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WANCHESE CHURCH COMPLETING NEW LARGE ADDITION

Methodists Modernizing Plant With \$25,000 All-Purpose Annex

Among many church building projects currently underway or recently completed in Dare County is the splendid addition now nearing the finishing stage at the Wanchese Methodist Church. This \$25,000 investment will make of their church one of the most complete units to be enjoyed by any rural church in northeastern North Carolina.

This addition, which is being built to conform in outward appearance with the rest of the 50-year-old structure will house several class rooms on the second floor; two bathrooms, a kitchen, dining room, and utility rooms on the first floor. It has entrances from both sides, and an entrance from both the choir enclosure and the main auditorium of the church. In quality and general appearance, it is a credit to the church and to the community, and it speaks well of the leadership and devotion of the community to their church. Wanchese has a population of less than 1,000 people.

In recent years this community has gone ahead by leaps and bounds, particularly in construction of new, modern type homes, many of them of brick, and all of them completely up to date. Several homes are now under construction, and at least a score have been built in the past eight years.

The Pentecostal congregation at Wanchese has shown singular devotion to their church, and have for several years occupied a large, splendid church building and a large two-story parsonage at the eastern end of the community.

The Ruritan Club at Wanchese has taken the lead in working for many community improvements, notable surfacing of neighborhood roads, and harbor improvements. The village now has finer roads on the whole than any community of similar size in the coastland, and extensive improvements to the harbor are currently being completed by the Corps of Engineers.

DARE DEMOCRATS PLAN TO ATTEND SAM RAYBURN DINNER IN GREENVILLE

Several Democrats from Dare County are planning to attend the Sam Rayburn dinner in Greenville, N. C. on the evening of Friday, September 28th, according to M. L. Daniels, county chairman, who reports that \$210 worth of tickets at \$15 each had been sold Wednesday. A much larger amount is expected to be raised during the coming week, since the object of the dinner is to raise funds to aid the Democratic national campaign this fall. Mr. Daniels says it is important for Dare County to make a good showing for this cause, since a Democratic victory offers more hope for North Carolina, and our part of the state in fairer distribution of the benefits and rights of government. He cites the achievements of the Democratic party in this state, and says "our people of the Coastland, who have been favored with good roads and bridges, and expect still more, should be anxious to support the party from which greatest benefits may be expected."

REPORT OF RECORDERS COURT IN DARE THIS WEEK

A thirty-day suspended sentence and a fine of \$10 and costs were imposed on James E. Outlaw of Wanchese for driving his car with improper license plates and in violation of operator's license requirements. His brother Luther Outlaw was charged with driving with improper plates, and appealed from a fine of \$5 and the costs.

Mrs. Susie Briggs of Kitty Hawk, who followed too close, and seriously damaged her car Friday of last week, when she ran in the back end of a school bus, paid a fine of \$5 and costs. Wm. A. Fuller of Buxton paid a \$5 fine, also for operating too close. Wm. W. Clark of Buxton charged with having no operator's license, produced his license and was dismissed from court.

William I. Twiddy of Manns Harbor had no operator's license and was fined \$25 and costs. Alvin O. Farrow of Buxton paid \$10 and costs for speeding at 65 mph. Curtis E. Murphy for failing to give proper signals, paid \$5 and costs. Francis M. Valentine also paid likewise.

CALENDAR SALE, LADIES NIGHT, SET BY LIONS

Manteo Lions met for their regular dinner and business session Tuesday night at the community building, and made plans for a canvass of residents in behalf of the "community birthday calendar." Present for the meeting were several members of the clubs of Weeksville, Elizabeth City and Camden.

Plans were made for a ladies night picnic October 2 at Coquina Beach, Bodie Island, the new development of the Park Service. Members and their wives will assemble at the community building at 6:30 p.m. on this date and travel in a body to the beach.

The "community birthday calendar" canvass is to begin immediately and be worked on until about the middle of October. Similar to the calendar of last year sponsored by the Lions, it is an unusual way of keeping one's birthday posted for quick reference. Ages are not shown, which is a delight to the ladies. Money raised through the calendar project will go to further club activities.

After the regular session, a zone meeting was held by members of the above-mentioned clubs. Ways to further club work and general improvements were discussed.

SUDDEN DEATH ON MONDAY FOR LEAPING DEER

Not Out To Bag Them, Mrs. Roy Basnight Kills Two Bucks In Unusual Manner

By AYCOCK BROWN
Manns Harbor.—Two bucks, one a five pointer, the other a six point specimen, were accidentally killed by two automobiles, each driven by the same person within a one hour period on Monday morning between East Lake and Manns Harbor on U. S. Highway 64. It was probably the first time in the history of man—or woman, as it was in this case, that such an unusual incident has ever happened.

