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#### SOME THINGS ARE HARD TO UNDERSTAND.

In the Great Smoky Mountains of Western North Carolina, the Federal Government, perhaps with some state aid, has built a mighty highway or two which brings into the region millions of tourists from all over the Nation, and a Tuesday mornings when the crowd boats. golden tide of dollars for nearby business. The National Park Service which administers these highways proposes now to put a toll on them, using the argument that those who use them most should share in the cost and upkeep, thereby easing the burden on the taxpayers. If there are going to be tolls anywhere, there is merit in their argument, but we in principle are opposed to tolls on our highways, believing that we pay sufficiently in the gasoline and tag taxes.

But what puzzles us mostly in this connection, is that the Governor and the political big shots of North Carolina have screamed to high-heaven that tolls on these roads are go in after the District Social Seoutrageous and a crime against the people. They have all hot-footed it to Washington to protest to the Federal agencies, and they are seeking means to circumvent such proposed tolls. Yet for some years now, this same Governor, and some of the politicians who object to tolls in Western North Carolina, have vigorously advocated tolls for us people down here in Eastern North Carolina. We are not occas- thought to this issue and include ional tourists from afar, who come once a year on a scenic holiday. We live here the year-round, and have to depend every day on our roads in the struggle to make a living. "Outrageous," they say about tolls in the west, but it's all right to make people pay to cross Alligator River, Oregon Inlet, or any other waterway in our part of the country where bridges are deemed to be an economic necessity of the people.

This attitude is hard to understand, other than that so many of us have been long content to be suckers and believe anything some folks tell us.

#### THE VALUE OF SMALL HARBORS.

Every now and then some unexpected circumstances point up sharply, sometimes critically, the importance of our small harbors in the North Carolina Coastland. Many times have we thought that heavy emphasis seems always to be put upon the value of our larger ports, but to our mind the thing can go too far, and while we expand all resources in the development of some super-port many smaller ones upon which so many people depend are allowed to die.

Take for instance the recent freezing weather when boat transportation was tied up and could not enter Hatteras Harbor, the only oil port serving seven villages with some 2,000 people and important Navy and Coast Guard installations. Freezing temperatures stepped up the consumption of fuel oil, in this day when the majority of homes are oil heated. The island's bulk supplies of oil were exhausted and a crises was being faced. Truck transports are not allowed on the state ferries. Fortunately oil got there in time by an exception being made to allow one transport to go over.

Had Hatteras harbor been adequate in depth, permitting ingress of larger tankers, the island could maintain much larger bulk stations for oil. Likewise the growing fleet of trawlers which now must harvest our ocean waters, since fishing has declined so much in inland waters, could find easy access, storage and markets when needed.

Truly, we must not lose sight of the great economic



MORE ABOUT UNSIGHTLY CONDITION OF COURTHOUSE

Editor: m in agreement with much you have said in past few of Coastland Times with re-ADVERTISING MANAGER gard to the "Courthouse". Since seeing more examples of worthlessness let me suggest that a few

> the county buildings be noted by days. the taxpaying citizens. With a full time, well paid janitor why isn't court room swept more than just

is expected? People visiting the other offices during the week must walk over the trash left by the 'court-regulars". One morning a group of ladies

of the entire county met in the community for a demonstration by a Home Economist from Raleigh. Stray coke bottles, over-filled ash trays, numerous chewing-gum papers, etc., littered the floor and tables. Can the county janitor not

curity public and put the place in order? Surely, we were told the cleaning was done Tuesday morning by the colored girl who comes weekly. Once a week is by no means enough for a building used by the littering public. Please give it in your future papers.

A MANTEO CITIZEN

March 13, 1958 Manteo, N. C.

It seems incredible that those who have jobs in the courthouse at high pay for so little work, would have tolerated the litter and

trash about them every day, and to get it cleaned up. But then the excuse of some courthouse em- Wescott. ployes is "It's no use to clean up;

it will get in the same shape right away.'

