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## FREEHOLDERS ASK ABOLISHMENT OF SANITARY DIST.

### Majority Asking State and County Boards to Stop Its Operation At Once

Petitions, signed by a large majority of the resident freeholders of the Dare Beaches Sanitary District have been sent to the Commissioners of Dare County, appealing for the abolishment of the district, which has been established for about ten years.

Under the law, the County Commissioners are required to forward the request to the State Board of Health and ask that a meeting between the Boards be arranged whereby the citizens may present the argument for the relief sought.

The District was established about eight years ago for the purpose of establishing a water supply system for the area between Whalebone and Southern Shores.

Two elections have been held, the last in 1958 to vote a million dollar bond issue for the purpose, and both have been defeated. The district contains some eleven and a half millions in property valuation, and each year the Commissioners of the district are levying about \$11,000 in special taxes to carry on their work. The Dare County General fund has borne the expense of all the listing, computing and collecting of the taxes since the district was established. It is operated by three commissioners with unusual powers. Unfortunately for the welfare of the cause, there has been lack of interest to attract many persons of ability to administer the project.

The growing opposition to the district resulted in a rise-up among the voters in the November election. They disregarded the duly nominated candidates for Commissioners of the District, and wrote in sufficiently to elect three entirely new members, whom they believed would assist in abolishing the district.

Recently the Board has embarked on a program of buying some \$11,000 worth of fire trucks, etc. and this with other expenses of operating the district has roused fears of a much higher tax than usual. Upwards of 200 freeholders have appealed and signed for dissolution of the district.

## SUDDEN DEATH TAKES RAYMOND V. PARENT

Raymond V. Parent, 32, died suddenly Friday at 2:15 p.m. at the Admiralty Motel in Norfolk, Va.

He was a native of Niagara Falls, N. Y. and had been living in Nags Head for the past 11 years. He was employed by the Litton Industries of Maryland as a market consultant.

He was a member of the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church at Kill Devil Hills.

He was a member of the National Aviation Club of Washington. He had also served three years in the U. S. Coast Guard.

He was the son of Raymond Luther and Mrs. Violet Vincent Parent, and the husband of Mrs. Gloria Hayman Parent.

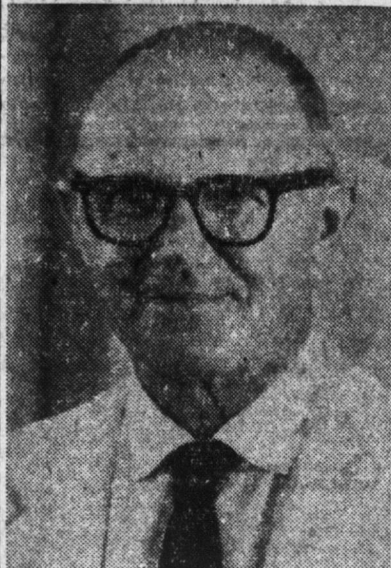
Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Christopher and Raymond Parent Jr. both of Nags Head; two daughters, Gloria Linda Parent and Deborah Ann Marie Parent, both of Nags Head; three sisters, Mrs. Albert Stahl of North Tonawanda, N. Y., Mrs. Lee Wittman of Oreland Pa. and Mrs. John Cody of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Funeral services were conducted at the Holy Redeemer Church, Kill Devil Hills, Monday at 10 a.m. by the Rev. Father Peter M. Denges. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at Manteo.

At the funeral services Monday at 10 a. m., Rev. Father. Peter M. Denges conducted the funeral at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Kill Devil Hills. Active pallbearers were William Tarkington, Claude Hayden, Robert Sellers, Alfred Shapero, Frank D. Tyler Jr., Jack McKenna. Honorary pall bearers were Russell Lynch and George Linder of College Park, Md; Donald Rosenfield and James Downing of Buffalo, and Phillip David, and Joseph Nunari of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Other out of town persons at the funeral were: the Parents, Mrs. Nunari, North Tonawanda, N. Y., Mrs. Walter and Elaine Ryan of College Park, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Geo McNabb, Mrs. Frank Hardt Jr. of Portsmouth, Va., Rear Admiral and Mrs. Harold Wright and Mrs. Bertram Eason of Norfolk; D. V. Clayton, Mrs. Ethel Eubanks, Williamston; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Edwards of Newport News; Mrs. Luriana Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. John Herbert, Mrs. Warner Minor of Rodanthe; Mrs. Claude Haydn of Springfield, Va.

