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BULLDOZER DEEDS BRING BIG DAMAGE ON DARE BEACHES

Protecting Barriers Gone, Sea
Comes Over and Damages
Many People During
Storms

The bulldozer happy people who disregarded the advice of veterans of the seashore, and leveled off the barriers that protected their property and that of others are beginning to get a belly full of the results of their stupidity. This week far greater damage than in any storm resulted from the onrush of the sea which came over in new places, swept down inside, on the highway. Water was deeper than ever before, six miles of the road inundated, and tremendous damage done to innocent as well as the guilty.

The hard winds of Wednesday brought very high seas from Hampton Roads, where the tide at night was four feet above normal, to lesser tides further down the coast. Hatteras village did not suffer from sea tides, but the northern end of the island was plagued by waters which ran down the highway from some two miles north of Rodanthe, after coming across the low places where the sand barriers built years ago had been without repair for many years.

Diminishing of the shore line was reported at Nags Head. Much damage in low places resulted from flood waters in the cottage settlements in the low beaches, the result of lack of drainage. A trawler was reported ashore on the beach near the Virginia line, and Coast Guardsmen went to the scene.

Much damage resulted to nets of pound net fishermen, due to the low tide and rough waters in the sounds. Fishing, of course, ended during the period of the blow, and there was considerable loss of income.

It is becoming all the more obvious, that some restriction must be put upon the tendency to bulldoze the beaches. Governmental control may be necessary to save innocent from damage resulting from the whims of those having no practical knowledge nor consideration for others, are guided only by their desire for level land about their premises.

DREDGING CONTRACTS LET FOR MANTEO, ENGELHARD AND STUMPY POINT JOBS

The low bidder for three dredging jobs in this area was Atkinson Dredging Co. of Norfolk when bids were opened at the office of the District Engineer in Wilmington, Tuesday. The jobs call for maintenance dredging of the channels in Shallowbag Bay, Manteo, Far Creek at Engelhard, and Stumpy Point channel. The jobs will cost \$95,375.

Several weeks are expected to elapse before work begins on the projects, maybe about May 20, and work will require 20 days to complete.

THOUSAND DRUMFISH TAKEN IN NETS AT HATTERAS

A catch of nearly 1,000 drumfish or channel bass was reported from Hatteras last week. Charlie Daniels and crew of Wanchese were the lucky fishermen. Prices paid were reported at three cents a pound.

Several similar catches are reported each year in Pamlico Sound. The big fish travel in schools, and by surrounding them with a long seine, most of them can be caught at a single set.

Some weeks ago, a school of stiped bass and other varieties was caught in Alligator River by Hughes Tillett and party of Wanchese. The value of this catch was reported at \$1,900. The next day the value of the catch dropped to \$190.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE FOR KITTY HAWK

The BOOKMOBILE will continue to go to Kitty Hawk on the Third Tuesday of each month, barring severe storms or a breakdown of the machine, in which case it will make its rounds on the next clear day.

POST OFFICE: From now on the Bookmobile will make a thirty minute stop at Kitty Hawk Post Office from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

All customary stops will continue as before.

See next week's paper for Avon, Buxton, Frisco, Hatteras, Rodanthe and Salvo.

HATTERAS COLLEGE GIRL WINS 15-YR. CHURCH PIN



MISS SHEILA GIBSON of Hatteras, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Gibson won an unusual honor last week while home for Easter. She was awarded a pin by her Methodist Sunday school for 15 years of perfect attendance. Although having attended school in Elizabeth City, and is now a student at Chowan College, Murfreesboro, she has not failed in attendance at Sunday School, and this is considered by members of her church the best report since the system was started in the church school.

MANTEO ROTARY CLUB TO ENTERTAIN FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

On Monday evening the Manteo Rotarians and Rotary Annns will be host to Eduardo Estez, a student from Argentina, who is sponsored by Rotary District 278, of which the Manteo Club is a member. Eduardo is a student at Wake Forest College, in undergraduate school, and will study in this country through the college year ending in June of 1956.

