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## SHOALS HAMPERING FERRY OPERATIONS AT OREGON INLET

Weather Conditions Over Week  
End Result in Worsening Al-  
ready Shoally Channel

M. L. Burrus, Hatteras business man, claimed this week that it was "high shoals and not low water," which has hampered the schedules of Oregon Inlet ferry recently.

He made the statement Wednesday after reading an Associated Press dispatch captioned "Oregon Inlet Ferries Halted by Low Water." Under a Hatteras dateline the story follows:

"Low water Monday forced disruption in ferry service across Oregon Inlet between Hatteras and Nags Head.

"The Highway Department said one boat (ferry) was docked on each side of the inlet when service was halted at 1 p.m. The boats (ferries) are expected to be back in service Tuesday morning."

Burrus was one of the Hatteras business men who was caught in the delay on the north side of the inlet Monday.

At 4 p.m. Monday there were 37 automobiles and trucks in line awaiting the ferry to begin operation. There had been some indication by ferry operators that attempts may be made to make the crossing about 5 o'clock. Conditions did not change, however, so the trip was not made.

"There were about 35 of us enroute to Hatteras who had to stay overnight north of the Inlet Monday night," said Burrus.

Ferry service was again interrupted Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, service being suspended about 1 p.m. or after. Thursday afternoon service was expected to be nearer normal, tidal conditions being better.

County Commissioner Edwards of Waves was one of the Hatterasmen stranded north of the Inlet as result of the ferry situation Monday. He called the Governor's office to report the situation to Harold Makepiece, secretary of Governor Hodges.

Burrus Makes Suggestion  
Burrus in his statement expressed the opinion that since there seems little likelihood that a dredge could be sent to Oregon Inlet in the immediate future to deepen the channels, that perhaps the shoals could be eliminated and a channel opened by the use of dynamite.

"Farmers dig ditches with dynamite on dry land, so it seems reasonable to think that if dynamite was properly used on the shoals they could be eliminated and a channel would be deepened," said Burrus.

"It is ridiculous to blame the situation on low water. There is a rise and fall of the tide twice daily throughout the year and all over the world. The way navigational interests are served and protected is by the deepening of channels."

"It is definitely not 'low water' but 'high shoals,' that is causing the ferry trouble at Oregon Inlet," he stated.

William N. Spruill, highway division engineer, here this week stated that the situation at Oregon Inlet following recent stormy weather had reached an emergency status.

Here with him was J. L. Norris, highway hydrographic engineer of Raleigh who has been investigating the situation and making soundings at Oregon Inlet.

Asked if they thought dynamite might be used to an advantage in knocking the tops off the shoals, each agreed that "while such a procedure had never been tried by the highway department it may be of benefit in deepening the channels."

Norris indicated that he planned to contact the U.S. Army Engineers to see if they had ever successfully used dynamite in eliminating channel shoals.

Spruill also stated that he planned to investigate the report that erosion resulting from winter storms had created a hazard at the Dead End barricade of N.C. 345 on Roanoke Island's North End.

It was reported Thursday morning that the barricade had been moved to its new location, thus eliminating such a hazard.

## CHEST X-RAYS URGED FOR HYDE CITIZENS DURING COMING WEEK

Four hundred and fifty three people have had a chest X-Ray made by unit in County from February 6 through February 13th.

The X-ray unit will be at Fairfield, February 13th, 19th and 20th and at Engelhard February 23, 24, 25, 26, 27th. Everyone 15 years and over is encouraged to have a chest X-Ray.

## NEW LOST COLONY MANAGER AND OFFICIALS DISCUSS 1960 OPERATION



J. SIBLEY DORTON, JR., left, Friday of last week was named Lost Colony manager at a board meeting of Roanoke Island Historical Association in Raleigh. Shown here with Dorton, left to right, are Mrs. O. Max Gardner, chairman of the board of directors; Paul Green, author of the drama; and Mrs. Fred Morrison of Washington and Kill Devil Hills who recommended Dorton. (Photo courtesy the News and Observer)

## J. S. DORTON, JR. ELECTED BY BOARD TO MANAGE DRAMA

Son of State Fair Manager Will  
Arrive in Manteo Soon to  
Start Promotion

J. Sibley Dorton Jr., of Shelby, son of the longtime manager of North Carolina's State Fair, will manage the Lost Colony during the outdoor drama's 20th season.

Dorton, 29, was elected by directors of the Roanoke Island Historical Association at a meeting Friday at the Sir Walter Hotel. He was recommended by a committee headed by Mrs. Fred Morrison of Washington.

The new manager succeeds Dick Jordan of Nags Head, who has been in charge of the outdoor production since 1952. Jordan resigned because of other interests.

