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HURRICANE LEFT TERRIFIC TASK FOR LOST COLONY

Directors at Annual Meeting in Raleigh Faced With Raising \$40,000; Show Must Go On

The Roanoke Island Historical Association in Raleigh Tuesday set July 1 for the next season's opening of "The Lost Colony" and started picking up the pieces left by Hurricane Donna.

Mrs. O. Max Gardner, president of the association, appointed William D. Carmichael, controller of the University of North Carolina and Mrs. Fred Morrison of Washington as co-chairmen of a committee to raise funds to repair the storm damage.

"We must have the courage and faith to restore what is lost," Mrs. Gardner said. "We will open July 1."

J. Sib Dorton, who has just completed his first season as manager of the historical drama at Manteo, estimated it would take \$40,000 "to get the show on the road again."

The Council of State will be asked to contribute \$10,000 as authorized by law when a deficit occurs in the show's operating expenses.

Part of the loss was covered by insurance but underwriters have not completed their estimates of how much they will pay.

Dorton estimated the hurricane damage covered by insurance totaled \$21,000 but "The Lost Colony" carried protection only against wind damage and some of the loss was caused by high water.

In other business, the association elected Dr. Frank Graham, United Nations official and former UNC president, as historian.

Mrs. Ruth C. Cannon of Concord, who was president of the Association ten years ago was named an honorary vice-chairman of the Association.

Members also voted to buy comprehensive insurance for "The Lost Colony" Theater. Dorton reported that the 1960 season was one of the most successful in history with the drama ending the year in the black for the first time since 1946.

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STATE CONSIDERS TAKING BOAT OFF TAYLORS' HANDS

Ocracoke Ferry Has Been Abandoned Because of Shoal Water; Cedar Island Landing Contemplated

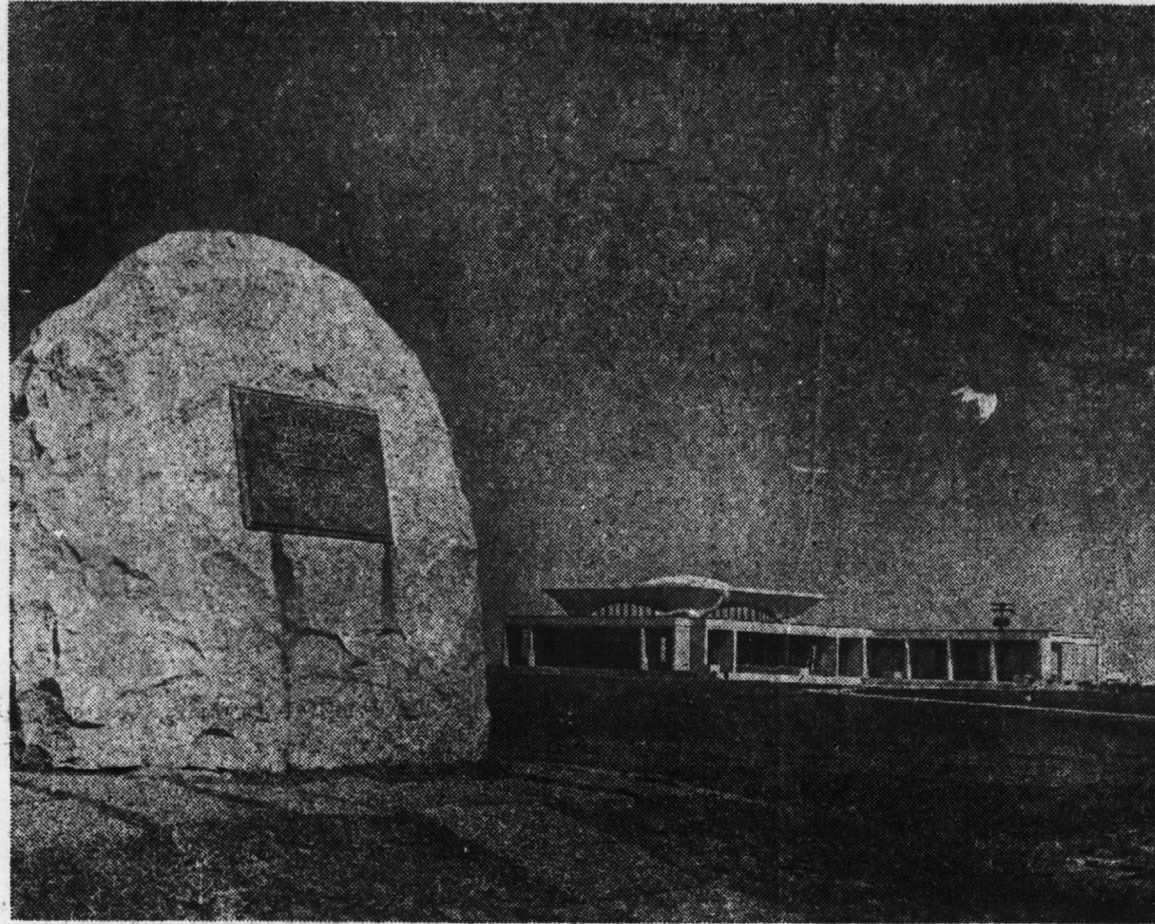
Indications are that the State Highway Commission will be asked at its meeting in Fayetteville next week, Dec. 7 and 8th to take over the operation of the ferry between Ocracoke and Carteret County. In March of this year, the Taylor Brothers, wealthy Sea Level natives put a boat on the route which they had built at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars. The boat was improperly designed for the waters it had to travel, and there were many delays from its going ashore in shallow waters and finally they gave up trying to operate it.

