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## 100-FT. OPENINGS IN DRAWBRIDGE AT ALLIGATOR RIVER

Engineers Give Permit For Structure 14,145 Feet Long; Contract in 1960

WILMINGTON.—The Corps of Engineers' District Office here advises that the State Highway Commission has been issued a permit to build a bridge across the Alligator River east of Columbia.

Plans for the structure say it will be a swing bridge with the opening section resting on a pivot. When open, the bridge will provide a passageway on each side with each being 100 feet wide. A width of only 80 feet is normally required, but in this case it was felt that an extra 20 feet would lessen the chances of barges and tugs damaging the bridge in rough weather which tends to recur in this open-water area.

When the bridge is closed to land traffic it will have a vertical clearance of 15 feet. It will have 567 spans for a total length of 14,145 feet. In fixed, non-opening bridges, the rule is now for an 80-foot vertical clearance. A study is under way now to determine whether or not it should be reduced for bridges, as in this case, on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. A decision on the matter is expected next year.

Contract for this bridge is expected to be let early in 1960 by the State Highway Commission. A similar bridge is to be built across Oregon Inlet, for which contract is expected to be let later in the year.

## MORE THAN 110 ATTEND EASTERN STAR SCHOOL

Distinguished Guests Meet With Visitors At District Meeting Oct. 7

The Belhaven Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star was hostess to the District School of Instruction on Wednesday, October 7, in the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Virginia Allen, Worthy Matron, and the hostess chapter officers were in their stations for the ritualistic opening. On assuming the gavel for the school, Mrs. Helen Bonner, D.D.G.M., and Mr. Julian Vann, D.D.G.P., cordially welcomed the following distinguished guests: Mrs. Mildred B. Fisher, W.G.M.; Dr. John R. Bender, W.G.P.; Dr. J. Frank Duke, G.G.C. committee member; Mrs. Lila R. Duke, P.G.M.; Mrs. Vernon Spivey, P.G.P.; Mrs. Athalia Brown, P.G.M.; Dr. Howard Brown, P.G.P.; Mrs. Ella Mae Stokes, A.G.M.; Mrs. Mary Rhyme, Grand Marshall; Mr. Logan White, Grand Chaplain; Mrs. Ellen Martin, Grand Organist. Others duly recognized were three Grand Representatives, five Grand Committee members, and ten past Matrons and Patrons.

Various portions of the work were exemplified with narration by Mrs. Bonner and comments by the Worthy Grand Matron.

One hundred and ten members and visitors registered for the school.

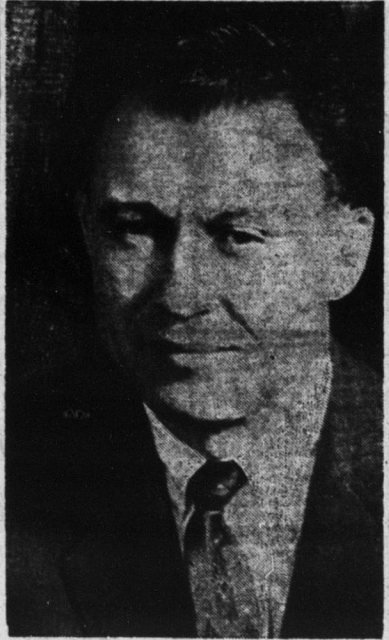
Immediately following the school, seventy-nine of the guests gathered at the River Forest Manor for a buffet supper at tables attractively arranged with pink roses and silver sprays. Dr. Frank Duke acted as M.C. for the occasion. A program was presented by Miss Rosa Gray Hamilton and several of her students from the Pantego High School.

## 134 DARE COUNTY 4-H STUDENTS OFF TODAY TO VISIT N. C. STATE FAIR

By J. L. REA  
A glorious holiday is in prospect for 134 4-H youth of Dare County who today are visiting the North Carolina State Fair. This group will travel on three Trailway buses and leave from Manteo at 5 a.m. Friday morning. The group will leave State Fair after the fireworks. Several adult counselors will go along with us to help the group. We are encouraging each member to carefully look at each exhibit and learn as much as possible while at the Fair.

