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EXPANDED PARK PROGRAM POSES MONEY PROBLEM GENEROUS DONOR NEEDED

Otherwise, It Appears That North Carolina Will Have to Finance Acquisition of Land; Virginia to Be Sounded Out on Joining in Coastland Recreation Area Development; House Passes Inlet Bridge Fund Measure

National Park Service Officials in this area are watching with closest attention this week's developments in the wake of a proposal by Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall and Governor Terry Sanford at Nags Head Saturday for the extension of the seashore park to Cape Lookout and possibly the Shackleford Banks.

The immediate problem appears to be money. The Cape Hatteras National Seashore holdings were acquired by means of a donation from the Mellon Foundation, matched by a State appropriation. As of now, it looks as though a donor must be found, or, lacking that, the State must assume the entire cost of the projected new land acquisitions.

Surveys Necessary
Some surveys already have been made in the area. Others must follow, to determine just what land will be included in the public domain, and what will be left out. Both State and Federal legislation probably will be necessary to implement the project.

The State already has acquired considerable land on the Core Banks, and has done some experimentation in building sand fences in the area, through the N. C. Water Resources Department.

The proposed new parkland begins with Portsmouth Island, immediately south of Ocracoke Island, and of about the same size and contours. Next come the Core Banks, which extend to Cape Lookout. The Shackleford Banks run from Lookout to the mainland.

Virginia Sounded Out
Meanwhile, Virginia is being sounded out on the possibility of including at least a part of the Back Bay barrier reef area in the National Park program. This area runs from Sandbridge south about 14 miles to the North Carolina line.

Conrad Wirth, Park Service director, said Monday the proposal will be taken up with Virginia officials on an exploratory basis.

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SINGLE FERRY NOT ADEQUATE FOR OCRACOKE

Late Arrivals at Atlantic Left Behind; Only One Run Daily

The single ferry that links Atlantic, on the North Carolina mainland, with Ocracoke Island is proving inadequate to meet the needs of motorists as the summer season advances, according to word from Ocracoke this week.

The ferry has two claims to fame of a sort. It is the only connection with the Outer Banks from the south, and it is the only toll ferry operated in the State.

The tolls are no joke, either. The cost for car and driver is \$6.75, with \$2.75, for each additional passenger and \$1.45 for each child under 12.

Operating Costs High
Toll charges are said to be necessary because of the high cost of operation. Last year, this is declared to have run more than \$300,000 above receipts from fares.

Recent passengers on the ferry were Mr. and Mrs. Jeff B. Wilson of Raleigh, on their way to Nags Head to complete a honeymoon that began with a trip to Miami and other Florida points and Nassau. Wilson is editor of Tar Heel Wheels, organ of the trucking industry in North Carolina, and his wife, the former Edith Upchurch Young, is associated with Bill Sharpe in publication of The State Magazine.

In Line Overnight
Wilson drove up from Florida to Atlantic. Arriving there, he put his car in line for the ferry trip so as to be able to leave next morning at 7. This is the usual procedure, he said, and when the ferry departed, sever-

MISS BASNIGHT CHOSEN TO VISIT CHICAGO CAMP



MISS NANCY COLES BASNIGHT of Manteo has been selected as North Carolina's representative to the Danforth Leadership Camp in Chicago, Illinois. Miss Basnight's selection was announced on Thursday by L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader who praised the young 4-H worker for her "outstanding leadership" in club work.

The Danforth Leadership Camp is attended by state leaders throughout the nation, who assemble yearly for a conference on club work and the discussion of mutual problems and ideas. Miss Basnight will receive an expense-paid trip to Chicago.

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MANTEO POLICEMAN RESIGNS FROM FORCE

The Manteo Town Board has officially accepted the resignation of R. Seldon Francis, night policeman. The resignation became effective on last Saturday, July 14, according to Mrs. Juanita Parker, town clerk.

