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## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN BELHAVEN WILL BE LIGHTED DEC. 2

More Street Decorations and Plans for Another Display of "Living Pictures"

The Christmas lights are being assembled in Belhaven this week, and are to be turned on December 2. The "Living Pictures," pageant as usual is a program looked forward to, and will be presented on either Dec. 15 or 16, Mrs. W. E. Bateman, Chairman of the Christmas arrangements committee said this week.

Mrs. Bateman is being assisted by the talented Mrs. Rad Jones, who has served as co-chairman for several of these events. This year there will be more street decorations than usual. There will also be more store decorations, for there are more stores occupied than in a long time. With one or two exceptions, all of Pamlico Street business area is now occupied for business purposes, and so it all of the Main Street business district.

Mrs. Catherine Wilkinson is expected to again set up the attractive Christmas arrangements which has won much recognition.

Belhaven stores are liberally stocked with holiday merchandise, and from all appearances, it seems the town is more alert commercially than in many years. Reports are favorable concerning business, and several merchants say they have had the best trade in several years.

## RALEIGH TOPPING DAY IS PLANNED AT SWAN QUARTER

Native Minister to Be Honored Sunday in 50th Year of His Ministry

A general invitation has been issued to attend Raleigh Topping Day at the Swan Quarter Christian Church, Sunday, November 27th at 2:30 p.m. in honor of a native son of the area who is in the 50th year of his ministry this year. Garland Bland, minister of this church hopes the many friends nearby of this noted preacher will attend. He will preach at this service.

While his residence is now listed as Roanoke Rapids, Mr. Topping is serving as full time minister near Williamston. Mr. Topping loves to eat, loves to work with children with whom he has had much success, is a great song-leader. He recalls early in his ministry he walked 21 miles one hot day to preach, carrying a suit case in his hand. He has served many churches, helped to organize many also, and of the countless revivals he has held, had as many as 102 converts at a time. On one rainy night when only eight people attended, all were converted, he said.

At one time he served a total of nine churches in the area. He is a prodigious worker. He helped to organize the Roanoke Christian Service Camp near Williamston. He gave all his children a good education, an this son, Tom, graduated at Duke and made All-American on the football team.

A son, Earl Topping of Scranton, is a member of the Hyde Co. Board of Education.

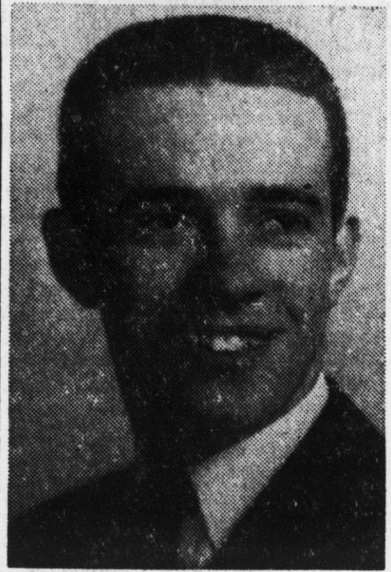
## HYDE COUNTY IS FAMED FOR PRODUCING DOCTORS

Some 25 Physicians and Several Dentists Turned Out in Three Generations of Native Products

Perhaps there isn't a county in North Carolina that has turned out so many college graduates per capita, and particularly physicians and dentists, than Hyde County. Residents of Hyde readily recall off hand 25 or more, and a half dozen dentists. There have been many preachers produced in Hyde who have won renown. We would welcome a list of these great servants.

This week, off hand, we got a list, recollected by Bland Fulford of Engelhard and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Swindell of the Swan Quarter postoffice, of medical doctors, produced in Hyde County during the past three generations, most all of whom practiced in Hyde for many years. These doctors follow: Dr. M. M. Murray, Dr. Buck Watson, Dr. Frank Clark, Dr. Francis Clark, Dr. Oscar Gibbs, Dr. E. N. Cartwright, Dr. Simmons, Dr. Staton Credle, Dr. Ruffin Mann who died immediately following graduation, Dr. Fred Spencer, Dr. Louis Swindell, Dr. Baxter Bell, Dr. Carroll Credle, Dr. Eugene Windley, Dr. Walter Swindell, Dr. Aubrey G. Harris, Dr. Joe Mann and two sons, Tom and Jim, all doctors; Dr. Norfleet Gibbs, Dr. W. N. Fortescue, Dr. Ed Jones, Dr. Charlie Stotest. See DOCTORS, Page Six

## THIS BELHAVEN MAN WHO CHOSE TO RETURN HOME



REGINALD H. BISHOP, Jr., of Belhaven, after his army service and his college training chose to return home and cast his lot with his parents. At the age of 28 he is manager of a recently built laundrette, and of the Belhaven marina, and assists in looking after the family farms. He attended school at state college, one year each before and after his three years Army service in Germany. In college he studied Wildlife Conservation. He is a grandson of the late Jay Bishop, prominent Belhaven business man. His father is a former member of the Board of Aldermen of Belhaven, and long active in the civic life of the community. R. H. Jr., is the only son in five children of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop.