## MOUNTAIN MAN HEADS STATES ABC BOARDS



CURTIS M. EARGLE of Tryon, Polk County is President of the N. C. Association of ABC Boards which opened its annual convention Wednesday for three days at the Carolinian Hotel at Nags Head this week. Mr. Eargle is Chairman of the ABC Board in his home town, serving since 1953, his present term expiring in December 1960. He is an ice manufacturer, member of the Tryon Rotary Club, Tryon Riding and Hunt Club, and member of the Harmon Field Commission which has to do with major athletic and recreation activities for the county of Polk and the surrounding area. An ex-school teacher and football coach for 15 years, he has also served on the Tryon City Council. He and his wife Sara have two sons and one daughter.

## ABC BOARDS IN ANNUAL SESSION AT NAGS HEAD

### Some 300 Guests Enjoying Fourth Annual Visit to Dare Coast

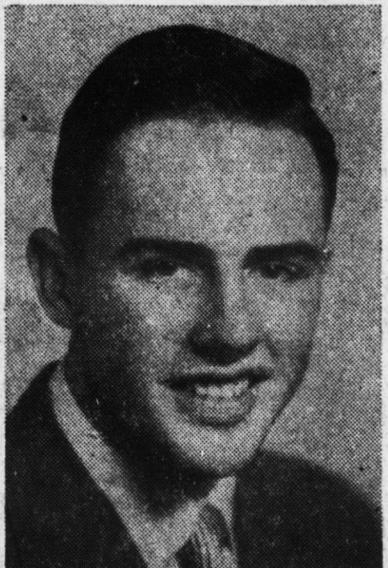
The annual convention of the State ABC Boards opened in Nags Head Thursday morning at 9:30 with President Curt Eargles of Tryon presiding. The invocation was by E. McD. Miller of Durham, the welcome address by Victor Meekins of Manteo, and the principal address by W. S. Hunt, Chairman of the N. C. Board.

The convention, which will conclude Friday evening with banquet and a dance at the Carolinian, the headquarters for some 300 visitors, has a long program. The Friday evening dinner will feature Sam Bundy, Farmville humorist. Tours for the ladies, social hours, and relaxation periods are included.

W. S. Hunt, formerly Captain in the Highway Patrol is well remembered in Dare County when he was here through the early years of the Lost Colony.

