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GOVERNOR ORDERS ALLIGATOR RIVER BRIDGE SURVEY

Meanwhile Plans Continue for Improving U. S. 64 and Building Bridge at Columbia

Governor Luther Hodges this week allocated \$20,000 to make a survey of the cost of a bridge over Alligator River, which is good news to those who have long advocated this much needed structure. He also allocated \$20,000 to make a survey for a new bridge across the Cape Fear River at Wilmington.

It is estimated that the Alligator River Bridge will cost around \$3,000,000, maybe a little more than the Croatan Sound Bridge now under construction. The estimated cost of the Cape Fear River Bridge will be about \$12,000,000. How soon the bridges must wait probably will depend on what Congress does at its next session about increasing the federal-aid highway program. It did nothing at its past session but, with election year approaching, the chances may be better next spring.

The Highway Commission, meanwhile, is moving to put US 64 in shape to handle the increased traffic expected to result when the Croatan and Alligator River ferries are replaced by bridges. As part of the program, it proposes to re-route US 64 through Columbia.

US 64 now passes through Columbia over the town's Main Street and a drawbridge across the Scuppernon River. The commission wants to build a new bridge over the Scuppernon and move US 64 one block south of Main Street.

If the plan is carried out, the present bridge would be removed. Columbia merchants are objecting strongly. If the Highway Commission must make changes, they contend, the changes should be limited to widening Main Street. They don't want the old bridge razed.

The new bridge would be built at a point crossed by an old railroad trestle and the road leading off the new bridge would run generally along an old railroad right-of-way.

Highway engineers have told the Columbia merchants the present bridge eventually will have to be replaced anyway. They pointed out that the bridge is in poor shape and could not continue to carry heavy traffic. They also have pointed out that it would be impractical to widen Main Street. There is only 50 feet clearance between storefronts and at least 80 feet would be needed to meet minimum standards for the improved section of US 64 the Highway Commission hopes to build.

The new Scuppernon River bridge would need no draw span. It would be south of docks and wharfs on the Scuppernon. The present bridge, lying north of a fish house and an oil terminal pier, had to be equipped with a draw span so that boats could make passage.

CHARLES O. MIDGETT, JR. IS NON-COMMISSIONED GRAD.

Fort Campbell, Ky., Sept. 6.—Sgt. Charles O. Midgett, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Midgette of 701 Stockely Gardens, Norfolk, Virginia, recently graduated with honors from Non-Commissioned Officers School. He also is a graduate of Military Justice and Mine Detector Schools. Sgt. Midgette is Platoon Sgt. in his unit Company "C" 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) of Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Sgt. Midgette entered the Army on February 28, 1952. He received Basic Training in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He was then sent to Fort Hood, Texas, where he served until December of 1952. He was then sent to Korea where he served until January of 1954. He was returned to the States to Fort Meade, Maryland, where he received an honorable discharge. In April, Sgt. Midgette re-enlisted and was assigned to this unit. Prior to entering the Army, Sgt. Midgette attended the Blair Junior High School in Norfolk, Virginia. Among his decorations he holds the Korean Citation, Good Conduct Medal, NDSM, and Korean Medal.

FRIGHTENED BY BEAR WOMAN'S BACK INJURED

An unusual circumstance befell Mrs. Al Mater, wife of a former Nags Head bingo operator Sunday, while en route home to Hampton, Va. She had stopped in lower Currituck County to look at the bear kept at Enoch Banks' service station. She probably fractured her back, when she fell over while suddenly moving away from the bear which had moved toward her.

LEADS REVIVAL



Hatteras.—The Rev. and Mrs. Dana H. Spence, Canadian-born evangelist, youth and Sunday School director of the Assemblies of God of the District of North Carolina, will conduct revival services at the Assembly of God Church at Hatteras. This revival begins September 13th and extends through Sept. 27th. Services each night except Monday nights. Special singing and instrumental numbers by Mrs. Spence. The public is extended a warm welcome, according to the pastor, H. C. Dew.

FINES AND FORFEITURES BRING SCHOOL FUND \$350

Recorder's Court Still Doing Business in Dare County; Two Defendants Forfeit Bonds Tuesday

The Dare County Recorder's Court took in about \$350 Tuesday, counting the court costs taken in. Eight warrants were disposed of by Judge Baum.

William Roy Beacham, Jr., of Kitty Hawk, and Tommy Leon O'Neal of Manteo each paid \$15 and costs for driving at 50 m.p.h. in a 35-mile zone.

