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## HIGHWAY OFFICIALS GIVEN APPRECIATIVE RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY

Warren Scores Critics of Bridge Projects in Eastern Part of State; Said Charges Made Against Commission Completely Untrue. Two Day Meeting Held by Board Member and Engineers.

State Sen. Lindsay Warren took two of his fellow legislators to task Wednesday for criticizing the State Highway Commission's recent decision to build three multi-million dollar bridges in eastern North Carolina.

Warren spoke as the Highway Commission assembled in Washington, N. C., to hear citizens of this coastal section tell of their road needs and also to hold its monthly business meeting.

Warren leveled his sights at State Sen. John R. Jordan Jr., of Wake and Rep. Walter Jones of Pitt.

Jordan has been highly critical of the Highway Commission in two recent speeches. In the first one he pointed to what he called the "political timing" of the Highway Commission's announcement that it would build bridges over the Alligator River, Oregon Inlet and the Cape Fear River at Wilmington. "No Truth"

Warren said there was "Not one iota of truth" in Jordan's charge. He added that "It is a reflection on the Highway Commission, on the governor and on a great many distinguished eastern North Carolina public officials and citizens."

Warren said Jordan had charged that bridges were "Politically inspired and a political sloop" for eastern representatives in the General Assembly. However, Jordan said that all he said about them was to point to "the political timing" of the commission's announcement it would build the bridges before next year's political campaigning.

Warren said he thought it was up to him to "Set the record straight" because he led a group of eastern legislators and citizens who appeared before the Highway Commission and called on Gov. Hodges to urge construction of the bridges.

Jones introduced a bill in the recent legislature to reduce the Highway Commission membership from 14 to 7. It was opposed by Hodges administration supporters and was defeated.

Recently Jones told newsmen he felt introduction of his bill had speeded up the Highway Commission's decision to build the bridges.

Warren said Jones had intimated that eastern legislators had been promised the bridges if they would help defeat the reorganization bill. This is the most ridiculous statement I have ever heard a responsible legislator make," Warren declared.

The Highway Commission heard two others praise their decision to build the Alligator River and Oregon Inlet bridges. They were Rep. Herbert C. Bonner and Victor Meekins of Manteo, chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners.

"This will open up the great Seashore National Park to North Carolinians and give us direct contact between the Albemarle and Pamlico areas and the outer banks with a direct highway connection," said Bonner.

Meekins told the commission that the Alligator River and Oregon Inlet bridges "will pay off more than any highway improvement you will build during your administration." He cited the millions of visitors through the years, attracted to the area largely because of the Park and mostly from other states as being huge contributors of gas taxes, and the tremendous boost to the economy of what has formerly been considered an area of "pauper counties," but now being able to stand on their own feet.

Earlier in the day, Meekins appeared on a panel with other newspapermen and highway officials at TV station WTIN, and on inquiring about the status of plans for repairs to the Outer Banks highway, was told that the work is expected to begin shortly, and the delay has been occasioned when held in abeyance pending development of highway legislation and decisions in Washington.

**GARDEN OPEN NEXT WEEK**  
The Elizabethan Garden on Roanoke Island, which was scheduled to have closed next week, will remain open all of next week, and perhaps longer. The hours will be from 10 a. m. until 4:30 p. m.

## A PILLAR AND LANDMARK OF HYDE COUNTY PASSES



DAN L. BERRY, Swan Quarter merchant and funeral director who died suddenly at his desk Wednesday morning.

## DAN BERRY'S LONG CAREER AS A HYDE LEADER IS ENDED

Widely Known Merchant and Funeral Director Dies at His Desk Wednesday

The long career of Dan L. Berry 73, merchant, funeral director, church and civic leader in Swan Quarter came to an end suddenly when he had gone to work. Mr. Berry had walked from his home to his store, in high spirits, Wednesday, had seated himself at his desk, and lighted his pipe preparatory to launching forth into the day's work, when he slumped in his chair and died immediately.

A man of exceptional determination, and devotion to the causes he favored, he had fought his way back to activity, refusing to give up, after several physical seizures, during the past ten years. At times his life had been despaired of when he underwent hospital treatment.

Beside his wife, he is survived by four sisters, Misses Ella and See BERRY, Page Five

## BELHAVEN HIGH OPENED AUG. 27 ENROLLMENT 528

Three New Members of Faculty; Bulldogs Preparing for Big Season

The John A. Wilkinson High School in Belhaven opened on Thursday, August 27, with a total enrollment of 528, and increase of nine students over last year's opening enrollment. Of this number 375 are elementary school students and 153 high school students. Registration was held on Wednesday, and a full schedule began on Thursday.

