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SAA MEETING IN COLUMBIA CALLED FOR JANUARY 25

President Advises Committee That Dinner Will Be Provided and Bridges Discussed.

Notice of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Albemarle Association in Columbia, Wednesday of next week, January 25th, at 11 a. m. has been issued by the President of the Association Melvin R. Daniels of Wanchese. One of the purposes of the meeting is to discuss the proposed Alligator River Bridge.

Dare County's members of this committee, recently appointed by Mr. Daniels are as follows: Mrs. Wilma Midgett and Mrs. Irene Best of Stumpy Point, Mrs. Daisy Midgett of Nags Head, and Mrs. Donis White of Manteo, John Midgett of Mashoes, T. O. Sutton of Manns Harbor, M. K. Fearing Sr. and M. L. Daniels Jr. of Manteo.

Wallace R. Gray of Manteo is Secretary of the Association by recent appointment of Mr. Daniels, who says in his notice that:

"The Board of County Commissioners of Tyrrell County will furnish lunch and it is very important that you notify Mr. W. J. White, Vice President of the Association for Tyrrell, Columbia, N. C., if you will be present.

"As you already know it is the hope of those building the Croatan Sound bridge to have it ready for the dedication not later than December 1956. This may seem to be a long way off, but time has a way of slipping by and it will be December 1956 before we are aware of it. So let's get things going and be ready.

"There is no doubt but that the Alligator River bridge will be in the process of building within the next two years. In fact I have reliable information that the survey will be made within the next few weeks.

"Please do not treat this lightly as it is very important to the whole Southern Albemarle that we be on the alert and ready to go on foot and out of our way to see our fondest dreams come true, to-wit: the Croatan Sound and Alligator River bridges completed, also a bridge across Oregon Inlet."

WAHAB MOVES AGAINST VIRGINIA BEACH CHIEF

New Commonwealth's Attorney, Ocracoke Native Will Prosecute Officer For Trying to Hire An Assaulter.

Robert S. Wahab, Jr., scion of Ocracoke, is one of the principal witnesses in the prosecution of Reeves E. Johnson, Virginia Beach police chief who is charged with trying to hire men to black-jack the crusading editor of the Free Press, J. W. Dunn.

Dunn had been outspoken against the political machine in charge and gambling and other vices permitted at the beach.

Wahab, son of R. S. Wahab of Ocracoke, is the newly elected commonwealth's attorney for Princess Anne County. With other witnesses, he arranged to trick Johnson into admitting his efforts to hire others to beat up Dunn.

Johnson has been on the force 14 years, and chief since 1947 and has served under four chiefs. He is under \$500 bond charged with soliciting an agent to commit felonious assault.

Wahab, the new commonwealth's attorney, at one time served on the staff of J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI.

POSTMASTERS MEET AND MAKE PLANS AT NAGS HEAD

One of the forthcoming big events of the summer will be the state convention of postmasters of Nags Head June 12-14th. To make plans for this event, Many Dare County postmasters met with the State President, Mrs. Effie A. Brickhouse of Columbia at the Carolinian Saturday night.

A big time, filled with receptions, lunches, fashion show, card parties, a fish fry, barbecue, sight-seeing and fishing will be on the program. Business meetings will be at the Shrine Club and the Arlington Hotel is to be convention headquarters. There will be notable speakers.

Attending the planning dinner were Roy Kessinger of Nags Head, Mrs. Elton C. Twiford of Kill Devil Hills, R. A. Job of Hatteras, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones of Manteo, Mrs. Maude White of Buxton, Mrs. Elizabeth Stowe of Frisco, Mrs. Lee Perry of Kitty Hawk, and Mrs. Brickhouse.

SIR HUMPHREY GILBERT'S DESCENDANT AT MANTEO



Geoffrey Edmund Gilbert, whose home address is Compton Castle, South Devon, England, was a recent visitor at the Elizabethan Garden on Roanoke Island and while there he was presented with one of the rare Sir Walter Raleigh commemorative half dollars by Lost Colony Manager R. E. Jordan on behalf of Roanoke Island Historical Association. Gilbert at right, was receiving the coin from Jordan as this picture was made in front of the center fountain of the formal gardens. The project was of special interest to Gilbert, as he is a descendant of Sir Humphrey Gilbert, noted explorer of the Elizabethan Era and half brother of Sir Walter Raleigh, whose expedition discovered Roanoke Island in the New World of 1584 and where his colonists of 1587 attempted to plant a permanent settlement. Gilbert returned this week to England where he is associated with Lloyds of London. He came to Roanoke Island with Dr. and Mrs. Corbett Howard of Goldsboro. She has been active in the creation of the Garden Club of North Carolina sponsored Elizabethan Garden. (Aycock Brown Photo)

HEART DISEASE CITED AS MAJOR BUSINESS PROBLEM



Chapel Hill—"Heart disease is everybody's business," said W. D. Carmichael, Jr., State Campaign of the North Carolina Heart Association. He heads the campaign through February to raise funds for this work.