For operating an automobile in a reckless and careless manner and driving without operator's license, Alvin O. Farrow, USCG of Portsmouth, Va., paid fines of \$25 and \$15 and costs of court.

Gurney Nick Pittman, Jr., of Suffolk, Va., charged with being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest, was fined \$15 and costs.

Jas. Henderson Cox of Wanchese was fined \$25 and costs for driving after his operator's license had been suspended.

William Ralph James of Virginia who had posted a \$100 cash bond failed to appear. He had been charged with operating in a reckless and careless manner, interfering with an officer while making an arrest, committing assault with a deadly weapon, to wit, an automobile, and resisting arrest. Like numerous other cases brought in court by county officers, the warrant failed to include the defendant's address, but the school fund gets the \$100.

James Leonard Proffit of Amherst, Va. was charged with operating at 55 mph in a 35-mile zone. He also had put up a \$35 cash bond, and failed to appear.

Jack Lamson, charged with creating a disturbance at the Drafty Tavern, and assaulting Benny Payne, paid fine and costs totaling \$28.20.

FOOTBALL SEASON STARTS MANTEO VS. SUFFOLK, VA.

The opening of the football season finds the Manteo High School playing Suffolk, Va., Junior Varsity League, on Saturday, September 17, at 8 p.m. in Manteo.

For out-of-towners who may wish to watch the game and are not well acquainted with the geography hereabouts, the ball park is just off the highway by the Manteo water tower.

According to R. H. Stone, principal, the probable starting line up for Manteo will be—Ends, Tillet, Dough; tackles—O'Neal, Biggs; guard—Glynn, Midgett; center—Hayes; backfield—Balance, Simpson, Basnight, and Woodward.

At press time Simpson and Hayes have some injuries but it is hoped that some of the casualties will be able to play on Saturday.

NEWSPAPER COUPLE SPEND SEPTEMBER ON BEACH

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord P. Godwin, newspaper couple of Washington, D. C. who have been coming for the past three years to Nags Head, are here for the month of September, storm threat or no. They like Nags Head, and think its tops for vacation. Mr. Godwin, who is with United Press, and Mrs. Godwin, live in the beach home of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Jr. opposite the Sea Oat.

\$13,000 ESTIMATED COST OF MOSQUITO CONTROL IN DARE

County Board Plans For Supervision of Gift From Federal Funds Coming to the Coastland Soon

Dare County through its board of commissioners has applied for Federal and Civil Defense funds now available to assist communities and areas plagued with mosquitoes resulting from the backwash of Hurricanes Connie and Diane which flooded lowlands and marshes with salt waters of the sounds and ocean, and kept flooded by one of the rainiest late summer and early autumn periods in many years.

Cooperating with the commissioners in an advisory and technical capacity have been members of the county board of health.

A spokesman for the county board stated today that the outlay for mosquito control would include two rented jeeps with fogging equipment (which later may be purchased at nominal cost by county), 15,000 gallons of 25 percent DDT and fuel oil solution for fogging, and paying operators of the rolling equipment. The program, expected to continue for some 90 days, would not be localized to any one community but in all sectors where mosquitoes are currently a serious problem, it was stated.

Applications will be approved and the control measures will begin within the next week, it was stated.

This initial application for mosquito control funds does not include drainage. The county board is now working on an application for special drainage funds which may be acquired in the near future. It has been announced that while such drainage funds will be made available, that only old ditches, clogged up now, would be opened. No new drainage ditches would be dug.

JUPITER PLUVIUS GOT IN HIS WAY IN BIG LETTERS



WOODROW EDWARDS, CBM, USCG, was a disappointed man last week when his committee for the big celebration honoring the old Life Savers and Coast Guardsmen decided to postpone the three-day event until next spring. Mr. Edwards had put in a lot of hard work arranging the program, first for late August, and due to hurricane scares it had been postponed until last week. And then old Jupiter Pluvius went to work, and it rained every day for two weeks, so that the community was flooded with water, and prospects were that rains might continue. The weather turned out good on the week end, but then there was threat of a new crop of mosquitoes to harass the visitors. Unfortunately at Rodanthe, through some unaccountable piece of stupidity, when highway engineers built the road, they dug out a valley and put the road down so low it cannot be drained, or else no effort is made to drain it. In extremely wet spells, one who parks his car on one side of the road, cannot get over to the other side without wading. This highway is one of the marvels of North Carolina road-building, and sometime in the future...