The Thursday morning session also heard addresses by Warren See ABC, Page Twelve

## LEIGH HASSELL, JR. RECEIVES HIS MASTERS

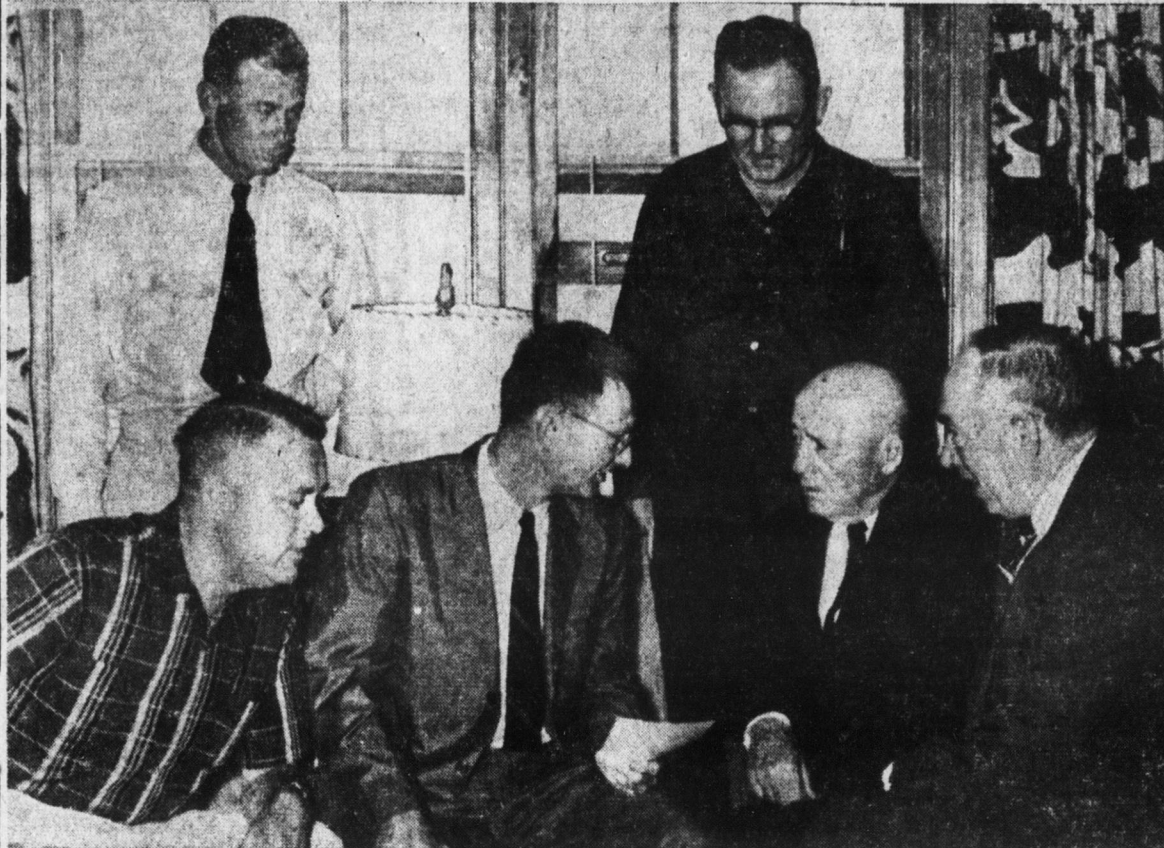


LEIGH HASSELL, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hassell of Manteo, was on June 13 awarded the Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia. He was one of 25 employees of the Martin Company in Baltimore to receive a masters' degree from the Institute. Mr. Hassell is a graduate of N. C. State College, Raleigh, and has worked for Martin since graduating there, and he and Mrs. Hassell make their home in Baltimore.

Mrs. Hassell, the former Janice Olson, recently sang the role of Lia in the opera, "L'Enfant Prodiges" given May 24 at Hood College in Frederick, Md. She had previously won a four-year scholarship to the Institute of Vocal Art in Philadelphia, and received a degree in music. She is also a graduate of the University of Delaware, and is now studying at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore as a pupil of Joseph Laderoute, and has sung in operatic concerts and church recitals in New Jersey, Delaware, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Hassell was Miss Delaware in the 1956 Miss America pageant, and was one of the Cherry Blossom princesses at the annual festival in Washington.

## DARE COUNTY MEN TELL OF OREGON INLET'S NEEDS



THE STORY of the need for stabilization of Oregon Inlet went to the top in Congress Sunday when Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr. of Manteo, Chairman of the Dare County Waterways Improvement Committee explained the situation and presented his plea for help to Hon. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Congressman Herbert Bonner. The two legislators were stopping at the Carolinian Hotel while on a two-day fishing trip, accompanied also by Congressman Mike Kerwin of Ohio, all regular annual visitors to the Dare coast. They had good luck, caught upward of 200 blues; fished at Oregon Inlet with Balfour Baum on Friday, and with John Wood of Princess Anne on Saturday, returning to Washington Sunday afternoon. Shown in the picture are Rep. Wayland Sermons of Beaufort County; Dr. Harvey, Speaker Rayburn and Mr. Bonner; Standing are Shelton O'Neal of Kill Devil Hill Coast Guard station, and Victor Meekins, Chairman of the Dare County Board. Photo by Aycock Brown.

## GOV. HODGES AND COL. ROWLAND ON COAST THIS WEEK

### Long Barrier Banks Studied Preparatory to Spending \$600,000 For Rehabilitation

BUXTON—With \$600,000 of shiny new appropriation money at his command Governor Luther Hodges, with Col. Henry C. Rowland, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers as his guest, flew down the coast of North Carolina Saturday afternoon to take a new look at where and how the beach erosion money is going to be used.

