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NAGS HEAD C OF C TO SPONSOR DRIVE FOR "CENTER" FUNDS

Will Attempt to Raise Balance of \$90,000 December 12-15

Under Nags Head Chamber of Commerce sponsorship, a one week drive will be held on the Dare Beaches, December 11-15, in an effort to complete the raising of an initial amount necessary for construction of the proposed "Convention Center and Museum of the Outer Banks of North Carolina."

The project, planned to be built on the south side of Colington Island road, adjacent to the Wright Brothers National Memorial reservation and close by U.S. Highway 158 is expected to cost approximately \$275,000. Completion date is now expected to be in late 1962 or early 1963, it was announced today by Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, secretary of the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce.

Under her direction, approximately 100 key members of the chamber are being contacted through a unique plan of daily post card mailings starting early next week. Each member will be urged to attend a general meeting on Friday, December 8, at Nags Head to discuss final plans for a kick-off breakfast in St. Andrews Parish House on December 11 which will begin the one week drive.

"Already we have raised through cash investments or pledges almost \$30,000 of the \$90,000 needed in order to borrow the balance necessary for construction," said Mrs. Smith.

Practically all of the 100 key members who will be urged to participate in the week-long drive December 11-15 are vacation operator owners of hotels, motels, cottage courts or other businesses which share in Dare's big tourist industry. They are in business at Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head or on Nearby Roanoke Island.

The Convention Center project when completed would put the Dare Beaches area on a par with any eastern North Carolina resort for handling large convention groups. The main auditorium will be large enough to handle 850 persons in mass meetings or more than 500 at banquets. A feature of the center may be a special facility where the population could seek refuge from nuclear fall-out or during severe storms, it was stated.

LELAND WISE NAMED DEPUTY SHERIFF IN DARE CO.

Leland Wise of Stumpy Point, who for several years has been an oyster and fish inspector for the State Department of Conservation and Development has been employed by the Dare County Sheriff as a full time deputy. Mr. Wise, a popular Stumpy Point man, was recently detached from the Fisheries Department, following a disagreement in policies with the Commissioner, Gehrman Holland of Morehead City as the result of the recent attempt by the Board to institute new conservation measures based on more vigorous prosecution of violators of the fishing and oyster laws.

The salary of a Deputy Sheriff in Dare County is about \$3,600 a year, an income comparable with that paid by the C & D Department. The Deputy is furnished a county owned automobile and will be based in Manteo.

MRS. SALLIE C. MIDGETT DIES IN NORFOLK TUESDAY

NORFOLK — Mrs. Sallie Sue Coffield Midgett, 84, died in a Norfolk hospital Tuesday at 8:10 a.m. after short illness.

She was a native of Bertie County and lived in Manteo, most all her life, many years before residing in Norfolk at 8009 Galveston Blvd. the last year. She lived for a few years in Currituck County where the family engaged in farming.

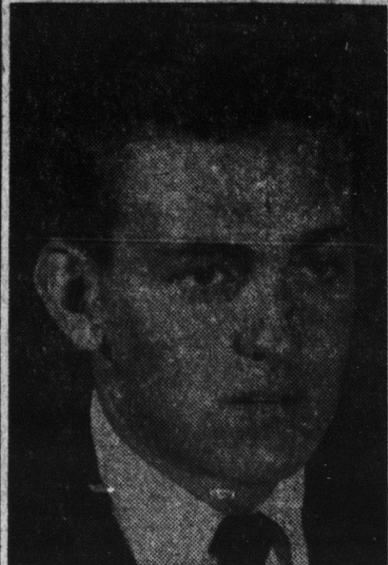
She was the widow of John W. Midgett and was a member of Manteo Baptist Church. Her husband was a long time Captain of the ferries at Roanoke Island.

She is survived by a son Louis Clyde Midgett of Norfolk; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The body was taken from Derry-Twiford Funeral Home to Manteo Baptist Church Thursday at 1 p.m. for a funeral service at 2 p.m. The Rev. M. J. Davis officiated. Burial was in the Manteo cemetery where her husband was buried several years ago.

She was the mother of the late Miss Clara Midgett who died in Richmond, and the late Lloyd Midgett a well-known taxicab driver and merchant of Manteo.

