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GOVERNOR SANFORD TO TAKE FIRST TRIP ON WARREN BRIDGE

Formal Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies And Drive Over Alligator To Mark Dedication

Governor Terry Sanford, Highway Commission Chairman Merrill Evans, Highway Commissioners Graham Elliott and Gilliam Wood, along with Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, will head a delegation of dignitaries who will attend the formal opening of the Lindsay C. Warren Bridge across the Alligator River Friday, in ceremonies which will begin at 12 noon. The governor is to arrive by plane at the Plymouth Airport.

At 12:10 p.m. Congressman Bonner of the First Congressional District will welcome the official party and all other persons in attendance at the ceremonies, which have been opened to the general public.

Following Congressman Bonner's remarks, the party will board the Alligator River ferry which will make its final run across the river. The ferry will then be secured at the East Lake dock where Chairman Evans will address the group and recognize ferry personnel.

The party will walk from the ferry docks to the eastern terminus of the bridge where Governor Sanford will speak at the bridge opening and the ribbon cutting. After the cutting, plans call for the governor to ride the first automobile to be driven across the bridge and the caravan of cars, led by the Governor, will proceed to Columbia for a luncheon given by the citizens of Tyrrell County. Approximately 100 persons are expected to attend the luncheon, which is by invitation only.

The Alligator River Bridge was named for State Senator Lindsay C. Warren of Washington, a former Congressman and Comptroller General of the United States. Senator Warren is planning to be in attendance for the opening.

The formal opening of the bridge Friday is a preliminary event to See BRIDGE, Page Seven

BIRDS AND TIMBER NOT GOOD TARGET SAYS CRUMPACKER

Official Announcement Regarding Tyrrell County Bombing Location Released

Rep. Herbert C. Bonner has announced that the Tyrrell County timberlands belonging to West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. have now been formerly proposed to Sec. of the Air Force, Eugene M. Zuckert as an alternative site for the bombing range, originally planned for Hyde County.

The tract, which measures some 22,400 acres of managed timber, has been under consideration for some time, according to Manager W. J. Crumpacker, of the West Va. Co. "The statement by Bonner is the first official recognition of the fact that use of our lands is being contemplated," said Crumpacker. The announcement concerning this proposal was published several weeks ago by this newspaper, however.

Rep. Bonner has already registered his concern with Air Force officials and he has been joined by numerous others, including Sen. Strom Thurmond of S. C. and N. C. Forester Fred H. Claridge, who are also opposed to the Tyrrell County site.

Air Force authorities, which include Major General Richard T. Colner, Jr., of Shaw Air Force Base, S. C. and Brigadier General Gilbert L. Meyers, of Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, have stated that bombs used in the Tyrrell County See TIMBER, Page Seven

ROBERT M. BEST, 56, VICTIM OF HEART ATTACK

Robert McEnnis Best, 56, retired naval officer, died of a heart attack Tuesday in his home in Kitty Hawk.

