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INTEREST PYRAMIDING IN ALL-SEASHORE ROUTE.

When agitation began some five years ago for the development of the proposed "All-Seashore Highway," like many another big project, interest for it grew slowly. Some people considered it too far in the future as being feasible; others were lukewarm in that it appeared to threaten long existing routes with loss of business, etc.

But interest is now piling up fast in favor of the "All-Seashore Route," extending from Currituck Sound, via Hatteras and Ocracoke, with a connection at Cedar Island and Route 70 by ferry from Ocracoke.

It may have seemed a long time in the future to plan for this road five years ago, but we have seen many gains. We have seen publicity for it aid the building of a road on Ocracoke Island, the establishment of a toll-free automobile ferry across Hatteras Inlet, and further we have seen the state driven to provide a greatly enlarged ferry service at Oregon Inlet. Five years ago, the money had not been provided for the Croatan Sound Bridge, but it is now complete, and is helping to swell a tremendous tide of traffic pouring down the coast toward Ocracoke.

We now know that the All-Seashore Highway offers more promise to the seashore than anything in sight. It will bring us a mighty share of the north and south traffic between New York and Florida. This traffic will be developed by interested tourists who will be fascinated at the opportunity to follow the coast from Cedar Island and Ocracoke, Hatteras, Oregon Inlet, Nags Head, etc. It will be added to by new commercial business incident to the development of homes, stores, tourist accommodations, etc. that will rise almost overnight along this whole area. It will be the means of bigger income for all people living herein, contributing as nothing else may to a rapidly improving economic status.

A wide-spread movement is now swelling along this coast urging some investment on the part of the state to make this route possible. Individuals, clubs, groups everywhere are now sending petitions to Raleigh. Giving energy to this fast movement now is R. S. Wahab of Ocracoke Island, a former president of the All-Seashore Highway Association. He is getting an enthusiastic response and support that has behind it pressure from the entire North Carolina coast.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OUTER BANKS ROAD.

The disgraceful condition of the 50 miles of black top serving Hatteras Island is a poor advertisement for North Carolina, and for Dare County, whose Board of Commissioners too often use their efforts to get less important roads built for personal satisfaction. The Hatteras Island road is extremely important to North Carolina, more so now, since it is the feeder for an additional 16 miles of road to Ocracoke Island and must bear the strain of much additional traffic.

Before us is the current list of classified inquiries from prospective tourists, who wish to visit the Dare County coast this season. This list, prepared each week by the Dare County Tourist Bureau runs in like proportion since Hatteras Island became accessible and benefitted by heavy advertising incident to the establishment of Cape Hatteras National Seashore and the promotion of the Dare County Tourist Bureau. In the current list of 93 classified inquiries received during the past week, 72 of them, or 75 per cent specifically asked for information about the Outer Banks, and this area is the contemplated place of visit by the heavy majority of tourists to our seashore.

These inquiries indicate many visitors this season from all states and Canada. They will get impressions of various kinds during their visits. Unless something is done to this dangerous road, they are going to return with a poor impression of county officials and state officials for neglecting so important an avenue to a place which has so strong appeal to tourist interest. We hope it will be repaired soon, and not during the midst of the tourist season, as is usually the case, whereby greatest inconvenience to most people may ensue.

ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR E. S. ASKEW.

(Roy Parker, Jr. in The Hertford County Herald)
"Cousin Steve Askew of Bertie County." What wonderful thoughts that name brings to mind. I cherish the association of several years with him. He was the youngest man I know—openminded, forever thinking new thoughts and having visions of new things courageous, honest, a man who constantly challenged the best that is in all men because of his never-ending willingness to see into the future, and distill hope and brave ideas from what he saw. At the same time, he was a scholar of all that is wonderful in our past and in the world's past. His knowledge of things past was unmatched, I think, in this section. He knew the surface and the under-surface of North Carolina's past. He was a walking encyclopedia of Roanoke-Chowan lore. He knew the binding ties of history, running back to Greece and Rome. He could quote, expound upon, and illuminate the works of a hundred authors. These were his attributes of mind. Of the heart, he had many. He was loyal. He loved people with an old-fashioned gallantry. To me, he was a knowing mentor, sympathetic critic, faithful companion of the mind and heart. Part of his greatness was his loving concern for young people and his generosity to them leaves a mark that will not go from generations beyond him. I can think of him now, finally passing through golden portals and taking his place in the great halls that must resound with the accumulated wisdom of ages. "Cousin Steve" will add to that heavenly thunder, as his rich life here added to all that he was a part of.

IKE AND DICK.

Ike and Dick have figured it all out. If the President gets too sick to carry on and is able to tell Dick so, then Dick can take over the duties of President. If Ike is too sick to tell Dick, then Dick may conclude in his own mind he should take over. And he will hold over until the President can say he is able to take hold again.

