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## BRIDGE AT BUXTON TO SPAN NEW INLET WILL TAKE 3 WEEKS

A temporary bridge, to span the 600-foot inlet created by the recent storm, is expected to be completed near Buxton within three weeks. State Highway Commissioner Merrill Evans has stated that the Department of Defense is expected to supply materials for the structure.

Chief Engineer Cameron Lee stated that "We're hoping to start work from the south end within the next week and hope to complete in about three weeks. Lee stated that other road damage on the island should be repaired by the time the bridge is opened to traffic. Engineers are watching the inlet closely to see if it closes of its own accord. If it does not, the department will make a decision later on whether to construct a permanent bridge or use a dredge to close the gap.

The announcement concerning the bridge followed a release late last week by the highway commission of proposed state-wide highway projects for the next three to six years.

Engineering studies and surveys of new projects included a primary road project for a 25 mile highway on the Outer Banks from Duck to Knotts Island. Commissioner Merrill Evans has stated that "while final approval was not given to the new highway from Duck to Knotts Island, the studies approved are expected to be a major step in getting the roads constructed." In a telephone conversation on Thursday, he was unable to say whether the proposed Knotts Island road would by-pass Corolla or not.

The Atlantic Research Corporation which hopes to build a multi-million dollar rocket fuel research laboratory at Corolla has stated that they do not favor the location of a highway near their plant, and has made such an assurance a prerequisite for their location there.

An example of one major approved widening project announced last week is the improvement of and on to the junction with US 64 for 27 miles from Columbia to the new Alligator River Bridge and on to the junction with US 264 near Manns Harbor. The list also included a widening and improvement of 11 miles of US 168 near Grandy and the construction of a new bridge on US 264 in Engelhard.

## REVISED FERRY SERVICE FOR POST STORM PERIOD ANNOUNCED BY PATRICK

The daily emergency ferry service which has been in effect since the storm will continue until highways on Hatteras Island can be repaired, according to D. W. Patrick, ferry operations manager.

The revised schedule which becomes effective this Friday, March 23 is as follows:

Hatteras-Engelhard (via Avon): Leaves Hatteras 5 a.m., leaves Avon at 8 a.m., leaves Engelhard at 1 p.m.

Hatteras and Engelhard (direct): Leaves Hatteras at 8 a.m., leaves Engelhard at 2 p.m.

Hatteras and Ocracoke: Leaves Hatteras at 5:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Leaves Ocracoke at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

North Oregon Inlet and Rodanthe: Leaves Rodanthe at 7 a.m., leaves North Oregon Inlet at 2 p.m.

## EASTER SEAL SALE FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN NOW

Mrs. Hughes Tillett, Jr., of Wanchese, Again Heads Campaign; Send Contributions in Her Care

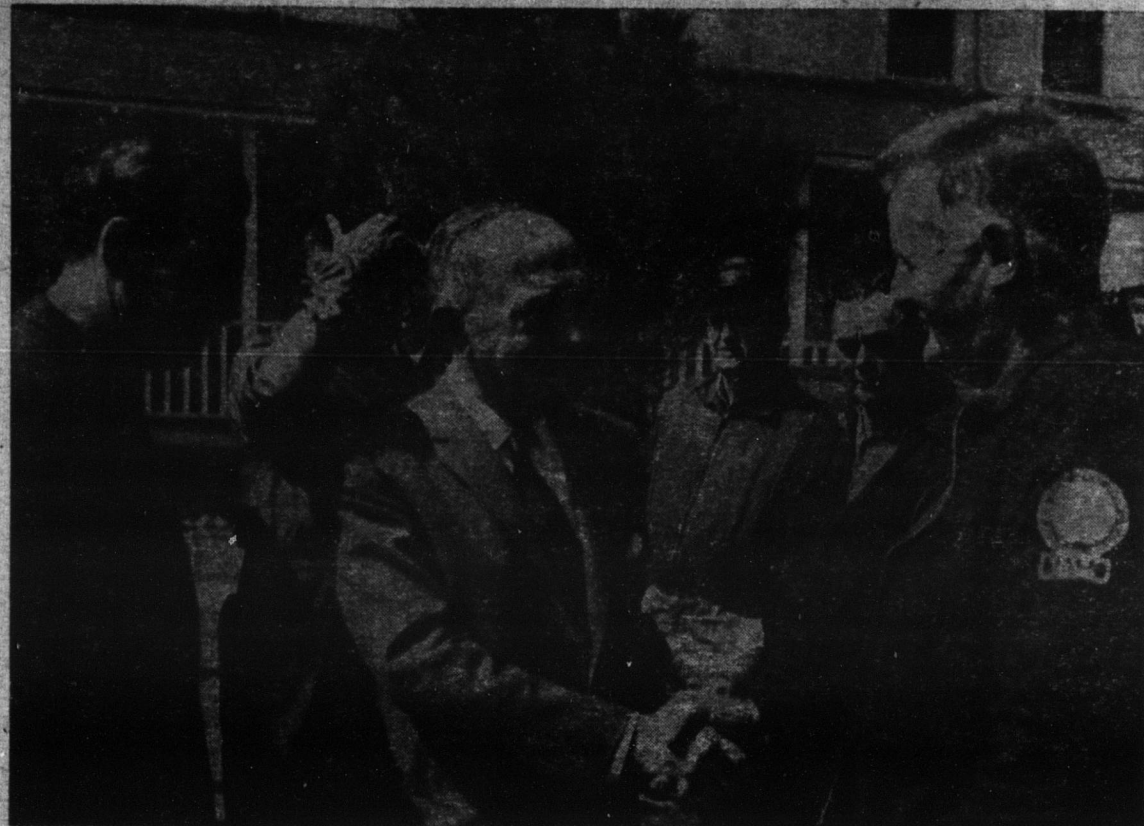
Mrs. Hughes Tillett, Jr., of Wanchese, has accepted again the chairmanship of the Dare County Society for Crippled Children and Adults; with Mrs. Harry Baum, of Wanchese, as Secretary-Treasurer.

