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BUXTON'S BRIDGE WILL BE OPENED FOR TRAFFIC FRI.

Island To Regain Tourist Patronage Hampered Since Storm

The temporary bridge north of Buxton is expected to open for one-way traffic on Friday, despite the setback created last week end when a strong south-westerly wind ripped away 75 feet of the structure which spans the new inlet there.

Highway Commissioner Merrill Evans has stated that "with good weather, the bridge if completed as expected, will connect storm-severed Hatteras Island with the mainland for the first time since the Ash Wednesday Storm.

Outer Bankers living south of the newly-formed inlet were given additional temporary relief this week when a ferry service was initiated between the villages of Buxton and Avon. The service provided for ferry departures at two hour intervals from each shore, beginning at 6 a.m. and terminating at 5 p.m. The new service supplemented the tedious and time-consuming Avon-Hatteras run which had been in effect since the storm.

The new Buxton-Avon service was scheduled to terminate this week end, in the event that the temporary bridge at Buxton is completed by then. The new run was installed after a test trip proved that the channels on the run were navigable.

The new service marked the first time that state ferries had plied waters between the two towns for motor traffic.

George Fuller, county commissioner from Buxton stated that he was "extremely pleased with the temporary Buxton - Avon service." "We know now that this trip can be used, if another storm occurs, to bring in vital supplies," he stated. "From a civil defense standpoint, the news is a God-send," he added.

The commissioner stated that the Buxton-Avon schedule was "just another example of the excellent cooperation which the highway and ferry personnel have given us during and after the Ash Wednesday Gale."

WECHTER AWARD GIVEN V. SMITH AT LIBRARY NIGHT

Miss Velez Smith, an eighth grade student at Manteo Elementary School, was awarded the Nell Wise Wechter trophy for creative art at an "open house" held by the Dare County Library last Friday evening, as over 50 friends of the library gathered at a ceremony in recognition of National Library Week.

Miss Smith won the coveted award for her clay model of "Cleopatra" which captured the temptress of the Nile with "artistic skill and imagination. Miss Smith's entry was sculptured after reading the book Cleopatra of Egypt by Leonora Hornblow.

Mrs. L. L. Gibbs, librarian, who presented the trophy to Miss Smith, stated that "We have placed your name upon this trophy in the hope that it will mark your entry in the artistic world, where we are confident you will excel." "We hope that you will continue your progress through reading, and that someday you will remember this as your first award," she added.

The Nell Wise Wechter award is given each year to an elementary school student who submits an artistic work, of his or her creation, which has been influenced by a book. Miss Wechter established the award after elementary students throughout the county had designated her book, Betsy Dowdy's Ride as their favorite children's work. The trophy has been installed in the library. See AWARD, Page Four

CHOSEN TO ATTEND GIRLS STATE IN JUNE



MISS SANDRA TINKER, left and MISS BETTY LOU WATERS, right, have been chosen by the Behaven American Legion Auxiliary to represent them at Girls State at WCUNC, Greensboro, June 17-23.

Miss Tinker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tinker of Belhaven, and attends John A. Wilkinson High School, Belhaven.

Miss Waters is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving E. Waters of Pinetown, Rt. 1, and attends Pantego High School, Pantego. Both girls are outstanding students in their schools.



PETITION BY 300 SAYS DON'T FILL NEW BUXTON INLET

Outer Bankers Are Split on Plans for Future of Breach; Politicians Neutral

The future of the Ash Wednesday Inlet which was created during the recent storm two miles north of Buxton remains in doubt. The issue, which appeared to be settled earlier in the week when the Army Corps of Engineers announced that preliminary work towards closing the inlet would begin on May 1, became muddled on Thursday, when a storm of controversy erupted which equaled the gale of March 7 in fury.

O. G. Gray of Avon stated on Thursday that a petition bearing the names of 300 residents from Buxton, Avon, Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo will be sent to Governor Sanford, Congressman Herbert Bonner and Senator Sam Ervin urging that the storm-created inlet be left open and expressing their desire to have an adequate bridge installed over the inlet at a location possibly west of the new temporary bridge which is expected to be open for traffic on Friday.

