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## ALVAH H. WARD JR. TO HEAD TOURIST BUREAU FOR YEAR

Young Manteo Businessman Succeeds W. H. McCown; Budget Set Up For Year.

Alvah H. Ward Jr., young Manteo businessman was named Wednesday as president of the Dare County Tourist Bureau, succeeding W. H. McCown, when the Bureau Directors held their annual meeting in Manteo.

Officers and members in attendance were Wallace H. McCown, President; Elizabeth Baum, Secretary-Treasurer; and Directors E. E. Meekins, R. E. Jordan, Melvin R. Daniels, Mrs. Margaret Davis, Alvah H. Ward Jr., Tom Briggs, Archie Burns by proxy and Wm. "Sooty" Gibson by proxy.

The secretary-treasurer presented the financial report for eleven months operation, indicating that the bureau had operated within its budget for the year, and that with anticipated collection of current accounts in the next few weeks would enable the fiscal year closing September 30th to be a successful one.

A budget for the year 1957-58 was adopted calling for an expenditure of \$16,304.75, approximately the same as in 1956-57, for purposes of advertising and promotional material for Dare County, divided as follows: Manager and News Director, \$6,500.00; \$2,600.00 maximum for an office assistant, who will also take over part of the recording duties of the Secretary-Treasurer; Social Security taxes, \$204.75; Printing and supplies, \$1,100.00; Telephone, \$450.00; office expense including postage, \$1,300.00; Photographic supplies and expenses, \$1,500.00; travel expense, \$1,600.00; miscellaneous including annual audit expenses, \$300.00; printing of folders, \$750.00.

The Board recommended a cooperative program be instituted for meeting with and informing various fishing guides of the services and materials prepared and used in connection with the sports-fishing attractions of the Dare Coast. Also in the coming year emphasis will be had on the newly developed tourist interests in the mainland area of Dare County, and efforts will be made to bring about a closer cooperation between all areas of the county catering to the vacationing public.

The Board agreed to recommend to the Pirate Jamboree Committee that the first week end in May be selected as dates for the 1958 Jamboree because of the necessity for having more operators open. See BUREAU, Page Four

## \$200,000 ALLOCATION MADE FOR SEASHORE PARK LANDS

Park Service To Spend Over Four Millions For Improvements

An appropriation of \$200,000 was approved last week by the Council of State at the request of the National Park Service to complete the land acquisition at Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area.

The additional allocation was found necessary, it was stated, because of the rise of land values since initial land cost estimates were made a few years ago.

The \$200,000 which the State is providing, together with \$200,000 which two cooperating Foundations have already given, will allow the project to be completed satisfactorily, according to the Park Service.

In 1952, through the generosity of two donors, \$618,000 of private funds, matched by an equal amount donated by the State, provided an initial sum of \$1,236,000 for land purchases.

The seashore area is now formally opened as to all lands under Federal ownership and jurisdiction. It is believed that the land acquisition program should be completed by July 1, 1958. There are approximately 4,850 acres of land, or interests in a portion thereof, to which the United States does not have title at this time.

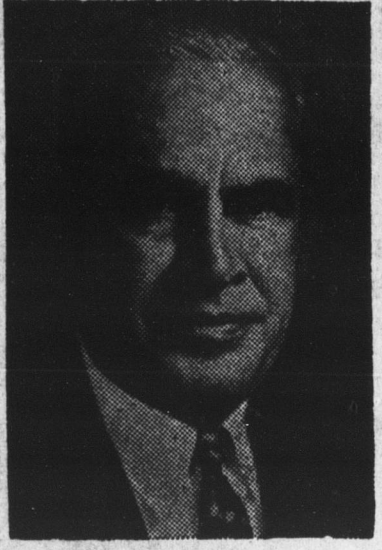
The development of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area is due to be completed in 1966, the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service.

The estimated construction cost of physical improvements—roads and trails, buildings and utilities, erosion control, and miscellaneous costs—contemplated during the next 10 years will be approximately \$4,375,580.