During his stay in North Carolina, the student visits all the Rotary clubs of the district, speaking on the customs and traditions of his own country, and impressions of America. Upon his return to Argentina, he will be called upon by Rotary to act as an ambassador of good will for the United States, and Rotary International.

District 278 has sponsored ten students during the last few years, who have studied at Wake Forest, University of North Carolina, Duke University, Meredith College, Louisiana College, and other educational institutions of the area. The students have represented a variety of countries, and have given to the individual Rotarians a clear picture of the international benefits of Rotary service.

THOMAS P. MIDGETT MANN'S HARBOR NATIVE

Thomas Pritchard Midgett, 73, died Tuesday at 5:15 a.m. as the result of a fall from the roof of a house he was painting Monday afternoon in Elizabeth City.

He was a native of Mann's Harbor but had been residing in Elizabeth City for the past 20 years. He was the son of the late Thomas Monroe and Sarah Mann Midgett and the husband of Allie Rhodes Midgett. He was a member of the Christian Church of Portsmouth.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, George Midgett, of Elizabeth City Route 3; one stepson, Stephen Smith, of Portsmouth; one daughter, Mrs. Fred Burton, of Norfolk, Va.; one stepdaughter, Mrs. J. V. Bell of Alamatos, Calif.; five half-sisters, Mrs. Edward Conner, Mrs. J. A. Liverman, Mrs. Clarence Bonney and Mrs. Morgan McCloud, all of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Lee Ashton, of Holland, Va.; two half-brothers, Charles G. Twiford, of Wildwood, N. J., and Clyde P. Twiford, of Mashoes, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m.

ATTENDING MEETING

Mrs. Thomas Cheers, Jr., of Kill Devil Hills, and Mrs. Russell Perry of Kitty Hawk are in Fayetteville this week, attending the annual meeting of the Episcopal Woman's Auxiliary of eastern North Carolina. They went as representatives of St. Andrews-by-the-Sea of Nags Head.

FILING TIME FOR CANDIDATES ENDS SATURDAY NOON

Citizens Little Interested in Devoting Time to Public Office in Dare County

With the last date for filing for nomination in the primary only a day off, there seems little interest among the people of Dare County in the important question of devoting time to serve in public office. The filing date closes at noon, Saturday of this week.

Up to now, candidates have filed for county commissioner in only two townships. Newcomb Midgett has filed for commissioner from Kennekeet Township. The incumbent, James W. Scarborough, has also filed. In Atlantic Township three candidates seek the post of commissioner: Major J. L. Murphy, former mayor of Kill Devil Hills, Orville L. Baum, businessman and rental agent, and Morris M. (Bob) Meekins, widely-known retired steamboat engineer. The two last named are residents of the Kitty Hawk community.

The post of representative is again sought by R. Bruce Etheridge of Manteo, a successful veteran of a half century of public life, for many terms a member of the General Assembly, and well qualified for the post. Having a statewide acquaintance gained through the years in office in Raleigh as well as in Dare, he finds the Legislature enjoyable, and far easier to cope with, than it would be for most men.

The following incumbents in office appear will be nominated to succeed themselves without opposition: Chairman Claude Duvall of the Board of Commissioners; Commissioners L. L. Swain of Manteo, E. P. White of Buxton; all the members of the board of education: Chairman Harvey Best of Stumpy Point, Members Ellis Gray of Avon, Elwood Parker of Kill Devil Hills, Lloyd Scarborough of Buxton and R. O. Ballance of Manteo.

R. E. Jordan and P. J. M. Bayne of Nags Head have filed for commissioners of the Dare Beaches Sanitary District.

One Republican has thrown his hat in the ring. Sumner M. Scarborough of Avon has filed for nomination for the board of education.

