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## LOVING'S \$2,848,758 BID FOR LINDSAY WARREN BRIDGE ON ALLIGATOR RIVER LOW

Nearly Half-Million Saving Under Estimates of Engineers Tuesday as 14 Compete for Big Project to Connect Dare and Tyrrell; Loving Built Croatan Sound Bridge; To Be Named For Former Congressman and State Senator.

The bid of T. A. Loving Co., of Goldsboro Tuesday of \$2,848,758 for the building of the bridge over Alligator River, was the lowest received by the State Highway Commission. The Loving Company built the Croatan Sound bridge, completed in 1955. The new bridge, on which work will begin soon, will connect Dare and Tyrrell Counties and has been officially named the Lindsay Warren bridge, honoring a present State Senator, former Congressman and Comptroller General.

Some 15 contractors, including out of state firms bid on the job, the low figure being \$410,000 under estimates of engineers. The low bid of \$130,389 for the approach on the Dare County side was submitted by Hodges Dredging Corp., of New Bern. Entry to this road will be some 1,800 feet north from East Lake postoffice. The bridge will be three miles long, and its Tyrrell end will be 100 feet west of the Sandy Point ferry landing.

The project was announced in April and is the culmination of 25 years of effort on the part of hundreds of people in Eastern North Carolina. Mr. Warren has long been a strong advocate for a toll-free bridge at this point, and he led a united delegation of legislators this year in its behalf. By popular request, the Highway Commission BRIDGE, Page Four

## COUNTY BOARD AUTHORIZES REPAIRS TO COURTHOUSE

Petition Asks for Establishment of Hospital Voting District on Hatteras Island; Boat and Drainage Ditch Problems Up

What started off as a \$24 damage to the roof of the courthouse in a hurricane three years ago, but which was neglected, wound up this week in the Board of Commissioners having to let a \$1,222-30 job of rebuilding one side of the roof, to R. O. Ballance, the low bidder. Next low bid was \$1,500. It was also noted that the new jail has a leaky roof, which was never repaired. This is in line with neglect generally accorded county property, as witness the flooding of the auditorium of the Manteo High school on the week end with much damage to floors.

A petition was presented the County Board, signed by 315 citizens of Hatteras Island, asking the entire area be set up as a hospital district, preparatory to voting a bond issue for the erection of a health center at Buxton to replace the present building, the former Navy station. This petition is being forwarded to the Medical Care Commission in Raleigh.

The Board heard a request from the Rodanthe area that the old community drainage ditch be reopened, a project which will cost \$600 to \$800, and that it be included in mosquito drainage program. It will be brought up at the March meeting.

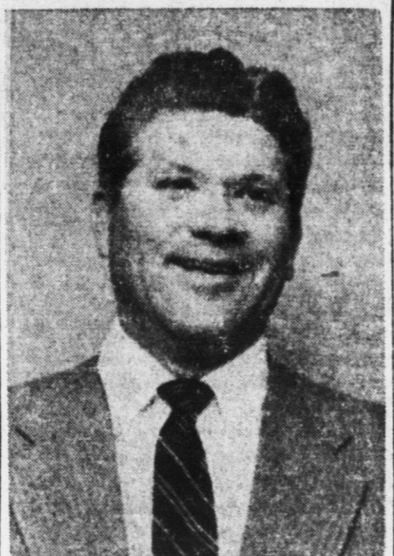
Wallace R. Gray, attorney, brought a petition signed by 121 Manns Harbor citizens, seeking the help of the Board in establishing certain rights in the Manns Harbor canal built by the county some 35 years ago, and maintained by county funds from time to time. This matter was referred to a committee for investigation.

Matters discussed by the Board but which were not brought to formal action was a favorable opinion on behalf of better conservation and protection of public oyster grounds; the instruction to the County Attorney to start foreclosure proceedings against property owners to force them to pay delinquent taxes, and the amount of the fee to be paid the attorney.

## CAMPAIGN AGAINST RIFLES BEGUN IN BELHAVEN

Great damage and danger from air rifles and other types of Juvenile weapons has resulted in a rash of complaints to the Belhaven town Board and the Board is appealing to the citizens to cooperate in controlling the carelessness of youthful people with rifles and unless held in check, more tragedy will result. The situation is more or less the same in all communities, and Christmas gift guns have had a lot to do with it during January.

