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WOMBLE REPORTS BRIGHTER PROSPECT FOR BEACH ROAD

Ocean Boulevard From Virginia Beach to Nags Head Believed Probable Soon

Prospects for the Virginia Beach-Nags Head link of the long-sought Seashore Highway appear brighter now than in years, the All Seashore Highway Association of North Carolina was told Wednesday at its meeting at Nags Head, according to Bill Womble, reporting in the News and Observer.

Virginia promoters and highway officials of the state recently have shown revived interest in the project, in view of the Chesapeake Bay bridge-tunnel construction now underway and which will be completed in 1963.

A report on Virginia's position was made by Maj. J. L. Murphy of Kill Devil Hills, vice president of the N. C. Association for this Northeastern Division. He said Virginia Beach and Norfolk promoters have come to realize the potential advantage to their area of the seashore route and are lining up support of Virginia counties involved and the Virginia Highway Department.

The plan calls for a seashore route of about 20 miles along undeveloped beach from Virginia Beach southward, and some 35 miles along the North Carolina shore to connect with the Nags Head area.

Merrill Evans of Ahoskie, a former N. C. Highway Commissioner and mentioned recently as a possible appointee again under the new administration next year, attended the meeting here and expressed himself strongly in favor of the road.

Evans, a native of Currituck and long a promoter of this coastal region, said, "I'm confident this road will be built in the not too distant future, for the reason that it must be built."

Pointing to the Chesapeake project, Evans said this will result in an enormous flow of traffic to the seashore region of this State, and declared it is essential that the State take advantage of it.

Opening of such a road, he said, would convert the entire section from Nags Head to Ocracoke into a year-round one instead of the present seasonal one.

Melvin Daniels of Wanchese quoted National Park Service figures which indicated the Dare beaches could expect a million visitors annually if such a seashore route were built.

The association meeting, presided over by President Norwood Young of Beaufort, also voted to push for resumption of ferry service from Ocracoke to the mainland, a service suspended when channels used by the Sea Level-Ocracoke ferry were closed by Hurricane Donna. Both Young and Secretary Joe DuBois said the demand for this link in the Seashore Highway project last summer was tremendous, and suggested that if the route were changed to Cedar Island instead of to Atlantic, it would be feasible for the State to take it over and resume runs in the spring.

Young said it might be necessary for the State to use a different type ferry, possibly an LST-craft of shallow draft.

Continued support of the plan to link Fort Fisher and Southport with a ferry was voiced by the association. Glenn Tucker of Carolina Beach was present to plug for this project.

Reports on beach erosion work were heard both from Col. Harry Brown, Director of the State Water Resources Department, and Robert L. Gibbs, Superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park.

The Association passed a resolution urging immediate federal and state assistance on this work, as well as inlet stabilization projects. Col. Brown told of state erosion work already underway on a limited scale near Drum Inlet.

Considerable discussion was heard on the need for improving U. S. Highway 17, known as the ocean route. If this main present artery is not improved, traffic which would funnel from it to the seashore will soon be lost, the association was told.

Col. Brown's Department was praised highly by Mr. Tucker.

FISHING IN LAKE BANNED DURING WILDFOWL SEASON

By order of the Bureau of Wildlife and Fisheries, no fishing of any type will be permitted on the Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge during the open season for hunting waterfowl, November 9, 1960 through January 7, 1961, according to announcement by refuge manager W. G. Cahoon.

NEW PASTOR CALLED BY MANTEO BAPTISTS



REV. M. J. DAVIS who is to arrive from Burlington to take over the pastorate of the Manteo Baptist Church on November 1. The church has been without a pastor several months since Rev. W. E. Cholerton left for Washington, D. C. Mr. Davis is married and has a married son and married daughter. Prior to 1953 he was manager for the Durham Life Insurance Co. in Wilmington. He was educated in the Mt. Olive public schools, Wilmington Junior College, and LaSalle University, Chicago. He graduated from Fruitland Bible Institute in 1956 and from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest in 1959.

He comes to Manteo from the pastorate of the Lafayette Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

TOURIST BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 29

Merrill Evans, longtime friend of the Dare Coast-Outer Banks region during his public life as state senator and state highway commissioner will deliver the principal address at the annual banquet meeting of the Dare County Tourist Bureau, Ralph Swain, chairman of the Bureau's board of directors advises.

