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## COASTLANDERS IN INDUSTRY SEEKING GROUP IN WAYNE

Large Delegation From Dare  
County in Goldsboro Thurs-  
day to Learn Movement

By VICTOR MEEKINS  
GOLDSBORO, Mar. 31.—This  
seat of the county of Wayne, which  
produced our great educational  
Governor Aycock, is host today to  
an unusual throng from all eastern  
Carolina. It is crowded with people  
like myself who have come to make  
contacts with people who count, in  
the feverish search that has broken  
out in this state to find new in-  
dustry. I'd like to know more about  
it, although I hang to the view  
we have plenty of industry pro-  
vided by nature, if only we'll work  
it.

Many members of County and  
City Boards, of civic clubs, etc are  
here. From Dare County is a car-  
load from the Rotary Club in Man-  
teio: Bill Merritt, Wallace McCown,  
Archie Burrus, Ernest Meekins,  
Wallace Gray; also are Leland  
Wise and Horace Hooper of Stumpy  
Point. Hyde and Tyrrell are also  
represented.

Attending from Tyrrell County  
were Mayor Jack Davenport and  
Chief of Police J. L. Poston, of  
Columbia; from Belhaven Post-  
master E. R. Johnston, Dr. J. T.  
Wright and Jule Purvis, secretary  
of the Chamber of Commerce; rep-  
resentative Wayland Sermons of  
Beaufort County and other promi-  
nent Washington people are here;  
Ray Goodman, vice-president of  
the Virginia Electric and Power  
Company, and other representa-  
tives from Williamston are here.

This Eastern North Carolina  
Industrial Development Conference  
is being held in the Wayne Center  
building. Governor Hodges is at-  
tending the Dutch session luncheon.

A leading figure in getting this  
meeting set up is Doug Guthrie,  
who came of Engelhard stock, and  
is a grandson of Mrs. Bettie Guth-  
rie of Manteo. He's the top-notch  
executive secretary of Goldsboro's  
Chamber of Commerce.

I recall many previous visits to  
this fine North Carolina city. I  
recall nine years ago this spring  
I came over here with the late  
Alvah Ward of Manteo, visiting  
with a group of airport men. I was  
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## IMPRESSIVE RECORD MADE BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1959

Group Serving Kitty Hawk, Kill  
Devil Hills, Nags Head, Etc.  
Succeeded in Objectives

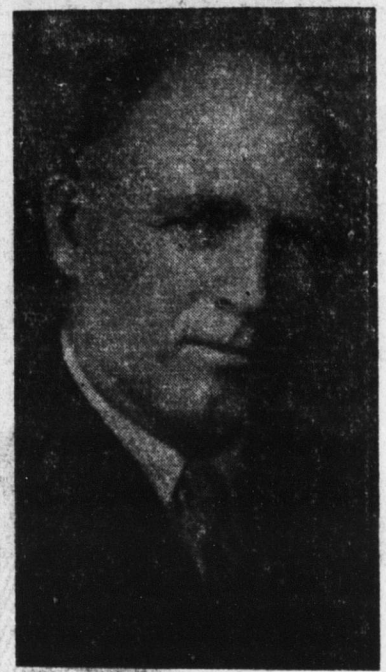
The annual meeting of the Nags  
Head Chamber of Commerce, at-  
tended by some 30 persons in the  
Carolinian Tuesday evening re-  
ceived an impressive report of ac-  
complishments during 1959. Presi-  
dent George Crocker summarized  
the work of committees on the ad-  
vertising program, membership,  
roads and highways. Upwards of  
200 members contribute to the sup-  
port of the organization, primary  
for the promotion of business in  
its principal beach communities, but  
aware that there is profit for all  
in working for Roanoke Island,  
and Hatteras Island as well.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, treasurer  
made her report and Ted Wood,  
Tom Briggs and others at heads of  
committees also reported on pro-  
gress. President Crocker said the  
organization had been successful  
in accomplishing most of its ob-  
jectives through the years, and  
those projects yet uncompleted are  
in a most encouraging stage. He  
praised the good work of Mrs.  
Smith in a membership campaign.  
A clean up campaign of roads and  
premises is now being undertaken.

Miss Sarah Halliburton, the Sec-  
retary gave a detailed report on  
previous meetings and activities.  
Bob Preston reported on plans for  
improvement in recognition of  
sportfishing interests. Several new-  
comers were recognized, and the  
value of a seashore boulevard to  
Virginia Beach was emphasized.  
Unanimous approval was given a  
motion made by Bob Preston that  
the Road Committee request the  
County Board for an endorsement  
of this seashore road project and to  
join with the Chamber in making  
it an objective part of long range  
planning.

