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#### CHANNEL BIDS OUT WOMAN BREAKS LEG AT STUMPY POINT ON LINDSAY WARREN AND ENGELHARD CAPTAIN IS FIRED

# Seven Feet To Be Restored; Bid Capt. Leslie Hooper Gets Re-Openings March 20th on Instated After Being Let **Two Jobs**

The office of the Corp of Engineers at Wilmington announces past ten days rocked the island of that invitations for bids went out Hatteras from stem to stern over Tuesday, March 6, for some the summary firing of young Cap-140,000 cubic yards of dredging at tain Leslie Hooper from his com-Stumpy Point and Far Creek at Engelhard. The Stumpy Point Channel will be restored to seven feet deep and 75 feet wide. At Engelhard it will be seven feet by 60 feet. An overdepth of two feet will be draded at both points Bids for this combined job are scheduled to be opened March 20 had the misfortune to fall through with work to begin within 20 days

thereafter. The Engineer Dredge Gerig completed a million-cubic-yard maintenance dredging job in the Beaufort Inlet bar channel on February 29 and is now on similar work in the Cape Fear bar channel at Southport.

P. M. Snell, head of the Corps of Engineers District Construction Division here, advises that the Beaufort Inlet Channel is in "excellent shape" with all markers in correct locations and the water depth at 30 feet (plus two feet overdepth) and 400 feet wide in the outer channel and 300 feet

wide in the gorge. Normally, Snell explains, the volume of dredging would be much less but Hurricanes Connie, Diane and Ione last year imposed above

average shoals in the channel. Savannah (Norfolk Dredging Company) will begin work on Bardens Inlet (Back Sound to Lookout Bight) on Wednesday, March 7. The Savannah will move to the area from entrance channel dredging at Oriental. Bardens Inlet, now five feet deep by 50 feet wide, See PROJECT, Page Four

MANTEO GROUP ORGANIZES BOAT ASSOCIATION

Officers Elected Wednesday Night; To Work For Races and Waterfront Improvement

A group of Manteo young men meeting Wednesday night in the Community Building organized the Dare Power Boat Association, Inc., and elected officers. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, ing. March 13 at 8 p.m. in the same

place.



FISHING PIER MAY BE BUILT CHANNEL BASS IN NETS

Rodanthe .--- R. D. Owens is completing a very unusual task here in the village of Rodanthe which is one of the Hatteras Island com-

an open manhole and break a leg, following which she threatened to

**Off Ferry Boat** 

bring suit against the State. into a tank below. The manhole in connection with the motel. was situated in one corner of the backhouse that serves all people of all sexes, crew members included. Mrs. Meekins went to the Elizabeth City hospital for treatment. Capt. Hooper has been successfully operating the boats for sev-eral years, and considered by boatmen one of the few competent men

employed on the ferries. The public disapproved his having been fired.

SHORT COURSE IN In other activities, the Dredge FISHING PROMISES INTERESTING SESSION

Unusual Event Being Planned To Take Place at Nags Head From June 11th to 15th

Kaleigh. — Advanced registra-tions for the forthcoming 1956 Sports Fishing Short Course offer-ed by the North Caroline of the forthcomine of the ed by the North Carolina State College Extension Division have Surf fishing should be starting

already exceeded last year's total enrollment, Director Edward W. Ruggles of the Extension Division soon in the area according to Asa Gray of Waves who keeps tabs on sportsfishing from year to year in the Rodanthe-Waves sector. Al-

reports. The short course will be held ready beach haulers with seines June 11-15 at Nags Head on the have caught a variety of species Outer Banks of North Carolina. including "puppy drum" or small channel bass in the Rodanthe-During the week-long school, students will learn about fresh and Waves section this year.

salt water fishing from experts. In addition to Chicamacomico Not only will students learn how Motel, now becoming an oceanside and where to fish, but they will hostelry, there are numerous other also have ample opportunities to places of accommodations in the section, Mr. Gray pointed out inenjoy fresh and salt water fishcluding Mirlo Lodge at Rodanthe