## KITTY HAWK MAN RETIRES SETTLES DOWN AT HOME



THOMAS M. DOWDY, at the age of 42 has settled down at home after retirement from the U. S. Coast Guard where he had a varied and interesting career. He was born at Kitty Hawk, the son of Capt. Ivey Dowdy and the late Elinora Dowdy. He graduated from his home high school, where he was captain of the basketball team. He did some boxing in his last year in high school, and in the Coast Guard, where he enlisted Sept. 8, 1939. After nearly two years he was rated chief machinist mate, and for ten years served on sea-going ships, and in World War II served on convoy ships from Norfolk to North Africa.

His seagoing duty included service on the Cutter Mendota, and other cutters, including ice-patrol and weather cutters. In 1941 he graduated from diesel and engine school; went to Washington, D. C. in 1947 and graduated as a criminal investigator. In 1950 he went to Jekyll Island, Ga., and attended the Treasury Department investigation and law school and graduated as a criminal investigator and law enforcement officer in which capacities he served for eight years. During his last year in service he was on the Nantucket Lightship, Boston, Mass.

Since his retirement in November last he has maintained his usual busy pace, being employed with the Hunt Construction Co., at Kill Devil Hills, and selling automobiles during his spare time. He is a member of Fort Raleigh American Legion post, No. 26, Manteo.

## HIGH SEAS UNDERMINE KITTY HAWK COTTAGE

Trawler Grounded in Oregon Inlet Shallows But Saved Without Great Damage Tuesday

A Kitty Hawk beachside cottage owned by Robert Graham of Hampton, Va., was believed to be damaged beyond repair as a result of high seas and winds of the week end northeaster. One resident of the area where the damage occurred estimated Graham's loss to the house, its furniture and the seawall was approximately \$15,000.

Two other cottages in the immediate vicinity were also damaged by the tides, seas and wind. One of these cottages was owned by Gus Pappas of Ahoskie, the other by Edwin Pearce, Edenton and Kenneth Morton, Hertford.

Some of the low-lying highways between Kitty Hawk and Hatteras were covered by tides during the storm. In some sections blowing sands covered sections of the roads.

Only maritime disaster reported during the northeaster was the grounding of the trawler Nancy Jean owned by W. Harvey Cox and Gordon Meekins of Engelhardt. The vessel went ashore on a shoal inside the inlet on Sunday. Capt. Meekins, one of the owners and a two man crew were aboard at the time. Oregon Inlet Coast Guard and other trawlers in the area were successful in refloating the 70 foot Nancy Jean on Tuesday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock.

## HEART FUND DRIVE IN HYDE COUNTY UNDERWAY

The Heart Fund Drive for Hyde County began Feb. 1st, and will reach its climax on Heart Sunday, Feb. 28 when a number of volunteers in each community will conduct a house-to-house canvass for contributions. The Heart Fund Drive supports the Heart Associations research, education, and community service programs.

The following are area chairmen: Mrs. Lydia Stowe, Ponzer; Mrs. Gaston Sadler, Scranton; Mrs. B. W. Williams, Swan Quarter; Mrs. Odessa Jarvis, Engelhardt; Mrs. T. V. Jones, Fairfield; and Mrs. Jack Willis, Ocrcooke. Mrs. A. B. Harris of Fairfield is county chairman and C. J. Capone of Swan Quarter is Treasurer.

## HOME COMING FOR FOUR COASTLAND COUNTIES NEXT

All Clubs Asked to Send Delegates to Meeting in Manteo on Feb. 29th

The Manteo Rotary Club on Monday night endorsed the proposal for a four-county homecoming, this summer to enable former residents to return and enjoy the variety of events scheduled on this coast. Rotary President Julian Oneto has named the following committee from the Rotary Club to assist this project: Julian Oneto, Bill Merritt, Lawrence Swain, Martin Kellogg, Jr., Gordon Kellogg, W. R. Pearce, W. R. Gray, D. V. Meekins, R. D. Sawyer, Aycock Brown.

Letters are going out from the COASTLAND HOME COMING Committee to School Principals and Superintendents in the counties of Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Currituck, to all Civic and Home Clubs to appoint a community or township chairman to attend the meeting in Manteo at the Community Building 7:30 p.m., February 29th.

Of particular interest to Dare County people is that this celebration will be 90th anniversary of the founding of Dare County from parts of the other three counties in 1870.

At the Feb. 29th meeting a permanent general chairman will be named. Each county will select its own chairman and plan its own attractions. Various communities which have meeting places may have programs welcoming their visitors.

