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WHO'S BEEN HOODOOED BY WHOM IN THIS TOLL-BRIDGE SURVEY COSTING \$50,000

Most Any Muskrat Trapper in the Coastland Could Have Come Up With The Same Answers the New York Experts Gave the Highway Commission; It All Adds Up to This: A Bridge Can Be Built If Officials Want to Build It.

Any muskrat trapper in these counties knows that the volume of traffic now travelling where there ain't any bridges wouldn't pay the tolls on a seven million dollar toll bridge. You don't have to send to New York for "experts" to come down here and look wise and talk big and tell us that.

But the State officials can't think of any thing else to do when clamor arises for a bridge except to have a "survey." They had another one recently only to be told that Alligator River can't be bridged at 50 cents a car for the traffic that now exists.

Well, there isn't a bridge in the state that would have been built had the officials built it on the strength of what a "survey" by some New York experts would have revealed. The only bridges that have been built got there because there were Governors who wanted them built, regardless. Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus wanted a toll-free bridge built over Albemarle Sound, and he built it, all of it from highway funds. The ferry it put out of business handled only about 20 cars a day at \$1.50 each on its several trips across Albemarle Sound between Macksays and Edenton. If Governor Ehringhaus had had an expert New York survey, and which any muskrat trapper would have easily done, and could have predicted an income of \$30 per day based on the ferry traffic, the highway commission would have thrown up its hands. It probably did balk on building the Albemarle Sound Bridge. We haven't had a major highway enterprise established in this area that the highway commissioners and engineers didn't oppose, but like the Albemarle Sound Bridge, some of them got built because the Governor said so.

We are now told three years after the Croatan Sound Bridge has been completed at a cost of \$3,000,000, it will cost \$7,350,000 to build a similar bridge over Alligator River. Drawn would make \$100,000 more, it is an insult to the intelligence to assume that the cost would still be double that of the Croatan Sound bridge.

The experts say that the Alligator River Bridge would carry only 90,000 cars a year at 50 cents each, and it would take ten times as much to pay for the bridge, at 50 cents per car.

Well, anyway, they got nearly 90,000 cars a year across Oregon Inlet and it would take a bridge only about a third as long to span these waters. Wonder what the experts would come up with, did they survey this inlet?

The report read last week, for which the state paid \$50,000 carried also some figures about a second bridge desired at Wilmington over the Cape Fear River. There they have a bridge but see SURVEY, Page Four

PETITIONS CIRCULATED TO SAVE WANCHESE SCHOOL

Petitions are to be circulated soon at Wanchese asking the County Board of Education rescind its recent resolution to consolidate the community's grammar school, according to V. G. Williams who said Friday a citizens meeting had been held on January 16th. At this time, Mr. Williams said strong opposition was voiced by Melvin R. Daniels, Macon Meekins, Malcolm Daniels and Ronald Tillett, members of a committee to circulate a petition through the community to forward to the county board and to officials in Raleigh.

N. C. BLUE MARLIN ASS'N TO MEET IN WASHINGTON

A meeting of the N. C. Blue Marlin Association will be held in Washington, N. C., on Tuesday, February 3, according to Warren Gallop, a member of the committee.

Persons interested in the sports-fishing industry of the Dare Coast are extended an invitation to attend the meeting for the discussions which are designed to promote and develop all types of salt water fishing in North Carolina.

In addition to Gallop, H. A. Creef, Jr., of Oregon Inlet Fishing Center, Capt. Edgar Styron and others are expected to attend.

NEARS FIRST BIRTHDAY



DAVID GOULD MANDELL on Feb. 17, will be one year old. His grandmother is Mrs. N. E. Gould of Nags Head, and his parents Dr. and Mrs. M. I. Mandell, of State Teachers College, Bowling Green, Ohio. Mrs. Mandell is the former Natalie Gould of Manteo. The Mandells spend their vacations at Nags Head.

TEEN AGERS AND MUSIC PROBLEMS OF MANTEO PTA

The Manteo P. T. A. at its meeting Wednesday night had two important problems before it, neither of which got final disposition but are carried over for further consideration.

The P. T. A. considers itself responsible for finding a center for the teen-age children of the community to be amused, and has had difficulty in finding a place that suits the youth. Some places provided appear a little too tame. Several have been chosen and tried out. The committee on this problem has been continued to have further meetings with the young folks in hope of working out a program that will be satisfactory to them. This committee consists of Rev. R. W. Turner, Mrs. Mary D. Meekins and W. H. Bunch.

The question of establishing a program of public school music came up and Mrs. Leigh Hassell reported that the school committee had planned to request that this be adopted in the next county school budget, if approval can be first obtained from the state school authorities.

