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HIGH BID REJECTED FOR DREDGING ON OREGON INLET RUN

Norfolk Firm Wanted $93,500 To Clean Out Channel for Short Ferry Run

RALEIGH — State Highway Department engineers are exploring new possibilities for improving Oregon Inlet ferryboat servce following Highway Commission rejectin last week of a channel dredging bid which ran far above engineering estimates.

Ferryboats of the Department have been plying a long channel routing between Bodie Island and Hatteras Island for several months following a series of coastal storms which closed the regular short channel. The rejected bid of $93,500 from a Norfolk dredging firm wa for removal of some 100,000 cubic yards of silt to permit reopening of the short route but it ran $43,500 above estimates.

Today, highway engineers are fearful that the dredging job would be far greater than anticipated and are investigating the possibility of obtaining two additional ferryboats to increase the number of daily trips through the longer channel.

An appeal for two additional boats went out this week from Division Highway Engineer W. N. Spruill of Ahoskie to R. F. Gibbs, Superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park. Gibbs, contacted in Arizona, said he would immediately relay the request to Department of Interior officials in an effort to get two surplus LCU's from the U. S. Navy.

New soundings of the short channel made recently revealed that there has been an additional silting up of the regular channel in the last few days causing highway officials to wonder whether the regular channel could ever be opened up for any reasonable length of time. Three times previously the channel has been opened only to fill up within a shrot period of time. It now appears that some 7,500 feet would require as high as 150,000 cubic yards.

Highway officials indicted they have not completely abandoned the idea of reestablising the short Nags Head-Hatteras run by dredging out the old channel but are investigating the possibility of establishing better ferry connections and more frequent trips across the Inlet by installing additional boats on the longer channel which wa better protection from winds and currents.

After the new soundings were taken, it was estimated that dredging the old channel might cost as much as $125.000 to $150.000 instead of approximately $50,000 as originally estimated, with little hope that the channel could be kept open indefinitely.

Officials say there is a good possibility of giving improved ferry service on a more permanent basis by securing additional boats for the longer and more permanent channel.

The bids approved on 20 projects in 19 counties totaled $7,563,390.54.

DOLPHIN MOTOR COURT SOLD THIS WEEK AT NAGS HD.

The biggest real estate deal in a long time was consummated this week when the Dolphine Motor Court on lower Nags Head changed hands for the third time. It was sold by the owners, W. L. Peebles and R. L. Spencer to Carson and Orlando Meekins of Kitty Hawk, at a figure rumored at more than $160.000. One of the best and most popular motels on lower Nags the Dolphin was built more than ten years ago by Fearing's Inc. of Manteo, and was later sold to Mrs. Bertha Jennings of Elizabeth City, who sold it to Mr. Peebles some five years ago.

The Meekins brothers natives of Collington, were formerly engaged in the mercantile business in Collington, and have worked at commercial fishing and contracting.

KANNAPOLIS NATIVE IS BELHAVEN POLICE CHIEF

Sam Boger, a native of Kannapolis, and former Carbarrus County Deputy Sheriff has been named Police Chief of Belhaven to take the place vacated over a month ago. He has served on the Daytona Beach, Fla., police force, and as a guard in the N. C. Prison camp in Northampton County, N. C. The 36-year-old man is a brother of John Boger, well-known Belhaven Citizen, is married and has an infant daughter.

BELHAVEN COUPLE TAKE TWO MONTHS VACATION IN JAPAN

DR. AND MRS. WILLIAM T. RALPH of Belhaven who are on their way to Japan to attend the Rotary International Convention in Tokyo. Dr. Ralph is District President of Rotary International in which his home club of Belhaven is situated. The couple will fly from New York to the West Coast and travel by ship to Japan on a journey that will take two months, the longest vacation Dr. Ralph has taken in his more than 45 years of dental practice in Belhaven. During this time he has had a busy career, having served several times as Mayor; he has been president of his Dental Society, member of the Beaufort County Board of Education, has twice been a delegate to the Republican National Convention, and Vice-President and President of the six-county Southern Albemarle Association, among many other honors that have been accorded him.

On Friday of this week, Dr. Ralph is scheduled to attend the International Assembly of Incoming Officers and institute for present and past officers at the Lake Placid Club, Essex County, New York, prior to taking the train for the west Coast, from where they will fly to Tokyo, Japan, where on May 27, registrations will begin. The sessions of this International Assembly will continue through five days, closing June 1. Speakers on the programs, include numerous world-famed men.

