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## \$370,000 SET UP FOR MORE ROADS IN SEASHORE PARK

National Park Service Planning Continued Improvements in Bodie Island and Cape Area

Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area is slated for improvements totaling well over a quarter of a million dollars during the current fiscal year, as so-called MISSION 66—a ten-year improvement program for the National Parks System—swings into action. Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton announced that \$370,500 has been earmarked for the Cape Hatteras park from an appropriation of \$35,080,000 authorized by Congress this year for improvements in 79 of the 190 areas under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

The North Carolina portions of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Great Smoky Mountain National Park will also benefit from the starting phase of the 10-year improvement program, the sums of \$3,718,400 and \$513,300 having been set aside, respectively, for those two areas.

National Park Service Director Conrad L. Wirth said a start is being made this year in areas of greatest need. As the long-range MISSION 66 program progresses, he added, all areas of the National Parks System will be brought up to the standards necessary for their protection and to service the constantly increasing number of visitors. The program is scheduled to reach its goal in 1966, the golden anniversary year of the National Park Service.

Of the money to be spent this year at Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area, \$165,500 will be used for roads and trails as follows: \$71,000 for an approach road and parking area for the museum at Hatteras Cape point; \$49,800 for trailer camp roads and walks on Bodie Island north of Oregon Inlet—the northernmost section of the recreational area; and \$44,600 for minor road projects.

The remaining \$205,000 will be spent on buildings and utilities, including a small museum and comfort stations.

Of the \$3,719,400 earmarked for Blue Ridge Parkway, \$1,062,500 will be spent on road construction in the north Carolina section. Of the latter funds, \$848,400 will go toward providing drainage and a stone base for 5 1/2 miles of the parkway from Deep Gap to Triplett Road.

## OCRACOKE NATIVE PASSES IN ANNAPOLIS HOSPITAL

Henry Wilson Wahab, son of the late William H. and Malsey Wahab, died on Thursday, September 6th in an Annapolis, Maryland hospital. He was born on December 12, 1870 in Ocraoke and was first married to Beatrice Tolson of Ocraoke. After her death he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1896. Served on the U. S. S. Puritan, a monitor, during the Spanish-American War and saw service in the Caribbean Sea.

Mr. Wahab went aboard the Navy's first submarine, the U. S. S. Holland at Annapolis and while a member of the crew of the Holland fired the first torpedo to be fired from an American submarine. He performed this feat in 1900. After his retirement from the Navy as Chief Gunner's Mate he became a guard at the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

While stationed in Annapolis he married Miss Nellie Jacobson, daughter of a U. S. Naval Officer. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Williams and one son, Harry Wahab, both of Annapolis and by several grandchildren.

## MRS. ANGELINE MILLER

Mrs. Angeline Quaidly Miller, 77, died suddenly at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Sybil Miller Folb in Winston-Salem, Monday at 4:50 a.m. from a heart attack. She was greatly beloved in her community.

She was a native of Avon and had been visiting her daughter for the past 10 days. She was the daughter of the late James I. and Mary Zion Quaidly and widow of Franklin M. Miller. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church at Buxton.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Celia Barnette of Buxton and Mrs. Sybil Folb of Winston-Salem; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Assembly of God Church at Buxton by the Rev. Andrew Sterling, a former pastor, assisted by the Rev. J. C. Bradlock, pastor. Burial followed in the family cemetery.

## MRS. WECHTER WINNER OF GREENSBORO AWARD



MRS. NELL WISE WECHTER, seventh grade science teacher in the Central Junior High School at Greensboro was named winner last week of the Second Annual Franklin McNutt Award. It was presented by the Piedmont Associated Industries, and consisted of a \$100 check and an engraved plaque, given to the Greensboro teacher who submits the outstanding example of teaching the American way of life to pupils.

Mrs. Wechter is a woman of unusual energy and gifts. She is the wife of R. W. Wechter, and the daughter of the late Enoch and Edith Best Wise of Stumpy Point. She received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education, and her master's degree in supervision and elementary administration from East Carolina College.

