a slackness and a let-down which could have detracted from the quality of performance. None of this was true of this particular performance. Each actor played his or her part as if it might have been opening rather than closing night. Director Clifton Britton, who has been on vacation in California for the past month, can well be proud that the show ended with such a flourish and George McCalmon, who has been pinch-hitting for Mr. Britton, has much to his credit to have held the show on such a high level. Mr. McCalmon has made a few minor changes which have improved the show, but in the main it is the same production so lovingly and painstakingly coached by Mr. Britton before he left for his first (and well-deserved) vacation in nine years.

There was a note of sadness in the air during the closing days of the show, because of the rumor that the choir (made up for the most part of graduates or students of the Westminster Choir School of Princeton, N. J., and directed for the last two years by Nena Williams, Westminster graduate) is to be replaced by an all-North Carolina choir under different direction. Nothing has been officially announced concerning this, but rumor has it that the music henceforth will be provided by a certain musical group from a North Carolina College which has a fine glee club, but which could not possibly provide voices as mature, as highly-trained, as well-balanced and as internationally known as the famous group that has provided the music since the show began.

We have not talked to the powers-that-be, and don't know exactly what is behind this movement, but certainly it can have nothing to do with lack of the finest performance from the Westminster group. The choir, to my way of thinking, is the one consistent element that has kept the Lost Colony out of the rank of amateur theatricals and given it the professional finish for which it is well-known. Only last Sunday night I heard a Washington, D. C., visitor (seeing the show for the first time) express herself as amazed at the quality of the show. Said she "I have seen others of these outdoor dramas, and they were so amateurish that I came here expecting to find the same sort of show. I am amazed and delighted". As for the voices being North Carolina voices, seven of the 20 voices of this

year's choir were from North Carolina, and it might be possible to keep these as a nucleus and add other voices from the Old North State as they become available. I see nothing to be gained in performance from the ousting of this fine choir. Every musician in this section of North Carolina to whom I have talked is opposed to the move.

(NOTE: The above does not express the editorial opinion of this newspaper, only the writer's personal opinion as a musician.)

The Lost Colony is the type of drama that has something different for the spectator each time he or she is a member of the audience. I have watched it many, many times from the audience, and was a member of the cast for three years. I know every line of the drama, from beginning to end, and yet it does not pall on me. Truly, author Paul Green wrote a masterpiece that touches the heart-strings and that will never grow old. Each time I see it, I see or feel something that I have in some way missed before. During last Sunday night's performance, I felt more than ever the tremendous religious impact of the drama. Sometimes it is an especially fine interpretation on the part of some See COLONY, Page Four

Due to weather conditions the celebration planned for this week end at Rodanthe to honor the men of the Coast Guard and Life Saving Service has been postponed to next year. The Committee met Tuesday night at Rodanthe, and concluded it will not be practical to hold it as planned this month.

After much publicity and arrangements for a splendid program, it was with much reluctance that the committee postponed the event until some date next spring. It had rained heavily every day this week with no signs of a let up, the road is flooded with water and no provision has been made to drain it. The road at Rodanthe was built in a trench so that every heavy rain floods it.

Much rain water now stands over larger areas in the vicinity, and the rotting vegetation is creating quite a stench. Moreover a new crop of mosquitoes is coming on.

It's just no time for a celebration, with rain every day, and the committee decided to hold a bigger and better one next year.

## CELEBRATION FOR COAST GUARDS NOT TO BE HELD NOW

### Bad Weather Causes Postponement of Rodanthe Events Until Next Spring

The Dare County Commissioners at the regular meeting Tuesday provided \$500 in county aid for the digging out of a small boat harbor at Salvo. Request for this work was brought to the Board by Perry Farrow and Ed Hooper of Salvo. The Board turned the job over to Commissioner James Scarborough.

The Board voted to look into a mosquito control program for next year.

It agreed to lend Leonard Midgett the sum of \$300, to be paid back beginning October 1 at the rate of \$50 a month from funds to be due him for garbage removal at Nags Head.

The Board approved the employment of Miss Shirley West as recommendation of County Agent Bob Smith.

Miss West is a native of Currituck County and has been working for several years as assistant home agent in Polk County. She will begin her duties in Dare on October 1.

## DARE'S POLIO CHAPTER AIDING DISTANT PATIENTS

In an unprecedented move to save the March of Dimes nationwide program of providing for the necessary care of polio patients, the Dare County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis today transferred \$1,265.44 of its "surplus" funds to the national organization.

In announcing the payment, Mrs. Balfour Baum, Chairman of the Chapter, explained that the money was to be earmarked and pooled for redistribution among chapters of the National Foundation which are confronted with bills for patient care beyond the limits of their financial resources.