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KILL DEVIL HILLS SHARES HEAVY IN POWELL FUND AID

Distribution of Highway Aid Funds in Raleigh Listed for Towns in The Coastland

The town of Kill Devil Hills seems to profit highly in Powell Fund Aid from Raleigh for work on its streets, according to the report this week which reveals that this year's grant for the young Dare County town, now having a struggle for existence, came to \$7,594.43. Among towns in the coastland, it was second only to Belhaven which has a population of 2,500 citizens.

Figures for other towns were as follows: Manteo, \$2,505.39; Belhaven \$10,892.38; Columbia \$3,808.98; Pantego \$846.83; Bath \$1,381.29; Creswell \$1,733.26.

Total funds distributed under the Powell Aid Fund throughout North Carolina to 398 incorporated towns and cities totaled \$6,711,817.71. This fund is distributed annually. The fund is largest this year because steadily increasing gasoline sales have poured more gasoline tax revenues into the Highway Fund. The Powell Bill gives the municipalities one-half cent out of the tax collected on each gallon.

Raleigh will get \$195,409.35 — \$123,230.57 on the basis of its population and \$72,178.78 on the basis of its non-highway system street mileage.

Charlotte, the State's largest city, will get the largest share, \$416,618 little Falkland in Pitt County the smallest, \$350; Greensboro, \$246,841; Rocky Mount, \$97,686.34; Wilmington, \$131,536; Winston-Salem, \$281,714; Asheville, \$201,941, and Fayetteville, \$118,265.08.

In 1951, a total of 386 towns shared \$4,543,096.20. In 1952, a total of 388 towns qualified for a total of \$4,948,842.30. In 1953, the figures rose to 394 towns and \$5,244,203.40. Last year, the totals were up to 396 towns and \$5,891,717.41.

The money is available only to legally incorporated cities and towns which are active and eligible and whose officials have qualified certified statements and maps of their street systems prior to the third Monday in July.

MRS. ALVERNIA M. SIMMONS

Mrs. Alvernia Morris Simmons, 65, died Thursday, Sept. 8, while returning to the Columbia Hospital for treatment.

She was a native of Tyrrell County and had been living at East Lake for the last 50 years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lennon Morris and the widow of George Henry Simmons.

She is survived by three sons, Jimmy Simmons, George H. Simmons, and Acie Simmons, all of Norfolk; three daughters, Mrs. Wilbur Cohoon, Mrs. Dorothy Twiford, and Mrs. Gladys Twiford, all of East Lake; a step-son, Frank Simmons, of Norfolk; a sister, Mrs. Jake Sawyer, of Creswell; three half-sisters, Mrs. Clara Roughton, of Hickory, Va., Mrs. Harry Bowers and Mrs. Annie Morris, both of Williamston; two half-brothers, George Morris and Robert Morris; 17 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the East Lake Methodist Church Sunday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, pastor, and the Rev. Ed Hooper, Pentecostal preacher. Burial was in the church cemetery.

ROUGH VOYAGE FOR ADMIRAL WHEN AMBULANCE WRECKED

Twiford's Ambulance from Elizabeth City had to go to the rescue of a wrecked Navy ambulance in Currituck County early Sunday. The Navy ambulance was carrying Admiral H. D. Clarke to Portsmouth Naval Hospital from Nags Head where he had suffered an attack of a heart ailment. He apparently was none the worse for the Navy ambulance having slipped on the highway during a rainstorm and turning over. The Admiral had been week-ending at The Carolinian.

MANTEO REBEKAHS WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 19

The regular meeting of Manteo Rebekah Lodge No. 52 will be held on Monday, Sept. 19, at 8 p.m. A special program in the observance of the 105th anniversary of Rebekahs will be given. Final plans for the district meeting, which will be in Swan Quarter on October 1, will be made. Mrs. Tracy Ward, noble grand, asks that all members be present.

CAPE HATTERAS SEASHORE TO BE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED SOON IN COLOR MOVING PICTURES

Another Gift of \$40,000 Reported Soon to Be Invested in Comprehensive Exposition of Varied Natural and Historical Attractions in the Area from Nags Head to Ocracoke Inlet. Preliminary Survey On.

MANTEO WOMAN DELEGATE TO NATIONAL OES MEET



MRS. LEO MIDGETTE of Manteo is in Washington, D. C., attending the meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. Order of Eastern Star, as a delegate from North Carolina. Mrs. Midgette is a past Grand District Deputy, and a past Worthy Matron of the Wanchese chapter.

