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OUTER BANKS HAS MANY FEARS OVER FERRY SITUATION

County Board Enlisting Support to
Save Summer's Business for
Hatteras and Ocracoke

Announcement that the State Highway Commission plans to let a contract April 1 to dredge the channel across Oregon Inlet which is essential to maintaining ferry service is received this morning by some misgivings by people of Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands who have suffered a loss since early December of an estimated 50 per cent of their usual winter tourist trade.

William Gibson, Hatteras Hotel operator was in Manteo yesterday and said the situation will be very bad for many businessmen if more speedy action doesn't result. He said the word has spread a long way from home about the bad ferry schedules, due to shoal water, and a large volume of former trade has been discouraged from their usual trips. Mr. Gibson says local people insist highway engineers are apparently concealing the facts about the situation.

The work could have been completed a month ago had the request of local people been followed. The Dare County Commissioners early in December explained the situation fully to Governor Hodges who promised to take action, and urged the Highway officials to correct the situation. But the resistance of highway engineers to accept anything that local people say, discouraged the expenditure of funds on this project. One of the arguments advanced was that the bridge would be built in three years and "why waste money on dredging?"

This spurred citizens and county officials to further action. Senator Everett Jordan, and Congressman Herbert Bonner heard the situation and made strong appeals to officials three weeks ago. Even at this, there has been delay on the part of highway officials, in spite of the Governor's reminder of the need. It was pleaded by highway officials they didn't have time to let a contract any earlier.

Local people pointed out, that when highway emergencies occur, due to washout and bridge collapses, nothing is said about advertising for bids, but the whole outfit usually rolls into action, regardless of cost, and restores traffic. Even now, many fear that See FERRY, Page Seven

POSTMASTERS OF 1ST DISTRICT MEET IN BELHAVEN

Many Notables of Association
Participate on Saturday,
The 19th

The First District, N. C. Chapter National Association of Postmasters of the United States met in Belhaven at the River Forest Manor on Saturday, March 19. Russell Johnston, District Chairman, presided. Gene Purvis, principal of the high school welcomed the Postmasters and their guests. Mrs. Effie Brickhouse, Postmaster, Columbia, responded. Guests were introduced by District Chairman and speeches concerning postal problems were made by the following: William T. McGeegan, State Secretary, Red Springs, N. C. Sarah Lancaster, State President, Vanceboro, N. C., D. Staten Incoe, State Legislative Representative, Raleigh, P. B. Osgood, Postal Inspector, New Bern, and R. Jack Williams, Field Service Officer, Post Office Department. During the business session a resolution of condolence was passed and sent to the family of Ben Shannon, Postmaster, Manteo, N. C. (Deceased). The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Effie Brickhouse, District Chairman; J. L. Chesnut, Edenton, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Nora Boyce, Secretary; and Knott Proctor, Greenville, Legislative Representative.

NEW CURRITUCK SOUND DRAWSPAN IS NOW OPEN

Traffic moved Wednesday over the new draw bridge installed over Currituck Sound on US 158. Division Highway Engineer W. N. Spruill said the McMeekin Construction Company has completed all but touch-up work on this \$345,000 construction project in Dare County.

Work began last April and painting and other touch-up work is expected to be completed May 1. The new draw bridge is of the latest design and is electrically operated. It replaces a hand operated draw span which had been in use for 30 years. J. W. Wheeler of Manteo was Resident Engineer.

MANY ATTEND DINNER FOR BONNER IN WASHINGTON SATURDAY



The above attended the North Carolina Democratic Club of Washington, D. C. Banquet and Ball on Saturday, March 19, in honor of the North Carolina Democratic delegation in Congress. They are, l. to r.: W. I. Bissette, Grifton; Cecil Whitehurst, Bethel; Lemuel Lee, Murfreesboro; Tom Andrews, Bethel; Hon. Woodrow W. Jones, State Chairman of the Democratic Party for North Carolina; Clifton Everett, Bethel; W. H. "Pete" Whitley, Murfreesboro; Bill Stroud, Ayden; Hon. William Copeland, State Senator, Murfreesboro; Hon. Frank Wooten, Representative from Pitt County, Greenville. Victor Meekins of Manteo also attended the event.