JULIAN E. BAUM, NATIVE OF WANCHESE DIES IN VETERANS HOSPITAL

Julian E. Baum, 56, a native of Wanchese, the son of Mrs. Mary D. and the late Josephus Baum, died Wednesday morning in the Veterans Hospital at Kecoughtan, Va. He had formerly served in the Coast Guard, and was custodian of the Norfolk Postoffice Building at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Blanche Wallace Baum, a son and a daughter; his mother; two brothers, Joseph Baum of Norfolk and Moody Baum of Philadelphia; a sister, Mrs. Ralph Fleming of Portsmouth, Va.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Holloman-Brown Funeral Home in Norfolk Friday afternoon April 13 at 3 p.m. and friends of the family are invited to attend. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk.

PROCLAMATION

THAT WHEREAS the economic future of the Town of Manteo and the County of Dare is dependent to a large extent upon the tourist trade and industry and the visitors who come to the area to enjoy the historic and recreational facilities which are available to them here;

AND WHEREAS we appropriate and spend large sums of money from both private and public sources to attract tourists and vacationists to come to our town;

AND WHEREAS it is vitally important that the Town and surrounding area present a clean, orderly and well kept appearance indicative of a progressive community, and that it be attractive to our visitors, prospective industry and citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the Town of Manteo, I do hereby proclaim the week of April 16th, 1956 as CLEAN-UP — PAINT-UP — FIX-UP WEEK and do hereby call upon all citizens and property owners of the Town of Manteo to clean up, paint up and fix up their residences, businesses and vacant property, and to resolve to establish habits of cleanliness and beauty which will continue thereafter and thereby insure a bright future for the Town.

This the 11th day of April 1956.

MARTIN KELLOGG, JR.
MAYOR

PUBLIC HEARING IN TYRRELL COUNTY ON BRIDGE, WEDNESDAY

Engineers Will Listen to Argument on Draw or No Draw Over Scuppernong River

Plans have been perfected for a public hearing to be held at Columbia in Tyrrell County April 18 to determine whether the State should be permitted to build a fixed or draw span bridge across the Scuppernong River at Columbia.

The Scuppernong River is a navigable stream and thus comes under jurisdiction of the Army.

Highway officials are in favor of a fixed bridge but local interests are urging a drawbridge to accommodate possible future industrial development upstream from the proposed site. In past years chief traffic on the stream in the immediate area has been logs and grain.

The proposed new bridge is about 300 feet upstream from the present bridge which will be retained. The Federal project for navigations ends at Cherry some 14 miles above Columbia.

The hearing will convene at 9:30 a.m. in the County Courthouse with Colonel R. L. Hill presiding.

This will be one of Colonel Hill's final public appearances in the State. His three-year tour of duty here ends this summer but his next assignment has not been announced. He will be succeeded by Colonel Henry C. Rowland, a 1937 graduate of Yale University.

CLEAN-UP, PAINT-UP WEEK IS SET

April 16-21 Official Time Designated For Dare Coastland; Get Ready for Summer Season

Safety-proof your home during Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up time, the Manteo Rotary Club urged today.

"Check up during Clean Up Time" is a good safety motto for every household," the club advises. "Be sure all your steps are cleared of boxes, paper, mops, etc., that stair treads are nailed down securely, and that the stairway is adequately lighted. A sturdy hand-rail is a good guard against accidents. Get rid of scatter rugs or have them fastened down, especially in homes with children or elderly persons. All rugs and carpets should be free of rips and tears.