In the absence of President Bill Ernst, vice-president John H. Long presided.

GREAT ILLUMINATION PROMISED IN SKIES OVER STUMPY POINT

People in Stumpy Point, Engelhard, and points north and east may be astounded on the nights of February 3 and 4 when the 9th Air Force conducts a spectacular bombing demonstration. Airplanes will drop photo-flash bombs on both nights, an air force public relations officer announces.

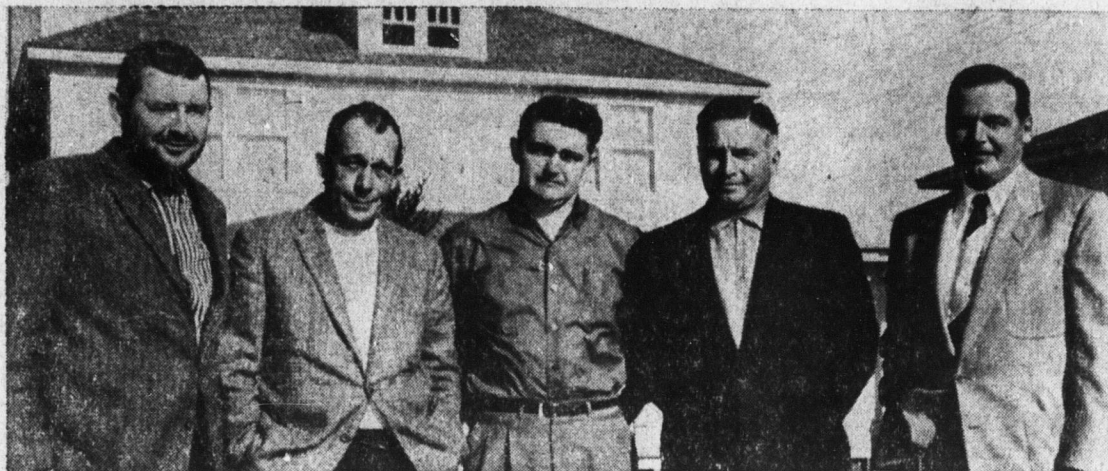
These photo-flash bombs will disintegrate at heights of 10,000 feet and some at 3,500 feet, and will be completely harmless, if rather brilliant. The air force says there is no danger. The demonstrations will take place between sunset of February 3, and sunrise of Feb. 4. Again, between sunset February 4 and sunrise Feb. 5th, the show will be repeated.

SOUTH AFRICAN ANGLER SHARES IN TUNA CATCH

Twenty nine school tuna (baby bluefins weighing up to 10 pounds each) were landed in the Gulf Stream off Hatteras last Saturday by two anglers fishing from Capt. Edgar Styron's cruiser Twins II. It was the second catch of school tuna made by anglers off Hatteras during January.

Jim Starke of Capetown, South Africa, a student at the University of Pittsburgh was one of the anglers sharing in the catch. He was fishing with Donald Lee Vickerson, a resident of Pittsburgh.

COASTAL GROUP SEEKS AID FOR SPORTSFISHING INDUSTRY



THIS GROUP from the Dare Coast appeared with a large number of North Carolinians before the State Board of Conservation and Development in Durham on Monday to request state aid in developing the salt water sportsfishing and estimated to be a ten million dollar annual business between Virginia and South Carolina. The Dare delegation is Capt. Clam Stowe and Capt. Edgar Styron of Hatteras, H. A. Creef, Jr., Manteo, Donald Oden and Robert Hudgins, Hatteras. Others attending were Wheeler Ballance, vice-chairman of the Tourist Bureau from Hatteras and Arnold Daniels, Wanchese. The group asked for a state-sponsored study and other help for the N. C. Blue Marlin Association from the State Advertising Division in promoting an all-N. C. coast fishing contest. Dr. Fred Barkalow, head of the department of zoology, Duke University, has been designated to study proposals for developing the sportsfishing industry and at the same time make a study of same to be ready for presentation to the C and D Board at their April meeting. (Aycock Brown photo.)

