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LOANS BEING MADE BY AGENCIES HERE FOR STORM RELIEF

Small Business Administration Offices Will Open For Businessmen Monday

Individuals and businesses are expected to struggle back to their feet again in time for the summer tourist season on the Outer Banks with assistance from the various loan agencies and relief organizations which are sending representatives into this disaster stricken area.

Clarence Moore, area administrator for the Small Business Administration has declared the North Carolina coast as an official disaster area and has wired Governor Terry Sanford that an S.B.A. disaster office will be opened in the Manteo Courthouse on Monday and agents are expected to remain through Tuesday.

Any individual, church corporation, non-profit organization or partnership that has suffered a property loss in the area, as a result of the storm, is generally eligible to file an application for the loans which will be provided by the agency at 3% interest per year. The maturity of the loan is geared to the applicant's ability to repay but in no case can it exceed 20 years, according to John E. Horne, Administrator for S.B.A.

Under the S.B.A. program, loans may be made for the restoration of homes and furnishings by the owner as such, or homes at resorts or other places rented to tenants. Loans may not be made to restore summer cottages where the owners occupy them for only a portion of the year.

Horne has stated that approved loans for less than \$1,000 will be secured by personal notes. Those in excess of \$1,000 will require collateral. Where mortgages already exist, second and third mortgages can be accepted as collateral in many instances.

In an effort to expedite the rebuilding program, in time for the tourist season, agents from the S.B.A. will set up shop here to eliminate the time-consuming evaluation process for loans which ordinarily requires six months. Processing will require two weeks for completion, according to Horne, and individuals who desire loans are requested to contact the S.B.A. representatives, as quickly as possible, since there is a limitation on the time in which applications can be made.

William M. Speaks, investigator for the Veterans Administration has already been in the area to check on homes covered by the G. I. Bill and Title 38 of the U. S. Code. G. I. home owners may defer payments on their homes, obtain financial aid for repairs and receive architectural advice through that agency.

Speaks has stated that anyone desiring further assistance from the Veterans Administration should write to the Loan Guaranty Division, V. A. Regional Office, in Winston-Salem.

Farmers and stockmen should contact George Sturgeon, Co. Supt. with the Farmers Home Administration for a housing loan, which is available at 4% interest. The loans are for permanent residents and do not include rental or business property. Mr. Sturgeon is being assisted by D. G. Modlin, area supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration. Agents from this bureau may be contacted on Mondays and Tuesdays between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the license examiners room at the courthouse in Manteo.

NAT. SEASHORE PARK DAMAGES OVER A MILLION

Restoration of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore is expected to cost \$1,250,000 according to a "very rough, horseback-type" estimate made by a Park Service air-observation crew on Tuesday.

The nation's only oceanside recreation area, which consists of Cape Hatteras, Ocracoke and Bodie islands, was ravaged by the Ash Wednesday Gale which struck without warning last week.

A Park Service spokesman has indicated that available funds will be used to install pure water outlets and restore sanitary facilities for daytime visitors and fishermen.

Nearly 95% of the barrier dunes at Cape Hatteras have been washed away, according to Park Service personnel. "These dunes protected the islands and the highway," a spokesman stated. "The Park Service and others have worked on it for decades."

The highways in the seashore park were ravaged by the water and current efforts there amount to a gigantic undertaking, for tons of sand must be removed before normal operations can begin.

SILT-STREWN STREET SOLIDLY SOAKED SINCE STORM — HIGHWAY DEPT. REMOVES SAND



BUSINESS HIGHWAY 158 was handling little traffic on Friday morning of last week when highway crews worked overtime to remove sand and debris from the water-soaked link from Kitty Hawk to Nags Head. The photo was taken one-half mile north of the Dolphin Motor Court. Owens Restaurant is shown on the right with the Sea Otel and Dareolina Restaurant in the background.

HELICOPTER RESCUES HATTERAS NATIVES



A MARINE CORPS HELICOPTER from Cherry Point is shown here at Manteo Airport discharging evacuees from Hatteras during the peak of rescue operations on Thursday morning. All stranded Outer Bankers had been accounted for by Thursday afternoon.