POSTMASTER IN LONELIEST COMMUNITY IN CAROLINA



NORRIS W. AUSTIN, who is the postmaster at Corolla on Currituck Beach has the distinction of serving the loneliest community on the Carolina coast, now that its school is gone, and so many of the families have moved away. The blood of Hatteras and Nags Head ancestry flows deep in Mr. Austin's veins, and he loves his community and see great things in the future for it, especially after a road is built to connect Nags Head and Virginia Beach. Mr. Austin grew up in this community, and he loves it. He first attended school there, then the Griggs High School in Popular Branch, and Kees Coastal business college in Norfolk. When his father, Johnny Austin retired early this year, as postmaster, Norris was appointed. There was no scramble for the office in Corolla, as only about a dozen people live in the community. In the famed Whaleshead club owned by George T. McLean and others of Portsmouth, a boy's academy is conducted in the summer. More and more people each year are attracted to this quiet area, which has North Carolina's most beautiful beach area. In all, about 53 people get mail at Corolla postoffice. Before the Coast Stations in the area were abandoned, and the crew removed from the light tower. Corolla was a large and happy community, with a two teacher school. It has Baptist church, and services are held there by visiting preachers.

HUELL B. CARTER, BEACH TOURIST COURT OWNER DIES SUDDENLY SATURDAY

Huell Brantley Carter 51, a beach cottage owner for the past six years, died suddenly at his home on lower Nags Head Saturday afternoon. He was born in Zebulon, N. C., Dec. 23, 1909, and for many years was an employe of a large merchandising firm in Danville, Va. Following his retirement because of failing health, he came to Dare County, and at the time of his death had enlarged his cottage court, with several buildings nearing completion. He was highly regarded as a neighbor and citizen.

He was the son of the late Arabella Brantley and Bailey Burtis Carter of Wake County, and the husband of Mrs. Doris Mae Carter, the only surviving relative.

The body was removed to Twiford's Funeral Home in Manteo, and transported to Zebulon for funeral Monday afternoon and burial in Brantley cemetery.

The funeral service Monday at Screws and Hudson funeral chapel in Zebulon was conducted by Rev. William K. Quick, pastor of Zebulon Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Joseph Burroughs of Nags Head. Zebulon Methodist choir sang "Rock of Ages" and "Son of My Soul."

Palbearers were Frank Wall, Donnie Evans, Harold Ferbee, Lenwood Brantley, Bob Brantley and Will Brantley.

"MISS AMERICA PAGEANT" WITHOUT WOMEN NOV. 30

A "Miss America Pageant" without women will be presented at eight o'clock Thursday night, November 30, in the auditorium of Manteo High School, sponsored by the Manteo Schools Booster Club. Judges will make their decisions in three categories: evening gown, sun suit and talent. Already entered in the contest are Glenn Bonner and "Miss General Supply", Ralph Swain as "Miss City Market" and Ralph Umphlett. Entrants will come from Manteo, Wanchese, Manns Harbor and the Dare Beaches. If anyone who has not been contacted would like to place an entry, it may be done by contacting Mrs. Gordon Kellogg in Manteo.

R. E. (Dick) Jordan will be accompanist, and John H. Long will be master of ceremonies.

NO OPPOSITION TO PHONE RATE INCREASE VOICED

Work Proceeds on Construction of New Exchange Building in Manteo; Dial System Next July.

An increase in phone rates that will amount to an estimated \$87,000 a year, met with no opposition Tuesday when the request of the Norfolk & Carolina Telegraph Company was heard by the Utilities Commission in Raleigh.

A wage increase costing the company \$59,000 a year recently negotiated with the union was cited as a reason for the request. The company said it planned to spend more than one and a half million dollars in improvements.

One of these improvements is a dial exchange in Manteo, construction of the building having been started by the company on the lot formerly occupied by the J. A. Evans homeplace. The dial system will not be joyously received by about 20 operators now employed at the Manteo exchange who will be out of work. However, the dial system is now used at the Kill Devil Hills and Buxton exchanges whose subscribers will not be affected by the rate increase.

The annual payroll of the Manteo exchange is estimated at about \$60,000 a year.

