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## GOLF COURSES PLANNED FOR BOTH ROANOKE ISLAND AND SOUTHERN SHORES IN DARE

Mother Vineyard Yacht & Country Club Project Has Many Subscribers in First Meeting Thursday Night in Manteo; Southern Shores Owners Set Up 400 Acres In Project Estimated at \$425,000.

### CROATAN BRIDGE OPENING A YEAR OFF SAYS LOVING

Not Likelihood of Getting It Open Before Late Winter of '56 Contractor Estimates

Golf, the little four letter word that has given much concern to the forward looking people in the Dare Coastland for several years, has finally come to the front in big letters, and it looks as if something is going to come of it. In Dare County, where so often things don't get done by halves, in this case it will be doubled.

All in one week, one group on Roanoke Island and another at Southern Shores, the big restricted seashore development in the northern end of the county, were busy with plans. The Manteo group, headed by Guy Lennon and his associate owners in the Mother Vineyard project, proposed to chip in 250 acres of land free of cost to the Mother Vineyard Golf and Country Club now being formed. The Club through the sale of stock would build a golf course and clubhouse, and to finance the \$150,000 project, it is proposed to obtain 500 shareholders at \$300 each.

A meeting attended by some 40 people, mostly of Manteo, held Thursday night in the community building heard tentative plans for the Roanoke Island project discussed. It is estimated that some 50 people had already agreed to put \$300 in the project. These men included the follows: R. Bruce Heridge, L. L. Swain, Ralph in, Ernest Meekins, Ralph and son Davis, Ray Lewis, Archie Criss, M. K. Fearing Jr., M. L. Daniels Jr., Gordon Kellogg, Martin Kellogg Jr., Thos. Chears, Jr. and W. H. McCown.

The owners of the Mother Vineyard property are Mr. Etheridge, G. T. Westcott and Dr. W. E. Lennon of Federalsburg, Md., Guy and R. B. Lennon of Manteo. For some months they have been engaged in landscaping a section of the property for residential development. Its ideal location on the eastern shore of Roanoke Island offers many possibilities for the several purposes outlined for its development.

The Southern Shores project located north of Kitty Hawk is reported to embrace an even more elaborate outlay, and this project has been outlined as follows in a news report by Aycock Brown:

Negotiations were completed here last week between organizers of the proposed Kitty Hawk Golf and Country Club and J. Ellis Maples, of Winston-Salem, to design an 18-hole championship golf course on properties donated by the Kitty Hawk Land Company in Southern Shores. Total cost of the project on which work is expected to begin soon will be approximately \$425,000.

The recently organized corporation, Golf and Country Club Development Company, plans to build the golf course and clubhouse, and possibly add a yacht club later. The yacht facilities would be constructed on Jean Quite Creek, an almost land-locked bay of Currituck Sound, near the Wright Memorial Bridge on U. S. Highway 158.

Incorporators of the Golf and Country Club Development Company include W. P. McDowell, Jr., Elizabeth City; Leo Bernan, golf pro at the Princess Anne Country Club, Virginia Beach; Duke Braithwaite, Virginia Beach realty agent; W. A. McClung, former president of the Charlottesville, Va., Keswick Country Club; H. Travis Sykes, owner-operator of the Sea Ranch at Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk; Allen Pierce, amateur golfer of Weldon, N. C.; and George N. Bratten, Jr., Virginia Beach automobile dealer.

The developers of Southern Shores, a coastal residential section which has built up for several miles along the coast near Kitty Hawk, set aside 400 acres for the new golf and country club estates, valued at \$100,000.

Of this acreage, 160 acres will be used for the clubhouse and golf course, with 240 acres earmarked for residential development. Members of the developing company have stated that each person buying shares in the project will receive, in addition to interest in the club and golf course, homesites lots in the 240 acres set aside for residential development.

### GOOSE AND DUCK SEASON TO OPEN EARLY ON MONDAY

Many New Angles To Shooting Season This Year All Due to Summer's Hurricanes

The goose and duck season has many new angles this year. The view looks good as of now, old hunters say. It will begin a half-hour before sunrise Monday morning, November 7th, and close on January 14th. That's one fine part, sportsmen say; it gives ten more days of shooting this season.

In the Mattamuskeet area where many farmers enjoy income from sportsmen who hunt in their fields, large crops of grain were left after being blown down by the hurricanes. In many instances these crops rotted because water stayed so long over the land. But in many other cases there was an abundance of grain which survived and is attracting many fowl.