Three new teachers joined the faculty this year. Mrs. Sally E. Holton, whose home is in Wenona, is teaching the first grade. A native of Pinetops, Mrs. Holton was graduated from East Carolina College in 1949 with a B. S. Degree. She has had seven years experience in first grade work, having taught for five years in Chocowinity and for two years in Tarboro. She is married to Nat Holton, and will commute daily from their home in Wenona.

Mrs. Mary Nicholson Broome is beginning her teaching career with the fourth grade. A native of Kinston, Mrs. Broome was graduated from Duke University in June with an A. B. in primary education. She was married to the Rev. John Broome in July and they are making their home in the Episcopal rectory on East Main Street.

New to the high school faculty is Baxter A. Moose, of Statesville, who replaces William Spears as science teacher. He holds an A. B. degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College, and has had twenty-three years experience in the teaching field. Mr. Moose was an umpire in professional baseball for nine years. His most recent teaching experience was in Ruby. Mr. Moose is unmarried and is making his home in an apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hodges on East Main Street.

Coach Howard Chapin's Bulldogs are getting in good shape for the football season, but a change has been made in the schedule previously announced. The opening game with Fremont, set for September 4, has been canceled, as Fremont has dropped football from school activities this year. An announcement will be made soon concerning the first game; in the meantime, season tickets are on sale and may be purchased from any member of the Boosters' Club.

## MANTEO SCHOOL OPENING READY FOR SEPT. 4TH

Announcement has been made by Principal R. A. White that all students who are assigned to the Manteo School will assemble on Friday, September 4, at 9:00 a. m., for registration. High school pupils will go directly to the high school auditorium, where there will be a short devotional before assignment to rooms and classes is made. After the devotional, there will be an announcement of the enriched curriculum for the year, along with statements concerning school policies and procedures. Since all parents of high school students are vitally concerned with these matters, Mr. White urges that all who can possibly do so attend the opening program. After the assignment of students to home rooms, fees will be collected, and individual schedules will be worked out in order that Tuesday, September 8, may be a full day of work. Mr. White feels that with the offering of a much broader curriculum and with additional extra-curricular activities many students will find courses of interest and great value.

## WILL NOT ABDICATE UNDER HARASSMENT MAYOR COOK SAYS

Kill Devil Hills Head Says Positive Action Will Be His Course

They'll never force me out of office by their campaign of harassment, Mayor R. H. Cook of Kill Devil Hills told this newspaper yesterday. Mayor Cook insists that certain members of his own board are waging a campaign of annoyance to force him to quit.

While difficulties on the town Board have been brewing for some time, the issue of feeding some snakes calculated to catch the pennies of children and tourists in this small city by the sea, brought up in the town meeting at Kill Devil Hills this week, precipitated the latest outbursts in the official family.

Mr. Cook says he has it on good authority, through the well-organized underground he maintains, that Alderman C. A. York, the Mayor pro tem, has declared he is going to harass the Mayor and make his blow his top and himself out of the town picture.

"But I am going to stay in and positive action will be my consistent course all the way through. I've already outlived one member of this new Board," he says. Last month, Alderman Bob Young, himself an appointee replacing one who had resigned, quit also.

Another hustling realtor, W. C. Foreman has been put on the Board in place of Mr. Young.

There be within the boundaries a tourist attraction known as Croatan Village, having among other things some snakes. Alderman York launched this new crisis this week by charging in open board meeting that the Mayor, according to the Indian Village owner, had threatened to put him out of business if he didn't stop feeding live chickens to his snakes. York had it the Mayor used a word of profanity. Policeman Jack Ballance said no profanity; he heard it. Commissioner Ira Partidge echoed York, the complaints having also been made to him, he reported.

"Mr. York isn't going to take over, as it's been reported he is telling, Mr. Cook said. I am tired of too much yackety yack at these meetings when we ought to be conducting the business of the town. If there is any more of it, I am going to swear out a subpoena. I am going to get Mr. Roland, (the snake owner) and Chief Ballance, to make a deposition under oath, and submit it to the Attorney General to verify my position, and I will submit to any decision the Attorney General makes.

Mr. Cook said the controversy about the snakes arose out of his humanitarian heart, following complaints from some of the guests of his motel that it is a cruel and gruesome thing to feed live chickens to snakes, right before young children, as well as grown-ups.

## TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wescott recently enjoyed a trip lasting nearly a week, given them by General Electric for which their firm, the Manteo Furniture Co. are dealers. The flight was made from the Raleigh airport in two planes, carrying some 200 dealers and their wives from Virginia and the Carolinas. They spent several days sightseeing and being otherwise well-entertained in Puerto Rico.

