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NEW DARE BEACH HIGHWAY PROJECT MAY BE KILLED

Fate of Proposed Road Appears
In Hands of Kill Devil Hills
Commissioners

The building of the proposed new highway down the beaches of Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, and Nags Head now appears to hinge on action by the town commissioners of Kill Devil Hills, state officials have indicated.

A provision of a right-of-way agreement, drafted by the town board has caused the hitch in the project. The provision would require the highway commission to put in at least six lateral, or connecting, roads between the new highway and the present U. S. 158. The state refused to accept the agreement because the new road would be built with federal assistance and federal funds can not be used for secondary roads, which the laterals would be.

The provision was included in the agreement by the town commissioners because they feared that Kill Devil Hills would not get an equal number of the laterals to be built by the state as would other portions of the beach of similar length.

A group of citizens of Nags Head, Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills met on Wednesday night after Governor Hodges had assured that failure of the municipality to sign a suitable agreement would kill the project. Two members of the Kill Devil Hills board were present and decided to hold a special meeting of the board Friday night to act on the matter after having had a chance to hear from citizens of the town. Others at the meeting indicated that they favored accepting the highway as offered by the state.

Low bids received last month for the project were \$888,777.77 for the roadway and \$62,650 for the moving of buildings.

RECORD DOLPHIN LANDED OFF OF CAPE HATTERAS

By AYCOCK BROWN
A 53½-pound dolphin, largest of its species landed in the Gulf Stream off the North Carolina coast this year, was boated by F. W. T. Reynolds, 15519 Manor Avenue, Detroit, during the past week while he fished with Mrs. Reynolds and their two children, Lois and Donald, aboard Capt. Nelson Stowe's Hatteras-based cruiser Ursula.

Previously the record dolphin for the season off this Dare coast region was a 47-pounder, landed during late June by an angler aboard an Oregon Inlet-based cruiser.

The big fish boated by Reynolds was a "bull-dolphin," so identified by its blunt head. It measured 65½ inches from tip to tip, 31½ inches around its girth and was lured with an ounce-and-a-half white feather jig on 36-pound test Ashaway line and a Penn 6/0 reel.

It took the Detroit angler 25 minutes to bring the big dolphin to gaff.

Each of the children also caught a dolphin. Eight-year-old Lois brought in a 16½-pounder, while 7-year-old Donald boated a 6½-pounder. Mrs. Reynolds also caught fish. She accounted for one of two false albacore taken and also an amberjack. Two amberjack were landed.

Bill Dillon, operator of Outer Banks Court at Buxton where the Reynolds family were spending their vacation, stated that the big dolphin had been entered in national contests as a potential record for 1957.

Previously, the existing record for dolphin on 30 to 50 pound test line is a 63½ pounder, 64½ inches caught by C. F. Urschel, Jr., at Bimini in the Bahamas on April 30, 1956.

Believed to be the largest ever landed off the North Carolina coast was a 63-pounder boated by Tom Eaton, now a resident of New Bern, who was trolling for marlin and mako shark off Cape See DOLPHIN, Page Five

OCEAN FISHING PIERS REPORT ANGLERS' LUCK

Whiting, croaker, trout, flounder, and other varieties of fish are now being caught by anglers fishing from the ocean piers of the Nags Head to Kitty Hawk region. Weather conditions have been very favorable and so have the tides, coming during a period of the day when most anglers can conveniently be on the piers to match their skill against the various kind of fishes with artificial lures or various types of bait.

