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## LETTING OF BIDS NEAR FOR MANTEO TO INLET CHANNEL

Nearly One and a Half Millions for 12-Foot Channel From Ocean to Inlet

A total of \$1,444,000 is due to be spent soon in the Roanoke Island area when bids are let for the most important waterways project ever to come to the locality, and the largest by far in any of the counties of the Raleigh coastland.

The Manteo-Oregon Inlet project with wide channel into Mill Landing at Wanchese, with depth in the total project of 12 feet out across Oregon Inlet bar is due to be constructed this summer.

Cecil Henderson of the office of the Corps of Engineers was at Wanchese this week to confer with the Commissioners of Dare County with reference to fulfillment of certain commitments that had been made by a preceding Board of Commissioners.

Under the law, the contract cannot be let and the Federal money expended until the provisions of local participation have been fulfilled.

Two years ago the County Commissioners pledged to the Corps of Engineers that they would guarantee the Government safe from harm or loss in this project in that: Dare County would provide all necessary rights of way; it would provide a place on which to deposit the sand sucked up from the bottom in the dredging process, and it would maintain a public docking area, open to all persons on equal terms.

Until a few weeks ago, no further steps had been taken to guarantee fulfillment of these commitments, and it has required a lot of time and travel on the part of persons representing the County Board to inform the owners of lands concerned, and to enlist their support in aiding Dare County to fulfill this obligation which is for the aid of the fishing industry and the general benefit of Dare County.

When the matter had been fully explained, all persons were found See CHANNEL, Page Four

## OCEAN TOSSES HARRY JARVIS' BOAT ASHORE

New Trawler On Beach North of Rodanthe; Wrecking Company Would Save Ship

A new trawler, some 58 feet long, named the Ralph Eugene, got too close to the beach and was tossed on it Wednesday morning, high and dry. The vessel is owned by Harry Jarvis of Engelhard and in command of Capt. Sears. It was one of numerous craft fishing for trout and croakers at sea, some two miles south of the Pea Island Coast Guard station.

Prospects are good for getting the vessel launched again, according to A. W. Drinkwater, wreck commissioner, who reports no insurance was carried on the boat. Mr. Jarvis was on the scene early Wednesday, and found Mr. Drinkwater on the job.

Mr. Drinkwater says that the stranded freighter which came ashore a week ago near Little Kinneket is now in the hands of a wrecking company which is setting up gear to pull it off shore. It has been under guard of Fred Gray, Jr., Percy Williams and Alvin Price of Avon.

This ship has attracted a lot of attention and added an extra strain on the ferries already hampered by shoal water.

## HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM AT NAGS HEAD

A commendable project is being launched at Nags Head, and a meeting will be held Friday night, tonight, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jockey Ridge Gifts store for the purpose of cleaning the highways and keeping them clean. The Nags Head Chamber of Commerce is holding this meeting, and all interested persons are urged to attend.

Enough cannot be said in favor of the worth of street and highway beautification, not only in dollars and cents from the tourists who visit the area, but in the satisfaction and pride of our citizens which will follow the praise and the profits their efforts will win.

