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## OREGON INLET BRIDGE HEARING SET FOR OCT. 18

### Corps of Engineers to Hold Public Hearing in Manteo to Hear Complaints if Any As Plans by Highway Commission

Plans for a highway bridge across Oregon Inlet have been submitted to the Corp of Engineers by the State Highway Commission, and the Engineers will hold a public hearing in Manteo on October 18 at ten a. m. to hear from any interested parties who may be opposed to the proposed location or specifications.

The bridge, as proposed, would be built in slightly semi-circular form, starting from the north shore of the inlet, to the east of the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center, and would run southwardly for half its length, turning toward the east and would join land again about 1,500 feet to the southwest of the Oregon Inlet Coast Guard station, continuing to an intersecting point with the Hatteras Highway, about 2,000 feet east of the station. The total length of the bridge is nearly 15,000 feet, or more than two and one-half miles.

It is not contemplated having an open draw, but a fixed span over the channel, 120 ft. wide with a horizontal clearance of 65 feet above mean water. This may meet objection from navigation interests, in that such a structure would forever bar vessels with very tall masts from entering the inlet in event of storm.

The water is mostly shallow in the area, the deepest places being 26 feet. Minimum clearance in the approach spans is to be 15 ft. above mean high water.

Col. R. P. Davidson has issued notice as follows concerning the meeting in Manteo:

"The application of the NORTH CAROLINA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, for approval of plans to construct a fixed bridge across OREGON INLET in DARE COUNTY, N. C., will be considered at a public hearing on the subject, to be held by the undersigned at Manteo, N. C., in the Dare County Courtroom at 10:00 a. m. EST, on 18 October 1961.

"All interested parties are invited to be present or to be represented at the above time and place, particularly the officials of any county, city, town, or local association whose interests may be affected by the proposed work. They will be given opportunity to express their views upon the suitability of the location and the adequacy of the plans in reference to navigation, and to suggest changes considered desirable.

"Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of record all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing, in triplicate, as the records of the hearing will be forwarded for consideration by the Department of the Army. Written statements may be submitted at the hearing or mailed to him beforehand.

"The plans submitted by the applicants show a fixed highway bridge with a horizontal clearance of 130 feet and a vertical clearance of 65 feet above mean high water in the navigation channel."

Representative Herbert C. Bonner recently introduced a bill to authorize the Department of the Interior to pay one-fourth of the cost of the construction of a bridge across Oregon Inlet. Mr. Bonner had met with officials of the Department and pointed out the value of the National Seashore Park of the bridge in making more accessible. He had also contacted Merrill Evans, Chairman of the North Carolina State Highway Commission, who is enthusiastic in his approval. This is the only National Park within the United States wherein the State Highway Commission of that state built and maintains the roads within the park area. The dream of bridging Oregon Inlet had been long en-

## MANAGED HUNTING REVISED ON PARK SERVICE LANDS

Superintendent Gibbs of Cape Hatteras National Seashore has announced a revision to the management plan of legal public hunting within the Bodie Island portion of the National Seashore. Drawing for blind assignments will be conducted at 6 a. m. at the checking station, instead of 5:30 a. m. This revision is necessary because federal and state regulations changed the shooting hour from one-half hour before sunrise to sunrise.

Canada Geese are the only species of geese that may be taken in the managed hunting area on Bodie Island.

All other regulations will be in accordance with the North Carolina State and Federal migratory bird hunting laws.

## HYDE SHERIFF TO OPERATE MATTAMUSKEET LODGE



Sheriff Charlie Cahoon of Swan Quarter was the successful bidder on the lease of Mattamuskeet Lodge, as announced by Acting Regional Director Lester Scherer of the Atlanta Office, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. A three-year contract was awarded to Cahoon following public bid solicitation made by the Atlanta Office, according to Scherer.

Sheriff and Mrs. Cahoon plan to reside in the Lodge during operations, which are scheduled to begin October 1 and continue on a year-round basis, offering lodging, meals and the sale of miscellaneous hunting and fishing supplies to the public.

Mattamuskeet Lodge, located at Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge is one of 290 areas in the National Wildlife Refuge system, and is noted for the large concentrations of wintering waterfowl.

During the 1960-1961 wintering season, Canada geese peaked at 130,000 and ducks reached a population of 192,000 at Mattamuskeet Refuge.