LOST COLONY DIRECTORS APPROVE YEAR'S BUDGET

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Roanoke Island Historical Association was held in Manteo Monday. Mrs. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, Chairman of the Board and Mrs. Fred W. Morrison of Washington D. C. attended. The Board reviewed the budget for the current season, which is approximately $122,000, an increase of more than $40,000 over last year, due to the large sum required to restore the property damaged by tides and winds during hurricane Donna in September. Nothing has been recovered from the insurance companies up to now, and the work of restoration has been limited to contributions that have been made by public spirited citizens.

Mrs. Ina Evans, appeared before the Board requesting a contribution from the Lost Colony for the Dare County Tourist Bureau, which request was referred to the Executive committee, inasmuch as the Lost Colony has insufficient funds for its own purposes, while the Tourist Bureau is already receiving some $16,000 a year from Dare County. It was the general opinion that each organization helps advertise Dare County, but no opinion was expressed as to which does most in this respect. Mention was made of a liberal contribution that has been made by the National Park Service to further the restoration of Waterside Theatre.

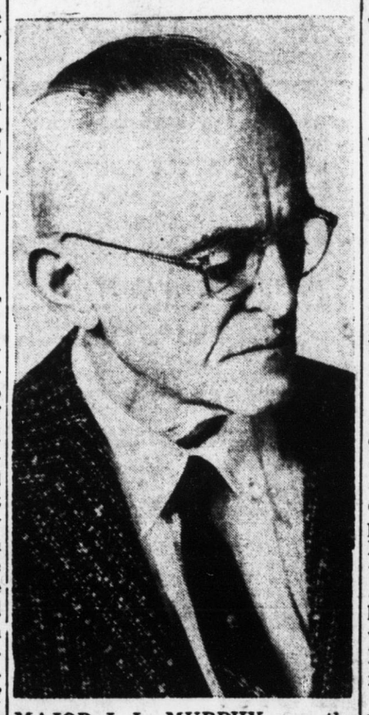
Also attending this meeting were C. Alden Baker and Albert Gard of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Inglis Fletcher and Mrs. W. B. Rosevear of Edenton, M. R. Daniels, C. S. Meekins, Victor Meekins, A. Q. Bell, Mrs. Mabel Evans Jones, M. L. Daniels Jr. of Manteo, and Edward Nash, representing the National Park Service.

NEW FIRE NUMBER

A new telephone number has been established for the Roanoke Island Fire Department, and it is urged that all alarms be routed through this number, 300, to prevent delays in answering calls.

Previously it was necessary for the calls to go through the town office.

FORMER MAYOR CARRIES K. D. HILLS ELECTION



MAJOR J. L. MURPHY won the Mayoralty in the election Tuesday by a vote of 76 to72. Charles Griffin was the other contender. Of 218 registered voters, 152 votes were cast. Winners for Aldermen were Elwood Parker, R. E. Parker, Jr., and C. A. York. Elwood Parker, former member of the Co. Board of Education got 80 votes, his nephew R. E. Parker Jr., 79 votes. and C. A. York, 79 votes Runners up were W. C. Foreman, 77 votes, Ted Wood and E. V. Melson, 62 votes. Mrs. Ruth Frank without opposition won the treasurer's place with 125 votes. Major Murphy was the first mayor of the town when it was created some 12 years ago. R. H. Cook, incumbent, did not file for re-election.

BASEBALL UNIFORMS GIFT OF MANTEO LIONS

At the Tuesday night meeting of Manteo Lions Club, 10 new baseball uniforms were presented to first string members of Manteo High School's team, whose members were dinner guests of the club for the evening. Also attending were Coach Jerry Cahoon, a Lion; and Asst. Coach Curtis Hinton.

The uniforms were put to use Thursday when the Creswell team vied with Manteo.

The Lions Club emblem is to be attached to the new furnishings in the near future.

MRS. IDA MANN HASSELL DIES AT AGE OF 78

MRS. IDA MANN HASSELL, 78, died Wednesday afternoon, May 3, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Violet Kellam, in Nags Head. Mrs. Hassell had been ill for some time but had been home from the hospital for two weeks.

