

HEAVY INJURY TO BEACH AREAS OF DARE

MANY MILLION DOLLARS LOSS TO PROPERTY; MANY ROOTED FROM HOMES BY FLOODING

Freak Winter Northeaster Brings Catastrophic Losses to Dozens of Businesses on Outer Banks; Hundreds of Cottages Damaged or Destroyed; Kitty Hawk Beach Property Suffers Heaviest; Transportation and Communication in Stricken Areas At Standstill.

A vicious winter storm of hurricane proportions broke unexpectedly along the Outer Banks at approximately 11:30 Tuesday night, bringing havoc and extensive property damage to the area. Striking with no warning, residents and visitors in low-lying areas were forced into long hours of inconvenience, while aid was being summoned to the rescue of those surrounded by ocean tides. The entire beach area north to Kitty Hawk was submerged in water varying from one to six feet in depth. Waves breaking on the beach have been reported in excess of 20 feet high. Damage estimates have ranged as high as 10 million dollars.

Aerial observation on Thursday morning indicated extensive damage all along the coast, with heaviest proportionate damage to the area of Kitty Hawk south of Southern Shores. Scores of cottages have been tossed around, splintered, washed to sea, and those which presently appear unharmed, have likely been undermined and will require extensive repair work. Those undamaged by wind, for the most part, suffer considerable water damage.

Arch T. Greene, State Engineer for Civil Defense and David Spivey, State Civil Defense Director have been on the scene since Wednesday evening in an attempt to direct rescue operations. Spivey has related that 25 National Guardsmen have been dispatched to the Nags Head area to restore order and 25 additional men sent to Point Harbor to aid in rescue work. Two ducks from Elizabeth City have been dispatched to supplement work by the Dare County Sheriff's Department and local civil defense agencies.

Fishing piers all suffered; complete loss of Jettette's Pier at Nags Head and Nags Head Fishing Pier. Seaport, Avalon and Kitty Hawk piers crippled.

Travel in the stricken areas is virtually impossible, as road wash-outs and new "inlets" cut through some sections of beach prevent ordinary vehicles' movement. Communication lines are down—have been since early Wednesday—and the only contact with outer areas is via radio set-ups manned by civil defense and other aid organizations.

Hundreds of residents were evacuated Wednesday and Thursday by Coast Guard and Marine helicopters, and highway scrapers

SHIPS SAID IN DISTRESS NEAR DARE CO. COAST

Two ships have been reported to be in distress near the Carolina coast. One, "The Jim," is said to be broken in two, 65 miles southeast of Hatteras with 27 men aboard her stern who have chosen to ride out the rough seas there as long as power and food holds out.

A. W. Drinkwater, Commissioner of Wrecks, states that he has received an unconfirmed report via radio that a ship has floundered off the coast at Kitty Hawk. No details are available.

The Chinese merchantman Chun Lee, 150 miles east of Hampton Roads has radioed that she is at the mercy of heavy seas with five crewmen aboard. The tug "Diana Moran" has reported that the Chun Lee is not in immediate danger and efforts are being made to evacuate the ailing crewmen.

NORFOLK FIRM GETS CONTRACT FOR MORE SEASHORE DUNE WORK

Acting Superintendent Raymond K. Rundell has announced the award to Carpenter Construction Company, Inc., of a \$100,970.00 contract for the construction of hydraulic fill at Ocracoke Island. The bid was the lowest of five bids received.

Mr. Rundell said this work is a continuation of the dune stabilization program under way at the present time. The hydraulic fill will assist in stabilizing the area of beach at Styron's Hill on Ocracoke. The contract represents part of the development being undertaken by the National Park Service MISSION 66 Program.

Under the contract, approximately 250,000 cubic yards of hydraulic fill will be taken from Pamlico Sound and placed in the area of Styron's Hill. The contract is scheduled for completion in 120 calendar days.

GOVERNOR VIEWS DAMAGE



GOVERNOR TERRY SANFORD arrived by plane at Manteo Airport shortly after 2:30 p.m. on Thursday and was met by Arch T. Green, State Engineer for Civil Defense, David Spivey, State Civil Defense Director and Captain Sam Mitchell of the N. C. Highway Patrol.

A throng of newsmen and local officials heard the governor state that "The purpose of this visit is to see how we can be of help and get help going in every direction that we can." The governor is expected to return to Raleigh after a thorough personal investigation of the area.

observer for the U. S. Weather Bureau at Nags Head, has reported winds up to 76 mph. during the storm. Tolson was evacuated along with his father, Arnold Tolson, Charles Midgett and Jimmy Austin when E. B. Priest rescued them from their home on Wednesday.