OCRACOKE GETTING HIGHWAY REPAIRS TO COST \$50,000

Project Begins This Week to Overcome Troubles Caused by Hurricane Helene

Ocracoke, January 26. — Road repair equipment arrived here today on a special ferry from Manns Harbor and according to Supervisor R. C. Speight work on the repairing of the hurricane damaged Ocracoke road will begin tomorrow, Tuesday. A. G. Grizzard will superintend the work. Sixteen men were brought in to operate the machines, together with several trailer living wagons and a dining wagon with cook. These are set up on National Park property for the duration of the job which is expected to require two months or more. Equipment thus far delivered consists of two large capacity scrapers, two heavy bulldozers, two heavy duty motor graders, and several jeeps and trucks. The force will be used in an attempt to raise the elevation at the crest line on the flats to prevent normal high tides from flowing across there. If successful in blocking normal high water, the equipment will be used to build up the grade line of the road where it was scoured out by the hurricane last fall, and after the grade line has been adjusted, to rebuild the pavement on the flats immediately north of the Village, and move a sufficient number of landing mats from Manns Harbor to replace those destroyed at the north end of the island. The total cost of the job is estimated at \$50,000.

DARE COUNTY FRIENDS OF LOST COLONY TO MEET

To assure the 19th season opening of Paul Green's drama The Lost Colony in Waterside Theatre on June 27 this year as planned, a meeting has been scheduled to be held in The Community Building at Manteo on Sunday afternoon, February 1 at 2 o'clock.

"This will be an organization meeting of the Dare County Friends of the Lost Colony steering committee and while charter members have been specially urged to be present, all persons interested in keeping the show in production here are urged to be present," said David Stick, temporary chairman of the organization. He was elected at a meeting held in The Shrine Club two weeks ago when it was pointed out that \$15,000 must be raised locally to start the show this year.

At the Shrine Club meeting about one-fifth of the amount needed was raised in cash or subscriptions among the citizens of Dare and out of county residents present. It was suggested at the meeting two weeks ago that 100 persons subscribing \$150 each would give the assurance that The Lost Colony would open this year.

"We know that many small operators and individuals who cannot conveniently give \$150 for this cause want to help," said Stick, "and therefore we will be open for suggestions relative to accepting smaller amounts."

Stick stated that at the meeting all suggestions for perpetuating The Lost Colony which he described as a "Dare County institution" would be welcome.

DRAFT BOARD CLOSED

The Dare County Draft Board office in Manteo will be closed next week, according to announcement by Mrs. B. J. Baum, clerk to the board.

UNCLE DUCK FROM DUCK WRITES: Lack of Manners A Sign Somebody Neglected to Rear Child Right

Dear Mr. Editor: The other day I went down one of these narrow roads, and I came to a tree that had fallen across the road, so it was necessary to stop my car. The tree looked a little too big for me to move by myself, nor did I have an axe, and while I was meditating about what to do, some young squirts drove up behind me, and stopped.

Without investigating to see what the trouble might be, they soon began blowing their horn, and when nothing happened, they shouted to me some rude remarks about getting "out of the way old man," and when I told them there was a tree across the road, they asked me why I didn't get it out of the way. Not one of them offered to get out and help move the tree, and finally they backed out of the way, and went back the way they came.

Now Mr. Editor, I can't help but think somebody did those boys a serious injustice when they were growing up, and it's something that is going to cost them a lot of money and happiness as they go through life. For if those boys had had parents who were fully conscious of their duty and who had the proper love for their children they would have taught them the elements of courtesy and consideration.

But they will go through life, not knowing what common decency demands, and when they find themselves against folks who won't tolerate their way of behavior, they will feel sore toward the world, and they will try to get even in, any way they can.

To my mind the finest thing a poor boy can start life with is good manners, and it will surely carry him a long way. I know one fellow in this part of the country that got picked up by a millionaire duck hunter who was down here, and he was so impressed by the good manners of this boy, that he took him off, gave him a good job and a college education. This fellow was one of the smartest men ever turned out from this region, but by golly the world mightn't have found it out had his folks not brought him up rightly.

Now Mr. Editor it seems to me that nobody needed more to have a big stock of good manners in order to get along through the world, than we people who live here on the coast. We have got to depend on our visitors for a living, and our visitors won't be any better customers than the kind of courtesy we give them from day to day. Courtesy begets courtesy in return, and it is the royal road to winning the friendship and confidence of a stranger.

But I can't help thinking about those three young squirts, and what a great wrong has been done them. They are bound to go through life about like three others I heard about. These three young fellows went into a restaurant, and there were no tables save one where a little old lady stiff and prim was sitting. One of the young fellows said to the others, just follow me, and we will run her out. So down they sat at the table, and one says to the other:

"You know my mother and father had only been married six months when I was born."

The second said: "My mother and father had been married less time than that when I came along."

And the third one said: "My mother and father never married at all." This last was concluded to be the scorcher that would send the old lady bailing out the door, but she looked over her glasses,

and said to the fellow in front of her:

"Would one of you bastards please pass the salt?"

Mr. Editor, you know this is a little on the raw side, but you need a rawhide strap for such young squirts who have no manners and no respect for man, beast or woman.