Present advanced enrollment and several rental cottages in both

OF PAMLICO SD. FISHERMEN anniversary of the formation of

munities now making a bid for the torial pattern of March is repeated 60 feet. An overdepth of two feet Hooper got rather abrupt treat-will be dredged at both points. ment, and a great protest went up. attracted to the region as a result the first of the season to be taken appointed task within the enclosattracted to the region as a result the first of the season to be taken appointed task within the enclos-A Mrs. Linville Meekins of Avon of Cape Hatteras National Sea- with rod and reel may be landed shore Recreational Area which em- before another week has passed. braces most of the land area be- Whether this comes to pass, howtween lower Nags Head and Ocra- ever, depends much on the weather coke Inlet. Mr. Owens has moved which could not be finer during

The manhole cover had been left his Chicamacomico Motel from the early Spring than it has been for off for several weeks, and it look- sound side adjacent to the new all- several days with temperatures goed like a case of carelessness. Crew members said they had the of the island. He has also moved ceitful month however, and per-left most of the celebrants feeling plate off in order to insert a pump his restaurant which is operated sons who are ready to match their like not doing much of anything

Now, if his plans carry, Mr. fishable weather before April. Owens expects to build an ocean April is the best bet for surf dering a muster to hear the con-casters and also the angler who gratulations of the Navy Departfishing pier close by his motel and restaurant. Negotiations for construction of the pier on land leased landed until April 6. This was a trolling from Capt. Jesse Ether-idge's cruiser the Caredwyn. grove, who took offcial leave two days later and headed home to inone of the best fishing spots along

Almost a month earlier, howev- active duty after 14 years, or risthe coast. Many anglers have had exceptionally good luck in recent er, in the surf at Hatteras Inlet, ivy ing commander, who took over command Batten had caught a small channel Johnson, who took over command hulks of two old LST's that were bass weighing nine and one quar-wrecked on the beach here during the pounds. It was on Palm Sunday Wednesday afternoon. The ques-tion, which got kind of lost in the three weeks later that the first tion, which got kind of lost in the formation sentence was which of is abreast the village of Rodanthe, the other abreast Waves, the species showed up later than usual longest.

last season. The Cape Hatteras Neither could have been out-"first" was a 35½ pounder caught done even by Patrolman Arthur in the surf by Bob Gardner of the Tidewater Anglers Club of Nor- mond Basnett, who were specially

folk. One of the several taken in nets battalion, or Dr. Don Wolfe, who at Hatteras earlier this week top- was present as guest of the batped 50 pounds. It was landed from talion surgeon, Lieutenant Young. pound-net operated by Perry As for the men themselves-some Austin and crew. There have been of the villagers around the lightreports, but none specific, of small house heard the roaring and came channel bass, or "puppy drum" be-See FISHING, Page Four See NAVY, Page Four

The Fish Camp Colony — Shad Fishing In Dare County Waters 50 Years Ago

By Rev. L. D. HAYMAN, Southport, N. C.

About the turn of the century net fishermen. An interesting tion of children in Dare County. Kitty Hawk partisans expressed and for many years prior there- story could be written concerning to, the tenth of February-if it the pound-net fishermen, who back side in Dare County, are paying come of the hearing. By a consent there thought that about four 36- less than half of this \$31. Since judgement, the restraining order did not fall on Sunday-was a day ft. square nets and 200 yards of perhaps half of the resident tax- which they had gotten against the HAS EAST L'KE ACCESS AREA of exodus for the menfolk of Dare leader span were about all any payers have no children attending Board of Education was dissolved. County, North Carolina. On or two or three men could handle. school, the average cost per child This order prohibited the Board about this day of the month, some Twenty years later-about 1910 for schooling to the parent is per- from pursuing with plans for conthe use of anglers who enjoy their two hundred or more fishing boats and on, a single crew of two or haps less than \$7. Now when you solidation in any form. large mouth bass and other fresh cleared from Mill Creek and adja- three men could handle ten to fif- boil it down, that's a pretty good water fishing is the East Lake cent private landings for Duck Is- teen of these heavy pound nets- deal-\$169 worth for only \$7 a expressed bitterness over alleged much larger than just mentioned. year.