Priest is reported to have braved strong winds throughout the day in an effort to bring beach residents at Nags Head to safety with diesel scrapers.

A Coast Guard helicopter arrived at noon on Wednesday to aid in rescue attempts, but was unable to remove all residents on the beach. Two amphibious "ducks" arrived at Kitty Hawk late Wednesday. See LOSS, Page Seven

TRANSPORTATION ARRIVES

Six helicopters were dispatched from Cherry Point Marine Base to assist with rescue operations in the Dare area. The helicopters will begin operation at Ocracoke and Hatteras.

Four amphibious ducks patrolled the beaches from Kitty Hawk south to Whalebone in an attempt to rescue shivering residents from their coastal homes. Two arrived early Thursday morning from New Bern and are in operation at Nags Head. On Wednesday afternoon two ducks arrived at the Kitty Hawk area from E. City but were hampered in their recovery efforts by low water and quicksand.

MODERN COAST GUARD STATION NEARS COMPLETION AT HATTERAS



THE LABYRINTH of steel girders and concrete blocks depicted above is the skeleton for the new Coast Guard station which is under construction at Cape Hatteras. The \$300,000 project, under contract by Kellogg-Cuthrell, Inc. of Manteo, will replace the present Hatteras Inlet Lifeboat Station at a point almost directly across from the old station site, one mile south of Hatteras village. The two-building administrative headquarters is expected to be completed by July 1 of this year.

NO CASUALTIES AT HATTERAS

BUXTON. — Deputy Sheriff Raymond Bassett reported from Buxton early Thursday morning that no casualties have been reported from Hatteras Island. In a radio message to the Dare County Sheriff's office Bassett stated that roads are impassable from Buxton north and from Frisco south. Water there still ranges in depth from one to four feet. Helicopter units from Cherry Point Marine Base were expected to arrive there by 10 a.m. on Thursday.

MRS. ETHEL PAYNE, FORMER WANCHESE RESIDENT DIES

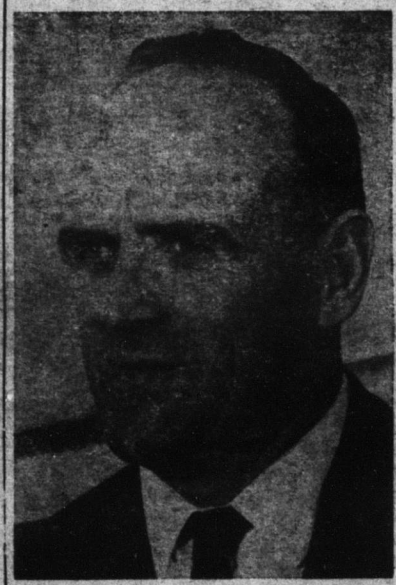
Mrs. Ethel Meekins Payne, 53, wife of Halford Colon Payne, died in a Norfolk hospital Thursday at 9:35 a.m.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a brother, Earl Meekins of Norfolk; a niece, Mrs. Cherry Davidson, and two nephews, Alvin Meekins and Pete Meekins all of Norfolk.

Mrs. Payne, a native of Colington, lived in the Norfolk area 20 years, lately at 2019 Pasture Road, Norfolk. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Meekins of Colington.

She was a member of Pentecostal Assembly of God, Wanchese. A funeral service was conducted in Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home Saturday at 2 p.m. Burial was in Riverside Memorial Park.

SUPERINTENDENT GIBBS WILL GO TO CAPE COD



ROBERT F. GIBBS, Superintendent of Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, will become Superintendent of Cape Cod National Seashore, a new Park Service facility, Conrad Wirth, NPS Director, has announced. Gibbs will serve as the first superintendent.

Gibbs began his park career as a supervisory foreman at the beginning of the Civilian Conservation program in Shenandoah National Park, Virginia in August 1933. In 1938, he was appointed to the park ranger staff. World War II interrupted his career with the

"MISS DARE COUNTY" BEAUTY CONTEST IS SET FOR APRIL 6

John Wright, chairman of the "Miss Dare County" beauty contest has announced that the selection of Dare County's representative at the Southern Albemarle Association's beauty pageant will be chosen at the Manteo Elementary School auditorium at 8 p.m. on April 6.

Wright, a married man, who has been chosen as contest chairman by the Lions Club, local sponsors of the Dare contest, had a gleam in his eye when he stated that interested applicants could submit their applications, giving age, name and address, by writing him personally. Applications must be received no later than March 30 in order to be considered for the event, Wright stated.

Present plans call for a parade of limbs and dresses, as a swim suit and evening dress competition has been scheduled. Three trophies will be awarded during the April event; two for runners-up and one for the winner. Piano music will be afforded by Dick Jordan, if present plans carry.