Others in attendance not shown in picture were: Pierce Sumrell, Bill Shelton, McDonald Edwards, Joe Tripp, Charles McLawhorn, Harry Stillman, Corey Stokes, Alton Gardner, Sidney Britt, Jimmie Langston, all of Ayden, N. C.; Judson Blount, Jr., Greenville; Leighton Blount, Bethel; Don Langston and Brantley Speight of Winterville; Dr. John D. Messick, former President of East Carolina College.

The picture was taken at a reception held at the Mayflower Hotel by Mr. and Mrs. Bonner, prior to the annual North Carolina Democratic Club Banquet.

BISHOP WRIGHT WILL VISIT HYDE SUNDAY



BISHOP T. H. WRIGHT, of Wilmington, will preach and confirm a number of persons in Hyde Sunday, March 27th; 11 a.m. St. George's Episcopal Church, Lake Landing; 4 p.m. St. John's, Sladesville; and 7:30 p.m. at Calvary, Swan Quarter.

Special music has been planned for the occasion. There will be a covered dish in the parish house following the morning service. The bishop will be entertained at the rectory Saturday night and will be guest of the Metrah Swindells in Swan Quarter on Sunday night. The public is cordially invited.

MANTEO FURNITURE FORMALLY OPENING NEW FURNITURE ROOM

Manteo Furniture Company is today beginning a special showing of its new facilities, a completely stocked 1800 sq. ft. area featuring merchandise used throughout the home. This addition to their display area is a result of several weeks hard work by the store owners, the Wescoat brothers, Roy, Edward and Fred, and is located to the rear of the main display rooms opposite the post office.

On Saturday night, the store will remain open until 10 p.m. for convenience of customers not ordinarily able to visit earlier. A drawing for several items of furniture will be held Saturday night, with registration all day Saturday. Refreshments will be served Saturday night. Hatteras Island residents are advised that they may register earlier if they so desire.

This new addition is partially in connection with the store's recent affiliation with Southern Living Stores, a group of leading southern furniture stores banded together to increase their purchasing power and merchandising efforts. The purchasing agency has headquarters in High Point, heart of the greatest concentration of furniture production in the world.

Through the combined buying power of the Southern Living See ADDITION, Page Seven

BRUCE ETHERIDGE STARTS POLITICAL BALL IN DARE CO.

Veteran Legislator Announces for
House; Speculation as to
Other Candidates

Hon. R. Bruce Etheridge, a veteran of 11 terms in the State Legislature, one of these in the Senate in 1907, started the political ball rolling in Dare County politics this week by announcing his candidacy for Representative. He served in the House last year, and in many other previous years. He has been the leading political figure in the county a half century, and served for more than 16 years in Raleigh as Director of the Department of Conservation and Development, besides in numerous other posts and offices in county and district. His long political service, and widespread following of friends across the state are viewed as definite assets for his home county, and he is not expected to have opposition.

However, there are expected some contests for the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education. On the County Board, Scotty Gibson is expected to be the candidate from Hatteras Township, since George Fuller, Jr. of Buxton is widely reported as saying he will not run this time, due to the press of personal business, being intensively engaged in contracting and motel operation.

More than one candidate is expected to appear from Atlantic Township for the County Board, and several names from this township have been mentioned in connection with the Education post. More names have been mentioned in other townships, but nothing definite enough to report. There has been some public dissatisfaction expressed with the Board of Commissioners in not carrying out implied pledges to reduce expenses in the courthouse, but instead have added more people to the payroll. There is much dissatisfaction over money wasted in law enforcement, which \$25,000 appropriation is supposed to pay for tax collection, but the neglect of this duty has made it necessary for the Commissioners to press the Tax Supervisor into an additional responsibility to save the day financially.