The Nags Head Chamber of  
Commerce has enthusiasm among its  
members, and good financial sup-  
port. It is paying much attention  
to highway signs away from home  
and an advertising program in  
newspapers in large cities, similar  
to the program last year which paid  
off well. President Crocker ex-  
pressed, with his usual vigor and  
enthusiasm his grateful commenda-  
tion upon the teamwork that has  
prevailed during his term in of-  
fice.

## HERBERT A. CREEF ONE OF LEADING BUSINESSMEN



DEATH came Friday evening after  
two years of severe illness to Her-  
bert Augustus Creef of Manteo, a  
native and lifelong citizen and busi-  
ness leader. He died in Duke Hos-  
pital, ending a half century as a  
business man of the community. He  
was the son of the late George  
W. and Anne Baum Creef of Roan-  
oke Island, and the husband of  
Mrs. Annie Burrus Creef.

In business life he operated the  
Pioneer Theatre in Manteo, was  
president of the Manteo Bank, of  
Hassell and Creef Chevrolet Co.,  
and of the Carolina-Virginia  
Amusement Co., and of Creef and  
Webster, the latter firms having  
interests in Elizabeth City and  
Cradoek, Va. He was a widely  
known citizen and for many years,  
a liberal patron of the Methodist  
Church in Manteo, and had been  
active for some years in motor  
boat racing.

His wife survives, and three  
See CREEF, Page Six

## ALLIGATOR RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT WORK UNDERWAY

Surveys Begin for Oregon Inlet  
Bridge in April Leading to  
Contracts in 61

GOLDSBORO.—Work is now un-  
derway on the new Alligator River  
bridge in Tyrrell and Dare Coun-  
ties, the largest pre-stressed con-  
crete girder bridge in North Car-  
olina.

John S. Loving, vice president  
of T. A. Loving and Co., said in  
Goldsboro, that the \$2,848,758 pro-  
ject consists of a 3.617-mile bridge  
and approaches over Alligator River  
on U.S. 64 from a point 100  
feet west of Sandy Point Ferry  
Dock, east to a point 1,800 feet  
west of East Lake Post Office.

Loving said present ferry service  
will be maintained by the State  
until the bridge is built. Completion  
is scheduled in August, 1962.

As the general contractor, T. A.  
Loving and Co., is responsible for  
all phases on construction involved  
in the bridge project designed by  
the North Carolina State Highway  
Department.

The Oregon Inlet Bridge, ac-  
cording to announcement from  
Raleigh last week, will be con-  
tracted for early in 1961. Plans  
are for surveys on this job be  
undertaken during April this  
year. Some studies and survey-  
ing have already been com-  
pleted. This bridge is expected  
to cost about \$2,500,000.

An unusual feature of the Alli-  
gator River is the prestressed  
concrete pilings and girders. Pre-  
stressed a relatively new construc-  
tion process, means that concrete  
is poured in a mold through which  
steel cables have been stretched  
and placed under great tension.  
Once the concrete has set, the  
cables are cut and the girders and  
pilings are ready for use. The pre-  
stressed process gives concrete,  
which is normally rigid and brittle,  
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## NEWEST FISHING PIER OPENS NEXT WEEK END

KILL DEVIL HILLS.—Finish-  
ing touches are now being made  
at Avalon Beach Pier here on Kill  
Devil Hills and the 750 foot struc-  
ture extending out over the surf  
is expected to be ready for an-  
gling during the week end of  
April 8. It was announced this week  
by C. A. York, president of the  
Avalon Pier Corporation which  
has invested approximately \$125,-  
000 in the construction of the  
pier, restaurant, bait and tackle  
shop and parking areas. "First  
anglers to fish from the pier will  
be guests of the owners. Until  
there is a definite sign of a run  
of fish no charges will be made  
to persons casting from the pier,"  
said York.

## THE ALL-SEASHORE GROUP TO MEET AT OCRACOKE APR. 18

Seven Years Old Organization to  
Hold Annual Meeting As  
Ferry Service Begins

The annual meeting of the All-  
Seashore Highway Association is  
scheduled to be held at Ocracoke  
Island on Monday, April 18th. Joe  
DuBois, the Secretary has sent out  
a most interesting notice, of this  
meeting. Major J. L. Murphy of  
Kill Devil Hills is President of  
the Association, and the next presi-  
dent is scheduled to come from  
Southeastern N. C.