INTERNATIONAL BOAT RACES IN ELIZABETH CITY

October 1 and 2 Events To Be Greatest in Series; Comes Close to Bath Celebration

Coming as it does on October 1 and 2, the International Cup Regatta in Elizabeth City this year draws unusual attention to Eastern North Carolina, which also has another exceptional event scheduled at Bath where that old town's 250th anniversary is to be celebrated on Tuesday, October 5th. It looks as if it will be a big season in the Coastland of North Carolina.

The Elizabeth City event is of particular interest to the people of Dare County, who for many generations have found in that town its nearest big commercial center, and where so many of its people have gone to live at one time or another in their lives. In return, Elizabeth City interests have been friendly neighbors of the Coastland people, and have contributed liberally to various causes. They have been strong supporters of the Lost Colony, their capital has gone into the development of many things in this area. It's a good town because so many of its people are our people. Hence, most of us will take much interest in attending the cup regatta, as in many other affairs through the years.

This year's International Cup Regatta, to be staged on the Pasquotank River October 1 and 2, is rapidly shaping up as a "run-off" for the winners of the other major unlimited trophies this season.

Expected entries include defending champion Gale V, winner of the APBA Gold Cup at Seattle; Tempo VII, Detroit Silver Cup winner; Miss Cadillac, winner of Canada's Maple Leaf trophy; Gale IV, Detroit Memorial winner, and undoubtedly the winner of the Washington, D. C. President's Cup to be decided this week end.

Because of its position as the final major regatta of the season for the unlimited, Elizabeth City's International Cup Regatta will serve in effect as a "play-off" for the 1955 campaign which to date has resulted in an unusually equal distribution of honors and points to be tallied to determine the year's high point winner, an award which very likely will be decided at Elizabeth City.

In addition to the cup winners listed, other outstanding expected entries include Miss Thriftaway, from Seattle; Breathless, from California; Rebel, Suhl, from Virginia; Canada's Miss Supertest; and a whole fleet of other Detroit campaigners; Gale VI, Miss Pepsi, My Sweetie Dora, Miss U. S., Miss Wayne, Miss Detroit, Such Crust III, and What Happen Too.

CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE RECREATIONAL AREA WILL BE MOVIE FILMED IN COLOR AS A RESULT OF A PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN IN THE MAKING FOR THE PAST YEAR, IT WAS LEARNED THIS WEEK. LIKE MANY OTHER THINGS RECEIVED IN THE COASTLAND, IT WILL BE A GIFT, COSTING BETTER THAN \$40,000.

Gilbert Drake, representative of Outdoors Afilm of West Palm Beach, Florida, visited the Dare Coast region this week to make a preliminary survey. Here he obtained much area data from Dare County Tourist Bureau and then accompanied by National Seashore officials and rangers he traveled over the National Seashore region from its northern boundaries at Nags Head to its southern limits on Ocracoke Island.

Upon his return from Ocracoke the Outdoors Afilm representative reported that he was much impressed with the area and that the region offered excellent possibilities for the educational type films that are planned. "The big problem will be telling the complete story in the three films proposed to be shot during the next several months," he said. "The reels would be 14 minutes in length, if present plans carry, and where there is so much pictorial and action material available, as here on the Outer Banks, it is a big job to show everything in such limited time."

This project which will result in National Seashore receiving more world wide publicity has been in the making, so to speak, for many months. The Dare County Tourist Bureau first learned about plans for making movies of the area about one year ago down at Hatteras from Allan Ferguson of Washington, D. C., and Dr. J. C. Overby of Norfolk, president of the Cape Hatteras Bill Fishing Club. These two big game fishermen outlined their ideas for movies which would not only tell the world about the blue marlin and Gulf Stream fishing offshore from the National Seashore, but also the surf fishing and general attractions for tourists and vacationists coming to this area in ever-increasing numbers as result of America's first public-owned ocean-side recreational area of the National Park System. Through various contacts in Washington and elsewhere, Ferguson sold the idea to the National Seashore.

While it has not been publicly announced, it is believed that monies for the movie project were made available through a special grant or gift, probably from the Mellon Foundation which had originally matched State appropriated funds for acquiring lands of the National Seashore region.

First indication that the "green light" had been given for beginning the project, reached the Tourist Bureau just prior to Labor Day when "Bounce" Anderson of Outdoors Afilm called from West Palm Beach to make arrangements for certain coverage in movies of what he though may result in large crowds visiting the area for the holidays.

