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## SHELL-DREDGING SCHEME AROUSES STRONG OPPOSITION

N. C. Wildlife Commission Goes to Bat in the Interest of Citizens of Dare and Currituck

The proposal of an Elizabeth City group fronting for Gulf Coast interests, that they be given permission to dredge oyster shells from North Carolina sounds for commercial purposes, has met with strong opposition which will be welcomed by fishermen and other citizens of Currituck and Dare Counties.

Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation took a stand Monday in strong opposition to a proposal to dredge oyster shells from Albemarle Sound for conversion into chicken feed.

Turner Battle of Rocky Mount, executive secretary of the Federation, said the directors adopted a resolution opposing "any dredging for shells or minerals in the inland coastal waters of the State."

He was directed by the Federation board to ask the State Department of Conservation and Development for a public hearing before any licenses are granted. "Our feeling," Battle said, "is that dredging for these shells or minerals in the coastal waters would be detrimental to fish and wildlife."

He recalled that proposals for dredging in the coastal sounds has been advanced during the administration of Gov. W. Kerr Scott and later during the administration of Gov. William B. Umstead. Each time, the Federation took an opposing stand, and each time the dredging plan lost out.

Recently, the N. C. Shell Products Corp. of Elizabeth City asked C&D for permission to dredge for oyster shells in Albemarle Sound. Bay Towing and Dredging Co. of Mobile, Ala., also has expressed an interest in oyster dredging rights.

As a consequence, the C&D Board's Commercial Fisheries Committee has decided to ask the full board for an allocation of \$2,500 for a study of the effects the proposed dredging might have.

Nineteen of the Federation's 21 directors were on hand for this meeting, which was held at the Sir Walter.

## TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT SWAN QUARTER ENLARGING

Carolina Tel. & Tel. Prepares to Serve 50 New Subscribers; Large Growth Noted.

SWAN QUARTER — Improvement and expansion of the Swan Quarter telephone exchange is now underway.

Carolina Telephone area Manager K. G. Wilkinson said today that a \$6,500 program is in progress to improve and expand central office equipment here.

Included in the project will be installation of facilities to serve 50 additional main telephones in this area. This equipment will make possible service to new subscribers and will also permit better grades of service to present subscribers.

Wilkinson said the growth of Swan Quarter in recent years has brought about an increased demand for telephone service and has taxed the capacity of present equipment.

Telephones in the Swan Quarter area have increased from 150 to more than 340 in the past ten years.

"The construction program here is a part of Carolina Telephone's See PHONE, Page Ten

## VERY GOOD FISHING REPORTED IN SOUNDS

Fishing near the Roanoke Island-Nags Head bridge has been up to par and better during the past week, according to George Dykstra. "They have been catching plenty of sea mullet, a few gray trout and also a few flounder," he said.

Sportfishermen will find increasingly better catches during the coming weeks, as speckled trout, and rockfish or striped bass, become abundant in the sounds. Croatan Sound, which also has been attracting hundreds of anglers during the season, last week end was the scene of numerous large catches of desirable species.

## MANTEO PASTOR PLEASSED WITH CHURCH SUPPORT



REV. HAROLD F. LEATHERMAN, who has recently been assigned to the Manteo Methodist Church, (Mt. Olivet) for his fourth year is well pleased with the strong support given the church by the membership. During the past five or six years, the church budget has doubled, and this year has reached the unprecedented amount of \$4,500. During this year the church has installed an air-conditioning system, costing \$4,700; and in addition has purchased \$10,500 worth of real estate. For a parking lot, the church acquired the R. C. Evans homeplace across the street. The residence has been torn down. Further down Main St. the I. C. Meekins homeplace was bought for \$2,500, the home torn down, and the land added to the parsonage lot. Mr. Leatherman compliments the many church leaders, of his 592 members, of whom 140 are non-resident. W. H. Hoffer Jr. is chairman of the church board; C. E. O'Neal is Sunday School Supt.; Mrs. Nevin Wescott is President of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Charles Evans Jr. is President of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

## THE NEW MISS AMERICA AND SIR WALTER RALEIGH



WHEN this picture was made back stage at Waterside Theatre in August Maria Beale Fleetecher of Asheville was shown chatting with John Whitty who played Sir Walter Raleigh in the drama was a guest performer at The Lost Colony. At the time she was Miss North Carolina of 1961. On Saturday night in Atlantic City Miss Fletcher became Miss America, and this week in Charlotte, Susan Kay Woodall of Roanoke Rapids, first runnerup in the Jaycee-sponsored state beauty contest officially became the new Miss North Carolina of 1961. Miss Woodall had also appeared as a guest star in The Lost Colony prior to the State contests in Greensboro during mid summer.