At the present more than 300,000 visit this area during the year. The \$200,000 allocation approved last week will come from the State's contingency and emergency fund.

The state approved \$2,441 for the expense of the National Guard in fighting the forest fire near Manns Harbor last month.

## GOV. HODGES ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF SREB



Atlanta, Ga.—Gov. Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina was elected Chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board at its annual meeting here Sept. 21.

Also elected at the meeting were Dr. Philip G. Davidson, president of the University of Louisville (Ky.), Vice Chairman, and State Rep. Chappelle Matthews of Georgia, Secretary-Treasurer.

SREB is an agency of the Southern states whose purpose is to help states in sharing their resources for higher education with each other. SREB is supported through legislative funds appropriated by the states.

The Board consists of the governors of 16 Southern states and four persons appointed by each governor. The majority of the Board members are governors, legislators and educators.

Also confirmed at the annual Board meeting was an action of the Executive Committee earlier this year appointing Dr. Robert C. Anderson as Director of the SREB executive staff here.

## DEMOCRATIC RALLY CALLED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT IN MANTEO

Movement for Strengthening Party Organization Among Younger Voters

A county-wide Democratic rally has been called for tonight, Friday, Sept. 27 in the courthouse in Manteo with a view of developing a stronger party organization particularly among young voters, according to Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr.

Dare County now has no active Young Democratic organization, and State president Stephenson H. Nimocks of Fayetteville is anxious to see the work of organizing well underway before next year. Roberts Spence, also of Fayetteville is State Secretary.

The meeting tonight is county wide, and many persons from various communities of Dare have said they will attend. A large attendance is expected from Stumpy Point, Manns Harbor and from Hatteras Island.

When a temporary organization has been effected, it is planned to have the state officials come to Dare County to aid in perfecting a permanent organization, elect officers, and plan for assisting in combatting some of the problems that have beset the party in recent years.

## MRS. COX AND CHILDREN TO LIVE IN HAWAII

Mrs. Billy Cox and children, Michael and Crystal Spring, will leave Monday for Honolulu, to join Mr. Cox who is stationed there with the Coast Guard. They will make their home there. They will fly from Norfolk to Washington, D. C., from there to Hawaii, expecting to arrive some time Tuesday.

## Manteo Woman Travelling Alone Across Country Learns How to Skip The Mountains

Finds Drivers In a Big Hurry Elsewhere; Notes Primitive Toll Ferries on the Mississippi; Finds Food and Lodgings at Reasonable Cost; Visits A. Jackson's Hermitage

By CATHERINE D. MEEKINS

Across the Mississippi and back in 13 days, with four full days to visit my son, Lt. Roger Meekins, USAF, and his wife, Joan, at their home in Malden, Missouri and plenty of time in between for short visits with relatives at points along the way. Four days there and five days back may sound like a long time to cover no more than approximately a thousand miles each way but I was in no hurry, and when at The Hermitage near Nashville, Tenn., I looked at the old coach used by Andrew Jackson and saw that it took him 30 days from Washington, D. C., to Nashville, it indeed seemed a short trip by automobile. None of my immediate family seemed disturbed that I should start out alone on such a long trip, but all my friends acted as if they thought I had taken leave of my senses. "You are not going all that way by yourself, are you? Aren't you afraid?" Indeed not. To begin with, from Manteo to Raleigh, where I left our daughter at Meredith College, there was no room for another person, to say nothing of extra luggage. Anyone who has ever taken a youngster away to school at the beginning of the year will know full well how true that statement is. From Raleigh on I went only a day at a time, no rushing, no night driving, and fortune smiled on me all the way. Except for a few downpours the weather was nice, there were no flat tires or other car trouble, the roads were good and people were most helpful all along the way.

