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## DARE IN SPACE AGE NASA CHIEF STATES AT ROTARY MEETING

Tracking Station At Coquina Beach To Help Solve Re-Entry for Langley Center

Dare County has jumped feet first into the missile age, according to William J. Boyer, Chief of the Tracking System Section of Instrumental Research, at Langley Research Center who told some forty members of the Manteo Rotary Club and their guests about the operation of the Coquina Beach Tracking Station on Monday evening.

Boyer, a representative of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NASA, for short, spoke at length on missile development in the space-age center at Langley, explained the technical details of work there, and punctuated his address with a brilliantly photographed movie entitled "Little Joe" which left the Rotarians and their friends awed and slightly befuddled by the highly complex nature of the work depicted in the well-filmed documentary.

The color movie featured numerous sparkling, color shots of rocket launches from the Wallops Island site, of which the Coquina station will become a part. Every stage of research at Langley was well covered in the film which included photographs of capsule recoveries at sea. One scene, of particular interest to the local group, brought Astronauts Allan Shepard and Virgil Grissom within camera range as they stood on board a destroyer off Hatteras awaiting the return of a monkey from a voyage into space.

Project Mercury was conceived at Langley before the NASA was established. After NASA was created, the Space Task Group was formed as an independent unit with headquarters at Langley to conduct the Nation's first man-in-space program. Boyer explained how Langley's facilities have been utilized in providing the basic information needed or development of the Mercury spacecraft, which is now in use at Cape Canaveral.

The Coquina Beach Station will be used in conjunction with current tests at Wallops Island to aid in the re-entry problems which plague NASA researchers. The tracking station in Dare will be loaded with antennae and cameras to "zero-in" on the 67-foot-long missiles which are being fired from the Virginia base.

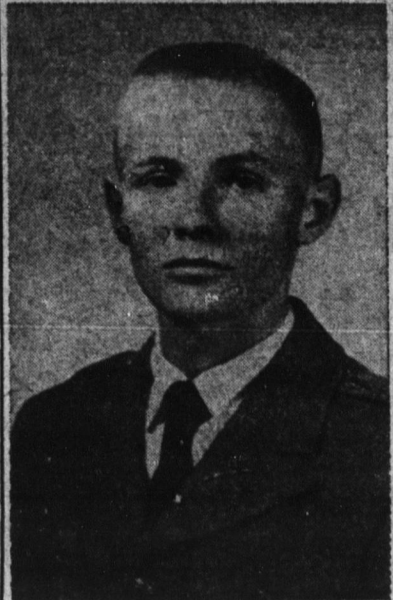
The local station, which is about 5 miles south of Nags Head, will contain an acquisition and tracking antenna with X-band and T. M. Receiving Station, a system valued at \$300,000. Optical equipment for the site will be composed of a uniquely synchronized camera system which is integrated with the Wallops and Eastville stations. This highly-complex camera system is the only one of its kind in the world and requires the "real time" shutter speeds for all units to be actuated at one-millionth of a second.

The missiles will be photographed as they re-enter the atmosphere, at a time when the excessive heat, which is generated by approaching atmospheric layers nearer the earth, produces an almost incandescent glow from the surface of the thin projectiles. Camera studies will enable NASA personnel to determine exactly how fast the rocket-propelled vehicles were traveling and where they were, before being consumed by heat.

The local site, which was begun on Nov. 11, features three "towers", 15 feet tall and 16 in. in diameter, which are supports for the equipment, which will rest atop a galvanized catwalk, when work is completed. Installation of detection equipment for missile tracking is expected to take place within the week, as NASA researchers are anxious to utilize the station for work in connection with the "Trail-Blazer" project, now underway at Wallops Island. The station is expected to be "fully-operational" by June. A team of eight men will operate the Dare detection site when launches are anticipated. According to Boyer, residents in the area may be able to see the glow of re-entry at around 7:30 in the mornings, if atmospheric conditions and time tables permit.

Langley is expected to play a major role in providing the technology required to make the NASA 10-year plan a reality. Some early projects of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will include launching of a lunar spacecraft, firing of the first stage of the Saturn, an impact landing of instruments on the Moon, launching of a planetary spacecraft and several satellites, and the reconnaissance of Mars or Venus by unmanned vehicles.

## HATTERAS BOY WINS HONORS AT FISHBURNE



CADET DONALD S. ODEN JR., a senior at Fishburne Military School was one of 12 cadets chosen from the R.O.T.C. rifle team to go to West Point and compete in a rifle match with the West Point Rifle Team Saturday, February 10. He has recently been promoted from Corporal to Sergeant and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Oden of Hatteras.