There was much public clamor for this service, and during the heavy tourist season its one trip a day did not begin to accommodate all the cars that sought to travel. The boat could take only 20 cars, but it had room for many foot passengers. It had a long run of some four and a half hours, and most people believed that the Taylors were motivated in establishing this ferry, partly out of their desire to bring further traffic into their old home community, Sea Level, and the motel they own there, and partly because they believed pressure could be brought to get the state to take over the route at some early date.

When such ferry was originally proposed some years ago, Cedar Island was to be the southern terminal of this route, and this would have made the run an hour shorter, but there would have been some more road mileage at this end of the route. A three and a half hour trip to Cedar Island would be plenty long. New docks and a great deal of dredging would be required at heavy cost to accommodate the boat at Cedar Island.

Highway officials are considering the adaptability of the present ferry boat. The Taylor Brothers have indicated they are going to sell the boat to somebody, which means they do not intend to attempt its continued operation. It had been operated on a toll basis. Highway officials who contemplate operating the boat as a toll ferry may expect opposition on this score since many fear it may open the way for tolls on other highway facilities in the east, thereby discriminating against a part of the state which has greater need of road extensions than other areas.

NEW WRIGHT MEMORIAL VISITORS CENTER AT KILL DEVIL HILLS



Highspot of the 57th anniversary celebration of the Wright Brothers First flight at Kill Devil Hills near Kitty Hawk on December 17 will be the official dedication of the new Visitors Center and Administration building which is shown here as a backdrop to the granite marker which designates the exact take-off location of the famous first powered flight on December 17, 1903. Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society, National Park Service and the Air Force Association will co-sponsor the dedication ceremonies which will feature Maj. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois, U. S. Army Air Corps Retired, as speaker along with Governor elect Terry Sanford who will make the address at the Memorial Luncheon following dedication. The Visitors Center already visited by more than 100,000 persons since it was opened in late summer, houses a museum of the Wright brothers' early aviation experiments.

(Photo by Aycock Brown)

KITTY HAWK CREW MEMBERS COMING TO DARE DEC. 17

Naval personnel of the USS Kitty Hawk, (CVA-63) the world's first guided missile aircraft carrier, will attend the dedication of the new Visitors Center of Wright Brothers National Memorial, during the 57th anniversary celebration of the First Flight at Kill Devil Hills on December 17.

S. Wade Marr, president of Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society, extended the invitation by letter earlier this month followed by a formal invitation from the Society.