It is one of the most popular hunting and fishing places on the Coast, and Sheriff Cahoon has a wide acquaintance among sportsmen which should be of value to his operation of this lodge.

## "POWELL" MONEY OFFERS AID FOR TOWN'S STREETS

Allocation of \$7,856,135.97 in Powell Bill funds to 415 participating municipalities was announced recently by the State Highway Department. The funds are distributed annually to qualified cities and towns for use in non-highway system street work within their corporate limits. Checks to the individual municipalities will be mailed from Raleigh the latter part of this month in order that they will reach municipalities by October 1.

The total allocation this year represents an increase over 1960 of \$37,234.25, but in the case of approximately 60 per cent of the participating municipalities, this year's allocation will be less than the 1960 allocation.

This is brought about by the fact that a new municipality population base is being used for the first time. The Powell Bill statute calls for the use of the latest certified federal decennial census figures. The 1960 census figures were certified during last winter and were used in figuring this year's allocation. Previously, from the beginning of the Powell Bill in 1951 through last year, the 1950 census figures were used.

The 10-year population growth of participating municipalities has averaged 25.3 per cent. Where a municipality's growth has not equaled 25.3 per cent, the population factor may very well cause a decrease in Powell Bill allocation. Some of the larger municipalities have experienced population increases greater than 25.3 per cent and, consequently, received more money this year.

Six largest allocations this year are: Charlotte, \$662,782.50; Greensboro, \$433,764.28; Winston-Salem, \$367,231.12; Raleigh, \$313,540.29; See POWELL, Page Six

## DARE MAN RETIRES FROM NAVY, LIVES AT HATTERAS

Melvin H. Basnight, son of Mrs. Annie Basnight of Manteo, retired on September 1 from the U. S. Navy, after 20 years service. Having spent a great part of these years in Lakehurst, N. J., Mr. Basnight also was located in the Caribbean, in South America, Panama, and points along the Atlantic Coast during World War II. He and his family have chosen Hatteras as their retirement home. He is married to the former Maxine Ballance, daughter of Mrs. Charlie Ballance and the late Mr. Ballance of Hatteras, and they have two daughters, Karen and Melba.

## CHARGES BROUGHT FOR BEACH HOTEL FIRE DURING MAY

### Edwin G. Moore, Operator of Former Parkerson Hotel, Charged With Arson

Arson charges growing out of a hotel fire at Nags Head April 25 have been brought against Edwin G. Moore of Washington, D. C., owner of the former Parkerson Hotel, now known as the Flagship.

Papers were served on Moore in Washington, where he is a government employe.

He waived extradition to come to Elizabeth City, where he posted \$10,000 bond. A preliminary hearing in Dare County Recorder's Court is set for Sept. 27.

Two cottages connected with the hotel were destroyed in a fire discovered about 4 a. m. Firemen from Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills discovered the inside of the hotel was burning and found the windows covered with blankets, the floors strewn with papers and rag and candles burning. Damage to the main building was approximately \$3,000.

Moore bought the hotel two years ago from Mrs. Elizabeth Parkerson of Manteo. They had had some disagreements resulting in her suing him for money claimed due her and Moore's suing Mrs. Parkerson for amounts he claims she diverted from the hotel last season, when she was employed to operate the business.

In Dare County Superior Court last May, Moore was directed to open the hotel by June 25 and operate it until Labor Day. When he opened it he changed the name to The Flagship.

Investigation has been in progress ever since the fire by Sheriff Frank Cahoon of Dare County, S. E. Epps, of the SBI and A. T. Moore Jr. of the State Fire Marshal's office, with the Virginia State Police and Washington, D. C. police.

## AVON BOY COMPLETES COAST GUARD TRAINING



George Gray, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gray of Avon, recently completed three months' basic training in the Coast Guard at Cape May, N. J. While in training he was selected with several others to spend two weeks in Washington, D. C., parading for President Kennedy and visiting foreign officials.

## TOURIST BUREAU BOARD MEETS NEXT WEDNESDAY SEPT. 27, IN MANTEO

Board of directors of Dare County Tourist Bureau will have their final quarterly meeting of the organization's fiscal year in Manteo, at the Community Building, on Wednesday, September 27, at 10 o'clock, it was announced today by Mrs. Ina Evans, chairman.