Mrs. Nina Basnight, wife of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. employee Roy Basnight, and her daughter Susan had left their home in East Lake community aboard the family Ford enroute to Manteo where she is employed in the school lunchroom and where her daughter is a student. About half way to Manns Harbor, Buck No. 1 darted from the canal bank on the side of the highway and as Mrs. Basnight at the wheel swerved to avoid hitting the animal, it dashed into the front of the Ford and was killed instantly. When a pulpwood company truck appeared on the scene the driver agreed to haul the deer into Manns Harbor, but in the meantime Mrs. Basnight returned home in the Ford with deer damage estimated at \$150 to the car, to get the other family automobile, a Chevrolet.

Returning to the truck and location of the first kill a few minutes later she told the pulp company employee she would drive ahead and notify Game Protector Stanford White in Manns Harbor how the deer was killed. Two miles up the road Buck No. 2 made a dash from the canal bank and crashed into the Chevrolet, killing itself immediately, but not damaging the auto. Minutes later the pulp company's truck arrived on the scene and loaded No. 2 aboard. Both of the carcasses were then taken to the game protector who heard one of the most unusual stories during the career of game protecting.

Mrs. Basnight's story was not questioned and she was given assurance by Game Protector White that she had violated no law. The two bucks, however, automatically became public property and it was planned to dress the animals and turn the meat over to some public institution, in this case, probably to the school lunchroom where Mrs. Basnight is employed.

Mrs. Basnight has been driving this route for more than a year, and has had many interesting days, but she hopes Monday morning of this week will remain the most remarkable of all of them, if she continues to drive for many years. It is a wonder that the heavy jolt given the car by the first deer which weighed an estimated 200 pounds, and put the car out of commission, did not result in serious personal injury to the passengers. It is remarkable that she did not lose control of the car during the surprise and the jolt.

Mrs. Basnight arrived late on her job at the Manteo school, and she had a difficult day, due to the deer. See DEER, Page Four

NEW DISTRICT ENGINEER WILL VISIT DARE AND HYDE



COL. H. C. ROWLAND, chief of the Wilmington office of the Corps of Engineers, under whose direction and control are the various rivers and harbors and the projects for their improvement, is expected to visit Dare and Hyde counties next week to observe the progress of waterway improvements and to discuss with many citizens their views about waterways. Col. Rowland will be accompanied by members of his office, and is expected here about the middle of the week. He came to this assignment as of July 1, the beginning of the new year, and has succeeded a long line of popular and efficient district engineers in this office.

On his visit, Col. Rowland expects to observe the newly completed jobs at Hatteras, Stumpy Point and Engelhard.

ANNUAL METHODIST RE-UNION AT EAST LAKE ON SEPT. 30

Following the Sunday school and morning worship service, dinner will be served on the grounds at East Lake on September 30th, the occasion of the annual reunion which usually brings 500 people, many of them former residents who have moved to nearby cities. Methodists have been active in East Lake for well over 70 years, although it was once a Primitive Baptist stronghold. The present church, of which Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson is pastor, has stood for 70 years, succeeding a smaller building that served the community several years. John A. Twiddy of East Lake is the Superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mrs. Grace Thomas of Norfolk is coming back home to serve as pianist at a special service following the picnic dinner, when two hours of group singing will be held.

MANTEO PTA WILL MEET TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

The Manteo P.T.A. will meet on Tuesday evening, September 25, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. All members and prospective members are urged to attend as important business items, such as approval of the local association's by-laws and planning for the Halloween carnival, will be discussed and acted upon.

FORMER MANTEO BOY TEACHING AT STATE

Robert Dough, formerly of Manteo, began teaching physics this fall as a member of the faculty of N. C. State College in Raleigh, where he taught part time last year while working for his Master of Science degree, which he received last spring. During the summer Mr. Dough and his wife, the former Betty Krider of Manteo, and their two children lived in Portsmouth, Va. They moved to Raleigh last week.