She was born in East Lake on June 7, 1882, the daughter of Manliff and Adeline Basnight Twiford. She was the widow of the late Dean Hassell. She was first married to Norris Mann, who died many years ago. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Violet Kellam of Nags Head and Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Eloise Merkle of Lynnhaven, Va.; one son, Elbridge Keith Mann; one stepson, Sam Hassell of East Lake; one brother, Marshall Twiford of Norfolk, Va.; one sister, Mrs. Sarah Cahoon of East Lake; nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Hassell was a member of the East Lake Baptist Church, Club 60, Norfolk; Euzelian Class of Temple Baptist Church, Norfolk; and Tidewater Senior Citizens Club.

Funeral services will be conducted at two o'clock Saturday afternoon in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home, Manteo, by the Rev. M. J. Davis, pastor of Manteo Baptist Church. Burial will be in East Lake Methodist Church cemetery.

WEEK END RIOTING BRINGS BIG TRADE TO RECORDER'S CT.

Teen-Agers From Ten Counties Fill Jail Before Dark on Jamboree Week End

Official opening of the Outer Banks vacation season last week end during the Seventh Annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree kept police and highway patrolmen busy, according to the Associated Press.

The news agency quoting Sheriff Frank Cahoon reported that his office made approximately 100 calls during the two-day event and about 30 persons were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and public drunkenness. The State Highway Patrol had several additional men assigned to the area and officials of the patrol were on hand to help supervise traffic which was heaviest in the Nags Head area on Saturday. The jail in Manteo was filled before night.

While several cases are yet to be tried, Recorder's Court records for Tuesday reflected that more than two dozen defendants arrested on various charges had submitted and paid fines and costs without waiting for trial on the regular day of court.

There were various opinions on who caused the trouble. Some said it was the "college student" class of week end visitors while others declared it was not "college students" any more than the usual younger class which are often defined by the FBI and other enforcement agencies as "young punks" that have only elementary education and who have in a way put a blight on the teenage population of the nation in recent years.

Those submitting to various charges, their addresses and the amount of fines and costs follows:

Kenneth E. Barnes, Powell's Point, passing another auto at an intersection, $18.70.

James R. Bridges, Va. Beach, no operator's license, $33.70 and appearing in public place drunk, $33.70.

Glenn Lee Brugh, Norfolk, drunk and disorderly, $33.70;

Amos Crain, East Lake, drunk in Manteo, $33.70.

Luther B. Culpepper III, Elizabeth City, failing to grant right of way, $18.70.

Robert M. Davis, Norfolk, for throwing bottle from moving vehicle, $18.70.

Horace L. Frank, Virginia Beach, public drunkenness, $33.70.

Amea R. Gibbs, Norfolk, public

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JOHN D. EARLE IS LAID TO FINAL REST MON.

Manteo Scoutmaster Buried With Military Honors in Arlington National Cemetery

John Dorset Earle, 47, of Manteo was laid to his final rest at 9:30 Monday morning, May 1, in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. He was buried with military honors. An honor guard and a firing squad participated and taps was played. The Rev. Joseph Burroughs, rector of St. Anrews-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Nags Head, conducted the final graveside rites.

The funeral service was conducted at two o'clock Sunday afternoon in St. Andrews Church by the Rev. Mr. Burroughs. "O God. Our Help in Ages Past" and "God the Omnipotent" were sung by the church choir, which had been organized and directed by Mr. Earle. They were assisted by members of the Mount Olivet Methodist Choir of Manteo, in which group Mr. Earle had been active until St. Andrews began holding regular services. Mrs. John Bell of Manteo accompanied at the organ.

The casket was draped with an American flag.

Pallbearers were members of the vestry, W. A. Williams, Jr., Ernest Beale, Linwood Cuthrell, Gordon Kellogg, Hubert Smith, Robert Preston, Dewey Hayman, Ernest Fuller and Dewey Adams.

The honor guard was made up of Boy Scouts from Camden County, Currituck County, Dare County, Pasquotank County and South Norfolk, Va. all members of the Tidewater Council.

Among out-of-town people present for the funeral were Mr. Earle's mother, Mrs. Guy H. Earle of Gainesville, Fla.; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Earle, Jr., of Lapeer, Mich.; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earle of Weston, West Virginia; Mrs. Earle's sisters, Mrs. Robert Morgan of Dayton, Ohio, Miss Virginia Steele of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. Cecil Cooke of Beckley, West Virginia, Mrs. E. B. Fernsler of Huntington, West Virginia, Mrs. J. G. Ellison and Mr. Ellison of Morgantown, West Virginia.