Invitations will be mailed to many thousand former residents whose names are made available to the committee. The several county committees will be requested to receive names and addresses of persons to be invited to the numerous communities in the four-county area. See HOME COMING, Page Four

## MARY CHARLES WHITE MONTH'S HONOR STUDENT



MARY CHARLES WHITE has been named Student of the Month for Manteo High School. Mary Charles is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Erwin White of Manteo. She is fourteen years old and in the ninth grade. In her school life she is president of the freshman class, a member of the Student Council, a member of the basketball team, and a member of the Science Club. In community activities, she sings in the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church choir and is an officer in the 4-H County Council. Mary Charles' name is always on the list of honor students for Manteo High School.

## DANGER FEARED FROM ERECTION OF HIGH POLE BY SHERIFF

A plan to erect a discarded fire pole 102 feet long, from the Navy installation near Duck, on the narrow strip of courthouse land alongside the Sheriff's office in Manteo has aroused considerable opposition. The sheriff wants it to install a radio antenna, but neighboring property owners fear the pole will have danger in it, for it will have no guy wires, and can threaten heavy damage in a storm. Other citizens say its black unsightliness will be a disgrace to the town and county. No authority has been granted by the County Board, and the subject has not been brought before the Board but it is reported the Sheriff had made his requests individually to three Board members, namely from Atlantic, Hatteras and Croatan Townships, and got their individual agreements it would be all right. A contract was made with a Wanchese dragline firm to erect the pole for \$185, but there is no estimate of the total cost of installation. It would have no supports, but merely stuck in the ground with some concrete poured around it.

## MACNEILL AND SANFORD THE CANDIDATE, BOTH LAURINBURG NATIVES MEET IN MANTEO



When Terry Sanford held a meeting in Manteo some weeks ago, to let folks know he was running for Governor, on hand to greet him was Ben Dixon MacNeill of Buxton, who is also a native of Laurinburg. Mr. MacNeill is now in Kecoughtan, Va., Hospital, having been flown there Tuesday, while Mr. Sanford is continuing his campaign.

## NEW HEAD OF ENGELHARD P.T.A. FOR THE YEAR 1960

Sanford spoke from a bunting-covered platform erected at Fayetteville's historic Market House. His statement was the highlight in a noon-time celebration of "Terry Sanford Day" in the Cumberland county seat.

"The dominant need of the people of North Carolina is to provide the boys and girls of this state with a higher standard of educational opportunity," he added, setting his campaign theme.

Sanford, 42, is a Fayetteville attorney and has long been in politics. He has been a State Senator, a Democratic National Convention delegate, was president of the North Carolina Young Democratic Clubs, and managed W. Kerr Scott's campaign for the United States Senate.

He is prominent in affairs of the Methodist Church and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist College being developed at Fayetteville. He has been a District Lay Leader and was a delegate to the 1956 General Conference of the Methodist Church.

Sanford was a member of the State Ports Authority, in 1950-53, when the Morehead City and Wilmington port facilities were built, and is a director of the Fayetteville Area Industrial Development Corp.

He was born and raised in Laurinburg, where his mother is a school teacher. He attended Presbyterian Junior College and was graduated from the University of North Carolina, and from the University's law school. He worked his way through college; he had a newspaper route, was a bus boy in Swain Hall, was a dormitory manager.

He was in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as a Special Agent, in 1941-42, and was assigned to help hunt for Roger Touhy, the notorious Chicago gangster who recently was ambushed and murdered just after being released from prison.

Terry resigned from the FBI to become a paratrooper in World War II. He was in combat in five European campaigns.

Terry is married to the former Margaret Rose Knight, of Hopkinsville, Ky. She had been a co-ed at Chapel Hill and was a school teacher. They have two children, Betsy, 11, and Terry, seven.

## CONGRESSMAN BONNER FILES IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Rep. Herbert C. Bonner this week paid his \$225 filing fee to the State Board of Elections and thereby filed his intention to run for re-election. Mr. Bonner, representing the 14 counties of the First Congressional District, has served ably in Congress since 1940, prior to which time he was for 15 years a congressional secretary. He now heads one of the most important of the 18 house committees, and enjoys strong prestige in the Capitol.

## RED CROSS WORK BLOOD PROGRAM BEING REVIVED

Chairman Ralph Davis Reports on Red Cross in Dare; Floyd Taylor on Blood Program

Ralph Davis, Chairman, Dare County Red Cross Chapter, in reporting on last week's special meeting with Red Cross officials and local supporters, gives an encouraging outlook on several projects scheduled for 1960. Uppermost on the agenda at this meeting was the subject of the County's need for participation in the Blood Program made possible through a regular plan offered by Red Cross. Davis reports an active interest expressed by those present. "In fact", Davis said, "it was really like a new transfusion to have a new-comer to our town and community to volunteer to serve as Chairman of the Blood Program. Floyd B. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, a resident of Manteo since last April, expressed considerable interest in the Blood Program during open discussion, and when I asked for a Chairman he offered his services." Mr. Davis pointed out the great need for an active blood program in Dare County, and indicated that a lot of preliminary work is necessary even before Red Cross will honor an application to enter their participating program.

