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## ALL-SEASHORE GROUP MEETING AT NAGS HEAD

Association to Convene Tuesday at 12:30 At the Carolinian

Aycock Brown and Wally McCown of the Dare County Tourist Bureau are putting in a lot of work to make a success of the meeting of the All-Seashore Highway Association which will meet Tuesday at 12:30 at the Carolinian at Nags Head, and Joe DuBois of Morehead City, prime mover of the Association urges those who attend to stay over for the night.

Mr. DuBois plans a tour of Nags Head, Manteo, Kitty Hawk and Hatteras for all who will stay over for Tuesday night.

The purpose for which the Association was founded was the promotion of a highway all the way along the coast by way of Hatteras and Ocracoke. As the group gained momentum it became interested in other things, such as mosquito control, etc.

Emmett Winslow, first district highway commissioner of Hertford, has accepted an invitation to attend a meeting of the board of directors and other interested parties of the All Seashore Highway Association at The Carolinian Hotel on Tuesday, November 29, at 12:30 o'clock, it was announced today by W. H. McCown, president of Dare County Tourist Bureau and member of the All Seashore board.

The All Seashore has as one of its primary long range objectives the construction of an ocean side highway that would eventually extend from Virginia to South Carolina. Since its organization one such link in the objective has been realized with state approval and the early construction of a paved road by the State on Ocracoke Island. Also in the initial planning was the hopes for the establishment of a ferry service between Ocracoke and the mainland of Currituck County to connect with U. S. Highway 70, thus eliminating a winding dead end for auto travel the Outer Banks.

Similar plans are proposed for other sections of North Carolina in the Cape Fear region and northeastern North Carolina.

Glenn Tucker of the Wilmington area is currently president of the All Seashore Highway and Joseph DuBois of Morehead City's chamber of commerce is its secretary and principal promoter. It was DuBois who conceived the idea for organizing the group which has in the past two or three years attracted attention of State officials and coastal county representatives.

In addition to highways, the All Seashore Highway Association is also active at present in proposals for beach erosion projects, and mosquito control. It was this organization which played a leading role in getting legislation passed during the last General Assembly in Raleigh for mosquito control measures.

The meeting at Nags Head on Tuesday will be the first held in the association's first district which includes northeastern Carolina counties and the Outer Banks. In addition to the regular members of the board of directors in Dare and Currituck and other coastal counties, invitations have been extended to several persons prominent in the development of northeastern North Carolina, and the meeting will be open to any person who wishes to attend. The meeting will begin with a Dutch treat luncheon in the Dogwood Room of The Carolinian.

## EDENTON WOMAN KILLED ON US 64 NEAR CRESWELL

Mrs. Charles Sutton of Edenton Killed, Three Other Injured Near Creswell

Mrs. Charles Sutton of Edenton was killed about 11 a.m. Saturday in an auto collision about seven miles west of Columbia, near Creswell, on US 64.

She was riding in a car driven by her husband when it collided with a car driven by Howard Simpson, 24, Negro of Roper, Route 1.

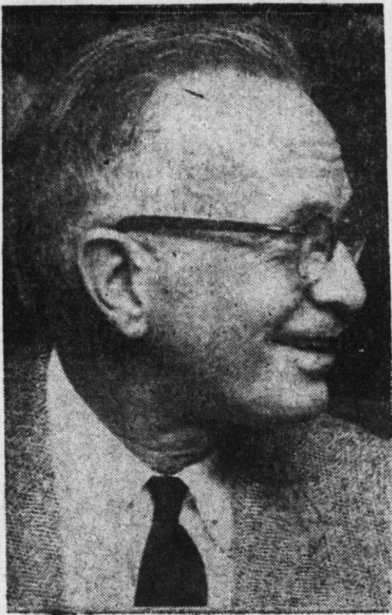
Sutton was hospitalized with possible internal injuries and a fractured arm and a cut lip. Johnnie Sutton, his four-year-old son, is hospitalized with a head injury.

Simpson has internal injuries and still was unconscious this afternoon.

Mrs. Simpson died of head injuries, apparently instantly.

Simpson will be charged with manslaughter, investigating Highway Patrolman L. L. Walters said.

