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### SALE OF EASTER SEALS TO BEGIN IN DARE COUNTY

Mrs. Hughes Tillett, Jr., of Wanchese, Heads 1961 Campaign to Aid Crippled Children

Mrs. Hughes Tillett, Jr. of Wanchese, will lead the Dare County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, in its 1961 fight against crippling. Mrs. Tillett was announced last month as chairwoman of the Easter Seal Campaign in Dare County with Mrs. Thomas Biggs as Secretary-Treasurer. They will direct volunteers in an all out effort to finance the fight on conditions that cripple children and adults in Dare County.

The Campaign, marking 40 years of Service to the crippled by the Easter Seal organization, is scheduled March 2-April 2. Seals will go through the mail to approximately 500 homes in this county. Everyone is urged to use these seals to help fight crippling in the community. Many other homes will be called upon for donations by volunteers who will take part in a "lily day" sale March 25.

Easter Seals in 1960 brought aid to a number of children and adults of all ages and races, and with all kinds of crippling conditions, including birth defects, strokes, speech disorders, or any crippling condition caused by accident or disease.

Volunteers are needed to offer their services in the 1961 Easter Seal Campaign to raise funds for these services. Mrs. Tillett invites clubs, youth organizations and any interested groups and persons to join in making the campaign for crippled children and adults a success by donations or volunteering services. If anyone knows of a crippled child or adult, regardless of race or religion, who needs help, please contact your local society by calling during the hours of nine to five, the numbers 44 or 116, or at night 190-w3, or by writing Mrs. Tillett or Mrs. Biggs at Wanchese.

### ROLAND S. MEEKINS, 70, DIES OF STROKE THURS.

Roland Sullivan Meekins, who was stricken on Wednesday, his 70th birthday, died at 5 a.m. Thursday morning in a Norfolk hospital. He had been in failing health for several years. He was a native of Roanoke Island, son of the late Charles P. and Winnie Meekins and the husband of Mrs. Ella Lowe Meekins. His surviving relatives are a brother, Wm. S. Meekins, two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Brantley and Mrs. Ruth Jones all of Manteo, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Frances Cox of Virginia Beach, and three step-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, a member of Manteo Baptist Church, and was a veteran of World War I. He was a retired carpenter, having worked with the Norfolk Naval Shipyard for many years, and had returned to Roanoke Island 12 years ago, to be near his people, and had built a new home where he resided.

On the morning he was stricken, he received several remembrances for his birthday, and was conscious all morning. He was taken by Twiford's ambulance to Norfolk General Hospital Wednesday afternoon where his step-granddaughter, Miss Kay Cox is a nurse.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Manteo Baptist church. Burial will be with Masonic services in the Meekins Cemetery on Roanoke Island.

### KEECH LOW BIDDER ON CAPE HATTERAS JOB

Keech Construction Co. of Pine-town was the lower bidder Tuesday in the sum of \$117,825.50 on the expansion of camp ground facilities of the National Park Service at Cape Hatteras. The project includes a mile of road, some 2,000 feet of walkways to the ocean, and preparation of sites for an additional 100 campers, including parking areas, for 50 cars. Other bidders were Stetson and Daniels of Wanchese at \$118,317 and Dickerson Co. of Monroe at \$128,980. This is the second large job on which the Keech Co. has been low bidder for the Cape Hatteras National seashore.

### CHARLES BRIGGS IS ON LOCATION IN PHILIPPINES

Charles Briggs, formerly of Kill Devil Hills, and now of North Hollywood, California, left California on March 4 for the Philippines, where he is on location with the filming of "The Marauders", which will star Jeff Chandler, and in which Charles will play the comedy lead, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Briggs of Kill Devil Hills. He expects to be in the Philippines for two months.

### GOLDEN WEDDING SUNDAY FOR HYDE COUNTY COUPLE



BELHAVEN.—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Manning of Route One, Belhaven, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 12, at their home, in the friendly community of Ponzer in Hyde County.

They will be at home to their many friends from 2 to 5 p.m.

Their children will be present for the occasion. They are Lt. Commander F. A. Manning of Norfolk, Chief Warrant Officer James H. Manning of Charleston, S. C., Mrs. John Kehoe of Norfolk, Floyd Manning of Atlanta, Ga., and Deering Manning of Bluff City, Tenn.

Another son, Lt. Edward Manning, was killed in France during World War II.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning also have 12 grandchildren who will be present for the occasion.