BECOMES MEMBER OF DARE WELFARE BOARD



RANY B. JENNETTE of Buxton was being sworn in as a member of the Dare County Board of Welfare by Clerk of Superior Court C. S. Meekins when this photo was made following the July meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Jennette, a graduate of Buxton high school, Oak Ridge Military Academy and Kings Business College, was in the U. S. Coast Guard as a chief petty officer for five years, after which he worked with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company for nine years in Greensboro, Raleigh and Durham, before returning to his native Cape Hatteras to become owner and operator of the Light-house Esso Station. He is a member of the Methodist Church, president of the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club, and member of the Order of Elks and the Hatteras Island Civic Organization. He is married and has a three-year-old child. He is the son of Capt. Ulyses B. Jennette, for many years a keeper at Cape Hatteras light, and Mrs. Jennette. (Aycock Brown photo)

DARE RECORDER HOLDS LONG SESSION TUESDAY

D. A. Rogers Jr., young Manteo man presently free under \$10,000 bond pending an appeal to the State Supreme Court of an earlier conviction in a local assault and robbery case, was found guilty by Judge W. F. Baum in Dare Recorder's Court Tuesday on a charge of assaulting Albert L. Toler of Kitty Hawk on June 10th, and Rogers was given a 60-day sentence suspended on payment of a \$15 fine and costs of court and on condition he stay off the premises of Toler for a period of two years and also not appear as a defendant in Judge Baum's court within two years. In the case now under appeal, Rogers was sentenced in Dare Superior Court May 31st to serve from three to seven years in prison for beating and robbing Marvin Daniels of Manteo.

William Blackman was found guilty by Judge Baum of assaulting John W. Tillett with a deadly weapon and was given a 60-day sentence to run concurrently with a six-month sentence suspended in another case last January and invoked Tuesday; Blackman appealed to Superior Court however, and bond was set at \$200. John W. Tillett, as a result of the same affray, was found guilty of assaulting Blackman and was fined \$10 and costs. Two other assault charges growing out of the same incident and charging Blackman and Cleon Tillett with assaulting each other were dismissed. All the men are Manteo Negroes.

Helen Louise Johnson of Nags Head was convicted of public drunkenness and given a 30-day sentence suspended upon payment of a \$25 fine and costs. In another case, the same woman, under the name Helen Louise Tyler, was convicted of driving without an operator's license and given a 30-day sentence suspended upon payment See COURT, Page Four

MANNS HARBOR MAN DIES RALEIGH HOSPITAL MONDAY

Siler City. — Edward Guthrie Midgette, 48, died Monday in Butner Hospital, Raleigh after a long illness. A native of Manns Harbor, he was the Wilmington salesman for the Siler City Poultry Exchange for a number of years. Funeral services will be held in the Smith and Buckner Chapel Tuesday at 2 p.m. with Dr. E. L. Hillman and Dr. J. A. Russell officiating. Interment followed in Montlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Raleigh. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Mary Midgette of Manns Harbor, and one sister, Mrs. L. D. Goodwin of Siler City. He was the son of Mrs. Mary Hayman Midgett and the late J. Lathan Midgett of Manns Harbor.

NEW FERRY BOATS READY TO RUN ON ALLIGATOR RIVER

Docks Rebuilt for Larger and
Faster Vessels Built in
New Bern

Two new ferry boats, recently built and completed, with more speed, and carrying capacity than any heretofore used in North Carolina are ready to run across Alligator River between Sandy Point in Tyrrell County and East Lake in Dare County. These boats are 116 feet long, will carry 24 cars and will cross the river in about 20 minutes. It is said the 40 minute schedules will permit much faster connections between Raleigh and seashore, and a saving of 50 miles.

Columbia interests advertise a saving of 25 miles via Plymouth to Washington.

Docks on both sides of the river have been completed this week to accommodate the new boats.