From Cape Hatteras school 41 went on the trip; Manteo elementary 42 and High School 36; from Kitty Hawk 16.  
County Farm and Home Agents J. L. Rea and Mrs. Beulah Gaylord are accompanying the party. Counselors with the group are Mrs. Joyce Gray and Shelley Frontis of Cape Hatteras School and Mrs. George Frank of Kill Devil Hills. The party will leave late Friday night after the fireworks, and expect to arrive home about 5 a.m. Saturday.

## WILLIAM ERNST TO BE HONORED BY COMMUNITY



WILLIAM ERNST Jr. of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company will be honored at a community dinner here in Manteo on Thursday evening, October 22, at Manteo High School. The cover dish dinner sponsored by the Methodist Church, Manteo Rotary Club and the Manteo School PTA of which Mr. Ernst was president, will start at 7 o'clock.

The dinner is being given in recognition of the various civic activities and church work in which Ernst has taken part since he became manager of the N. C. Woodlands Division of the pulp company's Dare and Tyrrell County properties. He is being transferred to West Virginia's South Carolina woodlands division and is moving there with his family later this month.

Mrs. Mary L. Evans, county school superintendent will be toastmistress at the dinner. Speaking on the program will be W. H. McCown for the Rotary Club, and Mrs. Louise Meekins for the Methodist Church. The Rev. Harold Leatherman, pastor of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church will deliver the invocation and benediction at the dinner. Robert Ballance will speak as representative of the school. See ERNST, Page Five

## SEVERAL SUBMISSIONS; ONE APPEAL TUESDAY BEFORE DARE RECORDER

Only one case was tried in Recorders Court in Dare this week. Edward Lance (Billy) Gray of Avon was held for speeding at 85 mph and for driving left of the center line and fined \$100. He appealed to Superior Court and gave appearance bond of \$200. This was the only case tried, the following were submissions:

Walter B. Gray, Jr. of Nags Head paid \$5 for improper registration. Milburn Dobbs of Buxton for improper parking, no reflectors and improper operator's license paid \$35. Robert B. Patrick of East Lake was fined \$55 for reckless and careless driving, speeding and no operator's license. Lillie Baker Parker of Manteo paid \$25 for reckless and careless driving. Randolph Ross Gray of Avon paid \$25 for allowing a minor to drive his car. Zack Whedbee of Frisco for no operator's license, paid \$25.

D. A. Rogers, Jr. who several weeks ago, ran into the car of Mrs. Violet Kellam, resulting in several people being sent to the hospital, one of whom was seriously injured was permitted to plead guilty of reckless driving and payed a \$25 fine.

## ENGELHARD AND HATTERAS DREDGING WORK TO START

WILMINGTON.—Plans were announced here October 7, the Corps of Engineers for approximately 300,000 cubic yards of maintenance dredging in three waterway projects in the Pamlico-Albemarle Sounds area.

An advance notice issued by Col. R. P. Davidson, District Engineer, says the harbors at Edenton and Engelhard are to be restored to project depth of 12 feet and Rollinson Channel at Hatteras to a depth of six feet.

Bids for the work are scheduled to be opened here November 17 with the dredging to follow 30 days after receipt of the notice to proceed. The successful contractor will have four months to complete the three-way job.

Meanwhile, according to Colonel Davidson, the dredging of the 12-foot channel from Manteo and Wanchese to Oregon Inlet is progressing on schedule. A recent report said this project, involving over 2 million yards, is approximately 35 per cent complete. The dredging of the bar channel at the inlet has been scheduled for the coming spring months.

## MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT SOUGHT IN HYDE COUNTY

Petitions Circulated Asking Entire Boundaries Be Included In Project

Petitions have been prepared and are being circulated, calling on the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to establish a mosquito control district including all of the county, in the interest of public health, and as authorized in Chapter 1247 of the public laws of 1957.