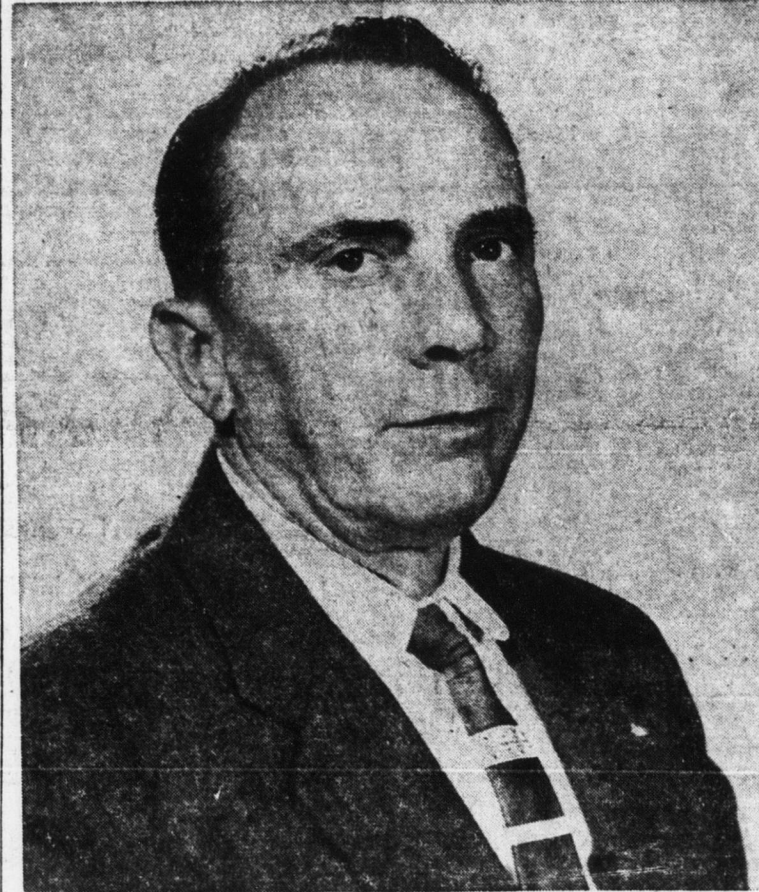
Nothing impresses a stranger more than a well kept community, which marks its citizens as people of pride and appreciation for the better things of life. An aroused and militant citizenship can work wonders for the betterment of the community, and can arouse sentiment which will not tolerate the untidy practices of other people, some of whom deliberately take their trash at night time and dump it on the roadsides from running cars.

## CAROLINA GIRL PRINCESS CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL



MISS MYRA NEAL MORRISON, a first year student at the University's Woman's College in Greensboro, is Princess of the Cherry Blossom festival, along with those of 49 other states, in Washington this week. The festival closes on Sunday, April 12th. The honor of being the State's princess is of interest in Dare County, where her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Morrison, own a home at Kill Devil Hills, and where they spent the week end last week. Our last paper carried details of the Cherry Blossom festival.

## ELECTED CHAIRMAN DARE COUNTY EDUCATION BOARD



ROBERT O. BALLANCE, who for six years has been a member of the Dare County Board of Education, this week was elected chairman, succeeding Ellis A. Gray of Avon, whose term has expired. Three new members of the Board were sworn in: C. T. Williams III of Avon; Shelley Frontis of Buxton, and Floyd Hooper of Stumpy Point. Mrs. Helen Briggs of Kitty Hawk is the other member, succeeding herself from Atlantic Township.

## CHANNEL BASS LIMIT TAKEN AT OREGON INLET

Good Fishing Reported From Hatteras Inlet and Cape Hatteras Also

George Mann of Nags Head and Charles Midgett of Manteo landed their limit of channel bass at Oregon Inlet Wednesday. Their four fish ranged from 36 to 42 pounds each, while trolling in the northeast section of the inlet with Pflieger spoons. Previously a 48-pound channel bass had been landed by Dr. W. G. Harris of Mullica Hill, N. J., while trolling with Capt. Joe Berry.

Four channel bass were taken in Hatteras Inlet on Saturday morning by Jack Snyder, Baltimore and Jim O'Donnell of Washington from Capt. Edgar Styron's cruiser anchored in the inlet. On the previous day with Capt. Styron Snyder, his son and Mr. O'Donnell caught blackfin tuna and false albacore off Hatteras in the Gulf Stream. O'Donnell also landed a 182 pound mako shark. Best report from the surf this week came from Rany Jennette at Buxton who stated that Capt. B. A. Ballance caught two channel bass on Tuesday in the Cape Hatteras surf. The two fish weighed 26 and 38 pounds each.

