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FRISCO MAN BOUND OVER ON CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER

Tuesday Session of Dare Recorder's Court Again Sees Large Number of Speeding Cases

Probable cause was found against Benjamin Franklin Rollinson of Frisco, charged with manslaughter, during Tuesday's session of Dare County Recorder's Court by Judge W. F. Baum, and the case was bound over to Superior Court with bond set at \$1,500. Rollinson was driving a pick-up truck which collided May 2 three miles north of Cape Hatteras with a car driven by A. Joel Jackson of Norfolk, resulting in the death of Mrs. Jackson.

Paul Bert Dunlo Jr. of South North, on a charge of speeding 80 m.p.h., was given a 90-day sentence by Judge Baum, suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs and on condition he not appear in the court again on a criminal offense within two years. Dunlo was also found guilty of engaging in a fight in a public place, for which he was ordered to pay costs of court.

Convicted of careless and reckless driving, S. J. RicciTelli of Cape Hatteras was fined \$25 and costs.

Aldridge Warlin Curles of Kitty Hawk was found guilty of being drunk on a state highway and fined \$25 and costs.

James Arba Garver of Belvedere was found guilty of engaging in a fight in a public place and ordered to pay costs of court.

After hearing the case against Lena Wescott Pearsall of Manteo, charged with failing to grant the right-of-way, the court dismissed the case.

Capiases were ordered issued for a number of defendants who did not appear for trial; these included Helen Johnson Tyler of Nags Head, charged with public drunkenness and resisting arrest; Lee Max Hewett of Supply, charged with improper lights; Jesse James Spencer of Engelhard, charged with speeding 50 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone, no brakes, and driving on the wrong side of the road, and in a second warrant with improper brakes; John J. Fassinger of Norfolk, charged with speeding 45 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone; and Michael Daniels Jones of Manteo, failing to give turn signal.

Defendants in all remaining cases listed submitted and paid fines as indicated:

For driving while under the influence, Kendrick Gray of Buxton, and Walter Browning Salter of Fentress, Va., were each fined \$100 and costs.

William Jefferson Teague of Guilford College paid fines of \$50 and costs for careless and reckless driving and speeding 60 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone.

Other violations of 35 m.p.h. speed zones: speeding 73 m.p.h., Frederick Clarence Allen of Portsmouth, Va., \$38 fine and costs; speeding 69 m.p.h., Joe Clark Carben of Columbus, Ohio, \$34 fine and costs; speeding 65 m.p.h., Frederick Coughtie Spivey of Sunbury, and Zane Albert Cutchin of Norfolk, \$30 fine and costs each; speeding 60 m.p.h., Alfred Dale Bowen III of Suffolk, Willis Ray Lane of Camden, and Frank J. See COURT, Page Seven

HORATIO GATES MIDGETT OF WAVES DIES TUESDAY

Horatio Gates Midgett, 66, of Waves was found dead at his home Tuesday afternoon after having suffered an apparent heart attack. Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Fair Haven Methodist Church at Waves, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. B. E. Bingham; burial followed in the family cemetery.

Mr. Midgett was born at Rodanthe, the son of the late Maggie Midgett and George Midgett, and had always made his home at Rodanthe-Waves. His wife, the former Modgie Midgett, died last February. He had retired from the U. S. Coast Guard in May 1951, and was employed by the Globe Fish Company of Elizabeth City. He was a member of the Fair Haven Methodist Church and the Wanchese Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are: two sisters, Mrs. Carethea Midgett and Mrs. Lucretia Midgett, both of Rodanthe.

IS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Edna Bruce Dowdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Dowdy of Manteo, has been awarded a scholarship valued at \$100 for the coming year at WCUNC, Greensboro, where she will be a member of the senior class. This summer Miss Dowdy is studying at UNC, Chapel Hill. She was on the dean's list at WCUNC both semesters during her junior year.

BIDS FOR MANTEO SCHOOL THURSDAY TOTAL \$388,485

Available Funds for Project Are \$46,319.57 Short of Total of Bids

Bids on the construction of the proposed new Manteo High School opened Thursday afternoon by the county board of education totaled \$388,485.86. This figure is the total of all bids and does not include numerous alternates which might reduce the total slightly, but does allow for the architect's fee.

The funds available at present for the buildings are \$46,319.57 short of the total of the bids.

The possibility of transfer of funds allotted several years ago by the state for the Kitty Hawk schools to the Manteo project was brought up for a lengthy discussion before the board and a number of citizens present for the bid opening.