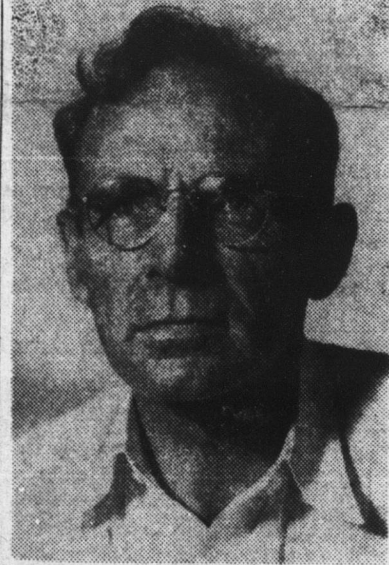
The use of these boats is expected to cause a tremendous gain in traffic over route 64 through Tyrrell County to the Dare Beaches. They have been named in honor of former members of the State Highway Commission.

Honors for his public service were bestowed upon J. Emmett Winslow, then State Highway Commissioner for the First Division, when one of two new motor ferries built for the State of North Carolina was christened the "Emmett Winslow" at ceremonies conducted at Barbour Boat Works in New Bern.

The second ferry was christened the "Sandy Graham," honoring the outgoing chairman of the Highway Commission.

Mrs. Lucille P. Winslow, sponsor of the ferry named for her husband See FERRY, Page Five

PATIENT AT KECOUGHTAN



BEN DIXON, MacNEILL, retired newspaper man and free lance journalist and photographer, who has made his home at Buxton-on-Cape Hatteras for the last several years, is seriously ill in the Veterans Hospital, Kecoughtan, Va. He writes that he is given a good chance for recovery, but that he will probably be a patient there for some time yet.

MANTEO LITTLE LEAGUERS TO PLAY WANCHESE MONDAY NIGHT



MANTEO'S LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM, which now has a record for the season of four wins (including two no-hit victories) as against three losses, will play host to the Wanchese Little League team this coming Monday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Manteo ball field. This will be the first game to be played entirely under the lights at Manteo this year, and it is hoped that a good crowd will turn out to support the teams. Coached by Sidney Shaw, the Manteo team includes the players pictured above, who are (left to right): front row, Freddy Combs, Hubby Bliven, Pete Warren, and Francis Combs; back row, Dean Leary, Dickie Burrus, Butch Johnson, Ray White, Eddie Hooper, and Paul Mayo. Other members of the team not present when the picture was made are Johnny Podolski, Tommie Taylor, Bennie O'Neal, and Chris Payne. (Photo by Pratt Williamson, Jr.)

WINS BEAUTY CONTEST FRIDAY AT NAGS HEAD



PEGGY DENNIS, 19-year-old curvaceous brownette of Lilesville, was selected by five judges Friday at Nags Head, to represent North Carolina in the Miss Universe Contest at Long Beach, California, later this month.

Her poise, personality and perfect 36-22-36 figure, displayed first in an evening gown and then the bathing suit she wears in above picture, won over a field of nine pretty girls appearing in the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce-sponsored beauty show presented near the ocean beach at The Carolinian Friday night. Runners up were Marilyn Wiles of Salisbury, first, and Janet Mitchell of Ahoskie, second. Both of the runners up were dazzling blondes.

Winning the contest made Miss Dennis this state's "Miss North Carolina for Miss Universe." She was scheduled to be in Norfolk early this week for a shopping tour, and by the time this story is published she will be in Long Beach or well on her way there to compete for national and international honors.

On the Dare Beaches, Orville Baum, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Julian Oneto of The Carolinian had charge of local arrangements. Mrs. Buck Cowling of Norfolk was on the beaches as the official Miss Universe representative See CONTEST, Page Five

OCRACOE ISLAND HAS BIG CROWD FOR JULY 4TH EVENTS

Recently-Completed Highway Results in Accommodations Being Filled to Capacity

Ocracoke, July 8.—After a big July 4th holiday celebration, Ocracoke is getting back to normal except for the fact that since the new highway from Hatteras Inlet is completed more and more tourists are driving in and accommodations are filled to capacity. Highlight of the celebration was the Saturday night presentation of twelve of the Island's most beautiful girls and he election from these of "Miss Ocracoke of 1957." The honor and trophy went to Miss Marcia Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Hamilton of Richmond, Va., and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Jones of Ocracoke. The Hamiltons spend their summers and holidays at their home here. Second honor and award went to Miss Betsy Carol Styron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond Styron; third honor and award went to Miss Ellen Marie Fulcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Fulcher.

