

ATLANTIC PLANT IN CURRITUCK CO. WELL UNDERWAY

Firm Is Host to Media Representatives On Friday Tour

COROLLA—Work is proceeding rapidly on a new test stand for a new rocket propellant at the Atlantic Research Corp. facility, and it should be completed by May 21, some 25 press and radio representatives were told Friday during a tour of the property.

The new propellant looks something like peanut butter; there the resemblance ends. It is said to be more powerful than the propellant used in some half a dozen tests already made at the facility. These drove a large concrete block six feet into the sand at the test site, a company representative said.

As guests of Atlantic Research, most of the members of the press group boarded a charter plane in Washington, D. C. or Raleigh, where the plane stopped before proceeding to Barco to land. From Barco, the newsmen and newswomen went by car to Waterlily. Where power boats picked them up for the six-mile trip across Currituck Sound to Corolla.

Lunch was served at the former Whales Head clubhouse on the ARC property, and a tour of the area followed. The present site is some six miles from the clubhouse, reached by jeep over a firm, wide and level beach comparable to that at Daytona, in Florida.

A huge concrete mixer was in action where the test stand is being built. Not far away is the smaller stand used in the tests already made. The apparatus looks somewhat like a moonshine liquor still on a concrete base. It was idle at the time we were there.

Atlantic Research hopes that North Carolina will build the promised road from Duck to Corolla as quickly as possible. Philip K. Reilly, manager of the company's development department, said, adding that the road will cut production costs tremendously. Supplies and equipment, as well as personnel, must now be brought in by plane, ferried across Currituck Sound by gasboat, or hauled along the beach, which is usable only at low tide.

No flight tests of rockets are planned at Corolla, Reilly emphasized. The engines are fastened to concrete pads and the new fuels are tested on the ground, he explained. Tests conducted thus far have been inaudible on the mainland across Currituck Sound.

ARC plans to erect a plant near the north end of its eight-mile-long property to manufacture solid fuels. Probably 75 persons will be employed by the end of this year, with the number increasing by the end of next year.

TWO LOCAL GIRLS TO STAR IN FILM DEPICTING STATE

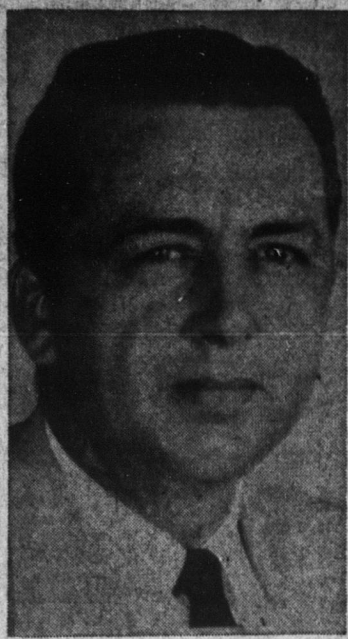
Two local beauties have been asked to appear in "Variety Vacationland," the film which will be shown over the nation to publicize the scenic wonders of North Carolina. Miss Rachel Morgan and Millie Burrus were asked this week to serve as models for the Bennett Advertising Agency production by Bob Bean, the producer from New York City.

Miss Morgan achieved fame recently when she was selected as "Miss Dare County" in a beauty contest which was presented by the Manteo Lions Club on April 6. The talented Manteo High School senior, who is also a "twist specialist," represented Dare County on Wednesday in the Columbia contest to select a "Miss Southern Albemarle."

Miss Burrus is a 16 year old star basketball player with the Manteo Redskins who was runner-up in the Miss Dare County Contest. Both young ladies have accepted and declare that they are "very excited" about being in their first movie.

The Bennett firm has been in the area for the past several weeks obtaining color shots of the coast. Ted Kramer, director of the film had several professional models and the camera crew running through a variety of scenes at the Wright Brothers Memorial last week, and the two local movie stars have been asked to join the cast at Cape Hatteras this week end for more camera work, near the lighthouse.

REVIVAL SPEAKER



REV. GEORGE TYSON, pastor of the Rosewood Methodist Church, Goldsboro, will hold revival services at the Wesleyan Memorial Methodist Church, Columbia, beginning Sunday night, May 13 at 8 o'clock and continuing through May 19.