(Photo by Vann)

### MRS. LENA JOHNSON DIES IN NORFOLK AT AGE OF 91

After more than five years illness in a Norfolk Hospital, Mrs. Lena W. Johnson, whose daughter married R. Stanley Wahab of Oronoke was the mother of his three children, and died many years ago, passed away Saturday in Leigh Memorial Hospital. She was a native of Surry County and had lived most of her life in Norfolk. She was a church leader, a member of Epworth Church. The funeral was conducted Monday and burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Surviving are one granddaughter, Miss Lillian E. Wahab of Norfolk; two grandsons, Judge Robert S. Wahab Jr. of Birdneck Point, Virginia Beach, and Wilson H. Wahab of Princess Anne County; two great-grandsons, Robert S. Wahab III and Willson R. Wahab of Virginia Beach, and one stepdaughter, Mrs. Herbert M. Schachte of Asheville, N. C., and St. Petersburg, Fla.

### NEGRO GIVEN SIX MONTHS FOR BEATING UP ANOTHER

Russell Lee Blount of Engelhard, who beat up and stomped John Coolidge Mann at Louvada's place near Manteo on February 19th, was heard by Judge Baum in Recorder's court Tuesday, who accepted a plea of assault. Mann had a medical and hospital bill in the Elizabeth City Hospital of \$121.08. The court ordered Blount to pay this off at the rate of \$10 a month, and fined Blount \$40 and costs on condition of a six months suspended sentence.

For speeding and improper passing, Adrian O. Haynie of Buxton paid \$20 and costs. For reckless and careless driving, Calvin H. Saunders of Wanchese paid \$25 and costs.

A. F. Capps of Newport News and George C. Gray Jr. of Avon, each paid \$100 and costs for driving while intoxicated. For operating commercial fishing equipment without license, Calvin Payne of Stumpy Point paid court costs, for the same offense Victor Daniels Jr. of Wanchese was fined \$10. For possessing unculled oysters, Lindsay Tate and Curnie Hopkins, both of Belhaven were each fined \$10 and costs.



### FROCK WINNER



SHERRY JOHNSON, Nags Head, a Manteo High School senior is wearing the frock she made in the Woman's Club sponsored Vogue sewing contest. Runnersup were Brenda Daniels, Wanchese, Charlotte Perry and Betty Finn, Kitty Hawk. The contest judging was held at the local school on Saturday afternoon.

(Aycock Brown Photo)

### FRESH WATER FISHING IN MAINLAND-LAKES

MANNS HARBOR — Summery weather of late has started fresh water fishing in waters of East and South Lake near Manns Harbor, according to W. S. White, merchant and motel operator here.

"They are catching large mouth bass and crappies (speckled perch) with live bait in both lakes," he said.

Anglers are also catching striped bass in the lakes, some going to four and six pounds, according to White's report.

"The striper are being caught with Pet spoons, trolled in the wake of inboard and outboard powered boats," said White.

In addition to the good fishing accompanying the recent warm weather in the lakes, one angler caught four largemouths flycasting in the roadside canal adjacent to and at the intersections of U. S. Highways 64 and 264.

### 2ND BLUE MARLIN TOURNAMENT AT HATTERAS JUNE 17-22

HATTERAS — Second annual Hatteras International Blue Marlin Tournament will be held here June 17 through June 22, with four days of tournament fishing, it was announced today by Willis Slane Jr., of High Point, N. C., president of the Hatteras Marlin Club.

"There will be both team and individual competition," said Slane who indicated the pattern of the event would be the same as last year.

No announcement was made relative to the name of person who will direct the tournament or serve on the various committees that are associated with an international tournament.

Last year 19 blue marlin were boated by anglers of the teams competing in the event. A participant at the first annual tourney in 1960 was Governor Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina who is now U. S. Secretary of Commerce in the President John F. Kennedy cabinet.

### UNCLE DOCK FROM DUCK SAYS:

#### Jobs for Americans Play Out While We Go Nuts to Give Everything Away to Heathen

Dear Mr. Editor:  
I have read so much about unemployment in this country that it is getting me down. It seems to be we should have been given the facts a little earlier. I can't understand why most of our news in the papers and on TV is concerned with cramming negroes in with the whites in our Southern Schools, and in listening to the demands of self-appointed kings of savage lands who tell us what we've got to do. And strange to say, we really take them seriously.

If we had left the savages alone, they would have eaten each other up by now and there would be no problem. Suppose Russia had taken them over; they're one morsel not even the Russians could digest, and had Russia attempted to feed them, she would have gone broke by now.

Mr. Editor, it seems ridiculous to me, that we should attach so much importance to these savages who, after we have fed them, and endeavored to provide them independence and safety, that our whole country has to spend half its energies in conference in the United Nations, begging them to accept our way of life. There are two dozen of these black savage nations and among them all no two can agree on anything.