Yours for more manners,
UNCLE DUCK FROM DUCK

TWO ABC STORES SOUGHT FOR ATLANTIC TOWNSHIP

Requests have been filed with the Dare County ABC Board for the establishment of two ABC stores in Atlantic Township, one in particular by the town of Kill Devil Hills. The Town Board of Kill Devil Hills requests definitely a second store, and in particular, if another store cannot be established than to move the present beach store within the town's corporate limits, the object being to derive a share of the profits for the benefit of the town Government. One of the sites recommended has been the C. A. York store in Kill Devil Hills.

Another effort for a store is at the turn of the road where the Lothrop property has been mentioned as a site for the store at the turn of U. S. 158, Kitty Hawk beach, and where residents of this area have petitioned for establishment of a store.

Leigh Hassell, Chairman of the ABC Board said this week that the board would consider these petitions at its meeting next week, but had no opinion as to what action might be taken. The present ABC Board having been in office less than 60 days is now attempting to become familiar with the situation, and has had no opportunity to make the survey necessary to determine if any changes at this time would be to the advantage of the system.

SHERIFF'S AID SOUGHT TO GET 12-FOOT SNAKE

Rumors of a 12-foot snake a loose on Wanchese has brought appeals to Sheriff Frank Cahoon to investigate and rid the vicinity of this dread varmint. The snake is supposed to be the cause of the death of Malcolm Daniels' pony which was found dead in the woods two weeks ago, cause unknown at the time. Since then a nephew, Willie Etheridge III has reported seeing the snake six times as big as his arm while on a squirrel hunt. The 12-year-old boy considers the snake 12 feet long. Mrs. Hope Duval is another who is reported as having seen the snake, which is black with a white patch under its mouth. Our venture is that it is an alligator strayed over from the Dare mainland and that is all it is, and in this instance, nothing unusual about it, for alligators abide in the East Lake region, and are sometimes caught or killed.

MRS. ISABELLE GRAY, AVON NATIVE DIES IN VIRGINIA

Mrs. Isabelle Scarborough Gray, 47, died in a Portsmouth hospital Monday at 7:30 p.m. She was a native of Avon, Dare County and recently had been residing at 9 Garrett Street, Portsmouth.

She was a daughter of the E. F. and the late Mrs. Rebecca Williams Scarborough, and the wife of Robert W. Gray. Her father is a prominent Avon merchant.

In addition to her husband and father, surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Rebecca Gray and Miss Lois Gray; and one son, Robert M. Gray, all of Portsmouth; one sister, Mrs. Hattie Gray, and two brothers, Sumner Scarborough and Edward Scarborough, all of Avon, N. C.; two half-brothers, Kermit Scarborough and Erskine Scarborough, both of Norfolk, and three grandchildren.

The body was taken to the Twiford Funeral Home, and then to the residence at Avon Wednesday for funeral services Thursday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. Homer Peterson, Jr., pastor of the Portsmouth Assembly of God Church. Burial was in the family plot in Avon.

HARBOR ENGINEERS TO MEET WITH DARE COMMISSIONERS AND HIGHWAY OFFICIALS

Conferences Tuesday Have Been Arranged to Clarify Status of Secondary Roads and to Devise Plans for Relieving Channel Situation at Oregon Inlet; Delays to Ferry Traffic Seen as Detriment to Whole Area.

DISCUSSIONS HELD TO 1959 JAMBOREE ON DARE COAST

Meeting Held at Nags Head; South Banks Visitors Hampered by Ferries

The same shoals that have hampered Oregon Inlet ferry traffic for the past several weeks prevented Hatteras Island members of the Dare Coast Pirate Jamboree steering committee from attending a planning meet at Nags Head Sunday.

A group from Roanoke Island and the Dare Beaches assembled at Beacon Motor Lodge however, and after seeing Wally McCown's movie of last year's Jamboree, got down to the business of making plans for the event scheduled to launch the vacation season during the week end of April 24-26 this year. Discussed and definitely planned were four dances and the usual caravans or junkets by costumed pirates to several towns and cities on advertising campaigns.

Discussed, but not decided was the Jamboree religious service. Present to take part in this discussion was Rev. R. W. Turner of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and Rev. S. S. Snead of Kitty Hawk Methodist Church.

Mr. Snead said in view of the fact the churches of Dare were visited by so many vacationists he felt that any event which tied in with the promotion of tourist business should have the support of the Churches. Mr. Turner suggested that the steering committee may wish to consider as an alternative to the Jamboree religious services, a local musical pageant at Waterside Theatre the infamous pirates being characterized with a religious phase injected in the play.