Swain will preside at the banquet meeting which will feature a choice of baked ham or chicken plus all the trimmings for a meal that has won acclaim for Mrs. Owen's Restaurant.

The banquet will begin at 6:30 o'clock on Saturday evening, October 29 and in charge of ticket sales are: Mrs. Margaret Davis of Kitty Hawk, Mrs. Elnora Presion of Nags Head, Ralph Swain and the Tourist Bureau office, Manteo, Bill Dillon, Buxton and Scotty Gibson, Hatteras. Persons from Hatteras attending the banquet will be overnight guests of hotels or motels on the beach which have offered accommodations at no cost to the visitors who will be unable to return home Saturday evening.

Merrill Evans who will deliver the principal address is a native of Currituck County who has been making his home in Ahoskie for many years. A former state senator and member of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, Evans is a gifted speaker who is always in demand by civic organizations for speeches.

There will be accommodations at Owens Restaurant for upward of 100 persons and "we are expecting a big turn out on this occasion," Chairman Swain stated.

NEAR \$90,000 APPROVED SMALL BUSINESS LOANS

C. R. Shaw, Manager of the New Bern Disaster Field Office of the Small Business Administration, announced this week the approval of thirteen (13) Business Loans, totaling \$84,725, and two (2) Home Loans to home owners, totaling \$2,625. These loans were made for the purpose of rehabilitating victims who suffered damage from Hurricane Donna on September 12.

Mr. Shaw, stated yesterday that a representative would be in Manteo at the Bank of Manteo on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to assist others who may wish to apply for loans.

Mr. Shaw stated that a total of 44 applications had been received to date, and were being processed as quickly as possible. He emphasized that the closing date of the temporary New Bern Disaster Field Office would be announced shortly, and urged that all persons that are interested in loans to repair damaged property, to contact the office as soon as possible. The address is—608 Broad Street, New Bern. — Telephone — MELrose 7-5009.

FIRE DESTROYS OREGON INLET NPS PROPERTY

Pea Island Campground Store Valued at \$23,000 Burned in Absence of Lessee

Oregon Inlet Campground Store property of Cape Hatteras National Seashore at the ferry landing on the south shore of the inlet was completely destroyed by fire of uncertain origin Saturday night.

The blaze was first discovered by the lookout on duty at nearby Oregon Inlet Coast Guard station at 7:15 o'clock and a portable pumper supplemented by hand fire extinguishers was used to extinguish the flames with negative results.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Conner and their family of two children were not at the store during the fire. National Park Service officials reported they had left the establishment which Mr. Conner operated as concessionaire to pick up mail in Rodanthe, 12 miles southward of the campground store site.

Gus Hultman, chief ranger of the National Seashore placed the estimated loss to building with two smaller outhouses used for storage and ice at \$18,000 plus an additional loss of equipment inside the building totaling \$4,500. The government does not carry insurance.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR ACTIVE



ROBERT LEE GAVIN, Republican candidate for Governor of North Carolina is the first candidate of his party to give Dare County any attention since the late Col. Ike Meekins ran in 1924. Mr. Gavin spent the week end visiting at Hatteras. On Monday he had lunch in Manteo with County Chairman Vernon Gaskill and other party leaders, including Walter Gaskill, Dan Burgess, and Dr. and Mrs. Joe Liverman of Engelhard. Chairman Gaskill said a much larger group met with Mr. Gavin at the Manteo Airport, where he departed for a television appearance in Washington, and a speech in Edenton Monday night.

SUPERIOR COURT IN DARE STARTS MONDAY JUDGE BONE PRESIDING

Judge Walter J. Bone of Nashville is to preside at the mixed term of Superior Court for Dare County which begins Monday; the 24th in Manteo. Judge Bone has presided many times in Dare County.

A docket of some length faces the court, many cases being several years old.

The following names were drawn this month for jury duty at this term:

Manteo—J. L. Rea, Gustaf Hultman, Mrs. Irene Basnight, Arnold G. Tolson, Carolyn A. Etheridge, Mrs. Roland Sawyer, Henry Evans, Ruth Dykstra.