The petition came just after L. C. McDuffie, chief engineer for the Wilmington District, had indicated that the breach would be filled by sometime in October. The project was initiated by Rep. Herbert Bonner at the insistence of state representative Keith Fearing, Jr., who had been asked by over 200 Outer Bankers living south of the inlet, primarily from Ocracoke and Hatteras, to fill the inlet which has severed the island of Hatteras since the storm. Rep. Fearing has stated that his part towards filling the beach at Buxton was "done at the request of those present at the meeting on April 3, when I was asked by citizens to contact Mr. Bonner about the matter, as their representative."

The April 3 meeting was attended by J. J. Powell, bridge maintenance engineer; D. W. Patriek, ferry operations manager; W. C. Goodrich, bridge maintenance superintendent; William Sprull, division engineer; Gilliam Wood, highway commissioner and Lawrence Swain, George Fuller, Jr. and Fearing. A petition was signed then by approximately 200 residents south of Buxton, urging that the new inlet be filled as soon as possible.

The new petition, favoring a permanent inlet and addressed to Governor Sanford, Representative Bonner, Senator Ervin, Senator B. Everett Jordan, Conrad Wirth, Director, National Park Service; Merrill Evans, State Highway Commissioner; Rep. Keith Fearing, Jr. and the Dare County Board of Commissioners reads, in part, as follows:

"That, giving full consideration to the dangers and cost of containment that such an inlet poses on responsible government, it is represented that there are certain economic and safety advantages to the maintenance of the inlet as a waterway which makes it imperative that it be preserved as such, to wit:

1. The inlet will be the nearest access to the greatest and most abundant fishing grounds along the Atlantic Seaboard being about 12 miles from the Gulf Stream and immediate to See PETITION, Page Four

DELLA BASNIGHT—CHEF FOR 'ONIONS IN THE STEW'



— Photo by Maddy

MISS DELLA BASNIGHT is shown here during one of her mad moments of unleashed fury during the second act of "Onions in the Stew" which was presented by the Manteo High School Senior Class on Monday evening to the delight of a packed house. The play, which was under the direction of Mrs. Ida Edwards and Miss Mabel Jean Basnight, proved to be a smashing success; the dramatic victory was made possible, in no small measure, by the acting of Miss Basnight, whose role as the mother of two teen-age daughters was performed with skill and authority.

SOUTH ALBEMARLE ASSN. STILL SEEKING MONEY TO CELEBRATE BRIDGE

Melvin R. Daniels of Wanchese, finance chairman for Dare County, has announced that \$215 has been collected thus far for the May 10 celebration in Columbia to herald the opening of the Lindsay C. Warren Bridge.

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He has called on "the good people of Dare County" to help the Southern Albemarle Association in making the celebration "one which will indicate our thanks for the bridge over the Alligator River, and show how vital we consider bridges to be in the development of our area."

The Southern Albemarle Association was the primary force which made the new Alligator River structure possible. Daniels has indicated that the May 10 celebration will bring a host of dignitaries to the coast. Governor Sanford, Merrill Evans, highway commissioner and many others have already accepted an invitation to attend.

Present plans have scheduled a beauty contest to select "Miss Southern Albemarle" on May 9, speeches, and band concerts by groups from Plymouth, Williamston, Edenton and elsewhere in the Albemarle region.

BUNNY IS CHASED BY CLASS OF '62 TO NEW YORK CITY

An excited group of 32 teenagers hopped aboard a shiny Trailways Bus early Thursday morning and loaded the vehicle with all the sunglasses, portable radios, twist skirts and luggage that they could muster as the Manteo senior class started out on their long-awaited Easter trip to New York.

Individuals raced for choice seats and waved good-bye to parents in the melee that accompanied their departure and assured their fathers and mothers that they would "behave" and return to Manteo on Tuesday evening.