## THREE MANTEO COUPLES RETURN FROM SEA VOYAGE

Returning Wednesday night from a week's cruise in Southern waters were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kellogg and Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Cuthrell. The Westcotts represented the Manteo Furniture Company, which was See VOYAGE, Page Six

## Hazards Following Wash Day Blues Wiped Out With Advent of Modern Launderettes

Long Ago Established in Cities, They Have Come to the Coastland With Belhaven Able to Boast of One of the Finest; Customers Come to Sit and Read or Chat With Neighbors, While the Family Wash is Turned Out Electrically and Automatically.

By KLAXON KING  
A new wrinkle has spread from the big cities into distant corners of our Coastland. At Cape Hatteras, Manteo, Nags Head, the Launderette has come into being, abolishing the blues and hazards of wash day. The latest and most gleaming one is now running in Belhaven, established this month by Reginald Bishop Jr., who also helped to run his father's modern marina next door.

The new Belhaven Launderette has already won the approval and praise of the community. Those who come with the family wash, find easy chairs to sit in and books to read while they wait. They have only to throw their wash into the gleaming machines, drop some coins in a slot and sit down to read, or chat with their neighbors while the washing, under the influence of modern detergents, and the help of water softened by a modern softening plant, is finished in a matter of minutes.

Next it is fed into a dryer and a coin or two more insures the wash will be completely dry in a few more minutes. The ladies may continue to sit and chat, and what the party line used to be to their grandmothers promises to be completely superseded by the visits to the laundrette.

A fine thing about this Belhaven laundrette, is that women whose husbands have been out fishing in one of the boats from the marina, can come down a few minutes early to meet the men, and get the family wash done in the meantime. Talk about a boon to womankind, there is nothing to compare with the laundrette. We can remember the old days when women out in the country, and some who lived in town, got up before day on Monday morning, come weather or no, and started a fire under an old black wash pot in the back yard. Sometimes they had green wood, and some women had to cut it themselves. They boiled and boiled the clothes with old-fashioned soap, which was also made outdoors in a black iron pot, and the soap making season usually following hog-killing time in order to make use of the grease. Think about the strong muscular arms that were developed in those days from week after week of wringing their clothes through the armstrong process; think of the hazard and

## STRIPED BASS TO BE SOUGHT DURING DECEMBER IN DARE

Northern Sportsman Heads Effort to Land the Big Fellows With Rod and Reel

A concentrated angling effort to catch monster striped bass, which appear every winter along the Outer Banks of North Carolina, will be launched December 3 by a group of striper fishing specialists led by Hal Lyman and Frank Woolner, publisher editor respectively of Salt Water Sportsman Magazine. The huge fish are caught every season by haul-seiners, but to date only a scattered few have been taken on rod and reel. The striped task force, composed of top bass anglers, hopes to find the answer as to what methods will tempt the finicky fish and thus open up a whole new area for winter sport fishing.

"These stripers are not dormant," Lynn, who has made several winter trips to the Hatteras area, stated. "They are feeding and I am convinced they can be caught. I have seen many seined specimens weighing well over 60 pounds and there is no question that there are some which will top the 73 pound world record. Weather will be our main problem, but we should get a break in a week's time."

Besides Lyman and Woolner, the party will include the following: Three husband and wife fishing teams—Dave and Rosa Webb, Jack and Kay Townsend and Bob and Mary Williams, all of Massachusetts. Rosa Webb is present holder of the women's record striped bass catch—a 64½ pounder. Kay Townsend, secretary of the Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association, held the same record for about two hours with a bass two pounds lighter and then lost the honor to Rosa. Charlie Whitney, also of Massachusetts, an old-timer in the bass fishing game who has taken literally tons of stripers on rod and reel and has fished all over the country. George Albrecht of Rhode Island, tackle See BASS, Page Six

## STUMPY POINTERS WIN TWO OUT OF SIX TIMES



W. ALBERT BEST, JR., of Stumpy Point, a history teacher at Kiser Junior High School, Greensboro, this month was given the McNutt Award for outstanding work in teaching students about the American way of life. The award, named for Dr. Franklin McNutt, a noted educator, has been presented six times, and oddly enough, one of these times was to Mrs. Nell Wise Wechter, a teacher in Greensboro, a cousin of Mr. Best and a native of Stumpy Point who won it four years ago. Some 900 people attended the annual Industry-Education dinner on See AWARD, Page Six

## POSTMASTERSHIP IN MANTEO IS SOUGHT BY ELEVEN PERSONS

Some 11 persons are seeking the postmastership at Manteo, which pays \$5,385 a year. Those who took the examinations in September and who are now being considered are Mrs. Josie J. Ferebee, the acting postmaster; John Andrew Krider, the assistant postmaster; William White Tarkington, Woodson Bradford Feasing, Ralph Lathrop Swain, Robert V. Owens, Benjamin Sheldon O'Neal, Everett Edgar Liverman, Willie Hurley Hoffer, Jr., Arthur Louis Midgett, all of Manteo.

