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TOURIST BUREAU DIRECTORS MET HERE TUESDAY

## HEARING HELD ON MILLION DOLLAR ROAD PROJECTED FOR NAGS HEAD SECTION

Highway Officials in Manteo Thursday Explain Project Calling for 200-Foot Right of Way Between Wright Memorial Bridge and Roanoke Sound Bridge, Creating Great Boulevard for Beaches.

Some 400 people, principally owners of, or interested in real estate in the probable path of a new road that is being projected by the North Carolina Highway Commission met in the Dare County courthouse Thursday morning to hear highway officials explain the three tentative locations that have been surveyed down the beach between Wright Memorial Bridge and Nags Head.

The road, designed to relieve traffic on the beach highway and to provide for future needs of traffic for many years to come would be 15 miles long and would cost about \$70 to \$90 thousand dollars per mile. It would require a 200-foot right of way.

But if right of way has to be paid for, the cost would run into a staggering sum if paid for at anywhere near the value the owners now put upon the land.

One route would run almost parallel and some few hundred feet to the west of the present beach highway. Another takes a more central location but both would have to merge at Jockey Ridge and become a part of the old road. A third route would follow more closely along the sound shore. Of the three locations suggested, the sound shore route is believed to be the least costly from a right of way standpoint, and offers more in the development of property values and scenic enjoyment than anything yet proposed for the beach. It has numerous possibilities for developing the property in future years and would add untold wealth to the area. Properly designed, it would make a beautiful scenic drive from which the beauties of Currituck, Albemarle and Roanoke Sound and Kitty Hawk bay might be viewed and become a tremendous tourist attraction. The wooded area of Nags Head and Kitty Hawk would be developed.

There is a possibility this road can be built next year. It may take a long time to arrive at a solution that will meet with least resistance among landowners and business men. In any route chosen some people may take the short view, and be expected to see in it a threat to their business prosperity. Others have hopes for a certain route because it might greatly enhance the value of property which otherwise may remain undeveloped for many years. The consensus of disinterested observers is that the farther to the west the road can be built, the greater will be its ultimate value and ultimate service to the most people. It offers greater potentials for the development of the most real estate, in that it will speed the development of property long dormant so far as market goes, and it also suggests that the greater the distance is between the old and new highways, then more connecting roads will be built, meaning of course that the development of hundreds of acres into profitable building sites will be made possible.

Most of the property owners in- See HEARING, Page Four

## BEACH RESIDENTS MEET TONIGHT TO PLAN FOR PHONE RATE HEARING

Residents of the Dare Beaches, Nags Head, Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills, with interested civic leaders will meet on Friday night at the Carolinian Hotel at 7:30 p.m. to discuss plans for the telephone rate hearing affecting the Kill Devil Hills exchange.

The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22 in Raleigh before the State Utilities Commission to review the rate structure which was established as a trial program for the beach exchange.

Primary emphasis in the hearing concerns whether or not the initial rate approved by the State for the beach exchange is fair to the subscribers and at the same time rendering a fair return to the telephone company upon its investment. The first year's operation of the exchange, from the financial standpoint, as well as operating service will be discussed. A representative group of beach residents will attend the hearing in Raleigh for the purpose of examining the company's report on operations, and raising specific rate problems, which affect the area.

## RISING YOUNG EDUCATOR



Donald Gordon Griffin was recently appointed Assistant Principal of Granby High School in Norfolk, Va. He is the son of Mrs. Hattie Creff Griffin and the late Cecil Griffin. His grandparents were the late Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Griffin, and the late Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Creff. He is a brother of Lt. Commander C. L. Griffin Jr., USN. An aunt, Mrs. Rennie Williams lives in Manteo. Mr. Griffin graduated from Maury High School in Norfolk; he attended the Norfolk Division of William and Mary, and received his B. A. and M. Ed. degrees from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

He has been with the Norfolk City School System for eleven years. See GRIFFIN, Page Four



