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## DISCUSSION OF REBUILDING L.C. THEATRE MON.

Annual Meeting to be in Raleigh Monday, November 28

Roanoke Island Historical Association board of directors met in Manteo Monday for a preliminary discussion on the prospects of rebuilding The Lost Colony's Waterside Theatre which was almost destroyed by Hurricane Donna.

It was brought out at the meeting, presided over by Mrs. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, president of the Historical Association, that damage to the properties where The Lost Colony had completed a successful 20th season September 4, was perhaps more than originally estimated.

Early estimates of replacing the dressing rooms, work shops, fire department, properties shop and costume department had been about \$30,000. It is now believed that it may take more than \$40,000 to rebuild the theatre and open the show next year on July 1 as planned, according to General Manager J. Sib Dorton.

Dorton and his assistant in charge of theatre maintenance and construction Albert Q. Bell gave reports of the extent of damage. Where the money will come from to do the necessary rebuilding is still undetermined.

On behalf of the committee in charge Mrs. Fred Morrison of Washington, D. C., presented a revision of the association's by-laws which were adopted by those present.

It was announced by Mrs. Gardner that the annual meeting of Roanoke Island Historical Association would be held in Raleigh on Monday, November 28, during the State's annual Culture Week.

## BIG GAME HUNTING SEASON BEGINNING SATURDAY, OCT. 15

Big game hunting season begins on the Dare Coast Saturday and all indications are that deer and bear are more plentiful this year than ever before.

Seasons also open in Hyde, Tyrrell and other Eastern counties on Saturday for deer and bear.

Most of the big game killed in Dare is bagged on properties of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company. In addition to the county, state or non-resident license fees in the general area of Manns Harbor, East Lake and Stumpy Point a special permit must be obtained from West Virginia for hunting privileges. A nominal charge is made for the permit after the applicant has displayed the regular licenses required by the State.

During the bow hunting season (18 days immediately prior to regular season) there were reports of several deer being killed by local and resident archers in coastal forests.

## TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS FEATURED IN COURT

Of eleven cases tried by Judge Baum in Recorders Court Tuesday, 10 were for traffic violations ranging from speeding five miles higher than zone limits of 55 miles an hour to drunken driving.

Top fine and costs of the day was imposed upon William Lee Marrion of Manteo. He was charged with driving drunk and paid a fine of \$100 and costs upon conviction.

Clarence Pigford of Manteo was fined \$25 and costs for public drunkenness on the streets of Manteo. He was also given a 30 day suspended jail sentence.

Theodore Roosevelt Meekins of Manteo paid \$5 and costs including cost of capias issued for driving 60 miles an hour in a 55 mile an hour zone on September 3.

Speeding 55 in a 35 mile zone cost James C. Strickland of Portsmouth \$20 plus court fees.

George William Landes, Rocky Mount, paid \$10 and costs on charge of speeding 65 in a 55 mile an hour zone.

Linwood Sorey, Manns Harbor was fined \$10 and costs for failing to stop at a highway stop sign.

Sam Lee Liverman, Jr., Kill Devil Hills, was fined \$25 and costs for passing a standing school bus while taking on or waiting for passengers.

Alexander E. DeBlois, Edenton, disregarded a "Do Not Enter" traffic control sign. He was fined \$10 and costs for the traffic mistake.

Pattie Clair Long Wescott, Manteo, was fined \$10 and costs for failing to yield right-of-way.

Van Edward Cash, Hatteras, See COURT, Page Six

## DARE COUNTY NATIVE HAS SECOND BOOK PUBLISHED



MRS. NELL WISE WECHTER, native of Stumpy Point in Dare County, will have her second book, BETSY DOWDY'S RIDE, published on Saturday, October 15, by publisher John F. Blair of Winston-Salem. The book is built on the legend of the famous ride made by Betsy Dowdy, who crossed deep inlets and went through fearful swamps on her banker pony to save her beloved North Carolina from British attack in 1775. Lord Dunmore had attacked Great Bridge, Virginia, and it was to notify General William Skinner in time to relieve the American garrison that Betsy made her famous ride.

Mrs. Wechter says that there are "several accounts of Betsy Dowdy's ride. Each one is different from the others; but the location, the time, and the principal events remain the same." She says that it is her purpose "to present the legendary Betsy as I believe she really was, for I am sure that her spirit will live forever in our hearts side by side with the spirits of Virginia Dare and Theodosia Burr."

Mrs. Wechter's first book, TAFFY OF TORPEDO JUNCTION, about a young girl who lived on Hatteras Island during the exciting and dangerous time of World War II, when German submarines lurked off the coast, won the North Carolina AAUW Award in 1957.

Since Mrs. Wechter grew up in Dare County and also taught school for six years on Hatteras Island, she knows the coast and its people well. She and her husband now teach in the Greensboro Public School System. They have a daughter, Marcia, who is a senior in high school.