The last postmaster with a permanent appointment was Ben F. Shannon who died early this year. On recommendation of L. V. Gaskill, the County Republican chairman, Mrs. Ferebee was named temporary postmaster pending examinations.

Much speculation concerns the probable appointment of any of the applicants. If the appointments are not before next spring, there may be some consideration given those who have rendered party service. Over half of the list have had service with the armed forces to entitle them to military preference.

## RECORDERS COURT CASES HEARD IN DARE TUESDAY

A light docket in Dare Recorder's court Tuesday disposed of the following cases: Fines of \$25 each against C. J. Williford and R. L. Kirk of Portsmouth, Va., public drunkenness; J. B. O'Neal, Jr., of Wanchese, speeding at 85 mph and thrived in this world had the laundrette come along 100 years ago? The infant mortality rate resulting from the dangers of wash day is uncountable. There are no more women with. See WASH DAY, Page Eight

## SANFORD TO SPEAK TO SAA AT PANTEGO ON NOV. 30



THE SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE ASSOCIATION will be honored by the presence of Terry Sanford, Governor elect of North Carolina as its principal speaker, on the close of its 25th year, at Pantego High School, Beaufort County, Wednesday, November 30th at 10:30 a.m. At this time an address of Welcome will be delivered by Pantego Mayor, John Ratcliff, responses will be made by vice presidents of the six counties in the association as follows: Sam T. Moore of Beaufort County; Woodrow W. Edwards of Dare County; W. I. Cochran of Hyde County; Robert Cowen of Martin County; W. Charles Cohoon of Tyrrell County and James H. Ward of Washington County. The invocation will be by Rev. Angus Miller of St. James Episcopal Church, Belhaven. Mr. Sanford will be presented by John Winfield, Chairman of the Beaufort County Democratic Executive Committee. Mrs. Scott Topping of Pantego, the president reports that Beaufort County will feed the 300 delegates in the Pantego High School auditorium at 1 p.m., and business meeting and election of officers will follow at 2 p.m.

## TWO THIRDS OF CANCER GOAL MET IN DARE CO.

Several Communities Not Reported, and Others Incomplete As \$500 is Lacking in the Quota

Slightly more than two thirds of the goal of \$1,500 in the cancer crusade in Dare County had been met this week, with five communities not having reported, and some other communities reporting that they expected to send more. Mrs. Raymond Westcott, Cancer Crusade fund raising chairman, makes the following report, and is hopeful final returns will show the full sum of \$1,500 raised.

Reports to date bring the Cancer Crusade Funds to \$1007.85. While this is far from the announced goal members of the local unit's Executive Board are not discouraged. Five workers have not yet reported, are urged to complete the community coverage and close the Crusade efforts as soon as possible. The contributions from the county are: Kitty Hawk, \$60.78 with Mesdames Byron Sawyer, Norwood Rector, and Curtis Toler collecting; Colington \$28.25 from Mesdames Nettie O'Neal and Elizabeth Perry; Nags Head \$102.51; Fricso \$7; Rodnthe \$12; Salvo \$6; Waves \$15.25; Avon \$50 See GOAL, Page Six

## GARRISH GRADUATES AT CAPE MAY C. G. CENTER



JOSEPH B. GARRISH of Ocracoke, seaman apprentice who has recently been assigned to the 5th Coast Guard District, Norfolk, Va. He recently graduated from the 12-week training course at the CG receiving center at Cape May, N. J., where he was instructed in the fundamentals of the service: Marksmanship, military customs, courtesies and seamanship as well as navigation and Coast Guard history. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Montford R. Garrish, and is a graduate of Ocracoke High School.

## OCRACOKE DREDGING JOB AWARDED FOR \$45,208

A contract for maintenance dredging in Wallace Channel and Silver Lake Harbor at Ocracoke, was awarded on Oct. 18 to Hodges Dredging Co. of New Bern, according to advice received from Congressman Herbert C. Bonner. The amount of the bid was \$45,208. This is not a new project but merely maintenance of existing projects. Address of Hodges Dredging Co., is P. O. Box 1714, New Bern, N. C.