Emphasizing the date, Monday  
April 18th, Mr. DuBois says in his  
notice:

"That is the day on which we  
converge upon the delightful Island  
of Ocracoke for our Annual Spring  
meeting. It is also the day upon  
which we elect our Association's  
Officers for 1960-61.

"Those arriving from the South  
will board the new Sea Level-At-  
lantic-Ocracoke Car Ferry at the  
Town of Atlantic. The Ferry leaves  
at 8 a.m. Cars may be left at the  
Ferry Terminal, or you may take  
them with you to do some sight-  
seeing, or to drive on to Nags  
Head and Manteo, if you wish.

"This will be a Dutch Luncheon  
Meeting. It will mark the beginning  
of a new and prosperous era for  
the entire Coastal Area of North  
Carolina. It was on Ocracoke, just  
seven years ago, that a group of  
our Officers and Members met to  
lay plans for the promotion of an  
All Seashore Highway, and have  
helped to make many dreams come  
true. We are not through dreaming  
yet. Come and travel over the once  
missing link. Bring other coastal  
boosters with you."

## WINS SUPERIOR RATING



LYNN SHEPARD of Nags Head  
won a Superior rating when she  
entered the Spring Junior Music  
Festival held at East Carolina Col-  
lege, Greenville. The festival is  
sponsored by the N. C. Federation  
of Music Clubs. Lynn, who attends  
Manteo Elementary School, is a  
member of the Dare County Tem-  
po Junior Music Club, and is a  
pupil of Mrs. V. S. Mayberry.

## HENNY PENNY VOTE TO BE HELD IN HYDE SATURDAY

The Hyde County Committee  
which will supervise the Henny  
Penny referendum on Saturday,  
April 2, is making final plans.

"We want to be sure that every  
egg producer in the county votes,  
whether for or against the penny-  
a-hen assessment," said Hubert  
Watson, chairman of the Commit-  
tee. "That includes hatching eggs,  
too."

Other members of the county  
committee are Earl Pugh, Henry  
Cahoon, P. R. Simmons and E. R.  
Clarke.

Money raised through the assess-  
ment will be used by a North  
Carolina Egg Association, which  
will be organized if the referendum  
passes. It's estimated that about  
\$30,000 will be available to finance  
the association. One cent will be  
collected by poultry processors on  
each hen processed in the state.

Hyde County producers can vote  
at F. R. Simmons Store—Ponzer;  
Mattamuskeet Industries—New  
Holland; and Hyde Implement  
Company—Engelhard between the  
hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC FRIDAY IN THE MANTEO SCHOOL

Registration for children who  
will be entering the first grade of  
the Manteo Elementary School in  
September will be held Friday,  
April 1, in the first grade room  
of the Manteo Elementary School  
from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The child must be six years old  
on or before October 16, 1960. A  
copy of the child's birth certificate  
must be submitted at the time of  
registration. If you know of any-  
one who should know about this,  
please pass this information to  
them.

## COLLEGE PAPER PRAISES SWAN QUARTER GIRL



In glancing through the "Cho-  
wanian," the Chowan College pa-  
per we find this interesting ar-  
ticle, "We Are Proud Of" Dr. Wil-  
liam C. Young, Chowan College  
chaplain, and Miss Rebecca Smith,  
of Swan Quarter.

Rebecca Smith is a freshmen,  
and outstanding in her academic  
work, with a straight "A" aver-  
age. She is taking a one year sec-  
retarial course. In high school she  
also made straight A's. She is the  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard  
Smith of Swan Quarter. She is  
engaged to Bobby Dunbar of  
Scranton, also a student at Cho-  
wan. She hopes to work for a  
State department in Raleigh af-  
ter finishing at Chowan.

## FERRY CHANNEL BID REPORTED AT \$84,000 FOR OREGON INLET

Alligator River Bridge Approach  
Before Highway Commission  
Wednesday

Projects involving Dare and Tyr-  
rell counties totaled \$194,947, when  
the Highway Commission announ-  
ced the low bidders at its Wednes-  
day meeting. Work on Oregon In-  
let ferry channel was awarded to  
Atkinson Dredging Co., at \$84,000,  
based on 60,000 cubic yards of ex-  
cavation.

Included in the Atkinson con-  
tract will be additional work to  
the ferry slips. A depth of eight  
feet and width of 125 feet is called  
for in the main ferry channel.  
It is hoped that work will begin  
within the next few days.

