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EXAMINATIONS FOR HIGHER RATINGS FOR N. C. TEACHERS

All Teachers Interested May Obtain Details from County Superintendent

Teachers of Tyrrell County may apply to Supt. of Schools, M. L. Basnight for full details. Hyde County teachers will take the examinations at East Carolina College, and should apply to Supt. Tommy Gaylord of the Hyde County Board of Education.

All North Carolina teachers will have an opportunity to find out how they compare with teachers in other parts of the country, Mrs. D. E. Evans, Dare County Superintendent of Schools, announced. Complete details may be obtained from her office. Local teachers currently upgrading or changing their certification will take the National Teachers Examinations on April 15 at State expense. The tests yield scores on professional knowledge, various aspects of general education, and subject-matter preparation.

The April 15 examinations are being given as part of a statewide study of teachers preparation being made by the State Board of Education. Mrs. Evans declared and a resolution passed by the 1956 General Assembly requires that the tests be taken by all Dare County school employees who are currently applying for either (1) a higher class of certificate, or (2) a certificate in a new field or capacity. All college seniors or college graduates are also required to take the examinations. In addition, all professional public school employees certified prior to June 20, 1959 may volunteer to take the examinations at State expense.

All teachers planning to take the examinations can most conveniently do so at Elizabeth City N. C. High School, Mrs. Evans said. However, the tests can be taken at any of the 21 testing centers in the State.

Applications to take the tests, and bulletins describing them, are now available. They can be obtained from the Superintendent's office of any county. Application for the April 15 examinations should be made as soon as possible, Mrs. Evans advised. She pointed out that teachers who delay registering for the examinations until just before the March 24 deadline run the risk of being barred from the tests because of some minor flaw in their applications.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR COASTAL LEGISLATORS

Leading in appointments on Senate Committees in the Legislature is Senator Lindsay C. Warren, who most people concede will be the most influential member of the legislature this year. Mr. Warren declined any Chairmanships, but was named Vice-Chairman of the Constitutional and Congressional District committee, and was placed on the following other committees: Conservation and Development, Judiciary, Courts and Judicial Districts, election laws, representative, appropriations university trustees, Judiciary, No. II, University Trustees.