Tea Oct. 15 in Elizabeth City Saturday, Oct. 15, will be Nell Wise Wechter Day in the Pasquotank Library, Elizabeth City, and in the Dare County Library, Manteo. The occasion is Mrs. Wechter's new book, "Betsy Dowdy's Ride." In Elizabeth City, the DAR chapter will sponsor a tea from 3 to 5. Copies of the book will be on sale and Mrs. Wechter will be present to autograph them. The Dare Library will have on display its first copy. Other copies are expected daily to meet the demand for this popular writer's work.

## DR. W. T. RALPH IS HONORED BY ROTARIANS THURS. NIGHT MEETING

Members of the Belhaven-Pantego Rotary Club were entertained Thursday night, as the Washington club was host in ceremonies honoring Dr. W. T. Ralph of Belhaven, who was recently elevated to post of Rotary District Governor for district 773.

"Dr. Ralph" Night was an affair looked upon with great favor, and Edmund Harding, a favorite for such occasions, was guest speaker at the event.

## HYDE H.D. CLUBS WILL OBSERVE ACHIEVEMENT DAY ON OCTOBER 18TH

Achievement Day for the Hyde County Home Demonstration Clubs will be held Tuesday, October 18, at Providence Methodist Church in Swan Quarter at 2:00 p.m.

Miss Sue Ormond, assistant home agent in Beaufort County, will be speaker. Miss Ormond was an IFYE exchange student in Panama last year for six months. Also attending will be Mrs. Myrtle Swicegood, district home agent.

## RECOVERING FROM INJURIES

A. W. Drinkwater, widely known citizen of Manteo, last week suffered a broken left wrist when he fell carrying wood for his office heater. He received preliminary treatment in Manteo and was sent to Norfolk where a bone specialist at DePaul Hospital placed the wrist in a cast.

Drinkwater, who is 85, is back at the grind of his real estate and insurance business full force now, but stated that the cast would probably have to remain for several weeks.

## WOMAN'S CLUB 16TH DISTRICT MEETING ATTRACTS VISITORS

Mrs. Gordon Maddrey, State President, Speaker For Occasion Attracting 150

With the Manteo Woman's Club as host, approximately 150 women from 15 clubs in the 16th district of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs attended the annual district meeting Wednesday, October 12, at the Carolinian Hotel, Nags Head.

Mrs. Gordon Maddrey of Ahoskie, state president, was speaker. Mrs. J. Porter of Severn, who is district president, presided. Greetings were extended by Ralph Swain of Manteo, president of the Dare County Tourist Bureau; Mrs. Jack Tillett, president of the Manteo Woman's Club; and Julian Oneto of the Carolinian Hotel.

Entertainment included group singing with Mrs. John Bell at the piano and selections by the Manteo Rotary Quartet, with Dick Jordan at the piano. The devotion was led by Mrs. Rennie Williamson of the Manteo club.

The Edenton Woman's Club won top rating with four awards; and one of its members was named the outstanding clubwoman in the district.

Mrs. Wesley Chesson, Jr., was presented the Carrie Earnhardt cup as district clubwoman of the year. She is the first Edenton woman to win the award since it was offered by Edenton club member, See WOMEN, Page Seven

## AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FROM F.H.A. ASSURED

Many Uses Qualify Applicant for Funds in Hyde and Dare

Additional funds for farm housing have been made available through the Farmers Home Administration loan facilities, Daniel B. Willis, County Supervisor for Hyde and Dare Counties, announced today.

This money may be used to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace, or relocate a dwelling or other essential farm buildings on the farm. This means that farm dwellings or service buildings destroyed or damaged by Hurricane "Donna" may be replaced or repaired with FHA Housing loan funds. These loans are repayable over a period not to exceed thirty-three years.

The Farmers Home Administration also makes loans to eligible applicants to purchase essential farm and home equipment and productive livestock, pay necessary farm operating and family living expenses, refinance debts on livestock and farm equipment. Loans are also made to buy an adequate family-type farm or buy land to enlarge an undersized farm to family-type size; provide necessary water and water facilities, provide basic land and soil improvements, refinance existing real estate debts; carry out approved soil conservation practices, develop irrigation systems and farmstead water systems as well as other necessary farm expenses.

Further information concerning these loans may be obtained by contacting the agency's local office which is located in the Lupton Building, Swan Quarter, N. C.

## SEN. JORDAN'S VISIT IN DARE APPRECIATED

Senator B. Everett Jordan's talk last Friday night at Dare County Courthouse was enjoyed immensely by the group of some less than 100. He touched on many subjects such as the farm problem, defense appropriations, welfare aid, government economy, Formosa, and the problems which have been created for the country during the period of Republican administration.