Low bidder on approaches to the  
Alligator River bridge was W. J.  
McLamb and Son of Charlotte, on  
a bid of \$110,947. This work in-  
volves .79 mile at Sandy Point in  
Tyrrell and East Lake in Dare.

## BIG LUMBER FIRM WOULD OPERATE IN HYDE COUNTY

A new firm with promise of set-  
ting up a business operating in the  
million dollar neighborhood is con-  
templated for the Fairfield area of  
Hyde county, according to reports  
emanating from a request of the  
Securities and Exchange Commis-  
sion in Washington, that the Three  
L Corporation of Fairfield, be al-  
lowed to register three and a half  
million shares of common stock to  
be offered for sale at one dollar  
the share.

This company would engage in  
livestock and lumber business, it  
would invest a half million in saw-  
mill machinery and equipment; buy  
493 acres of land at \$46,098; and  
pay \$15,000 in July on 12,726 acres  
also in Hyde. There would be \$75,-  
000 set up for working capital for  
lumber business, and in January  
1961 \$65,000 as an installment on  
property, with the remainder to be  
used for planting, feed, pasture,  
raising livestock etc., and additional  
working capital.

Work in this area has been go-  
ing on for two years under the  
direction of H. E. Woodson, who  
formerly was engaged in the de-  
velopment of 73,000 acres of land  
near Engelhard, which is now  
owned by other interests. Mr.  
Woodson is considered to be one  
of the prime movers in the Three-L  
Corporation.

## APRIL LAYMEN SPEAKERS FOR SWAN QUARTER CHARGE

Appointments for "No - Silent  
Pulpit" speakers for the first two  
weeks of April, on the Swan Quar-  
ter-Fairfield charge, are announ-  
ced: April 3, Aubrey Pippin of Rt.  
2, Washington, will speak at Ep-  
worth; at Providence will be How-  
ell Sparrow, of Blehaven. Speakers  
for Palm Sunday services April  
10, will be J. F. Sparrow of Bel-  
haven at Fairfield, and Mayhew  
Allgood of Washington, at Soule.  
The public is invited to attend  
these services.

## PIRATES APPEAR ON TV; TRAVEL NORTH ON NEW FERRYBOAT

Colorful Delegation on Tour This  
Week By Way of Morehead  
City and Ocracoke

One of the most colorful and  
most hilarious junkets in the pre-  
Jamboree history of Dare Coast  
Pirates Jamboree is scheduled for  
next Wednesday, April 6, when  
several autos laden with buccaneers  
advance on Virginia with Richmond  
and an overnight stop at their des-  
tination. Previously the Richmond  
trip had been scheduled for next  
Monday, April 4.

A widely publicized junket end-  
ing Thursday afternoon this week  
was a trip made by Dare Beaches  
buccaneers to Washington for a  
television show Wednesday after-  
noon and where they were greeted  
on video by Representative Way-  
land Sermons and Hal Wilson.  
From Washington they went to  
Morehead City for an overnight  
stop with the highspot of their visit  
there being a banquet at Tony Sea-  
mon's famous Sanitary Fish Mar-  
ket Restaurant. With Tony, him-  
self in person, Chamber of Com-  
merce Manager Joe Dubois, Publisher  
Lockwood Phillips and others as  
greeters, the group left early  
Thursday for Ocracoke via the new  
Taylor Brothers ferry "Sea Level,"  
and on the island they were given  
a musical welcome by Stanley Wah-  
hab, who incidentally traces his  
ancestry back to one William How-  
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## RETURNS TO ELIZ. CITY



RONALD W. COX, USCG as just  
completed Coast Guard AD School  
at Elizabeth City, where he will be  
stationed. He is the son of Mrs.  
C. F. Harris of Wanchese, and the  
step-son of Dr. Harris. He took  
boat training at Cape May, and was  
elected Master of Arms, leader of  
the drill team and of boat team.  
He won the Coast Guard buckle for  
best all round sailor; won a sharp-  
shooter medal and was sent to  
Dam Neck to compete with other  
services branches on the rifle  
range. A brother, Jackie, has re-  
cently been assigned to duty in  
Seoul, Korea.

## LEGISLATIVE RACES IN HYDE COUNTY LEAD IN INTEREST OF VOTERS

SWAN QUARTER.—As the  
deadline approaches for filing for  
county offices, there is much  
speculation as to who will be can-  
didates in this county, particularly  
for the House of Representatives,  
and State Senate.