Going north into Virginia to avoid the strenuous mountain driving through the Smokies, I went from Winston-Salem to Wytheville, Va., and from there followed the fertile Valley of Virginia to Bristol. There were mountains on either side, but the road ran through the valley with its broad, green pastures and apple orchards reaching back to the high hills, and the driving was easy. From Bristol the road went to Kingsport, Tenn., where I crossed a mountain which the natives do not consider a mountain, but call it Chestnut Ridge. To me it was definitely a mountain, and it puts one west of the Blue Ridge and in the Tennessee Valley, running between two ridges of the Clinch Mountains, which are a part of the Cumberland. Here again are broad, fertile acres running across the hills to the higher slopes.

On both sides of Knoxville I drove through some of the hardest rain showers I have ever been out in. Traffic was merely crawling and in the middle of the afternoon all

cars had to drive with lights on. Coming back across to Knoxville from western Tennessee in bright sunlight, I shuddered when I saw the terrain I had crossed that afternoon with a visibility of not more than 10 to 20 feet. However, everyone was driving so cautiously that there were no mishaps. The road, by the way, wound around and around, sometimes on the outside edge of high hills, but all I could see was the road ahead in front of me, so I had no qualms about crossing it in bad weather. Knowing there was a mountain to cross west of Rockwood, which is in a broad valley, I decided to stay there for the night. Rockwood is a thriving little city of about five thousand inhabitants, with manufacturing plants and other industries. I was intrigued by a plant which was spouting flames skyward against the side of a mountain, and found that it was an iron manufacturing plant. There was a ball game in the town that night and everyone was rejoicing because the rain had ended and a beautiful rainbow showed the storm was over. The high school band paraded along the streets, following a police car escort.

West of Rockwood the next day I climbed the mountain I had been told was there. It was not a bad mountain to climb as mountains go, but I was puzzled when, on reaching the top, the road neither went down and up another mountain, nor down into a valley. It went on and on fairly flat country, and I discovered that a wide plateau runs across the top of the Cumberland, and some 30 or 40 miles later, the road goes down again. It was a novel experience in mountain driving for me. Between Crossville and Lebanon the road runs straight for miles and miles, being cut through the top of the hills, rather than around them. To me this was the worst driving of all, because this was what I call a "roller-coaster" road. At the bottom of each hill there is a deep fill, and the road is so new that there is no grass on the shoulders—just bright, slippery red mud—no fences along the edges and no trees growing along the sides to give the motorist an illusion of safety. Give me a mountain side any time! Most Tennessee drivers seem to be speed-happy. They have a daytime limit of 65 miles an hour on the open road, and they don't seem to be willing to waste even a fraction of one of those 65 miles. In Missouri where the limit on the open road is 70 miles, I didn't find the drivers in such a terrific hurry.

West of Dyersburg, Tenn., one

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## REPORTS ON CONVENTION OF AMERICAN LEGION



MRS. MAE COHOON CARAWAN of Columbia, who recently attended the American Legion Convention in Atlantic City along with several other North Carolina leaders in Auxiliary work, has made a report of the convention to her homefolks. She was impressed with the convention hall, the largest in the world, and not crowded with 60,000 legionnaires attending. "On Sunday afternoon, the most impressive outdoor memorial service was held," she states, "and at night the glamorous drum and bugle corp contests took place, and were greatly enjoyed." Other features are as follows:

On Monday, a colorful procession of Department and National colors opened the first Auxiliary session. After the opening ceremonies and presentations of distinguished guests, the session recessed to view the gigantic parade which was composed of military units, members of the Legion and Auxiliary riding and walking and also beautiful floats.

Tuesday found the Auxiliary in joint session with the Legion. At that time the Legion Auxiliary President spoke to the convention and many very interesting persons were on the program. At night several lovely receptions were held in the various hotels by those running for national offices and all the North Carolina delegation attended these receptions.

Wednesday the business session heard nominations for national officers. The outstanding speaker on the program was an Austrian official who told of the treatment of his people by the Russians. The President of Girls' Nation also spoke very interestingly during the day. At night the States Dinner, which was probably the largest and most brilliant ever held, was attended.