The campaign opened officially on March 15, to run through Easter Sunday, with the slogan "Fight with them, against crippling!"

The Easter Seal appeal letters were sent out this week and certain other special events will be held during the month to raise money for the crippled in Dare County.

Last year a four year old boy in the county was helped by the funds with a new wheel chair and medication. The county officers are hoping that the society will be able to help someone again this year. Contributions may be made to the Chairman, Mrs. Hughes Tillett, Jr., Wanchese, N. C.

## CONGRESSMAN BONNER VISITS HATTERAS CITIZENS TUESDAY



ON TUESDAY morning, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner made a trip to Hatteras Island via C.G. helicopter, making stops at Hatteras, Buxton, Avon and Waves, conferring with residents and businessmen relative to damages suffered by the recent storm. Mr. Bonner found great concern over the isolation caused by road wash-outs and the new inlet, but heard many other problems concerning channels, temporary ferry service, and medical aid. He urged business people who suffered losses as a result of the storm to make application at early date for S.B.A. long-term loans.

This was Mr. Bonner's second trip to the coast since the damage occurred, having been in the area Sunday of the preceding week. On Monday evening before the Hatteras visit he offered insight into local problems at a meeting held at Nags Head.

In the foreground, left to right, are George Fuller, Hatteras township commissioner; Mr. Bonner; and Frazier L. Peele, ferry captain at Hatteras.

## BUSY BEACHES BOUNCE BACK TO MEET APRIL 1 DEADLINE

Digging out of tons of storm-driven sand, North Carolina's Outer Banks beach resorts are making rapid progress toward their traditional April opening.

Hotels and restaurants along the ocean front, many of which sustained sand and water damage to lower floors, are rushing repairs. The Carolinian at Nags Head, largest Outer Banks hotel, has announced that it will open April 1 as scheduled.

The Vivanna and the Cavalier, two prominent motels, are already open.

Other lodging spots such as The Croatan, The Ocean House, the Beacon are expected to meet the April 1 deadline, with any kind of luck. The Sea Otel and Dareolina Restaurant will open next Wednesday.

In fact, practically all the facilities which were not completely destroyed are expected to be open for business by the beginning of the tourist season. Jennette's Pier, a 1,000 foot structure, is expected to be completely rebuilt by early See BUSINESS, Page Six

## TO ADVERTISERS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE COASTLAND TIMES

Despite the recent adversity which befell this Coastland, we nevertheless anticipate that it will still enjoy its greatest tourist season, and all its facilities will be taxed to capacity. We believe our people will rise with resourcefulness and dedication to serve this business. We are grateful that within our borders are attractions that will bring us the business to revive our faith and to restore our courage and bring us rich rewards.

The Coastland Times is planning to do its part. It began with no resources except a determined spirit of dedication to serve the interests of all the people first, and is now in its 27th year of publication. It has the most completely equipped printing plant of any town its size in this state, and is prepared to serve all your printing needs. This newspaper is read from cover to cover each week by all the best people of the area, and some of the others, and many old residents who are far from home.