## ON DARE COAST VISIT



JOE BAYLOR ROBERTS, one of America's most outstanding photographers, who is on the staff of National Geographic Magazine, Washington, D. C., is spending the Thanksgiving holidays at Nags Head with his family. For Roberts it is a return trip to the Dare Coast which he photographed so magnificently at intervals in 1954 and earlier this year to illustrate the Geographic's "October Holiday in the Outer Banks" which was published last month. Joe Roberts is one of the original members of the Honorary Tar Heels. During the early part of his career he was a press photographer on the old Washington Times Herald. Since becoming a member of Geographic's staff he has traveled throughout the world to make pictures in color or black and white to illustrate stories appearing in the magazine. As matter of fact since he started the assignment, which culminated in illustrations for "October Holiday" he photo covered stories in Japan, Indo-China, Canada, New England and throughout America. (Aycock Brown Photo)

## HATTERAS ISLAND DELEGATION ASKS MORE FERRY TRIPS

Civic Club of Rodanthe Leads Group to Confer With Commissioner Winslow Today

A delegation from Hatteras Island armed with petitions signed by just about every resident of Ocracoke and Hatteras Island are scheduled to confer with Highway Commissioner Emmett Winslow in Hertford today (Friday) to see if the Oregon Inlet ferry schedules can be improved.

The citizens feel that service should be increased to four times a week and 4 a.m. in summer and continue through to midnight with hourly schedules simultaneously on the hour from both sides of the inlet.

The service now begins at 7 a.m. from the north side and at 7:30 a.m. from the south side, with service ending at 4 p.m. from the northside and 4:30 p.m. from the south side, which permits only nine hours of ferry service during the day. This, the citizens say, creates a hardship for those who wish to make a round trip to towns off the island in normal course of business, and also is insufficient for the tourist business coming to the island, in some instances having to leave cars in excess of the capacity of the boats, which is 20 cars, but due to the large number of trucks now using the ferry the full amount of cars cannot be loaded on a large part of the trips.

The movement is being led by the Civic Club of Rodanthe-Waves, and the committee named for this conference consists of the County Commissioners E. P. White and James Scarborough, R. D. Owens of Rodanthe, and Geo. Fuller of Buxton, and Woodrow Edwards, club president.

## MANTEO TROOP 165'S SCOUT OF THE MONTH



G. G. BONNER III, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Bonner Jr. of Manteo, has been named Boy Scout of the month for the month of October. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 165, Manteo.

G. G. is 11 years old and joined the Manteo troop in February, 1955. He attends Manteo School and is in the sixth grade. At the present time he holds the rank of Tenderfoot, but is working toward Second Class. As his award he will receive a Boy Scout first aid kit.

## EIGHT CASES DISPOSED OF BY DARE RECORDER

Judge W. F. Baum disposed of eight cases in Dare Recorder's Court Tuesday. Garland T. Beacham was tried on a warrant issued Sept. 14, 1954, with failure to support his wife, Ruby Jean, and three children. He had been living in Florida, and was apprehended in Norfolk Saturday. The court gave him a suspended two-year jail sentence and ordered him to pay his family \$20 a week for their support. He is under a \$500 performance bond signed by his father, Roy Beacham of Kitty Hawk.

Clayton Bowser and Frank Stewart, colored, were tried for stealing \$60 from their friend Charles Whedbee. Stewart drew a 60-day suspended road sentence and a fine of \$50 and half the costs, and must pay Whedbee \$40 at the rate of \$5 per week. Bowser got a 30-day suspended road sentence and must pay half the costs, a \$25 fine and \$20 to Whedbee at the rate of \$2.50 per week.

Norman Cahoon of East Lake paid \$25 for reckless and careless driving. Richard Baum of Kitty Hawk, for driving without operator's ticket \$25 and costs. Gethemane Gallop of Manteo paid \$30 and costs for driving with improper license plates. Jimmy Darrel Simpson of Williamston paid \$10 and costs for driving without car tags. Charles Lee Scarborough of Wanchese forgot to renew his operator's ticket and paid \$25 and costs. Wilbur Lee Berry paid \$15 and costs for driving at 70 mph. Richard (Cy) Scarborough of Wanchese was ordered to resume payments for the support of his children. Norman Brantley was put under \$200 appearance bond for Dec. 22nd to answer charge of non-support.

## NEW FERRY IN SERVICE ACROSS OREGON INLET

The state's new ferryboat, the Herbert C. Bonner, which is equipped for night operation, went into service across Oregon Inlet Thanksgiving Day, and is operating this week end. This boat is considered the best one in the entire fleet of similar craft numbering seven which the state now operates in Dare County waters. The new craft was completed in a Norfolk shipyard two weeks ago.

## ROANOKE ID. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETS NOV. 30

Annual meeting of the Board of Directors and members of Roanoke Island Historical Association will be held at the Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel, in Raleigh, next Wednesday, November 30. As usual the meeting will be held in the Elizabethan or Manteo Room of the Sir Walter, will begin with a Dutch Treat luncheon.