THREE-WAY RACE FOR HOUSE SEAT IN DARE COUNTY

The Dare County political pot is beginning to warm, with the announcement of a third man entering the race for Representative in the N. C. General Assembly. Wallace R. Gray, Manteo attorney and Buxton native, made public his intention to file for this seat.

M. K. Fearing, Jr., the incumbent, and M. L. Daniels, Jr., of Manteo have both announced candidacy for the post.

Mr. Gray said in announcing: "My outlook for the future of Dare County is extremely optimistic despite the fact that we are now in the throes of a terrible natural disaster. However, we are experiencing a great cooperative effort for reconstruction from which I am confident we shall emerge more united and a stronger county than ever before. But to do so must necessarily require the very best which lay in each of us."

"Thus, I shall become a candidate for Dare County's most important representative office..."

HARBOR ENLARGEMENT LIKELY, CHAIRMAN DECLARES

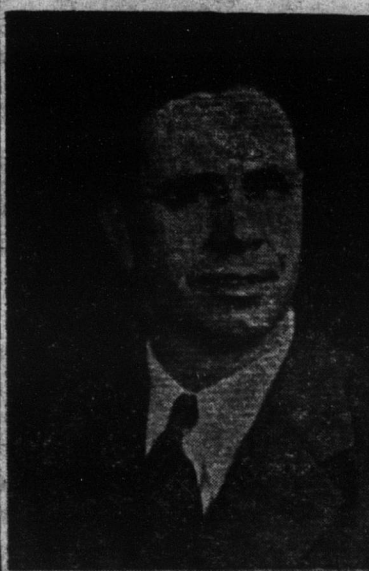
Melvin Daniels, Chairman of the Harbor Development Committee of the Wanchese Ruritan Club has announced that word has been received from Raymond Leonard, harbor investigator at Wilmington, which causes him to believe that "the enlargement is going to be made somewhere besides on paper."

Daniels received a letter this week from the investigator asking for details of dock construction at Wanchese, which was completed this month, in order that the Corps of Engineers may use the data in adding "finishing touches" to the project which is planned there.

A 200 foot enlargement is being planned for Wanchese which will be located on the north end of the present dredged harbor. The enlargement is being instituted through efforts of the Dare County Board of Commissioners and the Wanchese Ruritan Club.

The Ruritan chairman says he is "encouraged" by the letter and feels that the project may become a reality within the near future. "Funds are obtainable from a permanent monetary source available to the Rivers and Harbors Commission and do not require legislative action for their allotment," Daniels stated.

FARMERS HOME LOANS ON COAST ARE AVAILABLE



GEORGE W. STURGEON, who is supervisor for the Farm Loan Home Administration in Dare Hyde and Tyrrell counties with headquarters in Swan Quarter stated this week while in Manteo, he would in future be in Manteo on Mondays and Tuesdays to receive applications for Farm Home Loans to aid persons in the storm-struck area to rebuild their homes. Loans are made for as long as 33 years, and at 4 per cent interest, and up to full value of the building erected may sometimes be borrowed, provided the borrower owns the lot. He will be at the Farm Agent's See STURGEON, Page Seven

ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 31 OF DISTRICT POSTMASTERS

The annual District Meeting of the N. C. Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters will be held in Elizabeth City, March 31 in the Virginia Dare Hotel at a luncheon at 1 p.m., according to Roland L. Garrett, Elizabeth City postmaster, who is district director. Congressman Herbert C. Bonner will be the principal speaker, and other distinguished guests and Chapter officers will attend. Postmasters may take their wives or husbands, but Mr. Garrett wishes to know the number who plan to attend.

TEMPORARY NAGS HEAD INLET NOW CLOSED AGAIN



THE "INLET" at Nags Head, credited with saving many from worse flooding, also played havoc with some houses and other property in the area of "Old Nags Head." It is reported that when the road (By-Pass 158) broke, the water level dropped as much as a foot as far north as Kill Devil Hills. This photo, made Friday afternoon, shows a make-shift walkway being used by displaced persons returning to their homes. The break has been filled by highway crews, and is now passable to motor traffic.

"WORST IN HISTORY" MERRILL EVANS SAYS OF ROAD DAMAGE

"In the history of the Highway Commission of North Carolina, nothing like this has ever happened on the coast," Merrill Evans said Wednesday. The N. C. Highway Commissioner stated that over 100 pieces of large equipment and several hundred men have been imported to the banks in an effort to start the monstrous reconstruction program which is beginning.