Outer Banks of North Carolina To Become All Year Round Resort

By R. STANLEY WAHAB, President, All Seashore Highway Association

On December 23, 1944 I drove from Baltimore, Maryland to Ocracoke, North Carolina, which is now the southernmost end of Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park. Driving was good and uneventful until arriving at Whalebone, about three miles south of Nags Head where the hard surface road terminated. Stopping at Mrs. Neva Midgett's Service Station to deflate the tires on my Buick to fifteen pounds air pressure, I was advised not to attempt to drive farther as five automobiles had been stuck before getting to Oregon Inlet. However, being a "Banker" with some experience in sand driving and with more time than money, I started driving. The beach between Whalebone and Oregon Inlet was flooded from a heavy rainfall. Motor quit about one mile from Bodie Island Coast Guard Station to which I waded for assistance, which was promptly rendered, and I proceeded to the 8-car ferry which landed on the south point of Oregon Inlet. I knew it would be futile to attempt to drive through the sand inside of the beach wash. Fortunately, the tide was at low ebb so I could drive along the wash of the surf. Everything went well until about two miles from Cape Hatteras Coast Guard Station, when I ran into a bed of gravel sand, lost two hub caps and was stuck. I found a net stake on which I tied a kimono belonging to my daughter who was along with me, placed this on top of the highest hill as a signal for assistance to the Cape Hatteras Coast Guard Station. The wind was blowing from the S. W., the atmosphere hazy which made very little visibility. After waiting more than an hour, it was nearly dark without any response to our improvised signal. The tide was rising and water washing under my automobile. We decided it was time to adopt other means of attracting attention of the Coast Guard.

The beach in this vicinity was strewn with wreckage and debris from ships which had been torpedoed and sunk by the Germans. We picked up pieces of wreckage and piled on top of the hill where our signal was still flying unheeded. Being aware of the fact that the Coast Guard was constantly on the alert for the sight of fire, I said to Lillian, my daughter, "This will bring 'em." We had only three matches left. The wind blew my first and second match out in an attempt to set fire to the wood pile, so I decided to replenish with more newspapers. The fire started on the third match and so did the Coast Guard with their Power Wagon and a jeep, reaching us in short order and towing us to Hatteras.

I relate this as being one of the milder trips I have made along the Outer Banks during the past fifty years. I have walked many miles, ridden horseback, hitchhiked and recall one ride in an ox cart.

Many times have I wondered, when traveling the Outer Banks between Kitty Hawk and my home

on Ocracoke Island, what would eventually happen to this naturally attractive stretch of sea coast. I could not begin to visualize what has happened in the last three decades. Dare County has set the pace from isolation, oblivion, and poverty in a quick and successful race to become one of the largest, most accessible, and attractive resorts on the Coast of North Carolina. Where only a few shacks existed, there are now modern hotels, motels, service stations, cottages, apartments, recreation places, first-class eating places, and many other improvements too numerous to mention.

What has been the dominating factor to make such rapid and progressive growth? There are many, but the main factor is, has been, and will continue to be, good highways. Good roads bring a lot of traffic. Traffic does not bring roads.

Dare County, before the Currituck Sound Bridge and the highway along the beach were built was on the verge of bankruptcy. Its bonds were in default and had repute in banking circles despite See WAHAB, Page Four

ODDFELLOWS' GRANDMASTER TO VISIT VIRGINIA DARE LODGE HERE SATURDAY

Grandmaster of Oddfellows in North Carolina, Baxter H. Finch of Statesville, is to be the honor guest in Manteo Saturday night at the town hall, the occasion being the presentation of the charter to the recently re-organized Virginia Dare Lodge No. 3, IOOF, according to Dan Cannady, who has been active in making arrangements. The hour will be 7:30.

Some 43 former members and eight prospective members will make up the new lodge which will launch a membership drive to double its membership this year.

On Saturday night of last week, the members held a fish fry at the town hall attended by about 50 people; and degree work was conducted by a uniformed degree team of 18 from Oakdale Lodge in South Norfolk. Candidates came from Elizabeth City to take the degrees in the Shrine Club near Nags Head.

ARTIST WHO PAINTED IN MANTEO NOW IN LONDON DOING MURAL RESEARCH

Francis Vandever Kugler, the distinguished artist who has been commissioned by the Knapp Foundation to paint 13 murals that will be placed in the new Institute of Government building, Chapel Hill, is now in London doing historical research for more murals.

To date he has completed two of the thirteen, the first he painted in Manteo last year, a work which depicted the landing of Governor Lane on Roanoke Island in 1585. Last winter he completed the second mural of the thirteen in Williamsburg, Va.

A story in London's Daily Telegraph received from England recently by Albert Q. Bell at whose Roanoke Gardens the first mural was painted. At the time Mr. Bell assisted in the research for historical data shown on the mural. The London newspaper's story referring to the Roanoke Island scene and other panels yet to be completed stated:

"The mural of 13 panels, each eight feet by 11, which the American artist, Francis Kugler, is painting must be one of the larger artistic commissions. His fee for the work is \$100,000."