Mrs. Evans has urged all directors, by letter, to attend this final board meeting of the current fiscal year. Yearly reports will be made at meeting and various committees including the budget and nominating committees will make their recommendations.

## SEA HAGS FISH-OFF SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Postponed from last Sunday due to unusually rough seas, the Sea Hags Fishing Club fish-off to select the team that will compete in surf tournaments this Fall, will be held on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Briggs of The Croatan Motor Hotel at Kill Devil Hills entertained the Sea Hags on Sunday, even though they were unable to have their fish-off. The team selected during the fish-off is expected to participate in both the October Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournery and the early November Hatteras Island tournament.

## PORTSMOUTH PASTOR WILL LEAD NAGS HEAD REVIVAL



REVIVAL SERVICES will begin at the Nags Head Baptist Church on Sunday, September 24, at 7:30 p. m. and continue each night thereafter through Saturday, September 30. The speaker at each service will be the Reverend H. L. Tolbert, pastor of Alexander Park Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Va.

Mr. Tolbert was born in Danville, Va., and before entering the ministry was associated for some years with Field Crest Mills at Leaksville, N. C. He has been pastor of Baptist churches in Rocky Mount, Floyd and Cleveland, Va., and has held his present pastorate for the past fifteen years. He has just completed a term of service as president of the Portsmouth Ministerial Union.

Mr. Tolbert will be welcomed to Nags Head by his friends who remember him on previous preaching visits to this section.

Preceding the week of meetings, cottage prayer meetings are gathering each night September 18-23 in the following Nags Head homes: Minnie Perry, Milton Henley, Joyce Barnett, Callie Parker.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services.

## ANOTHER VICTIM SUCCEUMS TO OREGON INLET HAZARD'S

Latest drowning victim at Oregon Inlet, of several this year is Oscar Williams, 31, who was swimming in the surf, and disappeared. The Coast Guard after a 24-hour search last week failed to find his body. His father, Oscar D. Williams lives in Raleigh. Mr. Williams who visited the scene, and spent the night said he had given up hope of finding his son alive. The missing man was swimming in the inlet with his brother George, who left to get some supplies. The two were on a camping trip of several days.

The body was found by Coast Guardsmen patrolling the Pamlico Sound shore of Ocracoke Island Wednesday morning.

The body was identified as that of Oscar D. Williams Jr., 32, Hyde County Coroner Pratt Williamson said. The body was flown to Washington, N. C. and then taken to the Hyde County sheriff's office at Swan Quarter. Coroner Williamson said the dead man's father, who lives at 2632 Fairview Rd. in Raleigh, made the identification.

A 1951 engineering graduate of State College, the drowned man had served several years in the U.S. Army, leaving service with the rank of captain.

He did graduate study at Harvard University and has been employed with the Kidder Peabody Investment Banking firm in New York City, his father said.

He was in North Carolina on vacation and had gone to the Outer Banks with his brother for several days of camping, Mr. Williams said.

## BEST FISHING MAY FOLLOW IN WAKE OF HURRICANE ESTHER

Best sportfishing of the early autumn season may follow in the wake of Hurricane Esther which passed northward off the Outer Banks early this week.

The fact is based on the pattern usually experienced in former years following hurricanes or severe storms.

Prior to Esther inshore and offshore fishing was very good with everything from channel bass to blue marlin, and bluefish to dolphin being caught.

Surf fishing which had been only fair to good prior to the storm is expected to be excellent during late September and until late autumn.

## NO COURT TUESDAY

Due to weather conditions brought about by Hurricane Esther, Dare County Recorder's Court was not in session Tuesday. Cases which had been scheduled will be heard at next week's session, on the 26th.

## OUTER BANKS AREAS GET REAL AIR MAIL SERVICE THURSDAY

Because the roads were temporarily impassable due to high tides and sand, mail from Manteo to three Outer Banks communities was dispatched by air on Thursday under supervision of local postal officials, and postal inspectors.

The communities which received mail on Thursday via a Coast Guard helicopter from the Elizabeth City base, piloted by Commander R. L. Fuller included Buxton, Hatteras and Ocracoke.