Opens In June  
Dorton told the Association's directors he is prepared to go to work immediately. The drama will open in June and has its 1000th performance tentatively scheduled for July 9.

A graduate of Davidson College, Dorton served as executive vice president of the Southern States Fair at Charlotte from 1954 through 1958, was assistant manager of the Cleveland County Fair, served this past year as administrator and public relations director for the Brevard Music Center and now is executive vice president of the Southern States Improvement Company, a family-owned real estate corporation.

His father, Dr. J. S. Dorton, has managed the State Fair for approximately a quarter century.

Mrs. Mabel Evans Jones and Albert Q. Bell of Manteo and I. P. Davis of Winton were elected honorary members of the Association's board. Mrs. Jones produced the first Lost Colony play in 1921. Bell designed and built the theater where the outdoor drama now is staged, and Davis has long been active in the work of the Association.

Prior to the board meeting, a public relations committee headed by D. Victor Meekins, of Manteo, met and discussed plans for promoting Lost Colony this season.

An executive committee meeting is planned for April in Manteo.

## LOST COLONY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TO BEGIN IN DARE FOLLOWING SUNDAY MEET

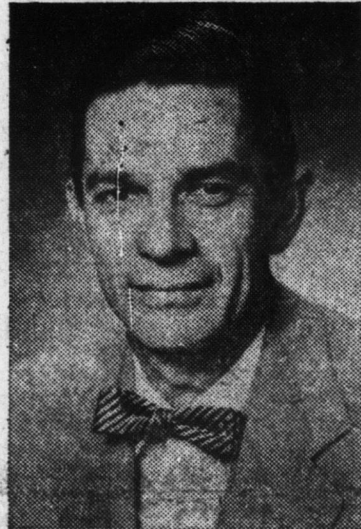
Under the leadership of Mrs. Burwell Evans, the Roanoke Island Historical Association's annual Lost Colony membership drive will get underway following a meeting at the Community Building in Manteo on Sunday afternoon, February 21, at 2 p.m. Mrs. Evans was made chairman for Dare during a kickoff luncheon presented by Mrs. Lucille Winslow at The Carolinian on Tuesday.

Mrs. Winslow, vice chairman of the Historical Association was named recently by Mrs. O. Max Gardner to serve as statewide chairman of the 1960 membership drive.

"I believe," she said, "that before we go beyond the limits of Dare County for memberships in The Lost Colony's sponsoring organization that the people of this area which receives the greatest benefits from the drama should display their interest by becoming members."

The group of beach and island See DRIVE, Page Four

## HORTICULTURE EXPERT TO SPEAK IN MANTEO



JOHN HENRY HARRIS who will conduct demonstrations on shrubbery planting and landscaping with an accompanying lecture in Manteo Tuesday, February 23. His appearance is under sponsorship of Dare County Home Demonstration Clubs, and Mrs. Beulah Gaylord, Dare agent, will assist. The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon in the Community Building and all interested persons are urged to attend, states Mrs. Gaylord.

Harris, 46, is a native of Chatham County. He has been with N.C. State College since leaving his position as superintendent of city parks in Greensboro in 1938. He is a 1937 graduate of State College, receiving his B. S. degree in landscape architecture. In his present status, Harris is in charge of horticulture activities for the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service. Harris is a member of Alpha Zeta, national honorary agricultural fraternity, American Society for Horticultural Science, and the Mens Horticultural Club of which he was president in 1947.

He has had many circulars and bulletins published. His weekly newspaper column "The Tar Heel Gardener" is one of the most popular articles of its type in the state. He also has a weekly radio program of the same name.

## EROSION CREEPS NEAR WATERGATE FOUNDATION OF ELIZABETHAN GARDEN

Stormy weather has resulted in considerable erosion at various ocean and soundside locations on the Dare Coast recently.

During the northwest this week sound waters almost undermined the water gate foundations at Elizabethan Garden near Fort Raleigh. Just north of the garden on private property the rough waters resulted in a live oak tree being washed down in an area where several dead trees also lay along the shore. Other recent tides have been eroding this shore line steadily.

Rough waters at the barricade of NC 345 on the North End of Roanoke Island washed away soil of the embankment and made a cave under one side of the dead end fencing. If the barricade is not moved several feet south of its present location there could be danger of an automobile making the turn and caving through the asphalt. Highway officials have been advised of the predicament.

No additional damage to shore property was reported in the beach area where cottages were damaged by high surf and seas during a northeaster several days ago.

## BONNER SPEAKER AT GATHERING IN BELHAVEN ON 24TH

Chamber of Commerce Banquet  
Will Also Present "Man of  
Year"

Hon. Herbert C. Bonner, Representative of The First District, will be the main speaker for the annual banquet of the Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday night, February 24th, 7:00 o'clock, at River Forest Manor.