GOVERNOR HODGES KITTY HAWK HIGH NAVY FORCES AT ATTEND DARE COAST SCHOOL PUPILS TO CAPE CELEBRATE WITH HILARITY PIRATES JAMBOREE By AYCOCK BROWN

Change Commands This Week, Observe Birthday, and Stage a Show at Buxton was guest of honor with Honorary

Tar Heels at the event in April Buxton on Cape Hatteras, Mar. last year, has indicated that he 3.--Members of the Seventh Batwill be present again on April talion celebrated this week the 14th

27-29 to take part in the second annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamthe Navy Department's war-famed Channel bass are showing up in Mobile Construction Force, got coastal waters in pound nets of themselves a new commanding chairman of the Dare Beaches commercial fishermen at Hatteras officer, got underway with conduring the past week. If the pisca- struction of the National Park Service's fabulous scenic by-pass ure of the Navy's secret facility here and haul a thousand yards services at Roanoke Island, Sunor so of earth to fill in low places day, April 29. around the Hatteras Island Health Center.

Monday was the outfit's birthday and the event was observed skill against channel bass at the moment, may see some very un-didn't on account of the rising and retiring battalion Commanders or-

likes to take his channel bass troll- ment for the outfit—and to look ing or drifting in Oregon and Hat- at what will go down in Island teras inlets. Last year the first folklore as the most uproarious fish taken from the inlet was not show ever staged on the Island. Throughout the show it was an 60-pounder, boated by Forrest open and not settled question of Dunstan of Elizabeth City while whether Commander John D. Cos-

boree.

channel bass was taken from the foregoing sentence was which of surf at Cape Hatteras, where the them laughed the loudest and the

invited guests of the men of the

boree, according to Julian Oneto, phase of the festival. The three

day Jamboree will begin at Hatteras April 27, moving to the Dare beaches of Nags Head, Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills on Saturday the following day, with a colorful program concluding with religious

> The Dare Beaches phase of the Jamboree in which Governor Hodges will have a role is the landing of the Pirate King and Queen from boats in Kitty Hawk Bay. This landing will follow morning events on April 28, which include the un-veiling of the blue marlin landed in 1955 by Al Plews of Glen Burnie, Md., off Hatteras on May 28. The fish has been mounted and will be placed in a special case at Journeys End Motel on Kitty Hawk Beach adjacent to U. S. Highway 158. The unveiling cere-A petition signed by 30 or more monies will be accompanied by the Elizabeth City High School band,

with its majorettes and musicians dressed in colorful pirate costumes. Another event of the morning will be a treasure hunt at Kitty Hawk for children attending the Jam-

In the afternoon will be model plane contests, a program of free flight competition from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.; jeep obstacle races and fast jalopy races at Nags See HODGES, Page Four



Figures Show County Budget Un-der 20 Cents on the Dollar Spent: Annual Per Pupil Cost \$169.

cost to the Dare County treasury Land," to wit: the Jigsaw road. is approximately \$31. Dare County

COME TO MANTEO Dare Board Votes Plan Effective Next Year; "No Man's Land" Children May Governor Luther Hodges, who

Ride Bus.

Many Kitty Hawk citizens appeared in Manteo Tuesday, supporting the efforts of their school committee to get the Dare County Board of Education to reverse a previous action to consolidate the high school at Kitty Hawk with Manteo. The committee had been working for a long time to get a high school built somewhere in the district, by a bond election to be financed by a special tax on the property in Kitty Hawk, Duck, Colington, and a part of Nags Head township, constituting the Kitty Hawk School district.