Thirteen of the 16 members of the Dare County Tourist Bureau board of directors and officers are shown as they met in Manteo Tuesday to complete plans for publicizing and promoting the area during current year and to adopt a budget for operations. They are, from left to right: R. E. Jordan, Lost Colony, Gordon Kellogg, Manteo, Mrs. Lucille S. Purser, Nags Head, Manteo Mayor Martin Kellogg Jr., A. H. Gray, Waves, Tom Briggs, Kill Devil Hills (president of Nags Head Chamber of Commerce, who was present to discuss Ocean Highway), Wallace H. McCown, new president of Bureau, Mrs. Elizabeth Baum, Kitty Hawk, new secretary, treasurer, Mayor Emily Mustian, Kill Devil Hills, E. E. Mookins, Manteo, Boyd Gray, Hatteras township, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Kitty Hawk, George Fuller, Buxton, new vice president and M. R. Daniels of Wanchese. Only three members of the board were not present, Mrs. Diane Johnson, who is now in Europe, Archie Burrus, who was on vacation in New York and Mrs. W. S. White, of Manns Harbor. (Aycock Brown Photo)

## NAGS HEAD GROUP MEETS, TOM BRIGGS NOW HEADS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Thos. S. Briggs Jr. of Kitty Hawk, operator of the Hotel Croatan, was named President of the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce following a charcoal dinner Thursday night at the Carolinian. Miss Sarah Halliburton continues as secretary. The organization takes up matters of interest in the entire beach area. A report was heard from Town Commissioner Herbert Morrison of Kill Devil Hills that the A rating of the town's fire department will bring lower insurance rates to the area. Pat Bayne, John Evans and T. C. Kelford were named a committee. See CHAMBER, Page Four

## Her Tyrrell Ancestry and Its History Inspires Wife of College Professor

Daughter of Capt. Howard Davenport, Now in Iowa Reveres A System of Values That Places Learning Above Riches and Knowledge Ahead of Fine Carriages.

By VICTOR MEEKINS  
The once great empire of Tyrrell Precinct, which flourished in aristocracy and learning in Colonial days, has lost slices which form both Martin and Washington, and parts of other counties, has produced many great sons and daughters. Those who love it today look back upon great ancestry, great achievements and great traditions.

It is some of the things associated with Tyrrell County, which by the way gave much of its land in 1870 to form Dare County too, that fascinate me and inspire me to ask our readers to furnish us with more information about Tyrrell and its natives and the natives of other counties. Particularly

## IN DISTANT FIELDS BUT LOVES TYRRELL COUNTY



MRS. MIRIAM D. BURKE of Iowa, who finds in her Tyrrell County ancestry and her county's history much inspiration. See accompanying story.

from the counties of Hyde, Dare, Beaufort, and Currituck.

It would be valuable and inspiring knowledge to our readers. It would be encouraging and uplifting to recount for them the successes that have been achieved by our natives. It is fine for us to recount the traditions that inflamed the ambitions of our ancestors.

There seems little hope in the present nor in posterity among a people without pride and love for their traditions and their ancestors.

This is the spirit that will make us all better.

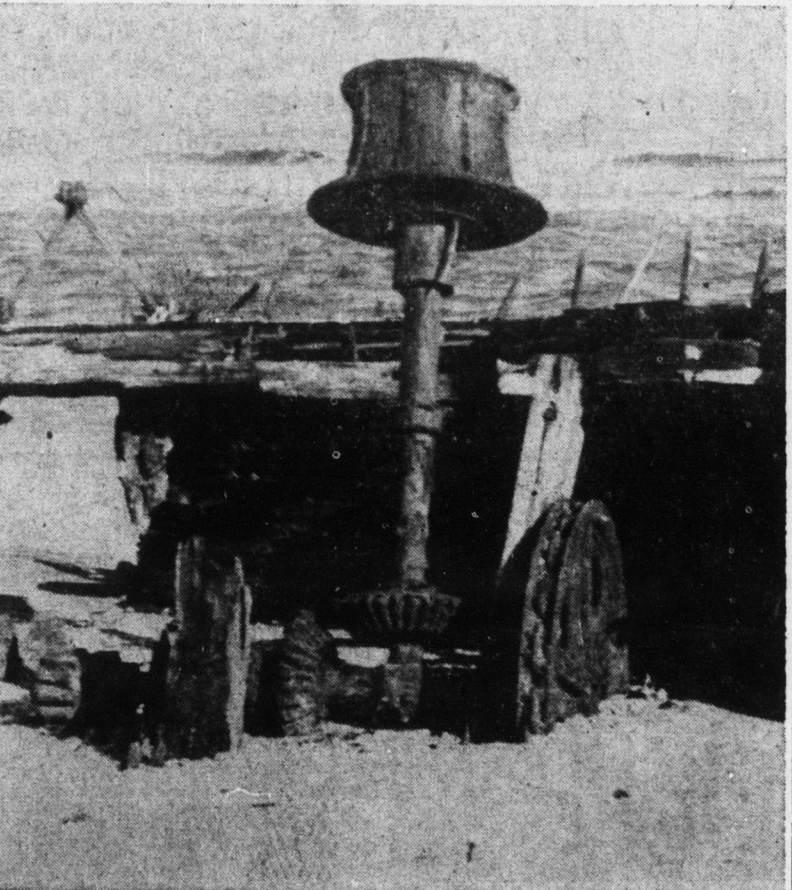
For this reason we are asking our readers to tell us of the great and the near great who have gone away from home. We are asking for articles about the things in- See ANCESTRY, Page Four