The greatest complaint through the county is the difficulty in finding sufficient public spirited men, who will devote their time to and lose heavily in their personal business to carry on the thankless and poorly paid tasks that have been added through the years to public offices. Disappointment has prevailed that the County Boards have allowed a number of county employees to take over and run things often too carelessly and inefficiently at good pay for very little work.

84 YEARS OLD



J. M. AINSLEY of Ponzer, Hyde County, celebrated his 84th birthday at a dinner given in his honor, Sunday, the 20th in the Ponzer Community center. The table was centered by a huge birthday cake. Four of his five children, Mrs. R. A. Jackson of Hopewell, Mrs. H. L. Raburn and Mrs. R. W. Saunderson of Ponzer, D. M. Ainsley of Portsmouth, Va., attended. The other son, H. C. Ainsley of Columbia was unable to attend. Four of nine grandchildren, and eight of 17 great-grandchildren, with in-laws and guests bringing the number of visitors to 28. Mr. Ainsley, a native of Tyrrell County, has been a beloved citizen of Ponzer for 56 years.

TAR HEELS AFLOAT TO RENDEZVOUS AT BELHAVEN AGAIN

Cecil D. May of New Bern, Commodore of Tar Heels Afloat, announces a spring cruise to Belhaven on April 8, 9, and 10. This special spring cruise is in addition to the regular Memorial Day affairs. Headquarters in Belhaven will be at the River Forest Manor, which is owned and managed by Axson Smith.

All boats will rendezvous in Belhaven on Friday afternoon, April 8, with dinner and entertainment scheduled for that night. Saturday morning is free for special activities, including fishing and sightseeing. At 4:00 p.m. on Saturday there will be a Skippers' Meeting, followed by a smorgasbord dinner and dance at River Forest Manor that night. All participants will return home on Sunday as they desire.

Tar Heels Afloat is the organization composed primarily of boat owners, working together to promote the wider use of the Inland Waters of North Carolina. However, it is not necessary to own a boat to belong to the organization. Everyone interested in boating and boats of all kinds are cordially invited to join the festivities in Belhaven. The Officers of Tar See TAR HEELS, Page Six

AREA'S LARGEST LANDOWNERS VISIT DARE AND TYRRELL

Officials of West Va. Pulp & Paper Study Development on
300,000 Acres

David L. Luke, President of West Va. Pulp & Paper Company, and other company officials left Manteo Thursday after a visit with North Carolina Woodlands manager W. J. Crumpacker, expressing approval of progress being made in the development of more than 300,000 acres of woodlands owned principally in Dare and Tyrrell Counties. They flew out of Manteo Airport in a company plane, en route to South Carolina properties.

The company owns about 200,000 acres in Dare County, which represents nearly all the land area of the Dare mainland. Engaged in a large roadbuilding and tree planting project, it has become the biggest single employer of labor, and the largest landowning taxpayer of two counties. Roadbuilding through the remote area has been a major project the past six years, with some 80 miles of roads completed.

Accompanying the youthful Mr. Luke were George R. Birkelund, a company Director and D. Y. Lenhart, general manager of the company's far-flung woodlands. Mr. Birkelund is president of Baker, Pentest & Co., of Chicago. Mr. Luke, an extremely youthful looking man, coming into 60 this year is a Yale graduate and among many business interests has served as director of the Long Island Railroad, the Irving Trust Co., of N. Y., the Arkwright Insurance Co., etc.

Since coming to the area some ten years ago, the company has invested more than \$3,000,000 in properties in Tyrrell, Dare and Hyde Counties. It has engaged in See OFFICIALS, Page Six

HISTORY ALWAYS INTERESTING WHEN WELL PRESENTED

A Revealing Letter Published 22
Years Ago From the Late
D. C. Twiford

We often say the way to judge the future is by the past. Because The Times is now in its 25th year of publication, we have been looking through our files through the years to note the progress that has taken place in our area. We ran across a letter written 22 years ago from Norfolk, a former prominent citizen of East Lake who a half-century ago was active in the big timber operations which prevailed in his day.