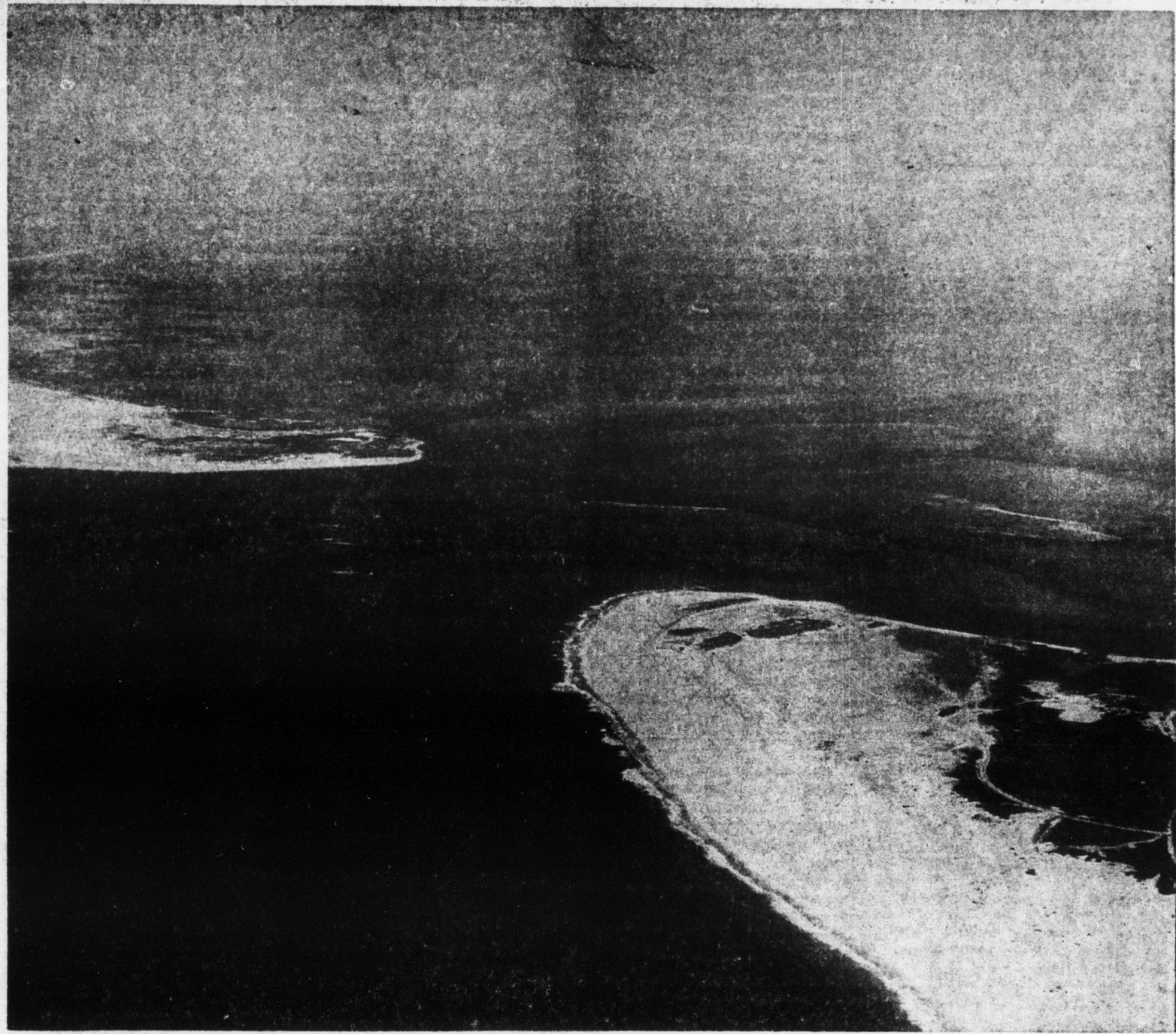
Senator P. D. Midgett, being a freshman Senator, did not get a chairmanship, but was named Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Mental Institutions, which is expected to be one of the busiest at this session. He was also named a member of many others, including the following: Senate Finance, Banking, Public Health, Education, Interstate and Federal Relations, Wildlife, Public Health, Public Utilities, and Education.

This is on the basis of incomplete reports, and is subject to correction. Committee assignments given representation from coastal counties include Fearling of Dare, appropriations, Phelps of Washington, Finance, Sermons of Beaufort, appropriations, Cohoon of Tyrrell, House Finance, Lupton of Hyde, Finance and Appropriations, and Senator Winslow of Hertford is chairman of Employment security beside being a member of several committees.

PAST NOBLE GRAND CLUB REBEKAHS HOLD MEETING

The past noble grand club of Manteo Rebekah Lodge met Tuesday, Feb. 7th with Mrs. Hilda Francis, with 13 enjoying an excellent meeting. Officers installed for the year were Mrs. Hilda Francis, President; Mrs. Alda Francis, Vice-president; Mrs. Kathryn Kennedy, Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Lois Midgett will be host to the next meeting to be held March 28th.

Great Engineering Problems Presented by Oregon Inlet Which Looks Small Indeed in This Picture



This picture of Oregon Inlet was furnished us by Steve Wall in connection with his article on beach erosion. In the right foreground is seen the lower end of Bodie Island, the north shore of the Inlet. Looking across the Inlet one sees the north end of Pea Island which is the south shore of the Inlet, a continuous strip of land extending to Hatteras Inlet. It is this Inlet, somewhat wider than appears in the picture,

and where extensive surveying has been done by the Commission's engineers. Along the south side of the inlet runs the new channel, some 14 feet deep which was dredged by Army Engineers last year, bringing deep water into Roanoke Island ports, making available safe harbors for fishermen. The Inlet is over a mile wide although it looks much smaller in the picture.

OCEAN RELENTLESSLY EATS AWAY N. C. BARRIER REEF

For Over 100 Years, Despoiled Coastland Has Been Victim of Winds and Tides; Man's Depredations Have Been Costly to Posterity Also.

By STEVE WALL, Wilmington, N. C.

For a hundred years now North Carolina's barrier reef has been waging a losing battle in a relentless struggle to hold the mighty Atlantic at bay.

The State's first line of defense, some 320 miles long and not more than a few hundred yards wide in some instances, is gradually being eaten away by gale and hurricane-propelled waves as well as by normal tidal action.