## AREA DEVELOPMENT STRESSED BY LONG IN TALK WEDNESDAY

Bob Long, community and area development specialist with the N. C. State Agricultural Extension Service, addressed a crowd of approximately 30 interested citizens on Wednesday night at the courthouse. The purpose of the address, which lasted from 7:30 until 9, was to focus attention on the present situation of planning in the area with a view towards improving the economic level of Dare County.

"People need to learn to identify their needs, seek solutions and thereby develop community pride and the desire and ability to work together for the community, county and area," Long stated. Jim Rea acted as moderator for the meeting and introduced the speaker for the evening.

The Extension Service is vitally interested in creating civic-mindedness on the part of communities and the larger areas within which they are found. "What we are trying to do," the specialist said, "is to organize the many groups which are already contributing toward progress in Dare, into a more comprehensive framework with greater coordination between units." "When civic clubs, individuals, and area agencies work together on their mutual problems there is less friction, less duplication of effort and more progress," he asserted.

Long emphasized area development in particular. The area development program is one in which counties with similar problems, needs and potential are grouped together. Lay leaders, professional workers and business men and women, along with housewives and others are brought together on an area basis to study the situation and outline possibilities in the fields of agriculture, industry, travel and recreation and community development.

When communities are organized, they are asked to look at their situation in terms of income, home improvement, youth activities and community projects. Many members of the Dare County Board of Directors for the Albemarle Area Development Association were present at the meeting and offered questions from the floor during the address.

The directors are: Stanford White, chairman; I. P. Davis, co-chairman; Mrs. Leo Midgett, Julian Oneto, Mrs. Emmett Winslow and Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr. Division representatives in the various fields in the area program include: Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., industry; Mrs. Emmett Winslow, travel and recreation; I. P. Davis, community development; Willie Daniels, agriculture; and Ayeock Brown, publicity.

During the question and answer portion of the meeting, Mr. Long was asked if he didn't feel that awards which might be extended for achievements in the community programs might increase rivalry and thereby heighten friction rather than produce cooperation. He replied that studies by his department and past experience had indicated that the opposite was true, if the program is adequately explained.

The local citizens present, who seemed enthusiastic about the address, were shown photographic slides of activities by other groups. See MEETING, Page Six

## BOATS GO AGROUND ON SHOALS FRIDAY AT OREGON INLET

Shoaling in Main Channel Creates Serious Problem for Larger Boats in Passing

Two boats were damaged going through Oregon Inlet last week when they ran aground on the shoals while heading for the Atlantic. Malcolm Daniels, owner of the "Faith Evelyn" has stated that 30 foot waves crashed over the bow of his boat when Captain Willie Etheridge attempted to cross the Inlet and struck a sand bar on Friday morning during rough weather.

Daniels said that a "booby hatch", a wooden sun-visor and sheathing at the bow of the craft were all washed overboard when the tremendous force of the waves plunged onto the deck of the "Faith." A spotlight located on the right, front corner of the cabin was also destroyed, Daniels said. The boat "rolled on its side, dumped the water and finally righted itself but was almost completely submerged for a few minutes, he stated. Damage to the vessel has been estimated at \$250.

The "Clara," owned by Earl Huton and Vandemere Packing Co. also ran aground at the inlet on Friday. The boat which was skippered by Ernest Mayo, was also pounded by high waves and lost almost every glass in the cabin windows as a result. Mayo is reported to have suffered numerous facial cuts from the flying debris before removing his boat from the sandy encumbrance.

Captains using the Oregon Inlet approach to the Atlantic have expressed increasing concern in recent weeks over the lack of sufficient depth in the channel there. Dredging for the site has been undertaken on a continuing basis by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, but the water is now reported to be several feet below the project depth of 12 feet which is necessary for safe passage.

Captains at Wanchese have also reported difficulty in passing through the main junction bend approaching that harbor because of insufficient dredging in recent months. The Jan. 15 accident in which the "Wayne Lorin" suffered approximately \$1,000 in damages as she went aground near the junction site has been cited as an example of hazardous conditions in that area.

