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## GREAT SUCCESS ATTENDS CLOSING OF FIRST YEAR IN NEW HATTERAS SCHOOL

### Graduation Exercises Tonight Mark Final Series of Programs Commemorating Island's United School Serving Seven Villages. Senior Class of 22 First Year.

Great success has attended the operation of the united high school for the seven villages of Hatteras Island whose graduation exercises will be held Friday night, June 1. Under the leadership of W. R. Lingle, the Principal, and an active PTA, there has been exceptional unity and support of the school, and this the first year when the combined school population of seven villages have enjoyed a modern \$200,000 building is an example worthy of the consideration of many people.

On Friday night, (tonight), Dr. W. Amos Abrams, a distinguished Educational leader in this state will address the Senior class. Dr. Abrams spoke at Kitty Hawk Thursday night. Diplomas will be presented by W. R. Lingle. Lloyd Scarborough is the valedictorian; Grady Austin and Sonja Oden, Salutatorians. The Cape Hatteras Foundation Scholarship will be presented by M. L. Burrus. The following constitute the Senior Class:

Grady Stone Austin, Shirley Ann Barnett, Irene Gaskins Barnett, Connie Dean Bassett, Leven Burrus Fulcher, Jr., Warren Davis Gray, Sylvia Florence Gray, Donna Marie Hehl, Anna Marie Hooper, Milton Hugh Meekins, David Schroeder Moore, Earl Taft Miller, Janice Midgett, Sonja Ray Oden, Lida Allen Stowe, Meleitta Rose Scarborough, Harold Russell Stowe, William Lloyd Scarborough, Jr., Ralph Vernon Twiddy, Jr., Edward Byrum Veal, Cenith Mae Willis, Joseph Fagley.

Many people from end to end of Hatteras Island have commented on the fine spirit of unity that is prevailing between the villages in supporting the new modern school where the children enjoy finer quarters and greater advantages than under the old system. Despite the long drawn out contention over the location of the school, which finally resulted in its construction in the Cape Woods, there now seems to be little bitterness left, and the citizens have resolved their differences in the noble and glorious effort of seeing that there is continued improvement in the building and a school of which their children may be proud in years to come. There is great unity of effort toward campaigns to raise funds for still more facilities, and additional equipment for their children. The baccalaureate See SCHOOL, Page Four

## MRS. DIANE JOHNSON CONTINUES HEAD OF DARE BEACHES GROUP

Dare County's pioneering Dare Beaches Chamber of Commerce met this week at its information booth at the north end of the beach and planned its summer activities, continuing in office until the annual September meeting the present officers. Mrs. Diane Baum Johnson, of the Wilbur Wright Hotel, who has headed the association with energy and vision for several years, continues as president, and Jesse E. Baum will be secretary.

Vice-President, and Mrs. Clayton Tillett, secretary. The treasurer is Mrs. Susie Briggs of the Croatan Hotel. The membership fee for business firms is \$20 with a participating membership for wife or husband set at \$5. The information booth will be open from now on, rendering an invaluable service to tourists, and particularly strangers arriving at the beach for their first visit.

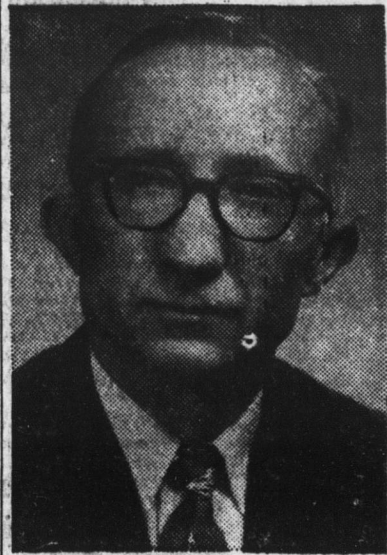
## CONGRESSMAN TO ADDRESS CLASS AT MANTEO TONIGHT

Fourteen years ago Congressman Herbert C. Bonner addressed the graduating class of the Manteo High School. Friday night of this week he will address the class of 1956.