The petitions point out that the way is already set for calling a special election for the purpose. We are advised that the County Board already has set a ten cent on the \$100 levy for this purpose, and it is now advocated that the 25 cents be added to provide the maximum, which is believed to be enough to do a creditable job of wiping out the pests. Apparently there is resistance to the movement, for it is reported that some of the petitions left in the stores, after having been signed, have been destroyed.

## FLOWER SHOW IN SWAN QUARTER TO BE HELD OCT. 23

The flower show in Swan Quarter is planned for October 23 in the Agricultural Building. Just about every woman in the community who is active in other affairs is on the committee, and space limitations in this issue do not permit naming them here. Chairwomen are Mrs. W. S. Cann and Mrs. R. G. Baum.

From preparations that are being made it is apparent that a show is to be expected which is unexcelled in Hyde County. There will be many classifications and full details may be obtained from the chairwomen.

## ODD SAILFISH TAKEN

NAGS HEAD.—The 78th sailfish reported from Dare Coast waters this year was landed Saturday by A. G. Foard of Baltimore. He made the catch while skipping bait from Capt. Omie Tillet's cruiser Jerry Jr. The fish weighed approximately 50 pounds. It was unusual because its back had been broken off but the break was completely healed.

## UNCLE DOCK FROM DUCK WRITES: Says The Time You Give to A Child Can Enable Him to Have A Happy Life

Dear Mr. Editor:  
I just read something in a little pamphlet that makes me want to preach a sermon. I think it is especially timely in this day and time when by example the American people have taught so many of our young folks that proper carriage is accompanied by both hands out, palms upward. This piece I am talking about goes like this:

"I do not want anybody to convince my son that someone will guarantee him a living. I want him rather to realize that there is plenty of opportunity in this country for him to achieve success, but that whether he wins or loses, depends entirely on his own character, perseverance, thrift, intelligence, and capacity for hard work."

Now Mr. Editor, I believe herein lies deliverance from the crux of "juvenile delinquency" which each day pierces the hearts of this nation more deeply. We have failed in our duty to our young people; we are guilty of a mortal sin of omission in this respect. For a third of a century we have been growing progressively more remiss in our responsibility of "training up the child in the way he should go."

While all of us know that happy people are busy people; while we have since learned that only things one earns are appreciated and enjoyed, while all of us have welcomed the apparent freedom that the mechanical monsters of modern science have brought to us to relieve our burdens, we have not remembered to cushion the shocking changes through provision of substitutes for the labor that formerly occupied the mind and time of the growing child.

New we are caught in the tentacles of a giant octopus which is about to drag us down. It is adult people who have permitted the burdens and the horrors of this delinquency to be visited upon us.

All of us now stand under an awful sword which will cut us down if we evade a minute longer the grave responsibility that is ours. It is our duty to give our young

## ROBERT GIBBS APPOINTED SCOUT FINANCE CHM.



ROBERT F. GIBBS of Bodie Island has been named Dare County area finance chairman for the Boy Scouts, McDonald Dixon, the District finance chairman announced Cape Hatteras National Seashore this week. Mr. Gibbs, Supt. of the has been helpful in several civic projects.

Dixon pointed out that Scouting in Dare County had increased from two to nine Scout units, and believes that the drive would stimulate the organization of more Dens and Patrols in the communities of Dare.

Dixon congratulates Mr. Gibbs on his progress in securing top men to put the drive over. Serving as Vice Chairman are Ralph Davis and Julian Oneto. Gibbs appointed the captains as follows—Manteo, Ralph Swain, Lawrence Swain, Martin Kellogg, Jr., Rev. Harold Leatherman, Stanford White—Manna Haror, Willet Tillet and Ernest Walker of Wanchese, Horace Hooper of Stumpy Point, Beach Area, Walter Gray, Nags Head, Clarence Butler and Dave Stick of Kill Devil Hills, Rev. Stanley Snead and Wm. H. Smith for Kitty Hawk. Ernie Fuller appointed as auditor with Aycock Brown as Publicity Chairman.