Rev. E. R. Meekins, pastor, invites the public to attend.

Family day will be observed Sunday, May 13, at the Wesleyan Memorial Methodist Church. Every family is urged to bring a picnic basket which will be spread together in the church annex for lunch at 12 o'clock. Please come to church Sunday and remain for lunch.

MICHELANGELO PERHAPS KNEW ISLAND GARDEN

Mrs. Corbett E. Howard Will Check Up on Coat of Arms

Michelangelo, a Titan of the Renaissance, may have strolled in the English Knot garden whose beauties delight visitors to the Elizabethan Garden at Fort Raleigh.

The 16th century sculptor, painter and poet reluctantly did a commission for the Farnese Family, powerful in Italy in his day; and the coat of arms that appears in the fretted stonework of the fountain is believed to have belonged to that family.

So says Mrs. Corbett E. Howard of Goldsboro, chairman of the Elizabethan Garden Committee of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., who was on Roanoke Island Thursday for her annual inspection of the garden.

Mrs. Howard said she planned to leave May 19 on a trip to England and Italy, in the course of which she hopes to trace the origin of the coat of arms. While in England, she will visit Compton Castle, seat of the descendants of Sir Humphrey Gilbert, half-brother of Sir Walter Raleigh and a famous Elizabethan in his own right.

In Manteo, where she stayed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Midgett, Mrs. Howard conferred with local members of her committee, Mrs. Fred Basnight and Mrs. Lena Pearsall; See GARDEN, Page Four

DARE DEMO. CONVENTION WILL CONVEY SATURDAY

The Dare County Democratic Convention will assemble at the Dare County Courthouse on Saturday, May 12 at 2 p.m. for the purpose of electing a chairman, three vice chairmen and a secretary-treasurer for 1962. Walter Perry, present chairman for the county has stated that each precinct chairman and vice chairman will be allowed one vote.

The Manteo election to determine a precinct committee was conducted last Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Dare County Courthouse. The following slate was elected: Ralph Swain, chairman; Mrs. Nancy Beals, vice-chairman; Mrs. Betty Alice Mann, Carlisle Davis and St. Clair Basnight, Jr., committeemen.

Precinct chairmen for the 15 other voting areas are as follows: P. J. M. Bayne, Nags Head; Alva Wise, Stumpy Point; Rondal Tillett, Wanchese; Melba Jones, Manns Harbor; Robert Young, Kill Devil Hills; Alexander Meekins, Waves; O. G. Gray, Avon; E. S. White, Buxton; Julian Austin, Frisco; Frazier Peele, Hatteras; George Ambrose, East Lake; O. R. Tillett, Mashoes Creek; Sol Whitson, Duck; Louis Midgett, Colington; Hallet Perry, Kitty Hawk.