Before they landed at Buxton for a week end's ground examination the Governor and Colonel Rowland circled the Oregon Inlet area for nearly an hour in an aerial survey of what will need to be done there before construction of the Inlet bridge gets under way. There were flying in a National Guard L-type aircraft, its engine throttled back to give them a good look at the ground and water.

Although the Governor's fishing friend Charlie Johnson arrived about the same time in what is described as the finest cruiser ever to dock at Hatteras, there was no fishing on this trip. Sunday morning Mr. Hodges, accompanied by Mr. Johnson and Colonel Rowland, explored the possibilities of an adequate aircraft landing strip somewhere in the Island. On both his recent visits Governor Hodges has been landed on the Island highway's straightway stretch above Buxton.

From the air Colonel Rowland was able to point out to the Governor See VISIT, Page Six

## ACKNOWLEDGED LEADER OF THE LEGISLATURE



HON. LINDSAY WARREN, Senator from the Second District in the N. C. Assembly may well be considered the top man in popularity and leadership in both houses. His long and varied experience in public life, state and nation, gave him added prestige, in this year's session. Last week, all seven representatives of his district, and the other Senator, Elbert Peel Jr., gave him a remarkable testimonial—they urged him to be candidate for the 1961 Senate session, and this means the likelihood of no opposition.

The resolution was signed by Rep. R. Bruce Etheridge of Dare, Dick O'Neal of Hyde, Charles Cochran of Tyrrell, Wayland Sermons of Beaufort, Dr. J. M. Phelps of Washington, Ned Delamar of Pamlico, Frank Everett of Martin and Senator Peel. The group feels much admiration and appreciation for Senator Warren because of his assistance in organizing and conducting the appearances before the Highway officials when they united in behalf of eastern bridge projects. Warren was chosen spokesman for the delegation. His masterful presentation of the need won support for the project.

The resolution by his colleagues, in appreciation of his services, and signed by the above named men, reads as follows:

"Dear Lindsay: "This session of the General Assembly is nearing its close. Before leaving Raleigh, we, the seven Representatives from the counties in the Second Senatorial District wish to let you know what a genuine pleasure it has been to be associated in legislative work with you. "Your long-time experience in public life, your interest not only in the welfare and progress of your own district but in that of the entire state, your recognized leadership and sound and constructive thinking—all these have contributed to outstanding service which has won general approbation. "Within a few days all of us will be leaving for our respective homes. Before doing so, we would like to obtain from you the assurance that you will again consent to represent our district in the Senate during the 1961 session. We know that such a decision on See WARREN, Page Twelve

## POSTOFFICE SOON TO CHANGE HANDS AT EAST LAKE

Mrs. Emily Shannon Smith, retires as postmaster at East Lake, effective May 31st 1959. She has served under three commissions as a District postmaster.

The first commission was issued by postmaster general Hubert Work on October 13th 1922. Mrs. Smith considers the 13th her Lucky Day, since she has now served 31½ years, and has received Honorary Recognition from the postmaster general for work well done.

During this time she has given almost 24 hour service since her patrons felt free to call on her for money orders, or stamps, or perhaps to write a letter for them. Whenever it was most convenient for them to call.

Early this spring a lady came from Washington N. C. to visit her sister over the week end. She had planned to get money orders, along the way for payments that should be in the mail before Monday. She stopped at several post offices en route way to find that they were closed. Arriving at East Lake, she found that the East Lake Post Office was still open for business, and although it was 9:30 p. m. she got her money orders, and her letters were ready for the first out going mail.

Mrs. Smith says, someone came to the door at 4:00 a. m. several years ago. It was the first morning of the goose hunting season. Her husband opened the door, to find that it was stranger, wanting to buy a migratory bird stamp, in order to be on hand, in Hyde, for the first day of the season.

The postal service is a tradition with her family. Her father used to bring the mail to East Lake in the early 1880's. A ball boat—"The Lou Willis", and later the "Wave". Mail came once or twice a week then, and landed at The Twiford Neighborhood. None of the present inhabitants of East Lake can remember when there was a mail landing at the Twiford Neighborhood.