Mr. Gibbs pointed out that the funds were needed to train volunteer leaders to ensure personal services to existing units and organize units, program development and promotion, to maintain the services of trained professional services furnished by the Tidewater Council, and other provisions.

Mr. Gibbs is a Rotarian, Mason, and married. His son John is a member of Troop 165, sponsored by the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo. His daughter, Patricia Ann is attending Guilford College.

people some of our time while they are little, to find tasks for them to do; to encourage them that a task fulfilled will be rewarded. We must encourage them to know that which they earn is best not wasted.

It's easy to look back on the past and see where we have failed our own children. To see, where in following our various pursuits, we failed in giving them of ourselves in time spent with them. This could have been the most important thing in any person's life. It's often too late for many of us to do good after we have learned this lesson and we look around to find our children have gone away from us.

Before it is too late, let us make amends as best we may. Let us give some of our time to our grandchildren, that they may share instead in some of the blessings their parents may fail to bring to them. If you have been guilty of the sin of omission with your own children, then try to make up for it by helping your grandchildren.

Let me tell you, friends, it's not merely money that makes a child happy and helps him to grow up into a well-balanced person. It is the time you spend with the child. You can be the best teacher in the world if you let the little fellow trudge through the fields beside you, and aid him to understand the habits of the birds and the animals that were our own childhood friends. Teach him to observe how the clouds drift across the sky, and point out to him the miracle of the waters moving under the winds. Get him into a boat and help him to learn the mechanics of working with the tide and winds and thereby help him to become quick-witted and resourceful.

Let him imagine he is having a man's part in everything that you are doing together. When he is saturated with a sense of his worth and importance; when he has learned that Nature is one's best friend, and can only be a friend when worked with and not against; when he has seen that Nature is

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## FISHING TURNAMENT BADLY HAMPERED BY WINDS AND RAIN

Another Big Event Coming Off at Hatteras October 29-31; Much Interest

Only 29 teams had arrived at Nags Head for the ninth annual surf fishing tournament which got underway during a rugged northeaster Thursday morning. Weather condition was believed to be partly the cause for late arrival of several teams.

On Thursday morning the sea was rough and only a few fish were taken by those participating in the Nags Head Surf Fishing Club-sponsored classic.

The current tournament is the first of two to be held on the Dare Coast this month. On October 29-31, the second annual Cape Hatteras Anglers Club-sponsored tournament will be held on Hatteras Island. Last year 22 teams participated in the Hatteras Island tourney and 40 teams took part in the Nags Head classic.

Winners of the Nags Head tournament last year, the Merchantsville, N. J., Fishing Club's team is in the competition again this year. Most of the teams taking part in the tournament are from New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

There are four teams from North Carolina—two from Elizabeth City, one from Rocky Mount and one from Hatteras Island.

Willard Shaner of Margate City, N. J., is directing the tournament again this year.

A batch of handsome trophies will be awarded winning teams and individuals.

Team competition ends Friday See TOURNEY, Page Four

## FIRE COMPANY FOR HATTERAS PROGRAM OF MEETING OCT. 26

Nearly \$2,000 Has Been Collected to Buy Equipment; Fire Marshall To Visit

What is described in a communication to us this week as "a fever of epidemic proportions," that won't burn out until it reaches Portsmouth Island, is a movement in the community of Hatteras to raise funds by public subscription to buy fire fighting equipment. A meeting has been planned for October 26th, at which time Sherman Pickard, State Fire Marshal is expected to be present to advise the community what is needed to establish a Fire Department.

But the advocates of the cause are letting no grass grow and have already raised in cash paid in \$1,911. "The goal is as much as we can get," our correspondent says. Non resident property owners have been contacted. Roy Gray is treasurer.

Fire Chief Warren of Plymouth is to be a guest at the meeting on November 26, to guide them in buying proper equipment. Patrolman Skiles is assisting in the cause. Anderson and Stockton Middgett have offered garage storage facilities to house equipment. The fund raising campaign promises to be a success, we are advised.