MRS. MAUDE W. HOOPER OF STUMPY POINT DIES

Funeral services for Mrs. Maude Wise Hooper, 67, of Stumpy Point were held from the Stumpy Point Methodist Church Thursday afternoon, July 18, conducted by the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, the Rev. G. M. Kelly, and the Rev. W. M. Maness; burial followed in the church cemetery. Mrs. Hooper died Wednesday morning after a critical illness of 2½ weeks.

Mrs. Hooper was a life-long resident of Stumpy Point, the daughter of the late Frank and Mary Wise. She was a member of the Stumpy Point Methodist Church and the W.S.C.S.

Surviving are: her husband, Melton Hooper of Stumpy Point; two daughters, Mrs. W. W. Montette of Stumpy Point and Mrs. Sam Boomer Jr. of Norfolk; four sons, Floyd Hooper, Milton Hooper, and Troy Hooper of Stumpy Point, and Tom Hooper of Norfolk; and two brothers, U. G. Wise of Stumpy Point and W. F. Wise of Lexington.

The death of Mrs. Hooper was a shock to a wide circle of friends who have revered her for her good life of service to the community. She had been a faithful wife and mother, for nearly 48 years, a good neighbor, and a helpful friend, giving liberally of time and effort to her community and her church. She and Mr. Hooper lived an ideal family life, and few people have been more highly regarded in Stumpy Point.

SMALL BOY HURT BY AUTOMOBILE AT BUXTON

Thomas Ritter, Jr., four-year-old son of a couple stationed at the Buxton Naval Facility, was injured Tuesday about noon when struck by an automobile.

The little boy was taken by Coast Guard helicopter to Elizabeth City and from there to a Portsmouth, Va., hospital by ambulance.

TO BE GUEST MINISTER AT LOST COLONY SUNDAY



THE REV. J. MURPHY SMITH, pastor of New Bern's beautiful and historic First Presbyterian Church, will be guest minister at the fifth in a series of Lost Colony worship services on Sunday morning, July 28, at 11 o'clock. The open-air services, presented each Sunday in Waterside Theatre at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, will feature music by the Elwood-Keister-directed Lost Colony Chorus, with George Perry, director of organ and piano music at East Carolina College, at the console of the drama's Hammond organ.

"The theme of my message will be the Meaning of Kingdom First, based on Luke 12th chapter, verses 16 through 21," the Rev. Mr. Smith stated.

A native of Parkton, N. C., and a graduate of the high school there, the Lost Colony guest minister received his A. B. degree from Davidson College and his B. D. and Th. M. degree from Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Va.

A veteran of World War II, the Rev. Mr. Smith served as a chaplain with duty in both the South Pacific and European theatres, and he is still an active member of the Chaplains Corps reserve with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Before going to the Presbyterian Church in New Bern six years ago, he had held pastorates in Richmond, Va., and at Faison, N. C.

He is married to the former Margaret Williford of Lumber Bridge, N. C., and they have three children, Annette, John Jr., and James.

The Smiths will arrive on Saturday in time to see a performance of The Lost Colony, America's longest-lived outdoor drama, which is now in its 17th season at Waterside Theatre, with showings each night except Mondays through September 1.

SPOTS AND CROAKERS IN SURF AT FRISCO

Charles Tharp, 10-year-old boy from Princess Anne had a lucky catch Friday when he caught 16 fish including spots, croakers and hogfish, in 15 minutes while surf casting on Frisco beach near Tandy's place. Charles is visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Ransom.

ENGELHARD GROUP GOES TO COURT TO SAVE HIGH SCHOOL

Two Suits Are Filed Saturday against State And County School Authorities

Two suits seeking to compel the continuance of the East Hyde High School at Engelhard were filed on behalf of a group of Engelhard citizens Saturday in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Hyde County in Swan Quarter. The suits, one against the state board of education and the other against the county board of education and the county superintendent, are scheduled to be heard before Judge M. C. Paul, resident judge of the second judicial district, in Washington on Friday, August 2, at 2 p.m.

In the suit against the state board, the plaintiffs are seeking to have the court compel the state board to allot three high school teachers to the East Hyde school for the coming school year. The state board on June 6th allotted three high school teachers to East Hyde, but then cancelled the allotment three weeks later in view of the consolidation of the high school at Engelhard with the high school at Swan Quarter voted by the county board of education. The Engelhard group is contending that the failure of the state board to allot the teachers was unlawful and that the state board is compelled by law to allot the teachers to Engelhard.