ACTION IS SOUGHT ON INLET'S FATE BY OUTER BANKERS

Petitions Presented to County Urging Closure of Ocean Gash

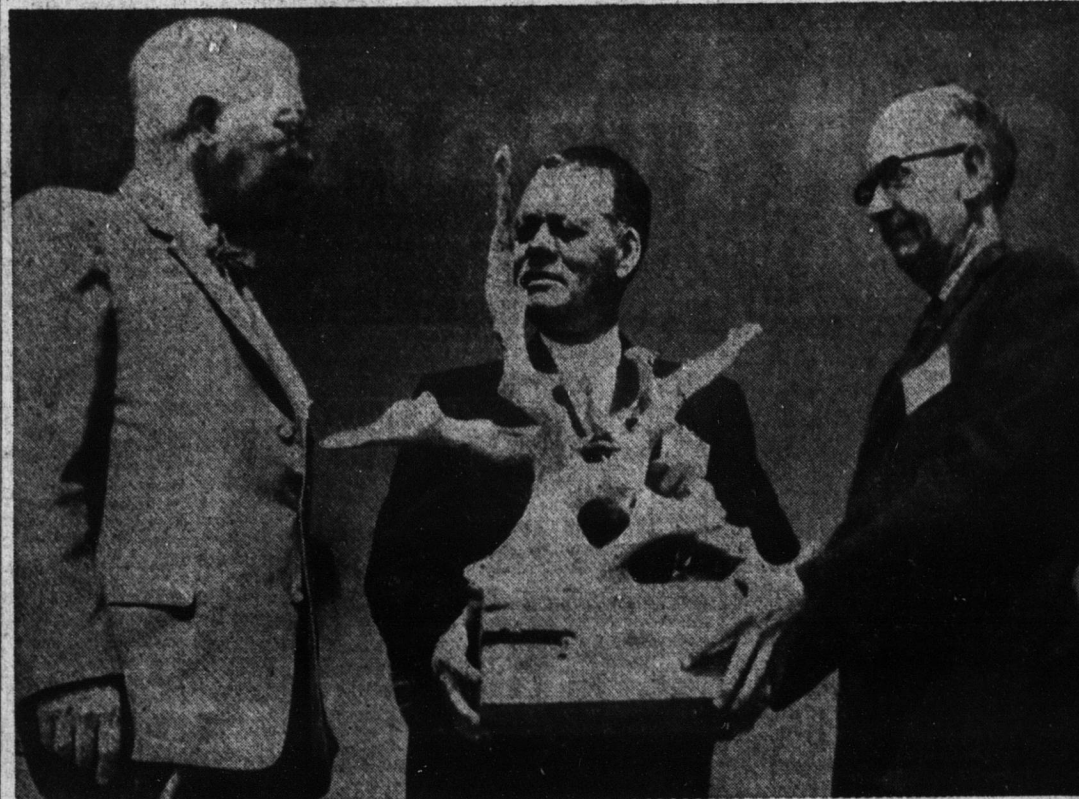
Emotions on the Outer Banks have reached fever pitch over indecision on the part of state and local officials as to the future of the Buxton Inlet, which was created during the Asa Wednesday Storm. Outer Bankers on, and south of, Hatteras Island appear to be split on the question of whether or not to fill the inlet as originally planned.

The problem was thrown in the lap of the Dare Co. Commissioners on Tuesday when R. S. Wahab of Ocracoke and William Alfred Gray of Buxton presented the county heads with two petitions containing the signatures of 717 residents of Ocracoke, Rodanthe, Frisco, Avon, Buxton and Hatteras who advocate the immediate filling of the inlet because of the dangers and expense which preservation of the inlet would require.

The petition presented by Wahab has been addressed to State Highway Commissioner Merrill Evans requesting that "immediate action be taken to close the inlet by dredging up material from the Pamlico Sound bottom, replacing the land in the same or an improved manner as that prior to the storm or in any other manner which might be feasible to accomplish the same purpose." The Wahab petition contained the names of 389 persons who recently joined in the request to the highway commissioner.

The Gray petition, which was issued early in April, contained a total of 828 signatures from residents of Frisco, Rodanthe and Avon. Both are similar in content, but the Gray petition was addressed earlier to Governor Sanford, Congressman Herbert Bonner, Senator Sam Ervin, Jr., Senator Everett Jordan, See INLET, Page Four

PROMINENT OFFICIALS PRESENT FOR ASBPA CONVENTION AT NAGS HEAD



JOE HUNT, JR., Speaker of the N. C. House, is flanked by H. Reece Smith, Superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area (right) and Major General Charles G. Holle of Washington, D. C., President of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, as they discuss driftwood during a break in the ASBPA's convention schedule at The Carolinian on Monday.