(Aycock Brown Photo)

## OFFSHORE FISHING STILL EXCELLENT FROM DARE WATERS

Fishing in the Gulf Stream, or at its western edge of Oregon and Hatteras Inlet during the first half of September has been the best of the season for many warm water species.

For one thing during the past week, the dolphin fishing has been the very best of the 1961 season. During the past week, with an average of six to 10 boats going offshore daily, parties ranging from three to eight persons have returned to port with from 100 to 150 dolphins.

In addition to dolphin, other species of Gulf Stream fish have been taken, including sailfish, oceanic bonito, black fin tuna, false albacore and oceanic bonito.

The increase in blackfin tuna and albacore, is believed to be an indication that the white marlin, of which several have been taken off Oregon Inlet since September 1, are moving back into Cape Hatteras waters.

An encouraging sign in the big hauls of dolphin being made during the past week has been the fact that the anglers who caught these dolphins are taking their fish home for food.

## SAILING REGATTA SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK END

Third Annual Event Will Begin Saturday at 1 P. M.

The third annual Anchor Club Sailing Regatta is scheduled to be held in local waters on Saturday and Sunday, this week end.

Sponsored by the Carolinian Hotel, the sailing classic will feature six events, four for larger craft which will compete on a course to be established in the upper reaches of Roanoke Sound and two smaller craft events (sailfish and prams) on a course in the protected waters of Shallowbag Bay.

The races on Saturday will begin at 1 o'clock. On Sunday, first event will be underway at 11 o'clock.

On Saturday night in the Anchor Club at Nags Head there will be a regatta dance.

"Craft will sail under Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association Rules," said Julian Oneto.

## HATTERAS PATROLMAN INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Collision Wrecks Patrol Car, Injures Patrolman D. S. Skiles and His German Shepherd Dog

State highway patrolman D. S. Skiles of Hatteras is recovering at his home from injuries received about two a. m. Wednesday when his patrol car struck an unlighted State Highway Department wrecker after meeting a car whose lights blinded him. The driver of the other car saw the wreck and went back to help. He took Mr. Skiles to the health center in Buxton, where he was treated for lacerations of the face, bruised right shoulder and chest, and released. A German shepherd dog riding with him was badly cut and was taken to an Elizabeth veterinarian. Mr. Skiles, 1960 automobile was demolished, but damage to the wrecker was slight, according to reports.

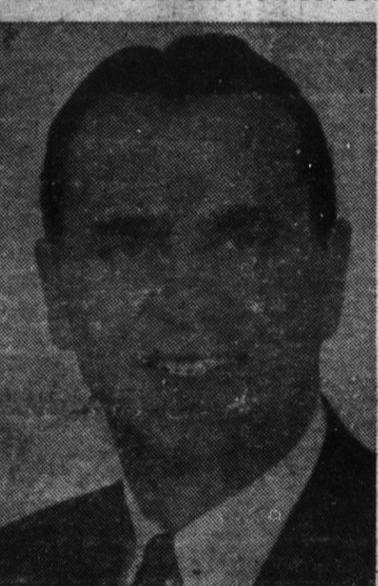
## FLYING WOMAN VISITOR TO LOST COLONY MEETS LEADERS IN THE SHOW



SHOWN here, third from left is Miss Peggy Irwin of New York City, who flew alone to Manteo Sept. 8 to witness the 1099th performance of the Lost Colony. After the show, Miss Irwin met several members of the cast, and other notable people connected with the show. Shown here left to right are Mrs. Inglis Fletcher, the novelist, Mrs. Herbert C. Bonner, Miss Irwin, Mrs. Fred W. Morrison, Congressman Bonner, Mary Long, who plays the part of Queen Elizabeth, and Mrs. O. Max Gardner.