The class this year has 27 members. Carl Hayes is valedictorian and Thelma Jean Williams salutatorian. Baccalaureate services were conducted Sunday night with Rev. L. A. Aitken as speaker. Assisting ministers were Rev. Frank B. Dinwiddie, Rev. C. W. Guthrie and Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson.

Mr. Bonner, with a group of friends will arrive Friday afternoon at the Manteo Airport. On Saturday, they plan to fish at Oregon Inlet.

## SPEAKER AT BUXTON AND AT KITTY HAWK



DR. AMOS ABRAMS who spoke at Kitty Hawk graduation Thursday night, and will speak tonight, Friday, at the Cape Hatteras High School at Buxton. Dr. Abrams, a native of Pinetops, graduated from Duke, and from Cornell with Ph.D. in English. He has been a college teacher and editor of Educational publications, author of Elizabethan plays, is a Shakespearean lecturer; lecturer on folk songs, and has held many offices of distinction, civic, fraternal and educational.

## FERRY SCHEDULES STEPPED UP AND INCREASED TODAY

### All Three Ferries Operate More Often Beginning June First Through Summer Season.

Raleigh.—The summer operating schedules of the Manns Harbor-Roanoke Island, Alligator River and Oregon Inlet toll-free ferries which are operated by the State Highway Commission are announced by Chief Engineer W. H. Rogers, Jr.

The schedules go into effect Friday, June 1, and will continue through September 30.

To take care of the anticipated traffic increase this summer, ferry service at Oregon Inlet has been stepped up from crossings each way every 40 minutes to every 30 minutes during the day time operation. This summer from the north shore, the first ferry will leave at 5 a.m. and the last one will leave at 6 p.m. The ferries will leave the north shore at 30-minute intervals between the first and last trips. From the south shore of Oregon Inlet between Nags Head and Hatteras, the first ferry will leave daily at 5:30 a.m. The last one will leave the south shore daily at 7 p.m. Ferries will leave the south shore at 30-minute intervals between the first and last trips.

This summer four converted Navy LCU's — the GOVERNOR UMSTEAD, the CONRAD WIRTH, the LINDSAY WARREN, and the HERBERT C. BONNER — will be assigned to the Oregon Inlet crossing. The Highway Commission will operate two of the big boats on a double schedule with a ferry leaving each side every half hour. The third boat will pick up cars left on either side between scheduled operations while the fourth boat will be used as a spare when either of the other three is broken down. During 1955, some 93,267 vehicles and approximately 171,397 passengers were ferried across Oregon Inlet.

Rogers said that from August 15 through September 30, the first trip from the north and south shores will be one hour later; and the last trip from the north and south shores will be one hour earlier.

He urged motorists to keep the ferry schedules in mind when planning any excursion in that area of eastern Carolina. "Visitors to the south side of Oregon Inlet should by all means try and take an early ferry back. Our largest ferries can only carry 18 vehicles on one trip. If the last ferry back at 7 p.m. is filled, you may be left to spend the night on the Hatteras side of the Inlet. We hope that a proper consideration of the ferry schedule will avoid the necessity for this. We have added eight more daily round trips to the schedule to prevent anyone being left. But to be on the safe side, see FERRY, Page Four.

## FOREST FIRE CASE IN DARE WINDS UP IN ABORTIVE EFFORT

### First Attempt to Apply Law to Suspects Ends in Acquittal of One Man Thursday

The mountain labored and brought forth a mouse. After two days a lengthy trial in Dare County ended Wednesday in the freeing of one of the young men from Stumpy Point who were charged with maliciously setting a fire on the land of the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company on Sunday, April 29th.

The two men, Martin Buren Twiford, and Thurston Gray, one-time employes of the company's forest conservation program on the Dare mainland, were suspected of ill-will toward their former employes. The state attempted to show through the testimony of witnesses that circumstantial evidence implicated them in the crime. The case called for many witnesses and much work on the part of attorneys.

After Judge Frizelle had charged the jury, a motion was made by defense attorneys for a non-suit as to Buren Twiford. The motion was granted. The case went to a jury impressed with the circumstance of one of the men they were trying having gone scott free. The jury deliberated at some length, came out and got lunch, and stayed in their room all afternoon, indicating possibility of a hung jury and probable mistrial.