Thursday, the last day of the convention, the new national officers were installed after which the

## DARE RECORDER HOLDS WEEKLY SESSION TUESDAY

Judge W. F. Baum in Tuesday's session of Dare County Recorder's Court dismissed a charge of failing to yield the right-of-way against Oliver Louis Rector. A continuance was granted in the only other case on the docket Tuesday.

Other cases in which defendants had submitted prior to the court session were reported as follows: Lathan Mann, Nags Head, appearing on public highway in a drunken condition, \$25 fine and costs.

Harrison Bowe Jr., Harbinger, operating a motor vehicle on the wrong side of the road, \$5 fine and costs.

Elbert Biator Bowden, Norfolk, speeding 45 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone, \$10 fine and costs.

Burwell Glen Cartwright, Grandy, speeding 60 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone, \$25 fine and costs.

John Early Young, Chapel Hill, allowing minor to operate a motor vehicle on a public highway, \$10 fine and costs.

Joseph Jones, Tarboro, speeding 46 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone, \$11 fine and costs.

Cary Winston Williams, Nags Head, speeding 65 m.p.h. and improper muffler, \$15 fine and costs.

## EAST LAKE FOLK TO ENJOY DINNER ON GROUNDS SUN.

The annual homecoming of the East Lake Methodist Church will be held Sunday, 29th with morning services beginning about 10 o'clock followed by dinner on the grounds and a program of fellowship thereafter. This annual event is greatly looked forward to, and is kept alive largely through the efforts of Johnny Twiddy, Sunday school superintendent, who has been urged on by an old friend and native of the community, Mrs. Edward Conroy of Elizabeth City. She was formerly Patty Midgett, and she suggested it would be an event of great appeal to all former residents of East Lake.

## NAGS HEAD CHURCH TO DEDICATE GIFT OF ORGAN SUNDAY

Donated in Memory of Mrs. Buchanan; Revival Services Next Week

The Nags Head Baptist Church will dedicate its new Lowrey electric organ at morning worship services at 11 o'clock Sunday, September 29. The organ is the gift of John Buchanan of Durham, and his children, in memory of his wife, Mrs. Mattie Toms Buchanan, who passed away this past July, according to announcement by the Rev. Frank Dinwiddie, the pastor.

The organ, which will be presented to the church by Mr. Buchanan at this service, is one of the most complete and versatile to be seen in this section. The stops cover a wide range of voices, and includes flutes, strings, chimes, vibraharp, harpsichord, marimba, celeste, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, cornet, clarinet, oboe, French horn, English horn and others.

The public is invited to the dedicatory service.

## Artist-Evangelist to Preach

The Rev. W. H. Kissinger, pastor of the Natural Bridge Baptist Church, Natural Bridge, Va., will be the guest preacher at revival services in the Nags Head Baptist Church beginning Monday evening, September 30, at 7:30 o'clock. Services will continue each evening thereafter at the same hour through Wednesday night, October 9.

In addition Mr. Kissinger will teach a morning Bible study at 10:00 o'clock, beginning Tuesday, October 1.

In his evening services Mr. Kissinger will draw with colored chalk, producing striking effects with the use of colored lights and black light.

He comes to this section with wide experience in the field of youth work, and is the summer director of a young people's camp on Chesapeake Bay.

The public is invited to participate in these services.

## HOME COMING HELD SUN. BY COLUMBIA FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Collection of \$250 Received for New Parsonage at Malachi's Chapel

Columbia.—The inspiration derived from the fully attended homecoming at Malachi's Chapel Free-Will Baptist Church on September 22, was far reaching.

Emcee for the occasion, E. L. Mosley, Sunday school superintendent, in welcoming the out-of-county former members reminded: "How fortunate we are to be living in a country where county and state lines are no barrier to free movement; to be able to thus meet in fellowship and brotherhood, without fear or of being molested—where we are not dominated by forces attempting to control our voices and thoughts to one pattern, as set out by one, or a band of few individuals seeking power greater than our Lord's."