Addressed to the Public Information Office of the Kitty Hawk, now undergoing final preparations for her commissioning in March 1961 at the Fleet Training Center, Naval Base, Norfolk, Marr's invitation follows:

"An unlimited number of persons may attend the dedication of the new Visitors Center, which is actually a museum of Wright Brothers early aviation experiments," said Marr, pointing out that the dedication would take place at the National Memorial site.

The new (and first) guided missile aircraft carrier was named in honor of Kitty Hawk, where the Wrights, Wilbur and Orville began experiments in 1900 which led to their conquest of the air in powered flights on December 17, 1903 at Kill Devil Hills.

Principal speaker at the dedication will be Major-General Benjamin D. Foulois, U.S.A.C., retired. See CREW, Page Six

HYDE RESIDENTS WILL NAME SOIL SUPERVISOR IN ELECTION DEC. 5-10

Residents of Hyde County will elect a Soil Conservation District Supervisor next week, December 5 through December 10.

Thomas W. Jones and J. B. Berry, both of Fairfield, have been nominated by petition as candidates to succeed Earl Topping of Scranton who has served for the past three years.

The person elected at this time will serve with Leon G. Ballance of Engelhard and U. B. Fisher of Swan Quarter to direct soil conservation activities in Hyde County. The three supervisors in Hyde County are members of the Pamlico Soil Conservation District Board along with the County Supervisors from Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell and Dare counties.

Any qualified voter in Hyde County may vote for one supervisor any time from Monday, December 5, through Saturday, December 10, at any of the following polling places:
P. R. Simmons' Store—Ponzer;
W. E. Bishop's Store—Scranton;
Allen Credle's Store—Sladesville;
C. M. Swindell's Store—Fairfield;
Hyde Implement Company—Engelhard;
J. S. Jennette's Store—Lake Landing;
Earl Pugh's Store—Nebraska;
Agricultural Building—Swan Quarter.

How Joseph Knapp Brought to Currituck Unprecedented Benefits for Schools And Lifted Many Other Horizons In N.C.

The Story of an Unusual Man, Unusually Philanthropic Who Set A County on Its Feet and Left A Foundation to Carry on Works in North Carolina. Knapp Funds Assured The Recently Dedicated Government Institute Building at Chapel Hill.

In 1916 Joseph Palmer Knapp came to Currituck County to hunt with his friend Thomas Dixon, the North Carolina novelist, who owned a shooting lodge on Mackey Island. Mr. Dixon had become involved in real estate developments in the N. C. Mountains and Mr. Knapp becoming attracted to Currituck, bought Mr. Dixon's place and made a magnificent estate of it.

Mr. Knapp was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1864. He went to the public schools and Columbia University and after going into business, made fortunes. He lived to be 87 years old. When he died in 1951, his ashes, according to his request were brought to Moyock in Currituck, the county in which he lived a great part of his time from 1918 until late in the 1940's.

During his business career he worked his way through every printing process and business operation of the American Lithographic Co., and became its directing head. This business, and the Crowell Publishing Co., which he headed, published Colliers, The American Magazine, The Woman's Home Companion and Country Home. It developed the multi-color printing process and applied it to "This Week," the first Sunday supplement for mass distribution through daily newspapers from coast to coast.

"Mr. Knapp was a director of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and chairman of its finance committee. He was active in creating loan funds and retirement systems for employees. He won many trophies for his excellence in the world of sports and recreation.

For further information about Mr. Knapp's work in Currituck County, we take up here with an article written by Albert Coats, Director of the Institute of Government where the Knapp Building has been dedicated at Chapel Hill. It follows:

From Brooklyn to Currituck
The story of his life in North Carolina begins with his 1916 trip by rail, ferry and horse and buggy to Currituck County in quest of good hunting, and the building of his hunting lodge on Mackey's Island where he hunted, fished, and welcomed personal friends and business associates for thirty years.