A unique and delightful feature of the holiday fun was the talent contest and community sing on Saturday afternoon at the mailbox dock. There was some good group singing of old-time favorites and about ten or twelve entries in the talent contest which included piano solos, singing, accordion playing, duets, with a first prize going to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kennedy of Winston-Salem for their delightful singing and guitar accompaniment.

Mrs. Kennedy was Martha Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin W. Howard. They and their children are frequent visitors in the Howard home. Second prize went to Mrs. Fletcher Hoggard of Ocracoke for her beautiful soprano solo. Third prize went to Mrs. Jesse Garrish and her son, Danny Garrish, for their duet; and fourth prize was divided between Miss Betty Helen Howard and Lorraine Howard, both of whom gave piano selections. Honorable mention was given to Miss Betsy Carol Styron for her accordion solo, and to Miss Belinda Styron for her singing.

Other events of the three-day celebration included a swimming contest, with Sam Melvin and Gale Hamilton winning first places; Billie Taylor and Betty Howard, second places; and Rusty Vaughan and Ann Esham, third places. The pony racing Saturday morning on the beach was fun. Lindsay Howard won first place; Dale Burrus, of Hatteras, second; and James Barrie Gaskill, third.

Square dancing each of the three nights climaxed the day's events. On Friday night, the men of the P.T.A. presented their Womanless Wedding, by special request, so that those who had not had the opportunity to see it in April, might enjoy it at this time. In the absence of Charlie Ahman, Henry Wilder acted the part of the groom, with Chris Gaskill again being the bride. Van Henry O'Neal was a bridesmaid this time, and Capt. Ike See OCRACOE, Page Five

TO PREACH SUNDAY AT WATERSIDE THEATRE



THE REV. O. KELLY INGRAM, pastor of First Methodist Church in Elizabeth City, will be guest minister in Waterside Theatre at Manteo on Sunday morning, July 14. He will be the third in a series of guest ministers to be presented in the Sunday worship series at Fort Raleigh during the current Lost Colony season.

The churches he has served prior to his pastorate in Elizabeth City include St. Luke Methodist Church, Birmingham; Trinity Methodist, Durham; the Robbins Circuit, Sunset Park Methodist Church, Wilmington, where he organized the church; Erwin Methodist Church, Erwin; and Oxford Methodist Church, Oxford.

Since 1949, he has been a member of the faculty of the approved Supply Pastor's School at Duke University; he is a former secretary of the N. C. Conference and currently secretary of the Methodist See SERVICES, Page Five

BLUEJACKET MAKES ENSIGN



WILLIAM B. ELLIOTT, USN, son of Mrs. Minnie McIntyre Elliott (father deceased) of West Mifflin, Pa. and husband of the former Miss Helen Louise Midgett of Manteo, has been advanced to the rank of Ensign at commissioning ceremonies recently held at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Va.

Ensign Elliott who is serving on the staff of Commander Air Force, Atlantic Fleet as assistant to the Aviation Electronics Officer, was designated a Limited Duty Officer after participation in fleet-wide service examinations.

He began his naval career in 1945 as an aviation student and completed courses of instruction in radio, gunnery and aircrewman-ship.

In 1947 he was attached to several air squadrons at the Naval Air Station, Oceana, Va. Following this he attended Aviation Electronics Technician school and shortly thereafter was advanced in rate to aviation electronics technician first class.

During his career, he has been to the Mediterranean on the aircraft carriers F. D. Roosevelt and Coral Sea.

His campaign and service medals include the American Theatre Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Ensign Elliott and his wife reside in Oceana, Va.