Hunters in Hyde say the sport will be as good as ever.

In Currituck County some crops were damaged and some grain left in the fields. But this county has been long famed for its sport on the waters, and hunting in the fields is almost nil. Currituck Sound still has an abundance of grass. Likewise in Pamlico Sound where tides were high and consequently did not sweep the grass from the bottom. Hunters in Dare and particularly along Hatteras Island expect a good season.

If weather is rough, then hunting may be good, for there are many ducks and geese already in the area. The Pea Island game refuge has the most fowl seen at any time this early in years. On days when "blue-bird" weather prevails, not much luck may be expected.

Up to Monday they had used 218 or less than half of their working days. Due to the summer's hurricanes, they lost approximately two months working time because rough weather made it necessary to remove equipment to safe harbor. There is strong wind and tide.

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### There's Nothing Like the Glory of NOVEMBER ON THE "BANKS"

By Capt. Marvin W. Howard, Ocracoke, N. C.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of the wide popular appeal of this article by Capt. Howard, published a year ago in Coastland Newspapers, it is being reprinted. No doubt it will make Capt. Howard home sick when he reads his paper this week in far off South America.

November is here, come again to visit us on the cold, blue, raw days, where if one is not careful one may catch cold from extra efforts—because it's cool, yet not realizing it is still warm enough to perspire freely and thus a cold. These cold, blue, raw and cloudy days bring falling of the leaves from all the trees along the banks except the evergreen. As one watches the shadows along the winding trails on the sandy roads so familiar to the Banks, one is able to see bushels of acorns lying on the ground, the many golden-yellow serrated seed of the sea-oat like wise lie in the leas of the sand hills, and the purple flower of the wild-pea has almost vanished while the pods are bursting, letting their seed fall to the use of wild-life. As one feels the bite of the blustery, windy day, particularly if a hunter, the urge to take gun in hand, call Rover or Bando or Nipper and go-a-hunting is strong. It would not suffice alone to hunt birds, but rather to take in the wonders of Autumn's beauty among the woodlands, the salt grasses and the sand hills. All of this if properly viewed presents a beauty unequalled anywhere.

Our freedom to hunt, to play, to be able to enjoy these wonders are ours only because our Democratic Government or Republic whether you judge it by pony ride, the old jeep you go fishing in, the speed boat you own, the limousine in the garage, or the freedom to worship at the church of your choice, the school, the food on your table or the freedom to speak in public without fear. You are fortunate by the fact that you are living under a system of government based on the dignity and freedom of the individual, that derives its powers from the bottom up rather than the top down. The four freedoms which were so respectively brought to the public by the late Franklin D. Roosevelt. These freedoms we enjoy in the good U. S. A. and now especially along the Outer Banks where thus far the land has never been posted to any great extent, therefore the hunter can stroll with his dog "heeling" or watching the "retrieve" as the hunter kills a dove or other wildlife in season.

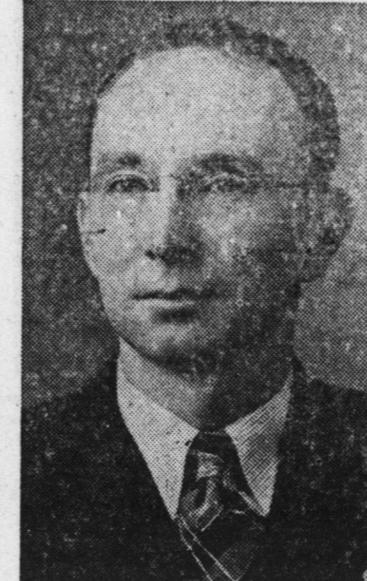
Beauty Everywhere

The beauty rare can be seen along the hills, thru the lonesome woods, the wide open marshes where the green salt grasses are interspersed by another salt grass

### DARE COUNTY'S MEN HEAD SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE



MELVIN R. DANIELS



W. S. WHITE

HON. MELVIN R. DANIELS of Wanchese was chosen unanimously as president of the Southern Albemarle Association at Williamston Friday so he could head up a celebration about the Croatan Sound Bridge next fall. He has previously served as president, several terms as Vice-President, a term as secretary and is a faithful and vigorous worker in the association since its beginning. He nominated for his successor as Dare County's Vice-President of the Association, Hon. Stanford White of Manns Harbor, who served as Vice-President in 1948. The meeting at Williamston was highly praised by many, as well as the fine dinner and the program arranged by retiring president A. Corey of Jamesville.

### KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS WHEN TIRE EXPLODES

Donald Bliven of Manteo, employed at Manns Garage, was knocked unconscious and suffered injuries to his hand Thursday morning when a tire he was inflating blew up.

Dr. C. F. Harris rendered prompt first aid, and said he expected no serious damage from the injuries which were painful.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

M. L. Knight will fill his appointment at the Church of Christ, Manteo on Sunday, November 6. Service commences at 11 a.m. All are invited to attend.

### HUNTING CLUBS AND WHAT THEY USED TO MEAN TO OUR COASTLAND COUNTIES

Hunting of wildfowl used to be a big industry in Eastern North Carolina and dozens of hunting lodges dotted our lonely marshes, mostly owned along with vast acreage, by business men from the North. These clubs employed caretakers, and other help in season, spent money with local merchants, often the members were asked and did contribute to local churches and other local affairs. They paid considerable in taxes to the counties and were often heavily assessed by local officers who imposed on them.

As the old timers died out, no one came to take their places for younger men had other interests and other business men didn't see it was good business in late years, with the short goose season, and small bag limit, to spend a lot of money for personal accommodations when they could go out for a day or week, and find modern homes and courts to take care of them.

But there is a wealth of human interest in reminiscences of the old hunting clubs and the men who owned and used them. There are only a handful of them left. There used to be a dozen in Dare County alone, and in Currituck and Hyde. Now in Dare County there is only the Mirlo Beach Club at Rodanthe, the Duck Island Club near Wanchese, the Durant Island Club near Mashoes, and the remains of the Gull Shoal Club in Pamlico Sound.

Read about the offer elsewhere in this paper about prizes for letters concerning these old clubs and the men who owned and used them. Then watch for the articles to be printed later.

### \$25 IN PRIZES FOR BEST LETTERS ABOUT OLD TIME HUNTING CLUBS

SEND IT TO THIS NEWSPAPER BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th.

The old time hunting clubs and what they meant to the communities of the Coastland can be the subject of an interesting article, if you will write them as you recall them. COASTLAND NEWSPAPERS will give three prizes for the best letters of not less than one thousand words and not more than 2,500 words that are mailed us by November 30th. For best letter \$15, for second best \$10, and for third best a two-year subscription to the paper. We reserve the right to keep all letters, and for any other letters of the length above mentioned, we may later publish, we will give a year's subscription to the paper. If sufficient response is not shown to this offer, we reserve the right to cancel it.

ADDRESS YOUR LETTER IN CARE OF THIS NEWSPAPER

## GOVERNOR HODGES HAS KIND WORDS FOR ALLIGATOR BRIDGE AND ADVICE FOR FUTURE

Suggestions Made at Southern Albemarle Convention at Williamston for Development of Home Industries; Care for Forests Urged; Association Meets For 20th Birthday in Roanoke Country Club.

### 19-DAY PERIOD IS OPEN ON CERTAIN OYSTER GROUNDS

Other News of State Department of Conservation and Development Activities

Raleigh.—Two areas for the taking of oysters commercially in Pamlico Sound waters will be open from November 1 to 19, Director Ben E. Douglas of the Department of Conservation and Development announced today.

Douglas said the Back Bay area at Cedar Island in Carteret County waters will be open for the 19-day period for tonging only of oysters. The area around Raccoon Key and Swan Island north of a line from Stumpy Point to Red Nun buoy No. 2 at the south end of Swan Island Shoal in Hyde county waters will be open for the 19-day period for dredging as well as tonging of oysters.

Decision to open the two areas, Douglas said, was made on recommendation of C. Gehrmann Holland, State fisheries commissioner, and Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research at Morehead City for the University of North Carolina.

Douglas said a recent survey by Dr. Chestnut of the oyster-producing areas in the State's coastal waters indicated rather widespread damage was done young oysters by the recent hurricanes hitting the coast.

At its fall meeting recently in Waynesville, the State Board of Conservation and Development directed Douglas and Holland to proceed with the planting of seed See OYSTER, Page Four

Meeting for the 20th time since its organization in 1935, the Southern Albemarle Association in annual session at the magnificent Roanoke Country Club near Williamston Friday had as its guest of honor, Governor Luther Hodges.

Governor Hodges commended the organization on the good work it had done in the past 20 years, and urged it to continue the good fight. "You will always make progress so long as you work for the good of the whole and never surrender to selfish interests he said. He urged our people to plan for the future, develop home industry and take not less than a 20-year view of our forests, otherwise he said, "we will not be doing our duty by those who come after us."