Joining the others in Arlington for the burial were Mr. Earle's brother and sister-in-law, Commander and Mrs. L. D. Earle and son, Larry, of Haddonfield, N. J.; Mrs. Earle's step-brother, AF Lt. Col. A. A. Adair, and Mrs. Adair, of Big Springs, Texas; her stepmother, Mrs. Robert M. Steele of Rocky Mount, Va.; and her aunt, Miss Eva Steele of Washington D. C; W. J. Crumpacker and Allen Carlson of Manteo, representing the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company; Gus Hultman of the National Park Service, Richmond, Va., who was former Cub Scout Master in Manteo, and his son Richard; Floyd Taylor of the National Park Service, Washington, D. C., former member of the Boy Scout committee in Manteo, Mrs. Taylor and their son Floyd, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Greenwood, godparents of John D. Earle, Jr., were hosts at breakfast at their home in Arlington, to all those going to Arlington for the burial.

Mrs. Earle, her son, John D., and daughter Mary Eliabeth, returned Tuesday to their home near Manteo, accompanied by Mrs. Earle's sister, Mrs. Robert Morgan of Dayton, Ohio.

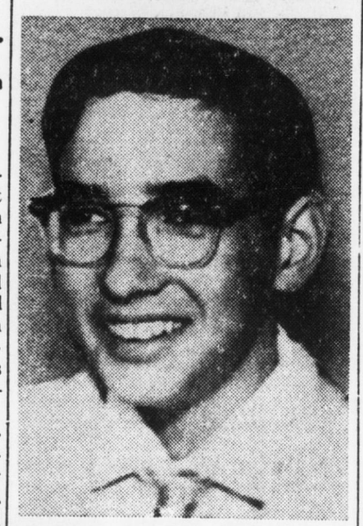
A BELHAVEN PATRIARCH DIES ON OCRACOKE ID.

James Nathaniel Edwards, age 94, father of Mrs. R. S. Wahab, died at Ocracoke at the Wahab home on May 1st after an illness of several months. Born September 16, 1867, the son of J. D. and Myra Rebecca Edwards, at Wall's Bridge, Virginia, he moved to North Carolina in 1893 and was married to Eliza Bradley Wahab of Sladesville who died in 1954. He is survived by four children, Myra Wahab of Ocracoke; R. B. Edwards of Belhaven; E. W. Edwards of Rocky Mount and M. B. Edwards of Ontario, California. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. T. W. Richardson of Elburon, Virginia and five grandchildren. The funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Paul Funeral Home in Belhaven. Interment was in the Epworth Cemetery at Sladesville. He was a member of Trinity Methodist Church, Belhaven.

He was one of the community's most highly regarded citizens, and had been regularly employed until a few years ago. Most of his life he had been engaged in the lumber business. He frequently made trips between Belhaven and Ocracoke, and was a great favorite with people of all ages.

He was for many years a leader in the Oddfellows Lodge in Belhaven, was a member of the Woodmen of the World also.

MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH



FREDDY ROUSH, who will be fourteen years old next month, is a freshman in the Manteo High School. Freddy is an outstanding student scholastically; but he is also a well-rounded boy. He has won both first and third prizes in the Carolinian Hotel sailing regattas. His interest in radio led to his obtaining his novice amateur radio license when he was nine years old, and now he holds the general amateur license, call W4TSQ. Active in scouting, he is a Star Scout with ten merit badges and has just been elected candidate for Order of the Arrow.

This spring he received Honorable Mention in the Junior Biology Division in the Science Fair held at East Carolina College in Greenville.

ELECTED SECOND TIME AS MAYOR OF MANTEO

G. T. "RAS" WESTCOTT was elected Mayor of Manteo for a second two year term Tuesday. Mr. Westcott had previously filled out the unexpired term of Hon. Martin Kellogg who was Mayor for many years. As there were no contested offices. only 49 votes were cast in Tuesday's town election. One write-in vote was given Melvin Jackson for Alderman. The three members of the board, Allen Lee Mann, Sam E. Midgett and Woodie Fearing were re-elected without opposition.

FIRST GULF STREAM CATCHES OFF HATTERAS

While weather conditions still continued to harass sportsfishermen, some encouraging reports came in during the past week from Hatteras, the Gulf Stream, the fresh waters and the fishing piers.