We don't know which is going to be worse for the country; a sick Ike in the White House trying to run the nation on the advice of the ring of politicians that surround him; or a brash, young, bullheaded fellow like Dick Nixon blundering his way along. Dick has been smart enough to get himself on top of the world with the GOP, perhaps mainly because it has little to choose from. But Dick, the politician, is a long way from being a statesman. In our opinion, and it is with some horror that we contemplate him as a possible chief executive, and which would seem a sordid one than Ike can be while doing nothing.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

A TAXPAYER THINKS GREED TOUCHES ALL

To The Editor:

I wish you could explain why it is when a man gets an office he has to be greedy and think of his family first, last and all the time. Here in Kitty Hawk last time, we wouldn't vote for one man, (although everyone considers him completely honest) because he wears his hair long. We wouldn't support another citizen because we were afraid he was too close to "courthouse ring" domination. We did elect a man we considered honest and who would be conservative and save money for the people.

But having got in office, it seems that he can't think of anybody but his relatives when a job comes up. That is one peculiar thing. He always had his mother to list taxes until she quit, and then he gets another relative for this job. He puts his brother on the County ABC Board, and that is easy to see through, for the ABC store is rented from his father. When roads are to be built, he is sure to pick roads that go through the property of some of his relatives. It seems you ought to pay more attention to Kitty Hawk. Some of us are waking up.

DISGUSTED TAXPAYER
Kitty Hawk, N. C.
March 1, 1958.

SAYS INFORMATION GIVEN ABOUT CHILDREN IN ERROR

To The Editor:

Please correct an error in your paper Feb. 7th, concerning Therman Ballance. It stated that the couple, Therman and Marion Ballance have four children. The children, Estelle Melanson, Wayne Louis and Kenneth Ballance are the children of Therman and the former Aulise Burrus Ballance. They are living with their mother in California. I would appreciate it if you would correct that error at once.

AULISE BALLANCE
P. O. Box 432
Orace, Calif.
Feb. 28, 1958

YES, WE PRINT FAVORABLE AS WELL AS OTHER COMMENTS

To The Editor:

I always enjoy reading The Coastland Times so that I can hear the news of Kitty Hawk, Nags Head, Manteo, etc., and know what the news in general is of Dare County.

I read in the January 31st issue of your paper that "This year is the time to choose whether Dare is to sink or keep swimming," and right after that there were 231 square inches of liquor advertisements in five different places in the eight page paper. I was just wondering whether or not you were really meaning whether the people of Dare County were going to sink or swim in all that liquor which you were advertising in your paper for all the Christian young people and children of Dare County to read. It surely did seem ridiculous especially in the light of our present-day civilization and our seemingly Christian culture. I am sure that at least you have read that alcoholic beverages are deceiving narcotic habit-forming tranquilizing drugs and chemicals and that they should not be taken promiscuously because they make people drunk and cause fatal accidents and death even to innocent persons. I am quite thoroughly convinced that there is not much need for more liquor advertising because the bootleggers are sufficiently supplied with liquor from the ABC stores which is controlled right up to the narcotics' doors.

You should have filled the 231 square inches of spaces in your newspaper with wholesome literature trying to persuade the citizens of Dare County to be cultured, sober, Christian citizens so that they will be able, both mentally and physically, to make nice, unselfish, productive discriminations and decisions in all public affairs. There is no doubt that you know that no decent, respectable, progressive county can be made up out of dull, stupid, idiotic, narcotic drug addicts. I am most sure that all the best Christian citizens of Dare County look forward to your paper for good, honest, sober, Christian vision and direction for both young people and adults.

With very best wishes to all those in your office and for the great success of your very interesting newspaper, I am pleased to be

Yours very respectfully,
LLOYD B. OWENS
117 South Liberty Street
Asheville, N. C.
February 26, 1958

NOTE: Your frankness in writing is appreciated, and knowing your good principles, we are glad to give space to your letter. Accepting advertising, like other dealing with the public doesn't give too much latitude at times. Regardless of our personal view that liquor advertising should not be legally permitted, and we might include a lot of patent medicine advertising, we must admit that the majority

LEADS SELECTED FOR LOST COLONY OF 1958

Lois Garren Selected to Play Eleanor Dare and Oliver Link to Be John Borden

Two former Lost Colony players have been selected by Director Clifton Britton to play the lead roles in the drama when it opens for its 18th season in Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island June 28 for a production schedule that will continue nightly except Mondays through Labor Day Eve on August 31st, it was announced today.