A large crowd is expected for this event. Since only approximately 100 people can be accommodated, members and the general public who are planning to attend, are urged to buy their tickets, or make reservations for their tickets, at the earliest possible date. Tickets may be purchased from Chamber of Commerce members, or reservations for tickets may be made by calling the Chamber of Commerce office at WH-32951. The price tickets is \$2 per person.

Belhaven's "Outstanding Man Of The Year" will be announced and recognized at this banquet.

## INLET DREDGING BIDS TOO HIGH; LETTING DELAYED

Bids Will Be Called Again Later  
in Month; LaPorte Low Bid-  
der at \$190,360

The first phase of Oregon Inlet dredging under the Corps of Engineers plan for deeper water serving Wanchese and Manteo, suffering delay this week as bids were opened on the 16th and found considerably higher than government estimates of \$140,000. Low bidder was reported to be J. A. Laporte at \$190,360.00; Atkinson Dredging Co., was about \$1,000 higher.

Col. R. P. Davidson, district engineer, stated Thursday that bids for the 12-foot-deep by 100-foot-wide inside channel would be called for again about the last of February, and hoped there would be no further delay. Assuming the contract is let at this time, the project completion date would remain unchanged, July 31.

Meanwhile, involving the bar channel, Col. Davidson advised that the Corps of Engineers' hopper dredge "Hyde" can't operate in the shallow water through which the ocean bar channel from deep water to the inlet near Pea Island will be cut.

The dredge needs a 10.5 feet depth in which to operate, and the bar is only 8.6 feet deep.

As a result, the engineers will ask for bids on two different plans to get the 14-foot deep bar channel dredged. Whichever method gets the cheapest bid will be used.

Colonel Davidson said either a pipeline dredge will provide a narrow pilot channel across the bar 12-14 feet deep, allowing the Hyde dredge will be used to dredge the entire 400-foot wide channel across the ocean bar.

## BALL GAMES WILL AID HEART FUND IN HYDE NEXT WEEK

Hyde citizens are promised some interesting basketball games next week, as the All-Star basketball tournament aids the Heart Fund in reaching its goal.

Tuesday night, February 23 at Sladesville gym, Belhaven team will match abilities with Sladesville. The second game will be between Engelhard and Fairfield, immediately afterward.

At Engelhard gym Friday night the 26th, the losers of Tuesday night will play the other losing team, followed by a test of strength between the winning teams of Tuesday night. Game time is set for 7:30 each night.

Proceeds from these events will be turned over to Hyde County chapter of the Heart Fund. Jimmy Cox of Belhaven and Mrs. Odesa Jarvis of Engelhard have played a large hand in arranging the games. Mrs. Ada Harris of Fairfield is general chairman of the drive, and urges all to support this and other phases of the drive as liberally as possible. Heart Sunday will be observed February 28 at which time a house-to-house canvass will be underway throughout the county.

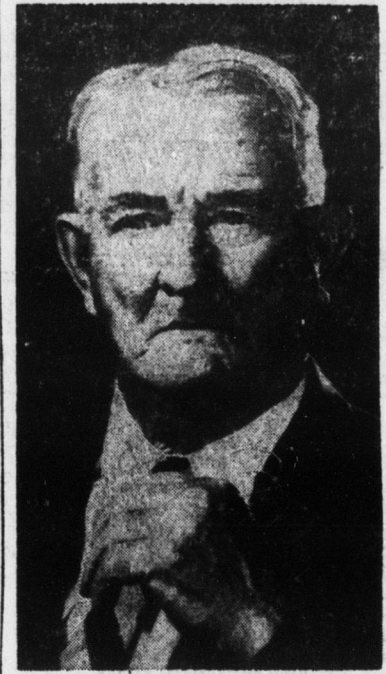
## BARBECUE SUPPER SAT. FOR SOULE CHURCH FUND

The Soule Church is sponsoring a barbecue supper, chicken or pork, on Saturday, February 20th from 5 to 7 o'clock p.m. in the agricultural building at Swan Quarter. The prices are adults \$1.00, children 50 cents. Proceeds will be used as a building fund.

## FELLOWSHIP AND FESTIVITY TO RISE TO GREATEST HEIGHT ON OUR COASTLAND IN 1960

Many Circumstances Combine to Make This a  
Year of Consequence in the Coastland, With  
a Series of Events to Touch the Heartstrings  
of People From Afar; Tremendous Increase in  
Visitors Expected.