At the airport when the mail was placed aboard the helicopter were Postal Inspectors P. B. Osgood, New Bern and J. T. Johnson, Ahoskie and also R. Jack Williams, Raleigh. The postal officials had planned to fly south with the mail, but there was too much weight involved, so the 300 or more pounds of mail was turned over to the Coast Guard for delivery.

## CHURCH BUDGET \$24,500

The budget this year of the Manteo Methodist Church is \$24,500, and not \$4,500 as was stated by an error in the article in last week's paper concerning the church and its pastor. We regret the error.

## VISITING EVANGELIST



THE REV. LEON MORROW, visiting evangelist from Dallas, Texas, who is conducting services at 7:30 each night at the Wanchese Assembly of God.

## HIGHER PHONE RATES SOUGHT FOR COASTLAND

The communities of the Coastland served by the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. would pay some \$81,181 additional a year for their phone service if an application filed last week with the State Utilities commission is granted. Kill Devil Hills and Buxton exchanges were not included in the request, as the rates are already up on these subscribers.

Record high operating cost which has resulted in a "dangerously low rate of return of 5.23 per cent" on plant investment were cited by the company in its application. It said the increase would give it "a fair and equitable rate of return of 6.42 per cent."

The company asked that the increased rates be put into effect Dec. 1. It noted that its rates have not been increased in seven years and have been raised only three times in its 57-year history.

Higher rates were asked at all the company's exchanges except those at Kill Devil Hills and Buxton — which have the highest rates in the company's system. The company also has exchanges at Elizabeth City, Edenton, Coinjock, Hertford, Manteo, Moyock and Sunbury.

## LIBRARY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING FRI.

The executive board of The Friends of the Library will meet Friday, Sept. 22 at 8 o'clock in the library. The main purpose of this meeting is to set a date for the annual meeting to be held this fall.

Monday, September 25, from 10 a. m. until 4:30 the book sale will be under the direction of Mrs. James Bardin and Mrs. Wesley Johnson at the community building.

Also at the library in the reference files is civil defense information which came in this week. Anyone desiring detailed instructions for making and stocking a fallout shelter will find these very useful. Bring your pencil and notepaper as this material cannot be taken from the library.

## SS REPRESENTATIVE DELAYED BY STORM

Richard Randal, field representative of the Norfolk Social Security office, who was scheduled for a visit to the Community Building in Manteo Wednesday, Sept. 20, will be on hand the 27th instead, due to storm threat.

## HURRICANE ESTHER SPARES COASTLAND AFTER CITIZENS PREPARE FOR THE WORST

### Mindful of Donna's Depredations a Year Ago, Merchants Board up Store Fronts, Elevate Their Merchandise; Considerable Inconvenience was Result of Storm Whose Largest Damage Was Interruption of Ferry Service; Piling of Sand on Hatteras Highway; and Scaring Tourists Away from the Outer Banks.

## PRACTICAL NURSE GRADUATE



MISS MARGARET RAE RESPASS of Manteo, North Carolina, graduated from the Norfolk City Schools and Leigh Memorial Hospital School of Practical Nursing Tuesday, September 12. The graduation exercises were held at Robert E. Lee School at 8:00 P.M. Miss Respass received the school pin from Mrs. Mildred L. Bradshaw, R.N., Director of the Vocational Department of Norfolk City Schools.

The practical nurse student is graduated after successful completion of the year's course at Leigh Memorial Hospital. This program offers excellent opportunities for both young women and those of mature age to receive training which will fit them to earn their livelihood and to render community service. The practical nurse gives assistance to an individual in the activities of daily living and is prepared to render skilled nursing care in relatively stable situations and to assist the professional nurse in more complex situations.

## FUNERAL OF E. W. JOYNER A BELOVED SCHOOL MAN

Elisha Wiley Joyner, who was principal of the Manteo High School 1914-18, during which time Manteo had some notable debating teams, died at Chapel Hill last week and was buried Friday at Williston, S. C. He had lived in Chapel Hill since his retirement. He was 77 years old. He left Manteo for Lincolnton, and later taught at Pantego, and for a time was Supt. of Hyde County and Hertford schools. His first wife was Miss Mae Scott of Elizabeth City whom he met while teaching at Manteo. He was a native of Nashville, N. C., was a graduate of Whitsett Institute and the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Joyner, who had resided in Chapel Hill since his retirement in 1950 died in Memorial hospital there on Sept. 14.