ASBPA GATHERING DRAWS DELEGATES FROM ALL OF USA

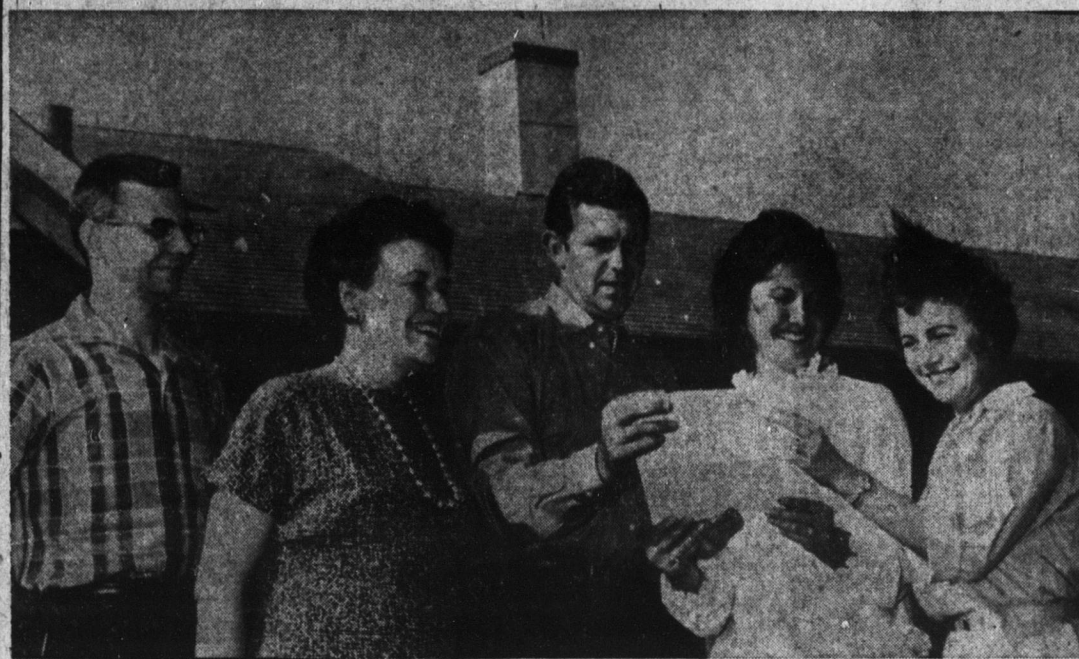
Hundreds Attend 36th Annual Meeting of Seashore Preservationists

Nearly 250 delegates from all over the United States gathered in Nags Head Monday for the 36th annual meeting of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association which met at the Carolina Hotel for a two day conference on shore preservation.

Major General Charles G. Holle, President of the ASBPA presided over the conference, which drew delegates from such remote points as Alaska and California in a discussion of beach erosion and shore control which was punctuated by speeches from state and national dignitaries.

An array of knowledgeable speakers including Joseph M. Hunt, Jr., Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives; Hon. Capus Waynick, Executive Vice President of the Association, See ASBPA, Page Four

ANDY GRIFFITH READS CITATION FOR SNARING SEASON'S FIRST



SHERIFF ANDY GRIFFITH, who trapped the first Riha of the 1962 season this week, is shown receiving a citation in appreciation of his accomplishment from a local contingent while his wife, Barbara, joins in the fun. The group includes (left to right) Alvah Ward, Jr., Mrs. Violet Kellam, Andy, Barbara and Mrs. Ina Evans.

DUNE SKIPPING ANDY GRIFFITH GETS FIRST ONE

Wild Chase Over Dunes Snared First Riha of Season for Comedian

Andy Griffith, the Sheriff of Mayberry, and star of "The Andy Griffith Show" was scurrying all over Roanoke Island with a butterfly net on Monday looking for a riha. The comedian, bare-footed as a yard dog, was recognizable by his flapping shirt-tail as he leaped over sand dunes and stirred dust just a hollaring and we don't know what all for the first riha of the season. Andy says they're at least 375 rihans in Dare County and "they're g-o-o-d."

Mrs. Ina Evans, chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association's membership drive, See RIHA, Page Three

OUTER BANKS FISHING IS RECORD-SHATTERING

Two blue marlin led the May fish parade, as anglers on the Outer Banks have found every variety taking the hook in large numbers. Sport fishing for early May is better than any previously reported year. From the surf, they're taking them in large numbers from Nags Head southward to Hatteras Inlet.

Biggest news of the early season came last Wednesday when Capt. Buddy Cannady led the "Mel-O-Dee" and four sportsmen to a 395 pound blue marlin while cruising 35 miles southeast of Oregon Inlet.

The second marlin of the season was bagged last weekend when an angler aboard captain Edgar Styron's "Twins II" hooked a 212 pound denizen near Diamond Shoals. The two Blue Marlin were caught three weeks earlier than the first of their breed to be snared in 1961.