Where the shore line stood prior to 1850 is purely speculation, but from this date forward the high-water mark in many places has moved inland as much as 600 feet.

If this gradual recession continues, and authorities say it will, our protective barrier will eventually disappear, leaving the low flat mainland defenseless.

By what authority, then, come such dire conclusions about the famed Outer Banks and their extension southward to Little River, S. C.?

It's all contained in a comprehensive document published in cooperation with the State of North Carolina.

The document points out that the main objectives were to obtain data which would contribute to the advancement of technical knowledge of the processes of beach changes, and to gather information useful in planning for proper development of beaches as recreational areas. The findings, however, paint a gloomy picture, for it says without qualifying footnotes:

"The ocean shore line of North Carolina is, in general, retreating slowly and will continue to retreat."

Many statistics and much explanatory matter are advanced by the document to bear out this depressing conclusion.

Unfortunately, there are no statistics immediately available which would give a comprehensive picture of what has taken place for the last 14 years beginning with 1947. The Corps of Engineers points out, however, in an unofficial capacity, that Core Banks from Portsmouth to Cape Lookout has eroded at an alarming degree during the 14-year period, and that elsewhere signs do not indicate an improvement.

For the 70 years between 1850 and 1920, erosion has moved the

shore line inward 249 feet in the Oregon Inlet area, 335 feet at New Inlet (now closed) and 160 feet immediately north of Cape Hatteras.

In the Hatteras Inlet area erosion has taken a toll of over 500 feet, but farther south at Ocracoke Inlet recession was less severe with a landward movement of 80 to 90 feet. Beginning at Drum Inlet and continuing to Cape Lookout, however, erosion increased to better than 350 feet. Around Hatteras Inlet erosion averaged over 10 feet a year for the 60 years ending about 1920. Although recession was not too severe in the Ocracoke Inlet-Drum Inlet area, erosion stepped up within the 10-mile limit of Cape Lookout where the shore line cut landward as much as 350 feet for an annual average of six feet.

From Beaufort Inlet to New River Inlet recession reached 100 feet in only one instance (at New River), but it rose to over 600 feet between the latter point and Queen (Mason) Inlet during the 70-year period ending in 1930. Strangely enough but typical of natural forces, erosion amounted to 669 feet at New Topsail Inlet but only 110 feet two miles southward at old Topsail Inlet. Then it shot upward to 409 feet at Rich Inlet and continued to 630 feet at Queen Inlet just north of Wrightsville Beach.

Recession of the shore line from the Wrightsville Beach area, including Masonboro Inlet, to Cape Fear shows a landward movement of 100 to 200 feet for the period of 1880-1935.

Carolina Beach and vicinity, the subject of a recently completed plan to combat erosion and to provide protection from hurricanes, show a continuation of slow recession of the high-water line and a general steepening of bottom profiles.

The study of this area encountered numerous setbacks resulting from weather disturbances. Hurricanes of 1954 and 1955 imposed new situations and thus brought about new starts in arriving at true conditions and the best type of measures to retard the landward movement of the shore line. Another perplexing problem concerned the 1953 Carolina Beach Inlet connection. See INLET, Page Six

THIS WOMAN DISAPPEARED FROM KITTY HAWK NEW YEAR'S EVE



MRS. BEATRICE JOYCE GILBERT ANDERSON, 32, wife of Wm. J. Anderson, Kitty Hawk business man, who disappeared New Year's Eve, and for whom her husband has carried on a widespread search, all the way from Canada to Florida. The couple were married in Florida, after a short acquaintance in December 1959. During the Christmas holidays, Mr. Anderson took a trip to Florida.