Highway crews are already adding the finishing touches to the 500 foot breakthrough north of jigsaw road and transportation along 158 By-Pass continues to be on a one way basis. "It is impossible to determine how much damage has been endured on the business highway until equipment can haul away the tons of sand," Evans declared.

The commissioner stated that heavy equipment has already landed at Hatteras to begin shoveling out sand deposits and more is expected. "We have a survey crew from the U. S. Corps of Engineers which is working with our reconnaissance team in estimating damage at Hatteras," he stated. "We do not know at this moment whether a bridge will be necessary for the new inlet north of Buxton or not."

The highway head was asked whether or not elevation or location changes are being considered for the banks because of the storm. He said that "none are contemplated to my knowledge." Criticism has been made by some residents of the present highway locations and elevations, which are said to have retarded the flow of water across the beaches and contained houses in a pool of sea water. Jethro Midgett, one of the more outspoken old-timers from Nags Head has said "I told them exactly what was going to happen..." "When the road was put here, I asked them, the end-See ROADS, Page Seven

REV. MIDGETT TO HOLD REVIVAL AT WANCHESE

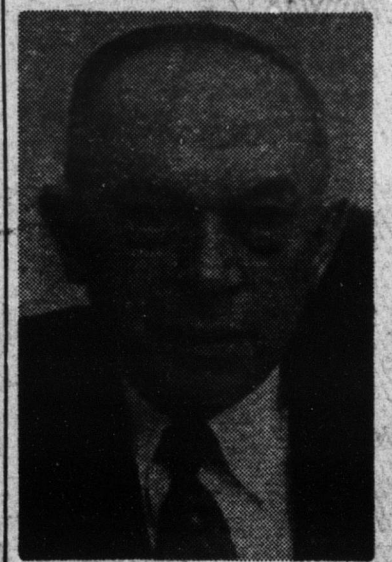


REVIVAL services begin at Bethany Methodist Church in Wanchese on Sunday night and will continue through Friday, March 23. Each service starts at 7:30. The visiting preacher, the Reverend P. D. Midgett, III, a childhood resident of Wanchese, is now minister of Aldersgate Methodist Church in Chapel Hill. The church choir will render special music at each service and a special feature of the services will be a nightly sermonette for the children. A prayer vigil will be held at the church Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m. The public is invited.

REHABILITATION OUTLINED AT CIVIL DEFENSE MEETING AS BEACH RESTRICTION HOLDS

Area Leaders Confer Wednesday To Outline Plans; Highway Patrol Will Continue Beach Surveillance of County To Allow Highway Reconstruction And Protect Beach Property During Final Stages of Rehabilitation Along the Coast.

BONNER GETS THINGS ROLLING AFTER SURVEY



"I love the people here on the Outer Banks and am here to find out what your needs are, so that I may be of help," Congressman Herbert Bonner declared here Sunday.

Bonner, who arrived by plane early Sunday morning at Manteo Airport, spent several hours conferring with Civil Defense heads and then took an airplane reconnaissance of the area before returning to Washington to "get things rolling."

On Monday morning the representative conferred with Mr. John Horne, Director of the Small Business Administration, in regard to having a temporary office opened in Manteo to receive applications for loans. Through the congressman's efforts, an office of the S.B.A. will open here next week.

The Congressman has also received assurances from the Navy Department that helicopters would remain here as long as Civil Defense considers them necessary. Representative Bonner has also been in touch with the Director of Fish and Wildlife, who has agreed to send a representative to Manteo and Stumpy Point to explain their program on loans on boats, boat equipment and fishing gear.

The busy North Carolinian has made arrangements to dispatch engineers from the Office of the District Engineer at Wilmington to appraise the damage to the channel across Oregon Inlet and the channel to Wanchese and Manteo. "I have urged that emergency dredging be done so as to clear the channel," Bonner has stated.

In a letter the Congressman stated: "This morning I talked to the Governor, who informed me that personnel of the National Guard would be rotated as long as is necessary. I also talked with Mr. Evans and the Governor with respect to reconstruction and rehabilitation of the roads. It is my understanding, continues to be a transportation hazard."