Every day on the TV we learn of our unemployed is greater than ever, and we learn that integration continues to be a problem in some parts of the south, but nothing is said about the same situation in the north. It seems rather odd, that those people who refuse the negro equal rights in the North are so intent on forcing them down the throats of southern people.

I recently read some figures on the amount of money we spend buying foreign made junk under the delusion we are saving money.

### GRIGGS COUPLE LIKE BOTH FISH AND WILDFOWL

Mrs. Walton Griggs Gets Big Kick Out of Visiting with Legislator Husband in Raleigh

By JOAN BROCK.

(In The News and Observer)  
The seaside huntress in the Sir Walter Cabinet, Mrs. Walton S. Griggs of Point Harbor, says she was "brought up with a .30-.30 rifle in one hand and a .45 automatic in the other."

Hailing from a heroic Coast Guard family with a long history of life saving—sparked by a collection of Life Saving Medals—Ruth Midgett Griggs learned to shoot a gun when she was 12. "But I've never saved a life," she smiles.

The wife of the second-term House Representative from Currituck County lived on Hatteras Island until she was in the third grade. Then she moved to Florida, where her Daddy, Jarvis Midgett, operated a Coast Guard Station.

"But home is home," says the brown haired, blue-eyed sport. "So I returned to North Carolina every chance I got." And when she married the Representative, they decided to settle on the coast at Point Harbor, his boyhood home.

Former Nurse  
Formerly a surgical operating nurse, Ruth Griggs gave up the white uniform when Margie (17) and Molly (16) came along. For 13 years now, she and her husband have managed a restaurant on Currituck Sound.

The huntress who loves to "shoot, clean, cook and eat wild fowl," aims only at geese and ducks. "I could never kill a deer," she confesses. "They are too beautiful." She adds that her husband shares her sentiment.

The captor of numerous swimming awards in her younger days admits, "I should have been born a duck." Reared among sounds, lagoons and seas, she loves to go barefooted in the sand and takes to the surf and salty air with the gratitude of a gull. And though she's "never caught anything big," a favorite pastime is flounder fishing.

"The prettiest sight in the world is to watch the birds glide in to meet the decoys," sighs the hearty huntress, who often bags the daily limit of three ducks and two geese. From November into January of each year, she keeps one eye on the soup and the other on the sky. And when the birds start coming in, she sheds her apron, grabs a gun and heads for the marshes.

Nothing that her husband's father was "one of the greatest shots in the county," she tells of the days (before limits were set) when he brought down as many as 500 ducks a day.

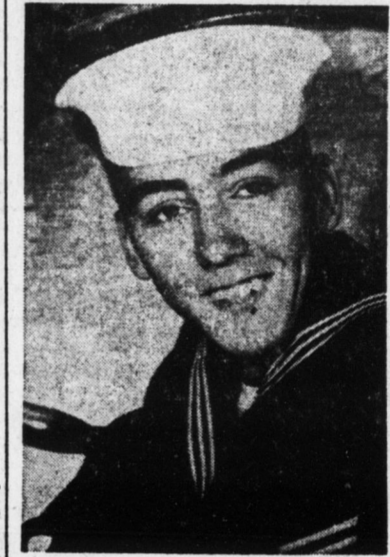
Another tale she tells is of the September day in 1959 when she learned the true value of the Coast Guard "first hand." When the fall

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### EIGHT SEEKING NEW TAX COLLECTORS JOB IN DARE COUNTY; OPPOSITION AROUSED

Taxpayers Oppose New Move by County Board In View of Large Amount Now Expended; Likewise Oppose Creating New Tax Department to Provide Additional Gravy Trains For Political Purposes.

#### MANTEO BOY IN DULUTH



MARSHALL T. SMITH JR., whose parents live in Manteo, having finished his Coast Guard boot training at Cape May N. J. Has been assigned to the Duluth Life Boat Station in Minnesota. He is a grandson of Mrs. Pattie Smith and the late Herman Smith of Manteo, his grandfather having been one of the most popular Coast Guard officers in the District, who retired from Bodie Island station, prior to World War II.

### SIX TEEN AGERS TO CHICAGO FOR YOUTH-POWER MEET

Manteo Girl With Party Representing North Carolina 4-H Boys and Girls

Six teenagers from North Carolina are attending a National Youthpower Congress in Chicago this week. According to Commissioner of Agriculture, L. Y. Ballentine. "The major emphasis of the Congress will be placed on raising the nutritional standards of America's teenage people."

The six delegates include: Cole Porter of Wilmington, Rodney Howell of Deep Gap, Rusty Taylor of Greensboro, Miss Freda Britt of Murfreesboro, Miss Nancy Coles Basnight of Manteo and Dairy Princess Dianne Monroe of Rockingham.

