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## WANCHESE EVENT SHAPING UP BIG FOR LABOR DAY

Program Being Arranged and  
Committees Announced for  
Fish Fry and Speaking

The widespread interest that has followed announcement of the celebration of the completion of the Oregon Inlet channel project to be held at Mill Landing, Wanchese in the afternoon of Labor Day, Sept. 5, has indicated that a large crowd will attend. Word has been received from many state and national officials that they are planning to take part.

Col. R. P. Davidson, District Engineer of Wilmington and several members of his staff plan to attend. Congressman Herbert Bonner will speak. Senator Everett Jordan, many state officials, leaders in shipping and fishing circles, nearly all the Senators and Representatives of the area have written they are coming.

J. W. Davis, chairman of a Wanchese group of citizens working on plans for the celebration has announced the names of most of the committees for this event, as follows: Food and Refreshment, William Etheridge, Abe Sobel, George A. Daniels; Docking committee: Edmond Wright, Gilbert Tillett, Ronald Tillett; Program Committee, Elvin Daniels, J. W. Davis, Victor Meekins; Entertainment and Hospitality, P. D. Middett Jr., Mack Etheridge; Speakers stand and decorations: Mack Etheridge, Edmond Wright, W. H. Mann, and members of the Coast Guard; Music and Parking, Sheriff Frank Johnson, Highway Patrolman and members of the Coast Guard; other committees will be named later.

Mr. Davis said group singing will be held. The program will include speaking, music by the band, and followed by a fish fry. This fish fry and speaking at Wanchese is a public affair and the public is invited to attend and take part and enjoy the fish fry. Invitations will not be sent, other than a notification to out of town officials who participate in the program.

## OREGON INLET CHANNEL PROJECT IS COMPLETED

What is lacking in the final completion of the Oregon Inlet-Wanchese channel project the fulfillment of Dare County's pledge to construct a public dock at Mill Landing, for which Highway officials have promised the necessary hard-surface on land owned by the county and contributed by a number of business and individuals.

Celebration of this project will take place at 3 p.m., Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 5 at 3 p.m., with speaking, music and a fish fry. The hopper dredge "Hyde", completed dredging the bar channel at 10 a.m., Sunday morning, August 21. The dredge "Clarendon," completed dredging work on the Oldhouse channel area August 17th. The navigation aids awaiting completion by the Coast Guard will complete the waterway phases of this one-and-a-half million dollar project, save for the local cooperation mentioned above.

## STATE ACQUIRING LAND ON PORTSMOUTH ISLAND

Asks This Week for 14 Miles of  
Sand Fencing; Entire Island to Be  
Rebuilt for Posterity

It is of interest that this week's news is being asked for some 95,000 feet of sand fencing to begin restoration of Portsmouth Island, southward from Ocracoke Inlet. The State is purchasing this land, and plans to save it for the future. Governor Hodges announced Monday at Nags Head, that the work is under way, in the following statement:

A large portion of the Outer Banks extending from Ocracoke Inlet to Cape Lookout has deteriorated to such an extent that it is advisable to await completion of the joint engineering study, and legislative action that may be taken, before commencing remedial work.

It was determined that the best interest of the State would be served by the acquisition of the island, approximately 22,823 acres, it was doubtful that Federal funds for restoration would be made available so long as the land was privately owned. Therefore, I asked the 1959 session of the General Assembly also to make available \$2,000 for land acquisition.

The process of acquiring the island has been started. Right-of-way has been obtained for approximately 14 miles extending eastward from Drum Inlet. Work will permit the initiation of restoration measures. I have directed the Department of Land, See LAND, Page Four

## BETTY JOHNSON, SINGING STAR OF JACK PAAR SHOW TO APPEAR ON LOST COLONY SATURDAY NIGHT



LAR MEEL-BORN BETTY JOHNSON, singing star of the Jack Paar television show, will be a guest performer in The Lost Colony on Saturday night, August 27, in Waterside Theatre. In addition to appearing as a woman colonist in the play, she will also be presented in a special 15 or 20 minute program of the songs she sings between acts and also be interviewed.

Miss Johnson has appeared on the Ed Sullivan show, where she made her television debut in December 1952. She has been his guest seven times, on two occasions with her family, billed as the Famous Johnson Family Singers. She has made many popular recordings, three of which on the Atlantic label include "I Dreamed," "Little Blue Man" and "Dream." She was chosen as the No. 1 girl vocalist in the 1957 Cash Box Magazine poll.