The group was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Middgett, Mrs. Mabel Clark and Troy Shepard, who will chaperone the class as it motors to Washington and then to New York, for the longest class trip in the history of the school. The chaperones will have their hands full as the "live-wire" seniors were last heard to be plotting an invasion of Grant's Tomb with Confederate flags.

The senior trip was financed by projects which the seniors undertook to support their excursion, and individual contributions from parents and friends of the school. A total of \$1,973.09 was raised in the campaign to send the graduating class to New York, and the amount is expected to meet all expenses necessary, except for meals.

The group will arrive in Washington on Thursday evening, after first having toured the grounds at George Washington's Home, where they will ramble through the quarters, kitchens and tombs which form Mt. Vernon.

After a trip to National Airport, the seniors will ride to Arlington National Cemetery and witness the military solemnity at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Burlington

MRS. GEORGIA HARWOOD VERY MUCH ALIVE!

In the issue of The Coastland Times for April 6, one of those errors which creeps in, was made in the editorial about the Dare County Library. In reviewing progress of the library through the years, mention was made of the late Georgia Harwood, which was incorrect, as Mrs. Harwood is definitely not THE LATE Mrs. Harwood. She is very much alive, is living at the Winslow Home in Elizabeth City, and maintains a vital interest in the Dare library, although she retired some years ago from active work.

To Mrs. Harwood, our apologies, and we hope that her friends will see this correction and remember to visit her at the Winslow Home.

RACES DEVELOP IN DARE FOR SHERIFF, REGISTER OF DEEDS

Many Other Last-Minute Filings Assure County of Heavy Campaigning

Last Friday was the deadline for filing, and seven political aspirants managed to beat the clock and serve notice of their intention to seek election.

Perhaps the most surprising entry was the candidacy of Robert O. Ballance of Manteo for Sheriff. Ballance, the present chairman of the Dare County Board of Education, has been active in the political life of the county for several years. He was the campaign manager for Terry Sanford in the past gubernatorial campaign. He will oppose Frank Cahoon, an incumbent with 15 years experience as Sheriff of Dare.

Another surprising race has developed at the last minute which should keep tempers and emotions boiling until after the Democratic Primary. Willett Tillett, an auto mechanic with the Dare County school system, filed last Friday for the Registrar of Deeds position against Melvin R. Daniels, a fellow-townsmen from Wanchese. Daniels, the incumbent, has served as Registrar for the past 37 years. Tillett, a political novice who is seeking office for the first time, is expected to give the veteran Registrar what may be the closest race of his career.

Mrs. Thomas H. Briggs, another last-minute candidate, joined with Andrew Clark last Friday in filing for a seat on the Board of Commissioners. Mrs. Briggs, who is seeking the seat from Atlantic Township, will oppose Pannel A. Tillett. Mrs. Briggs has become the first woman ever to seek a seat on the board. She is now serving on the Dare County Board of Education. Mr. Clark became the fifth candidate for the board seat from Nags Head Township and will oppose incumbent Lawrence L. Swain and Reuben E. Payne, Dewey Hayman and W. O. Daniels (R) for the position.

Mrs. Dorothy D. Beasley has filed along with Sumner M. Scarborough, (R), and Charles T. Williams, III for a seat on the Dare Board of Education. All three edged under the wire on Friday to serve notice of their intention to run. Mrs. Beasley is seeking the board seat from Atlantic Township, while Scarborough and Williams will vie for the Kennekeet seat in November.

A complete run-down of offices and candidates is as follows:

Representative: M. K. Fearing, Jr., M. L. Daniels, Jr., and Wallace Gray.

Judge Recorder's Court: John Lawrence, W. F. Baum, James M. Vannote, Dan L. Cannady, V. G. Williams (R).

County Commissioners: Nags Head Township: Lawrence L. Swain, Reuben E. Payne, Dewey L. Hayman, Andrew Clark, and W. O. Daniels (R); Kennekeet Township: Daniel Ray Leary, Jr., Erskine B. Hooper and Fred W. Gray; Atlantic Township: Pannel A. Tillett and Mrs. Thomas H. Briggs; Hatteras Township: George R. Fuller, Jr., Ivey P. Batten and Rany B. Jenette (R); Croatan Township: Calvin E. Croyne, Harvey E. Best and W. Stanford White.