These youths represent both rural and urban areas of the State and were selected on the basis of their outstanding records of leadership and interest in nutritional problems and in improving diets of young people.

Each of the delegates receive this expense free trip to the three-day Congress in Chicago. Sponsors for the delegates include: The North Carolina Bakers Council, The North Carolina Dairy Products Association, The Farmers Cooperative-Exchange, The North Carolina Chain Store Council and The North Carolina Food Dealers Association.

"This meeting will provide an information-training ground on the importance of eating a balanced diet," declared B. C. Mangum, President of N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, the Coordinating organization for the program in this State. Dramatize national concern about teenage eating habits, developing cooperation of youth serving groups in improving the nutritional patterns of youth and increase understanding of the farm-to-table story are the three overall objectives of the Congress.

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### CHANNEL BASS HAVENT APPEARED AT HATTERAS

HATTERAS — Channel bass which usually begin to show up in commercial nets of Pamlico Sound fisherman here with the first seige of warm weather in March, are slow to show this year.

To date there have been no reports of channel bass being caught in pound nets. By mid-March last year channel bass had entered the sounds here, but it was not until Saturday, April 2, that the first was taken with rod and reel.

Although the surf has been fished by local anglers during recent warm weather, no catches have been reported, of any kind of fish to date with rod and reel.

Commercial fisherman have been having fair luck with catches of shad, and other varieties reported.

Eight applications were received by the Board of County Commissioners this week, for the job of collecting delinquent taxes in Dare County. To make a selection, Commissioners, Stick, Swain and Hooper were named a committee to interview the applicants and decide on their abilities.

The job will be collecting taxes which the Sheriff's office fails or neglects to collect, and this job has been done for about two years with out extra pay by Pennell T. Tillett, the tax Supervisor, who has collected about \$70,000 by asking for the money.

The new job, originally planned to provide a nice plum for some political favorite, and applications have come from as far away as Baltimore. William E. VanDyke, who owns property at Buxton, a former government auditor, and now an auditor with a Baltimore hospital is one of the applicants.

Claude C. Duvall of Manns Harbor, for several years a member of the Board of Commissioners, is another applicant, and some believe he has an inside to the job. Richard E. Jordan of Nags Head, Milton L. Perry of Kitty Hawk, Charles W. Johnson, Carlisle E. Davis, Guy H. Midgett and Alexander Worth Midgett of Manteo also applied.

The Board heard two requests from Buxton. A large delegation asked for establishment of a flood gate on the E. J. Midgett property to keep waters from Pamlico Sound from flooding gardens through the ditches dug about four years ago as part of the hurricane relief program. Another was for the Dare Ridge road improvement.

No bids were received for the county project of building a bulkhead at an estimated cost of \$3,000 at the mouth of the old county ditch at Stumpy Point.

Confirmation has been received that hurricane relief funds in the amount of \$65,000 has been awarded in Raleigh, to build a dike on the shorefront at Stumpy Point near the center of the village. This is to be a dredged fill 1,200 feet long.

The sum of \$408,000 had been requested for this job at Stumpy Point, and 6,800 linear feet had been asked. The total demands from Dare County had approached a million dollars, a sum equal to all the money granted North Carolina and were considered unreasonable, since there were many other counties which suffered damage during Hurricane Donna.

### New Tax Department Wins Little Support

A proposal by the County Commissioners that a law be enacted to create a costly new tax department in Dare County has failed to arouse much support and opposition has developed in some quarters. The Board has so far failed to get a commitment from Rep. Keith Fearing that he will sponsor much legislation. Most people express themselves as believing that the Sheriff having been duly elected to discharge this responsibility, and having many employes at hand to assist him should carry out the duty as before. The Commissioners have budgeted some \$25,000 a year to run this office, an outlay of additional money is not considered fair to the tax-payers. Many people see no advantage to be gained other than to set up new jobs to create political weight for a power-happy group of officials who seek only absolute control and domination of the county affairs to their own benefit and enjoyment.

This week, there is talk of an organization of taxpayers heading for Raleigh to oppose the proposed legislation, and reports are that some Board members declare the plan will be carried out, although legislation may be lacking. This has happened before, as witness the present plan to build a jail at

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### DARE YDC MEET SET FOR 7:30 P.M. AT COURTHOUSE

Several items of business, nomination of new officers and discussion of the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner will be attended to Friday night, the 10th, beginning at 7:30 p.m., by the Dare County Young Democrats, according to Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., the club's president.

A special invitation is expressed to school and college students to attend this meeting and become familiar with Democratic principles as advanced by this organization. The group will gather in Dare County Courthouse.