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE TO BE HELD AT MANTEO BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual Thanksgiving Day service held jointly by the Manteo Baptist and Manteo Methodist churches will be held on Thanksgiving Day at the Manteo Baptist Church at 10:30. The message will be brought by the Rev. Lewis Aitken, pastor of the Manteo Methodist Church. The music will be in charge of the Manteo Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend this Worship Service as the community gives thanks for what God has done for them in the past year," says Rev. H. V. Napier, the pastor.

There will be an offering taken at the service which will be given to the Baptist Orphanages of North Carolina for the homeless children they support.

## DEERING'S REMAINS AS LEFT BY STORM



Here's a picture by Dan Morrill, of what remained of the "Ghost Ship" Deering's hulk on the beach, a tourist attraction following the summer's hurricane.

## DON'T BITE THE HAND THAT FEEDS YOU

By DAN E. MORRILL  
Throughout the ages the action of wind and tide have carved a strip of land and beaches of golden sand, warmed in winter by the winds from the nearby blue water of the Gulf Stream and drenched by sunshine. This strip of land is the Outer Banks situated in our own Dare County and known throughout the world.

For years its isolation made it possible for only the adventure-some and hardy to view its wild beauty. Its isolation also made it a natural rendezvous for pirates and buccaneers who lived here beyond the reach of the law.

Fabulous legends have been woven about the pirates and of the shipwrecks on the shores and treacherous shoals and these tales have been told the world over.

Today, however, with the advent of good roads and ferries most of the isolation has vanished and thousands of tourists and vacationers visit these Outer Banks and

spend their money with the natives while here. They come here because of the isolation and natural beauty, because of the history connected with the Banks; because the waters teem with fish, because of the birds and wildfowl in the marshland and woods. They come because it is different and still unspoiled by the hand of commerce and greed.

Over the years the acts of God and the mistakes of man have caused countless numbers of ships to be wrecked upon the coasts and the skeletons and hulks of once proud ships of sail and steam lay along the beaches. These too are tourist attractions and folks like to come and see and meditate and perhaps re-enact in their minds deeds of heroism and danger. To dream of pirates and the iron men of the ships of wood and of the daring exploits of the old life saving service.

Recently the wreck of the See DEERING, Page Four

## KITTY HAWK HIGH SCHOOL DISAPPROVED IN REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

An Elementary School Recommended For Enrollment of More Than 160 Now Being Taught at Kitty Hawk; Survey Cites Poor Prospect of Growth in School Population.

## DIRECTORS OUTLINE TOURIST BUREAU'S SERVICES IN DARE

Meeting Wednesday Adopts Budget For Current Year Totaling \$14,650

By AYCOCK BROWN  
Dare County Tourist Bureau directors meeting here this week discussed various phases of what the organization is doing for the area and its supporters, adopted a budget for the current 1955-56 year, planned for special events and heard reports of officers.

A special report of Bureau activities presented at the board reflected a breakdown of how news and publicity about the area is disseminated throughout the country, special services to operators and information distribution.

## News and Publicity

Distribution of information in the form of news stories and newspapers is one of the major activities of the Bureau. Also served in this connection are radio and television stations, magazines, outdoor columnists, special writers or photographers assigned to stories in the Dare region and regular contact with editors and others in the form of suggestions for stories or ideas for same.

"In addition to the foregoing," said Chairman Wallace H. McCown, "Our Bureau also assists in the making of travel movies, such have been produced in the past or proposed to be produced in the future."

Services direct to operators of facilities in the Dare County section includes making pictures available for publicity folders, planning layouts for folders, distribution of advertising folders, helping operators with their advertising problems and acting as a consulting agency in the preparation of material used in answering inquiries.