We think this is one of the most fascinating articles we have ever carried. To bring younger readers up to date, the big timber tract referred to is now owned by West Va. Pulp & Paper Company. The town of Buffalo City is now a ghost town. The majority of the citizens of the whole area have moved away, many of the leaders to Norfolk, Elizabeth City and Manteo, and most the older ones are dead. There are only a few fine old people left to carry on, but they now foresee a revival for East Lake which will restore it to glory comparable with it past, when the new Alligator River bridge is completed, whereby telephones and electricity are expected to come in to the community.

We commend this article to your consideration:

By Dallas C. Twiford, late of East Lake, Dare Co., N. C.

That the timberland holdings of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of Dare County are worth two million dollars is the belief of Dallas C. Twiford, prominent former resident of Dare County now residing in Norfolk, who was one of the big local officials of the Dare Lumber Company of the old days. Of those old times, Mr. Twiford has written us a most entertaining article that will be read with much interest by all who know him, and who knew East Lake at that time. He says:

Situated on the Banks of Milltail Creek there is a small lumber camp in the interior of the vast Dare County forest of nearly 300,000 acres, known as Buffalo City. I was born and reared in Dare County. I spent 12 years of my life as an employee of the Dare Lumber Company and 20 years ago I moved away, after my company sold out to the Pittsburgh Life Insurance Company which later fell in the hands of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

I was bookkeeper for my company at the time the deal was made and I know that the Pittsburgh Life Insurance Company paid the Dare Lumber Company one million dollars. The promoter of this See HISTORY, Page Seven

THIS GAL HAS UNDYING AFFECTION FOR HYDE CO.



VIRGINIA PAGE SPENCER

Heart whole and fancy free save for her intense love for Swan Quarter, her home county and the whole state, Page Spencer, a brilliant native of Hyde holds down a mighty responsible job as public relations and promotion director to trumpet the products of many authors who find their way to a world of readers from this old college at Rutgers University, N. J. Miss Spencer abides out of working hours in the literary atmosphere of Greenwich Village, New York, and commutes 30 miles each way daily to New Brunswick. There is not room here for her long career in finally winning her way through Chapel Hill, See HYDE GIRL, Page Seven

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE TO RAISE L. C. FUNDS



M. L. DANIELS Jr., of Manteo, a member of the Board of Directors of the Roanoke Island Historical Association was appointed Thursday to head the finance committee to raise funds to make repairs and re-open the Lost Colony this season. The appointment was made at a meeting of the Executive Committee, headed by Mrs. O. Max Gardner of Shelby at a meeting in Manteo, at which time numerous other phases of the plans for this year's show were discussed. An operating budget was approved and the committee will set about raising See L. C. MEETING, Page Seven

DREDGING BEGINS ON SHOALING AREA NEAR FAIRFIELD

Emergency Maintenance Work on
Inland Waterway East of
Wilkinson's Creek

WILMINGTON. — Dredging to remove shoals in the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway between Alligator River and Pungo River is scheduled to begin Thursday or Friday (March 24-25), the Corps of Engineers reported Tuesday.

Col. R. J. Davidson, District Engineer, said an arrangement has been worked out with the Atkinson Dredging Co., of Norfolk, Va., to do the work. Atkinson's dredge NORTHWOOD, now dredging in the waterway near Topsail Island, was scheduled to depart Tuesday, March 22 for the shoaling area. Its arrival will depend on weather conditions for a portion of the journey must be made in open waters of Pamlico Sound. The work will require a week to 10 days under favorable conditions.

Colonel Davidson said the area is about four miles east of the Wilkinson Creek bridge on the waterway. This is also west of the Inland Waterway bridge near Fairfield.