## NEW POSTOFFICE QUARTERS NOW BEING CONSIDERED

Department Contemplates Structure More Than Double Size of Present One

The growth of business at the Manteo post office has caused the department to make plans for a new building, and after considering the present comparatively new structure inadequate for further use, is making overtures to encourage construction of a larger building at some central point downtown.

This, according to notice sent during the month by the Department to Senators Ervin and Jordan. The Department says the present quarters consist of only 1163 square feet of floor space, while a minimum of 2,893 feet is needed. They also say the parking space is only 744 square feet and they need several times this sum.

They desire the building on a corner lot, not less than 60 X 158 feet, or if on an inside lot, not less than 70 X 160 feet.

The present building is owned by C. R. Evans, who was for many years a highly valued postmaster until his retirement for disability some three years ago. He built the building to specifications for the needs of about 18 years ago.

One of the sites under consideration is the old Tranquil House property, which for nearly a half century was operated as a hotel—widely known, and in fact the only one in Manteo.

Change is Opposed  
Representatives of the Post-office Department have obtained a tentative option from the owners, Fearings, Inc., whereby a structure according to P. O. requirements would be built and leased by the department for a period of years. The location is Main and Water Sts.

Opposition developed suddenly with M. L. Daniels, operator of a mercantile business on County Street where the Postoffice is now located, circulating a petition and asking for signers, to appeal to the Government to not make the official change.

A few persons have signed the petition, one of whom has said it was done first without realizing what was being done. Some others refused, saying they would not fight progress in the community. Reports Thursday indicated that a further petition will be circulated with the view of sending an overwhelming list of names to offset Mr. Daniels' petition, and asking the Department to continue with its plans. Some express the belief that the situation may develop into a political fight before it is over.

## BAPTISTS TO HOLD 151ST ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING SEP. 6

Roanoke Island Church Near Manteo Plans Picnic and Several Services

The Roanoke Island Baptist Church which has continued for 151 years, three miles north of Manteo, will hold its annual homecoming with dinner on the grounds on this week end, Sunday, Sept. 6, and a large crowd is expected, to be followed by the dinner. The many returning from other communities. The morning service will be held at 10:30 a. m. and will be held on a twice a month basis by Rev. Caleb Goodwin, formerly of Durham, who also serves the church at Powells Point. He will speak at the morning service. Services are held regularly on the first and third Sundays.

At 2 p. m., the services will be resumed with a special musical program, additional speaking, and recognition of former pastors. All those now living have been invited. Rev. Gilbert Mister of Weeksville, who grew up in the church will be a guest speaker.

The church plans to hold its annual re-union and homecoming every year on the Sunday preceding Labor Day. The public is invited to this and all other services.

## EAST LAKE HOMECOMING OF METHODISTS SEPT. 27

The annual homecoming of the East Lake Methodist church is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 27, according to John A. Twiddy, Sunday School superintendent. Mr. Twiddy says this will observe the 72nd anniversary of the church. Rev. C. R. Olson, pastor, will be the speaker. The public is invited to attend. These annual homecomings usually attract a large crowd, many old residents returning to enjoy the fellowship and the big picnic dinner on the grounds.

## ROANOKE ISLAND MAN GETS \$40 MILLION MINE BECAUSE HE AIDED AN AGED WIDOW

Fantastic Story of Tom Howlett's Fabulous Gift of Mercury Mine in Alaska, From Woman He Provided With a Rocking Chair in California Village After Joining Pentecostal Holiness Faith

## FIRST HOME EC. TEACHER IN MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL



MISS KATHERINE E. BOWMAN, former science teacher at Manteo High School, will teach Home Economics this year.

Miss Bowman has a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics from Russell Sage College in Troy, New York and a Master's Degree from New York University, in New York City. She has taught Vocational Home Economics for several years in New York State, Delaware and North Carolina. In addition to her experience as a teacher, she has worked for B. Altman and Co. of New York City and has been a 4-H Club Agent in Albany, New York. Many of Miss Bowman's summers have been devoted to employment in occupations that grow out of Home Economics training or at summer school increasing her knowledge and skills as a teacher in this field.

## HOME ECONOMICS OFFERED IN MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL

For the first time in the history of Dare County, Vocational Home Economics will be taught in Manteo High School this year.

Home Economics is a series of courses that are offered for all four years of high school. Primarily it is a course elected by girls. In recent years it has become increasingly popular with boys too. It will be offered to the senior boys this year.