For fifty years or more before him sportsmen had been coming to Currituck County, catching fish, shooting ducks, enjoying life, going away, and leaving behind them little if anything besides the wadding from empty gun shells, wages paid to hunting guides, and money for room and board at hunting lodges. But this man took root and grew and flourished here as

native to the soil and looked on ducks, fish, sky, land and water as natural resources belonging to people living on this soil, and needing to be converted into better life for homefolks as well as into sport for strangers.

From Hunting and Fishing to Hunters and Fishermen

When he saw sportsmen gaining pleasure out of Currituck without giving a quid pro quo to develop its resources, he helped Currituck leaders push through the General Assembly of North Carolina a law requiring non-resident sportsmen to pay license fees for the privilege of hunting in their skies and fishing in their waters and with these revenues turn a local system of neighborhood paths into a county-wide system of public roads.

When he saw salt water from the Elizabeth River and sewage from Norfolk flowing into the northern end of Currituck Sound after the locks were removed to widen the inland waterway in World War I—polluting the waters, killing the fish, destroying the feeding ground of ducks, and cutting into the livelihood of people he had come to love—he helped them push a bill through Congress authorizing Army engineers to restore the locks. And as military authorities pleaded lack of funds earmarked for this purpose as an excuse for indefinite delay, he

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NEWS OF RECORDERS COURT IN DARE CO.

A long time guest of Dare County is a negro from parts unknown, who is being held in default of \$3,000 bond. James David Arthur Perkins, Jr. is the cognomen he has chosen, but no one knows his name. He went up to the roads from Dare County for offenses in 1957. Since getting out, he has been living hereabouts, and has been forging the names of numerous persons to a series of small checks. He used any name he could think of, some of them being Ephraim Midgett, Thos. B. Davis, Andrew Jernigan. The total runs into many dollars. Judge Baum found probable cause.

Other cases disposed of this week are as follows: for driving while drunk, and for driving on the left side of the center line, John Durwood Britt of Manteo was fined \$110 and costs and his driver's license revoked. Sandra K. Sawyer for ignoring a stop sign; Charles D. Evans of Manteo for speeding, and Joe McGowan of Belhaven for selling uncollected oysters were each fined \$10. Jerry M. Austin of Manteo, for speeding was fined \$15.

SANFORD COMING TO DARE FOR KDH ADDRESS DEC. 17

To Participate in Ceremonies with Governor Hodges, Conrad Wirth and Gen. Foulois

Hon. Terry Sanford, Governor elect of North Carolina Thursday told the committee in charge of the program that would accept their invitation to be principal speaker at the dinner meeting on December 17th, an annual event which this year will be a part of the dedication ceremonies of the new \$400,000 visitor center at the Wright Bros. Memorial.

Mr. Sanford expressed regret that he was prevented from attending the Southern Albemarle meeting in Pantego Wednesday, and appreciated this opportunity to come to the area.

Conrad Wirth, Director of the National Park Service will speak at the morning session at the visitor center. Governor Hodges will appear briefly to welcome Major General Benjamin D. Foulois, the venerable retired Major General who flew the first army airplanes, and who will deliver the dedication address.

The Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association will hold a dinner immediately afterward at the Dare County Shrine Club, where all participants in the day's program will be guests, and Mr. Sanford will deliver the address. Many distinguished men have filled this role through the years. Two years ago, Senator Mike Monroney of Oklahoma, a great aviation leader in Congress was the speaker.

Mr. Sanford, who has long declared his sincere interest in the activities and benefits of the National Park Service is expected to pay tribute to the leaders in the movement for the Wright Memorial, and those who have continued to work for its expansion since 1926.