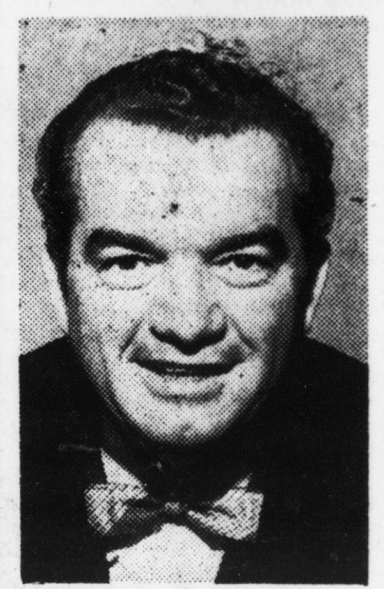
When he put in a phone call for his wife on New Year's Eve, he learned she had not returned home from Elizabeth City, where she had gone that day on a short shopping trip. He learned later that she had left by bus for Washington, D. C. The last report of her was from Al Fishermen, operator of Fishy's Bar, 18 Bowers, Manhattan, on Jan. 3, where she had previously visited with her husband during a trip to New York shortly before. She said her husband had died, and she was going to Canada. She was born at Windsor, Ontario, February 14, 1929. The effort to find her continues, and a circular sent out by the Sheriff of Dare County, describes her as being 5 ft. 3 inches, and weight up to 155 pounds. Her picture shows her as being rather stocky. She is listed as being left-handed, has a habit of biting her finger nails, having spells of menapause, and vertical operation scars on the stomach, and scars from a small cut on her back. She left without money, or clothes other than

than those she wore, and was dressed in a long beige, cashmere woolen coat, a black woolen dress, black shoes, and black pocketbook. She is listed under various names, her maiden name, Beatrice Joyce Greene, Beatrice Joyce Gilbert, Bea Gilbert, Joyce Johnston, Joyce Rubin, Nancy Johnson, and Bea Anderson. Her hair is natural golden brown, dyed copper tone red when last seen. Communication with friends in Canada failed to reveal any trace of her whereabouts.

EASTERN STAR MEMBERS TO FEED MASON'S AND WIVES

The Ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 79 of Roanoke Island, are planning a dinner, Saturday evening of this week at the Dare County Shrine Club, the guests to be the members of the Manteo and Wanchese Masonic Lodges, and wives of members. These dinners are given annually by the Eastern Star members.

BAPTIST PASTOR LOCATES ON ROANOKE ISLAND



REV. CALEB W. GOODWIN has recently brought his family to Roanoke Island and lives at Sunnyside. He is pastor of the Roanoke Island Baptist church. Previously he served churches in Currituck County and Gates County. He and Mrs. Goodwin are natives of Durham County. They have a son and three daughters ranging in age from one and a half years to 18 years.

JUXTON MAN TO ROADS FOR OLD CASE IN 1959

Sentence Reduced, following Appearance in Court For Violating Judgment

Harry Leighton Austin was not sentenced for the three charges brought against him in Recorders Court this week, but will have to serve two months of a suspended sentence hanging over him since September 1958. This sentence was for six months, following other appearances in court, on having been found guilty of inflicting serious injuries during an assault on a woman; of doing malicious damage to real property, and for killing a useful animal—a dog.

When he appeared in court this week, he was found guilty of displaying tax-paid whiskey at the choolhouse, of resisting arrest and assaulting an officer. But a long letter from County Commissioner George Fuller, elaborated on the fine qualities of the defendant, and the bad breaks that life had given him. Appeal to the court by letters also came from C. P. Gray and David Raynor, pastor of the Assembly of God church, while a more moderate letter from Edgar O. Hooper said Austin was a good worker but bad when intoxicated.

Judge Baum reduced his previous suspended sentence of six months to three months, which means, with one-third off for good behavior, only 60 days need be served.

Paul B. Bertrand of Buxton, was See COURT, Page Six

LOST COLONY AUDITIONS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH

State-wide auditions for The Lost Colony will be held in Chapel Hill at the Forest Theater on March 25, according to J. Sib Dorton, general manager of the drama which will begin its 21st season in Waterside Theater Fort Raleigh, on July 1.

The Chapel Hill auditions will be under the direction of Clifton Britton of Goldsboro, director of the drama for the past several years.

On the weekend of April 3, there will be a Lost Colony staff meeting in Manteo and island auditions at Waterside Theater and the Manteo Community Building.

Prior to the Chapel Hill auditions, Britton is scheduled to attend the Southeastern Theater Conference on March 8, which will be held at the University of Miami in Florida. While in Florida where he will audition several actors who have applied for roles in the show during the coming season.

"We will continue our search not only in North Carolina but also in other states in order to get the best talent possible for what we consider the best of all out door dramas," said Dorton.