He also taught in Wilson county schools.

He was remembered here as a dedicated teacher and a Christian gentleman, and great progress was made under his leadership in education in this area.

He was active in Methodist church work in which he had held several offices. He was a former Master of Hertford Masonic Lodge and a former District Deputy Grandmaster of District One of N. C.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Josephine Reed Joyner, three daughters, Mrs. Sara Lockhart of Philadelphia, Mrs. Frances J. Reed of Elon College, and Mrs. Miriam MacRae of Falls Church, Va. and ten grandchildren.

## MRS. DELLA CAHOON

ENGELHARD — Mrs. Della Rose Cahoon, 71, died in Columbia Hospital Sunday. She was a member of Middleton Christian Church. Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Marie Cutrell; four sisters, Mrs. Harvey Harris of Swan Quarter, Mrs. Lewis Emory of Gullrock, Mrs. Sam Brinn of Engelhard and Mrs. Joe Midyette of Manteo. Funeral services were held at her home at 2 p. m. Tuesday. The Rev. Frank Wibral and the Rev. J. A. Williams officiated. Burial was in Soule cemetery.

Hearts were lightened Wednesday morning along the Coastland when the news came that Hurricane Esther had passed by lightly, and was headed northward, where the north Atlantic States might have reason to fear its fury. The day before, Tuesday, had been a busy one, a frantic effort made by all when great labor prevailed to make things safe in case Esther should land in full force. Memory stood out fresh of the great loss sustained during Hurricane Donna just a year ago, and it's been only a few days since our people were made completely aware of the havoc wrought in Texas by Carla.

Preparations began in force Tuesday morning when local building supply dealers were soon out of stock of plywood which was in great demand for covering glass fronts. Some merchants packed bags of sand in front of their doors. Other resorted to heavier lumber than plywood.

As always when hurricanes are on their way, some exaggerations occur. News got abroad that all but three hundred of Hatteras Island's people left for the mainland. Had they been so inclined, they couldn't have all left, for the ferry boats were taken away early in the day along with the Alligator River boats, to Manns Harbor for safety. Traffic over ferries to the Outer Banks was discouraged. Most people of the Outer Banks have no fears for personal safety in a Hurricane, and those who did leave, for the most part, used the occasion as an opportunity to visit relatives they had not seen in a long time. Only a few of them stopped at motels or hotels north of the Inlet.

On Monday and Tuesday, as news of the possibilities of danger from Hurricane Esther became widespread, all of the tourist business on the Outer Banks disappeared as motorists moved out, and others cancelled their plans and failed to arrive. Some operators of motels were critical because word had been broadcast of the probable fury of the storm; having no fear themselves, they doubted it would arrive in force.

But by Tuesday night, most people had resigned their minds to the possibility of finding things in shambles when they awoke next morning. It was with great relief they awoke to learn that during the night Esther had changed her mind, and moved seaward, so that wind-force along the coast was nominal indeed, particularly at all points which were inland.

Heavy seas driven before the hurricane did some damage to sand fences and other protective barriers along the coast. Heavy ocean tides rolled across the beach, washing out shoulders of roads, and in a few instances damaging pavement. In some places large heaps of sand were driven on the road by the winds. Ocean water rolled across the beach north of Avon, some two days before Wednesday, and it came over the road in a few areas as far north as Kitty Hawk.

The same conditions that prevailed in North Carolina, followed in turn on the Virginia coast, and so on to New England. The peak winds got to within 175 miles of Cape Hatteras, and it was constantly drummed into the public mind via radio that these winds were up to 150 miles per hour. With full recollection of the past losses in mind, this was sufficient urging for

## GOVERNOR SANFORD VIEWS AFTERMATH OF ESTHER

Governor Terry Sanford arrived at Manteo airport early Thursday afternoon, to survey any damages which may have occurred from the passage of hurricane Esther along the coast this week. He was met at the airport by Sheriff Frank Cahoon, and highway patrolmen A. F. Fields and Harry Pridden, who escorted him on his visit around upper Dare County.

Later in the afternoon he flew to Hatteras, where patrolman D. S. Skiles and deputy sheriff Raymond Bassett accompanied him on his survey of Hatteras Island damages.