April 15 is the last day on which  
candidates may file for these of-  
fices or any other county offices.  
Chief interest now is in the house  
race, left wide open since Rep. Dick  
O'Neal of New Holland decided to  
run for the Senate. Mr. O'Neal has  
made formal announcement for the  
Senate, but there are well-founded  
rumors there will be an additional  
Senate candidate from Hyde.

General speculation leads with  
the name of Richard Lee Gibbs,  
Engelhard business man, as a po-  
tential House candidate whose  
name is far out in the field, but  
earlier it was rumored that Charlie  
McWilliams of Ocracoke would  
have the blessing of party leaders  
on the mainland, while heretofore  
Ocracoke candidates have received  
little consideration.

Former County Auditor Dick  
Lapton has been mentioned as a  
candidate likely to file for the  
house and fast on this report have  
been mentioned the names of Worth  
Moore, operating a store at Pon-  
zer; Earl Topping of Scranton and  
a former county Farm Agent; and  
also former Representative Cliff  
Bell of Swan Quarter.

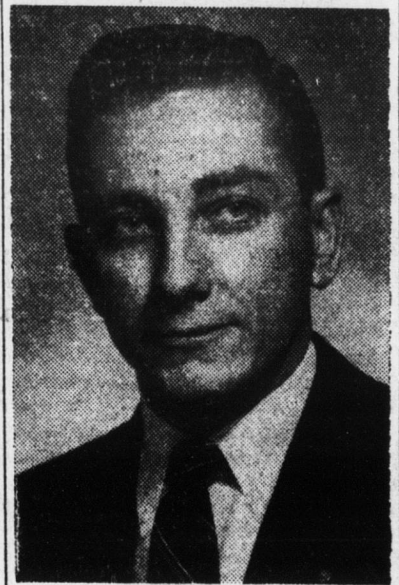
This week, Stanley Wahab of  
Ocracoke said he had given some  
consideration to becoming a candi-  
date.

The legislative offices, County  
Board of Commissioners and Edu-  
cation, are open at this time, but  
little interest is indicated so far as  
formal announcements are con-  
cerned.

## HIGH OPTIMISM PREVAILS AS RESTORATION CAMPAIGN FOR LOST COLONY BEGINS

Under Leadership of Mrs. Gardner A Drive Is  
Beginning to Raise Contributions of \$25,000  
to Rebuild the Dilapidated Theatre and Set  
Show Up On a Businesslike Basis Whereby It  
Will Pay Its Way.

## SHELBY MAN LAUNCHES LOST COLONY PLANS



J. SIBLEY DORTON, Jr., who has  
recently taken over management  
of the Lost Colony for the 1960  
season, began work this month  
looking to the launching of the  
biggest promotion program any  
season's production has had. Mr.  
Dorton is a native of Shelby, N.  
C., the hometown of the Chair-  
man, Mr. O. Max Gardner. His  
previous show business experience  
has included management of South-  
ern State Fair in Charlotte for  
several years and managing direc-  
tor of the Brevard Music Festival  
in western North Carolina last  
year. His father Dr. J. S. Dorton  
has been general manager of The  
N. C. State Fair in Raleigh for  
several years.

"To increase The Lost Colony  
attendance during the 20th sea-  
son beginning in June we will have  
not only a better produced show,  
but we will make every effort to  
encourage large groups such as  
youth, church and civic organiza-  
tions to include Dare Coast and  
The Lost Colony in their vacation  
plans," said Dorton.

## CHANNEL BASS IN HATTERAS WATERS REPORTED MAR. 29

Fish Appear About a Month Late,  
But Prospects Are For Steady  
Run in Weeks Ahead

HATTERAS.—Channel bass  
showed up in Hatteras waters  
Wednesday morning when 15 were  
taken in Pamlico Sound pound nets.  
One, and the first of the season  
was taken in a beach seine on Tues-  
day.

There was no law violation in  
taking of the channel bass as no  
more than two fish per crewmen  
operating the nets were brought  
in to port. The law allows two  
channel bass per person each day.

Arrival of channel bass, even if  
only in nets, is the biggest fish-  
ing news of mid-Spring along the  
Dare Coast. Usually within a week  
or less if weather conditions are  
favorable the first channel bass to  
be landed by rod and reel are  
taken after the initial net catches.

Last year the first of season  
with rod and reel was a 45-pounder  
from the surf at Cape Hatteras on  
March 23. This year arrival date  
of the bonze-back fighters is late—  
but Spring's good weather arrival  
has also been late.