Purpose of the meeting will be to make plans for The Lost Colony's 16th season scheduled to begin on June 30, 1956. Martin Kellogg Jr., chairman of the association will preside and R. E. Jordan, general manager will make his report to the directors. Several members of the board of directors from Roanoke Island and other Eastern Carolina cities are planning to attend the meeting.

## ELECTRIC SHOCK IN BATHTUB KILLS A COLUMBIA WOMAN

Mrs. Betty Frances Reynolds, 49, of Columbia, died at her home early Thanksgiving morning while taking a bath. The coroner, C. E. Walker, who investigated her death, ruled that she died as the result of an electrical shock, due to the water heater in the room having fallen over against the tub causing a short, charging the tub and water with electricity.

Charles Reynolds, her husband, heard the water running about 4 a.m. and going to investigate found his wife's body. Although he stood in his shoes, he felt a shock when he removed her from the tub.

Mrs. Reynolds, a native of Tyrrell, was the daughter of William and Fannie Etheridge. She is survived by two sons, Ronald and Daniel Reynolds of Columbia; four brothers, William of Tarboro, Wesley of Creswell, John of Columbia and Daniel of Roanoke Rapids; two sisters, Mrs. Daisy Cahoon of Columbia, Mrs. Worth Brickhouse of Morehead City and three grand- See DEATH, Page Eight

## COLINGTON BOY IN AIR FORCE IN TEXAS



Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.—Bryan D. Meekins, 17, son of Orlando S. Meekins, of Colington, is completing his Air Force basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base. He entered the Air Force in impressive ceremonies held at Kill Devil Hills in the summer.

His Lackland training is preparing him for entrance into Air Force technical training or for an Air Force duty assignment. The course includes a scientific evaluation of his aptitude and inclination for following a particular career field.

### Fishing and Hunting

AS REPORTED BY AYCOCK BROWN

## SPORTS ODDITIES ALWAYS OCCURRING ON DARE COAST

Nags Head.—When nine year old Jan Oneto of Nags Head went squirrel hunting recently in Nags Head woods he got the surprise of his life. Spotting what appeared to be the gray tail of a squirrel at the top of an oak tree he aimed his .22 and fired. What fell to the ground dead was not a squirrel, but a raccoon.

The Rev. L. I. Aitken, pastor of the Manteo Methodist Church, had landed two flounder which he hung overboard on a string to keep fresh. Suddenly he saw a 10 foot hammerhead shark heading towards his catch which he started pulling in but not quick enough. The hammerhead snatched the flounder and the Rev. Mr. Aitken, fishing at Oregon Inlet did not argue with the shark.

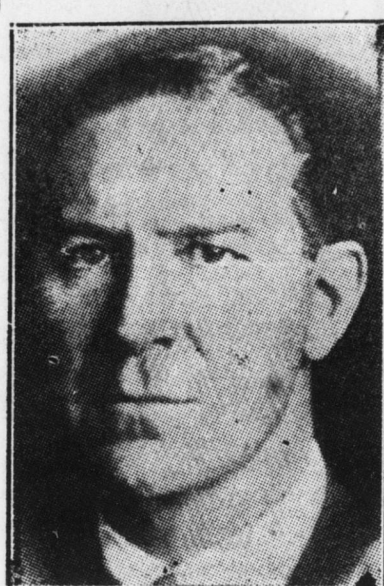
Last week Capt. Will Lewark trolling for striped bass in Albemarle sound, saw a crippled goose, cast his home made buck-tail and caught goose.

## BIG CHANNEL BASS CAUGHT AT HATTERAS

Hatteras.—Large channel bass are running in the surf and as Ralph Gray proved Monday using cut mullet for bait he landed four channel Bass weighing 40, 41, 42 and 47 pounds respectively. This was the best catch reported since last week end.

On Nov. 15, the great school of big channel bass were near the Point of Cape Hatteras and anglers

## MITCHELL-HEDGES DOES ANOTHER ADVENTURE BOOK



FREDERICK A. MITCHELL-HEDGES, the British explorer and writer who lived for nearly two years near Hatteras in 1935-36 is now 72, and winding up his active and colorful career of roaming around the world. In his quest for ancient relics, in big game hunting and fishing, he has lived in Canada, Mexico, Honduras, Panama, Africa, Norway, and many other distant places.