He explained that the controlling depth in the area now is eight to nine feet as compared to project depth of 12 feet.

The work will require the removal of an estimated 85,000 cu. yds. of material to restore project depth.

NEW POSTMASTER IN MANTEO NOW MRS. JOSIE FEREBEE

Appointed Acting Postmaster
Succeeding the Late Ben
Shannon; Former Teacher

Her consistency in sticking to the traditional family party through thick and thin paid off Wednesday for Mrs. Josie Jones Ferebee of Manteo when she was sworn in as Acting Postmaster of Manteo, replacing the late Ben Shannon who died this month. Mrs. Ferebee, the wife of John E. Ferebee was named on the recommendation of County Republican Chairman Vernon Gaskill of Wanchese, and she is the 5th member of her immediate family to hold a postmastership. In fact, none but this family have had appointments as Republicans at the Manteo postoffice in 60 years.

Mrs. Ferebee, a former teacher, business woman of ability, a former postoffice clerk, is about the only person who was eligible as a Republican. Some who were mentioned have been on both sides of the political street; some obviously had no politics at all as seen from the standpoint of party service.

Two of Mrs. Ferebee's brothers, the late O. J. Jones and the late Roscoe Jones held office as postmaster during administrations of Presidents Taft, Harding, Coolidge and Hoover. A nephew Ray W. Jones, was acting postmaster two years early in the Eisenhower administration. A third brother, Clarence Jones once served as postmaster at Mashoes in Dare County.

In a predominantly Democratic community resigned to the likelihood of a Republican appointee, Democrat citizens approve of Mrs. Ferebee for this interim appointment, because of her having passed 60, and it is considered likely no permanent appointment will be considered until this year's elections are out of the way. And by that time, who knows but another party will head the Government? She is considered efficient, competent and of a high standing family, and she fills a gap that gets all political leaders off a limb for the time being.

NEW YORK IS FOR THE IRISH DURING ST. PATRICK'S DAY

One of the Biggest Events of the
Year, Dropped in Size
This Time

By VICTOR MEEKINS
NEW YORK, Mar. 17.—I have been to New York many times, but never took in many big events, or visited many of the city's famous places. I did land there the day General MacArthur returned from the Orient, and have been there on a New Year's eve. And this day, despite rain, snow and sleet has been a terrific one, and one which I wound up in early evening after fine food and entertainment at Felix's Irish Cafe on 13th St.

On this day my companions were Pat Spencer of Swan Quarter, and Pat Schartle of Asheville, two smart North Carolina gals who are doing well in New York. On Wednesday, the day preceding, I enjoyed a fine dinner at the Overseas Press Club with Nick Lenhart, and Jean Bradnick, who often visit our area for their company. West Va. Pulp & Paper. They are royal entertainers. For dinner, I went out to the Barclay's Gold Room with Jim Morton, the promotion director of the American Weekly, along with Chicago and Atlanta Representatives of the Weekly.

I am booked for three nights in the Piccadilly Hotel where I have stopped on most of my visits during the past 30 years. I didn't get time to see the show in which Andy Griffith is playing four doors down the street. I talked to Capt. Solly Topping, the Belhaven mariner who is General Operating Manager of United States line, because I wanted to visit the big ship, United States. But for the second time, I found the ship was on the other side, and I missed this journey.

Sometime tomorrow, I expect to take the train back to Washington. It's almost as much fun to ride the train, some four hours, rather than to fly in, and having to endure the passage by cab in and out of towns. Some years ago, on my first flight into New York, I left a new blue overcoat in the cab which brought me uptown from LaGuardia. I never could locate it.

On Tuesday, my first day here, I visited the Rockettes as usual in Radio City Music Hall, and now after the wonderful program of Irish songs, at Felix's tonight, I don't contemplate any more shows.

In spite of the good treatment and fine hospitality shown me all See NEW YORK, Page Seven