BONNER ADVISED OF STUMPY PT. DREDGING

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has been advised by Col. R. P. Davidson of the Corp of Engineers concerning the program for maintenance work on the present channel leading into Stumpy Point, which work might have been accomplished sometime ago had application been made for it. It will provide boatmen with a seven-foot channel into the community.

Invitations for Bids will be issued on or about February 14 for Maintenance Dredging in Stumpy Point Bay, N. C., with opening of bids to be on March 14. The work will consist of removal and disposal of all material lying above the plane of 7 feet below mean low water in the channel leading to Lake Worth, Col. Davidson states.

THE WILD BLUE AN ENTERTAINING AIR POWER BOOK

Recent Book Carries Selections From Aycock Brown, Orville Wright, Billy Mitchell

The Wild Blue, the story of American Airpower, from the dunes of Kill Devil Hills to Cape Canaveral is a compendium of many articles from distinguished people, including Orville Wright, General Billy Mitchell, General James Doolittle and some two dozen other notables. It was recently published by G. P. Putnam's sons and edited by John F. Loosbrock and Richard M. Skinner and is called the best from Air Force Magazine.

The book carries an article by Aycock Brown entitled The Wind at Kill Devil Hills, and is introduced by the following comment: "Few people still living know more about the events of December 17, 1903, at Kill Devil Hill than Aycock Brown, who has lived for many years in nearby Manteo, N. C. and who not only has an intimate knowledge of the area but also was well acquainted with the witnesses to the Wrights' exploits at Kitty Hawk. Mr. Brown now is Manager of the Dare County Tourist Bureau and is a free-lance writer." Mr. Brown's story follows.

The large dune of yellow sand on a peninsula of yellow sand seemed destined for permanent obscurity. It was named Kill Devil Hill—according to legend, after a brand of rum so potent it could "kill the devil". Here even the seagulls were at the mercy of a devil-killing wind.

In 1900 two brothers from Dayton, Ohio, needed just such a wind, needed it to translate into actuality their dream of flight in a man-carrying power-driven machine. With the air currents in their home-made wind tunnel they had tested more than 200 types of wing surfaces. Now they were ready for the test of the machine itself.

This would require a wind they could depend on, and the Wright brothers sought the advice of the U.S. Weather Bureau. They were directed to a barren little finger of land off the eastern tip of North Carolina, where, so the Bureau reported, the north wind was strong and steady.

Orville and Wilbur Wright went first to Kitty Hawk, midway out on the wind swept peninsula. Here, in October 1900, they set up a camp and began to experiment with a machine which they flew as a kite.

The next year the Wrights moved their camp to that flat, sandy field near the big dune known as Kill Devil Hill, five miles south of Kitty Hawk. Here for two years they tested and studied their theories of flight by launching gliders from the slopes of the hill. Next came the biplane with its pusher-type propellers and little gasoline engine. To test it they erected a sixty-foot monorail track up the side of Kill Devil, 150 feet of track laid on a nine-degree slope. After tossing a coin to see who would take the controls, the Wright brothers began their test. Then, on the morning of December 17, 1903, in the face of that cold lashing wind off the Atlantic, the Wrights made history—and Kill Devil Hill became the birthplace of man's conquest of the air.

BLOODMOBILE TO VISIT SWAN QUARTER FEB. 21

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Agricultural Building in Swan Quarter Tuesday, February 21, 1961 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

W. E. Bishop, Hyde County Chairman of the Red Cross Blood program, says Hyde County residents desiring to see the program continued should make arrangements to donate blood at this time. The county fell short of its quota last year and should make every effort to meet the quota this time in order to assure the continuance of the program.

Mr. Bishop pointed out that many Hyde residents have benefited from the program by having blood available when needed, thus relieving family members from seeking donors at the time of need.

FORMER DARE WOMAN INJURED IN COLLISION

Mrs. Earl R. Meekins of Burlington, formerly of Stumpy Point and Manteo, is in Alamance General Hospital, Burlington, having suffered numerous injuries in a head-on collision between her automobile and another Monday, while she was enroute from Burlington to her home in the Friendship community.

Mrs. Meekins sustained a broken nose, fractured ribs, a knee injury, a broken heel and other injuries. Her daughter, Mrs. Burwell Evans of Manteo, is in Burlington with her.