He arrived in Dare early in the afternoon, and was greeted by a group who had prepared a dinner session at the Carolinian hotel. Among those present for this affair were Woodrow Edwards and Horace Hooper of the board of Commissioners, Walter Perry, Chairman of the county Democratic Executive Committee, Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., Lawrence Swain and Bobby Owens of Manteo, Harvey Best of Stumpy Point and Penell Tillett of Kitty Hawk.

The courthouse meeting was opened by Mr. Perry, and Dr. Harvey introduced Senator Jordan. The Senator expressed his regrets at being unable to remain until Saturday for the YDC district meeting scheduled for the following evening, but had previously been scheduled for another appearance.

## GUEST SPEAKER FOR ENGELHARD PROGRAM



EDMUND HARDING, of Washington, noted humorist will be guest speaker at ceremonies observing twenty-fifth anniversary of founding of the Engelhard Rotary Club. A ladies night event, it is set for next Wednesday night, October 19 at the Engelhard Hotel.

The Engelhard club was sponsored by the Washington Rotary Club and on occasion of its first night, Washington club journeyed to Engelhard in lieu of its own meeting. In addition, to Washington, Greenville, Elizabeth City, Hatteras, Brooklyn, N. Y., Oxford, Kinston, Sanford, Asheboro and Greensboro were represented and greetings were sent to the new club by other Rotary clubs in the district.

The original members were: P. D. Midgett, Jr., Closs Gibbs, R. S. Spencer, R. L. Patrick, W. H. Cox, R. L. Gibbs, Frank C. Gibbs, M. A. Matthews, L. O. Edwards, J. H. Jarvis, Engelhard; T. J. Mann, Leland Dudley, W. W. Watson, Lake Landing; M. Makely, George T. Davis, Swan Quarter; S. M. Gibbs and J. M. Long of Middletown.

Officers elected for the first year were P. D. Midgett, Jr., President; R. L. Gibbs, Vice-President and M. A. Matthews, Secretary. P. D. Midgett also served the Rotary term of 1936-37 as President, and following are those who have served the club in that capacity through the years: 37-38, Harold Jarvis, Sr.; See MEETING, Page Six

## ANNUAL TOURNEY IS NOW UNDERWAY NAGS HEAD BEACH

Tenth Affair Attracts Thirty-Nine Teams, Mostly from Northern Points

NAGS HEAD. — Thirty nine teams had entered or indicated they would enter the 10th annual Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament starting here Thursday morning, it was announced by Bob Preston, president of Nags Head Surf Fishing Club.

The invitation inter-club team event will feature two fishing sessions daily on Thursday and Friday, the first beginning at 8:30 a.m. and lasting until 11:30 and the second starting at 1:30 and continuing until 4:30. Rocket bombs fired into the air over the surf between Kitty Hawk and Nags Head will be the signal for teams to start or stop fishing.

An organization meeting of all team officials was held on Wednesday night at The Carolinian Hotel which is tournament headquarters. Co-directors of the tournament are Willard Shaner, Margate City, N. J., and W. A. Williams, Jr., Nags Head. Jim Scarborough, Nags Head is in charge of transportation and Carl Nunemaker at the Nags Head Ice and Cold Storage is the weighmaster.

A large array of trophies and other awards to be presented winning teams and individuals are on display at tournament headquarters. The awards will be presented at the official tournament dinner See TOURNEY, Page Six

## FISHING EXCELLENT!

With 28 fish counting 92 points the New Jersey Beach Buggy Association reeled in an early lead Thursday morning during the first session of Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament. This same team in 1959 had won top honors in the tournament.

With 129 fish, mostly speckled trout, flounder, blues and puppy drum, all competing teams scored a total of 569 points.

Largest fish taken Thursday morning was a 7 1/4 pound flounder taken by Gene Costrovelle of the South Jersey Squid Hounds team.

## TOP TEAM FROM LAST YEAR'S CONTEST



NEW JERSEY BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, composed of the above members during last year's tournament at Nags Head sponsored by Nags Head Surf Fishing Club have assured everyone they'll be competing again this year for top spot in the waters off Dare Beaches. These members, back row, left to right, are: Jack Thomson, Lou Komoges, William Kunze; front row, Phil Stefani, James LaMarro, Chas. Potter. They are widely known throughout New Jersey, being active in most all tournaments of this nature.

## SCRANTON CHRISTIANS SUNDAY WILL OBSERVE HOMECOMING EVENT

The homecoming of the Scranton Christian Church will be Sunday, October 16th. The morning worship service will be at 11:00 o'clock at which time the mortgage on the parsonage will be burned.