She is a native of Guilford County, but for the most part of her childhood she lived on Possum Walk Road near Charlotte. In Charlotte she attended Queens College and in 1940 her family of singers were signed by WBT, Charlotte Radio Station and for 10 years they sang folk songs and hymns on the CBS network's Carolina Calling Show.

In 1952 she won the Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts show contest and went to stardom via Don McNeill's Breakfast Club and her hit recording "I Dreamed."

## N. C. NEWSMEN DINE WITH KENNEDY IN WASHINGTON TUES.

North Carolina newsmen who accepted the invitation of Senator John F. Kennedy, Democratic presidential nominee to a luncheon in Washington Tuesday of this week included Woodrow Price of The News and Observer, David R. Dear of the Elizabeth City Advance, Ashley Futrell of Washington, president of the N. C. Press Association, Victor Meekins of Manteo, and some 40 others. In the party was E. B. Jeffress, long-time publisher of the Greensboro Daily News and a former chairman of the State Highway Commission. The group included numerous radio and television men, Congressman Herbert Bonner and other representatives.

Senator Kennedy was presented by Senator Sam Ervin Jr., of N. C. Previously, Senator Everett Jordan had presented Vice-Presidential candidate Lyndon Johnson of Texas. Most North Carolina congressmen also attended the luncheon, held in the Capitol. Senator Kennedy answered many questions of interest to the visitors as to his position on farm problems, approach to integration, foreign policy, etc., and acquitted himself forthrightly and with broad vision. He was complimentary about North Carolina's handling of the integration problem.

Kennedy said he planned to visit North Carolina on Sept. 17th. He remained and chatted with the visitors for quite awhile afterward. Senator Kennedy, three times or more has taken the oath of See KENNEDY, Page Five

## ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH TO HAVE HOMECOMING EVENT ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

St. George's Episcopal Church, Lake Landing, will observe the annual homecoming Sunday, August 28th at eleven o'clock. The Rev. Raby Edwards of Havelock will be the guest preacher. Dinner will be served in the parish house. The public is cordially invited, to this eighty-sixth anniversary.

## WATER RESOURCES GROUP MEETING IN OCRACOKE SEPT. 21

Further Meeting at Nags Head on  
The 23rd; Col. Davidson  
on Program

A meeting of the N. C. Water Resources Commission is scheduled for Ocracoke, Sept. 23, beginning at 2 p.m., according to Col. Harry E. Brown, Director. The address of welcome will be by Stanley Wahab, response by C. H. Pruden Jr.; Col. Brown will make his report and reports of Division chiefs will follow.—Thos. H. Walker on Staff Services; E. C. Hubbard on Stream Sanitation and Hydrology; Harry M. Peek on Ground Water and Henry C. Wolfe on Navigable Waterways.

Col. R. P. Davidson, District Engineer, U. S. Army Corps will discuss the Civil Works program for N. C. during 1961. W. N. Spruill, N. C. Highway Division Engineer, will discuss development of Highway facilities to service Hatteras and Ocracoke Island; Supt. Robt. F. Gibbs will discuss Shore protective work of the CHNS; Maj. J. L. Murphy will discuss the All-Seashore Highway of the Future; Jack C. Willis, President the Ocracoke Civic Club will lead the discussion on matters of local interest.

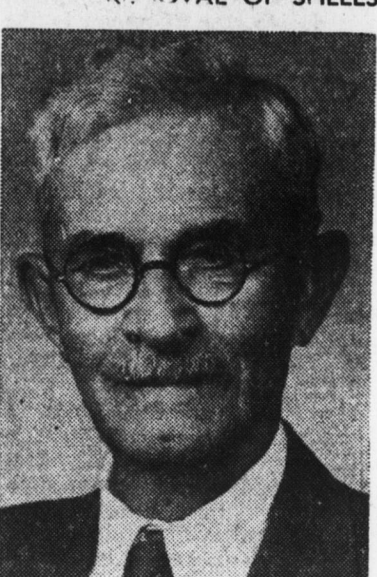
Sept. 22 will be spent in inspecting the vicinity of Ocracoke and Portsmouth Island and on the 23rd a tour of NPS protective work northward from Ocracoke Inlet and on Hatteras Island will be made.