The Edenton Construction Co. is building the new exchange in Manteo. President of the Telephone Co. L. S. Blades Jr. said Wednesday company plans are to change over to the dial system July 1, 1962. The project will include construction of a 1000 ft. microwave tower in Manteo, a 180 ft. tower in Mamie, where a new exchange is planned to handle the lower Currituck traffic, and a tower also in Coinjock and Elizabeth City.

In Manteo service personnel will be maintained, and an office with attendant to handle company business, also garage and storage space will be built. With the changeover, the company will abandon all manually operated exchanges in its system, most of the phones having been converted to the dial system long ago. Mr. Blades stated that his is only one of three companies left in North Carolina without dial systems, and when the change is made in July, there will be only one manually operated exchange left in North Carolina.

Long distance calls will be handled through Elizabeth City after the changeover in July, Mr. Blades said.

GERMANS PAY TRIBUTE TO WW II DEAD SUNDAY DIED OFF WIMBLE SHOALS

In Hampton, Va., at the National Cemetery on Sunday, West German Consul R. W. Weiss of Norfolk and three West German army officers paid a somber tribute to 55 World War II dead buried there.

Wreaths were placed and a U.S. Navy bugler sounded taps. Then the living who paid homage left the dead in peace after Consul Weiss said: "It is not my purpose today to review the causes of the great conflict which necessitated these men being called into service."

Twenty-nine of the men honored were drowned in the sinking of the U-85, first enemy submarine "killed" during the "battle of the Atlantic" when it came close to American shores in early 1942.

Already many merchantmen had been sent to the ocean's bottom by enemy subs, before the tide of battle changed on April 14, 1942. It was on that date that the old World War I destroyer Roper made contact with the U-85 between Wimble Shoals and the outer Diamond of Diamond Shoals, off the North Carolina Outer Banks near Cape Hatteras.

The U-85 had fired one torpedo towards the Roper and missed before the destroyer opened fire with her deck guns on the target which showed plainly in the light of the searchlights.

Seriously damaged while trying to submerge, the Roper's depth charge finished off the U-85 and after daylight the bodies of the victims who had lost their lives after trying to escape.

Although they were "the enemy" the bodies of the U-85 crew were taken to Norfolk, and buried with military honors.

With far less honors, a number of bodies, mostly gun crewmen of English or Allied merchant vessels were recovered along the North Carolina coast and buried at Morehead City, on Cape Hatteras and at Ocracoke Island where an "English Cemetery" with the buried bodies of four members of the crew of HMS Bedfordshire, lost off the Outer Banks in May 1942 is visited each year by many who vacation on the island.

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS, SUPPORT, AFFRAY, OTHER CASES TUES.

Variety Prevails in Recorder's Session In Dare County This Week

Chester Lupton Austin of Norfolk ran into difficulties last week end while in Dare County and was in Dare County Recorder's Court Tuesday charged with similar offenses on both the 17th and 18th. Highway Patrolman D. S. Skiles of Hatteras on Friday charged Austin with driving without a license and no liability insurance, and on Saturday the same charges plus another — disturbing the peace — were brought against him. Judge Baum found him guilty on all charges and sentenced him to six months on the road.

An appeal to Superior Court was made, the cases scheduled for the May term. Austin has been a frequent customer in the Dare courts, this being the sixth time in three years, the last visit being in August 1960 when he was found guilty of being under the influence, resisting arrest and assault upon an officer. At that time in addition to fines imposed he was given a suspended sentence, conditioned upon non-appearance in the Dare courts on any criminal charges within two years.

Getsemane Gallop, Manteo colored, had charges dismissed in the case growing out of another fracas involving the establishment of Catherine Latham Smith. It is understood that Gallop was in the company of several friends on the night of October 29 seeking the relaxation and entertainment being offered, when Mrs. Smith ordered them out. Gallop moved, but not quick enough, and suffered knife injuries. She paid a fine of \$25 and costs of this charge. Officer D. F. Twyne, making the arrest the following day, additionally charged her with being drunk and disorderly in a public place; another fine and costs in the same amount was paid by her with failing to leave when ordered to do so, but the case was tossed out. Gallop, however, says he will move quicker hereafter.