## BEAUTY CONTEST PLANNED AS LIONS CLUB HUNTS FOR "MISS SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE"

The Lions Club is looking for beautiful and shapely county girls as applicants for the honor of becoming Dare County's entrant in the "Miss Southern Albemarle" beauty contest which will be held in May. John Wright, chairman of the Lions Club committee for the selection of an entry, has stated that the club hopes to have the Lost Colony as a site for the local contest which will be a prelude to the large beauty pageant held by the Southern Albemarle Association.

Plans for the Dare County contest are still incomplete, but the committee did say that the local competition will be held sometime in March. An unnamed spokesman for the group has stated that "six months is long enough to wait without seeing a gal in a bathing suit and we've found a solution to the problem." The local solutions will be within the ages of 16-35 years, unmarried and residents of the county, but formal applications for the contest have not yet been printed.

Wright stated that applications will be made available to girls who are interested and will be placed in local business establishments, or may be received by writing direct to the chairman. Other members of the contest committee include: Carlyle Davis, Arvin Midgett, W. B. Fearing, Jr., Jack Tillett and St. Clair Basnight.

The decision to hold the contest was reached at the Lions Club meeting which was held here on Tuesday night at the Manteo Motel. After the regular dinner, the 25 members present heard an interesting speech by Harvey J. Rindinger, on "Social Security and You." Rindinger is the regional representative with the Norfolk district office of the Social Security Administration.

Before adjourning, the group discussed plans in connection with the "kick-off" meetings of the Dare County Boys Club which were held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Some 70 youngsters have already enrolled in the program which will stress the physical and mental attributes of good citizenship in its schedule of activities.

## WANCHESE HALL TO BE DECIDED UPON IN MARCH

A special election has been called for residents of Wanchese, on March 31, in which the community's residents will be called upon to decide whether they favor the creation of a Wanchese Community Center District and the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax for repair, maintenance, operation etc. of a community center building.

More specifically, the local citizens are being urged to accept a tax of \$.05 per \$100 of property valuation to support the operation of the old Wanchese Elementary School building, which would be renovated to provide a gathering place for public and private meetings in Wanchese. The tax, which would amount to approximately \$485 during the first year of the center's operation, will decrease after the renovations are made during the initial year. James Davis, one of the trustees for the building, has stated that taxes during the first year of operation "will not amount to more than \$2.50 for all but a handful of people."

Davis, along with George Daniels, Abe Sobel, Rondal Tillett and Mrs. Willie Etheridge have been empowered by the legislature to act as trustees for the building and land will be deeded to the community.

Wanchese residents have been forced to either use the Masonic Hall for public meetings in the past or forego a meeting in the area because of the lack of public facilities in the community. The schoolhouse would be expected to fulfill the need for a public hall with a well-lighted, warm and otherwise suitable atmosphere for such gatherings. Many items of equipment will be needed to make the building serviceable, including a refrigerator, an oil unit for the furnace, plywood to replace the ones which were destroyed after children left the schoolhouse. Davis has stated that vandals did "quite a bit of damage to the place immediately after the building became unoccupied." He said that quite a few items were still in good condition, however. The water heater, auditorium curtains and seats are still in good shape, according to the trustee.

The proposed community building was built at a cost of \$.05 per \$100 of property valuation in the year 1922. It is now valued at approximately \$20,000. Residents who are supporting the special election issue are hoping that the center will be able to house a doctor and barber in the not too distant future, if the tax passes.

Registration for the election will be held on March 3, 10 and 17. Challenge Day for registrations has been set for March 24.

## TYRRELL RANGE SCRATCHED AS POSSIBLE BOMBING AREA ACCORDING TO REP. BONNER

Rep. Herbert Bonner has assured West Virginia Pulp and Paper officials that the 24,000 acre tract in Tyrrell County will not be used as a bombing site by the air force. Manager W. J. Crumpacker, of the West Va. Co. had expressed concern in recent weeks over the location of the range in Tyrrell and had protested that the danger of fire and possible destruction of wildlife in the area made the timber land inappropriate for bombing operations.