The group in Nags Head township living in the area sometimes known as "No man's Land," located the new township line and the Jigsaw Road to the sound shore, brought a petition signed by nearly 100 per cent of the school patrons asking that "No Man's Land," be taken out of Kitty Hawk District and kept a part of

people asking that the District remain unchanged, was also presented. A few signers had signed both petitions-diplomacy, and tact, prevailing, no doubt.

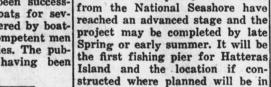
After a lengthy meeting in the courthouse, which was attended by a large group, for which Attorney Wallace McCown was spokesman for the Kitty Hawk people and Wallace Gray for the "No Man's Land" people, the meeting concluded about noon. During the course of the afternoon, after further consideration of the issues, the Board of Education acted as follows:

Denied the motion of the Kitty Hawk Committee and directed that beginning with the 1956-57 school terms, all high school pupils in the area be brought to Manteo High School.

Granted the motion of the people of Nags Head to exclude the "No Man's Land" area from the Kitty Hawk District for purposes of taxation. And they ruled that Lucky people of Dare County! children from this area now at-The average cost of sending each tending Manteo School be permitchild through nine months of ted to ride the bus to Manteo, school this year is approximately provided they make their own way \$169. Of this sum, the average to the boundary line of "No Man's

Further action on the request to taxpayers are paying less than 20 make this area a permanent part cents on the dollar for the educa- of Manteo district was deferred.

And best of all. Those who re- great disappointment at the out-



Attending the meeting were the nave been received from 36 fisherfollowing: Ralph Davis, Commo- men and fisherwomen from nine dore; Jack Wilson, Vice-Commo- different states and the District of Columbia. dore; Burwell Evans, Secretary-

Seven doctors from Winston-Treasurer; Roy Wescott, Racing Chairman; Selden Midgett, Fred Salem are enrolled, and five hus-Wescott, Jesse White, Gordon Kel- band-wife teams. Registrations logg, Robert Shannon, Keith Fearhave come from throughout North ing, Jr., Billy Cox, Steve Basnight, Carolina and Pennsylvania, Kan-Jr., Willett Tillett, Ralph Davis, sas, Georgia, Illinois, Virginia, Carroll Berry, Wallace Shannon, Michigan, New Jersey, South Caro-John Allen, Also Edward Wescott, lina, and Washington, D. C. Several prospective students Charlie O'Neal, Ellsworth Midgett, who with Robert H. Midgett and have inquired about airport facili-Joe Dowdy make up the five ties. The airport is within ten members of the Board of Directors. miles of the Carolinian Hotel

The organization of this club is where the fishing school students the outgrowth of a discussion in will stay during the course. the Manteo Lions Club. The mem-Director Ruggles stated that Nags Head was chosen as the site bership fee is \$5 per year. The members plan activity on the watfor the school because of its exerfront-its improvement, the procellent fishing areas and its numotion of races and the stimulamererous tourist attractions. tion of interest in the value of Nags Head has 25 miles of beach

power boating to this area.

#### STATEWIDE LOST COLONY **TRYOUTS ON MARCH 17**

for fishing, swimming, and boating. Nearby are the quaint village See SESSION, Page Four

in shoal waters in the area.

The missing fishing vessel, the

and the states

Captain' Bill Orth, was the object.

The annual state wide tryouts ALBERT STYRON APPEARS for roles in the cast of The Lost LOST OFF OCRACOKE ID. Colony and also the drama's

famous choir will be held in The Coast Guard Wednesday Chapel Hill on Saturday, March night reported no results from separate searches for 58-year-old taken there, and in less time, than 17, it was announced this week by Albert Styron, Ocracoke oyster-General Manager R. E. Jordan. There will be no Island tryouts for man and a 60-foot fishing vessel. roles this year until early June Three patrol boats and a plane as all persons on the coast who searched the North Carolina sounds Wednesday for Albert Stydesire parts in the play have already made application for same ron, who left Ocracoke Harbor through the local office of the Tuesday at 2 p.m. in his fishing 23 at the school with every show to Mr. Jordan. It should be vessel, towing a 14-foot boat to advantageous for persons seeking plant oysters near Beacon Island, that talent from other than principal roles in the cast of the in Pamlico Sound. show or in the chorus to attend At 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Styron's the Chapel Hill auditions, it was

LOUIS HERBERT MIDGETT

stated.