She is well-known also for newspaper work, and has written much for Coastland Newspapers, as well as for the Greensboro Daily News and other state papers. The photo is by courtesy of the Greensboro News.

She and her husband have established their home in Greensboro and he teaches industrial arts at Lindley Junior High School. They are studying toward their doctorates at the University of N. C. Mrs. Wechter formerly taught in Dare, Northampton and Pitt Counties and in Lumberton schools.

## BIG WHISKEY STILL IN HYDE COUNTY IS DESTROYED

An illegal whiskey still, believed to be one of the largest operations ever uncovered in this part of the state, was destroyed Sunday afternoon in Currituck township of Hyde County, but no one has yet been arrested in connection with the case, according to latest information from Sheriff Charlie J. Cahoon. The raid was a combined effort by federal, state, and county officers.

The still was located in a dense woods on the bank of little Spellman Creek about five miles west of Sladesville in what is sometimes known as the Montgomery section. Although only about one-half mile from a state-maintained road, it was accessible only by water except on foot.

The still was in operation at the time of the raid; as officers approached in their boat a Negro man was seen to flee into the woods, and the officers were unable to apprehend him.

Equipment and supplies that were either confiscated or destroyed by the officers included: a 1,000-gallon still, a 300-hp. steam boiler, a 55-gallon doubler, a 300-gallon cooler barrel with coil condenser, two gasoline-powered water pumps, 150 feet of 1 1/2-inch hose, five axes, one shovel, a boat and outboard motor, 35 cases of empty jars, 30 100-lb. bags of coke, 23 100-lb. bags of sugar, 135 55-gallon wooden barrels, and ten 300-gallon wooden barrels. The barrels were found to contain a total of 8,450 gallons of mash, and 318 gallons of already-run whiskey was found in jars. Officers also found two abandoned still sites nearby and confiscated a 3/4-ton 1950 Ford pick-up truck found about a mile away at the landing used by the operators located on Wood Creek and known as Schoolhouse Landing. Sixty-six sticks of dynamite were used in destroying the still.

Officers participating in the raid were: Federal ATU officers Joe Fowler, C. H. Smith, and Thomas W. Goodson; State ABC officer V. W. Gay; Beaufort County ABC officers Leslie Hawkins and Luther Ward; and Sheriff Cahoon.

## ODDFELLOWS PLAN DEGREE WORK AND DINNER SATURDAY

Important Event Scheduled to Take Place in Manteo As Lodge Reorganizes

An important event for interested Oddfellows is planned to take place Saturday evening in Manteo at 5 p.m. when upon the reorganization of Virginia Dare Lodge No. 3, IOOF, a fish fry will be held in the Nevin Wescott yard, followed by degree work in the Manteo town hall.

Formerly active members of the lodge are taking part in the plans, including John E. Ferebee, Dan Cannady, John D. O'Neal, Robert H. Midgett, and several others, 43 in all who were once members of the lodge before it became inactive.

From Riverdale Lodge, Norfolk, will come one of the best degree teams in the order to put on the ritualistic work, and an Elizabeth City Lodge will bring down several candidates. The Ladies of Rebekah Lodge No. 52 will assist in putting on the fish fry.

In the coming months the lodge plans to put on a drive for membership, and expect to make Virginia Dare Lodge alive and helpful, as it was when organized over 50 years ago.

Capt. Martin L. Johnson and W. J. Griffin of Manteo, both in their late 80's and among the oldest living Oddfellows in Eastern North Carolina are expected to be honor guests of the meeting, to be photographed with Old Faithful J. D. O'Neal, the several younger members, and the Ladies of Rebekah.

## BIG NAME BAND AT ELIZABETH CITY ON RACING PROGRAM

Ted Weems Orchestra To Play For International Cup Ball September 30th.