Buxton—Edmond D. Midgett, Vetter J. Williams, Eddie F. Williams.

Manns Harbor—Claude C. Duval, Melba Jones Kemp, Mrs. Hilda Craddock.

Hatteras—Roy L. Gray, William Foster.

Kitty Hawk—Ella W. Weatherly, Walter Spence, Robert Skiles, W. T. Twiford, Herman T. Tillett, William T. Beacham.

Stumpy Point—Pearl Gray, Goldie Best.

Wanchese—Royden Tillett, Mattie Mann.

Waves—Dorland Midgett.

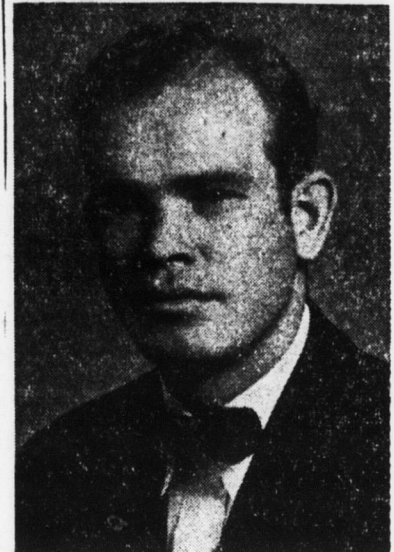
Avon—Edward Branch Meekins, Mabel Meekins, Edward Farrow Scarborough.

Kill Devil Hills—Carrie Baum Dunbar.

Nags Head—William H. Mann, Rodanthe—Nora E. Herbert.

The long list of cases to come before this court is as follows: Robert Lee Garrett—Breaking, entering and larceny; Robert Lee Garrett and Donald Massie—Breaking See COURT, Page Seven

COLUMBIA STUDENT ON OKLAHOMA DEAN'S LIST



ALTON K. SPENCER JR., a junior at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla., where he is studying to be a Veterinarian, made the Dean's List according to a release by the "Daily O' Collegian", issue of Sept. 16. Mr. Spencer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Spencer of Creswell, formerly of Columbia. The Spencers formerly lived in Manteo.

ROTARIANS WITH LADIES ENJOY 25TH AT ENGELHARD CLUB

Wednesday Night Was Big Night in Hyde County for Entertaining Group

Entertained by the same man, Edmund Harding of Washington, who entertained them on charter night, 25 years ago, the members of the Engelhard Rotary Club with their ladies and visitors from other clubs, held a memorable event Wednesday night of this week.

In recognition of this 25th anniversary, the Manteo Rotary Club organized a few years earlier, had prepared and sent greetings by an Engelhard native, Linwood Cutrell, a member of the Manteo club. Guests from Washington, Belhaven, Columbia and other clubs attended.

Earl Pugh is president of the club, and featuring prominently in the program was P. D. Midgett, Jr., the promoter of the club 25 years ago and who has had three terms as its president. The club was organized under the sponsorship of the Washington club, and at that time it was said Engelhard was the smallest town in the world to have a Rotary Club.

When the club was organized, Mr. Midgett was president; R. L. Gibbs, Vice-President and M. A. Matthews, Secretary. On the charter night program, Mr. Midgett made the address of Welcome, and the charter was presented by District Governor Cleveland Thayer.

Teachers of the Hyde Schools See ROTARIANS, Page Six

UNCLE DUCK FROM DUCK WRITES: How Foolish To Think of Drifting Away From Those Who Have Helped Us All

Dear Mr. Editor:

Politics is mighty funny, to have heard the talk a month ago, we might have thought everybody was going to turn Republican. This all came out of the disappointment expressed by some who had lost out in the primary. It's like a bunch of boys at a ball game, who get sore because they lose the game, but when they cool off, they find out the world isn't coming to an end just because their side strikes out.

Now when we have wiped away the tears and the slobber, we know that we won't gain a thing by giving aid and comfort to the Republican party, nor by failing to put our shoulder to the wheel of the Democratic party. For after all, all we have got down here in this part of the country has come through a Democratic administration and through the work of strong Democratic officials and friends. And I'd like to be first to say, that by sticking with the Democratic party, we have gotten more, and have made more progress than any other part of the state that I can think of.