IN HIS 31ST YEAR AS  
DARE COUNTY JUDGE



JUDGE WASHINGTON F. BAUM is believed to hold a record for Recorder's Judge in Carolina. He was appointed by the Dare County Board of Commissioners in July 1929. In April the Board had authorized establishment of the Recorders Court as sanctioned by the Legislature, and unanimously appointed Dewey L. Hayman of Manteo to fill the office of Judge. At that time, Mr. Hayman was employed by the State Highway Commission as supervisor of road maintenance in Dare County, and his Superiors advised him that under the Highway policy then in effect, he would not be able to hold a public office and continue in the employ of the state. The salary of Recorder Judge at that time only paid about \$50 a month, but it took only an hour or so a week, if court

See BAUM, Page Four

Dedication of the new memorial museum at Kill Devil Hills is expected to take place during this summer.

As always, the 18th of August which will be the 373rd anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare attracts wide interest on the part of the historically and patriotically minded. History records Virginia Dare, born on Roanoke Island in 1587 as the first child of English parents born in the territory of the 13 original United States. Actually, English explorers had landed on Roanoke Island three years earlier, and the expedition bringing Virginia Dare's parents was the third one to the North Carolina coast by English explorers.

The Pirate's Jamboree April 29-30 is expected to be one of the prime attractions of the tourist season, as usual, with a big outdoor fish fry at Hatteras, and two days of outdoor festivities in the Kitty Hawk to Manteo area.

A new addition this year to the Pirate's Jamboree attractions is expected in an assault landing drill by the 159th boat battalion of Fort Eustis, Va.

A district conference of Rotary clubs will be held at the Carolinian at Nags Head May 13-14th.

Establishment of automobile ferry service between Ocracoke and Sea Level is expected during March.

On the completion of the Oregon Inlet, Manteo, Wanchese, deep-water project this summer, dedication ceremonies are expected to be held at Wanchese. This project will bring to the Raleigh Coastland larger vessels than have been enabled to make port here north of Beaufort.

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## BLUE MARLIN TOURNAMENT PLANS FOR HATTERAS DISCUSSED IN RALEIGH

Preparations are now underway for an International Blue Marlin inter-team tournament in Cape Hatteras waters on June 12-16 this year. It will be sponsored by Hatteras Marlin Club. About 20 teams from the United States, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Mexico, the south and west coasts of the United States and possibly from as far away as South Africa are expected to compete in the piscatorial attraction, largest of its kind ever to be held between Wedgeport and Ocean City, and Florida and the Bahamas.

Members of a committee from the tournament's sponsoring Hatteras Marlin Club met in Raleigh last week to complete initial planning for the event. Among those attending was chairman Charles F. Johnson president of Hatteras Marlin Club, Ross H. Walker, Richmond, Walter J. Wilkins, Norfolk, Earl N. Phillips and Willis Slane, High Point, Joe Morton, Greensboro, Dr. William W. Hassler, N. C. State College, Dr. J. E. Morrow, Yale University, Woodrow Price, Raleigh and the club's managing director "Bounce" Anderson of Hatteras.

Various Jamboree committees are now working on additional plans for the Spring Vacation launching event.

Lawrence L. Swain is overall chairman of the Jamboree this year and his co-chairman is Herbert Van Vleet of Kitty Hawk. A general meeting of the Jamboree groups is planned for late February at which time additional plans will be announced along with the progress that has been made by the Hatteras Island group who will help sponsor the all-county event in their sector.

The year 1960 is shaping up as a memorable one in this Coastland from the standpoint of fellowship and festivity. Beginning with the Pirates Jamboree in April, there is a series of events planned which will center attention on our coast and bring many more visitors than usual.

The movement for a Coastland Homecoming during the summer season in connection with the 90th anniversary of the creation of Dare County as a political subdivision, will mean much also to the neighbor counties of Currituck, Tyrrell and Hyde from which counties Dare was created. These counties have been invited to join with Dare in making a great success of the event.

A celebration is planned for Hatteras in May to dedicate an airstrip in honor of the late General Billy Mitchell, who based his operations in air strategy from this locality. In June, the first international Blue Marlin tournament will attract world attention to Hatteras.

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## PIRATE KING JULIAN PLANS CARAVAN SOON TO RICHMOND VA. AREA

Dare Coast Pirate Jamboree King Julian Oneto announced this week that a full fledged caravan of Dare Coast pirates would invade Richmond and the Virginia sector during early March.

A smaller group including the Rotary Club's Pirate Quartet will be guests of the Ahoeskie Rotary Club on March 10.

King Julian announced that plans are developing for additional caravans to Raleigh and North Carolina cities and possibly to Washington, D. C., in advance of the sixth annual Pirate Jamboree on the last week end of April this year.

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