Elizabeth City.—The social high spot of this year's International Cup Regatta, to be staged here Sept. 29-30, will be the appearance of Ted Weems and his orchestra at the International Cup Ball.

The dance will provide the evening's entertainment between two full days of boat racing which will include eight inboard classes, eight classes of limited inboards and an expected entry of ten or more unlimited (Gold Cup) hydroplanes—the world's fastest boats.

Weems, who is presently ending a long run at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, is one man in the band world who has been able to keep his esteemed position.

He has played at leading entertainment centers throughout the country including Chicago's Palmer House, New York's Waldorf-Astoria, Houston's fabulous Shamrock Hotel, and many others, and has achieved radio, TV, and record fame.

His well-balanced band includes four brass, four sax and four rhythm instruments and will feature vocalists Phyllis Powell, Bill Edm, and Dave Bedal.

Other outstanding regatta attractions will include a bathing beauty pageant, a parade and a demonstration of the unique Bensen helicopter-boat.

Anyone who ever wondered what makes a "flying fish" fly, now can find out for himself, by attaching a Rotosail rig to his favorite fishing boat and soaring up in the sky. All it takes is a pair of air paddles mounted on top of a short mast, a motorboat with the towline and—presto—you have a Flying Boat.

The unique new craft, combining the thrills of water sports with flying, will be demonstrated here by Bensen Aircraft Corporation of Raleigh, N. C., during the International Cup Regatta Sept. 29-30.

Known officially as the Model B-7B Gyro-boat, the 160 lb. craft consists of a standard aluminum boat, and the Rotosail attachment, developed by Bensen firm.

The Rotosail operates on the same principle as helicopter rotors. Wind turns the air paddles, or blades, which in turn provide the lift. To become airborne, the Flying Boat is towed by a motor boat, like a water skier, until its rotor spins fast enough to pull the whole craft out of water.

Igor Bensen, president of the firm will pilot the futuristic craft here during the two-day regatta which will also feature ten or more Unlimited Gold Cup Hydroplanes, plus eight limited inboard and eight outboard classes in racing competition.

## A CAPE HATTERAS NATIVE IS COMMISSIONED ENSIGN



ANDREW F. BARNETT Jr., a native of Cape Hatteras who grew up and attended school there, was recently commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Navy after attending Officers Training candidate school at Newport, R. I. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Barnett, who live in Elizabeth City at 518 W. Colonial Ave. He graduated from Elizabeth City High School in 1956. Before being commissioned he held the rating of first class distributing clerk at the Norfolk Naval Air Station. His mother is granddaughter of the late famed Coast Guard Capt. B. B. Dailey of Buxton. His wife is the former Betty Hayman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Hayman of Elizabeth City. They have two children, and are residing in Athens, Ga., where Ensign Barnett is attending the U. S. Navy Supply Corps school. He has a brother, Sigma, who is in the Coast Guard and who is a radioman in the Norfolk District Office.

## HATTERAS DREDGING PROJECTS TO FINISH ON SEPTEMBER 20

Breakwater Built at Cost of \$91,125; Basin and Channel to Inlet Dredged

Report has been made by the office of the Corps of Engineers at Wilmington that the various projects at Hatteras Harbor are expected to be completed about September 20th, some delay having been experienced as the result of high winds which prevailed during August.

A stone breakwater at the harbor costing \$91,125 has been built. The dredging work consists of deepening of the inner basin, and dredging of the channel, to Pamlico Sound and towards Hatteras Inlet, which work will cost \$57,050. The basin and channel to the inlet are complete, and the Rollinson channel to the sound is expected to be finished on the 20th. The dredging projects call for depths of six feet, plus two feet over-depth, which actually assures at the outset, eight feet of water.

Six foot jobs have recently been completed at Stumpy Point and at Engelhard. During the present fiscal year, a 12 foot dredging job is scheduled for Engelhard.