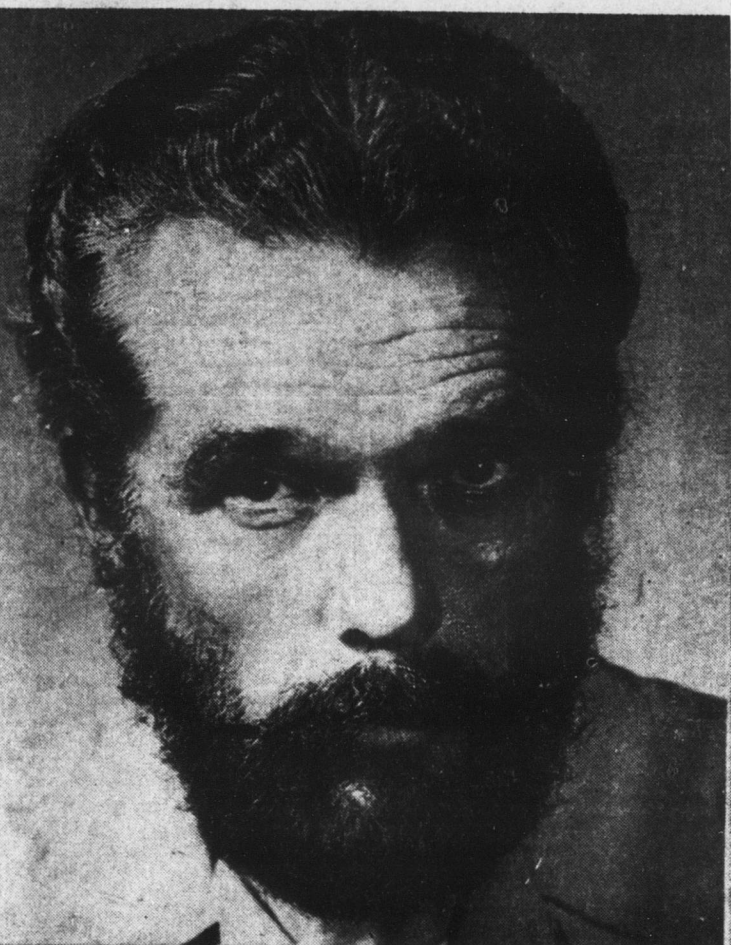
"Be a detective and look for conditions which can cause accidents to your loved ones. Then Clean Up—Paint Up—Fix Up—Light Up and make your house a safety star home."

The week of April 16 through 21 has been designated as Clean Up—Paint Up week in all communities of the Dare Coastland.

KITTY HAWK SINGERS TO APPEAR IN CURRITUCK

The Kitty Hawk Glee Club will take part in a program to be put on at the Currituck School at Currituck on Monday evening, April 16, at 7:30. The girls and boys will sing a football song, as the program will include numbers to represent each month of the year, and the Kitty Hawk group is to represent October.

PAT BAYNE OF NAGS HEAD WEARS DIGNIFIED BEARD



PAT BAYNE of Nags Head, operator of the famed Jockey Ridge Restaurant, wears one of the most distinguished looking of the array of Pirate beards now prevalent along the Dare Coast in preparation for the spring jamboree—beginning April 27th with a fish fry at Hatteras. Here is a picture of it, made by Dan Morrill's camera in Manteo. The Jockey Ridge Restaurant, has been built by a public-spirited trio, Mr. and Mrs. Bayne and Mrs. Margie Suthard, who came to Dare from Washington, D. C. Many people who have not yet visited it, have heard of it through its fame for the coins which pleased patrons have stuck overhead in the cracks in the ceiling where hundreds of various size pieces of money look down on the diners. The coins that come loose and fall out are donated to St. Andrews, the local Episcopal church of which the Bayne family are communicants.

MANTEO MARINE



LLOYD W. WALKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Walker of Manteo. Private in U. S. Marine Corps, now stationed at Parris Island, S. C. Lloyd is a graduate of Manteo High School class of 1955. He was home during Easter time. (Photo by Dan Morrill)

MUSTIANS TO LEAVE MAY 1 FOR TRIP ACROSS PACIFIC

Kill Devil Hills Couple to visit Son in Japan After Cross Country Tour by Automobile

Dr. and Mrs. Wallace F. Mustian of Kill Devil Hills, and his wife Mayor Emily Mustian will leave May 1 for a trip that will take up three months and will be the culmination of many years of planning and saving. They will set out by automobile for San Francisco, visiting the National Parks of the southwest, enroute.

From the Golden Gate, they will fly to Honolulu for a short visit, and then on to Tokyo to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Captain and Mrs. W. Frank Mustian. On their return trip they will arrive at Anchorage, Alaska, taking the leisurely inside voyage down to Vancouver, B. C., and Seattle. They will pick up their car in San Francisco, heading home by the Northern Route, visiting on the way the Northwestern National Parks. They expect to be home about August 1.