Larceny Case Next  
Final case on the docket at the term of court winding up Thursday was that in which Hubert Ambrose and Amos Crain of Manns Harbor were charged with the larceny of a force pump and battery with an estimated value of \$177. The property belonged in a boat owned by the Durant Island Club which was at the time of the theft in the custody of Albert Ward of Manns Harbor.

Crain, as in Records Court, admitted taking part in the theft. Ambrose had pleaded not guilty. In Superior Court this week, Crain continued his plea, couched in the Latin phrase, *nolo contendere*, meaning he could offer no defense and threw himself on the mercy of the court. He was represented by Attorney Wallace Gray, while Ambrose was represented by McCown and McCown of Manteo, and Carl Swain of Plymouth.

Five Divorces Granted  
Earlier in the term five divorces had been granted, three of people from Hatteras, one from Kitty Hawk, and one to a Negro resident of Manteo. Minerva Stowe Fagley; Shirley Job Albrecht from Edward Lee Albrecht and Florence Stowe Layne from James A. Layne. Doris M. Hansen from Olaf J. Hansen. Charlie V. Scarborough from Myrtle F. Scarborough. (Further Court News Page Four)



## INTERIOR OFFICIAL ON BIG GAME FISHING TRIP

Natteras.—Otis Beasley, assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior, Washington came here to match his skill against blue marlin last week end. With him is James O'Donnell, well-known Washington attorney.

If they hook a giant marlin a film record will be made of the catch. Lansdale "Bounce" Anderson and his associate Gilbert Drake, are on the Outer Banks now making sequences for forthcoming movies of Cape Hatteras National Seashore to be used for educational purposes.

While visiting on the Outer Banks, where fishing is one of his prime objectives, Assistant Secretary Beasley will also have an opportunity to survey activities and progress being made in the National Seashore, which is a National Park Service project, all of which comes under the Department of the Interior.

## ONE-EYED 10-LB. BLUEFISH

Nags Head.—Largest bluefish of the season reported in local waters was not caught with rod and reel, nor in a net, and it had only one eye left. The specimen, driven ashore at Beacon Motor Lodge, was caught while it was still floundering in the surf by Pirate King John Donoho, of the Beacon. Before dressing the fish, Donoho weighed it and the big blue, probably driven ashore by sharks, weighed 10 pounds.

## WINS GOVERNORSHIP BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY



FORTUNATE indeed for North Carolina that it will have a level-headed man at the helm for the next four years. Governor Luther Hartwell Hodges won easily over three opponents in Saturday's primary which is tantamount to election in North Carolina. Governor Hodges succeeded to the office about two years ago on the death of Governor William B. Umstead. His vote in Saturday's primary was about 380,000 compared with only 63,000 for all three the other candidates opposing him.

In Dare County, the vote for Governor was as follows: Hodges 1,334; Sawyer 32; Stokely 45; and Earle 15. Hodges got a majority of more than 1200 over his three opponents.

## MANTEO REBEKAH LODGE TO HONOR NOBLE GRANDS

Manteo Rebekah Lodge will at the next meeting Monday, June 4, recognize and honor all the Past Noble Grands.

Mrs. Salina Midgett, Noble Grand, requests the presence of all members at this meeting, especially the P.N.G.s.

A report from Mrs. Tracy Ward, delegate to the State Assembly, will be given at this meeting.

## MCCOWNS ATTENDING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

W. H. McCown, president of the Manteo Rotary Club, and Mrs. McCown will leave Friday afternoon for Philadelphia, Pa., to attend the meeting of Rotary International. Staying with their daughter, Cameron, while Mr. and Mrs. McCown are away are Mrs. McCown's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bost and their daughter, Tina, of Salisbury.

## ANGLERS LANDING BLUES

Wanchese.—Anglers fishing with skippers aboard Wanchese-based charter boats during the past week have been hitting plenty of blues and very little of any other species. The blues, according to Mack Etheridge, operator of a fishing center here, ranged from one to one and half pounds.