## SEPTEMBER FAVORS COAST WITH GOOD SURF FISHING

Puppy drum, the young of channel bass are being caught by surfcasters along the beaches of the outer banks, but to date the large of this species, which normally show up during mid-autumn are still in the sounds. In addition to puppy drum, plenty of bluefish, trout, flounder and sea mullet are being caught in the surf.

Willie Newsome at Sportsman's headquarters, Hatteras, stated that most of the fish along the Hatteras surf are being caught with cut bait.

"Most of the blues are running from two to three pounds," he said.

From the Wanchese-Oregon Inlet area came reports of good blue-fishing trolling and anglers casting from Nags and Kitty Hawk ocean piers have been catching plenty of trout, blues, and other surf feeding species, a checkup on Thursday revealed.

## COURT OF HONOR

The Manteo Boy Scout Troop 165 will hold a Court of Honor next Monday night, Sept. 17. The court will be held at the Mount Olivet Methodist Church Education Building. All parents of Scouts, and particularly those who have boys coming up for advancement are urged to attend.

## BIG FISH AT PEA ISLAND

A sheephead, weighing six pounds, three ounces was caught on Sept. 8 at Pea Island Camp Ground Store by Mrs. Virginia W. Leets of 122 W. Bayshore Blvd. of Jacksonville, N. C. This was on the South side of Oregon Inlet. The fish was caught on a cloudy day.

## CHARGE OF DAMAGE TO NETS IS MADE AT STUMPY POINT

Buren Twiford and Thurston Gray Alleged to Have Damaged Nets of Alton Best

Buren Twiford of Stumpy Point was tried in Recorder's Court in Dare County on a number of charges, and the court held him guilty of one of the charges, namely, damaging nets of Alton Best, and he was ordered to pay a fine of \$150 and costs. He appealed to Superior Court. His companion, Thurston Gray was charged also under several counts, but he had previously entered a plea for a jury trial, which means that he will be tried in Superior Court.

Both men had been charged with driving drunk, being drunk and disorderly, wrecking a car, and damaging nets of Alton Best by dragging them on the road, and cutting them with a knife. Both men have been often in court, and at the last term were being tried for the malicious burning of woodlands, which case resulted in a mistrial and is due to come up again at the next term.

A decided decline in cases before the court has resulted since Labor Day week end's business. Previously the court had been taking in seven to eight hundred dollars a week in fines. On Tuesday, H. T. Davenport of Columbia, and Dempsey Burgess of Shiloh, each paid \$15 and costs for driving at 50 mph in a 35-mile zone.

William H. Elliott of Hertford paid \$12 for driving at 47 mph; Leland R. Midgett of Waves, paid \$50 and costs for driving at 75 mph. M. M. Clayton of Norfolk had no operator's license and he was fined \$25 and costs. Geo. Jacob McCleese of Manteo paid \$5 for failing to observe a stop sign.

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The amendments carried heavily throughout North Carolina. The vote in Dare County on the School amendment by precincts was as follows:

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Colington	17	3
Kitty Hawk	37	47
Duck	9	2
Manteo	252	32
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Manns Harbor	47	4
Maushoes	7	2
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## AUGUST TOURIST BUSINESS BETTER DURING SUMMER

An example of what absence of stormy weather, and storm reports can do to help maintain tourist travel business is reflected in the monthly report of Cape Hatteras National Seashore's record of visitors last month. A total of 71,049 persons were counted as visitors to the recreational area in August this year.

That figure, according to the report on visitors, was 82 percent more than visited the area during August in 1955.

The report shows that 21,388 automobiles entered the National Seashore during August, pushing the total to 74,345 for the calendar year to date. A few visitors entered the section aboard planes, via bus or aboard boats.

The total number of visitors entering the area to date in 1956 totals 245,414. It appears that with normal travel continuing throughout the last four months of the year that the total number of visitors going to Cape Hatteras National Seashore this year will top 300,000 the report shows.