NAGS HEAD SPORTSWEAR BURNS TO WATER-LINE

Bikinis and beach robes burst into flames at Nags Head during the height of the storm last Wednesday when the Nags Head Sportswear Shop, owned by Mrs. Florence Bowen, burned to the water-line. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Mrs. Bowen who was visiting the Julian Oneto home, near the shop, when the fire occurred, has reported that she first noticed the flames at about 8:30 a.m. and looked out the window there to see "everything I owned on fire." The 40'x30' shop was loaded with a fresh stock of apparel for summer vacationists who will never wear the water-soaked ashes which are all that remain of a once-prosperous business. Damage estimates are not yet available.

Mrs. Bowen stated that water around the building, when it burned, was at shoulder height. Observers have reported that fire-fighting attempts would have been futile and dangerous. The building, which was laced by high winds, is said to have been almost totally destroyed within an hour after flames were first spotted. Mrs. Bowen lost all her personal belongings in the inferno and is now residing at the Carolinian.

Orderly rehabilitation is well underway in Dare County, according to state Civil Defense officials and the Dare County Board of Commissioners, who met in Manteo Wednesday evening to coordinate efforts as the coastland slipped into its final phase of disaster operations after the most damaging storm in history.

The reduction of security, sanitation, potable water problems and water drainage-occupied the attention of the group which met between the hours of 8-11 on Wednesday in the courthouse to sever the Gordian Knot of red tape which accompanies disaster operations over an extensive area.

Major J. L. Murphy, Mayor of Kill Devil Hills; Julian Oneto, Nags Head mayor; P. J. M. Bayne, C. D. sector chief for Nags Head; D. W. Patrick, ferry operations manager; George Fuller, Jr., commissioner and Hatteras Island director of C. D.; David Stick, chairman of the commissioners and Kitty Hawk area-C. D. head; Lawrence Swain, commissioner and Nags Head C.D. director; Cpl. Arthur Fields, New Bern Highway Patrol, Lt. Earnest Guthrie, disaster patrol director; Sgt. Logan Lane, E. City Highway Patrol, and Sheriff Frank Cahoon, Area Civil Defense Director, were present for the discussion.

D. W. Patrick kicked off the meeting with an announcement that emergency ferry service will be initiated between North Oregon Inlet and Rodanthe on Friday, March 16. The first ferry south since the storm will leave Rodanthe at 7 a.m. and depart from North Oregon Inlet at 2 p.m. "Emergency needs will be handled first," Patrick stated. "After food-stuffs, fuel and medical supplies have been accommodated, passengers will be served on a first-come, first-served basis," the ferry manager said. Other emergency ferries are now plying the waters between Avon and Engelhard, Hatteras and Ocracoke and the route from Hatteras to Engelhard.

George Fuller, Jr., C.D. director for Hatteras Island then arose to vigorously protest the removal of communications facilities in his area. Fuller stated that a Captain Zimm of the U. S. Navy had contacted him and announced that plans were being formulated for the removal of radio hook-ups and other aid on the water-torn island. Fuller asked the group to take every step necessary to protect natives on Hatteras. "We still need radio badly," Fuller asserted.

While Hatteras Island received a minimum of physical damage during the storm, as contrasted with the devastated area at Kitty Hawk, water still floods the roads there and transportation is impossible at many points because of sand which is four feet deep on the highway. The new inlet, a 500-foot-wide breach just north of Buxton, continues to be a transportation hazard.

The Civil Defense group agreed to a man that security reduction on the beach should be released gradually. Transportation to and from the beach areas will continue to be regulated. Patrol check points will be established at each bridge from Friday until Monday morning, according to the board. Officials are in agreement that looting problems officially ended here on Wednesday. Present access to the beach will be regulated by some 63 members of the N. C. Highway Patrol who are in the county to ensure that incoming traffic in damaged areas does not interfere with highway reconstruction. Through traffic on the beach from Nags Head to Kitty Hawk is still for emergencies only.

Lt. Earnest Guthrie informed the board that out-of-town cottages owners whose property required repairs to prevent theft, had been notified. More than 43 owners had been contacted by the patrol at the request of the C.D. board. Many of the owners are expected in the county this week end, Guthrie stated.

Major Murphy emphasized the need for keeping movement to and from the beaches restricted to a day-time operation. The board said that every effort will be made See STORM, Page Seven