The second suit is against Tommie Gaylord, superintendent of Hyde County schools, and Gratz Spencer and Crawford Cahoon, two of the three members of the county board of education. In this suit, it is alleged that the whole course of action of the county board and the superintendent in attempting to assign the pupils of East Hyde High School to West Hyde High School is illegal. The plaintiffs say that the pupil assignment law cannot be used to consolidate schools as the county board is attempting to do.

The plaintiffs are asking that the judge issue a writ of mandamus compelling the state board to allot the teachers and the county board and superintendent the necessary procedures to enable the East Hyde High School to open on September 3 along with other schools in the county.

The plaintiffs listed in the suits are: P. D. Midgett Jr., R. L. Gibbs, E. D. Armstrong, Wilbur C. Gibbs, A. G. Jolly, Mrs. Bessie W. Jenette, Willie K. Gibbs, W. S. Dudley Jr., Clyde B. Daniels, Alton E. Baum, Mrs. Hattie S. White, Henry E. Cahoon, Murel E. Marshall, Mrs. Merdie Williams, John Thaxton Selby, Edward Mooney, T. A. Jennette, C. E. Swindell, Jack L. Pugh, Mrs. Myra L. Cathrell, Mrs. Hoyd W. Whidbee, W. J. Twiford, Carl Harris, R. S. Spencer, Mrs. Hazel Pledger, T. J. Etheridge, Clyde Daniels, S. A. Dudley, and Mrs. Rebecca Spottanski. Besides parents of high school pupils, the plaintiffs include the three members of the Engelhard school committee.

OLD NAGS HEAD — A Sentimental History Of The Old Sound Side Hotel Era

By EARL DEAN

"To much cannot be said in favor of Old Nags Head; Tar Heels can with rapture boast This watering place upon our coast.

Thus went a little ditty written back in the days of bowls and pitchers and kerosene lamp light at old Nags Head by John B. Brockett, of Elizabeth City, when he had charge of the old hotel there which stood at the water's edge on the Sound Side in the summer of 1892.

In those days there was no such place in North Carolina as the Dare County of today, and the beach now so thickly built up all the way from Kitty Hawk to Oregon Inlet was so remote from the nearest towns and cities on the mainland that it was referred to in old deed books prior to 1871, as "... a place called Nags Head, lying in and being situated on the southeast sand banks of Currituck County."

Choice building lots could be had almost for the asking; you could buy a vast tract of land with a sweep from sound to sea for as little as 12½ cents an acre. Only a few families from Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton spent the summers there in an isolation almost as complete as if they were vacationing on the planet Mars. There was only seemingly limitless stretches of barren sand and wind-tossed waters and but few signs of human habitation visible.

It was along about 1830 that Dr. Samuel Mathews, a prosperous Elizabeth City physician, had a rambling structure some 120 feet long and two and a half stories high built at the foot of one of the big sand dunes near the shore of Roanoke Sound. It was located on a 75-acre tract and had ten outbuildings scattered around it, including an ice house. This was Nags Head's first hotel.

The chief drawback to visiting Nags Head in those days was the extreme difficulty of reaching it. Slow-moving sailing packets were the only mode of conveyance and the ocean front could be reached only after a tiring two-mile hike through deep sand.

Families who came to Nags Head to spend the summers usually arrived early in June and stayed until the first signs of September storms began to appear. Most of them more or less "camped out" in rude and makeshift shacks. No one cared much about how their cottages looked and often they were built largely with scrap lumber and driftwood.

Life at Nags Head in those days was simple, wholesome and monotonous. People took their time and enjoyed long walks through the sand and over the hills between the sound shore and the ocean. Long summer days were punctuated by hikes back through the thickly-wooded sand dunes to the Fresh Pond or for miles along the lonely and wave-swept beach.

In time the unique way of rest and relaxation at Nags Head be-

came known throughout North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia. An item appearing in the old "North Carolina Standard," a weekly newspaper published at Raleigh, dated August, 30, 1854 read as follows:

"Nags Head.—We learn from a gentleman who has just returned from there that the visitors at this delightful watering place number more than 500, and that the ocean bathing is very fine. Much of the intelligence, beauty and wealth of the Old North State are assembled there."

To accommodate this influx of visitors who sometimes had to travel several days to get there the second and larger hotel was built after fire had destroyed the first, early in the 1860's. In 1871 one James Clark Perry and his wife Augusta, who were natives of Perquimans County, bought most of the tract on which the old hotel stood from the William H. Happer estate. A large hotel three stories high with porches all the way around each side was built by Tom Commander, an early Elizabeth City lumberman, who had the lumber boated down Pasquotank River and Albemarle Sound from Commander's Mill which was, for a good many years, a leading lumber business.