"We have made this payment," she said, "in compliance with a call issued by President Basil O'Connor of the National Foundation to all chapters with current surpluses beyond their estimated needs for this year.

"The nature of polio—unpredictable and geographically without pattern—has made a nationwide adjustment of March of Dimes resources necessary if the vital patient aid program is to survive," Mrs. Baum continued. "We of the Dare County Chapter are proud to contribute toward the continuation of the program so essential to polio patients everywhere.

"Our own needs for the care of polio patients continue large, and the people of Dare County will go on meeting them through contributions to the March of Dimes. While the promise of the Salk vaccine is bright, polio isn't licked yet. No one knows where this disease will strike next. Hence Dare County's continued support of the March of Dimes is not only a contribution to the nation's fight against polio; it is the way our people have to insure themselves."

Mrs. Baum cited a recent See POLIO, Page Four

## COUNTY PROVIDES \$500 TO DIG OUT HARBOR AT SALVO

### Commissioners To Look Into Mosquito Situation; Approve New Home Agent

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## POWER PLANT ON HATTERAS ISLAND GETS INTO BLACK

### Electric Co-op Keeps Going, But Weather For Two Years Delays Meetings

For the first time in its corporate life the Cape Hatteras Electric Membership Corporation has money in the bank that is not owed to anybody, \$1,607.27 cash money, and the paradoxical thing about it is that President James S. Turner and General Manager Herbert Oden have not been able to get a quorum of the 535 members together to tell them that their company is now operating in the black.

Money in the bank means that the company is making its living. All operating charges, all interest and sinking fund payments for money borrowed to build the plant, are paid up to date and in the first eight months of the present year there is a clear profit of \$1,607.27 over and above all this and Mr. Turner and Mr. Oden have been trying for a month to get a quorum together and tell the members about it.

And as is required by their charter, to elect some more directors. See POWER, Page Four

## MANN'S HARBOR BOYS MAKE FRONT COVER OF MAGAZINE

Ray and Stan White of Manns Harbor occupy the front cover of Wildlife in North Carolina for September in a full page color photograph. The photo, by a staff photographer of the magazine shows the boys in color, inspecting a catch of fresh water fish, caught with hook and line in the East Lake area of Dare County. In the background is the shore-lined woods and its weathered cypress roots on the lake shore.

The boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. White of Manns Harbor, and their father is game protector for the area.

## ROANOKE ISLAND GOLF COURSE ON MOTHER VINEYARD ACRES TO BE COMPLETE BY MID-1956

### Yacht and Country Club Project To Go Into Service Next Year; Expected to Attract Many People to Roanoke Island; Statewide Membership Contemplated; Roads Being Built in Property.

Mother Vineyard Yacht and Country Club's championship golf course, now being designed by George Cobb of Norfolk, who will also be in charge of its building, will be completed and ready to play on, by July 4, 1956, it was announced here this week by Ike Rochelle, who with his brother, Z. Rochelle, are members of the Rochelle Realty Company of Roanoke Rapids and Elizabeth City, and Guy H. Lennon, Manteo. Actual construction of the course will begin on or about November 1.

Concurrent with the announcement here this week about plans for building the golf course of the Mother Vineyard Yacht and Country Club, was the purchase of the first membership in the organization by Martin Kellogg, Jr., mayor of the town of Manteo. Second membership went to Orville Woodhouse of Currituck County, it was stated.

W. R. Pearce, cashier of The Bank of Manteo is trustee for the new yacht and country club which is being created on some 400 acres of land in the Mother Vineyard Farm which borders on Roanoke Sound.

The Rochelles have announced that one of the first objectives of the newly formed corporation will be to sell at least one membership in each of the State's 100 counties. As it stood this week, there were 98 counties to go, but already the promoters of the project have good reasons to believe that the first objective will become a reality, and soon.

George Cobb who has the contract for building the golf course is widely known as one of the fastest rising golf architects in the nation today. He has designed courses from Pennsylvania to South Carolina and from the mountains to the sea (including his local project in North Carolina.) His golf courses have included Greensboro's Green Valley, one at Fort Jackson in S. C., Camp Lejeune, and many others in which he had the role of designer or assistant to designers.

In addition to the Rochelle-promoted and Cobb-built golf course for the Mother Vineyard layout, a colonial-designed club house is planned for construction in the general area of the winery on the properties. Announcement about who will design and build the clubhouse will be made by the Rochelle's at an early date, it was stated here.

Owners of the Mother Vineyard properties have announced that already work is underway on yacht basin facilities. The drag-line work in this connection is also making land for construction of a highway through the properties. Owners of the properties include: R. Bruce Etheridge, R. B. Lennon, Guy H. Lennon and George T. Westcott of Manteo and Dr. William Lennon of Federalburg, Md.