WHEN FUR PRICES RISE, A FORTUNE IN MUSKRATS FOR HATTERAS ISLAND

Ephraim O'Neal, a well known Hatteras fisherman is much intrigued with a report on the number of Nutria or Russian rats reported on Hatteras Island, and Lucy Midgett. which heretofore have been week ed at \$15 to \$35 each. Now Daniels, Sr. he says is the time to make money. "It being estimated are loose on the island, and take an mond Rogers, in Manteo. average price of \$20 per fur, 10,-000 of them would bring in \$200,

000," he says. "Looks like we will do well to keep the little devils for future income."

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BIDS INVITED TO BUILD BREAKWATER HATTERAS HARBOR

Wilmington .--- Plans are taking shape here to build a protective fender system through the rock breakwater at Hatteras. An announcement by the Corps

Engineers District Engineer, Col. H. C. Rowland, Jr., said an invitation for bids is scheduled to be issued March 20 with the opening of hids to follow on April 16. fications about the weather if they Based on this schedule, construcwould just occasionally mention tion will begin within 30 days of the fact that this winter our Gulf statements about the cleanliness of the opening and completed in 90

Plans call for a pile and timber There was an appalling morning not long ago when they reported fender on each side of the entrance the outer hallway and stairway to channel through the breakwater to casually the fact that the air temperature-not the water tempera act as a protective buffer for ture at Diamond Shoals - made

**BY MacNEILL** 

When the breakwater was completed two years ago a single piling on each side of the entrance was provided as a marker. Subse-

quently, it was noted that boats where we usually in winter manmight be driven onto the rocks in age be at least nine degrees warm- February 2. rough weather with resulting damer than anywhere else and, in sumage and possible loss of life. The mer, cooler by about the same marfenders are a means of removing gin (It may be deduced that, in my

this hazard to safe navigation. Meanwhile, Colonel Rowland said the opening of bids for grassing the dike in the Tadmore section in Pasquotank County has been changed from March 20 to March 25.

## WANCHESE PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gaskill are visiting their daughter and son-inlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Elton White in Norfolk.

Mrs. Malcolm Daniels, Mrs. Ina Wescott.\*Mrs. Robert Daniels, Mrs. Gladys Daniels, Mrs. David Gaskins and Mrs. Laura Paul were in

Elizabeth City Monday. Mr. and Mrs. William Forbes and son Irving of Norfolk, Mrs. Edith Bateman, Mrs. Bessie Spena shame on the officials that such cer and daughter, Velma Oliver, conditions brought out the women Mrs. Pauline Hollis and daughter, of the community in an attempt Flora Ann, all of Columbia were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Theof

Mrs. Willie Etheridge Jr. and behind it.) daughter, Susan, Mrs. Ada Mc-Dannell, Mrs. Charles Wescott and peting for my attention this

Norfolk Friday.

Mrs. Arnold Daniels. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Creef and weather people but that station is Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Daniels Jr.

says quotations have come this spent the week end with Mr. Danshowing these furs quot- iels' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin

Mrs. Betty Gaskill, who has been ill for some time, is at the 10,000 to 12,000 of these animals home of her daughter, Mrs. Des-

BUXTON PERSONALS

Mr. O'Neal is much concerned Barnett, March 12, a son, David mometer, I have noted a difference



a little sense to their hourly ponti- FLOODS-Waters in Bennettsville, ACTRESS PAYS OFF-Gail Rus-S. C. after a dam had crumbled sell, movie actress, paid a \$420 drove 300 people from their homes. fine for drunk driving in California.