Other items of importance handled at this meeting included the definite confirmation of a 5-day, 30-hour Water Safety Program. See RED CROSS, Page Four

## LADIES NIGHT FOR ROTARY CLUB ON MONDAY, FEB. 8

Manteo Club Celebrates 23rd Anniversary At Carolinian

On Monday night, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. the Manteo Rotary Club will hold an anniversary dinner at the Carolinian Hotel, with members and their wives or guests in attendance.

President Julian Oneto announced this week that the Ladies Night and Anniversary Committee headed by Wallace McCown, Dick Jordan, Gordon Kellogg and Johnny Long, had prepared an interesting program for the special occasion.

The speaker for the evening as guest of the club is Stavros Stephanos, Athens, Greece, the District 771, exchange student studying at N.C. State College, who will emphasize the International Aspects of Rotary's Service, and the Vocational Service rendered by the exchange of students from one county to another for study on the college level.

Special recognition will be given to Charter members of the club, and a review of the accomplishments and challenges of the Manteo Rotary Club will be presented by Martin Kellogg, Jr.

The Rotary Quartet, most of whom are bearded in readiness for the Pirate's Jamboree, will also render some musical numbers.

The Charter Night for Manteo Rotary Club was held 23 years ago, at which time the Elizabeth City Rotary Club, headed by S. Wade Marr, sponsored the formation of the Manteo club. The club presently has a membership of twenty eight members, and the highlight of its 23rd year will be the District Conference at Manteo and Nags Head, to be held May 13th and 14th, with the Manteo Club as Host to the more than thirty clubs forming District 771, from Raleigh to Manteo.

## DARE REPUBLICANS MEET IN CONVENTION JAN. 30

Dare County Republicans held a convention in the courthouse in Manteo Saturday evening, Jan. 30, and despite bad weather, had the largest attendance in many years. Chairman L. V. Gaskill of Wanchese said he was well pleased that as many as 25 members of the faithful, some from distant parts of the county attended, and plans were made to send a delegate to the State Convention in Raleigh on February 27. There is a probability that the Republicans will put one or more candidates in the county race this year, the party being encouraged by the State and National election situation to create more interest.

## EASTERN STAR TO GIVE ANNUAL DINNER FEBRUARY 6

Roanoke Island Chapter No. 79 Order of the Eastern Star will give its annual dinner for the Masons and their wives at seven o'clock on February 6 in the Manteo lunch room.

## MRS. ELSIE BERRY HAS BEEN CHOSEN HEAD OF THE ENGELHARD P.T.A. FOR THE YEAR 1960



MRS. ELSIE BERRY has been chosen head of the Engelhard P.T.A. for 1960 and the public is invited to attend the meeting of the P.T.A. to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Engelhard High School Auditorium. Mrs. Berry has proved a wise and efficient P.T.A. leader. Great progress is anticipated under her leadership this year. Her duties include the planning of study courses, and appointing all committees from the Goal sheet, which enumerates the requirements to be met by local P.T.A.'s aspiring to meet the standard for top rank. The president must see that these reports from committees are completed and forwarded to headquarters on schedule. Mrs. Berry is an active church member, Sunday school teacher, and a member of several community clubs. Beaman Berry, her husband, is one of the community's progressive young farmers. With their three children, Ferrell, Pamela and Gregory, they reside on Lazy Lane just out of Engelhardt.

## STRIPED BASS BY THE TONS TAKEN IN NETS

By AYCOCK BROWN  
BUXTON—Some 30 tons of striped bass, were caught in nets in Hatteras Island surf during the past week end. It was one of the biggest catches for the species on the Dare Coast in many years.

Several commercial fishing crews shared in the catches which began during a northeaster Friday and continued through Saturday, including Roy Gray, William Foster, Zack Austin, Tine Willis and others. Names of Nags Head commercial crews reported making heavy catches could not be learned immediately, although one of the outfits was using an amphibious DUKW to assist in making the hauls.

"The fish weighed from 20 to 60 pounds," said Rany Jennette operator of a gasoline station here who is an official weighmaster for game fish taken by anglers.

"I have not heard of any striped bass being caught by anglers during the past week end," Jennette added.

The commercial fishermen reportedly received 25 cents per pound for their striped bass. Most of the bass were heavily laden with roe, an indication that they were on their way to spawning waters.