Judges have not yet been selected, but are expected to be a trio selected from the Roanoke Island; Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk, and Hatteras Island areas.

Members of the contest committee, which include Carlyle Davis, Arvin Midgett, W. B. Fearing, Jr., Jack Tillett and St. Clair Basnight, have indicated that accommodations for applicants from the Hatteras Island section will be provided, should these contestants wish to stay overnight.

The group has announced that the age limit of 35 years has been lifted because of popular demand. Plans now call for the admission of any feminine candidate over 16 years of age who is in an unmarried state.

The winner of the Dare County contest will represent the County on May 10 at the beauty contest to select a "Miss Southern Albemarle Bridge" which is being conducted by the Southern Albemarle Association in connection with their celebration of the Lindsay Warren Bridge opening. Gov. Sanford and thousands of guests are expected to be in attendance during the bridge celebration.

ROY LINWOOD DAVIS, JR. PASSES AT AGE OF 43

Roy Linwood Davis, Jr., 43, died suddenly Wednesday morning, March 7, at his home in Manteo. Mr. Davis, son of the late Roy Linwood Davis and the late Grace Burrus Davis, was a native of Wanchese, but had lived in Manteo most of his life. He was employed as a welder by the La Porte Dredging Company. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and had also served in the Merchant Marine. He is survived by two daughters, Grace Javan Davis and Jennie Lee Davis of Colerain; one brother, John Thomas Davis of Houston, Texas. The body was taken to Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo, pending completion of funeral arrangements.

DARE STORM VICTIMS AIDED BY RED CROSS AT COUNTY SCHOOLS

Many Evacuees Find Temporary Haven at Kitty Hawk and Manteo Facilities

The Manteo and Kitty Hawk elementary schoolhouses have been converted into temporary homes and headquarters for the 300 evacuees which are being given aid there through the Red Cross. Victims of the worst storm in recent memory have been streaming in and out of the two schoolhouses all day in an attempt to secure shelter, reach their families, find food and learn of the condition of their property.

Bill Roden, field representative for the Albemarle District for the Dare County Red Cross, said that all residents between Nags Head and Kitty Hawk were evacuated with Marine and Coast Guard helicopters by 11 a.m. this morning. Roden and six field workers with the Red Cross arrived Thursday to lend their assistance in the disaster area.

Ralph Davis, Chairman of the Dare County Red Cross, said that approximately 44 persons were provided with cots and mattresses at the Manteo Elementary School on Wednesday night and 80 other evacuees found refuge in homes at Manteo when local citizens opened their doors to disaster victims. Davis has stated that \$500 was spent by the Red Cross to obtain blankets and cots for victims from Nags Head which are stationed in Manteo. "We cannot adequately express our thanks to the wonderful spirit shown by local folks in donating time, blankets and food for the sufferers," he said.

Gordon Kellogg, Disaster Chairman, Mrs. Beulah Gaylord and Mrs. Ralph Davis have been spearheading rescue efforts at the Manteo Elementary Schoolhouse where 150 persons were served lunch Thursday. Relief to storm victims continues there on an around-the-clock basis. "We will remain here until we are no longer needed," Mrs. Gaylord stated. Refugees at the school center range in ages from one to eighty and may be seen walking the halls there in shock and disbelief.

Lewis Cayton, principal at Kitty Hawk Elementary School has been directing operations for victims at Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills and reports that 54 persons were accommodated in the rooms there Wednesday night when cots were provided for the sleepy evacuees. Approximately 100 persons are believed to have been afforded shelter by their neighbors in that area.

Two shipments of food from Elizabeth City were to arrive at Kitty Hawk Thursday afternoon to sustain the hungry victims of the storm.

No serious injuries have been attributed to the storm, but Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr. has treated several persons for exposure and back ailments at the Manteo Elementary School. Mrs. Kitty Jackson is reported in satisfactory condition after having spent the night in water soaked bedclothes at her Nags Head home. Mrs. Margie Suthard, of Nags Head was rushed to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City. See STORM, Page Six

MORE CANDIDATES FILE FOR DARE CO. OFFICES WITH ELECTIONS BOARD

Jack Tillett, chairman of the Dare elections board has announced four new filings for Dare County officers this week, with two candidates for the Board of Commissioners, an education board aspirant and a notice by the incumbent sheriff that he intends to run again.