## VARIETY MUSICAL DEC. 2 WANCHESE SCHOOLHOUSE

For the benefit of the community building fund, a musical program will be given Friday night Dec. 2 at the Wanchese school building. Chimes will be played on cut glass. The show will feature Roanoke talent with a good clean program at reasonable prices 50 and 25 cents. There will be home made candy and grab bag attractions. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

## HOW TO OVERCOME PROBLEM BROUGHT TO SHOW BY DONNA

Lost Colony Directors to Meet in Raleigh Tuesday Noon to Devise Ways and Means

Mrs. O. Max Gardner of Shelby will preside at the annual luncheon meeting of Roanoke Island Historical Association in the Manteo Room of Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh on Tuesday, November 29 at 12 noon. "It will be the most important meeting in the long history of the association which sponsors The Lost Colony here on Roanoke Island each summer," said J. S. Dorton Jr., general manager of the drama.

Dorton's annual report will be a high spot of the meeting because it will cover The Lost Colony's best season since 1946—the only season that the show ended "in the black." Two people stand out especially in making the show a success, Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Fred Morrison, her assistant.

The reports of Mrs. Gardner and Manager Dorton will also explain in detail of the catastrophic damage wrought by Hurricane Donna to Waterside Theatre.

"Regardless of the great damage, I do not believe our shock, sorrow and genuine concern for the future of the show should be permitted to obscure the facts—financial and otherwise—of a truly successful season of operation," Dorton will say in his report.

"The Nation's Number One Outdoor Drama has proved beyond any question that it has the unapologetic will to live," Dorton added. See PROBLEM, Page Six

## MEMORIES OF DARE COAST AND WRECK STIRRED IN CANADA

Man Cast Ashore at Pea Island in 1904; Worked at Wanchese With E. R. Daniels

An interesting letter came to us this week from a former mariner living in Alberta, Canada who read about our coastland in the article in the Saturday Evening Post. C. A. Warner, 75, this month, whose address is P. O. Box 104, Mayershorpe Alberta, Canada, tells us about the time he was shipwrecked on Pea Island, his subsequent employment with the late E. R. Daniels, and his substituting as a lighthouse keeper after stopping at Mrs. Polly Midgett's boarding house in Manteo.

We print Mr. Warner's letter, as follows: "I was reading an article in the Saturday Evening Post. (North Carolina's Outer Banks.) and it brought back many sad also pleasantly memorable thoughts of long ago, as I was shipwrecked on Pea Island in December 1904.

"After clearing the decks of about 15 inches of snow in Brooklyn, N. Y., I think it was the 7th or 8th of December 1904 we set sail for Charleston, S. C. in the three masted Schooner "Montana", captain C. W. Booye of Somers Point, N. J. We ran into a bad storm the first day out, and on the night of Saturday I think it was the 11th we struck the outer sand bar on Pea Island. It was dark with a northwest heavy wind blowing, and some snow. We could not see the shore line, therefore did not know if we had struck a reef or what. But after some time there were rockets going up, and later a fire was burning on the See MEMORIES, Page Six

## NO HATTERAS CHANNEL PROJECT UNTIL LOCAL INTEREST IS ASSURED

The much needed deep water channel from Hatteras Harbor through Hatteras Inlet is being held up for lack of cooperation from local interests, in this instance it has been the failure of the Dare County Board of Commissioners to pass the usual formal resolution that has been passed for other projects in Dare County. Col. R. P. Davidson, District Engineer advised this week that he cannot pass a favorable report on to the higher authorities without the resolution to furnish disposal areas, docking space, and to keep the Government free from harm while the work is done, all of which is now required by law before Government money may be spent on these projects. The Corps of Engineers will deal only with the county in these matters as Hatteras is not a municipality.

Failure of the Board to pass the required resolution resulted this month from the same source that attempted to block construction of the Wanchese Harbor early this year. Hatteras citizens may appear before the Board at the meeting scheduled for Dec. 5 when the Board will be reorganized.

## MANY MANTEO PUPILS HELP TO CELEBRATE BOOK WEEK IN DARE COUNTY



MRS. BERTIE WARD'S PUPILS dressed as book characters visited the Dare County Library to celebrate Book Week. Mrs. Kay Roush of the library staff took pictures of the group in front of the "Huray For Books" National poster. Back row, left to right: Don Leatherman, Joseph Willis, Gary Wise, Dearlene Gaskins, Mary Alice Westcott, Irene Etheridge. Center row: George Scarborough, Jane Payne, Ruby Daniels, Eugene Kennedy, Robert Midgett, Kay Kemp, Linda Edwards, Becky Ballance, Myra Meekins, Myrlene Scarborough. Front row: Alice Wise, Lynn Shepard, Fay Kemp, Mary B. Rea.