Stream has mighty near froze. It TRAIN WRECK-A train in Orehas been the coldest of record. gon jumped the rails at 60 mph, UNCLE SAM'S HELP-In North

but despite some broken bones, none of the 197 persons aboard on the Federal pay roll, drawing were killed. "END OF THE ROPE"-Jermiah Cape Hatteras the coldest place in North Carolina by two degrees.

persons in four states, was sen-Even Mt. Mitchell was warmer than it was reported to be here. last week at Boling Green, Ky., for the rape-slaying of a widow on

\$105,000 DAMAGES-Mrs. Stella

old age, I have succumbed to the mishap against the Berkley Feed radio. I confess it with appropriate Co. of Norfolk for \$105,000. The shame. I had little to do with it. A lady with the best of intentions \$150,000.

sent me an electric blanket for Christmas. Not wishing to be cre-UP TEN YEARS-That's a premated in my bed, I declined it and diction on the Navy satellite fired. the lady's messenger took it back Monday from Florida. It travels at and traded it in for a small radio, and I have discovered with dismay that every cross-roads now has its broadcasting station and every staweighs a ton.

tion has its weather expert. GREAT JUDGE DIES - Judge bration and to look for three rich (These experts-there is one some 70 miles due west of here John J. Parker, 72 chief judge of eligible bachelors. who speaks in perfect Charlestonthe U.S. Circuit court of appeals

ese and manages to be very cute besides-prattle learnedly about great authority on constitutional fronts and pressures and counter- law died of a heart attack in Washclockwise rotations and almost inington. He lived in Charlotte. variably manage to be as wrong as

possible . . . Eight of the nine I CHILDISH CURIOSITY-The curlistened to this morning promised me a bright, sunny day. The sun draped itself with a cloud about who were operating a whiskey still an hour ago and looks now like it

will spend the whole day pouting Princess Anne Co., Va. Dead fish Pilots of two Pan American World were found in a nearby lake, result Airways planes reported last Not one of the authorities com- of refuse from the still.

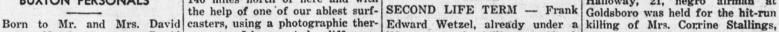
daughter Myrtle Gale, were in morning mentioned the water KLAN-INDIAN TROUBLE temperature down yonder at the James W. Cole, grand wizard of were being manned by reservists Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Murray of Point of the Cape, or under the the North Carolina Ku Klux Klan, conducting gunnery practice. Portsmouth were week end guests keel of the Lightship 14 miles was convicted last Thursday of in-

of Mrs. Murray's parents, Mr. and southeast of this house. (Norfolk's citing a riot among Lumbee In-WTAR has the soundest of these dians last January 18.

children of Norfolk were week end rarely heard here for technical and DIVORCES WIFE-The Shah of he was delivering religious publiguests of Mrs. Creef's mother, Mrs. uncontrollable reasons. He always Persia has divorced his wife, cations in New York. He tried to mentions the water temperature Queen Soraya, because she did not rob her because he wanted new here and at Chesapeake and so do give him a son. She will keep the clothes . . . While cruising in a considered of little value. He and children of Elizabeth City the Norfolk newspapers but that is title of princess, a lot of money small aluminum motor boat in about all.)

Comparative water temperatures her. began to concern me a decade ago

when I set out to explore the phe- TRAWLER CATCHES-Some 13,- O'Neal, 17, tried to pass a car nomena that make up this enchant- 000 boxes of fish, mostly croakers ed country. Ordinarily and on the were taken by trawlers last week N. C. O'Neal was one of the vicaverage over the years there is a off the N. C. Coast. Prices dropped tims . . . A family of five was difference of 22 degrees between considerably, and the deluge killed by a train which struck their here and Chesapeake Lightship caused a 5¢ drop in shad prices. 140 miles north of here and with



McCray,' confessed killer of five 50-HOUR WALK-An underwater walk across the bed of the English tenced to death in the electric chair Channel from France to Britain, a distance of over 21 miles, is planned next August by diver Victor Van Lent, 35 years old.

Craven, 41, compromised her dam- OIL FIELD CAPTURED - The age suit for injuries in a traffic Indonesian government last week announced the retaking of the oil courts had previously awarded her field near Pakanbaru in rebellious Central Sumatra and said the American oil company, Caltex, was free to resume operations.