At 8:30 p.m., Sept. 23, the Board will reconvene at the Carolinian Hotel, Nags Head, where the County Board of Commissioners, Dr. W. W. Harvey, Chairman of the Dare County waterways association and others may be heard on matters desired to be brought to the attention of the Board.

## BAPTIST CHURCH PICNIC ROANOKE ISLAND, SEPT. 4TH

Plans are moving along for the homecoming marking the 152nd anniversary of the Roanoke Island Baptist Church three miles north of Manteo which is scheduled for Sunday, September 4th. Many former pastors, and old members from distant places are expected to attend. The program will begin with the morning service, followed by a picnic dinner on the grounds and a singing program thereafter in the afternoon.

## OPPOSES PROJECT FOR REMOVAL OF SHELLS



JOHN W. POYNER of Poplar Branch, one of Currituck County's great citizens is an outspoken opponent of a plan that is being nourished by Elizabeth City business interests to dredge shell deposits from Albemarle and Currituck Sounds for their lime content for poultry feed, and their unannounced chemical content important to scientific purposes and commercial profit. "The shells are more valuable where they are," Mr. Poyner contends, "and their removal could damage the fishing and hunting industry and impoverish an essential source of income to many fishermen, hunters and all the tourist business as well."

Mr. Poyner, who was 86 years old on May 4th, is a remarkable example of vigor and health resulting from a lifetime of temperate habits and wholesome activity. He retired last year after 51 years continuous employment as Superintendent of the Currituck Shooting Club, which was established on the Currituck Banks in 1857.

His knowledge of local waters and conditions extending over three quarters of a century gives weight to his opinions about any matter, which although appearing on a quick glance to offer immediate profit, can be extremely harmful in the final analysis. Here are some of the views in opposition to the shell-dredging plan:

"Shell deposits in our sounds lie under the favorite haunts of striped bass, and other fish which find food in the mussels that cling to them; many fish like the shelter of the grasses which grow on the shell beds, and they like them for other reasons. In Currituck See POYNER, Page Four

## CONVENTION HOTEL; CLEANER BEACHES; MORE HIGHWAYS ON COAST, HODGES ADVOCATES

Governor, Monday, Points Up Value of Tourist  
Business; Cites Need for Larger Hotels on  
This Coast; Urges Carolina to Get Ready For  
New Traffic From North; Gives Industry a  
Plug And Mentions Coastal Restoration.

### MANAGER OF ALBEMARLE DISTRICT FOR VEPCO



CHARLES L. SALE is the new District Manager, succeeding Jim Hamilton, for the 14 counties comprising the Albemarle District of the Virginia Electric Power Co. which includes Dare, Beaufort, Tyrrell, Currituck, etc. Mr. Sale, a native of Virginia, is a grand nephew of the Capt. William Latane of Civil War fame who was killed in battle at Hanover, Va. He is a Rotarian, an Episcopalian, has a wife and two children; a son, Latane, 19, and a daughter, Mary Carter 17. He is making his home in Williamston, headquarters of the district. With Ray Goodmon, Vice-President of the District, he visited Manteo this week. He comes to the area after five years as manager of the Virginia Beach system of VEPCO.

"LET'S GET READY." It can well be the battle cry now on for the North Carolina Coast. It's the theme of Governor Hodges' speech Monday evening to the Board of Conservation and Development at Nags Head. It offers a challenge to the leadership of this coastland. It calls for the early bridging of Oregon Inlet; expansion of hotel facilities; building of a scenic boulevard from Virginia Beach to Nags Head; improvement of ferry facilities from both ends of Ocracoke Island. It calls for the restoration of our eroded Coastland, and development of industry also.

Governor Hodges spent two days presiding over the meetings of the Board in annual session at Nags Head. There were many interesting features in these meetings but none more so than the Governor's speech, and while other matters can be discussed in later issues, we feature the major part of his talk in this issue. Here is most of what he said:

"I am happy to be here at Nags Head and in Dare County. There is great growth for the future in this territory. Let's get ready. "We need a convention hotel somewhere along the North Carolina coast. There are several lovely hotels like the Carolinian now, but they are not large enough to take care of a convention and we have too many of our groups going out of State.

"We also have too many people saying that other beaches are cleaner, and more attractive than our beaches in North Carolina. Let's change this.