"Cooking" and "Sewing" is the usual idea people in general have of this subject. Modern homemaking is much more than this. Home Economics, today, is centered around the family and all the problems that beset it in a "fast changing" world.

Naturally the preparation of meals and the use of modern equipment is included. There are others of equal importance such as: the roles and responsibilities of each member of the family; how to buy all of the products See SCHOOL, Page Eight

## PLANS DEVELOPING FOR OCTOBER SURF TOURNEYS

Plans are now being developed for two Dare Coast-Outer Banks surf fishing classics in October. The first will be the eighth annual Nags Head Surf Fishing Club-sponsored surf tournament. This year the event will be held on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 15-17. At the present time club members are preparing the souvenir program of the Dare Beaches event.

Edgar Hooper and others of the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club are also preparing their souvenir booklet. The inter-club tourney to be sponsored by this group with headquarters at Buxton is scheduled Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 29-31. The Hatteras Island tourney will be the second one held there.

## STANFORD WHITE CHAIRMAN DARE CO. WELFARE BOARD

W. Stanford White of Manns Harbor was recently elected chairman of the Dare County Welfare Board, succeeding Pannel A. Tillett. Mr. White was recently appointed to the welfare board by the Dare County Commissioners, for a three year term.

Other members of the Board are Rany Jennett of Buxton and George A. Daniels of Wanchese.

CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif., August 27—Technical Sergeant Thomas L. Howlett is probably the only multi-millionaire in the United States Air Force. But all of the enticements and possibilities of his newly-found fortune have not affected his determination to complete his Air Force career.

Sergeant Howlett, a crew member on one of the Strategic Air Command's giant B-52 bombers at Castle Air Force Base, California is the heir to what may be the largest mercury mine in the world. And yet, in the face of this mammoth inheritance, he will continue his career as a tail gunner in SAC. His explanation is deceptively simple. "I've been in the service for 10 years, I like to fly and it would be foolish to throw away all the experience I have had and time in grade I have earned."

Tommy Howlett grew up in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. T. Howlett near Manteo, after he was orphaned by the death of his mother, leaving seven small children. His father, Atwell Howlett, now in the printing trade in Norfolk, worked with the Coastland Times as a printer in 1937. After his grandfather's death, the lad removed to Norfolk. A sister, Frances, honor student in the Manteo school married Watson Drinkwater Jr., and now resides in Portsmouth, Va.

Some people might think, and indeed many have told him, that it would be anything but foolish to give up his career for which he is presently making about \$480 a month (including flight pay) and devote his complete attention to turning millions into more millions. With Howlett, however, the decision is based on a conviction that the pursuit of money is definitely not the ultimate goal in life. In his thinking, it doesn't even come close.

This intriguing, sometimes unbelievable story of how Tom Howlett and his young wife, Nova, came into such a vast inheritance gives new credence to the old adage that truth is stranger than fiction.

All events in a person's life appear, in retrospect, to have been a part of whatever is happening at the present, so it is hard to go back to the true beginning of the story. Suffice it to start with Howlett's assignment to Castle as a student in SAC's training school for B-52 and KC-135 crews. This was in January of 1957.

After completing the 11 weeks of training, Howlett was kept at Castle as an instructor in the tail gunner phase of the training program.

## A Religious Man

A deeply religious man, Howlett made a habit of spending some time in the base chapel almost every night of the week. On one occasion he met a member of the Pentecostal church in Merced, California, who was also a frequent visitor to the chapel. In the conversation that ensued between the two, Howlett was invited to attend the services of the Penacostal church.

Howlett had been dissatisfied for some time with his own church and was eager for an opportunity to learn more about other faiths. This decision to visit the Pentecostal church was the real beginning of his fantastic inheritance.

Howlett liked the church, liked the people and the way they worshipped. He began attending the services regularly. It wasn't long before he met Nova Mayberry, the 18-year old daughter of Delhi, California, turkey grower Clyde Mayberry and his wife Maude. On June 11, 1957, Tom and Nova were married in Carson City, Nevada.

For many years Nova and her family had known of Jim and Cora Dinsmore, an old prospector and his wife who had gone to the same church as the Mayberrys. Jim Dinsmore died in 1955 and "Sister" Dinsmore was left a widow and a cripple who seldom moved from her small trailer house in Livingston, California. After their marriage, Tom and Nova moved to Livingston and began spending as much time as possible visiting and doing errands for Mrs. Dinsmore.

Because of a weakened back condition, Sister Dinsmore was confined to a hard chair where she spent both her days and nights. She slept with her head resting in her hands.

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