The fever began immediately following the loss by fire of the home of Ross Burrus some three weeks ago.

## SCHOOL BOND ISSUE IS BACKED IN BELHAVEN

Chamber of Commerce Supporting Proposed Program for Beaufort Co. School Betterment

Members of the Board of Directors of the Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously at a meeting last week to support the Beaufort County school bond issue to be voted on October 27. Dr. J. T. Wright, president, presided at the meeting held at the River Forest Manor.

J. H. Purvis, executive secretary, reported that the total amount of money necessary to erect large signs directing traffic to Belhaven from both directions on Highway 264 had been raised and that work had been started on the signs.

Dr. Wright appointed Delma Tolan, H. L. Dilday, and J. H. Purvis, to serve with him on a committee to talk with W. W. Bullock, manager of Woodstock Electric Corporation, about recent reports that Woodstock plans to move from Belhaven to another location. The committee will offer the manager any assistance necessary to keep the company in Belhaven.

Board members present were Delma Tolan, J. H. Purvis, Russell Johnston, Vann Latham, Ed Harris, Roy Smith, A. B. Cuthrell, Otis Johnston, H. L. Dilday, D. A. Rouse, and Axson Smith.

## PROMOTED AND PLANNING TO RESIDE IN OHIO



NORMAN P. WAGNER, husband of the former Gwendolyn Marshall of Engelhard, has been appointed manager of the Alliance, Ohio Works of The Babcock & Wilcox Company's Boiler division.

Educated in the Newark, New Jersey Public Schools, Mr. Wagner served four years in the Air Force and received his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Clemson College in 1949. He joined Babcock & Wilcox in 1951 as a service engineer and has steadily worked his way upward in various capacities of responsibility.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Marshall of Engelhard, and their children Norman Jr., Julius Neil, and Carol Jean, will move to Alliance in the near future.

## TOWN OF MANTEO IN GOOD CONDITION LATE AUDIT SHOWS

The recent annual audit of the affairs of the town of Manteo shows continued improvement in its fiscal condition, and were reported in excellent condition, despite several thousand dollars in unpaid street assessments and delinquent taxes.

In commenting, the auditor said: "we wish to commend the town clerk, (Mrs. Juanita Parker) for her accuracy and neatness in her work, and the Mayor, Commissioners and other Town Officials on the efficient administration of their duties." The report shows the town operated within its budget, by \$4,679.09.

The report shows that there are 13 street assessments past due for many years in the total amount of \$2,439.16. Other amounts due the town as of June 30 and uncollected were: Water and sewer, \$1,752.93; Fire protection fund, \$2,622.81; Land certificates (old taxes) \$2,654.32. Other taxes due, \$9,318.07. The total owing the town was \$18,787.29.

Cash on deposit in the Bank of Manteo was shown at \$25,568.44. Reserves \$21,729.76. The town's worth in utilities and other property was set at \$208,308.26 less its obligations of \$520.69, and less its water and sewer bonds of \$21,000 outstanding.

The money in the bank came from the following sources: General fund taxes, \$8,110.74; Debt service taxes, \$2,899.88; water and sewer rent, \$4,017.99; Roanoke Island fire taxes, \$2,483.89; Funds from State for street improvement, \$7,580.10; capital fund \$475.95.

Proposed improvements from State money on hand and anticipated, to Broad and Water streets were estimated at \$11,990.00. A part of this work has recently been undertaken.

The auditor recommended the town obtain Workmen's compensation insurance coverage.

## CURRITUCK'S PATRIARCH IS NOW 91 YEARS OLD

Hon. E. R. Johnson of Currituck who is also famed for his unique collection of antiques sold in his two stores at the courthouse, long known as a political leader of his county and district, celebrated his 91st birthday on September 10th. He continues to operate his car, drives to and from his home in Moyock daily, and often drives into Norfolk weekly on business. Mr. Johnson has served many terms in the House of Representatives, has also been a State Senator from his district, and has served in several county and state capacities.