"It is highly pleasing to me and all other North Carolinians to note the many things that are being done to develop our whole North Carolina coast. One is the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, which will cause much North-South traffic to travel over U. S. Highway 17 and across much of the historic area we so proudly call "The Cradle of the Colony" in our potentially great Albemarle Sound section.

## GOVERNOR FAVORS ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT FISHING

Need For Vigorous Protection of  
Fishermen's Future Has Be-  
come Obvious

It has become obvious throughout the coastland that the long period of inactivity, so far as enforcement of fishing laws go, must be ended if there is to be saved much of value for our inland fishing industry. The Board of Conservation and Development meeting at Nags Head August 3, was made aware of this deplorable situation and the Governor himself declared in favor of some enforcement being undertaken.

For instance, concerning the use of heavy gear by trawlers, Chairman of the Fisheries Committee Eric Rodgers said it might be necessary to take some action regarding use of such gear by trawlers in their operations in the sounds in order to protect the various species of fish and the bottoms.

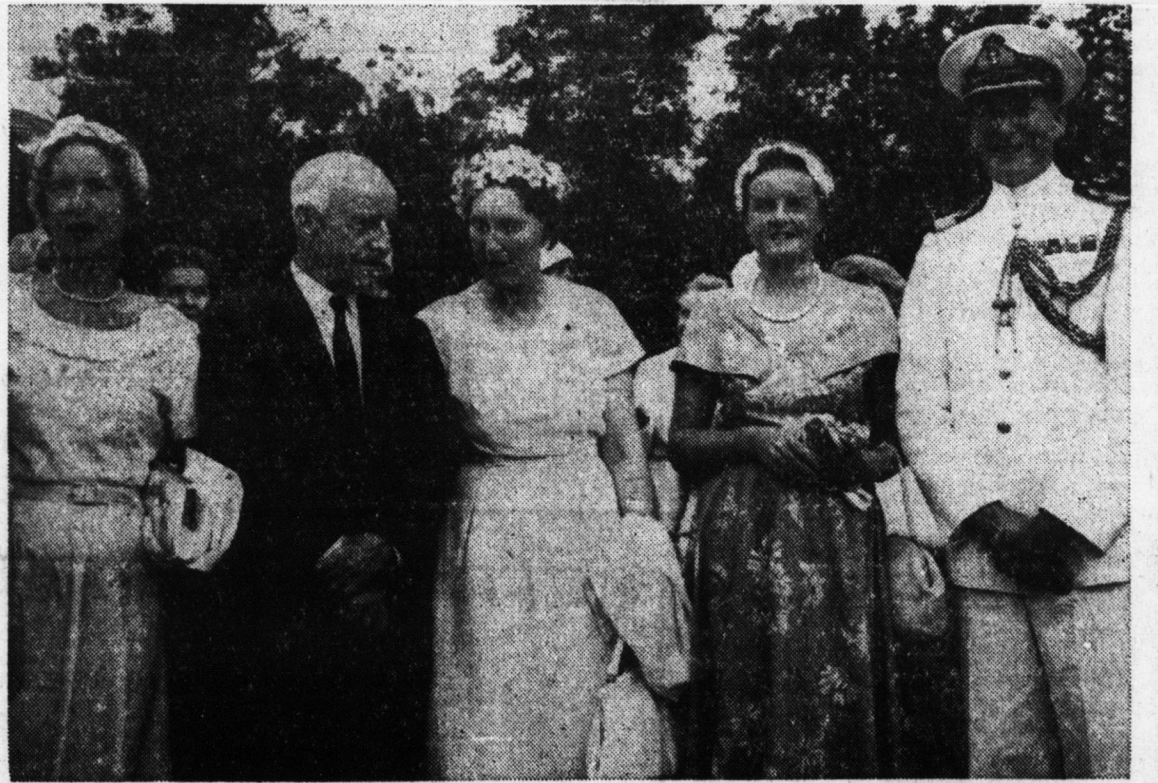
The Governor said he thought it vitally necessary that every effort be made to prevent extinction of fish species to the future detriment of the commercial fishermen themselves. Commissioner Holland, whose duty it is to direct enforcement of fishing laws, said it would take an army of enforcement officers, and Governor Hodges said if that were so, he would stand behind the Department and support every effort to get the "army" to enforce the law. He also deplored the lack of cooperation on the part of the courts in properly punishing those who violate commercial fishing laws.