No sir, Mr. Editor, I can't imagine the people of our coast country being sufficiently ungrateful to go back on those who have stood by us. And you and I know the Republican party has never done anything for North Carolina, and there is nobody who can prove where they ever did give us anything.

It's a mighty sore subject with me, when I think about what this country has come to under the Republican party, when we are kicked around like a hound dog by a skunk like Castro of Cuba, a

ANOTHER SPORTING EVENT IN NOVEMBER TO PLEASE ANGLERS

Cape Hatteras Tourney Begins November 3; Nags Head Results Announced

By AYCOCK BROWN
BUXTON.—With 23 teams already registered to enter and others expected, the second big surf fishing tournament of the 1960 season here on the Dare Coast-Outer Banks is scheduled to get underway on Hatteras Island for three days beginning November 3.

Sanctioned by the International Association of Surf Angling Clubs, the tournament will be presented for its third year under the sponsorship of Cape Hatteras Anglers Club and will feature two days of inter-team competition with the third and final day being open to everyone for a small entrance fee. Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the Tournament banquet November 5. The souvenir program of the tournament is being printed this week and may be obtained from Cape Hatteras Anglers Club, Buxton.

Nags Head Tourney

Thirty of the 39 teams registering showed up to enter the 10th annual Nags Head Tourney which was concluded on Saturday. Fishing was good and the weather perfect. Instead of waders or boats most of the anglers wore bathing suits or shorts. During team competition on Friday and Saturday 603 fish scoring 1,934 points were caught. During the open individual on Saturday 195 anglers competing caught 150 fish. Trophies and prizes to all of the dozens of winners in the tournament were awarded at the big banquet held in The Carolinian on Saturday night with Bob Preston, president of the sponsoring Nags Head Surf Fishing Club, presiding.

New Jersey Beach Buggy Association of Seaside, N. J., won the top trophy for the second year in succession. Thus it became the club's permanent possession. The See FISHING, Page Seven

FHA TO ASSIST FARMERS IN DONNA DISASTER AREA

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner announced that 31 counties in North Carolina including Hyde, Dare, Tyrrell, and Beaufort, are eligible for loans from the farmers home administration for crop damages suffered as a result of the recent hurricane. Every county in the first congressional district is included in the 31 eligible counties. Any farmer in any one of these counties who had substantial losses caused by the hurricane and who is unable to obtain credit from local banks or lending institutions can apply for a loan with his local farmers home administration representative.

Applications are being received in Hyde in the FHA office in Swan Quarter.

FAVORABLE REPORT FOR DEEP WATER CHANNEL AT HATTERAS HANGS ON LOCAL COOPERATION

District Engineer Advises County Board That Report Cannot Be Forwarded Until County Provides Required Resolution; Would Provide Channel Through Hatteras Inlet to Depth of 12 Feet to Public Docks; Is Considered Big Necessity For Area.

MODEST CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS VISITS AREA



ZENO O. RATCLIFF, soft-spoken Republican leader who is making his third try for Congress from the First District, is making the rounds this week. Mr. Ratcliff, who lives near Pantego is the "Mr. Republican" of Beaufort County, and he stands willing at all times to carry his load of party responsibility. Beside being a well-to-do farmer and drainage contractor, he is a man of parts. He has a combat record in World War I; is a Rotarian, a Shriner, Chairman of the official Board of Hebron Methodist Church and for 30 years a member of the Republican Executive Committee of Beaufort County. He believes in transferring the power of Government to State and local levels: a reduction in taxes and a balanced budget. He adheres in his statement, to the principles of Thomas Jefferson that the least Government is the best government; and also that although having spent his life in farming, he believes Federal help for the farmers should be directed only to help the farmer become self-sustaining.

TWO HUNTERS LOST ON INLAND WATERWAY IN HYDE SATURDAY

COLUMBIA.—An all-night search for two Durham hunters lost along the Inland Waterway in the Hyde-Tyrrell area resulted in finding their boat a shot gun and floating life preservers.

The two men Sam Ellis, 21, and Jim Jackson, 50, members of a hunting party from Durham, who camped on the Hyde County end of the Inland Waterway Bridge near Fairfield were last seen at 5 p.m. Saturday, said J. H. Withers of the N. C. Highway Patrol.