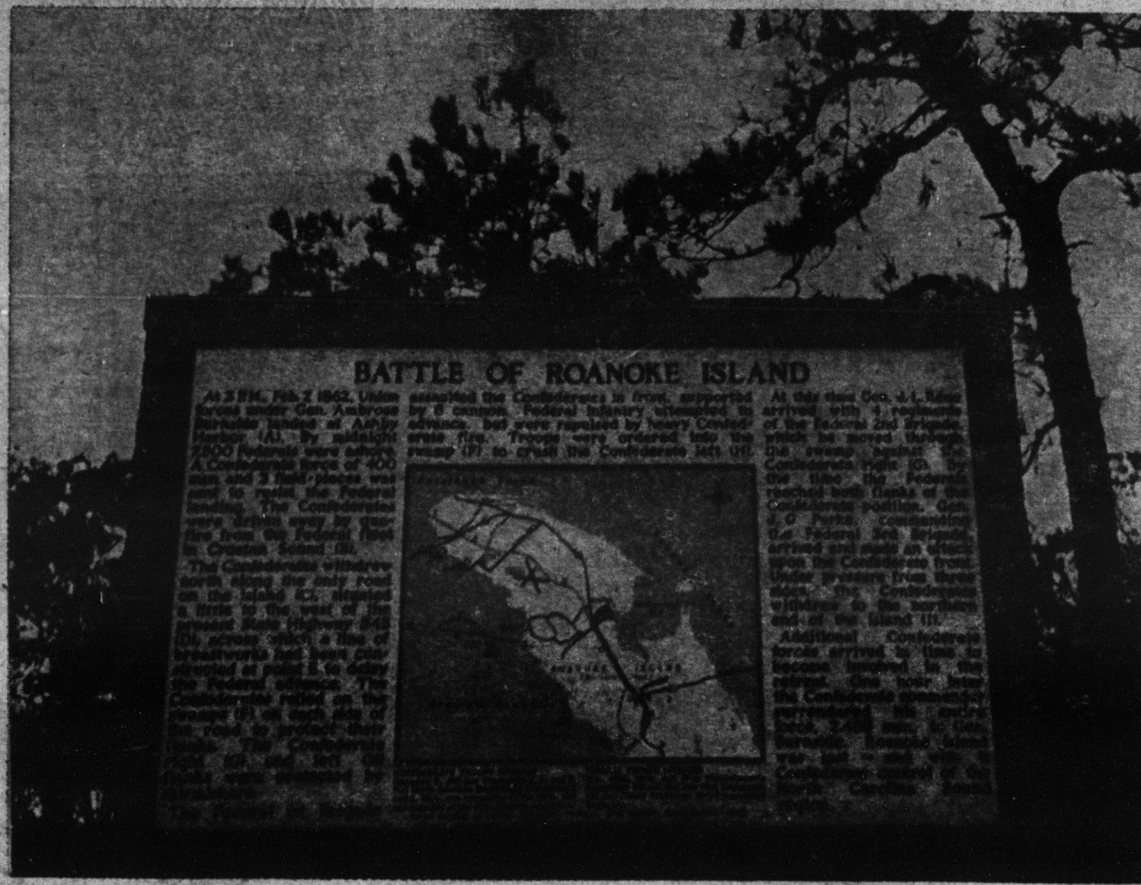
A lifelong resident of Kitty Hawk, he was employed by Community Oil Co. He was a son of the late James Riley and Mrs. Mary Meekins Best and the husband of Mrs. Edith Tillett Best.

He was a veteran of world war II, retiring as a Lieutenant in 1946 from the Navy after 22 years of service.

Surviving are the widow; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Best Parker of Richmond, Ohio, and Mrs. Jean Best Beacham of Norfolk; a son, Robert Bruce Best of Sitka, Alaska; a brother, James Riley Best of Princess Anne, Va.; and eight grandchildren.

A funeral service will be conducted in Kitty Hawk Methodist Church Saturday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. Horace Lee McLaurin. Burial will be in Austin Cemetery.

ONE OF TWO ROANOKE ISLAND BATTLE MARKERS DEDICATED



THE ROANOKE ISLAND BATTLE MARKER, shown above, is located at the site of Fort Russell on the Manteo-Wanchese road and is one of two such structures which were dedicated Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. The markers, which cost approximately \$650 each, were dedicated by Norman Larson, Governor Sanford's personal representative for the centennial ceremonies.

100 Years Have Rolled Over Us Since The Battle of Roanoke Island in 1862

Great Changes Have Taken Place and Most All The Old Shore Forts Are Now Overboard; Sound of Pile Drivers Shock Shores Where Ancient Cannon Roared, and Hard Roads Cross The Old Log Causeways Soldiers Built

Of greater interest to readers of this newspaper is a reprint from the London Illustrated News of the battle of Roanoke Island on the 27th of February, 1862. This account was written on February 28th and published March 22, 1862, which shows the long time necessary for news to travel from America to England in those days.

Washington, Feb. 28, 1862. At the last tide of fortune has turned in favor of the North, and the success attending the formidable preparations of the past six months is now recompensing the Federalists for the enormous expenditure which has weighed heavily upon them. In former letters I have had occasion to notice the improvement in the discipline of the Union Army, which has been gradually progressing towards a state of efficiency under the new Commander-in-Chief. To brigade regiments, form divisions, and appoint division generals, were among the first tasks which McClellan set himself to accomplish; and, having succeeded in these, he published a series of general orders for the better regulation and conduct of military matters, and providing for a more thorough and perfect state of discipline through every branch of the service.