Mr. Francis stated on Monday that his resignation was tendered because of his desire to return to his trade of carpentry. M. C. Mitchell, former town Chief of Police is serving on the night police shift, until a replacement can be found.

The board is expected to appoint a new policeman for the night force no later than the second Monday in August, the time of their next regular meeting.

SPACE CAPSULE STIRS VISITOR INTEREST



TWO PROMINENT VISITORS to the Outer Banks joined the thousands of weekly guests at the Wright Brothers Museum in Kill Devil Hills recently for a glimpse of the space capsule replica on display there by the Park Service. The pair, shown discussing the cocoon-like space vehicle, are George Tames (left) White House photographer for "The New York Times" and Ralph White, executive director of the National Aeronautical Association. Mr. White was in the area to prepare for the 60th Anniversary of powered flight, which will be observed at Kill Devil Hills next year.

DISTINGUISHED QUINTET AIDS IN WATERSIDE THEATER DEDICATION



A DISTINGUISHED WELCOMING COMMITTEE turned out to meet Interior Secretary Stewart Udall (center) and Congressman Herbert Bonner (far right) as they arrived at Manteo Airport Saturday for dedication ceremonies at The Lost Colony's Waterside Theater on Saturday night. The group includes (left to right): Conrad Wirth, National Parks Director, Governor Terry Sanford, Sec. Udall, Mrs. Fred W. Morrison, Chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, and Rep. Bonner. All took prominent roles in the services honoring the theater's restoration and the 375th Anniversary of the Birth of Virginia Dare.

BONNER'S BILL TO GIVE HALF MILLION ON BRIDGE PASSES

Overwhelming Voice Vote Favors Congressman's Efforts For New Bridge Appropriation

Congressman Herbert Bonner's effort to get more federal funds to aid in the construction of the Oregon Inlet bridge which is now well underway was successful Monday when the House of Representatives by an overwhelming voice vote, passed a measure to give an extra half million in Federal funds for this project.

The State, which normally contributes half the costs, and the Federal Bureau of roads the other half, will get a big lift on the project. Congressman Bonner was successful in this cause because of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore project which has been instrumental in bringing a heavy traffic increase to the area.

Congressman Tollefson of Washington, who was recently a visitor to this coast, along with several other distinguished officials, made a strong speech favoring the measure. These visitors, who were guests of Mr. Bonner, were favorably impressed with the area, and like in numerous other instances, when he had brought other visitors here, went back to Washington strong in praise of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and convinced of the merits of the bills which Mr. Bonner has introduced, all of them usually be-

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SBA LOANS AVAILABLE FOR RAINFALL DAMAGE

Small business concerns in Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties are eligible for consideration for Small Business Administration loans provided they can show substantial damage from excessive rainfall July 2, 3, and 4.

These and 10 other Eastern North Carolina counties have been declared Excessive Rainfall Disaster Counties in a directive issued by Robert B. Horning, Charlotte branch manager of the SBA.

Farmers and stockmen are not eligible for financial help from the SBA under this program. They should apply to the Farmers Home Administration.

ELECTRIC SHOCK KILLS COLORFUL JAMBOREE KING

Spires Singleton (Doc) Austin Dies in Accident at Hatteras

A shock from an electric sander killed Spires Singleton (Doc) Austin, 36, a noteworthy figure in the annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree for several years, Tuesday about 1:30 p.m. while he was preparing to paint a boat on the Marine railway alongside the Burrus Texaco dock at Hatteras Village.

Austin was standing in the boat when he picked up the sander, according to eye witnesses. He apparently received lethal shock when an extension plug fell into the water. His body was recovered by Oliver Gilbert, a dredge owner from Elizabeth City, who said he "heard a yell and Austin fell backwards into the water."

Widely Popular
Austin, an expert cabinet-maker, was a popular and well known figure on the Outer Banks. His luxuriant black beard and swashbuckling way made him outstanding in the annual jamborees. As Blackbeard, king of the pirate crew in 1961, he helped publicize the coast country both at home and as a member of the Dare contingent that visited Cincinnati, O., and Charlotte on missions for the Dare County Tourist Bureau.