During August this year an estimated total of 65,266 persons visited Wright Brothers National Monument at Kill Devil Hills during August pushing the total number of "entered visitors" at this National Park Service unit to 228,696 for the first eight months of the calendar year in 1956. This compares to 123,654 for the same number of months in 1955, when many of the visitors were counted manually before the automatic auto and vehicle counting apparatus was installed.

## MANTEO METHODIST CH. PLANS SPECIAL SERVICES

Mrs. Clarence Gibbs, the former Betty Rae Rogers, will be guest speaker at the morning worship service at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo, Sunday, September 16. Mrs. Gibbs will talk about her recent journey to Camaguey Province, Cuba, as a member of a Methodist youth caravan. At the 8 o'clock evening service, Mrs. Gibbs will show colored slides of the places she visited while at the Cuba Methodist work camp. The members and friends of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church are invited and urged to attend these services.

## OLD OMAR BABUN POPS UP WITH A \$150,000 LAWSUIT

Owner Sues For Fire on Freighter Which Stayed Near Rodanthe Two Years Ago

The owner of the freighter Omar Babun, which was refloated in July 1954 after being aground on the North Carolina Banks for two months, last week filed a \$150,000 suit against the Norfolk Shipbuilding and Drydock Corp. in the Court of Law and Chancery. E. A. Canipe alleged that while his vessel was at the shipyard for repairs, it was damaged extensively by fire, and that the shipyard was responsible.

"The plaintiff stated that he intended to have the vessel covered by fire insurance," it was asserted. However, it was alleged that a shipyard official "assured the plaintiff that the vessel was completely covered under the terms of the defendant's blanket policy."

The fire occurred in mid-October 1954. At that time, Deputy Fire Chief H. S. Beall said the fire evidently started in the dynamo room of the ship from a short circuit and spread throughout the entire engine room and into part of the cabin.

Canipe, of Havelock, N. C., salvaged the 197-foot wooden hull vessel from the Carolina Banks and brought her to Norfolk for repairs. The Honduran vessel went aground May 14, 1954 during an Atlantic storm.

Canipe, an automobile dealer sued for \$100,000 by a diver and mechanic who worked with him in freeing the vessel. However, due to the failure of the two libellants to pay storage costs on the vessel, the \$100,000 suit was dismissed in November 1954.

The freighter was a converted Navy mine net tender about 200 feet long, built of wood. She was loaded with machinery for a Cuban sugar mill, and landed some two miles north of Miro eBach, just above Rodanthe, N. C. For the two months she was on the beach, she proved a great attraction to tourists.

REAL ESTATE MEN GET CLUB TO CONDEMN SEASHORE PARK

A lengthy resolution has been presented to the Civic Club at Waves-Rodanthe on Hatteras Island, and reported as being passed unanimously, in which the policies of the National Park Service are being condemned vigorously, and among other things asks for a re-examination of the boundaries of the Cape National Seashore.

The resolution was prepared and presented on the initiative of R. D. Owens, motel operator, who came from Delaware, and Donald C. Todd, who came from Pittsburgh, both interested in real estate possibilities. The operation of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore has interfered with their plans. The petition has been prepared at great length, and copies sent to numerous officials.

Several other citizens whose lands have been affected by the park are also supporters of the petition.

## MRS. JOSEPHINE WILLIAMS

Mrs. Josephine Gray Williams, 77, of Avon, died Tuesday at 12:45 p.m. after an illness of 18 years. A native of Dare County and a resident of Avon, she was the daughter of Malachi and Euphemia Gray and the widow of Andrew David Williams. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church of Avon.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Walter Smith; two sons, J. Mannings Williams of Manteo and Mahlon Williams of Beaufort; two sisters, Mrs. Spencer Wynne of Columbia, and Mrs. Cora Miller of Elizabeth City; three brothers, O. G. Gray and F. A. Gray of Avon and H. S. Gray of Elizabeth City; and six grandchildren.

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