SALT WATER SPORT FISHING BANQUET ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Striped Bass Being Caught in Surf; Many In Nets; Channel Bass Still in Hatteras Area

The Salt Water Sport Fishing Association of North Carolina will hold its annual awards banquet at the Washington (N.C.) Yacht and Country Club Friday night Jim Mays reports in the Norfolk Virginian Pilot. Winners in the association's second annual all-coast fishing tournament will receive their awards and plaques at the banquet. The contest opened April 1 and closed November 1. Virginians will be prominent among the awards winners. A 528-pound blue marlin, boated off the North Carolina Outer Banks, earned a grand prize for R. L. Ellis, Jr., Yorktown. John Wood of Princess Anne placed second in the blue marlin division with a 523 1/2-pounder. Wood will also receive the dolphin trophy for a 48-pound dolphin boated off the Outer Banks. . . . Gus Gostel of Norfolk will receive first prize in the sailfish division for a sailfish that measured seven feet and seven inches. D. B. Wheeler of Richmond copped the white marlin award with a seven feet, eight-inch.

Among other things reported by Mr. Mays are the following:

Striped Bass Moving South?
New Jersey surf anglers are still murdering striped bass in the surf. The latest report from New Jersey's Tournament of Fish headquarters at Seaside Heights, N.J., lists strippers from nine to 14 pounds taken within the past week. . . . This should keep Eastern Shore surf anglers hopes up, because it is an indication that the fish are still moving south through the surf, if the theory is correct that these fish will ultimately reach Chesapeake Bay to spend the winter.

Aycock Brown of Manteo, N.C., relayed word from Willie Newsome of Hatteras that Bill Foster's commercial fishing crew saw a tremendous school of channel bass at the mouth of Hatteras Inlet Monday. Hatteras surfmen are hoping that the channel bass will hit the beach now that cooler weather has finally arrived.

Commercial netters made a tremendous haul of giant striped bass in the surf near Oregon Inlet Sunday, according to Dave Weiss of Portsmouth, who saw the fish pulled up on the beach. . . . Dave said the strippers weighed from 40 to 50 pounds each, and he estimated the catch at 200 fish of this size. . . . The haul-seiners used two amphibious DUKW's to get their nets out through the surf and surrounded the school of giant rockfish.

Wade Morse of Virginia Beach has found strippers in the surf there. Surfcasting with an Atom Stripper See SPORT, Page Six

SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE ELECTS ROBERT H. COWEN PRESIDENT DURING 25TH ANNUAL MEETING

Unanimously Disapproves Suggestions of Any Highways Tolls in N. C.; Favors Ferry from Ocracoke Mainland; Roanoke River Bridge Near Plymouth; Advocates Beach Road to Virginia Beach, and Gives Support to Lost Colony Project, Among Other Things.

COLUMBIA WOMAN FIRST SAA VICE-PRESIDENT



MRS. EFFIE A. BRICKHOUSE is the first woman Vice-president of the Southern Albemarle Association. The Columbia woman was elected Tuesday at the 25th annual meeting in Pantego. The association broke precedent last year in naming Mrs. Scott Topping, first woman president, and she has done a good job. Mrs. Brickhouse, former teacher, and now postmaster is one of the area's most active civic workers.

BIG TRAWLER FLEET ALREADY CROWDING WANCHESE HARBOR

Deeper Oregon Inlet Provides Access to Place of Refuge in Stormy Weather

The vision of those men who worked for many years for the Oregon Inlet project is bearing fruit, and the deepening of Wanchese Harbor to 12-feet has already brought a fleet of ocean going vessels larger than the small area can accommodate. The county is pledged to build a public dock on an area that was provided last years by funds donated by friends of the community, but it cannot be built before the situation grows more critical.

On Wednesday of this week, a reported 40 vessels sought shelter in the Mill Landing harbor, and boats had to tie abreast three or four across, and all the dock space was blocked off. The public landing is not usable because no dock has been built.

Several of the boats remained in port Thursday because of high winds making the sea unfavorable for fishing.

The Oregon Inlet project has made it possible for the first time in history for the larger type of trawlers to come into a safe harbor between Norfolk and Beaufort. Greatly enlarged commercial activity and business opportunities are predicted for Wanchese whenever facilities are provided to accommodate the traffic now waiting.