In numerous T V appearances, his lushly whiskered face became familiar to many thousands in his home State and beyond. He is one of the most colorful figures in the film, "Variety Vacationland," which will be released by the State soon.

Native of Hatteras
A native of Hatteras, Austin had been self-employed as a carpenter and upholsterer for the last two and a half years. He formerly was in the Coast Guard for four years.

Austin showed no sign of life when he was pulled out of the water after the shock. However, persons on the scene administered artificial respiration while others went in search of Dr. Virgil Wilson of Winston-Salem, who is vacationing in the area.

Dr. Wilson pronounced him dead some 45 minutes after the accident.

Surviving Relatives
Son of Mrs. Virginia Oden and Augustus Austin, he is survived. See AUSTIN, Page Six

7 FIRST LADIES WILL SEE COLONY SATURDAY NIGHT

Intermission Ceremony Will Honor Six Former 1st Ladies

The Lost Colony will play host to six former occupants of the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh on Saturday night when Mrs. O. Max Gardner, Mrs. Blucher Ehringhaus, Mrs. Melville Broughton, Mrs. Kerr Scott, Mrs. William Umstead and Mrs. Luther Hodges attend First Ladies Night at the Waterside Theater.

The ladies will be introduced to the audience by Mrs. Terry Sanford wife of the present Governor. Mrs. Fred W. Morrison, Chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, will preside over a special ceremony in their honor, which will take place during intermission at the drama.

The program will feature addresses by Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. Hodges. A brief historical narration by Paul Gold, historian for the play, and a choral rendition of "Auld Lang Syne" will climax the entertainment for the 25th Anniversary Year program.

Edgar Thomas, manager of See SHOW, Page Eight

BEACH PATROL UNDERTAKEN ON LIMITED BASIS

Jeep With Resuscitator to Be Put in Operation in Few Days

Steps to set up a systematic beach patrol from Southern Shores to the Seashore Park boundary south of Nags Head were taken last Thursday night at a meeting at the Carolinian.

Attending were members of the Dare Board of County Commissioners, Nags Head town officials, representatives of the Coast Guard and the Nags Head Volunteer Fire Department, and beach service personnel.

The group decided to begin a limited program as soon as practicable, possibly by the first of next week. The use of a jeep was given by Lionel Edwards, a Nags Head town commissioner. It will be equipped with a resuscitator on loan from the town of Kill Devil Hills.

On Daily Basis
A daily patrol will be maintained by Lloyd Horton and George Richardson, who operate a beach umbrella and chair service. Horton also is life guard at the Cavalier Motor Court at Kill Devil Hills, and the jeep will be parked there between runs. Horton and Richardson are donating their services.

Assurance was given that the Dare County Commissioners would make a limited allocation for gas and oil for the jeep. At the start, it was indicated that only one patrol trip a day would be possible, due to lack of money. However, the Nags Head Town Board is considering giving some financial aid.

Those sponsoring the program hope that by another year it can be put on an adequately financed and firmly functioning basis. As of now, they say, even a minimal safety program is better than none.

S. UDALL CALLS BANKS BEACHES AMERICA'S BEST

Interior Secretary Lauds the Outer Banks and Leaders

Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall praised the Outer Banks as containing "the finest tract of beach area left in this country," during intermission ceremonies at the Lost Colony last Saturday night, when he joined with a host of dignitaries and a sun-tanned, shirt-sleeved and perspiring audience of over 1,050 persons in a dedication services for the new Waterside Theatre.

Secretary Udall shared the Spotlight with Governor Terry Sanford, Congressman Herbert Bonner, National Parks Director Conrad Wirth, playwright Paul Green, theater designer A. Q. Bell, Southeast Park Director E. M. Leslie, Virginia Dare Commission Chairman Keith Fearing, Jr., and National Park Directors H. Reece Smith and Robert Gibbs during the impressive intermission ceremony marking the 375th Anniversary of the Birth of Virginia Dare.