"President Eisenhower's recent heart attack caused the stock market to dip, created confusion in politics, and upset the entire Washington routine," Mr. Carmichael stated, "and yet the President's was only one of 1000 heart attacks during the day. What effects did the other 999 have on the life and welfare of our people?" Discounting the factors of pain, anxiety and sudden death, Mr. Carmichael continued, the impact on our economy alone justifies an all-out war on this number one killer.

He pointed out that industry devotes large staffs and countless dollars and hours to labor negotiations to avoid strikes, because strikes mean lost man days. Yet, during the past several years, industry has lost five times more man days each year through diseases of the heart and blood vessels than through strikes. Mr. Carmichael asserted further that heart attacks affect more than a proportionate share of the leadership in business, which prevents return on the investment of training these executives.

"Heart disease is not limited to the aged," said Mr. Carmichael. "After age 25, it is the country's leading killer. It is hard to find a family anywhere which has not been afflicted by it."

Fight Polio Epidemics!
Join the **MARCH OF DIKES**
January 3 to 31

MRS. WHITE VISITS LAND OF CHANGELESS SEASONS

In California Down Mexico Way There Is No Rain, and No Cold, But Brains and Energy Make Stuff Grow

While folks of Dare County have been under water from sea or sky most of the time since August, Mrs. Frank White, deputy Sheriff of Dare County has just been where there ain't none. She came home last week after an airplane trip to a place where it never rains, and the seasons don't even change. It's a town of 4,000 in the southeastern end of California named Blythe, about 25 miles from the Mexican border, and it is hard by the Colorado river. All the water for their stock, and to irrigate their crops and pastures has to be piped into the field from a river which is supplied by the snow-fed streams of Nevada and Utah, hundreds of miles away.

Out in this arid spot, great prosperity prevails, although there grows not a bit of grass or trees. The prosperity is brought about by the industry and ingenuity of mankind. There are fine truck farms, growing melons and vegetables and grains. There are cotton gins and feed mills and a lot of cattle raising. A lot of seed plants are produced there, although it is desert country, and but for the energy of man would produce only cactus and remain blowing sand.

Mrs. White visited her sister, Mrs. W. Y. Murphy, the former Thelma Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lewis of Manteo. Mr. Murphy is engaged in farming, ginning and grinding feed on a big scale. He has bought into the land, and taken up much Government land. The temperature was 75 degrees all day, and required wearing a sweater at night. Houses are air-conditioned, and there is no provision for heating.

The flight from Norfolk took about 14 hours, with stops in Washington, D. C., Memphis, Tenn., El Paso and Fort Worth, Texas. She spent four days after she got there, and came home Thursday of last week.

SURPLUS PROPERTY MAN TO BE IN DARE JANUARY 24

Gen. Edward Griffin, N. C. Civil Defense director advises that a representative of his department will be in Manteo, January 24 to receive applications for the purchase of surplus government property by hurricane disaster stricken farmers and businessmen. The return visit has been scheduled for the benefit of applicants who were not able to interview him on his previous visit.

CONTRACT LET TO SAM LIVERMAN FOR K. D. HILLS WORK

Civil Defense Drainage Project To Cost \$10,258.50; Work Begins at Once.

A local man got the contract this week to dig the drainage ditches which the town of Kill Devil Hills will get as a gift from Disaster Relief Funds, and work will begin soon, according to announcement by Mrs. Emily Mustian, Mayor. Sam Liverman was awarded the contract Monday of this week, when sealed bids were opened in the town offices, and Mr. Liverman was the lowest bidder in the sum of \$10,258.50.

Arthur L. Miller and M. D. Lewis of Miller and Lewis Construction Company, Greenville, N. C. bid \$11,343.50. Fred S. Sherman of Fred S. Sherman & Son South Norfolk, Va. bid \$10,354.46. Sam Liverman bid \$10,258.50. Charles O. Basnight of Kill Devil Hills bid \$9,569.20. Mr. Basnight withdrew his bid since he did not think he could do satisfactory work at those figures. The contract See **CONTRACT**, Page Eight

OCRACOKE DOCKS TO BE CLEANED UP AND REPAIRED

National Park Service May Spend Upwards of \$80,000 on Harbor Improvement

There will be a lot of improvement to the big docks built by the Navy at Ocracoke during the war. The old buildings will be torn down and the grounds cleaned up. It may cost as much as \$80,000 to do the job, but the National Park Service is now asking for bids to do the work.