This second Nags Head hotel stood at the water's edge on the sound side and had a long pier running out from it into deep water in Roanoke Sound. Although it proved more popular than profitable, a long annex containing some 40 bedrooms was added to it a few seasons later.

According to old deeds and records in the Register of Deeds office at Manteo which were brought here from Currituck County soon after Dare County was formed from part of it in 1871, this old hotel changed hands almost every season shortly after it was built by Perry and Commander until it was finally destroyed by a spectacular Sunday afternoon fire early in August, 1902.

C. Wilson Hollowell, Sr., of "Bayside," near Elizabeth City, had an interest in it for a good many years. So did a number of other Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton men whose families have been coming to Nags Head for generations, the Robinsons, Floras, Lams, Creecys Pools, Bradfords, Sawyers, Whitehursts, Fearings, Grices, Prudens, Outlaws and Whites.

One A. E. Jacobs, a Jewish hotelman from Norfolk, Va., who purchased it from Mr. Hollowell for \$7,500 in 1886 was said to have been instrumental in interesting a number of wealthy Norfolk and Baltimore Jews in establishing an exclusive Hebrew summer resort there. In any event several large tracts of land in the vicinity of this old hotel were purchased by Jews while Jacobs was there.

Jacobs, who was a likeable man, evidently had considerable difficulty making it pay, however popular this old Nags Head hotel was, for he sold it in 1891 to the See OLD TIMES, Page Seven

PLANS FOR FERRY DOCK AT HATTERAS CALLED A DANGER

Serious Traffic Hazard, and Community Detriment Is View of Many Citizens.

Serious hardship to the community, and a grave wrong to a number of citizens is about to be done at Hatteras by the State Highway forces, in reference to the proposed dock for the Hatteras Inlet ferry to be established connecting with Ocracoke Island.

In keeping with the stupidity so often displayed by highway engineers, who too often seek the shortest way out of a problem, regardless of the hardship it works on nearby citizens, the commission now proposes to set up the ferry landing in the heart of the community, where any long line of waiting cars will block the highway in the principal part of the business area. Moreover, the high speed at which tourists approach a ferry landing is expected to be dangerous in this narrow, congested, and curved roadway.

One of the most cruel features of the plan is to condemn and destroy two or three residential properties, one of which is the comfortable home of a widow, and another a new home recently built. The property is to be condemned and taken by the state for a purpose which is considered by the state only for temporary use.

It has been thought all along that the state would use the shorter ferry route leading from a creek near the site of the Hatteras Inlet Coast Guard station, formerly the Gooseville Gun Club. An approach road to this landing would serve a two-fold purpose, in that it would provide an outlet for some 17 families not now served by a modern road. But this worthy project is ignored for the moment.

People, looking ahead to the future, and the danger to the community now about to be created by the highwaymen, cannot understand the persistency with which it is proposed to disregard the rights of the people, unless they are swayed by political pressure in behalf of a handful of merchants who think they will pick up a little trade out of the cars parked while awaiting departure of the ferry to Ocracoke. Experience at other places has proved to the contrary, that business from such parked cars is negligible.

Some of the affected citizens have been forced to take time and expense to go to Raleigh to appeal to the authorities. This again shows up the hardship that is being worked on the people since Governor Hodges has been successful in removing highway affairs from the people and centering them in Raleigh. Little comfort is expected from officials more than 200 miles away from a community,—officials who have no acquaintance with the people nor knowledge of their needs and problems and too often only cold-blooded disinterestedness.

BLUES AND MACKEREL ARE PLENTIFUL AT HATTERAS

Two Channel Bass Landed in Surf at Hatteras Inlet Tuesday

There are plenty of bluefish and Spanish mackerel in Hatteras waters this week, and on Tuesday two summer drum or medium-size channel bass were caught in the surf.