— Aycock Brown photo.

## COLUMBIA MAN APPOINTED STATE PAROLE DIRECTOR



REP. WILLIAM CHARLES COHOON of Tyrrell County has been appointed by Governor Sanford as State Parole's officer, and the Cohoons have sold their home near Columbia, and bought a home in Raleigh. The position, considered a most important one, is much sought after, and pays a salary of \$10,000 a year. Mr. Cohoon has served two terms in the General Assembly, was a strong supporter of Governor Sanford in both primaries, and is one of the leaders in the Southern Albemarle Association.

## BRIDGE CELEBRATION PLANS TO BE FIRMED AT COLUMBIA SEPT. 27

A plan for conducting the celebration of the dedication of the Lindsay Warren Bridge over Alligator River is to be firm up Wednesday, Sept. 27 at a meeting in Columbia. President Bob Cowen of the Southern Albemarle Association has called a meeting of the six-county vice-presidents of the Association, and others invited include Rep. Keith Fearing of Dare, and Charles Cohoon of Tyrrell. Tyrrell County will be principal host to the gathering. The bridge is expected to be completed by Christmas, but the date for the celebration has not been set. Mrs. Effie A. Brickhouse, the Columbia postmaster, is the SAA vice-president for Tyrrell, and Pennell A. Tillett in Dare County. The bridge is named in honor of Hon. Lindsay C. Warren of Washington, N. C. who by popular acclaim has been distinguished as the outstanding leader for the improvement and development of this region, through several terms as State Senator, Congressman, and Comptroller General of the United States.

## EARLY AND LATE FERRY TRIPS THROUGH SEPT. 30

OCRACOKE, — Contrary to the original schedule, the Hatteras Inlet ferry will continue through September 30th, to make the early morning and late afternoon trips. First ferry over from Hatteras in the morning will leave there at 6 a.m.; first ferry north from Ocracoke will leave at 7 a.m. Last ferry in the afternoon over from Hatteras will leave there at 4 p.m.; last ferry north from Ocracoke will leave at 6 p.m. These early and late trips can be maintained until September 30th and still provide daylight passage.

## Crabbing Industry Provides Many Dollars For Area While Other Products Dwindle

Each day a number of Dare County residents and hundreds of Dare County visitors in crossing the Roanoke Sound bridge see small utility boats slipping through the choppy water with one, sometimes two, men on board. An occasional person may note briefly from the bridge as the man in the boat suddenly reaches over the side, grabs a rope in the water, and starts pulling into the boat. Probably a few have wondered what was on the other end of the rope.

At the same time, almost within sight of the man and his boat, a family sits in a restaurant and enjoys the tangy flavor of sauted crab meat. In other restaurants in other towns, the same thing happens; people are eating crab meat.

These seemingly insignificant incidents are all a part of a story . . . a story of Dare County's crab industry which annually brings almost one million dollars to the pockets of Dare County people.

In a normal year the Dare County crab industry will handle an estimated two to three hundred thousand barrels of crabs. Included in this are both soft and hard crabs which are taken from nearby waters. Local processing plants, in a good season, will process almost one hundred thousand barrels.

Crabs taken from Dare County and adjoining waters and handled through facilities in this county are shipped to various points along the Atlantic Seaboard. Many crabs are shipped unprocessed to processing houses in Hampton, Virginia and Cambridge, Maryland.

Meat cooked, processed and pack-

ed here in Dare County is one of gambles and hastes. A crab fisherman has three methods for taking a catch. With an investment of about \$700 he can be a "line man". Using this method, the crabber baits a series of crab lines with "bull lip" obtained from slaughter houses and pulls the crabs into the boat when they start eating the bait.

A second method requires an original investment of about \$1000. For approximately this amount a crabber can purchase a motor skiff and traps necessary to be a "potter". The potter sets his "pots" (or traps) in the shallow sound waters. These ingenious traps are baited with fish and are so constructed that crabs going in to get the fish can not get out again. Later the crab fisherman checks each pot from his boat, pulls it on board by means of a rope which has been attached to a float, and dumps the crabs into a waiting box. From here they are taken to local processing plants for shipping.