Dolphin, false albacore and oceanic bonita are also being taken from the waters on the western edge of the Gulf Stream. False albacore, normally a warm water species, also hit in at Point of Cape Hatteras and 50 or more of the fighters were taken there by surf anglers early this week. Hopkins lures have proved to be the most effective bait for these fish.

Perhaps the most gratifying news for anglers fishing Outer Banks waters this week were the phenomenal catches of bluefish, that averaged from three to five per angler.

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BUILDING CODE AMENDMENT SET BY DARE BOARD

Building Code Amendment For Unincorporated Areas Enacted Tuesday

The Board of Commissioners adopted an amendment to the Dare County Building Code and approved budgets for the Dare County Schools and Board of Health on Monday and Tuesday of this week as they met in a regular session with all members present.

The building code, which is similar to the amendment passed by the Nags Head Town Board three weeks ago, will supplement the North Carolina Building Code, already in effect in Dare County. The amendment became effective on May 8.

The amendment, officially designated as "Amendment to the Building Code of Dare County to provide for Hurricane Resistant Construction," would apply to those areas not governed by municipalities. The present amendment, including the one adopted at Nags Head, was fashioned by a committee of seven headed by Ralph Swain of Manteo. The code requires rigid standards of construction to protect structures from the high winds and flooding which accompany storms on the Dare Coast.

The adoption of the amendment was another step for the county towards the establishment of a uniform building code for the entire county, and the eventual employment of a building inspector for Kill See CODE, Page Four

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TO FEATURE OUTER BANKS

The "National Geographic Magazine" will contain a story on the Outer Banks in the near future. Anthony Stewart, chief photographer for the magazine, and Nat Kenny, a star writer for "National Geographic" were in Nags Head earlier this week gathering information in connection with the story. They will remain on the Outer Banks through this week end.

BUOY AUTHORIZED

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner announced today has been advised by the U. S. Coast Guard that a buoy would be placed to mark a near-by wreck during the Blue Marlin Tournament off Cape Hatteras, as has been done in previous years. The Tournament is scheduled for June of this year.

WARREN LAUDS LEADERS; GRATEFUL FOR HONORS, AND FAVORS FOR REGION

Large Crowd Hears Distinguished Coastland Friend Deliver Address at Columbia Thursday; Presented by Congressman Bonner at Dedication Ceremonies For Bridge Over Alligator River; It Was Tyrrell County's Day of Glory.

Manteo met Murphy on Thursday as over 1500 spectators swelled the town of Columbia into a joyous celebration city to herald the opening of the \$3 million Lindsay C. Warren Bridge which connects the state from east to west in a span of concrete.

Officials from the state and nation joined with highway officials and the general public in a gala celebration sponsored by the Southern Albemarle Association to show their appreciation for the long-awaited concrete arm connecting Sandy Point with East Lake, Manteo with Murphy and Los Angeles on the Pacific with Whalebone on the Atlantic.

The highlight of the celebration came at approximately 10:45 a.m. when Miss Diana Warren of Wilson unveiled the plaque which embellishes the concrete over the Alligator River with the illustrious name of her grandfather—Lindsay C. Warren. The dignified former Comptroller General of the United States stood silent as words of praise were showered upon him by Governor Terry Sanford, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner and W. J. White, chairman, who praised the aging Tar Heel statesman as "one of our greatest Americans."

Andy Griffith, star of stage, screen and radio, added a colorful note to the celebration when he opened the day-long, fun-filled affair by placing a kiss and a crown on the head of the lovely Miss Linda Bunting of Martin County, who was selected as Miss Southern Albemarle.

Griffith surprised the delighted crowd when he made a five-minute speech to the spectators present on Thursday afternoon and described the new bridge as being similar to a cow being milked by many hands. "Both are good examples of pulling together," he said.

At 11 a.m. the musical blare of trumpets announced a grand parade, which wound its way through the streets of Columbia in a flourish of floats, musicians, majorettes and beauty queens. The Murphy High School Band, which was present by special invitation from the Association, led bands from Belhaven, Plymouth and Washington in a musical frolic accentuated by the presence of local beauties who waved to an appreciative crowd from magnificent floats representing their counties.