Appeals had been made to the Board at its meeting to cut out the business of allowing the future shad supply to be destroyed as has been encouraged the past several years by extending the shad season. See HODGES, Page Four

## CAHOON NAMED SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION V. PRESIDENT

Sheriff Frank Cahoon of Dare was honored last week with the first Vice-Presidency of Dare County at the Association's annual convention in Chapel Hill. President is J. H. Allen of Cleveland County; Charlie Rumble of Iredell County is Second Vice President; and John R. Morris of Wilmington continues as Secretary-Treasurer. Sheriff Cahoon's recognition is a distinct honor in the Association for Dare County.

## NOTABLES TURN OUT FOR GARDEN DEDICATION ON ROANOKE ISLAND



—Photo by Aycock Brown

IT WAS A GREAT DAY, August 18th, and not even the threat of rain, with a few drops now and then kept several hundred people away from the formal dedication of the Elizabethan Gardens on Roanoke Island on August 18th. For notable people came to speak, and to pay homage to the courage and devotion that have made the gardens a reality. Shown in the picture, left to right are Mrs. Mildred Howard, Chairman of the Elizabethan Garden committee of the N. C. Federation of Garden Clubs; Dr. Frank Porter Graham, world citizen, and United Nations mediator, who spoke to the groups; Mrs. J. B. A. Daughtridge of Rocky Mount, President of the N. C. Garden Clubs; Mrs. and Commodore I. F. M. Newnham, of Her Majesty's Royal Navy, who came to represent the British Ambassador in Washington.

Dr. Graham's remarks on this occasion are reprinted elsewhere today. Commodore Newnham, who was so delighted with his first visit to Nags Head and Manteo that he and his wife decided to stay over longer, paid high tribute to the Garden. As one who had been in the Elizabethan Gardens in England, he said the Roanoke Island gardens compare favorably with those of the original design.

"We live in rather unpleasant and troubled times and one of the things that is going to pull us through is that your great country and our somewhat smaller one will stick together and see it through," Commodore Newnham said. It was a big day for members

of the Garden Club of North Carolina. It attracted Mrs. Jamie L. Johnson of Dearborn, Mich., president of the National Council of Garden Clubs, and Mrs. Daughtridge of Rocky Mount, president of the Garden Clubs of North Carolina.

Through the Elizabethan Garden effort, the State Council of Garden Clubs was presented a certificate of achievement from the National Council. Mrs. H. R. Totten of Chapel Hill, South Atlantic Regional Horticultural Committee chairman, recommended the award and announced it at the dedication ceremony.

Mrs. Ingis Fletcher of Edenton, who with Mrs. Charles Cannon of Concord conceived establishment of

the gardens, was unable to attend, but was the author of a prayer read at the closing of the occasion. Mrs. Cannon also was unable to attend.

Members of "The Lost Colony" cast presented a playlet, "The Spice Bush" and the "Colony" choir participated in the program. The Manteo Garden Club served refreshments.

The ceremonies were sponsored by the Garden Clubs of North Carolina, whose 900 member organizations have worked to establish the garden as a unique and colorful bit of Elizabethan England in the New World.

Dr. Graham's Speech. Dr. Graham, U.N. representative See NOTABLES, Page Four

## DRINKWATER HOST TO LARGE GROUP OF CAP VISITORS

An Air Force C-47 laden with Civil Air Patrol cadets from several northern and New England states arrived here Monday to visit the birthplace of modern aviation at Kill Devil Hills and to be entertained by local CAP members and citizens.

America's oldest Civil Air Patrol Warrant Officer, Alpheus W. Drinkwater, was their official host. He had made arrangements for housing and feeding the group at beach hotels and also for their transportation to visit sites of interest.

The cadets were on an Inter-Region Exchange flight and were accompanied by Col. Dan Lilly of the Kinston CAP Squadron and other officials of the North Carolina Wing of the organization.

Drinkwater expressed deep appreciation to the management of The Arlington, The Croatan and Edgewater Hotels on the Dare Beaches who entertained the group, and also to Goodrich Williams, Martin Kellogg, Jr., and Mrs. Dorris Fry for the use of their automobiles in transporting the group.

After visiting Fort Raleigh, Wright Memorial, Elizabethan Garden, Cape Hatteras National Seashore and being delayed 24 hours due to foul flying weather the group took off Wednesday afternoon with Richmond and Williamsburg as their next destinations before returning home via Washington and Mitchell Field, N. Y.