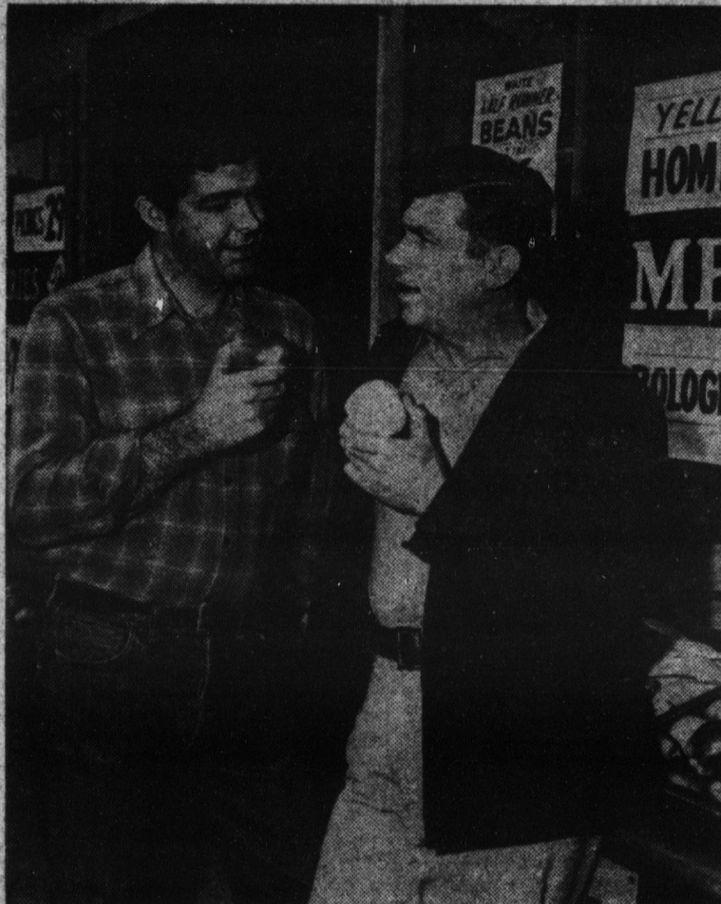
Word of the air force's decision came directly to Congressman Bonner from the White House and is reported to have been the result of a conclusion reached by Secretary of the Air Force Eugene Zuckert, upon the recommendation of the Corps of Engrs. Zuckert stated in a letter to Bonner, earlier in the week, that "the Corps' report reveals that it is not suitable because of excessive land costs, the presence of valuable timber, and extremely low and swampy land and the resultant high cost of constructing range facilities."

Bonner had been registering his concern, along with other federal and state officials, including Sen. Strom Thurmond of S. C. and N. C. Forester, Fred Claridge, since word was first received that the West Va. tract might be used for the range site.

## TALENT SHOW POSTPONED

The talent show originally scheduled for Mon., Feb. 26, has been postponed until further notice. Miss Della Basnight, chairman of the talent show committee, has stated that local performers are still needed for the event, which is being sponsored by the senior class at Manteo High School.

## FORMER LOST COLONY ACTORS NOW IN HOLLYWOOD



BOB McQUAIN, left, who played the role of John Borden in North Carolina famed outdoor drama, The Lost Colony, relaxes between scenes with Andy Griffith of The Andy Griffith Show in Hollywood. Griffith, who plans soon to spend a vacation at his Roanoke Island home, was once the Sir Walter Raleigh of The Lost Colony, which is scheduled to begin its silver anniversary year season in a new Elizabethan town-in-the-wilderness-designed Waterside Theatre at Manteo on July 1, 1962. Prior to his role in the Paul Green drama, McQuain had leading roles in many shows at Richmond, Va., while Mt. Airy-born Griffith had been a member of Carolina Playmakers and taught school before he was skyrocketed to fame from his Lost Colony acting. McQuain, who has appeared in a variety of roles on the Andy Griffith Show, is in this photo shown as a moonshiner in an episode to be broadcast Monday night, March 12, on CBS Television Network. (CBS Press Photo).

## STUMPY PT. BREAKWATER IS SOUGHT BY BONNER

Congressman Attempts to Interest Engineers in Breakwater for Protection of Shipping

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has been working for a long time to interest the Corps of Engineers in providing a breakwater at Stumpy Point for the protection of shipping. That the matter is being given detailed study is indicated in a letter received this month by Mr. Bonner from Col. R. P. Davidson which is as follows:

"Reference is made to your letter dated 1 February 1962 requesting information concerning the results of our studies pertaining to protection against flooding from hurricanes at Stumpy Point, North Carolina.

"In our letter of 23 March 1961 we stated that the dike constructed by the Office of Civil Defense Mobilization (now Office of Emergency Planning) would provide a measure of hurricane protection for Stumpy Point so that it would be no more vulnerable than other mainland areas in the vicinity; and, therefore, the Stumpy Point area would be considered for further protection along with the remainder of the mainland areas covered by the study.