The consequence is, that during all these apparently idle months the soldier's taskmaster, the drill-sergeant has been ahead and now as the time approaches for action the Federal Government finds it has an army to rely on for support or vindication, astounding in its numbers as the growth of only nine months, and wonderfully efficient considering the short period it has been in the field. The combinations of the General-in-Chief are now being seen and understood, and those who have arraigned him in judgment before the court of their displeasure are now compelled to acknowledge their error confuted by the successes that have inaugurated the first part of a new campaign.

The victories in North Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee, have dealt a staggering blow at secession; while the Federal troops hitherto depressed by their early discomfiture are now elated and confident, placing implicit reliance in their General, and being eager to carry the flag of the Union into the heart of Secession. I am no "Sir Oracle," so I will not attempt to prophesy a triumph for the Federalists; but seeing the improved condition in the morale of the Union forces, and feeling somewhat competent to give an opinion, I am inclined to believe that these first successes are not to be their last.

I have watched the Northern army almost from its first appearance in the field. I have seen it a stripling and known it in its boyhood the prey of bullying politicians, who by their pernicious counsels are responsible for its earliest defeats. I now see it arrived at man's estate, and it should or ought to achieve for itself an honorable future.

On a Battleship in Pamlico Sound

My last letter was dated from Pamlico Sound, North Carolina, on the eve of the departure of the expedition to which I was attached to attack Roanoke Island. The rumors of an impending advance of the army of the Potomac and the distant sounds of victory from the west reached us even there and I determined, immediately Roanoke was taken, to hasten back to headquarters ready to witness what must be the most decisive and important movement of the campaign—the attack on the Confederate centre at Manassas. And here I am, after a delay of some days, caused by the prevalence of fearful storms on the coast, heartily sick of combined naval and military expeditions, and thoroughly determined to have nothing more to do with them, unless I can first of all make a satisfactory arrangement with the clerk of the weather.

General Burnside Captured The Island

The telegraphic accounts of the success of General Burnside reached New York, and thence were dispatched to England long before I could send you sketches in connection with the capture of Roanoke, so I will not attempt to give any elaborate details, and will simply confine myself to a brief description of the incidents which from the subjects illustrated by my pencil.

On the morning of the 7th the fleet of transports and gun-boats which had laid off the entrance of

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ANOTHER LARGE MOTEL PLANNED AT NAGS HEAD

32-Unit "Cabana East" Construction to Get Underway Next Week; Adjacent to Beacon

The "Cabana East" motel, a 32-unit affair, is to be constructed at Nags Head this spring, according to announcement this week from officials of a new corporation formed to build and operate the facility. George Crocker, Jr., owner and manager of the Beacon Motor Lodge which opened in 1955, is a principal stockholder, along with Maynard Mangum of Moyock and Hickory, Va. They plan to construct 32 ultra-modern Caribbean-type units, all ocean-front efficiencies on a 200-foot site near the Beacon. Cost has been estimated upwards of \$300,000.

Each unit is to be about 14 by 24 feet in size and each will feature a private balcony. Some will be two-bedroom. All the special features required by travelers nowadays are to be employed—television, carpeting, air-conditioning, etc. A sizeable swimming pool will be centrally located for guests. Construction, basically masonry, will feature also large amounts of aluminum and glass, which materials will also be employed in the office building, facing the present beach highway. The office and lobby, 18 by 35 feet, will be approached by foot-bridge over another pool separating the arrival parking lot.

Crocker, who has been one of the leaders in building modern facilities for the Dare Coast area, will be general manager of the Cabana East in addition to the Beacon. Mangum, who lived in Manteo for some time while employed by the Bank of Manteo, is cashier and general manager of the Bank of Currituck at Moyock. See MOTEL, Page Seven

SATURDAY ELECTION HATTERAS TOWNSHIP FOR BEER AND WINE

Heavy Vote Expected to Answer The Question of Legal Sale of Beverages

Saturday is expected to bring brisk activity to the township of Hatteras in Dare County, when citizens have the opportunity to vote for or against the introduction of legal sale of beer and wine. Greatest support for the passage of such a measure is from operators of motels, restaurants, stores, etc.—who feel that the lack of availability of the beverages is a handicap to their operations in catering to visitors from areas where legal control is an everyday part of life.