Arthur Robert Johnson, Manteo colored, was in court charged by Bruce Midgett with failure to support their two children, ages 4 and 7, while Johnson was enjoying all the comforts of home. He was found guilty and given a sentence of two years on the roads, suspended on condition that he pay through the Clerk of Court office \$12.50 per week for support of the children, and court costs of \$8.70. This was precipitated by an assault two days before, when Johnson assaulted Bruce with a rod and reel, inflicting injuries and bruises. He got a 60-day road sentence, suspended on payment of \$35 fine and costs.

Jack Reagle Buff, Norfolk, under the influence, requested jury trial and bond was set at \$200 for appearance in May Superior Court.

John Marshall Hobgood, USN, Buxton, charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper registration plates and no liability insurance, was found guilty and fined \$20 and costs.

Submissions during the past week included the following, court costs being imposed in addition to the fines imposed:

Jerry Bennett Cox, Suffolk, Va., improper lights, \$10.

Major Edward Cures, Kitty Hawk, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Linda Lawson Harris, Stumpy Point, driving on wrong side of road, not in passing, \$10.

Paul Kendrick, Manteo, creating See COURT, Page Six

\$62,000 FOR IMPROVING HATTERAS CAMP GROUND

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has been notified that a contract has been let for \$62,318 for enlarging the water and sewer systems at the Cape Point Camp Ground at Cape Hatteras. The National Park Service advises that John A. Johnston and Son of Belhaven were the winners of the contract. This Belhaven firm has done many major construction jobs in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

MINOR ACCIDENT IN MANTEO

An accident Wednesday afternoon on Highway 64 near the Dare County Community Building in Manteo involved a 1962 Chevrolet driven by Miss Helen Farrow of Manteo and a 1959 Ford driven by Kilman Cooper of Nashville, N. C. When Miss Farrow stopped to pick up a hitch-hiker, Mr. Cooper's car hit the rear of her car, with about \$200 damages to each car. Both cars were headed north on the highway. The accident was investigated by Highway Patrolman Fridgen.

WILL THERE BE A PIRATES JAMBOREE IN 1962?



MEETING TO PLAN JAMBOREE CALLED FOR THIS SUNDAY

Poor Attendance at Nov. 12 Meeting Results in Postponement of Planning Action

All area residents interested in the advertising and promotion of the Dare Coast-Outer Banks region through the Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree which has officially kicked-off the vacation season for the past seven years, are again urged by Herbert VanVleet, 1961 chairman of the event to attend a meeting in The Anchor Club of Carolinian Hotel at Nags Head next Sunday (November 26) at 2 o'clock.

VanVleet had called a meeting for Sunday afternoon November 12, but due to a variety of other activities such as good fishing and much autumn vacation patronage on Hatteras Island, a YDC-meeting in Raleigh on that week end, etc., only a handful of people showed up.

"Therefore, we took no definite action on organization plans for a Pirates Jamboree in 1962," said VanVleet.

"The interest shown by residents of the county in attendance at the meeting on Sunday afternoon, may or may not determine whether we continue launching our Dare Coast vacation season each year with the Pirates Jamboree," he added.

A notice of the second meeting, the one scheduled for Sunday afternoon, November 26, has been forwarded a list of persons who have been most active in the spring festival during former years.

"This does not mean that persons who do not receive one of the notices by mail is not urged to attend. We are most anxious for all persons interested in North Carolina's most successful and unique advertising and promotion festival, the Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree, to attend the meeting on Sunday."

WANCHESE MEN APPROVE MASONIC LODGE MERGER

A proposal for the merger of the Wanchese Masonic Lodge with the Manteo Lodge was approved by a heavy majority Thursday night of last week, it is reported by lodge officials, and the final outcome awaits a vote by the Manteo Lodge on Monday night of this week.

The plan would take over the membership into the Manteo Lodge No. 682, which would be given the number of the Wanchese Lodge No. 621. The Manteo Lodge has under construction in Manteo a large modern hall, which is a creditable achievement for a lodge with a small membership. Merger of the two lodges would mean a total membership for the Manteo Lodge of nearly 500, which is an unusually large number of members for lodges in areas of this size. The Manteo Lodge would have more than \$5,000 a year in membership dues, plus the worth of the assets of the Wanchese Lodge, which was founded nearly 60 years ago.