GLYNN TO HOSPITAL

CWO Harold A. Glynn, USCG retired was taken ill at his home near Manteo Wednesday night, and carried to the Marine Hospital in Norfolk by Walter Harris in Twiford's ambulance.

FIRST IN SERIES OF PRE-PIRATE EVENTS THIS WEEK

Street Dance in Elizabeth City
And Song Shop To Be at
Nags Head

By AYCOCK BROWN

First in a series of several pre-Pirate Jamboree events will be launched this week with a colorful street dance planned for Elizabeth City on Friday night and a Barbershop Song Shop at the Carolinian at Nags Head the following evening, it was announced here today by W. H. McCown, chairman of the second annual Dare Coast's spring vacation launching event steering committee.

On Sunday the first of the motorcades, which will take Dare Coast pirates in costumes on trips through North Carolina and Virginia towns and cities, will culminate in Washington, N. C., where also the first of several television and radio programs promoting the coming three-day Jamboree on April 27-29, will be presented.

Programs planned to lead up to the main event were discussed by various committees at a Nags Head meeting Sunday afternoon at which more than 75 persons heard enthusiastic reports. Discussions by committee chairmen of the various programs scheduled for Hatteras Island, the Dare Beaches and Roanoke Island was also held.

Already the month of April has been designated as "pirate month" on the Dare Coast and evidence of it all is being shown in costume fitting, the distribution of some 20,000 silver dollars as change to visitors and shoppers in the area, the appearance of Jolly Roger flags and other buccaneer souvenirs.

On the week end sponsors of the event received its first shipment of genuine pieces of eight, the 8 reales of 17th and 18th Century Spain, which have long been known as the coins of earlier day pirates, arrived from Puerto Rico. They are being disposed of at premium prices, the premium going to help defray the costs of staging the Second Annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree.

The bearded buccaneers, most of whom have been cultivating their present chin adornments since early January will experience a sort of pay-off next Tuesday night, April 17, when they are entertained at a special dinner for bearded pirates only, at the Carolinian Hotel on Nags Head.

On Saturday night, April 21, a pre-Jamboree costume dance will be held at the Dare County Shrine Club to the tunes of live music and a feature of this occasion will be the selection of the pirate king and queen, a regal title they will have for a full week before coronation ceremonies scheduled as part of the grand pirates ball on Saturday night, April 28, in Nags Head Casino.

Distinguished visitors at the Jamboree this year again will be His Excellency the Governor of North Carolina and the State's First Lady—Mr. and Mrs. Hodges.

MRS. LONIE BARNETT DIES IN NORFOLK HOSPITAL THUR.

Mrs. Lonie Jennette Barnett, 76, head of a large family in Buxton, widow of Walter Loran Barnett, died Thursday in a Norfolk hospital after an illness of several years. She was the mother of Mrs. Bill Hehl, Mrs. Jarvis Barnett, Mrs. Randolph Barnett, Mrs. Tom Evans, Mrs. Joe Barnett, and the following sons: Walter Barnett of Norfolk, Ernest Barnett, Aundra Barnett, Floyd Barnett, Lawson Barnett, one of her sons, was lost in the action in the Pacific during World War II.

She was the daughter of the late Isaac and Hosanne Williams Jennette of Buxton. One brother, Junius Jennette of Buxton, and two sisters survive her. The sisters are Mrs. Delora Stowe of Washington, N. C. and Mrs. H. J. Gray of Buxton.

HURT IN FREAK ACCIDENT

Mrs. M. C. Mitchell of Manteo suffered a fractured vertebra in a freak accident recently while she was accompanying Mrs. Frances Gray of Manteo to the Marine Hospital in Norfolk. As she sat in a chair beside Mrs. Gray in the ambulance, a sudden stop threw her off balance and the injury occurred. She will be in the Marine Hospital for several weeks. Mrs. Gray will also be a patient there for some time.