Carolina there are 29,664 employes

an annual wage totaling over 122

million dollars.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1958

NEED 3 RICH BACHELORS -18,000 miles per hour. It's said Lord Mayor James Carroll of Dubto be the third satellite in the air, lin, Ireland, flew to New York last counting Russia's first one which week with his three daughters -Lillian, 26, Doris, 23, and Colette, 18-for the St. Patrick's Day cele-

a famed North Carolinian, and DRIVING INSTRUCTOR, TOO-In Indianapolis, Wesley J. Murphy, 30, charged with reckless driving, was ordered last Thursday to attend two city traffic school sessions after he was caught speediosity of children living nearby, re- ing; he is a traffic safety instrucsulted in the arrest of four men tor at an Indianapolis high school.

in a high-class rented home in GUNFIRE PERILS PLANES -Thursday they had to fly off their courses to avoid antiaircraft fire from four Navy vessels, which

VIOLENCE-Robert Blue, 15-yr.old New York boy slashed a housewife to death with a knife while and millions in jewels he had given Lake Lure, N. C. three South Carolina men were drowned . . . Six were killed when Bobby Glenn carrying 12 negroes in Wake Co., car in Galesburg, Ill. . . . Bobby Halloway, 21, negro airman at

value of our small ports. In a number of them, properly looked after, will be found a mighty source of strength and power for progress, development and better living.

#### ANOTHER REASON WHY POSTAL DEFICIT NOT LOGICAL.

The postal deficit will continue to run into many hundreds of millions of dollars a year unless positive corrective steps are taken. Two solutions are commonly proposed. One is for increase in letter postage. The other is a revolution in the mechanics and techniques of mail and package handling, through automation. This has been done in some European countries, with notable success in improving service and reducing costs.

It may well be that the final solution will require both these steps-more automation and higher rates. But it is an it is more important to let home folk. unfortunate fact that practically all of the attention seems to be given to the mail categories-first, second and third a living. class. Little attention is being given to the fourth class category, which is parcel post.

This is simply not logical, and for two reasons. One, parcel post does not pay its own way, and so makes a substantial contribution to the postoffice's taxpayer-borne annual deficits. Second, parcel post is not a basic postoffice function. It does not contribute to public entertainment, education or enlightenment, as does the carrying of mail, newspapers and magazines. It is, instead, a purely commercial function, operating in direct competition with private, taxpaying carriers of packages and freight. Long before in Norfoll parcel post was heard of these carriers did the job in efficient folk, Va. fashion. If parcel post was abolished tomorrow they'd pick up the load.

So, in considering postal reforms, every activity of the department should be considered and evaluated-parcel post included.

#### UNSIGNED LETTERS.

We have many times pointed out that we will not accept letters for publication unless they are signed, not necessarily that the name be published, but we require evidence of good faith and some degree of courage. This week we get one complaining about the dock charges at Oregon Inlet. the prices of gas, etc. We do not give consideration to anonymous letters. If a person believes something is wrong, he ought to have the grit to speak out in meeting or quit complaining.

Just what is it that America stands for? If she stands for one thing more than another, it is for the sovereignty of self-governing people, and her example, her assistance, her her brother, Wilton Creef, of Nor-encouragement, has thrilled two continents in this western' folk. world with all those fine impulses which have built up human liberty on both sides of the water. She stands, therefore, as an example of independence, as an example of free institutions, and as an example of disinterested international action in the main tenets of justice.-Woodrow Wilson.

sessions but subtract from the sum of his desires .- Seneca. several weeks.

about the probability of calling Thomas, weighing 71/2 lbs., in of 19 degrees on the north and striped bass game fish, which Leigh Hospital, Norfolk. Mrs. Bar- south side of the Point itself. might prove a great injustice, since nett is the former Irene Gaskins there are so few records of any of Hatteras.

Hills, "The only other time I recall Wayne Willis were guests of the cording to my senior counsellors much as \$10,000 from catches of been home in five years. these fish along the ocean side in

folks have them in order to make

Regarding the Russian rats, Mr. O'Neal recalls his brother Amos shipped away the fur from one some years ago, and couldn't get anything for it. But now quotations are rumored around Hatteras running up to \$35 each.