Norfolk.

Louis Herbert Midgett, 60, son of the late Christopher D. and Mary Williams Midgett died Sunday in a Brooklyn hospital. He of an aircraft search ranging 317 was a native of Avon, but had lived in Norfolk for the past 11 City. A two-masted craft, it was years at 8624 Granby St. He was believed to have persons aboard. buried Wednesday in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk. Surviving him are a brother, William E. Midgett;

two sisters, Mrs. Wednell Harvey and Mrs. Elizabeth Craun, all of WILDLIFE RESOURCES NOW

Manns Harbor .- Now ready for Access Area just completed by the land, the cut-through Hog Island, State Wildlife Resources Commis- Smith's Creek and the Roanoke

sion in cooperation with West Vir- Marshes. For the next three ginia Pulp and Paper Company. months, these men, heads of fam-The new access area is convenienttween Manns Harbor and the vil-

lage of Mashoes. W. S. White, local game prothat the new access area cost ap- smaller children, and to look after ring for those who wished to pre- money unspent. proximately \$15,000. It was nec- things in general until Saturday pare for them. Boat loads of net

water fishing area along the Carolina coast, according to White. for their fishing places for the smaller ones for stakes and some-

and other fresh water species are anywhere I know," he said.

MANTEO TALENT SHOW

Manteo High School will class represented. It is stated school students will be inter-At 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Styron's son, Albert, Jr., notified the Coast Guard his father was available. The sponsoring body for the show

son, Albert, Jr., notified the overdue. The sponsoring body to and the Guard his father was overdue. is the Athletic Association and the Searchers said it had been defi-full program for the evening and nitely determined that Styron's time of showing will be announced boat was not on the shoreline or in a later issue of this paper.

miles seaward from Elizabeth believed to have persons aboard.

ilies-their older sons, and many

1905, most of the fishing was a cutting of small pine. Next in done in sail boats of the sprit-sail order would be gathering "bats"

were converted to gasoline engine These were half-brick pieces and power and soon the beautiful were slung on small twine and

ishing waters of Dare County. Any one of the places named in was called "net yards"—small W. Johnston, District Health offi-through April 10. fishing waters of Dare County. this story would be interesting to clearings made in a wooded place cer presented a resume of efforts write about. Time and space and banked with the clearings for would prohibit a full account of protection from wintry weather. this year, and expressed hope of each of them. I have taken Duck The women and younger people Island—the larger reef-fishing for the most part shared in the net-hanging work. These nets were about eighteen works in length of that place, would in large measure be the same for other places. If the chicken-hearted trio who tions of fishermen at these camps.

signed in a letter to the editor One class was known as the deep to snag or gill the shad, their initials, with a blue type- water or middle sound fishermen Skimpy Fare Preva The search for the Captain Bill writer ribbon, will send us their with gill nets. The other class

**Three Hard Months** Well, that's how it stacks up,

Getting back to Duck Island, and there is another angle to this where I spent four seasons-Feb- picture that is interesting too, for ruary to first of May each succes- the larger part of our recent inly located to the state road be- hired men from Gum Neck, Colum- sive year, a few interesting facts vestment in school buildings, in

bia, and elsewhere, spent six days may be in order. The month of fact just about all of it came into Drive For Crippled Children Headed a week at these fishing points. February was the get-things- Dare County from the recent The wives, mothers and sisters ready-month for the March and State Bond issues, and the county tector for North Carolina, stated were left at home to care for the April runs of shad and also her- now has some \$71,000 left of this