Donald Oden, commercial fish  
dealer at Hatteras, reported the  
first channel bass catches. He did  
not buy the fish, because the flesh  
of channel bass is considered one  
of the best seafoods obtainable  
locally. The families of crewmen  
operating the nets are usually the  
people who get the first taste of  
the fish each Spring.

## DARE MAN WILL APPEAR ON ZANE GRAY THEATRE

Charles Briggs, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Tom Briggs of Kill Devil  
Hills, who went several years ago  
to California to make his way in  
the movie and TV industry, will ap-  
pear on TV next Thursday night,  
April 7, on the Zane Gray Theatre.  
The drama will be "Seed of Evil",  
and Charles will take the part of  
the retarded son of Malachi West,  
played by Raymond Massey.

Optimism for saving the Lost  
Colony on a permanent basis is  
now prevailing at a high level un-  
der the leadership of Mrs. O. Max  
Gardner, chairman. The Directors  
have set upon the task of raising  
a \$25,000 fund from contributions  
of public spirited people, and of  
this sum \$15,000 is expected from  
Dare County interests who have  
profited through the years from  
the operation of the show.

The dilapidated old Waterside  
Theatre has to be restored and this  
calls for a major operation. The  
work has begun, in order to get it  
ready for the season opening June  
25th. Periodically during the sea-  
son, a number of celebrities are  
expected to be presented at the  
show, entertained in Dare County  
and conducted to its principal places  
of interest.

A number of special events will  
be held. Days dedicated to patrons  
from Norfolk and other citizens  
and to persons who have helped  
the show to success are being con-  
sidered in this summer's schedules.  
There may be fewer of the Sun-  
day church services in the hope of  
doing better by more outstanding  
ministrars who will be presented.

In the drive for contributions of  
\$25,000, several objectives are con-  
sidered. First of all is to put the  
show on a businesslike basis where-  
by no further contributions may  
be expected from year to year, and  
to assure funds in hand to start  
the show off each season. Fortu-  
nately, the show will be out of  
debt, as due to recent announce-  
ment of a generous benefactor, the  
means have been provided for wip-  
ing out a long-standing obligation  
of \$20,000 that was borrowed ten  
years ago and never repaid.

In 20 years, there has been seri-  
ous impairment of the property,  
due to time, weather, and tides  
which have undermined the build-  
ings of the Waterside Theatre.  
These are to be restored.

Paul Green's symphonic drama  
The Lost Colony, will begin its  
20th season in Waterside Theatre  
at Fort Raleigh, here on Roanoke  
Island, on June 25th this year with  
a production schedule that will in-  
clude nightly performances (except  
Mondays), throughout the summer  
until September 4.

"The drama has a very definite  
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## CANCER KICK-OFF MEETING IN HYDE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Hyde County Unit of American  
Cancer Society will hold its "Kick  
Off" meeting for the Cancer Crus-  
ade, Wed., April 6, 8:00 p.m. at  
Agricultural Building.

Dr. James Howerton of the Co-  
lumbia Hospital will be guest  
speaker.

Mrs. Bert Tyson of Greenville,  
area consultant of the American  
Cancer Society will also be present  
to help the Hyde County unit or-  
ganize for the Cancer Crusade to  
be held this month.

Mrs. Gilbert Tunnell, president  
of the Hyde County Cancer Society  
is urging every board member, all  
officers and volunteer workers to  
be present to take part in the  
vital undertaking. The public is  
also invited to this meeting.

## BONNER KEY SPEAKER AT NUCLEAR SHIP CONFERENCE

Representative Herbert C. Bon-  
ner (D-N.C.) and Chairman of the  
House Committee on Merchant Ma-  
rine and Fisheries was one of the  
principal speakers at a conference  
on "the role of nuclear propulsion  
in merchant shipping," held April  
28-30 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
under the sponsorship of the Atom-  
ic Industrial Forum, the associa-  
tion of the nuclear industry.

Congressman Bonner, who intro-  
duced in 1956 the legislation au-  
thorizing construction of the N. S.  
Savannah, the nation's first nu-  
clear-powered merchant vessel, ad-  
dressed a conference luncheon on  
April 29 and was introduced by  
Clarence G. Morse, Maritime Ad-  
ministrator.

Two days of meetings at the  
Benjamin Franklin Hotel were fol-  
lowed by a field trip to the Cam-  
den, New Jersey yards of the New  
York Shipbuilding Company, where  
the Savannah is nearing comple-  
tion.