Withers said he was called in on the search about 10:30 p.m. Saturday night, and that Sheriff Charlie Cahoon, of Hyde County and J. L. Poston, a Tyrrell County officer were the other officers in charge. The Coast Guard was called into take over the search at daylight. They were still dragging the canal for the bodies which had not been found at sundown Sunday, E. L. Mosley, District Wildlife Protector said. Wives of the two missing men had come to the scene before he left, Mosley added.

The bodies of the two men were found Tuesday floating in the water near the spot where the boat was found.

BAKER APPEALS FOR AID TO BOY SCOUTS OF AREA

C. Alden Baker of Elizabeth City, accompanied by McDonald Dixon, made a stirring appeal at the Manteo Rotary Club meeting Monday night on behalf of the growing Boy Scout movement of this area. Mr. Baker has recently agreed to head up the campaign. Club members expressed interest in giving support to the Scout movement, and in fact, have given the local Scout troop liberal support during past years.

Prest. Bob Gibbs, and Wally McGown reported on a recent trip to a Rotary Conference in Rocky Mount. The club voted to send greetings to Engelhard Wednesday to the 25th anniversary meeting of that club by Rotarian Linwood Cutrell.

Progress is being made on the effort to get a 12 foot channel dredged from Hatteras Harbor through Hatteras Inlet, and the Wilmington office of the Engineer Corp has notified the Dare County Board of Commissioners of the requirements that must be met before the report on the pending survey is completed.

Victor Meekins, Chairman of the Dare County Board says notice has been received from Col. R. P. Davidson, setting forth the extent of local cooperation that must be given and stating that, until a resolution is sent from the County Board of Commissioners, the report cannot be completed. Under consideration are depths of both ten and 12 feet, and the final report will depend on the statistics offered, showing need.

Meekins said he considered this project one of the most important on our coast, in that Hatteras is the principal commercial center between Beaufort and Manteo, and its needs are growing rapidly with the phenomenal expansion of the area as a tourist center. In his opinion, the county should pledge resources to the harbor, instead of some other projects now being considered.

Col. Davidson has outlined the following terms which must be met:

1. Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-way, including spoil-disposal areas and necessary retaining dikes, bulkheads, and embankments therefor, required for the construction of the project and for subsequent maintenance, if required.

2. Hold and save the United States free from damages, including damages to wharves, piers, and buildings, that may be attributable to construction and maintenance of the project works.

3. Provide and maintain, at local expense, adequate public terminal and transfer facilities, open to all on equal terms, in the harbor at Hatteras in accordance with plans approved by the Chief of Engineers.

At present, the above-listed requirements of local cooperation are dependent upon the approval of a project by higher authority and Congress; therefore, only a resolution or statement of willingness and ability to comply with those terms will be necessary.

Since completion of this report is dependent upon our receiving this resolution, an early reply will be appreciated.

The Hatteras Inlet project is one upon which Congressman Herbert Bonner has spent a lot of work, aided by several public spirited citizens of Hatteras community. Since his entry into the Senate, Senator B. Everett Jordan has been an eager supporter of this project, and recently visited the area, along with Mr. Bonner, in endeavor to speed up its progress.

SUPERIOR COURT HELD IN HYDE LAST WEEK

A term of Superior Court was held for the County of Hyde during the week of October 10. Judge K. A. Pittman of Snow Hill presiding. Mrs. Virginia Bunn of Wake Forest was Court Stenographer.

Members of the Grand Jury were Foreman, William Harvey Cox; officer of Grand Jury, Fred A. Mason. Others were: Charlie E. Swindell, Lindsay M. Gibbs, William G. Marshall, Sr., Woodrow Spencer, Archie L. Spencer, Edmund Gibbs, Ernest Mooney, Archie D. Garish, Clarence Dunbar, John Brickhouse, Albin McKinney, Leland Gibbs, James Hodges, Edison Brickhouse, Albert Rice, Carney B. Brown, C. A. Babb, Preston E. Simmons. The Grand Jury reported the jail and school buses were found in good condition.

RURITANS ELECT OFFICERS

The Wanchese Ruritan Club will hold its regular meeting Friday night, Oct. 21 in the Methodist Church annex at 7 p.m. at which time election of officers is scheduled.