Several decades later, her two oldest brothers were carrying the mail from Manteo to East Lake, daily, after the gasoline engines became in general use.

Today her youngest brother, Ben Shannon, is Postmaster at Manteo. Mrs. Smith retires with the satisfaction of knowing that her patrons were pleased with the service she gave them.

As some expressed it, they may have a postmaster, to give as good service, but none will ever give any better service than she has.

## NAVY TO OPEN HOUSING UNITS WEDNES. JUNE 24

Next week, Wednesday, June 24 will be a big day at Cape Hatteras when the Naval Facility will hold the ribbon cutting at the official opening of the 27 units of public quarters, (Capehart Housing) for personnel of this station.

Lt. Commander J. F. Toner has advised that the ceremonies will be held at 2 p.m. Many officials, county and state have been invited to attend.

## DARE COUNTY DAY PROGRAM JUNE 27 AT THE LOST COLONY

### Some Who Took Part in the Silent Movie of 1921 Expected to Be Present

The Dare County Day program, designed as the launching event prior to the opening performance of The Lost Colony's 19th season on Saturday, June 27, is now shaping up, well it was stated here today by Jim Rea, county wide chairman of the event sponsored by Friends of The Lost Colony.

Through the cooperation of restaurants, hotels, motels and other vacation enterprises on the Dare Beaches, Point Harbor, and Roanoke Island a big free picnic will be provided for all out of county guests attending the show. "We have urged local and beach residents who are making their homes 'the year around in Dare to bring their own picnic lunch or summer," said Mr. Rea.

Beginning at four o'clock in the afternoon a full four hours of pre-performance entertainment is planned as a feature of Dare County Day.

First will be a parade of colorful boats passing in review on Roanoke Sound giving spectators close up views. Followed by a Water-Ski show sponsored by members of the Dare Power Boat Association.

Between five and six o'clock from the great stage of Waterside Theatre with Laverne Watson as master of ceremonies, members of the cast of the original pageant commemorating the "Lost Colony" will appear in costume to be interviewed. A still movie, by the State Department of Education, now called the original pageant was held in 1921. When interviewed, 1921 cast members including R. Bruce Etheridge, as Sir Walter Raleigh, Mrs. Mabel Evans Jones as Eleanor Dare, Ralph Pool, Norfolk newsmen as Ananias Dare, Victor Meekins as a colonist, Ernest Meekins, Leo Midgett, Mrs. Mabel Meekins of Avon, Mrs. Roxie Atkinson, Worden Dough, and many others who will return to the site of those happenings, 38 years later, to tell, about the first pageant.

Other pre-performance events on June 27 will include the Portsmouth Boys Scout troop presenting authentic Indian dances. This troupe won in national competition. After awards have been made in a model contest, a climax to the pre-performance program will be a spectacular display of fireworks. The fireworks will be presented immediately before the show starts at 8:15 o'clock.

## THEO. S. MEEKINS, JR. DIES IN WASHINGTON

Theodore S. Meekins Jr., 50, husband of Mrs. Goldie Meekins, a motel operator here died Thursday night June 11, in a Washington D. C. hospital after a short illness.

Born in Dare County, he had lived in Manteo all of his life. He was the son of the late Theodore S. and Rosa M. Meekins Sr.

Besides his wife, surviving are one sister, Mrs. Alma M. Reich of Norfolk, Va., and two brothers, Ernest E. Meekins of Manteo and Percy Meekins of Washington D. C.

Funeral services were conducted at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church here Saturday at 3 p.m. Burial in the Manteo cemetery.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Mt. Olivet Methodist Church by the Rev. Wilford Wise, pastor of the Middleburg Methodist Church.

"The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "Crossing The Bar" were sung by Mrs. Beatrice Brickhouse, Mrs. Bertie Ward, Lawrence Swain and Johnnie Long. Mrs. Raymond Westcott accompanied at the organ.

The casket was covered with a pall made of white caranations, aster lilies and fern.

Active pallbearers were Ted Scoggins, Leigh Hassell, McCoy Tillet, Glenn G. Bonner, Ralph Davis and Keith Fearing Jr.