The sermon was by the Rev. Dennis W. Alexander, of Bethel, who was prepared in Malachi's Chapel and through it received his license to be presented to the Free-Will Conference for ordination in 1913.

Approximately \$250 was collected with enthusiasm for use in the construction of the new parsonage, now in the process of being built near the church.

The program outlined and directed by Mrs. Julian H. Swain contained a history of Malachi's Chapel Church—one of the oldest in Tyrrell—read by Miss Katie Swain, an instructor in Elizabeth City schools; three special song numbers of old time favorite hymns by the church choir; two selections by the Children's Choir; a quartet by Harry Swain, Robert Spencer, Mrs. W. T. Reynolds and Mrs. Julian H. Swain; and a number which struck the heart of all, was a duet "The Old Country Church" by two of the older recognized and still active members, Mr. and Mrs. Seaton Swain. Mr. Swain served as Auditor for Tyrrell for approximately 25 years, and is now retired.

Prayer was offered by attorney Herbert L. Swain of Williamston. Out of town-guests included the Reverends Dennis Alexander of Bethel, and Cecil Alexander of Robersonville, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Swain of Williamston, Mrs. Liz Alexander, Leo Alexander and Leo Alexander Jr. of Portsmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brickhouse and family and Mrs. Mary Faulk of Norfolk, Mrs. T. A. Patrick of Arlington, Va., and Mrs. William Leary of Plymouth.

A 16-foot picnic table, loaded to capacity with all the succulent

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## CROATAN SOUND BRIDGE HAS BROUGHT MANN'S HARBOR TO FRONT AS FISHING CENTER

Citizens Lose No Time In Preparing For Business Which Has Brought Increased Prosperity All Summer; Modern Facilities Provided on All Fronts to Adequately Serve Great Increase of Visitors.

## NAMED ON SALT MARSH MOSQUITO COMMISSION



DR. W. W. JOHNSTON of Manteo, health officer for Dare, Currituck, and Hyde Counties, Tuesday was named by Governor Hodges as one of the original members of the newly-constituted Salt Marsh Mosquito Advisory Commission, which was authorized by the 1957 General Assembly.

Other members of the commission named by Governor Hodges Tuesday were Edward McKinley of Morehead City, Charles J. McCotter of Bayboro, and Dr. C. B. Davis of Wilmington. Yates M. Barber Jr. of Raleigh has been appointed by the director of the Wildlife Resources Commission to serve as its representative, and B. C. Snow of Raleigh has been appointed by the director of the Department of Conservation and Development to represent that department.

## ANOTHER SAILFISH!

Nags Head.—The possibility of catching marlin or sailfish when offshore weather and sea conditions are favorable, are still good in September.

Sunday R. L. Applewhite of Norfolk, skipping bait from Capt. Billy Baum's cruiser Kay, landed a sailfish that measured six feet, seven inches. This pushed the total for billfishes of all species taken off Oregon Inlet this year to well over 100, including blue and white marlin.

Capt. Omie Tillet of the Jerry Jr., reported a blue marlin strike on Sunday. "The big fish was on for a minute and then the 30-pound test line gave way and the marlin was lost," said Tillet.

If the same pattern as former years, 1956 for instance, is followed, blue marlin, as well as sailfish will be taken during October. Last year on October 4, Walter Wilkins of Norfolk boated a 385 pounder and the next day, on October 5, his son, Bill Wilkins, brought in one that weighed almost 300 pounds. They were fishing from the Jon Lee, private cruiser of Mr. Wilkins, which is skippered by Capt. Ashton Styron and bases at the Blue Marlin docks in Hatteras.

## SEA TROUT ARRIVE

Manteo.—When you see anglers fishing in the vicinity of the Roanoke Island-Nags Head bridge and also in the vicinity of the new bridge crossing upper Croatan Sound, it is a sign that the sea trout, sometimes called weakfish, have arrived in local waters. During the past week this species was giving anglers plenty of activity and some fair catches have been made. Trout or weakfish fishing, whether in the vicinity of the bridges of Roanoke and Croatan Sound or in the "trout holes" near Manns Harbor and Roanoke Island, or Wanchese, is top fishing during early October.