HATTERAS MAINTENANCE AUTHORIZED BY ENGINEERS

The Chief of Engineers of the Army Engineer Corps has authorized the removal of shoals in the channel between Hatteras and Hatteras Inlet, according to advice from Congressman Herbert Bonner, who has been notified to this effect by Col. R. P. Davidson, District Engineer at Wilmington. Bids will be opened on Dec. 20th. The work will consist of removal of all lying above the plane of six feet below mean low water in the channel from Hatteras to Hatteras Inlet, and eight feet between mean low water in Rollinson channel.

CATCH 60 STRIPED BASS

Mack Etheridge of Wanchese reported Thursday that duck shooting from his blinds had been fair to good recently. He stated that on Tuesday he had four hunters in a blind and when the ducks got scarce two of the party went trolling for striped bass. They caught 60 fish, all strippers, from the waters of lower Roanoke Sound.

Robert H. Cowen, former mayor of Williamston was unanimously elected president of the Southern Albemarle Association at its 25th annual meeting in Pantego Wednesday. Mr. Cowen has served as Vice President for Martin County during the past year. Mrs. Scott Topping of Pantego, the retiring president, and the only woman to hold this office, won extensive praise for the splendid meeting arranged at the Pantego High School.

Mr. Cowen is also a former State Senator. The school came in for much praise for the welcome signs and other displays. The Boy scouts who looked after traffic were commended, as well as the girls who served the luncheon.

Vice Presidents elected for the six counties are as follows: Beaufort, Dr. W. T. Ralph of Belhaven, a former President and Vice-President; Dare, Pennell A. Tillett of Kitty Hawk; Hyde, W. J. Lupton of Swan Quarter; Martin, John H. Gurganus of Williamston; Tyrrell, Mrs. Effie A. Brickhouse of Columbia; Washington, E. E. Harrell of Plymouth. The new recording secretary is W. L. Howell of Williamston, succeeding Mrs. Mary Winfield of Yeadesville. M. A. Matthews of Columbia was re-elected Treasurer.

On Tuesday, the trustees of the Alligator-Croatan Bridge Association, headed by Floyd Cohoon of Columbia, which was established to assist the Southern Albemarle group, met, and disbanded, and turned over their remaining funds, some \$100 to the latter group, for its purposes.

Endorsement favoring construction of a bridge across Roanoke River near Plymouth was given. The association went on record as opposing tolls on any roads, ferries or bridges in North Carolina. It favored state operation of a ferry from Ocracoke to some point on the mainland; endorsed the proposal for a road to Virginia Beach from Nags Head; favored the drive to aid the Lost Colony and to establish a museum and visitor center at Fort Raleigh; and endorsed the Bath project.

The scheduled speaker, Governor elect Terry Sanford was prevented from attending, and pinch hitting for him was Hugh Cannon of Raleigh, who read Mr. Sanford's speech. This speech had as an objective to reorganize the highway commission, gave much attention to agriculture and to improvements of education. A resolution favoring approval of the educational improvement program, was presented later by W. J. White of Columbia, former president, and was unanimously passed.

The welcome address was by Mayor John Ratcliff of Pantego; followed by responses from the six county vice presidents. Most of these being by Woodrow Edwards of Dare who touched off the See SAA, Page Six

STRIPED BASS HOLD FISHING SPOTLIGHT IN DARE COAST AREA

Striped bass continued to hold the spotlight in sportsfishing circles as the first wintry weather of the season came to the coast this week.

Expected to start on Saturday, December 3, will be a concentrated effort on the part of a large group of anglers headed by Publisher Hal Lyman of Boston to exploit the Hatteras surf for the jumbo rockfish or giant strippers which have already arrived in coastal waters. Lyman and his associated hope to solve the secret of what kind of bait or lure will result in hooking striped bass.

Meanwhile cold weather slowed up one of the best seasons in many years for striped bass fishermen in Croatan and Albemarle Sounds. Best catch reported during the past week was made during a south-westerly wind on Tuesday when Carter Hayes and party of Wilson boated 55 strippers weighing up to two pounds each. They were fishing aboard the Lollipop skippered by Chick Craddock of Manns Harbor who said, "We should be taking rockfish trolling until the first snow." The first snow may not come until January or later.