## SCHOOL PROPERTY UP FOR RE-SALE AT KITTY HAWK

Manns Harbor School Brought \$2,500 on Last Bid; Another Sale Ordered

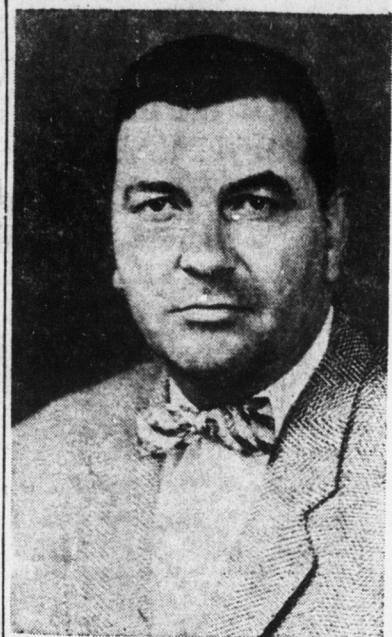
The buildings and five acres of land, formerly the Kitty Hawk school, was sold again at the courthouse door, Thursday, due to the original bid of \$500 having been raised by Capt. W. H. Lewark of Kill Devil Hills. P. A. Tillett of Kitty Hawk had made the bid, which he said was an effort to get the building to move out on the beach for American Legion headquarters. The land remaining would then be worth some \$1,500.

The last sale of the Kitty Hawk school was held yesterday, (Thursday) and high bid was by Ted Wood of Kitty Hawk for \$2,500. The bid will remain open ten days whereby it may be raised.

On Monday, the Manns Harbor school was up for re-sale for the third time. The original bid by the citizens of Manns Harbor was \$1,000. Three other bids were later placed on the property. The last bid was made by Ted Wood of Kitty Hawk at \$2,500, and another sale has been ordered.

W. S. White of Manns Harbor appeared before the County Commissioners Monday, and Jaccie Burrus before the Board of Education. See PROPERTY, Page Four

## MAYOR OF K. D. HILLS IS OPPOSED BY ALDERMAN



THOS. CHEARS, Jr., Mayor of Kill Devil Hills, who is a candidate for re-election May 5th is being opposed by one of the town's aldermen, R. H. Cooke, motel operator. Mr. Cheers has been Mayor about a year, having been appointed when Mrs. Emily Mustian resigned. He has applied himself to the task with zeal and interest.

Mr. Cooke, who has been an alderman for two years, has been a vigorous leader in the move to abolish the town as a municipality.

For post of town alderman, the following are candidates: Robert A. Young, a former alderman; Elwood Parker, an incumbent alderman and former member of the County Board of Education; Thos. H. Briggs, hotel operator and former member of the town board.

The time for filing for office closes April 21. Registration books will be open at the town hall, daily except Sunday, April 18 to 25, the last day being challenge day. The filing fee is \$3. Mrs. George Frank has been appointed registrar; Judges, Mrs. W. L. Mann and Mrs. C. J. Gilley.

## SCHOOL BOOSTERS COMMITTEE ASKING LARGER PROGRAM

This Week Asking Board Furnish A Teacher, and Other Necessities

The Dare County Citizens Committee for Better Schools listed its recommendations for needed improvements in local schools with the Board of Education at its meeting on April 7. Significant among these recommendations is the request that all teachers with sub-standard teaching certificates be required to improve their qualifications through correspondence courses or other training. Included in these recommendations were an additional teacher for the Roanoke School, which must be financed through County funds, improved lighting and painting of the Manteo Elementary School, and additional classroom space for the Buxton School to be financed from local school district funds. The Committee was favorably impressed with the Kitty Hawk School, however the need for higher teacher certificates was apparent at this school.

This Committee appointed by the Board of Education last fall is composed of Mrs. Walter Beasley, Kill Devil Hills; Mrs. Ernest Walker, Wanchese; Mrs. Robert Gibbs, Nags Head; Julian Oneto, Nags Head; Mrs. W. H. Smith, Jr., Kitty Hawk; Troy Shepard, Nags Head; Mrs. Donald Oden, Hatteras; Mrs. Carlos Oden, Hatteras; Mrs. Lucy Miller, Avon; Mrs. Blanche Midgett, Buxton; Mrs. George Meekins, Avon; Mrs. Jasper Hooper, Stumpy Point; Mrs. George Frank, Kill Devil Hills; See BOOSTERS, Page Four

## NIGHT TRIPS APPROVED ON ALLIGATOR FERRIES

The State Highway Commission last week approved establishment of four nightly round trips by its ferries over Alligator River, but turned down the request for trips across Oregon Inlet. This week the Dare County Board asked for a review of this action in favor of the Oregon Inlet schedules requested.