Burial followed in the Manteo Cemetery.

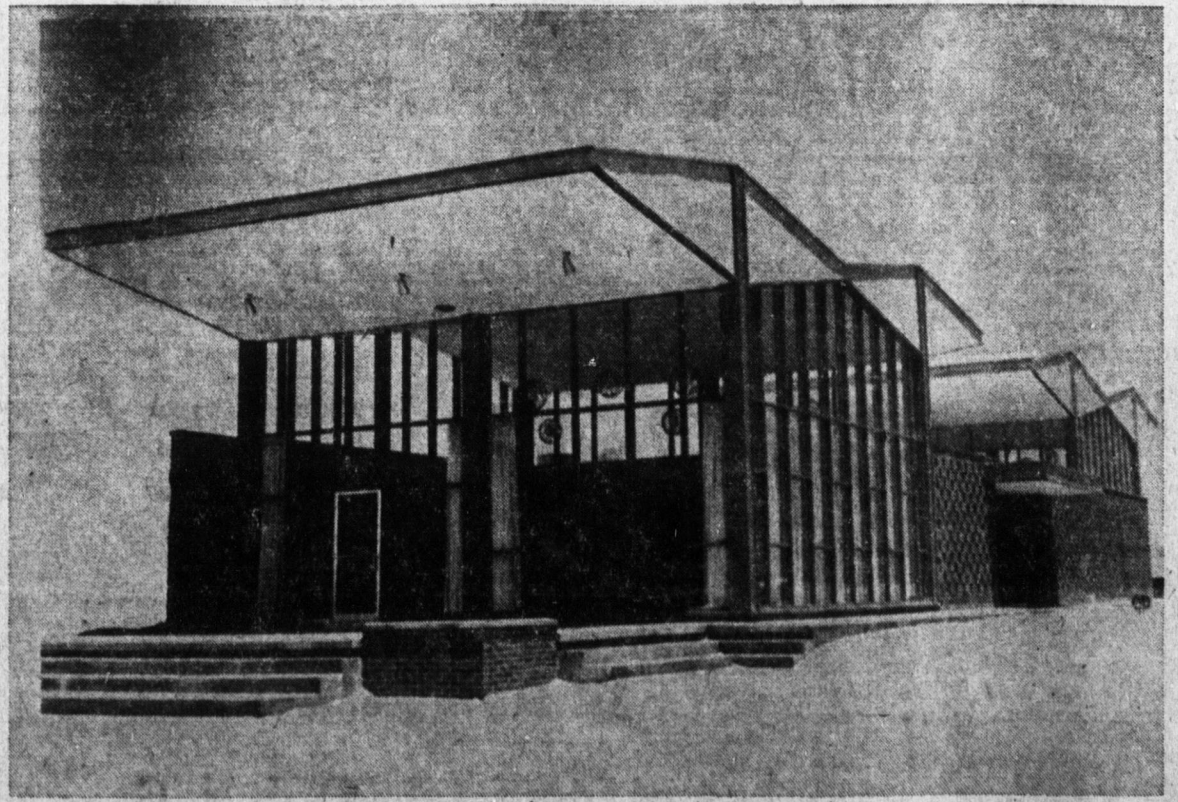
## BIDS TO OPEN TODAY ON OREGON INLET JOB

Bids are to be opened at 2:30, Friday, the 19th in Wilmington for the dredging of a 12-foot channel between Oregon Inlet and Manteo and into Mill Landing at Wanchese.

The Engineer Corps in Wilmington had to throw out the first bids offered early in June because the low bidder could not meet the terms stipulated.

Work on the job should begin in July.

## DAREOLINA RESTAURANT FORMALLY OPEN AT NAGS HEAD TODAY



THE DAREOLINA, the impressive structure completed recently following several months of hard work on the part of the builders. The formal opening of this restaurant which is located at the south end of Nags Head will be today, Friday the 19th, officially launching the firm's season. Archie Burrus and Ward Daniels will be hosts along with Artis L. Crank of Wanchese to the gathering. On Sunday they will again welcome visitors, at Open House from 2 to 4 p.m. Today's edition presents many of the firms and individuals who have played a part in the building and furnishing.