Garland C. Bland, minister, will speak on the subject: "Three Types of Homes." Evening worship service will be at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## DON'T BE ALARMED WHEN NEW SIREN TESTED

A much larger siren has been purchased and installed by the Manteo Fire Department. The 7 1/2 horsepower siren should be heard for a radius of five miles. On Thursday, October 20, 8 to 9 p.m., the siren will be tested while adjustments are made to insure proper installation.

The firemen do not wish to unduly alarm anyone hearing the more forceful siren sounding several times.

## GEORGE ROWLEY WESCOTT DIES TUESDAY IN SLEEP

George Rowley Wescott, 48, died Tuesday morning in his sleep at Manteo. He was a native of Dare County and had been residing in Norfolk, Va., for the past 15 years. He was visiting in Manteo at the time of his death.

He was the husband of Mrs. Clara Foy Smith Wescott. He was a veteran of World War II and was retired from the Navy Air Base, Norfolk, Va., he was a member of the Manteo Baptist Church.

Surviving besides his wife, are one daughter, Miss Connie Wescott of Norfolk, Va.; two sons, George O. Wescott and A. C. Wescott, both of Norfolk, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. W. R. Hale of Rocky Mount, Mrs. David M. Pearsall and Miss Ione Wescott, both of Manteo, and Mrs. Henry L. Johnson of Raleigh; two brothers, William G. Wescott of Manteo and Carlyle Wescott of Norfolk, Va., and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home, the Rev. C. W. Guthrie, retired Methodist minister officiating. Masonic rites followed at the grave by the Wanchese Lodge No. 521, AF & AM. Burial followed in the Manteo Cemetery.

## MERRILL EVANS TO BE TOURIST BUREAU BANQUET SPEAKER

Annual Affair Scheduled for Nags Head on Saturday, October 29

Merrill Evans of Ahoskie, former state highway commissioner and a North Carolina leader who has the interest of the coastland as well as the state at heart, will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of Dare County Tourist Bureau.

The banquet will be held at Nags Head on Saturday evening, October 29th. Melvin R. Daniels was appointed last week by Tourist Bureau Chairman Ralph Swain to extend the invitation. Swain will be overall chairman of banquet arrangements. Gordon Kellogg will serve as chairman of the committee to arrange for catering service while Secretary-Treasurer Elnora Preston, and Wallace McCown and Bill Dillon will work on promotional plans for the banquet in order to have heavy representation from all sections of the county.

Plans for the annual banquet were discussed during the annual meeting of the Tourist Bureau at the Community Building Wednesday.

A review of the Bureau's accomplishment during the past year and plans for making the forthcoming season, despite a recent setback by Hurricane Donna, bigger and better than ever.

The Board adopted a new budget for 1960-61 that totals \$21,480 or approximately \$500 more than for the past year. Kellogg was chairman of the budget committee.

Board members present agreed to canvass the operators of new vacation enterprises in Dare to secure additional investments in the publicity and promotional program conducted by the Tourist Bureau.

New officers of the Tourist Bureau will be named later this month.

Present at the meeting last week were: Chairman Swain, Kellogg, McCown, Daniels, M. K. Fearing, Jr., Mrs. Juanita Parker, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Margaret Davis, and Bill Dillon, along with Ayeock Brown, manager and news director, and Mrs. Donna Tillett, assistant.

## TRAVEL FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER SHOW DECREASE

MANTEO. — Vacation travel on the Dare Coast was temporarily slowed up during September and official figures just issued by Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Fort Raleigh National Historic Site indicate that the total for first nine months this year at both places is slightly less than for the same period last year.

On the other hand, however, Wright Brothers National Monument visitations have shown an increase over 1959 for the calendar year to date. Through September this year the calendar year total for visitors at the Wright Monument was 218,690 as compared to 181,232 for the same period in 1959.

Superintendent Horace Dough estimates that since the opening of the new Visitors Center with its first flight displays at the Wright Monument an increase of approximately 15 percent has been shown in the number of visitors. There were 22,171 visitors at the monument during September, a 40 percent increase over the 15,829 visitors counted in September 1959.

With 42,837 visitors entering Cape Hatteras National Seashore during September the total for the calendar year increased to 404,730 persons. This compares with 412,668 persons during the first nine months of 1959 when there were no hurricanes in September. The total visitor days at the National Seashore through September this year totaled 508,504. (A "visitor day" is when a person stops overnight or longer.)

During September this year 19,191 persons, or almost half the total for the month entering National Seashore visited the famous Cape Hatteras Lighthouse area.

Only 7,520 persons entered Fort Raleigh National Historic Site during September of which 1,948 were Lost Colony patrons. Total number visitors at Fort Raleigh during the first nine months this year was 85,859 as compared to 94,831 in 1959.

No figures were immediately available for number of visitors at the Elizabethan Gardens, but as progress is made on planting and development of the Garden Clubs project, more and more visitors go there. This has been a record breaking year for Garden.