During the Sunday meeting Roland Sawyer, Sr., was named transportation chairman. Wallace H. McCown, chairman in charge of caravans. Linwood Tillett, Pirate King, heads the committee on beard growing competition and also the bearded men's dinner. His court will assist in this activity and also help him make plans for the bearded men's dinner.

Pirate Queen Mary Burrus of Hatteras assisted by her court and former Jamboree Queens will this year as a pre-Jamboree event plan a dinner for the women buccaners. To attend the dinner each pirateess would be required to wear her costume.

Dances are planned for North Banks and South Banks.

The Jolly Roger Ball set for April 11 will be the Pre-Jamboree event for selecting a new pirate king and queen. At this event King Linwood and Queen Mary will preside as their successors are selected. The Coronation Ball at which the new king and queen will be crowned has been set for April 18 and the Grand Pirates Ball, one of the dynamic highspots of each Jamboree will be held on April 25. Bearded George Buck Mann and Ras Wescott will have roles in presenting these social activities, while Mrs. Tom Briggs, George Crocker and John Donoho will collaborate on decorations.

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A meeting of several district and state Highway Officials has been arranged with the Dare County Board of Commissioners, for 11:30, Tuesday morning February 3, and on the same date. Col. R. B. Rowland, Jr., District Engineer and other officials of the U. S. Engineer Corps will come to Manteo to review the Oregon Inlet situation. With them will be Col. Harry Brown of the Governor's staff.

From the highway department will be Commissioner Fletcher Gregory, Jr. of Weldon, Harold Makepeace, head of the Secondary Roads Department, W. M. Sprull, Division Engineer and George K. Mack, District Engineer. Victor Meekins, Chairman of the county Board said today the Board had been looking forward to meeting with the officials from both the harbors and highways departments, and he was glad that the situation has worked out so all three boards might get together in Manteo on the same date.

In a letter from J. M. Broughton, Jr., Chairman of the State Highway Commission, he says the representatives of the Commission will be prepared to brief the new county board on all phases of the Secondary Roads program, and other matters of interest to the officials of Dare County, and that he is pleased that Col. Brown, and Col. Rowland will be in Manteo. The Highway Department is naturally concerned over the Oregon Inlet situation where the shoals which have developed during the winter are proving disastrous to the economy of Dare County. Boats ashore, schedules delayed and business handicapped, is a great discouragement to automobile traffic to and from Hatteras Island.

Representing the Board of Commissioners, Woodrow Edwards, George Fuller and David Stick have been working on arrangements for Tuesday's meeting for several weeks. Prior commitments, weather, and unforeseen contingencies have delayed the meeting once or twice.

Among the secondary road items for which aid will be requested are projects at Hatteras, Kitty Hawk, and on Roanoke Island, some of which are important to the operation of the schools of the county. The Oregon Inlet situation is considered the most serious problem at this time, and an effort will be made to relieve the emergency situation now existing.

WINNERS OF POSTER CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Novelty Music Program Saturday Night Expected to Draw Large Crowd.

In connection with the Dr. C. N. Wright Novelty Musical Program, which is to be presented on the evening of January 31, the Roanoke Island Music Club offered a poster contest to the seventh and eighth grades of the Manteo Elementary School. The posters entered were quite colorful, and interesting. They all contained about the same word content, namely: that Dr. Wright, his sister, Miss Caroline Wright; daughter, Miss Paula Wright; The Rotary Quartette, with Dick Jordan, and Paul Crocker at the drums, were offering an evening of light, pleasant music, with especial emphasis on the "BOOM BASS," which will be heard for the first time. There were thirteen entries, and free tickets to the concert will be presented to the following, for having entered the contest: Mary Charles White, Susan Basnight, Fred Kelly, Robert Midgett, Jr., Martha Ann Midgett, Herbert Bliven, Brenda Gallop, Betty Dee Ward, Martha Bonner, Jan Oneto, Alma Elizabeth Etheridge, Gary Lewark, Patsy Meekins, and Richard Jackson.

The posters were on display in Fearing's Restaurant from Friday afternoon, until Monday afternoon, a ballot box was provided, and the public was invited to vote for their choice. The prize of \$1.00 for the winner of the popular vote, was awarded to Robert Midgett, Jr. The judges, Mrs. James Bardin, Mrs. Reid Cabe, and W. W. Tarkington turned in a decision as follows: first prize, Mary Charles White; second prize, Susan Basnight; and third prize, Fred Kelly. The first prize was \$3.00, second, \$2.00 and third \$1.00. Special mention went to Martha Ann Midgett, for originality.