Capt. Edgar Styron reported an 87 pound yellowfin tuna from the Gulf Stream on Sunday. Cliff Dodson, Bethesda, Md., trolling from cruiser Twins II, caught the fish. Capt. Clam Stowe was skipper of the vessel when the catch was made. On the same day, another Washington area angler, Joe Lewis, hooked and almost landed a large yellowfin. Photos were made of the fish as it was reeled close to the boat and as it made its escape.

Dr. Grover Bolin and Ben Hershfield, Smithfield, N. C., flew to Hatteras Tuesday and fished the Gulf Stream aboard Twins II on Wednesday. Their total take was two dolphin and four blackfin tuna. The tuna ranged from 10 to 12 pounds each.

A few channel bass have been taken from boats fishing in Hatteras Inlet during the week. Dan Burkette, Hopewell, Va., and Arthur Havner, Charlotte, caught two, weighing 27 and 33 pounds on Wednesday.

One tuna was boated by a group of Oregon Inlet guides fishing with Capt. Willie Etheridge early this week. The party had gone out to exploit the waters for Gulf Stream possibilities. Inshore a few bottom fish have been taken at the inlet,

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GOV'T MAY ADD 125 ACRES TO FORT RALEIGH

State and Private Donations Would Pay for $259,000 In Land

A proposal that has been considered a long time by the National Park Service, would do much to bring Dare County's greatest Tourist drawing card into its own. It has taken shape in the form of a bill in Congress sponsored by the Park Service and which has the support of Congressman Bonner, whereby 125 acres of land would be added to Fort Raleigh National Historic Site.

It is estimated that the cost of the land would exceed a quarter of a million dollars. the figure named being $259.000. Funds for the purchase of the land would be provided by private donors and the state of N. C.

Fort Raleigh is the site of the first English settlements in the New World, and the beginning of civilization in the territory of the 13 orginia United States by colonist sent out by England, promoted by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1584-87.

Already an area of some 16 acres is owned and protected by the National Park Service, and plans of devoted workers for the cause have in mind something really big and in keeping with the scene of a historic site of so much consequence in the country's history.

NEW PIRATE KING, QUEEN CROWNED AS JAMBOREE ENDS

Large Crowd at Hatteras Fish Fry; Parade Through Manteo New Feature of Three-Day Event

The seventh annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree is over and the Dare Coast-Outer Banks vacation season for 1961 has been officially launched.

Finale to the two day event, which resulted in national pre-Jamboree publicity for the area and what was termed by law enforcement officers as the largest week end crowd in the history of the Dare Coast, was held in Nags Head Casino on Saturday night. No one seemed to have an exact count of the number of people who crowded into Casino for the Pirate Ball finale but many said it was the largest number ever attending any event there.

Despite this fact, the Jamboree's dollar take on the Saturday night dance, biggest money maker of all the events presented each year, was lower this year. Officials reported that the $1,400 received, or 50 per cent of the total after expenses, was approximately $100 less than last year. Officials stated that this would probably be the last year the Jamboree finale dance would be held in The Casino, as by next year, if present plans carry, there will be a new convention hall on the beach which will be ground floor level and larger that the square footage of The Casino, where the sponsors of the Jamboree will not have to share the take with a private operator.

The Casino event on Saturday night followed three major daytime attractions, first the battle and landing on Kitty Hawk Bay at Holiday Marina, in which Elizabeth City High School's talented band members and majorettes gave an excellent program on shore as the pirate ships were engaging in battle off shore. Climax to the battle came with the landing of the Pirate King and Queen (Dock Austin of Hatteras and Margaret Davis, Kitty Hawk) and their courts. Ted Wood, Kill Devil, Hill presented the key to the Outer Banks to the Pirate royalty.

New this year and one of the most colorful attractions of the Jamboree was the street parade in Manteo which featured the Elizabeth City High School's pirate costumed members and majorettes and several floats. Prizes of $75, $50, and $25, were won by Kellogg Supply Company's float representing a beach scene with a live colt and Betty Kellogg and friends aboard; the Avalon Beach float with its young teen age beauties all dressed alike, entered by Robert Young, and two other business firms; and, The Carolinian's pirate treasure chest float.

Leading the parade in a convertible driven by Johnny Long were Dare's Senior Citizen A. W. Drinkwater and Secretary of State Thad Eure. In the parade also were the replica of a western stage coach by George Crocker of Beacon Lodge accompained by western dressed horsemen, the Sea Hag Fishing Club float, three units featuring Outer Banks Ski Club who's members could not put on their watershow earlier at Kitty Hawk

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