The night trips on the river will be during summer months only, June, July and August, and from 8:40 p.m. to 1:20 a.m.

## NEXT WEDNESDAY LAST DAY TO FILE FOR MANTEO OFFICE

Wednesday, April 15 is the deadline for filing for town office in Manteo election set for May 5th. Officers to be elected are a Mayor and three aldermen. Incumbent officers are G. T. Westcott, Mayor, Sam Midgett, Leffers Barnett and A. L. Mann, Jr., Aldermen.

## COUNTY BOARD IN SESSION THURSDAY; HARBORS STUDIED

Making Plans For Mosquito Work; Civil Defense and Collection of Old Taxes

The necessity of conferring with U. S. Army Engineers in reference to the pending contract for the dredging of a 12-foot channel from Oregon Inlet to Mill Landing and to Manteo, required the Board of County Commissioners on Thursday to hold their second session this month.

Before the Engineers could let contract for this work, the County Commissioners two years ago had to make an agreement that several conditions would be made. The county is required to furnish without cost a disposal area; to furnish all rights of way, and maintain a public docking area as required by the engineers.

Among other things before the Board yesterday were Civil Defense items, mosquito control, and tax collections.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board on Monday of this week, a petition of a group of voters in the "no man's land" area at Nags Head was heard. This group, represented by J. E. Harris and Troy Sheppard, and Attorney Wallace Gray petitioned for an election to join the Manteo school district. In plans for the bond elections for Kitty Hawk and Manteo schools, this area had been included in neither district. The pupils attend Manteo school. They said they wished to be a part of this district.

The request for the election was granted and it will be held on June 6th.

The Board approved a road request from Avon which was brought in by Commissioner Woodrow Edwards. This is for black-topping 1,100 feet of neighborhood road. Plans are being made for a drive on delinquent taxes, some of the unpaid items dating back 16 years. A list is being made up. On this list are many county employes, as well as all four of the county's outside sheriff deputies, one of whom owes for ten years. It was decided that the job having been neglected so long, it See BOARD, Page Eight

## EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIP RUNABOUT BOAT RACES TO BE HELD IN MANTEO APR. 26

Concluding Attraction of Jamboree Follows Two Full Days of Entertainment With Events Scheduled at Hatteras, Nags Head, Kitty Hawk, Etc.; Royalty to Be Crowned on Saturday Night, April 25th.

## ANOTHER GOOD ELIZ. CITY FRIEND OF THE COASTLAND



HON. WILLIAM C. DAWSON of Elizabeth City is another of the top-notch friends of the Coastland who live in Elizabeth City. At the age of 56 he heads the Coca-Cola bottling company which serves several counties of the area. We mention him because he has been a lifelong summer resident of Nags Head, and has always been taking liberal and unselfish parts in the movements that help our area. Currently, he is making a liberal contribution through his company to the T.V. and radio publicizing of the Coastal Pirate's Jamboree. In his home town he has been in most everything: Chairman both of his county's Board of Elections and its Democratic Executive Committee; member of the Elizabeth City Board of Education; appointed by Gov. Broughton on the State Board of See DAWSON, Page Four

By AYCOCK BROWN  
Boat races featuring East Coast championship competition for family runabouts using stock motors will be a thrilling finale to the fifth annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree on Sunday, June 26, it was announced this week by officials of Dare Power Boat Association.

The races will be held in Shallowbag Bay at Manteo's harbor-front with the first heat beginning at 12:40 o'clock and continuing until 4:15 if all classes to which the event is open are entered. Trophies for first, second and third place winners will be awarded in each class.

Power Boat Association officials in charge of the event follow: R. D. Sawyer, Jr., chairman; Burwell Evans, timer; Jack Wilson, Jr., starter; J. G. Kellogg, scorer; Ellsworth Midgett, pit manager; Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., medical; and Horace Nixon, referee. This group has sent out about 500 circulars and letters to boating enthusiasts during the past week, some going to nationally known personalities who have family motorboating, but not racing, as a hobby.