Lois Garren, the former Lois Zierk of Buffalo, N. Y., who came with The Lost Colony in 1953 as a dancer, and later played principal roles including that of understudy to the female lead, has been cast as Eleanor Dare for the coming season. She is the wife of Claude Garren, former stage manager of the drama. Last summer she played in "The Founders" and "The Common Glory" at Williamsburg, Va. Those two dramas, like The Lost Colony, are Paul Green plays.

Oliver Link, a native of Salisbury who played Sir Walter Raleigh in The Lost Colony during 1955-56, has been chosen to play the male lead of John Borden. For the past two years Link has been doing a tour of duty with the U. S. Army from which he will be discharged at an early date. Prior to The Lost Colony acting, his previous experience had been with the Blue Masque players of Catawba College.

Britton announced that Charles Worrall, another veteran Lost Colony actor would be cast in the role of Governor John White during the 1958 season. In the drama he had played Capt. Arthur Barlow in 1956 and prior to that had been a featured player of "The Shepherd's Song," produced by the Goldmasquers in Goldsboro, his home town. George Perry of the East Carolina College faculty, where he is professor of organ, piano and music literature, is scheduled to be assistant organist again this year, and he will also play the role of Ananias Dare, it was stated.

The Lost Colony Chorus this year will be made up of Westminster Choir College voices, and auditions are scheduled to be held soon in Princeton, N. J. The Westminster Choir College voices will replace the chorus of North Carolina singers that produced the drama's musical roles during the past two years. The Chorus will be under the direction of Gilbert Pirovano, who filled a similar role with "Unto These Hills" and "Wilderness Road" for several seasons since his graduation from the Westminster Choir College.

STUPIDITY COMPOUNDED AT NATION'S CAPITAL

Here's One Reason Which May Contribute to Our Nation's Lagging

By SENATOR W. KERR SCOTT

Many people wonder why, with the brains and industrial "know-how" our nation is supposed to have, we were so far behind the Russians in getting a missile, much less a satellite, off the ground.

Perhaps part of the answer can be found in the following experience, an incident which comes close, it seems to me, to illustrating why it is often difficult to get something accomplished in Washington.

I was working up a television show recently, a filmed program on certain aspects of the tobacco situation. Concerned as it was with tobacco, I thought it would be nice to have as the background a photograph that hangs in my office, a picture of a Pitt County tobacco farm.

The photograph is a large one, about four feet by five feet, and sort of clumsy to handle. A member of my staff telephoned the office of the Superintendent of the Senate Office Building and asked that somebody collect the picture and deliver it to the TV studio in the basement of the Capitol, across the street from my office.

"Can't do it," my office was told. "Why?"

"It's a matter of jurisdiction. We can deliver it to the loading platform of the Senate Office Building, but our men aren't allowed to leave the building. You call the Service Department."

A call was made to the Service Department. It turned out that their men could pick up the picture at the loading platform of the Senate Office Building, and would deliver it to the Capitol—to the Capitol loading platform, that is. Somebody else would have to take it inside and deliver it to the TV studio in the basement.

Next called, then, was the Superintendent's Office, again, to see if the picture could be picked up and delivered to the loading platform the first thing the next morning.

"Call back in the morning," was the report. "We don't take advance work orders."

Next day it was raining and my of our people have legalized liquor in state and nation. It is difficult to deny space to legitimate products. The majority of newspapers and magazines accept such advertising. Maybe we will become completely convinced as Mr. Owens sincerely believes.

P.T.A. ART CHAIRMAN IN NORTH CAROLINA



Mrs. James A. Leggette (above) of Williamston, has been named art chairman for the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, according to the state president, Mrs. J. Z. Watkins of Charlotte.

Mrs. Leggette has studied art at the Art School of Chicago and with Frith Winslow of Plymouth. At present she conducts art classes for children in Williamston.

A member of the American Art Association, the North Carolina Art Society, and the Rocky Mount Art Center, this new chairman said, "As I see boys and girls in my classes learn to express themselves and grow in their appreciation of art, my desire is that all children of North Carolina have the same opportunities."

As art chairman for the state P.T.A., she will plan a program of art appreciation and advise with local units as to how to integrate it will all phases of parent-teacher work.

MANTEO PERSONALS

Hal Ward, who has been a patient in the U. S. Public Health Hospital, Norfolk, returned to his home last week end.

Miss Lois Pearce of Poplar Branch school faculty spent last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pearce.

Guy Lennon is a patient in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City. Mrs. Lennon, who is also a patient there, is reported to be somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Leigh D. Hassell, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., visited Mr. Hassell's parents last week end.

Miss Rosalene Midgett returned home last Friday from Duke Hospital, Durham, where she was hospitalized for several days.

Mrs. Robert Gynn is a patient in the Public Health Hospital, Norfolk.