"One of our services is processing letters from students throughout the country who write for in- See DIRECTORS, Page Four

## CONTRACT SOON FOR HIGHWAY ON OCRACOKE

Civic Club Hears Assurance That Things Are About Ready to Begin Construction

Ocracoke, Nov. 14.—Ocracoke Civic Club at its November meeting tonight heard letters of assurance from State Highway officials that the Ocracoke road contract is very near to the stage of being advertised for bids. Final surveys for drainage having been completed week before last, it was confirmed that all information necessary for drawing up the plans and contract are now in the hands of the Highway Department. Location surveys made in the early summer have been since then revised in the light of sea action observed in connection with the series of hurricanes Connie, Diane, and Ione in August and September, two specific relocations having been determined upon, each by way of securing a more favorable route for the highway. J. Emmett Winslow, Commissioner of the First Division, expressed his hope that the work "will be done so you can be using it sometime next summer."

In the absence but on the authority of Hazen Brooks, National Park Ranger, plans were reported that have already reached the mapping stage, for the rehabilitation and preservation of the old Navy docks and building on Silver Lake harbor here. Congressman Herbert C. Bonner wrote explaining in detail the careful study of timber preservation that has been undertaken by the Park Service in this connection.

A report was heard from the Federal Civil Defense Administration regarding the recent allocation by Hyde County authorities of 30 hours of mosquito spraying on Ocracoke at a total cost of \$630.00. The Federal Civil Defense Administration reported this approach to the problem in lieu of machine fogging. It was further reported that this is almost certain. See HIGHWAY, Page Eight

Editor's Note: There has been much interest in Kitty Hawk in recent months about the desire of that community to get a modern High School built to serve pupils residing between Nags Head and Caffey's Inlet, including Colington Island. There have been some contentions as well as misunderstandings about what was said as well as not said in various meetings and otherwise. We have therefore obtained a copy of the report of the Committee sent out from Raleigh to investigate the situation, and print it herewith, verbatim and in full.

KITTY HAWK SCHOOL SURVEY, DARE COUNTY, July 19-20, 1955: At the request of Superintendent of schools, Mrs. Mary L. Evans, a survey of school facilities in the Kitty Hawk School district was made on the above dates by the following committee. R. P. Martin, Superintendent of Hertford County Schools; Warren L. Lathan, Division of School Planning; Henry L. Buffalo, Division of School Planning; and J. L. Pierce, Division of School Health and Physical Education; the latter three members of the committee being from the N. C. Department of Public Instruction.

The survey requested was specifically for recommendations regarding future planning in the Kitty Hawk School district. Generally speaking, all the information contained in this report relates only to the Kitty Hawk School district.

The committee met with the Superintendent and Board of Education at the existing Kitty Hawk School and heard a delegation of patrons from the Kitty Hawk School district headed by Wallace H. McCown. Mr. McCown presented facts relative to school population in the Kitty Hawk district and to possible school expansion within the district if proper school facilities were available. Mr. McCown See SCHOOL, Page Four

## INVESTORS FEARING HIGH TAXES, SLOW UP BEACH BUILDING

Recent Big Jump in Dare Tax Rate Keeping People Out of Work, Realtors Believe

Dare County appears to be losing far more than it gained by the recent big jump in the tax rate put on property in the county, and it is feared much employment will be lost to the people, due to plans having been cancelled by a number of owners of beach property who had planned to build houses this winter. A number of realtors interested in beach property, have been singing it low, but privately say the constant increasing in budget and big pumping of taxes is discouraging people from building.

Men who used to keep busy all fall helping to build houses, and lay concrete foundations and sidewalks find themselves with nothing to do this winter. Some realtors say it is because men who had planned to invest money on the beaches are uncertain and afraid. They don't know where they stand, and they don't know how far this tax raising business is going to go. They also say that until the county gets some responsible officials, and adopts a permanent and stable policy on which to depend, that we may not soon see a resumption of the former rate of building on the beach.

For one thing, and in particular, the investor doesn't want his money tied up where he is as helpless as in Dare County, where he is a non-resident, and has no vote. He is at the mercy of the caprice of the carelessness of a group of officials, or of a mere handful of residents, who with no property at stake, can vote unreasonable taxes which is mostly paid by the non-resident. He can't do a thing about it, or while he has the investment in property, and must pay most of the taxes, he hasn't a bit of say so about how far the officials can go, nor how they spend the money.

Consequently the news gets out, and discourages others from coming in and investing money. Building investments during the past ten years have been the principal source of income for most of our working men.

But we have a different picture this fall. Men who had jobs to do, and contracts for concrete and housebuilding, are walking around with no work to do. They are begging to learn something of the See TAXES, Page Five