## DARE ARTISTS INVITED TO EXHIBIT AT REGATTA

Several Dare County artists will exhibit their work, by special invitation, at the International Cup Regatta art exhibit in Elizabeth City this week. Pictures will be shown by Don Leary, Rev. F. B. Dinwiddie, Mrs. James C. Bardin, Mrs. O. J. Jones and Mrs. W. A. Williams, Jr. Mrs. Bardin and Mr. Leary will exhibit oils, the others water colors. The show will open Friday morning in the ball room of the Virginia Dare Hotel.

The new Croatan Sound Bridge has brought the progressive community of Manns Harbor on the Dare County mainland to a favored spot in the sun of tourist favor. Its business people are now looking back with satisfaction on its greatest season. No community in the Coastland is better able to testify that good roads, good ferries and free bridges can pay off to the state.

Many sportfishermen for the first time have learned this season what has been known all along by homefolks, and that is that the Manns Harbor area is unexcelled for sport fishing. It has good bass fishing in nearby East Lake waters, and right at the door in Croatan Sound, has been good fishing all summer. Numerous citizens of the community have learned there is profit in taking visitors fishing.

Catches of 50 to 100 fine fish by parties in Croatan Sound have not been unusual on any day this season, and one boat is reported to have brought in 600 fish in a day, caught by two parties who chartered this boat. Croatan Sound fish include croakers, trout, roundheads, flounders, and numerous other varieties, including striped bass, for which the top of the season is expected to be underway in a few days as the brisk autumn weather comes in with northwest winds to invite trollers in full force.

Spencer's Cafe, which has operated for 11 years on the road near the ferry dock, has enjoyed its best summer's business, despite the fact that traffic has been diverted a few hundred yards away across the new bridge. What has helped, is that newcomers seeking good fishing, have still come down to the old ferry dock to launch their boats, and they have bought bait and food of this cafe.

Mrs. Mattie Duvall, whose souvenir store and grocery is at the old ferry dock, and now off the main highway, remains a popular favorite, and now further improvements are contemplated by Mrs. Duvall for another season.

Although off the new road, the Pinner Bros. grocery, one of the largest country stores in the Coastland, has continued to be favored with its usual volume of trade, and more business from the new bridge. This store also has a run of customers from Roanoke Island who come over to trade, because the store advertises lower prices, including such items as Maxwell House coffee for \$1 a pound.

Still another firm, Craddock's Service Station, and accommodations for sportsmen, is on the old road, yet it has enjoyed its best business, this summer. Wide awake to the needs of sportsmen, and ever alert to aid hunters and fishermen, it has provided launching accommodations for boatmen, and looks forward to making more improvements before another season.

Out on the new road Guy Mann has established one of the finest Gulf service stations in the Coastland, which includes a self-service grocery. Mr. Mann is selling gas at some three cents per gallon cheaper than stations elsewhere, and he is well pleased with the success of his venture.

Across the road from Mann's Servicenter is the business operated by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ward under the catchy name of Polly's Kitchen and Oyster Bar. This building formerly operated at the old ferry dock, was moved out on the new road, is greatly enlarged, newly equipped and its owners are

## REBEKAH DISTRICT MEETING

The Rebekah District meeting will be held at Swan Quarter on November 5th. Those wishing to attend from Manteo should be at the Lodge Hall, Manteo prior to 7 a.m. at which time the bus is scheduled to leave, according to Noble Grand, Mrs. Inger Lewis.

## MAJOR MURPHY ATTENDS TWO WILDLIFE MEETINGS

Major J. L. Murphy of Kill Devil Hills returned Wednesday from Atlanta, Ga., where he represented the National Wildlife Federation at the National Watershed Conference. Major Murphy left Thursday for Webster Springs, West Virginia, to attend the annual meeting of the West Virginia Wildlife Federation.