The governor came to help the association observe its 20th anniversary, said almost what the folks wanted to hear. The association long has been dedicated to the task of securing bridges across Croatan Sound and the Alligator River and the Three Mile Croatan Sound Bridge now is under construction and slated for completion next summer. A bridge across the Alligator, said the governor, "is a vital link in our state highway system which we need and must eventually have."

"It will require a structure 2.75 miles long at a cost of approximately \$3,000,000. While we realize the need, of course, there are not sufficient highway funds to handle the project now." He recalled that recently he allocated \$20,000 from the highway surplus for a preliminary study of the Alligator Bridge. It has been suggested, he said that the bridge be constructed and paid for through tolls.

I frankly do not know the answer at this time but I hope that something constructive can be done in the not too distant future, he continued.

In his talk, the governor called attention to the fact that per capita income in all six counties of the southern Albemarle was below the state average of \$1097 last year. In Beaufort it was \$863; in Dare, \$650; in Hyde, \$647; in Martin, \$827; in Tyrrell, \$654; and in Washington, \$1,020. I hope you keep this in mind," he said, "because you and I are going to do something about it."

Clarence Griffin of Williamston, former Martin County representative, introduced the governor. Williamston Mayor Bob Cowen, welcomed the governor and the delegates to the meeting. A. Corey of Jamesville, the outgoing president, presided.

With the Croatan Bridge in the bag, and Alligator hopes high, the association set out after new game. It approved a resolution authorizing a committee to approach agencies of the federal government and confer with the state about a combined effort toward bridging Oregon Inlet in the Cape Hatteras national seashore section of Dare.

The group also voted to establish a committee to promote agricultural and industrial development and another committee to promote the tourist business. It adopted a resolution urging the Highway Commission to continue maintaining the Old Scuppernong River Bridge at Columbia after a new bridge and by-pass are completed. It also favored a telephone line for Gum Neck in Tyrrell.

By some odd streak of chance the Southern Albemarle Association Friday chose for its top officers, former officers of the Association, entirely overlooking all the new blood and younger blood in the six-county group. It also abandoned the rotation system, giving Dare the presidency out of turn.

For President it chose Melvin R. Daniels of Dare, a former president and a vice president, and in all other counties but Washington and Dare, it named a former president as County Vice President. On nomination of Melvin R. Daniels, Dare's Vice-President is former vice-president, W. S. White of Manns Harbor. Harry W. Pritchett of Creswell again becomes the Washington County Vice-President. Vice Presidents for other counties have served as president in previous years, and are as follows: Hyde, W. W. Watson of Lake Landing; Beaufort, Dr. W. T.

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### LARGEST CHANNEL BASS OF SEASON, AT HATTERAS

### NAGS HEAD FISHING TOURNEY SUCCESSFUL

Largest channel bass of the season reported taken by a woman angler was a 49-pounder landed at Hatteras Inlet Sunday morning in the surf by Mrs. O. B. Cunningham of Hatfield, N. J. It was a 49-pounder. Willie Newsome reported that Bill Davis and party of Winston-Salem, fishing one afternoon landed five channel bass, the largest a 44 pounder. "Channel bass are getting larger and larger in the surf now," said Newsome, "and the big ones will be available in coastal waters of Dare until early December.

### WEATHER OR NOT, THAT'S WHAT HUNTERS DREAD

When the hunting season for migratory wildfowl begins next Monday, hunters should find plenty of geese and ducks to shoot. The refuge managers of Pea Island and Mattamuskeet report plenty of wildfowl. It is the same story from the Currituck and east Albemarle Sound region. Whether hunting is actually good on first day of season and during the current month depends on whether the weather is suitable for ducks—or suitable for bluebirds.

### RUNNERSUP IN TEAM COMPETITION

Pa., Fishing Club's team with 201 points for 134 fish and coming in third was the Dover Fishing Club of Philadelphia with 197 points for 109 fish. Elizabeth City Fishing Club chalked up 194 points for 163 fish caught. Leonard Williams of Pennsauken, N. J. team came 49 fish and thus won the Carolinian trophy.

In the individual tourney Mrs. R. S. Cook of Kill Devil Manor won first place for the largest fish taken—a puppy drum weighing less than 10 pounds. During the three-day tourney more than 250 persons participated and the contestants came from Wilmington, N. C. to Brooklyn, N. Y.

### DEER CROP FALLS OFF

Reports from the Dare mainland forests indicate that bear hunters have been having good

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