\$25,000 MAILED BY BANK IN CHRISTMAS CLUB CHECKS

Approximately \$25,000 was mailed last week by the Bank of Manteo in Christmas Club checks. This amount may have been slightly more than the previous year, which was also in the neighborhood of \$25,000. Last year's figure was an increase of \$4,000 over any amount mailed out before that time. The bank has announced December 5 as the starting date for the 1962 Christmas Savings Club, as can be seen in the advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

CHANNEL BASS FISHING

HATTERAS — While catches have dropped to some extent, anglers fishing the surf of Hatteras Island are still taking channel bass with rod and reel. In addition to channel bass the surf fishing for speckled trout, flounder and sea mullet has been fair to good recently depending on weather and surf conditions.

GREAT OPPOSITION AROUSED IN HYDE OVER BOMB RANGE

Hearing by Armed Services Committee Set for January; Fear Damage to Wildfowl Interests

A delay in the plans of the Air Force to establish a bombing range in Hyde County is expected, as the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing in January. The hearing will be held as the result of a request from Rep. Herbert C. Jonner, whose First Congressional District includes Hyde County; and a request from Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr., who himself is a member of the Armed Services Committee.

The flights paths of the Air Force planes would run close to Lake Mattamuskeet, and it is feared the noise from the jets would disturb the thousands of geese and ducks that migrate to Mattamuskeet each fall. Next to farming, the largest amount of income in Hyde is said to derive from the sportsmen.

The North Carolina General Assembly, reacting to an earlier controversy over a similar Air Force proposal, adopted a resolution this year opposing a bombing range near Mattamuskeet. Gov. Sanford reportedly has asked the White House to intercede against the Air Force plan.

The Air Force said it has searched at least five years for a range suitable for all types of bombing and strafing practice.

The only existing facility of this type is at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada, and the yearly cost of sending fliers there from East Coast bases is estimated at \$2 million greater than that it would cost if they trained at the proposed Hyde County range. Also, the Air Force feels that regular practice at an all-purpose range is necessary for the best training results.

The Navy has such a range in Pamlico Sound, where it uses a sunken LST off Stumpy Point for a target, and has offered to let the Air Force use it part time. The time the Navy could spare is not considered sufficient for Air Force purposes, however.

Navy jets pass within six miles or so of the Pea Island Waterfowl Refuge on the Outer Banks and have not disturbed the geese, the Air Force says indicating that a similarly happy relationship between its planes and the Mattamuskeet geese can be expected. The 25-pound practice bombs, are loaded with the equivalent of little more than a shotgun charge, officials says.

BIG ROCK CATCH ON TUESDAY BY PARTY OF ELM CITY SPORTSMEN

S. G. Winstead and party from Elm City enjoyed fishing in Croatan Sound Tuesday, the first good day in several due to unfavorable weather, their catch of 80 rock weighing 240 pounds.

Fishing with Capt. Chick Craddock, the group trolled near the Umstead bridge which like Manns Harbor and Roanoke Island. The largest fish weighed in at fourteen pounds, while several others ran close second in size. The smallest were around two pounds.

Craddock stated that with moderating weather, large schools of the popular fish would be showing up in the vicinity of the bridge, and should provide good sport through December.

DONKEY BASKETBALL IN MANTEO SATURDAY NIGHT

An event promised to be hilariously entertaining will take place Saturday night, November 25 at the Manteo High School gymnasium, when the Manteo Lions Club sponsors a donkey basketball game.

The Kentucky donkeys booked for this program will be manned by members of the Lions club, and are scheduled to begin performing at 8 p.m.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

A Thanksgiving service will be held in Manteo Thursday morning at ten o'clock in Mount Olivet Methodist Church. The Rev. M. J. Davis, pastor of the Manteo Baptist Church, will deliver the message. Music will be from the combined choir of all churches participating.

CUB SCOUTS MEET NOV. 23

A meeting of the Cub Scout pack will be held at Manteo Elementary School Tuesday, November 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m. A full attendance is urged by Dennis McGinnis, Pack Master.