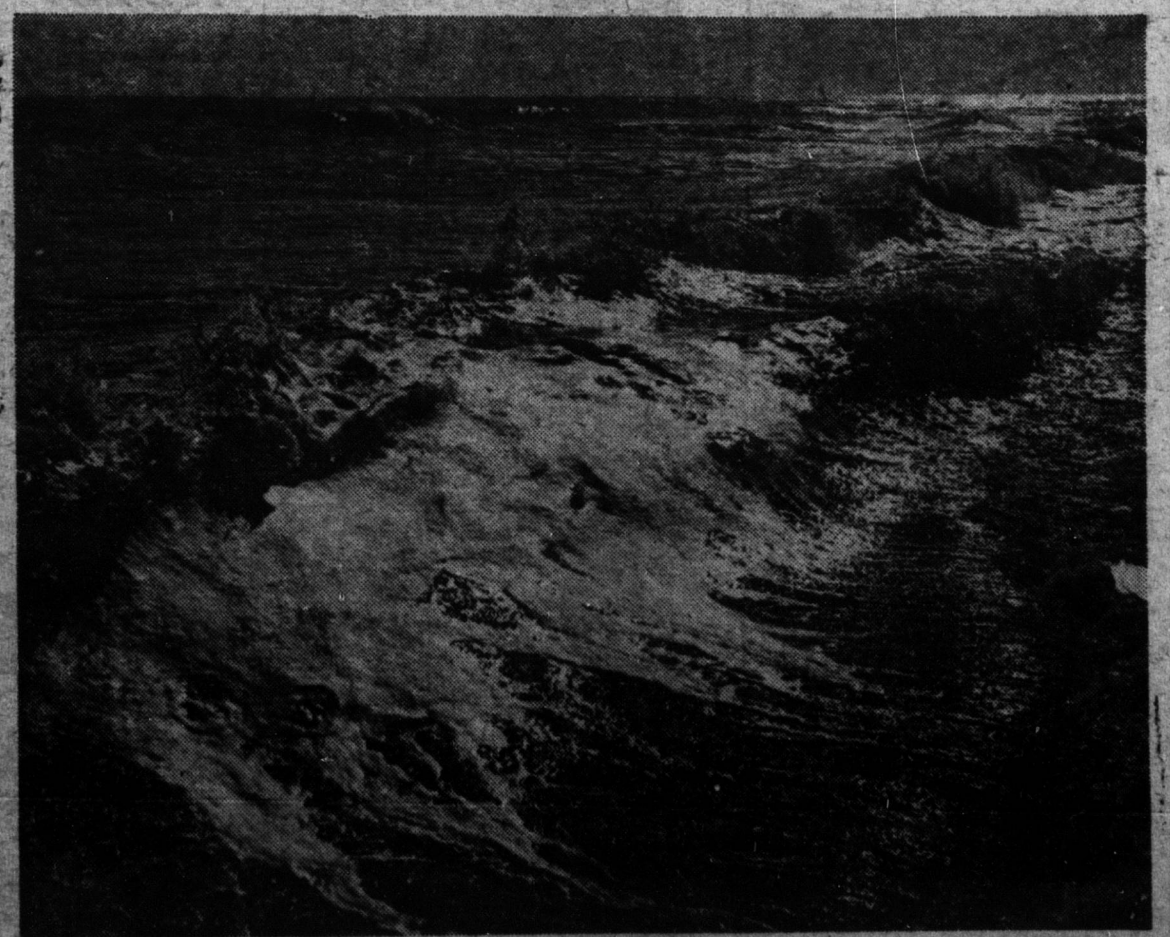
Ivey P. Batten of Hatteras filed for county commissioner and stated that his platform included a closer inspection of spending by county government. The Hatteras insurance man will oppose George Fuller, incumbent from Buxton.

Calvin E. Payne of Stumpy Point joined the throng of Dare residents seeking a position on the Dare County Board of Commissioners when he filed his fee early this week with C. S. Meekins, Clerk of Court. Payne will presumably oppose Horace B. Hooper, incumbent from Croatan Township, but Hooper has yet to file.

Bill Dillon, a present member of the Dare County Board of Education, has indicated that he intends to seek another term.

Sheriff Frank Cahoon will seek another term. Mr. Cahoon has held his present position for the past 15 years.

SETTLING BACK TO REST AFTER VICIOUS RAMPAGE



THE MIGHTY ATLANTIC OCEAN, accompanied by fierce winds this week wrought havoc to many places along the eastern seaboard, Dare County being a major target of the winter storm. High seas given force by northeasterly gales dumped water across the beach with no respect for property owners. Thursday brought sunny skies, moderating seas, and the end of a nightmare, but beginning of a mammoth clean-up and reconstruction job for many investors, to prepare once again for vacationers who come principally because of the cool, refreshing, lullabying Atlantic.