The Tyrrell County Choral Group opened the dedication ceremonies at the Columbia High School campus by a rendition of "The Old North State" which was followed with a performance of the "Star Spangled Banner" by all bands present.

W. J. White of Columbia, chairman of the bridge celebration, acted as master of ceremonies for the dedication service and introduced Mayor H. T. Davenport, who, in turn introduced See BRIDGE, Page Four

EAST CAROLINA STUDENT IS MISS SO. ALBEMARLE

Polly Linda Bunting from Martin County was selected as Miss Southern Albemarle at a pre-bridge celebration contest held in Columbia High School Auditorium on Wednesday night.

Over 350 spectators were on hand to see the shapely 20-year-old sophomore crowned as queen of the Lindsay Warren Bridge Celebration.

The auburn-haired, brown-eyed beauty overcame five other contenders, representing the various participating counties in the Southern Albemarle Association for the coveted honor.

Miss Bunting is a sophomore at East Carolina College and was recently chosen as Miss Greenville in a contest to select that city's contestant for the Miss North Carolina Contest of 1962. Runners-up were not selected. Other contestants included: Rachel Morgan, Dare; Janice Gayle Styons, Washington; Phyllis Outler, Beaufort; Millie Harrison, Hyde and Linda Rae Patrick, Tyrrell.

Hundreds crowded into Columbia Thursday to attend the dedication ceremonies of the Lindsay Warren Highway Bridge over Alligator River which went into service several weeks ago. The bridge was named for Senator Lindsay C. Warren of Washington, N. C. who was introduced yesterday by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner.

Mr. Warren delivered the following address:

I don't know how to adequately express myself today. I have tried to think of something fitting to say but have failed in formulating it. It may be difficult for some of you to believe this, but I tell you in the deepest sincerity that I did all I could to prevent the giving of my name to this great structure.

Somehow, I think that an honor of this kind should not come to a living person. Now that it has, I am overwhelmed with appreciation and gratitude. My heartfelt thanks go to those who brought it about. I am grateful to my associates in the General Assembly of 1959 who initiated this movement; to the State Highway Commission of 1959; to the Boards of Commissioners of the counties of Tyrrell and Dare; to the Southern Albemarle Association and to a large number of friends throughout the State.

I humbly accept what you have done for I regard it perhaps the greatest honor that has come to me. The generosity of those who I have been associated with over the years has deeply touched me.

The completion of this magnificent 3 mile bridge comes as a fulfillment of a dream that it seemed would never come true. For many years disappointments and heartaches piled up. Many who had advocated it passed on. The Coastland Times for years wrote powerful and effective editorials for free bridges. It never wavered! The Southern Albemarle Association with tenacity and determination refused to give up and I know how happy that organization is today for they kept the torch burning. When anyone talks to me about the bridges, I always reply "There is glory enough for all."

I pay tribute today to the State Highway Commission; to Raymond Bryan and T. A. Loving Company, the master builder; to W. F. Babcock, Director of Highways to the Chief Engineer and the numerous engineers under him, and to all those who worked on it and brought it about. They did a masterful job.

When the General Assembly of 1959 convened, the 7 representatives and 2 senators from the 2nd Senatorial District immediately discussed the bridging of Alligator River and Oregon Inlet. I like to again publicly call out these names—R. Bruce Etheridge of Dare, Charles Cohoon of Tyrrell, Frank Everett of Martin, Dr. J. M. Phelps, now deceased, of Washington, Dick O'Neal Hyde, Ned Delamar of Pamlico, Wayland Sermons of Beaufort, Senator Elbert Peel, Jr. of Martin and myself.

The group was kind enough to select me as its spokesman, although each one of them strongly and ably presented his views. We had abundant evidence to see how badly past efforts for the bridges had been bungled and mishandled. We found the region split and unorganized. Some day I may return the letters sent me over the years insisting that I favor toll roads and toll bridges as the salvation for Eastern Carolina.

In January 1959, the two bridges were as dead as the proverbial dodo bird. We entered the movement almost without hope but were determined to put forth our every effort. We quickly decided upon one thing and on that that we were unanimous as we were on all other See WARREN, Page Four