One of the best catches of the week, made on Saturday, was 201 blues landed by W. B. Hilton and party of 603 Harney Street, Raleigh. This party trolling from Capt. Jesse Etheridge's cruiser-yacht Carewyn used white nylon lures to attract their fish.

An even better catch reported on Saturday was made by Dr. Harry Smith and party of 1616 Spotswood Road, Charlottesville, Va., while trolling with white and yellow lures aboard Capt. Willie Etheridge's cruiser. This party landed 357 blues and they averaged from one half to one and half pounds. Earlier Capt. Etheridge had Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Yoemans of 463 W. 57th Street, New York City, out fishing. They landed 60 blues in less than one half day of trolling.

W. P. Nash and party of 2526 Derwent Drive, Roanoke, Va., landed 91 blues on Saturday while trolling with white nylon aboard Capt. Kermit Godsey's boat while A. B. Clayton and party of 1117 Park Street, Bedford, Va., boated 150 with white and yellow nylon from aboard a boat skippered by Capt. Buddy Cannady.

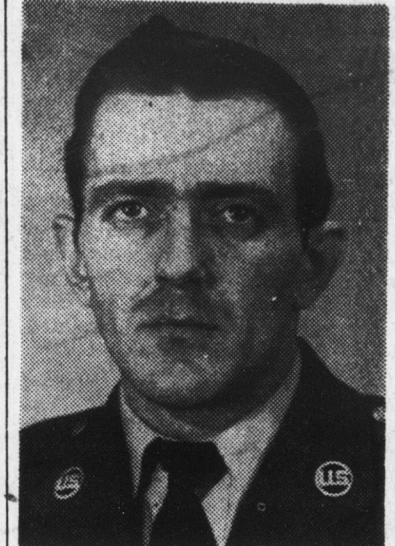
## REVIVAL AT EAST LAKE

Revival services at the East Lake Methodist Church are to begin Monday night, June 4, with the Rev. W. R. Hale of Ocracoke as guest speaker. Services are to be held each night for a week and close with the service Sunday night, June 10.

## INTEREST CENTERS ON MEETING JUNE 15-17 HONORING VETS. OF COAST GUARD; RODANTHE

### Communities Which Have Furnished Highest Percentage Per Inhabitant For Service Now Getting Ready for Three-Day Event Praising Men Who Made History on Outer Banks.

## FRISCO SOLDIER WINS NOTICE IN GERMANY



A/2c SOLON P. TOLSON, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Burrus of Frisco, was congratulated in Sembach Air Base, Germany, recently for his help in removing a pilot from an RF-86 jet aircraft that had crashed seconds before becoming airborne.

Throughout the past 25 months that airman Tolson has been stationed with the 66th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, he has been with the 66th Air Police Squadron. Prior to entrance into the Air Force in August of 1952, airman Tolson graduated from Cape Hatteras High School in N. C.

## OWENS AND COWEN LEAD FOR SENATE IN DARE COUNTY

### Kermit Gray Carries County for Commissioner Agriculture; Ervin, Gold and Edwards, Winners

Senator E. L. Owens of Plymouth and Robert Cowen of Williamston led the ticket Saturday for State Senators from the Second district, in Dare County. Rev. A. Corey of Jamesville was a close runner up, but failed in the district of winning the nomination.

U. S. Senator Sam Ervin Jr. carried the county by a vote of 989 to 137 for Marshall Kurfess of Winston-Salem. Charles F. Gold, Insurance Commissioner got 628 votes to 292 votes for John N. Frederick.

For Commissioner of Labor Frank Crane got 579 votes against 234 for H. D. Lambeth Jr., and 295 for James R. Farlow.

Kermit U. Gray, a native of Cape Hatteras got 715 votes for Commissioner of Agriculture against incumbent L. Y. Ballentine's 432, and despite "Stags" always having been a favorite in this area.

The vote for Lieutenant Governor gave Edwards 614; Barnhardt 303; Hood 141; Whitfield 102 and Brewer 31.