### MANTEO PERSONALS

Mrs. Nannie Midgett is a patient in Norfolk General Hospital, Nor-

D. A. Rogers, Jr., is a patient in the Marine Hospital, Norfolk, where he underwent surgery Thursday.

and Nags Head is attending the Braddock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. of the Cape but it will, or at least National Doll Fair in New York, J. M. Braddock, returned home has not, yet recorded such winds N. Y. with them.

was accompanied by his uncle, Car- folks. son Creef, and Mrs. Creef, who also

nome Sunday after a two-weeks Mrs. Cynthia Witczak, Mrs. Helen visit in Elizabeth City with her Wharten, Mrs. Barbara Eisenbeis, daughter, Mrs. E. R. Holmes. Mrs. Mrs. Mary Stamey, Mrs. Mary Ann

spent Sunday with Mrs. Mae Har-

son, Ray Jones III, of Sanford, Rollinson and Mrs. Mary Anne who is ill at the home of his ma- Wampler were present. The Auxternal grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. iliary is paying off the flooring

week that a Norfolk man had guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones. Grand Banks. It is the first time caught two of them at Kill Devil Also Shirley, Katrine, Otis, Jr., and that has happened in 37 years, ac-

any of them caught on the hook Jones. They have just moved from around here, Martin Tolson and beach. Also in the works and slated was the report of Raymond Bas- New Orleans, La. to Norfolk, Va. the redoubtable Nace Jennette . . nett of Buxton that he had landed with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. My point is, if I have one, that four of them. Since our commer- Otis L. Willis. This is the first the meteorologists and the oceancial fishing crews have made as time Shirley and Katrine have ographers ought to get together and see if they can figure out what Mrs. Otis Willis is a patient is going on. Even the youngest of

Mrs. Martha Barnett is an out water four times a day know that

patient at the Public Health Hos- it is not going to be any warmer pital, Norfolk, and is living with until the Gulf Stream resumes its her daughter, Mrs. Iris Anderson, normal color and temperature. 8240 Simons Drive. Mrs. Barnett

is much improved. We have here now the most mod-Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Can- ern and the most elaborately non a son, Christopher Edward, in equipped Weather Station on the Washington, D. C. Mrs. Cannon is eastern seaboard and it is ably the former Connie Rhoden. staffed. They are not allowed to Mr. and Mrs. W. Browning left forecast the weather, to be sure. Sunday for Winston-Salem, return- That is done by electronic maing Thursday. Mr. Browning is chines in Washington. They send

with the Western Electric at the up balloons twice a day that some-Naval Facility, Buxton. times reach altitudes of 100.000 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Braddock feet and send down strange data. and children of Orlando, Fla. and But these people are never allowed

Mrs. Juanita Chambles and chil- to know what the water temperadren of Lake Wales, Fla.. were ture is 15 miles away from them. down to visit their brother, Rev. J. They have a wind-measuring de-Mrs. Julia C. Gray of Manteo C. Braddock during his illness. Mr. vice now right out on the Point

with them. Victor Rollinson, Barry Peele, as are encountered by balloons 20 miles above it. Up there the wind er, Mrs. Robert Guynn, Sunday in and Shelton Williams were down sometimes reaches 285 mph, which the Marine Hospital, Norfolk. He over the week end visiting their ought to astonish the cross-roads experts back inland.