Following his initial survey for the company which will do the job, Drake left the Dare Coast Wednesday for Washington where he will join Anderson and members of the National Park Service to complete plans for the movie filming. It was indicated that, of the three films planned, the first would probably be an introduction to the National Seashore, the second featuring surf and big game fishing and the third to show historical highlights of not only the National Seashore but also other history-famous Dare Coast spots such as Wright Brothers National Memorial, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, Elizabeth Gardens, the lighthouses and other pictorial places where history has been made in this region.

PUBLIC INVITED SCHOOL MEETING FRIDAY, 8 P.M.

All interested people, men and women, are invited to attend a meeting to discuss the promotion of a Boosters Club for the Manteo High School. The meeting will be held in the school auditorium on Friday, September 16, at 8 p.m.

Fishing and Hunting

AS REPORTED BY AYCOCK BROWN

LARGE DOLPHIN AND BILL FISH CAUGHT IN HATTERAS WATERS

Hatteras.—Gulf Stream fishing, hampered by rough season in early days of September, has been up to par or better off Hatteras when seas were suitable for offshore cruising, it was reported here today by Scotty Gibson, Gibson, owner-operator of Atlantic View Hotel, also reported that autumn vacation patronage following the stormy season of August is now back to near normal in the Hatteras region.

An outstanding catch of the past week was a 47 1/2-pound dolphin boated by W. F. Price of Atlantic City, N. J. Before sailing from Hatteras for tuna waters farther north during the past week, Price and his cruiser had based at the Blue Marlin docks of Capt. Edgar Styron.

John Twohy IV, trolling from his cruiser the Clipper II, landed a white marlin last week end. It was the first white marlin landed off Hatteras during the first half of September. Twohy was guided by Capt. Nelson Stowe who operates from the Blue Marlin docks. Mrs. Styron, wife of the operator of Blue Marlin docks, reported that several wahoo had been landed recently, one of the largest going to 30 pounds.

Dr. A. M. Stanton, Edenton, skipping bait from Capt. Eral Foster's cruiser Albatross III last week end with Capt. Oliver O'Neal as skipper and guide, boated a seven foot, 10 inch sailfish.

Capt. Foster reported that Dr. J. C. Overby of Norfolk, after spending several days fishing or waiting for fishing weather at Hatteras had raised five blue marlin in one day, had three hooked, but failed to boat any. Dr. Overby caught a nice blue marlin during the latter part of August, making his seventh.

Allan Ferguson, noted big game angler of Washington, was scheduled to fish for blue marlin off Hatteras this month. He was instrumental in selling the National Park Service on the idea of doing some movies about big game fishing off Hatteras. The outfit which will produce the big game and surf fishing pictures of the National Seashore region, visited the area this week. Shooting begins soon.

SURF CASTERS GETTING LARGER CHANNEL BASS ALONG OUTER BANKS

Nags Head.—Channel bass catches are increasing from day to day in the surf along the Outer Banks and the fish, sometimes called red drum, are getting larger and larger. The largest of the season, the species which go to 40 pounds upwards, usually show up in surf by late September and throughout October to early November. During this period each year more prize winning channel bass are caught in the surf of the Dare Coast and Outer Banks, than anywhere else in the country. Catches from Kitty Hawk to Hatteras are of the yearling size, from 10 to 25 pounds.

St. Clair Beals of Kitty Hawk fishing at Oregon Inlet, took two—at 22 pounds and 18 pounds.

Willie Newsome of Hatteras reported channel bass caught by his patrons up to 25 pounds. From Cape Hatteras Fuller and Hooper said anglers at the point were catching channel bass of one size or another almost daily. Surf casters along the almost 100 miles of Dare Coastal beaches are also catching smaller varieties of surf fish, such as sea mullet or kingfish, flounder, weakfish (or trout) and spot almost daily.

Spot catches have been up to par from most of the fishing piers in the Nags Head area during the first half of September.

BLUE FISH REPORTED BY CAPT. ETHERIDGE IN WATERS OFF WANCHESE

Wanchese.—The blue fish were hitting trolled lures in Oregon Inlet waters this week. Spanish mackerel were also being caught and bottom fishing in Pamlico Sound near Oregon Inlet was reported very good, says Capt. Jesse Etheridge of Wanchese, a leading guide for the past 25 years.

"On Tuesday of this week, five anglers from Floyd, Va., trolling from my charter boat, The Caredwyn, landed 197 bluefish and seven Spanish mackerel," said Capt. Etheridge. "On the previous day they had caught 50 trout (weakfish) and several croakers, while still fishing in Pamlico Sound near See FISHING, Page Eight