Superintendent Allyn F. Hanks, Superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area has announced invitation for bids for the construction and repair of facilities at Silver Lake Marine, Ocracoke Island, have been mailed to prospective bidders. Other interested bidders may obtain plans and specifications at the office of Mr. Hanks at Bodie Island. The bids will be opened on February 15th.

Mr. Hanks last week announced that the Park Service will receive bids for the operation of a Camp Ground Store at Oregon Inlet. This store will be permitted to sell supplies to campers at the inlet, and the property must not bring less than \$50 per month rent, plus other considerations. The building was recently purchased by the NPS from J. B. Tillett of Wanchese, for about \$22,000. Mr. Tillett built it new about five years ago and operated it for several months before removing to the north side of Oregon Inlet.

FAST INCREASE IN CALENDAR OF DARE EVENTS PLANNED

Fox Hunt, Jamboree And Fishing Institute Are Included In Coming Attractions.

Previously held in Morehead City and Pontana, North Carolina State College Extension Division is trying something different this year, by way of its annual Sports Fishing Institute. In the past separate short courses have been held for fresh and salt water fishing. This year courses in the two types of fishing will be presented at one place, and the place selected is Nags Head, an area famous for its salt and fresh water sportsfishing. The Institute dates are June 11-15.

Other coming events include the annual Valentine Season Fox Hunt at Nags Head, February 16-18; the second annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree, April 27-29, from Kitty Hawk to Hatteras and including Roanoke Island and The Lost Colony's 16th season beginning June 30 and continuing through September 2.

In addition, there will be several conventions, one of the largest being the N. C. Postmasters Association in the Dare Beaches region. There is a possibility that this area will also get the Sudan Temple Shrine's spring ceremonial.

Already several of the events are getting widespread publicity. This week in Raleigh, four officials of the coming Pirates Jamboree, Julian Oneto, Pat Bayne, Herbert Smith and Orville Baum, created somewhat of a sensation in Raleigh, and also got their pictures on Associated Press wire-photo facilities. It was good publicity for the Jamboree.

The Jamboree has also been publicized otherwise in recent weeks and the February issue of Red Book magazine, and the Buick magazine will carry stories on the event before it is staged. Likewise, publicity on the coming Valentine Season Fox Hunt is hitting newspapers and magazines. North Carolina's Wildlife magazine carries a comprehensive story of the hunt in its forthcoming edition.

HIGHWAY OFFICIALS TO BE HONORED AT WANCHESE

In appreciation for all their good work in surfacing many neighborhood roads at Wanchese, the Ruritan Club will give a dinner Friday night, January 20 at the school building honoring highway officials, namely Commissioner Emmett Winslow, Engineers W. N. Spruill and George K. Mack, President V. G. Williams has also invited Jesse F. Davis to tell the club about the proposed development corporation projected for the community, of which Mr. Davis is president.

STUMPY PT. PUPILS WITH TALKING SMOKEY BEAR



Feature of a class in forest fire prevention and conservation at the Stumpy Point School recently was the introduction of a talking Smokey Bear. The first through fourth grade pupils were also shown slides of forest animals and presented with Smokey milk mugs by H. H. Hudson, representative of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, owners of more than 300,000 acres of woodlands in Hyde, Dare, Tyrrell and Washington counties. After the class was over Linda Kay Twiford and Loretta Carol Hooper were shown how to make Smokey talk and as this photo was made they were hearing America's most famous bear say: I'm Smokey the Bear, I'm Smokey the Bear, running and looking for smoke in the air. I warn careless people and tell them take care, Please prevent forest fire—Smokey the Bear." (Aycock Brown Photo)

THREE CASES TRIED DURING TWO AND A HALF DAYS OF SUPERIOR COURT IN DARE

There Just Doesn't Seem to Be Any Way for County To Profit By Extra terms of Court For Trial of Civil Cases; Cost About \$1,000 to Hold Term This Week; Appeals Noted.

At a cost of about \$400 a day, the extra term of Superior Court which is now a new regular feature in Dare County came to a close in the middle of the day Wednesday, after having granted one uncontested divorce and tried two cases by jury, both of which will be appealed to the Supreme Court in hope of getting a new trial.

There were nine cases set up on the calendar for trial, but for various reasons they were continued. In some cases, witnesses didn't show up; in others attorneys were not ready for trial.