## PULPWOOD ASSOCIATION MEETS AT NAGS HEAD

Officers and directors of Area Four of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association met in a two-day session at Nags Head this week to discuss promotion and encouragement of "wise use of Southern forest resources as well as their immediate replacement after cutting."

Some 75 delegates attended the meetings at the Carolinian hotel. The meeting ended Wednesday night with a banquet. Active leader in the meeting was K. S. Trowbridge, an official of the North Carolina Pulp Company of Plymouth. Representatives of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. at Manteo participated in the meeting.

## FIRE DAMAGES MANTEO BUILDING THURSDAY A.M.

A blazing awning suspected of being caused by match or cigarette being thrown from a roof down town in Manteo Thursday morning resulted in damage to the window frame and the loss of an awning on the Theo. S. Meekins building opposite the courthouse. The fire was fortunately promptly extinguished. The window was in the offices of McCown & McCown, lawyers.

Honor will be paid the men who during the last 80 years have made so much history on the N. C. coast when a three-day celebration takes place at Rodanthe, beginning Friday night, June 15th, and lasting through Sunday. Citizens of the communities of Rodanthe and Waves who have furnished a higher percentage of their inhabitants for the service are going forward with plans for the celebration.

The events begin with a dance on Friday night. The day packed with most entertainment and thrills will be Saturday, June 16th when ceremonies including music and speaking will be held on the oceanside near Rodanthe. During the day, there will be Coast Guard drills, boat races, and throughout the three-day period a fishing contest will be held.

On Saturday night boxing matches will be held, and other entertainment, consisting of special acts.

On Sunday, at Fairhaven Methodist Church a special memorial service will be held. All active and retired members of the Life Saving Service, and the Coast Guard, with which it was merged in 1915, are urged to attend, no matter where they may live. Request is made that all veterans write to the Celebration Committee, Rodanthe, N. C., and advise if they will attend so that dinner may be provided for them on June 16th. Notice must be sent the committee before June 10th. The dinner will be provided for those men only who served in the Old Life Saving Service and one other person who accompanies them; and for special honor guests invited for the occasion. The committee points out the necessity of mailing notice before June 10th, in order that suitable arrangements may be made for the meal.

Rooms will be available for visitors to the celebration at the Chicamacomico Motel and the Mirlo Beach Lodge at Rodanthe, and the Sportsmen's Lounge at Waves, as well as in those various homes of the villages which have agreed to open their doors to tourists. However, since many relatives of residents are expected to return home for the week end, the latter facilities may be limited, but ample accommodations will be found at Avon, Buxton and Hatteras hotels and motels.

The special Sunday service is expected to be the most impressive of all. Captain Roy Bishop, USN, Chaplain of the Atlantic Fleet, will deliver the sermon. A solo will be sung by Robert H. Midgett, well-known singer of Manteo, and descendant of many Coast Guardsmen.

R. D. Owens, Chairman of the Committee, is especially anxious to obtain the names of all former members of the Old Life Saving Service, and they are invited to attend, even though the committee may not be able to get a formal invitation into their hands. All such, or their friends are urged to send in their names immediately to the Committee at Rodanthe.

## CHICAMACOMICO CIVIC CLUB TO DISCUSS CELEBRATION

On Saturday night of this week, the Civic Club of the communities of Waves and Rodanthe will meet in regular monthly session at the Community Building at which time there will be further planning of the Celebration which comes off two weeks later, honoring the members of the Life Saving Service and the Coast Guard.

R. D. Owens is serving as chairman of the event this year, and Donald C. Todd is Secretary. A committee to handle the various phases of the celebration includes most of the active members of the communities.

The last of several meetings already held to plan for the celebration was held at Mirlo Beach Lodge at Rodanthe on May 25.

## HOMECOMING SERVICE AT MANNS HARBOR CHURCH

A homecoming service is to be held at the Manns Harbor Methodist Church Sunday, June 10. Sunday school is to begin at 10 a.m. and is to be followed by the worship service at 11. Picnic lunch comes at the noon hour, and a song and praise service is to be held in the afternoon.