Hatteras Island for many years allowed the sale of these beverages, but in 1954 citizens became incensed at persistent violations and voted to discontinue local legal sale. Since that time, the only controlled sales on the island have been at the Naval facility at Buxton, which by Federal provision, is exempt from local option measures. There reportedly has been a gradually-increasing amount of "bootlegging" in this field through the years, which points up the fact that consumption will continue—whether legal or illegal—by those who insist.

The "pros" however, are not without opposition, and the "con" forces are said to have greater unity in their movement to vote down the issue come Saturday. Church groups in the affected communities of Hatteras, Frisco and Buxton have been rallying, and on Saturday expect their numbers to count heavily in answering the question.

The Dare Ministers Association in regular monthly meeting at the Manteo Baptist Church, Monday, Feb. 5 voted unanimously to renew its stand in opposition to the legal sale of alcoholic beverages in Dare County. The association also pledged its moral and prayerful support to the dry forces of Hatteras township in the election to be held on Saturday, February 10.

One observer said this week that he expected it to be a close issue, and even with his experience in observing opinions in the area, "wouldn't bet a nickel either way." At any rate, there is plenty of comment, and the following is in part a letter written by Mr. Connie R. Farrow of Buxton, expressing certain views.

"Nearly two thousand years ago as John the Baptist was preaching in the wilderness, he made this statement, Make his path straight, only he was referring to One whose shoes he was not worthy to unloose, he was referring to Jesus the Son of God.

"This should stir you from within an within his and her future See ELECTION, Page Six

HATTERAS "DRYS" RALLY

The citizens of Hatteras Township who are opposing the sale of beer and wine in their communities are holding a rally at Cape Hatteras High School, Friday Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Guest speakers will be Rev. Harold Leatherman, pastor of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, Manteo, and Rev. Dick Shinkle, pastor of United Methodist Church, Ocracoke. The public of this township are urged to attend this Rally.

WORK NOT SLACK ON MISSILE TRACK AT NAGS HEAD TOWER SITE



WORK IS WELL UNDERWAY on the missile tracking station shown above which is located off the Oregon Inlet road five miles south of Nags Head. Construction began on the site Nov. 11 and is not expected to be complete for several months. The three towers in the photo are 15 feet tall and 16 feet in diameter and are constructed of steel sheets supported by beams. The galvanized catwalks above the towers will be used to support cameras, radar antennas and other equipment. The drum-like towers are unique and were necessitated by the shifting sand conditions on the coast.

FLIGHT TO ATLANTIC PLANT BY DARE COAST CONTINGENT COMPLETED HERE YESTERDAY

Local Representatives Take Goodwill Tour Over Research Center and Development Headquarters of Atlantic Research Corporation's Alexandria Plant, as Negotiations Continue Over Location of Fuel Research Site at Corolla.

OCRACOKE NATIVE GETS PROMOTION IN TEXAS



R. O. "DICK" HOWARD, Sheraton Corporation engineer on the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel project since March, 1961, has been named to the permanent post of building superintendent and resident engineer.

A native of Ocracoke Island on North Carolina's "Outer Banks", Howard has been a member of the Sheraton's engineering staff for some six years, coming to Houston from the Sheraton-Cleveland where he was also resident engineer.

A graduate of North Carolina State College with a degree in mechanical engineering, Howard also served as engineer at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, prior to joining Sheraton.

A veteran of World War II, where he served as a Captain with the U. S. Corps of Engineers in Europe, Howard is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the North Carolina Society of Engineers.

Howard is married and has two daughters—Mary, 17; and Eunice, 5. The Howard's reside at 2822 Westerland Drive, Houston, Texas.

ELECTION FEES PAID EARLY FOR THOSE SEEKING OFFICE IN DARE COUNTY ELECTION

Dare County Election Board Chairman, Jack Tillett, has stated that candidates for county offices will have until April 13 to file their fee for the Democratic Primary in May.

C. S. Meekins, Clerk of Court, announces that Lawrence Swain and George Fuller have filed their fee with the election board, thereby serving notice that they intend to seek another term on the Board of Commissioners. Their current terms will expire in December of 1962. Daniel R. Leary, Jr., of Kennekeet Township has also filed for a seat on the Board of Commissioners, while Fred Gray, current commissioner from Kennekeet has not indicated whether he intends to seek another term. Other members of the board have not filed.