WHITING AND FLOUNDER IN SURF AT HATTERAS

Whiting and flounder are still very plentiful in the surf of Hatteras Island. Daily catches are being made by anglers along the shoreline of the island, but best catches reported recently have been made in the Cape Point and Hatteras Inlet surf.

A few small channel bass have been taken recently by surf anglers on Hatteras, and so have trout, bluefish and pompano.

GENERAL STORE IS A TOTAL LOSS AT WAVES MON. A. M.

A. H. Gray Loses Building,
Stock, Apartment, Furnishings and Car

In a fire which broke out in the early morning hours Monday, the large general store, apartment in rear, and automobile of A. H. Gray, Jr., a leading citizen of Waves, was destroyed. Mr. Gray also lost his large stock of goods, along with the warehouse, the furnishings in his apartment, and his Ford sedan.

He was awakened by Mrs. Gray, who had first been awakened by the fire, and arose to find a large blaze beyond control underway.

The store was well stocked with general merchandise and the apartment in which he and Mrs. Gray made their home was nicely furnished in the most modern style. Mr. Gray lost clothing along with furniture.

Like most people he carried a very small amount of insurance, particularly on a mercantile business which carries a high premium rate. A rough opinion of the loss would approximate \$40,000.

Mr. Gray said this week he plans in a few days to open a small store across the road from the old site, and hopes gradually to be able to take care of the needs of his customers.

This store and two smaller ones served the villages of Waves and Rodanthe, and it being the larger of the stores with most complete stocks will be greatly missed by the people. The store was established by Mr. Gray more than 30 years ago.

NEW BIDDER GETS BEACH GARBAGE COLLECTION JOB

The collection of garbage on the Dare Beaches, which had been suspended last Friday morning, was resumed on Wednesday when the job was taken over by a new contractor, W. L. Mann of Kill Devil Hills. Orlando Burrus of Manteo, who held the contract for 1956-57 and who had submitted the low bid for the year beginning June 1st, backed down on his bid of \$8,000 and halted collections Friday morning.

Mann, who had submitted the second low bid of \$9,200, was awarded the contract at a proportionate amount for the remainder of the year at a special meeting of the county commissioners.

Burrus had not signed the new contract which was in the process of being drawn up, so he was thus able to take advantage of the situation to attempt to get more money. He claimed he would lose money at \$8,000 and offered to take the job for \$1,000 additional. The county has not in the past been requiring bid bonds for the garbage removal but only performance bonds.

Burrus ran into objections from many persons on the beach Friday morning when he had his men discontinue picking up assorted kinds of trash piled up with the garbage and which he had made it a practice to pick up in the past along with the garbage in cans; the contract requires only the collection of garbage placed in cans. This apparently led to Burrus' decision to resign.

"JASPER" BEACHAM, NATIVE OF K. HAWK DIES ON BOAT

Funeral services for Capt. Sylvester H. "Jasper" Beacham, 47, who died suddenly Friday were conducted at Norfolk Sunday afternoon. Burial was in Rosewood Cemetery.

Capt. Beacham, of 424 Clinton St., Berkley, reportedly died at the wheel of the Texas Co. tugboat Iberia while she was under way on the North River. Death reportedly came from a heart attack. He was pronounced dead at 12:30 p.m. after the tug had been brought into Coinjock, the nearest port.

A native of Kitty Hawk, Beacham had lived in Norfolk 12 years and was employed with the Texas Co. for a number of years. He was a son of the late James N. and Mrs. Vandella Toler Beacham.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elva Swain Beacham; two sons, James W. Beacham of Boston, Mass., and William Hassell Beacham of Ft. Bragg, N. C.; two stepsons, Lewis Roughton of San Antonio, Tex., and Donald Roughton of Norfolk; a daughter, Elva Louise Beacham of Norfolk; a brother, Roy Beacham of Kitty Hawk; and two sisters, Miss Lena Beacham and Mrs. Dora Jones, both of Norfolk.