DANGER MY ALLY is the name of the book published for him this year by Little Brown and Company 34 Beacon St., Boston, priced at \$3.75. Some of its content seemed familiar to us who have read most of his other books. He has a facile style of writing which is easy to read and to understand, and it offers a good evening's entertainment. It's literary style is fine, but as an adventure book is not filled with intense suspense. It is informative as to ways and customers of the peoples in the lands he visited.

During his stay at Frisco, Mr. Hedges bought quite a lot of property which he sold when he went to England in 1936. There was a bad storm tide in September of that year. Later he went on explorations to the Pacific Islands near the Canal Zone, and since World War II he has made an expedition to South Africa. He is now 72 and settled down in a castle in England, as he says "His heart is wonky; throat trouble has left him husky, and an attack of lumbago has made him hobble."

He makes the following interesting comment on men: "They spend their lives struggling for money, position, prestige or power, and when they die, they call upon the religions they have largely ignored in their lifetimes to hallow their memories with a little brief immortality. . . . men, "has developed his inventive powers to such a degree that no inventive See MITCHELL, Page Eight

## SLOW PROGRESS FOR OREGON INLET CHANNEL PROJECT

No Need To Be Discouraged, Says A. H. Ward, Jr., Citing Gains Made

The deepening of Oregon Inlet for the benefit of the fishing industry is of vital interest to the people of Eastern North Carolina. It is too important to give up, although we may expect discouragements. It is a long range project, and many projects of similar value sometimes take a lifetime to accomplish. If it was worth starting, it is worth working for now.

Such is the opinion of Alvah H. Ward Jr., Manteo ice manufacturer, who has come forward to stand in the shoes of his late father, the man who until his death three years ago, led the campaign to get channel improvements to Oregon Inlet. He spent a lot of time and money in this campaign, and enlisted the unanimous support of all interests of Eastern North Carolina, and through the able work of Congressman Herbert Bonner, a bill in Congress authorized the project to be built by Army Engineers.

But the Korean War and defense sentiment in this country at the time stood in the way of Oregon Inlet, and the money needed for the job, more than a million dollars, was never appropriated. That's now the big question—getting the money appropriated.

Young Mr. Ward is now as keenly interested in the inlet project as was his father, but says he is new to the political factors involved and finds himself confused in the Governmental red tape that surrounds things of this sort. Last week he accompanied Register of Deeds Melvin Daniels, and Commissioner Lawrence Swain on a trip to Norfolk, seeking to get additional endorsements from Navy officials in hope of giving the project a shot in the arm. The party found there nothing they could do, except submit a brief, which already had been done several times, having already resulted in the Navy's blessing.

In fact, voluminous briefs have been prepared on the subject several times, one of which during Mr. Ward's lifetime was presented to the Committee on Appropriations at the Nation's Capital. To finance the project, the late Mr. Ward's Committee had raised a fund of several thousand dollars through the years. The Dare County Commissioners have contributed during the past six years nearly \$2,000 to carry on the campaign. The longest and hardest task was finished during the life of the late Mr. Ward.

It is therefore important, Mr. Ward thinks, that the fishing interests do not give up the fight. It must be remembered too, he says, that there are some 17 projects in eastern North Carolina in the million dollar class for which local interests are clamoring, and other untold projects throughout the state and nation, all demanding aid from Congress. Many of these projects come under flood See PROGRESS, Page Eight

## MRS. ED PAYNE DIES; BURIED AT STUMPY POINT

Mrs. Daisy Elma Payne, 70, died Sunday in the Albemarle Hospital at 9:20 a.m. following an illness of three weeks.

She was a native of Dare County, but had been residing at 800 Second Street, Elizabeth City for the past 34 years. She was the daughter of the late Annie Hooper and W. B. Payne and the wife of Edward Francis Payne. She was a member of the Pearl Street International Holiness Church and a member of the Women's Missionary Society.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Major E. Payne, of Portsmouth, Va., and R. Elmer Payne of Muncie, Ind.; two sisters, Mrs. Graves Middett of Salvo, and Mrs. E. M. Daniels of Norfolk, Va., and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home. Dr. L. Sigsbee Miller, pastor of the Pearl Street International Holiness Church, officiated. Burial followed in the Stumpy Point Methodist Church Cemetery.

"Rock of Ages," "Does Jesus Care" and "Good Night and Good Morning" were sung by Mrs. E. R. Byrum Jr., Ambrose Toler and William Cooper. Mrs. Eugene Scott accompanied at the console of the organ. The casket was covered with a pall made of pink roses, white carnations, Easter lilies and fern. Active pallbearers were Curtis Jennings, Rufus Chappell, Wilson Jennings, Archie Perry, Jep Boyce and Stewart Hooper.