John Lawrence, realtor of Nags Head, has posted his fee for Judge of Records Court. Judge W. F. Baum has not indicated whether he intends to seek another term on the Recorder's bench, but is reported to be considering re-election.

All county offices will be filled this year including judgeships, clerks, sheriffs, commissioners, coroners, and representatives to the N. C. Legislature.

DARE REPUBLICANS TO MEET

L. V. Gaskill, Chairman of the Executive Committee for Dare County, has called a meeting of the Republican party on Feb. 14 at the Manteo Courthouse. The meeting, which will begin at 7 p.m. will be for the purpose of electing chairman, committees and delegates. All registered Republicans are requested to attend.

SCHOOLS OPEN SATURDAY

Manteo High School, Manteo Elementary School and Kitty Hawk School will be open for classes Saturday, Feb. 10 and again on Saturday, Feb. 24, to make up the two days lost due to snowy weather several weeks ago, according to announcement by Mrs. Mary L. Evans, county superintendent. School will open on these days at the regular time and will be dismissed at one o'clock.

A DC-3, belonging to Atlantic Research Corp. touched down at Manteo Airport at 8 a.m. Thursday to board a party from Dare County who were invited guests of the corporation to an inspection of their facilities at Alexandria, Va. The members of the local party included M. K. Fearing, Jr., Jack Tillett, Tom Briggs, Major J. L. Murphy, Jim Scarborough and Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr.

The group was airborne by 8:15 a.m. and returned late the same day at approximately 4:30 p.m. The invitation was a public relations gesture on the part of the company in the effort to convince local citizens of their good intentions and genuine interest in the coastal area. Several representatives from Currituck joined the local party for the flight to Alexandria.

The Atlantic Corp. has been discussing plans for a research plant with state officials and Currituck County representatives during the week in an effort to reach an agreement which would locate a rocket research center at Corolla for the purpose of testing rockets and rocket fuels. The Atlantic Research Corp. hopes to contribute an investment of \$15-20 million and employ more than 1,000 persons by 1964 at Corolla, if its projected plans are agreeable with state officials.

The major factor preventing the plant's location at this time involves the construction of a \$50,000 access road from Duck to Corolla, which the corporation lists as one of the major commitments needed from the state before establishing there. The corporation also desires assurance from the Currituck County Board that new industry is definitely wanted in the sparsely populated community at Corolla.

A major controversy has arisen over the road proposal which involves Atlantic Corporation personnel and State Highway Commission Chairman Merrill Evans. Evans stated Tuesday that he would be opposed to building a road from Duck to Corolla to provide access to a proposed rocket fuel research plant at Corolla if the plant would block further beach development. "I think it would be a serious mistake, from the standpoint of Currituck County, to block off the beach," Evans said. Evans indicated he has long been in favor of a road to run the length of the Outer Banks and hinted that he did not know as yet whether the research plant would block such a road.

On Monday, a vice president of the corporation, Gerald T. Halpin, had stated that his firm would not locate at Corolla if a road running the entire length of the beach were constructed this year. The firm is said to have selected the Outer Banks area because of its need for seclusion and secrecy while doing research work for the government. Halpin did indicate, however, that the firm would not oppose the road after several years of operation in Currituck County.

Concern has been registered by natives in the Corolla area over the signs which have recently been erected at the Whaleshead Club property site. The signs read "Restricted Area. No Trespassing. This area is in use by the United States Department of Defense. Trespassing for any purpose is strictly prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted under the U. S. Espionage Act." Tom Stanley, assistant to Dr. Arch Scurlock, Atlantic president, said in Alexandria that his firm has "no intention of blocking north-south traffic" or any other beach-traffic moving through the area. He did indicate that the firm would have to halt all traffic along the beach "during the time of testing." "We would have to close it off for their own protection," he said. Vice-president Halpin has stated earlier that there would be "only two or three firings a year, and each would probably last no more than half a minute." "The rockets will be ignited in fixed test stands and will not be fired into the air," he said.

The booster fuel, which would be developed at the Corolla site is a combination solid-liquid fuel with a consistency similar to toothpaste which the firm calls "Jel-Booster." The noise at the plant site during firing period would be comparable See COROLLA, Page Seven