A third method of catching crabs is called "dragging". This requires a much larger boat with a motor powerful enough to pull a heavy net. For about \$5000 a crabber can purchase a boat and net to be a

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## MRS. TYSON PRAISES CANCER PROGRAM AT WEDNESDAY MEET

Campaign for Funds to Be Held in Dare County Starting October 8

"There is something going on in Dare County under the cancer organization," said Mrs. Bert G. Tyson, American Cancer Society field consultant for eastern North Carolina, speaking before representatives of civic groups Wednesday morning at the community building in Manteo.

She went on to praise the county chapter who worked three years before succeeding in getting permission to hold the local crusade in the fall instead of April when the national crusade is held. Statistics from the Dare County efforts are proving to the state officials that fall drives are more beneficial financially than spring drives. According to the treasurer's report in 1959, in the first fall campaign \$1500.00 was raised and in 1960 \$1100.00, after the area had experienced the effects of hurricane Donna. These figures are to be compared \$500.00 to \$800.00 the most ever raised in previous campaigns in April.

In addition to the annual canvas for funds contributions are received from the clown penny banks which yield \$40 to \$50 per year and from the Remembrance Program which last year brought in \$38. Persons wishing to remember a friend or relative whether living or deceased on a birthday or at any time may contact Mrs. John Garrison, Manteo, who is in charge of the local program.

Of the total amount raised forty percent is kept in the county. This past year seven local persons were helped financially and two with bandages.

Mrs. Tyson emphasized the importance of people all ages having a regular check-up by their physician requesting at the same time a check for cancer. She explained that cancer clinics are available to those 35 and over and checks are given on only five of the seven areas.

The Dare County Cancer Society campaign is scheduled for the week October 8-14. Those heading up each community will announce as soon as the list is complete.

The clinic for this area is held the first Friday of each month at the Health Center in Elizabeth City beginning at one o'clock. Persons from Dare County are given special consideration in regards to time. Clubs may attend in a group by advance arrangements. The county organization headed by Mrs. H. O. Bridges may be contacted.

Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., local physician, who was also present, said there was a great need for films and other means to make men aware of the need for early detection of cancer.

After the meeting a luncheon was served by Mrs. H. O. Bridges, Mrs. Raymond Wescott, and Mrs. Nevin Wescott, officers of the Dare County Association.

## BEN. EPSTEIN 66. DIES IN MIAMI; OWNER OF BIG DARE CO. OCEAN FRONT

For a quarter of a century, the long stretch of undeveloped beach area at Nags Head, which puzzles so many people, has been owned by Florence and Benjamin Epstein. Mr. Epstein died Tuesday in Miami, where he had lived since he retired in 1955.

Because those who had tried to develop the land in the first place, never got out of the depression, and couldn't pay the balance of a mortgage of \$12,000 to Mr. Epstein, they lost it under foreclosure. Several times in recent years offers for the property have been made, but the owners have held out for around a million dollars. Save for a few buildings in the area of Old Nags Head Coast Guard station, the entire property is vacant and undeveloped on several miles of ocean front.

Mr. Epstein was a popular citizen, and an enterprising one in many respects. Back in the early 20's he established the first airplane passenger service between Norfolk and Washington. He was a native of Norfolk and while there lived on Mayflower Drive. He had been suffering for a long time with heart trouble, and died in the Miami Heart Institute. When in Norfolk he was the owner of Southland Iron and Metal Co. and the Southland Cork Co., both on Indian River Road.

He was a member of Atlantic Masonic Lodge 1, Khedive Temple, the 40 and 5, and American Legion. He also was a member of Beth El Temple.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Florence Epstein, and son, Leonard, of Miami Beach; a son, Stanley. See EPSTEIN, Page Ten

## WEATHER OUTLOOK WEEK END OF SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 17

Temperatures will be a few degrees below normal with afternoon highs in the upper 70's and morning lows in the mid 60's. Scattered showers and thunder showers and turning cooler Friday. Saturday and Sunday will be dry and cool with light northerly winds. Good fishing weather.