All things being considered. essary to clear land and use drag- afternoons, when most of the fish- stakes would be brought to Duck doesn't the spending of this money gets underway in Dare County this lines to build the approach road ermen returned to their homes to Island and other ports on call for some mighty careful week, with Mrs. W. B and the parking area for autos and spend Saturday afternoon and schooners, sharpies and other planning, and effort to see that Manteo as chairman. boat trailers. A ramp for launch- Sunday with their families, and smaller boats-poles from ten feet the children get full value? After

ing small boats has also been con-structed. Sunday while their families, and to thirty feet in length, from Alli-structed. By gator River and other places of the children themselves, and whose condition comes from other East Lake on the Dare main- four o'clock on each Monday where these could be secured. Fish- the children alone. To spend it for causes than polio, and is separate land is undisputedly the best fresh morning, come rain or shine, the ermen who had small swamp lands any other purpose or motive would and apart from the polio fund. men took off from their landings growing gum trees would cut the be a criminal and foolish waste. See DARE TAX, Page Five

"More limits of largemouth bass next five or six days. Prior to times resort to the pine groves for

**Skimpy Fare Prevailed** 

type. By 1910, most of the boats where ever they could be found.

LIGHT SESSION TUESDAY OF DARE COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday at the meeting of the and if anyone should by mistake sight of from one to two hundred used for weights for the gill nets Dare County Commissioners, two fishing boats under sail on the on the reef. The net-hanging per- of the five members being absent, taining seals, she asks that it be reefs and the middle sound areas iod was generally in January and and the meeting was held by disregarded. She does not want the were fast disappearing from the stretched out into February. Chief- Chairman C. C. Duvall, J. W. Scar- extra seals mailed back to her.

> for a mosquito control program BIG BLUES TAKEN IN getting outside help, provided the

county supplements the program. The Board agreed to contribute asserting that what was typical about eighteen yards in length \$150 to aid a worthy Manteo boy with long top-end lines for fastennow away in school. It took under ings to stakes when set. A stand advisement a request to buy 75 However, in those days of 1890 of nets as they were called, con- acres of land in Kitty Hawk, ownto 1925, there were two classifica- sisted of 100 to 150 nets as above ed by the county, and obtained undescribed, meshes of proper size der a tax foreclosure. R. E. White also come from the Hatteras area The search for the Captain Bill writer ribbon, will send us their with gill nets. The other class for all concerned. The boats would per cent of certain sums collected blues were taken and that during mander, Eastern Area, with head course, we will print their letter, water fishermen with gill nets. take off loaded with bedding, for the county. And a request was the period, many giant specimens

Some of the Kitty Hawk people action of the Board of Education See SCHOOLS, Page Five

EASTER SEAL SALE **BEGINS THIS WEEK** 

by Mrs. W. B. Fearing of Manteo Who Expects Good Response

The annual Easter seal sale, for the benefit of crippled children, week, with Mrs. W. B. Fearing of

The funds raised by this drive

Mrs. Fearing is mailing out sheets of seals this week and hopes to get excellent response. School children all over the county will receive coin cards next week. Mrs. Fearing says that in some cases Little business was transacted there may be duplication of names, receive more than one letter con-The drive will last from March 10

TRAWL NETS OFF CAPE

Large bluefish, some weighing up to eight and 10 pounds each were taken in trawl nets off Cape Hatteras recently according to Clyde Potter, fish dealer and trawler fleet operation of Belhaven. Reports of the big fish have was appointed electrical inspector One resident of Hatteras stated for Dare County. It was agreed that back in the middle 1930s fol-Moving to camp was a big event to give the county attorney ten lowing a very severe winter large mander, Eastern Area, with head-quarters in New York. Details about the vessel and her crew were not known here. New York. Details about the vessel and her crew were not known here. H. M. and C. L. D."

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