Shortly before the dedication of the LINDSAY C. WARREN BRIDGE over Alligator River, which is scheduled to be held in Columbia on May 19, we purpose to issue an elaborate edition of THE COASTLAND TIMES, which will give our visitors a complete conception of the magnitude of this area. We want it to present a picture of all that is finest and best in the Coastland, and to review the wonderful progress that has been made through the help of numerous friends throughout the state and nation during the years.

In preparation for our future needs, The Times Printing plant, which now occupies some 5,600 square feet of floor space, is adding an increase of approximately 7,600 more feet, or in other words will have a total of more than 13,000 square feet of floor space to be used as needed, to take care of any future growth. Work is well underway of the new addition to the building, which has been enlarged once before since we moved into the present quarters more than ten years ago.

We are also planning to install during this year a large and fast web-perfecting press, a roll-fed Goss, which operated by one-man, can turn out some 3,000 complete papers per hour. The completion of our expansion program has been delayed by rainy weather as well as by the hurricane of March 7th.

It is our desire to give you a finer and larger paper in every way. We are thankful for your encouragement during the years.

Those who desire advertising space in our souvenir edition celebrating the bridge dedication to be held May 10, should communicate with us not later than April 5. Much time and work goes into a publication of this kind and the work must be done well ahead of the actual date of publication.

## STILL PICTURE OF A SWINGING MISS



RACHEL MORGAN, a good-looking senior at Manteo High School, managed to stand still just long enough to have her picture taken by Aycock Brown last week. The talented charmer is usually too occupied with "the twist" for any still pictures and served notice of her hip-swinging ability last month when she won 1st prize at the WAVY-TV "Teen Twist Party" in Norfolk.

Miss Morgan became one of the See MISS, Page Seven

## NEW S.B.A. SYSTEM FIVE DAYS A WEEK, REP. BONNER STATES

A complete team of loan agents, clerks, and advisory personnel will be in the Dare County Courthouse on Friday morning, March 23 to process loans for the Small Business Administration, according to Congressman Herbert C. Bonner.

Bonner stated on Thursday that the personnel will be in the county on a five days per week basis and that S.B.A. officials have indicated that an evaluation board composed of local citizens "who are familiar with the problems in Dare County" will also be instituted.

The Congressman stated that the system which had been established here earlier on Monday and Tuesday was "simply not adequate in this emergency situation." Personnel from the S.B.A. had been in the county on Monday and Tuesday of this week to distribute forms to interested applicants. The Congressman's announcement follows their departure.

The representative indicated that the new processing unit will be under the direction of C. Raymond Shaw, manager of the Virginia Emergency Office of the S.B.A. at Virginia Beach.

## NOT SANTA CLAUS BUT N. C. LIONS SAYS M. JACKSON

Two or three tons of clothes, toys, refrigerators, sofas and tables and no Santa Claus in sight. Who's responsible? Lions Clubs throughout eastern North Carolina.

At least that's what Melvin Jackson says, and he should know. Melvin has been named by the Manteo Lions Club to distribute the two van loads of clothing and necessities to storm-struck natives in the area. "I never saw so much stuff," Jackson declares.

The gifts were delivered through the donations of Lions Clubs in Ahsokie, Milwaukee, Scotland Neck, Rocky Mount, Nashville, Spring Hope, Tarboro, Belhaven and Washington. Ralph Umphlett, president of the local club has stated that the shipments were received on Saturday and Sunday of last week. Hugh Jones, district governor for the Lions, was behind the helm on Saturday when a tractor-trailer lumbered into town loaded with gifts to distressed and needy families in the Dare area.

On Sunday, another van load arrived from little Washington and "we've been busy ever since," Umphlett declares. St. Clair Basnight and Bob Adams have consented to aid with the distribution of the supplies, according to Umphlett.

Members of the local club have been on the go in an attempt to get the clothing sorted by size, type and quality. They are being helped by their wives. Lionesses are reported to be doing most of the work. The disaster supplies are being stored in the Dare County Boat Club Building and will be distributed on a need basis to storm victims and other deserving applicants.

Melvin Jackson has asked that all persons who are in need of the supplies either contact him or notify See LIONS, Page Seven

## BONNER JOINS LOCAL BOARD IN RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT FOR DARE'S COASTAL AREA

Congressman Advocates More Personnel and Faster Processing for S.B.A. Loans in Conference with Local Leaders on Rehabilitation. Federal Dune Restoration Project Will Assist Individuals and Firms in "Dig Out" Operation From Sand; Bonner Visits Hatteras Island Tuesday.