"We have obtained data on the location and the size of the dike at Stumpy Point; and our study to determine whether additional improvement is needed and economically justified at Stumpy Point, in particular, and the 13 county areas, in general, is continuing.

"Because of the large size of the area covered, the report has taken longer to prepare than we had anticipated. We hope that we will be able to complete all of our investigations and submit the report with our findings and recommendations during the third quarter of this calendar year."

R. P. DAVIDSON  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
District Engineer, Wilmington, N. C.

## EASTERN STAR DINNER

Roanoke Island Chapter No. 79, Order of the Eastern Star, will be host to the Masons of Roanoke Island Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Dare County Shrine Club. All Master Masons with their wives are cordially invited. Two hundred are expected. Mrs. Lyna Harbour is Worthy Matron of the chapter.

## COUNTY BOARD MEETS

A called meeting of the Dare County Board of Commissioners will be held on Friday Feb. 23 when the group will meet with George Mack, District Engineer, to discuss the county's secondary road program for 1962.

## NEW BRIDGE GIVES COASTLAND BETTER POSTAL SCHEDULES

Outer Banks Will Get Mail Much Earlier and May Post Letters Later Because of Faster Transport

Greatly improved mail service for Dare County and the Outer Banks has resulted from the completion of the Lindsay Warren Bridge over Alligator River. Newly revised schedules bring mail a half hour earlier to Hatteras and intervening communities, and due to the same reason, depart an hour later in the day, providing a considerable convenience for people heretofore having to rush their correspondence in the morning.

The mail truck leaving Hatteras formerly at 11 a.m. daily, will now leave at noon. It will also leave an hour later from postoffices to the north.

Mail arrives half hour earlier mornings in Manteo, from the west and now departs 45 minutes later than usual. This provides the best mail schedules ever for the Manteo area, according to acting Postmaster, Victor Meekins of Manteo, who says much appreciation is due R. Jack Williams, the postal Field Services officer who worked out the schedules, last week.

Continuing, Meekins said, mail from Manns Harbor and East Lake, will not leave until 45 minutes later than usual, and the same goes for Columbia. These mails connect with the highway postoffice at the junction of Highways US 64 and N.C. 32 near Pea Ridge, and formerly had to close much earlier when the truck traveled by ferry.

Manteo, patrons may mail later to Columbia, and all points west and south, in North Carolina, and the mails will continue direct to their destination. Persons on the Outer Banks may receive mail orders from Greensboro on the second day, where some years ago, eight days were required.

A letter mailed in Manteo at 3:30 p.m. will reach Columbia directly in one and a half hours. In the old days, it went all the way around by Elizabeth City. The new route, 58.5 miles long is operated by C. S. Hufton of Creswell.

## JAMBOREE, LOST COLONY MEETINGS SCHEDULED

There will be a meeting of Lost Colony directors at Manteo Motel Saturday afternoon and a meeting of Pirate Jamboree supporters and chairmen at the Carolinian's Anchor Club on Nags Head Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Fred Morrison, Washington, D. C., has called the Lost Colony meeting over which she will preside. Edgar Thomas, manager of The Lost Colony, will be present. Plans for advance promotion of the drama during its silver anniversary year season beginning on July 1, will be included in the discussions.

At the Pirate Jamboree meeting in addition to a discussion of plans for Dare Beaches and Roanoke Island events, representatives of the Hatteras Island committee including Mrs. D. E. Skiles, Harold Gray, Bounce Anderson, PJ King, Dor Austin and others have indicated they would be present.

The matter of whether races will be sponsored to the Pirates Jamboree town Manteo event on April 29, will be discussed, with report from Joe Dowdy.

Julian Oneto and Ralph Swain, co-directors of the Jamboree for 1962, will preside at the meeting.

## HOOPER FILES FOR BOARD

Erakine V. Hooper filed his fee this week with the Dare County Election Board as a candidate for the board of commissioners from Kinnakeet Township. He thus becomes the second candidate to file for that seat and will join Dan Leary, in a contest for the board position. Fred Gray, the incumbent commissioner from that district, has not filed according to C. S. Meekins, clerk of court.

Candidates for county positions will have until April 13 to file for office.

## BELHAVEN TELEPHONE MAN TO BE HONORED BY COMPANY

Carolina Telephone this month will honor K. C. Wilkinson of Belhaven for having completed 25 years of telephone service. He will receive a miniature gold emblem pin signifying the number of years of service attained. Mr. Wilkinson is employed as manager of Belhaven, Swan Quarter and Engelhard exchanges.