## GRAND OLD LADY ENDS A USEFUL LIFE AT BUXTON

### Mrs. Rovene Quidley Who has Helped So Many People, Goes On to Her Reward.

By BEN DIXON MacNEILL

Four months past her 90th birthday Mrs. Rovene Quidley, the matriarch of Hatteras Island whose long life and uncommon energy were devoted to neighborly usefulness died Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home of her son, Guy Quidley, with whom she had lived since the weight of her years made it no longer possible for her to maintain her own house.

Current generations of residents of Hatteras Island knew her and venerated her as "Miss Rovene," and they so addressed her when, even as she approached her 90th year, they would see her walking briskly around the village or would find her, as always they did, attending the services of her church. Actually her churches, because she belonged to both the churches in the community, supported them even-handed with a tithe of her resources.

Throughout the half century when there was no doctor on the Island and little communication with the world beyond the Sounds, Mrs. Quidley was midwife to the community and not many days before her death she got out her record book to show what must have been her favorite grandson, ENIC Preston Quidley of the U. S. Coast Guard. She had brought 352 babies into the world. This grandson was the last individual See LADY, Page Four

## BUXTON LOSES FAMOUS, AND BELOVED CITIZEN

### Mrs. Rowena Quidley, 91, Who Served Many Generations Buried Monday After Long Illness

Buxton.—Funeral services for Mrs. Rowena Rollinson Quidley, 91, who died at her home Saturday were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in the Buxton Methodist Church by the Rev. Dan Meadows, pastor. The body was brought to the church one hour prior to services. Burial was in the Quidley Cemetery. Mrs. Quidley was born in Hatteras when in Hyde County and had lived in Dare County for the past 75 years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rollinson and a member of the Buxton Methodist church. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Ursula Wise, of Kinston; three sons, Tom Quidley of Pamlico, David E. Quidley of Old Trap, and Guy Quidley of Buxton; one step-son, William E. Quidley of Buxton; 26 grandchildren; 51 great grandchildren; one step grandchild; and three great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. Quidley was known and beloved for her long service for more than half a century to the people of her community. She was midwife, and practical doctor through the years when professional services were not available. She assisted at the birth of hundreds of the citizens of the island.

Funeral services for Mrs. Quidley, who died Saturday, were conducted Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Buxton Methodist Church, Rev. Dan Meadows, pastor, officiating. Rev. Aaron Tyson, pastor of the Fairhaven Methodist Church assisted.

"Old Rugged Cross," and "Never Grow Old," were sung by Mrs. Exa Dixon, Mrs. Edna Barnett, Mrs. Eevlyn Gibbs, Mrs. Grace Basnett, Mrs. Thelma Gray, Mrs. Ormand Fuller, Mrs. Laura Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Snoden Quidley, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Gray, Lonnie Tolson and Mrs. Irene Midgett. Mrs. Pearl Midgett accompanied at the piano. A duet, "Beyond the Sunset" was sung by Mrs. Pearl Midgett and Mrs. Exa Dixon. At the grave, "Never Grow Old" was sung. The casket was covered with a pall or white asters and fern.

Pallbearers were, Eldon H. Farrow, William W. Gray, Teddy S. Leev, Wilton L. Simmons, John J. Robbins and Howard P. Price. Burial was in the Quidley cemetery at Buxton.

## MANTEO BASEBALL TEAM HAS GOOD WINNING RECORD FOR TWO SEASONS



THE MANTEO BASEBALL TEAM has a good winning record for two seasons. Their record is 27 wins and three losses. Two of these were lost to a Portsmouth team and one to Colerain, N. C.

They have beaten some good teams, including Manley's Cleaners of Portsmouth; Naval Air Station, Weeksville; LaFayette Braves of the City League of Norfolk, and the Portsmouth Cardinals. Coy Til-

lett is manager of this team and he has been most active through several years in the success of baseball in Manteo. Shown in the photo by Aycock Brown are: Top row, left to right: Jack Burrus

shortstop; Jerry Cahoon, first base; Wade Nixon, third base; Pat Kee, center field; Donnie Twyne, right field; Carlisle Davis, outfield; Ray Jones, Jr., catcher; Gene Kennedy, pitcher; Ronnie Meekins, catcher. Bottom row,

left to right: Coy Tillett, manager; Coy Tillett Jr., second base; Steve Basnight Jr., pitcher; Woody Fearing, outfield; Jack Tillett, outfield. Other players not pictured are: Jack Cahoon, Buddy Cannady and M. L. Daniels, Jr.