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT TO LOSE COLONEL DAVIDSON



COLONEL R. P. DAVIDSON, Wilmington District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, in Wilmington since August 1959, said this week that he would be reassigned some time this summer to Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville, Alabama. His successor will be Colonel Joseph S. Grygiel who is at present assigned to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, A.F. North, Norway. Col. Davidson's removal will be deeply felt in the Coastland area where he had many warm friends.

Colonel Davidson has a record of distinguished service beginning with the second World War. Prior See DAVIDSON, Page Seven

## OFFICE SEEKERS APPEAL FOR VOTES FROM DARE FOLKS

The list of candidates for public office from Dare County swelled to 19 this week as two incumbents and one relative newcomer to the political scene served formal notice of their intention to run.

Melvin Daniels, who has served as Dare Registrar of Deeds for the past 37 years, joined C. S. Meekins, who has 35 years experience as Clerk of Superior Court, as the pair indicated their desire to seek re-election. Neither has opposition thus far.

Rany B. Jennette, a Republican and present member of the Dare County Welfare Board, has indicated that he intends to seek the seat on the Board of Commissioners now held by George R. Fuller, Jr. Fuller, the incumbent, has already filed with the elections board in an effort to retain his present position. Fuller will be opposed by Ivey P. Batten in the May Democratic Primary.

## LIONS OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA ASSIST UNFORTUNATE



TYPICAL of the attitude shown by the Lions Clubs is a tremendous shipment of furniture, clothing, foodstuffs, etc., gathered by several eastern N. C. Lions clubs and sent during last week end to the Manteo Lions Club for distribution among unfortunate families who lost belongings in the recent storm which swept the beaches. Elsewhere in this paper will be found further details.

Dare County took a giant step forward on the sandy road to reconstruction Monday evening when Congressman Herbert Bonner, the Dare County commissioner, officials from the State Board of Health, municipal leaders and Civil Defense representatives met to unravel the twisted problems which lay in the wake of the Ash Wednesday Gale.

Sanitation, loans, sand removal and dune restoration were but a few of the problems tackled by the disaster committee which conferred between the hours of 8-10:30 p.m. on Monday in the lobby of the Carolinian before a crowd of interested businessmen and property owners.

Members of the committee included Rep. Bonner, David Stiek, moderator and chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners; Lawrence Swain, commissioner from Nags Head; H. B. Hooper, commissioner from Stumpy Point; Frank Cahoon, sheriff; Major J. L. Murphy, mayor of Kill Devil Hills; R. E. Parker and C. A. York, town commissioners from Kill Devil Hills; Julian Oneto, mayor of Nags Head; W. L. Edwards, Nags Head town commissioner; W. N. Spruill, division engineer of the N. C. State Highway Commission; J. L. Norris, hydrographic engineer for the Highway Commission; R. B. Van Dame, coordinator for the O.E.P.; Robert Folger, administrative officer for N. C. Civil Defense; Arch T. Green, state engineer for Civil Defense; Walter Lackey, sanitation director for the N. C. Board of Health and Sidney Ustry, engineer for the N. C. Board of Health.

Committee members were told that property owners can be compensated for the removal of sand from their land under a federal dune restoration program; that the present water supply system on Dare's beaches will last only 5 years longer, with a serious potable water problem contemplated for the summer; and that municipal sewer and water systems are vitally needed here on the coast.

A sigh of relief was one of the first audible responses of the rehabilitation group when R. B. Van Dame, federal supervisor stated that: "Under Public Law 875, we will be able to assist individual property owners and businesses in sand removal by initiating dune reconstruction here as an emergency measure."

"Our payment will be in the form of sand which we will remove from homes and businesses and use to restore the protective barrier of dunes on the coast," he said. "We are here to assist in other projects which the U. S. government will finance as an emergency measure through municipal government in this disaster area." Van Dame stated. Van Dame stated that street repair, emergency sanitation measures and the restoration of public facilities destroyed by the storm would all be covered by funds from the federal government.

Van Dame stated that present plans call for the construction of a dune system which would have a minimum elevation of 8 feet above low water with a gradual slope of 21 feet.

Congressman Bonner, who questioned the federal representative of the O.E.P. at length about the dune project, stated that: "We are getting something back which was started in the early W.P.A. days; I am delighted that this project, which has long been neglected, has been restored."

When asked for his advice concerning further action which might be taken by the local leaders the Representative Bonner replied: "I am here to listen; I want to see what is going on, and do what I can where I came from."

David Stiek, moderator for the session, asked the Congressman to probe the government about the possibility of locating scrapped vessels off the North Carolina coast in an effort to build up a protective barrier of sand offshore. "We have found that sand tends to build around these vessels when they are buried at sea," he stated. Walter Lackey, N. C. Sanitation See MEETING, age Six