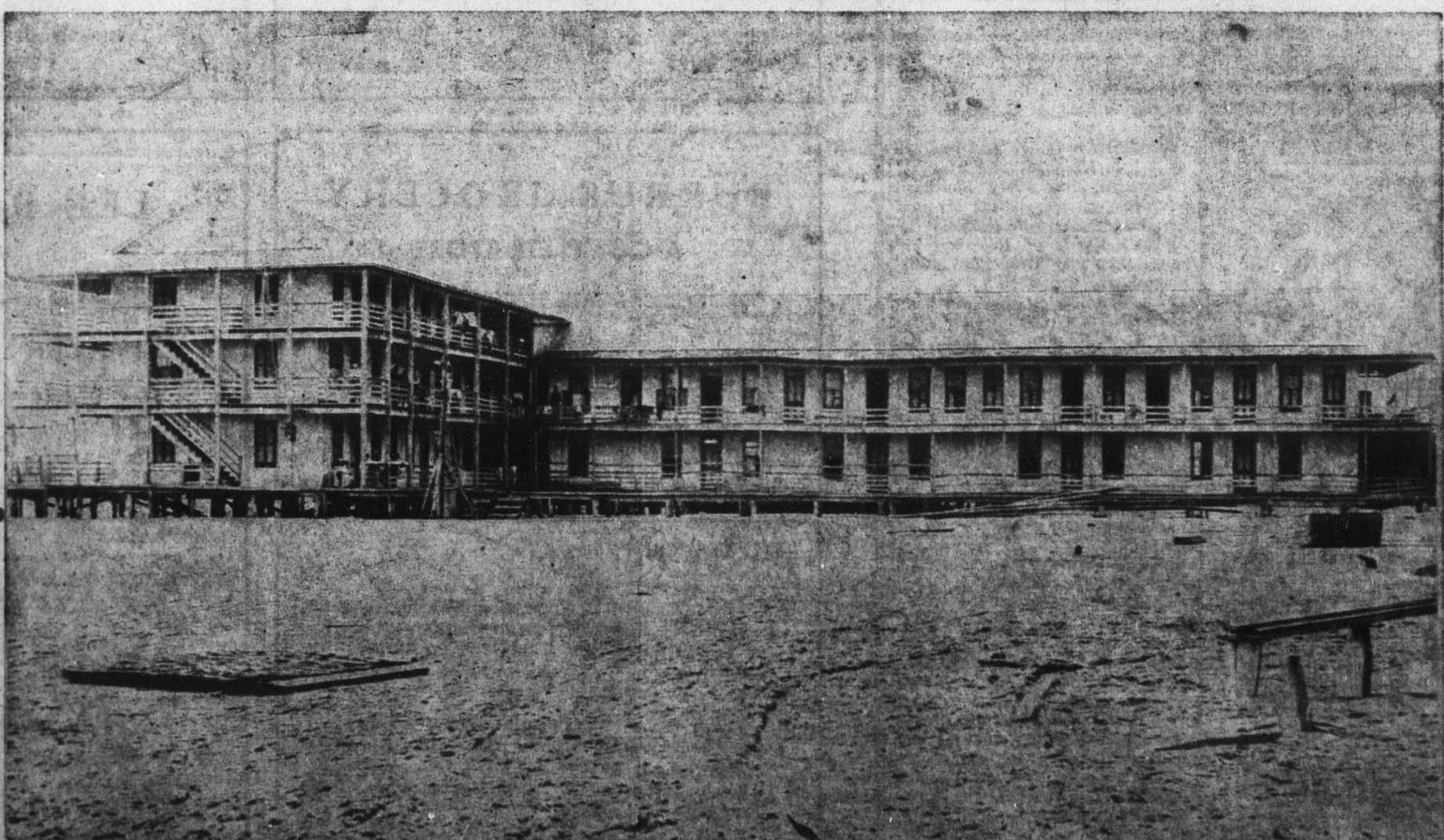
R. W. Kohrs of Winston-Salem made the catch. His channel bass (or summer drum, as the natives sometimes call them) were landed from the surf at Hatteras Inlet, according to Willie Newsome at the Sportsman's Headquarters, where the two fish were weighed. "They weighed 15 and 20 pounds respectively," said Newsome.

This brought the total number of channel bass landed in Hatteras waters since last Saturday to a total of three fish. An unidentified angler caught a 17-pounder Saturday night from the surf.

One of the best bets for anglers at this time, whether they fish the surf with light tackle or go trolling in Hatteras Inlet are bluefish and Spanish mackerel, according to Newsome.

"The blues are ranging from one pound to two pounds and the Spanish mackerel from 3/4 pounds to three pounds, with an occasional 5-pounder being taken," he said.

Newsome said that anglers had been catching plenty of dolphin offshore during the past week, but they were running small. Largest taken this season was a 53-pounder, landed early this month by a Detroit angler, a Mr. Reynolds. This was also the largest dolphin reported so far this year from any North Carolina coastal waters.



THIS old Nags Head Hotel, built in 1871 at the water's edge on the Sound Side, wouldn't make much of a showing alongside some of the fancy hotels, motels and tourist courts on the beach today. But in its day it was one of the largest, most fashionable resort hotels on the coast. When it burned down in Aug. 1902 it was owned and operated by John Z. Lowe