Mrs. Susan Ballowe returned home Saturday, March 1, after a trip that took her to New Orleans, La., where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Carolee Gray, during December; Hot Springs, and Little Rock, Ark., where she visited one week. The months of January and February were spent with her brother, R. Midgett, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. Ballowe, who is president of the Rebekah Assembly of North Carolina, attended lodges of the various states visited. During the month of March she will be away from her home, attending district meetings.

man had no idea of hauling the picture out-of-doors and had little enthusiasm for trying to get all hauling hands coordinated. He called the Sergeant at Arms and related the exchanges that had gone on before.

"The Senator and I can take it between ourselves," he added, "but we've got to bring along some other items."

Within a few minutes two men came and got the picture, placed it on a dolly, and wheeled it via the subway to the studio. Just like that. And the whole operation didn't take five minutes. I finally found somebody who didn't try to pass the buck, which is real rare in Washington.



SPANKING BILL APPROVED—Virginia legislators have approved a measure which writes into the statutes that a teacher or principal may apply the switch to unruly kids.

PARKWAY TOLLS PROPOSED—North Carolina legislators and other state officials have protested plans announced by Park Service Director Conrad Wirth to begin charging tolls on the Blue Ridge Parkway June 1.

WATCHMAN SERIOUSLY HURT—A 52-year-old South Norfolk night watchman, Golet Gibbs, was beaten unconscious, with a possible skull fracture, at a supermarket early Saturday morning; his assailants escaped with only \$3 in pennies from the store's cash register.

KILL OLD WARSHIP — Baltimore's city comptroller has suggested that the historic old warship Constellation be taken to sea and scuttled, saying that it would be a terrible waste of money to spend two million dollars to put it back in condition as planned.

CONVENTION DATES — N. C. Democratic leaders in Raleigh have set the following dates for conventions: Precinct meetings will be on May 3; county conventions on May 10, and the State convention in Raleigh May 15.

SHOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN THEM RIDE—Dr. James V. Bickford, 52, Norfolk pediatrician, was beaten and robbed Saturday night by two hitchhikers who threw him into the trunk of his car and drove him around for hours before abandoning him at a picnic area near the Norfolk airport.

FERRY TRAGEDY TAKES HEAVY TOLL—The sinking of the ferry Uskudar shortly after clearing the harbor at Izmit, Turkey, Saturday in a sudden storm is reported to have taken the lives of close to 400 persons, mostly young students going home for the holidays.

IT WAS A PANIC — First one woman, then several others screamed on a London bus; the conductor sounded the emergency signal and stopped the bus, only to find that an embarrassed passenger had brought a little brown mouse aboard the bus under her sweater.

CLOSE CALL—When the trunk lid popped open on a car driven by a Greensboro woman last week and she turned around to look, the steering wheel came off in her hands; the car ran off the road and was demolished, but Evelyn Pettiford and two women friends were unhurt.

BODIES BROUGHT UP — Mud covered bodies of 14 students and the driver, were pulled from a Kentucky river Sunday, along with the school bus in which they lost their lives last Friday. Twelve others were still missing, the death toll being 27 after the bus had crashed into a wrecker truck and an auto.

OLD MAN—YOUNG WIFE—Edgar Chappell, 36-year-old Perquimans County farmer is held in jail, charged with killing his cousin Norman Chappell Friday night. Norman, 69, had a 27-year-old wife, a small baby. He accused Edgar of hanging around too much. The men had been drinking white lightning all day. Norman got beat to death with the baby's high chair.

ROBBED BY HITCHHIKERS — Three sailors, ages 19 to 21 have admitted the severe beating and robbery of Dr. J. V. Bickford in Norfolk Saturday night after he had given them a ride. The men, Martin Bollinger, James Cannon and Glenn Laverd were traced as a result of a phone call they made from a hotel; later were arrested at the Naval Air Station, and confessed after one was found wearing the victim's watch.

NOT ABOVE THE LAW—Actually, a Catholic bishop has been convicted in an Italian court, but it has irked the Pope who has cancelled celebrations and otherwise shown his displeasure that a Bishop is not above the law. The Bishop, Pietro Fiorelli, has been found guilty of defaming a couple he denounced as public sinners for refusing to have a church wedding.

MISSISSIPPI TORNADOES—Savage tornadoes slammed central Mississippi last Wednesday night, killing 12 and leaving about 70 persons injured in the tangled wreckage of their homes; other windstorms also caused lesser damage in parts of Louisiana, Florida, Texas and Alabama.

"BRIDE" RE-APPEARS — Irene Arzani, who disappeared in New York, five hours before her wedding, returned after eight days from a bus trip to California. She left with less than \$10 cash and returned with new clothes, and no memory of her trip.

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