Sheriff: Frank M. Cahoon and Robert O. Ballance; Registrar of Deeds: Melvin R. Daniels and Willett R. Tillett; Clerk of Superior Court: C. S. Meekins; Board of Education: Atlantic Township: Nellie G. Perry and Dorothy Beasley; Hatteras Township: Bill Dillon; Croatan Township: Floyd W. Hooper; Kennekeet Township: Sumner M. Scarborough (R) and Charles T. Williams, III; Nags Head Township: Jack Cahoon. County Coroner: M. C. Mitchell.

BONNER BILL BECKONS CONGRESSMAN TO ISLAND

Congressman Herbert Bonner has announced that his bill to create a 12-member committee to represent Congress, at the 375th anniversary celebration of the birth of Virginia Dare, was sent to the Senate on Tuesday.

The bill, if accepted, would provide for the appointment of six members each from the Senate and House, who would attend the celebration on Aug. 13-18 which heralds the 375th anniversary of the landing by Sir Walter Raleigh's colonists.

FIRST OREGON INLET DRUM LANDED THURSDAY

Capt. Jesse Etheridge, owner-skipper of the Carewyn of Wanchese, reported by radio via the Norfolk Marine Operator at 1:30 P.M. that a party aboard his cruiser had landed four channel bass at Oregon Inlet at noon Thursday. His report to the Turist Bureau did not give names of party making catches, the first channel bass of the 1962 season for Oregon Inlet.

TRY-OUTS MONDAY FOR LOST COLONY AT FORT RALEIGH

Manteo will be invaded on Monday by a host of dramatic talent as amateur actors from throughout the state gather here for area try-outs in competition for coveted roles in "The Lost Colony".

F. Edgar Thomas, manager of the drama, has stated that more than one hundred traveling thespians will trot the timbers at Fort Raleigh to display their acting potential before Clifton Britton, veteran director for Paul Green's symphonic drama.

Britton, a Goldsboro native, will be assisted by Walter Stroud of Fredericksburg, Va., the show's choreographer and music director George Trautwein, also of Goldsboro.

At least fifty local residents are expected to compete for the sought-after roles and stand a good chance of capturing some of the more outstanding parts. In past seasons, about 60 per cent of the Lost Colony company has been composed of natives and residents of Roanoke Island and its adjacent territories.

Perhaps the most famous of the local actors in the production is Mrs. Marjalee Thomas of Elizabeth City. Mrs. Thomas, a Manteo, native, became a member of the cast in 1938 when she performed as a flower girl for the drama. She later advanced through a number of roles until her creditable performance finally won her the enviable role of Virginia Dare, which she now performs with perfection. Mrs. Thomas has also served with the Lost Colony Chorus and was the first island native to be selected for the group. Since her selection, other natives have been chosen for the musical contingent.

Edgar Thomas, the Chapel Hill manager of the drama, was here this week and indicated that work is "progressing satisfactorily" on the new Waterside Theater which is being renovated at Fort Raleigh. The new theater, which is now more than 75 per cent complete, is expected to be in top condition when performances begin on July 1, to celebrate the Silver Anniversary Year Premiere of the production.

HATTERAS STUDENTS MUST MAKE-UP TIME

Mrs. Mary Evans, Superintendent of Public Instruction, has stated that Easter Monday, April 23 and Saturday, April 28 will be make-up days for students attending Cape Hatteras School. The extra days will be used to make-up time lost by the children during the Ash Wednesday Storm.

MISS DARE COUNTY AND HER BEAUTY COURT



RACHEL MORGAN, "Miss Dare County" is flanked by first runner-up Millie Burrus (left) and second runner-up, Willene Partridge, as they smile for photographers, proud parents, and the bald-headed contingent just after their selection on April 6 as winners in the beauty contest, sponsored by the Manteo Lions Club, to select a representative to the "Miss Southern Albemarle" contest which will be held in Columbia on May 9.