## WILDLIFE SHOW UP

NAGS HEAD.—Canadian wild geese, and various species of ducks are arriving on the Dare Coast. The largest concentration noted so far this Autumn have been on the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge south of Oregon Inlet.

## DR. JAMES BARDIN A DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR PASSES

Virginia University Professor Had Adopted Manteo As Retirement Home

Dr. James Cook Bardin, 72, a valued and beloved citizen of Manteo died in the Veterans Hospital in Salisbury, on the evening of October 13 after an illness of a year. He has been a resident of Manteo since his retirement from the faculty of the University of Virginia in 1954.

The body was removed to Twiford Funeral Home. Graveside services will be conducted at the family plot in the Manteo Cemetery Saturday at 11 a.m.

Dr. Bardin was born at Augusta, Ga. Sept. 25, 1887, son of Henry Clay and Mary Ellen Cook Bardin. He is survived by his wife, Sally Nelson Bardin whom he married in 1915, and by one son, Capt. James Nelson Bardin, U.S.M.C. of California. His wife, son, and several grand-children survive.

He was professor of the department of Romance Languages of the University of Virginia for 44 years. In 1909 he graduated in medicine from the University of Virginia. His medical career was brief, and he preferred teaching at the University. In 1919 he entered the Army and advanced to rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and held this rank in the Air Corps Reserve as well.

He was a noble, gentle, scholarly figure who loved Dare County, chose it for his retirement home and was beloved of the people. One of his chief interests here was the Wright Memorial. He had distinguished himself, particularly in the field of Spanish language, literature and history. He held membership in the American Association of Teachers Spanish; the A.A.A.S.; the American Geographic Society; the Raven Society; Mexico Pilgrims; Phi Beta Kappa; Theta Delta Chi; the Colonnade Club. He was a writer and the author of articles on Maya Civilizations; Latin America; editor Leyendas Historicas Mejicanas 1917 and El Rino De Los Incas, 1918.

He had contributed prose and poetry, scientific articles, fiction, newspaper reviews, etc., to numerous nationally circulated publications, including magazines as well as newspapers. In college, back in 1908-09 he had been editor-in-chief of the University Magazine. He was the only contributor who won all three of the gold medals offered by the magazine for poetry, stories and essays. On his retirement he was guest of honor at an elaborate reception and dinner at Charlottesville. During his stay in Manteo he continued his work on linguistics and on Spanish and Latin-American topics.

## CANCER DRIVE GETTING UNDERWAY IN DARE CO.

Additional Workers Reported and Campaign Just Beginning to Raise \$1,800 Quota

Progress reports of the Cancer Crusade are beginning to arrive. Nine volunteers have reported \$175 collected. Community workers in addition to those mentioned in last week's paper are: Elmo Whitson, Duck; Mrs. Blanche Thompson, Southern Shores; Mrs. Dalton Beasley, Kitty Hawk; Mrs. Millie Middgett, Mashoes; Mrs. Ida Meekins, Colington; Mrs. Eddie Reber and Mrs. Millicent Mann, Nags Head; Kay Twiford, Linda Barbee, Carolyn Knight, Stumpy Point. The total number of workers throughout the county is sixty. This number may seem large with too many people for small areas, but general Crusade chairman Mrs. Raymond Westcott wanted the responsibility shared by as many as possible with no few persons being burdened. It is the hope of all those connected with the Cancer Society that information will be spread and action by the people will be the result of the Crusade. According to current data one out of every three families will have cancer. A successful Crusade will help to cut this ratio for Dare County. A poster displayed at the Memorial Clinic in Manteo will show the amount of money reported.

Since Dare did not fulfill its \$900 quota last year, it will be necessary to raise \$1,800 for this worthy cause. Dare has a lot of Cancer patients and from this money raised for the National fund, large sums of it comes back to aid needy cases, sometimes more than is actually donated by an area.

One of the first gifts was free-will offering from the Manteo Rotary Club Monday night.