The case in which R. Bruce Etheridge and Mrs. Essie N. Westcott of Manteo were in dispute over two beach lots worth about \$10,000 at Nags Head was decided by the jury in favor of Mr. Etheridge. The other side said they would appeal to the Supreme Court. Briefly, these lots which are situated to the north of the Carolinian Hotel were part of a large tract granted to Mr. Etheridge and others by the State of North Carolina some 25 years ago. Mrs. Westcott claimed that under a contract, Mr. Etheridge and the late Theo. S. Meekins, while owners of the land in question had agreed to sell her the land, two lots, for about \$1,200. Later, when Mr. Meekins and Mr. Etheridge divided their property, this particular tract went to Mr. Etheridge. The contract remained on the record, constituting a cloud on the title, which the plaintiff sought to have removed. Mr. Etheridge and the administrators of the estate of the late T. S. Meekins were plaintiffs and were represented by Attorneys John Hall and J. H. LeRoy of Elizabeth City, while the defendants were represented by W. A. Worth of Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Edna M. Scarborough of Avon was suing for the collection of an insurance policy on her late brother's life, Adrian Chesley Midgett of Waves. The World Insurance Company had refused to pay the \$3,000 due, alleging that Midgett, who died three years ago in Norfolk had come to his death as the result of his own actions. Evidence was introduced to show that Midgett had provoked a fight with a negro in Norfolk, and fell and injured his skull, and he shortly died as a result of this injury. The jury found for Mrs. Scarborough in the sum of \$3,000 and interest, but the company's attorney, W. A. Worth, gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court.

Nellie T. Brinson was awarded a divorce from Caleb Brinson. W. H. Jennette of Nags Head, who claims he owns the road to the ocean at Whalebone, wasn't willing to have his case tried in Dare County, but the court held it must be tried here, although it was agreed to bring in a jury from another county. See **COURT**, Page Eight

HATTERAS ISLAND FOLK MET WITH INCONVENIENCE BUT NO SERIOUS DAMAGE

Buxton on Cape Hatteras—Forty Hatteras Island school children had the novel experience during last week's blow of being shovelled to the school house by a forty-ton bulldozer when their school bus bogged down in three feet of sand that covered some miles of the paved highway, and school was resumed after a three-day recess occasioned by the worst blizzard that has hit the Island in 38 years.

Just behind the school bus was the mail truck, towed by an ancient Corbett truck and manned by Harry Bennett, superintendent of highway maintenance on the Island and next in line was a grocery truck that supplies island stores. Normal traffic was restored by late Thursday afternoon.

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Other than to the road, no damage occurred on the Island. The section between Buxton and Hatteras villages had been clear most of the time. Three inches of snow and ice that fell Sunday and Monday were clear of the Island by Wednesday morning and the sea began to go down gradually. Seas worse than anything produced by any hurricane since 1944 began to See **HATTERAS**, Page Eight

ALL SEASHORE HIGHWAY MEETING IN WASHINGTON

A luncheon meeting of the All-Seashore Highway Association will be held at the Washington, N. C. Country Club at 12:30 Thursday, January 26th, according to Joe DuBois of Morehead City, the Secretary. Officers and directors for 1956 will be elected. Present officers in this division are Stanley Wahab, Vice-President; Directors: Frazier Peelle of Hatteras, L. L. Swain, and W. H. McCown of Manteo; Wilton Walker of Currituck.

BENEFIT MUSICAL SHOW

A musical talent show will be given in the Manteo school auditorium at eight o'clock Friday evening, January 20, for the benefit of the Manteo athletic association. A small admission will be charged. The public is urged to attend to hear local talent and to help the athletic association.

OCRACOKE ISLAND GETS COMMERCIAL PHONE SERVICE

Wahab Makes First Call Sunday Over System Connecting with Mainland by Radio

Since time began, the broad Pamlico Sound has been a barrier to all normal channels of commercial communication to and from Ocracoke Island. At noon last Sunday a telephone call was placed and this barrier ceased to be of consequence.

At simple ceremonies attended by a few islanders and telephone company representatives, Stanley Wahab, well-known native of Ocracoke, placed the first commercial telephone call from Ocracoke Island when he called State Utilities Commission Chairman Stanley Winborne.

Praising Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company for establishing the service, Wahab told the Utilities Commissioner that telephone service to the islanders would be priceless. "The tourist and commercial fishing interests are most certain to benefit as will the many other facets of Ocracoke's economic life," he stated.

Telephone service to Ocracoke is provided via a radio link between the island village and a mainland central office located at Engelhard. From Engelhard, telephone messages are transmitted over land lines to the long distance center at Washington and from there to any telephone in the outside world. Radio transmission of the telephone See **OCRACOKE**, Page Eight

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BROWN, VICE-PRESIDENT OF NEW TRAVEL COUNCIL

Aycock Brown of Manteo has been elected one of the Vice-presidents of the newly formed N. C. Travel Council which met at Raleigh this week. Some 200 delegates attending, electing T. L. Washburn of Rocky Mount president.

NEW TEACHERS

Miss Arlene Vanable has resigned as teacher at Kitty Hawk school. She is replaced by Kenneth C. Furr of Concord. Mrs. Ormond Fuller has resigned at Buxton and is being replaced by A. E. Mercer; and William P. Dillon also resigned at that school, is replaced by Miss Marie Etheridge of Manteo.