"There have been, however, many larger sets of panels—John Banvard's 'Portrait of the Mississippi' covered 4 1/2 acres."

BIG GAME PLENTIFUL ON MAINLAND OF DARE

Despite the fact that earlier this year there was some alarm caused when a few deer became weakened or died of malnutrition in the big woods of the Dare mainland, there are plenty of deer and they are in excellent condition now as the open season for hunting the animals approaches. Game Protector W. Stanford White of Manns Harbor, when asked this week what the prospects were for big game hunting during the season beginning October 15, replied:

"We know there are plenty of bear and also deer, and we know that the animals are in excellent condition. Food for bear and deer has been plentiful as result of no major forest fires this year."

SCHOOL FIGHT IN KITTY HAWK NOT TO BE APPEALED

Little Hope Seen to Justify Expense of Taking Fight Over Students to Supreme Court

Well-informed sources this week indicate that little hope is seen of getting a Supreme Court reversal of the decision of Judge Chester Morris Saturday, who ruled at Currituck that the Dare County Board of Education was within its rights in assigning the high school pupils from the Kitty Hawk district to attend school in Manteo this year.

The action had been brought by a number of patrons of the Kitty Hawk school, who disapproved a decision of the county board of education. While Judge Morris expressed sympathy with the efforts of Kitty Hawk citizens and their strong argument that their community would grow and demand a high school, he stated that he could not rule with them in the present case, because he could not deny the discretionary powers of the county board.

Some 50 students from Kitty Hawk were assigned to Manteo and about 37 of them attended, but parents of others refused to send their children and arranged for them to attend school in Poplar Branch in Currituck County or at Virginia Beach. Much bitterness and ill-feeling has prevailed for many months, following a long fight on the part of many Kitty Hawk citizens against the county board of education, because the board of education and the state school authorities would not approve the erection of a large high school at Kitty Hawk, on the ground that enrollment did not warrant the cost.

Kitty Hawk patrons, being incensed toward Manteo, were further disturbed when by board action, the high school pupils were removed and no teachers assigned for Kitty Hawk this year. The Kitty Hawk school committee in the long fight had been led by Mrs. Susie Briggs of Kill Devil Hills, a woman of unusual energy and zeal, who in the meantime has become a member of the county board of education and is continuing her support of the Kitty Hawk faction since getting on the county board.

Citizens of Kitty Hawk have contributed funds to hire legal aid, and have carried the fight to the courts. It has been a mighty costly fight for those who have chipped in, and some of them express themselves as being tired of it. They are paying double, for from county taxes, the board of education has to pay for legal aid to defend itself against the dissenting element.

In carrying on the fight, citizens of Kitty Hawk have been taking turns seeking something wrong by which to make capital in the courts, by following the school bus which brings the children to Manteo. Mrs. Briggs herself has been most active, and was heavily the loser last Friday when she followed the bus looking for some slip-up on the part of the driver, or of the schedule, and forgot herself in that she followed too close to the bus to the point of ramming into its rear-end when it made a stop. She came into court, and voluntarily submitted to the charges made, and paid a \$5 fine. While the bus was damaged but little, Mrs. Briggs' car sustained extensive damages.

Children coming to Manteo to high school appear to be happy. They are well liked by other pupils at Manteo, and number many outstanding students who have been elected to highest offices in class activities. Most folks now think that the fight has progressed to the point where the children have been forgotten, and it's another case of the old folks being determined to carry their point at all odds. The high financial cost may prove the discouraging factor, for those of the dissenting faction who pay the bills are paying on both sides of the fight.

TOURIST BUREAU FUTURE TO BE DISCUSSED SEPT. 26

Dare County Tourist Bureau board members will meet in Manteo at the Community Building Wednesday morning, September 26, at 10 o'clock, it was announced today by Mrs. Elizabeth G. Baum, secretary-treasurer of the group. This will be the final meeting of the Bureau's fiscal year which ends on September 30. Important matters pertaining to the future of the Tourist Bureau which serves as a clearing house for vacation information, public relations and publicity, will be discussed at the meeting. "It is most important that all board members attend this meeting," said Mrs. Baum.

HEEDLESS DEER VICTIMS OF TWO CARS, SAME DRIVER, SAME DAY



TWO BUCKS FROM THE FORESTS OF DARE'S MAINLAND after they leaped in the path of two automobiles driven a short while apart by Mrs. Roy Basnight of East Lake, enroute to Manteo school, where she is employed in the lunch room. Shown, left to right, are game protector W. S. White of Manns Harbor; Mrs. Basnight and her daughter, Susan. See story elsewhere. (Aycock Brown photo)