> Us Islanders have regained access to our Cape where the Na-tional Park Service has had con-

tractors at work on a \$175,000 project expanding the parking lot, building a new one nearer 'the Lighthouse, and paving the roads in a 100-acre camping area. The

The meeting was held to help mend inconvenienced many of us on ac- Population Survey in March, ac-

When the Gulf Stream gets over s, and as an example of disinterested international action he main tenets of justice.—Woodrow Wilson. If you would make a man happy, do not add to his pos-but subtract from the sum of his desires.—Seneca. but subtract from the sum of his desires.—Seneca.

life sentence for killing one North 67, a practical nurse . Two Carolina highway patrolman, was young men died and two young convicted at Sanford last Thursday women were injured in a head-on Something has been happening night of murdering another state collision near Kington . . . Russell to our ocean this winter. Among trooper; the jury recommended Musick, 33, was found stabled to of them responding to the lure of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Welch of other things, it contains codfish, mercy, meaning another automatic death in his home in Norfolk Co., life sentence. Va.

> have been installed to give easier LUNG CANCER KILLS and more convenient access to the for completion before summer, two miles of paving to connect the Coast Guard station, and this hill with the paved highway at the Lighthouse. Slowly, but with new Guard station, who report on the

> > MISS HILDA RAKES TAKES TECHNICIAN JOB IN MANTEO Cancer Society.

Miss Hilda Rakes, a native of ing Memorial Clinic in Manteo, as- State Board of Health, and coversisting Dr. W. W. Harvey Jr. Mrs. ed the years, 1952-1956, a period Alvah Ward Jr. will remain as which also saw the lung cancer toll who is living at the home of Mr. tion, Dr. Koonce explained. and Mrs. Raymond Wescott, is an old friend of Mrs. Wescott. Prior to coming to Manteo she was a public health nurse with the City Watts Hospital, Durham, and a list of victims, claiming 1,628 lives.

former supervisor of nurses at Leading causes of cancer deaths Duke Hospital.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert P. Perry of Manteo a daughter, children under 15 years of age Pamela Dawn, on March 12 in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth survey period.

CENSUS BUREAU SEEKS FACTS ON CONSUMER INCOME with malignancies of the brain a

Special questions on consumer income, migration and family rell. Also visiting Mrs. Harrell was Cape Hatteras Health Center met road to the Point has been blocked characteristics will be asked in the deaths from cancer of the skin as Norwood of the Bureau's regional cases."

office at Charlotte, N. C. which

1,632 IN FOUR YEARS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh, March 20.-Cancer of the lung is now the greatest cancer-killer of North Carolina men, surety, this man Gibbs is getting according to a five-year survey a season from November to April, in the Public Health Hospital, Nor- my neighbors over at the Coast things done.—Ben Dixon MacNeill, released by Dr. Donald Koonce of Wilmington, president of the North Carolina Division of the American

> The survey, showing 1,632 Durham has recently taken up for the Society by the Department deaths from lung cancer, was made mount rapidly throughout the na-

> > Deaths from all types of cancer reached 18.678.

In figures for both sexes, cancer of Richmond. She is a graduate of of the stomach was high on the

Watts Hospital. She took her among men, according to the surgraduate wrok at Chapel Hill and vey: Lung, Male organs, stomach, intestines, pancreas. Among women, the primary cancer-killers are: Breast, cervix and other female organs, intestines, stomach, pancreas. Five hundred North Carolina

were victims of cancer during the

City; weight five pounds 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> "Cancer now kills more children ounces. Mrs. Perry is the former Ruby Irene Sawyer. Koonce observed. He noted that leukemia was the most frequent cause of cancer death in children, second.

Dr. Koonce referred to the 507 "a sad commentary on our alert-ness. Cancer of the skin can be cording to Supervisor Joseph R. easily cured in 95 per cent of the

The figures showed that the its distemper, visitors will discover will participate in the survey. The highest percentage of fatal cancers

Mrs. Margie Stubee entertained visited Mrs. Guynn. Mrs. Caddie Creef returned at her home. Her guests were at a coffee hour Monday afternoon

Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wampler, Mrs. Paul Johnson, Mrs. Holmes, also of Elizabeth City, Paula Fulcher. The Ladies Auxiliary of the

Mrs. Ray Jones went Thursday to Greenville to be with her grand-Mrs. Paula Fulcher, Mrs. Leola er to invite anybody down there.

# Larry Holmes visited his moth-