There will be no special Pirates Jamboree worship service this year at one designated place as in the past. Several ministers of Dare have indicated they would have special Spring Festival services on the morning of April 26, with special invitations to Jamboree visitors to worship at the church of their choice.

The motor boat races Sunday will follow two full days of activities on the Dare Beaches, Saturday, April 25 and on Hatteras, April 24.

The Dare Beaches phase includes the exciting pirate battle and landing at Avalon Beach, Kitty Hawk Bay, followed by a treasure hunt for children and the jumping frog contests at the Wright Memorial at 1 o'clock. During the afternoon there will be an open air dance on the parking area of Nags Head Recreation Center and dory and net fishing exhibitions on the beach nearby. On Saturday evening in the Casino, the grand Pirate Ball honoring the newly elected king and queen will be held with beads and costumes adding color to it all.

On Friday, the opening day of the Jamboree, except for the fishing contest which will be held from boats or from anywhere along the island's beach, all events will be held in the vicinity of Hatteras. Scotty Gibson is in charge of the Hatteras phase of the Jamboree which will include a Coast Guard demonstration, attractions for children, the world's biggest saltwater fish fry, banker pony exhibitions by the Ocracoke mounted Boy Scout troop, beach buggy races and a buccaner ball.

Two important pre-Jamboree events are scheduled for this week end. On Friday night the teen-age Dagger Dance will be held at Nags Head Casino at which time See RACES, Page Four

## BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND HIS LADY DUE IN DARE FOR VISIT ON APRIL 13

News reaches us that Sir Harold Caccia, British Ambassador to the United States, with his lady will arrive in Dare County on April 13th, for a visit to the Seashore National Park and observation of the bird population at Pea Island Game Refuge. The British couple will stop at the Carolinian at Nags Head.

This couple is not expected to make any public appearances, but prefer to rest on their visit here, we are told.

The first visit of a British Ambassador to this coastland was on August 18th, 1926 when Sir Esme Howard made an address at the annual Virginia Dare birthday celebration at Fort Raleigh. The widespread publicity given this event centered national attention, for the first time on Dare County. Immediately following, was Congressional aid for Fort Raleigh, the creation of the Wright Memorial, and the boom in real estate that brought to the county its present high development and prosperity.

Sir Esme came to Roanoke Island at the invitation of Lindsay C. Warren, who was then serving his first term in Congress.

## ROANOKE ID. NATIVE TO PLAY ELEANOR DARE IN DRAMA



MARJALENE MIDGETT THOMAS, native of Roanoke Island, has been chosen to play Eleanor Dare in the 1959 production of Paul Green's THE LOST COLONY. Mrs. Thomas, who has appeared in the show each summer since her first try at show business when she was a tiny flower girl to the queen, is well equipped to fill this leading female role in the drama. She has played many parts in the show, and for the last several years has understudied the Eleanor Dare role, while singing in the Lost Colony choir and taking the part of Joyce Archard. The above photograph shows her as Joyce Archard in the fish net scene. She is the first island native to play the part of Eleanor Dare.

Mrs. Thomas is the wife of Harry Thomas, lighting director for The Lost Colony, and they both teach in the Elizabeth City schools. They own a home on Roanoke Island near Fort Raleigh, where they spend summers and holidays. They have one young son, Harry Hunt Thomas.

Mrs. Thomas was among those present in Raleigh Tuesday night when Senator and Mrs. J. Emmett Winslow of Perquimans County, and of the Carolinian Hotel, Nags Head, entertained at a "Yaupon Tea Party."

Supreme Court justices, state officials, legislators, lobbyists and newspaper folk rubbed elbows at the affair. Mrs. Winslow described it as a love feast.

"I don't know much about the disagreements in the Legislature," she confessed. "So I just got this up as a kind of love feast for everybody—legislators, lobbyists, newspapermen—and everyone can just be friendly."

The party also featured costumed pirates, as a boost for coastal vacation spots in Dare County, and members of "The Lost Colony" cast who performed bits from the outdoor drama given each summer on Roanoke Island.