Lauds Drama

The Interior Secretary showered praise upon the drama during its 25th year. He called the pageant "a venerable and inspirational production." "Because of your desire to make the 16th century's history live in the 20th century, this important part of the American heritage. is enjoying a better fate than the oblivion which overtook the Raleigh colonists."

Although the colony itself was "lost," he added, "its cause will never be forgotten." "For British tenacity and genius won in the end," he said.

"I think it would be most difficult for any of us to leave this island tonight without experiencing a deeper willingness to give our total selves to the 'unlost' cause for which this colony was lost," he affirmed.

Praises Leadership
In referring to what he called the "unspoiled wealth" of coast-

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SEASHORE PARK EXTENSION SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY N. C. AND INTERIOR DEPT.

Proposed Plan Discussed by Governor Sanford, Secretary Udall and Congressman Bonner would Extend National Park from Virginia Line to Cape Lookout and Ensure Beach Stabilization along the Outer Banks.

DISTRICT ENGINEER AND STAFF VISIT COASTLAND



COL. JOSEPH S. GRYGIEL, recently assigned to the Wilmington District as Engineer in Charge, paid his first visit to the Walter Raleigh Coastland area this week, and made contacts with many residents interested in waterway projects.

Staff members Cecil Henderson and D. A. Gardner of the district office, both of whom are well known in Dare County, accompanied him. This was a get-acquainted trip, and Col. Grygiel looked over some of the inlet and harbor problems, as

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LINK WITH LONG LOST THEODOSIA



Naomi Christensen of Minneapolis, Minn., vacationing at Kill Devil Hills, wears an earring said to have belonged to Theodosia Burr, whose disappearance on a sea trip from Charleston, S.C., to New York in 1813 remains a mystery.

Earrings Once Owned by Theodosia Burr Now Belong to Nags Head Hotel Manager

By RALPH POOL

Two small, exquisite mementoes believed linked with Theodosia Burr have come to light at Nags Head.

They are gold earrings beautifully fashioned and set with small oval white stones, like uncarved cameo.

Long, long ago, they belonged to a lovely, happy girl who could not know that she was marked for tragedy. Who could not know that tragedy, when it came, would be linked with Nags Head, as are the earrings today.

And now for the story of these pathetic baubles.

Two Stars Fall
Theodosia's father, Aaron Burr, had been Vice President of the United States, one short step from the Presidency that he coveted. He had killed his brilliant rival, Alexander Hamilton, in a duel; and as Hamilton fell, so had Burr's political star fallen.

Jefferson had just bought Louisiana from Napoleon. Be-

A plan to preserve and stabilize the Outer Banks from Virginia to Cape Lookout was discussed here last Saturday by Governor Terry Sanford, Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, Rep. Herbert C. Bonner and National Parks Director Conrad Wirth.

The lengthy talks, which occurred prior to dedication ceremonies at the Lost Colony's new Waterside theater, anticipated a cooperative undertaking which would ultimately expand public ownership along the banks, ensure the long-term stabilization of the beach, and increase recreational facilities for 200 miles along the Atlantic Coast.

Secretary Udall stated after the discussions that "if this plan is put into effect, it would assure us of the greatest seashore development in America." Governor Sanford, who shared Udall's enthusiasm, added that "this is one of the greatest things that could ever happen to North Carolina."

Udall noted that "Over the past 20 years, our relationships with the state of North Carolina have been a model of state-federal cooperation." "I'm confident we can work out plans that will be satisfactory to everybody."

Commission Re-activation
The first proposal in the plan calls for the re-activation of the Cape Hatteras Seashore Commission and its expansion to a state level. Such a planning group could cooperate with the Interior Department in blueprinting an overall plan for the project.

The first step in the plan would be the expansion of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park southward to include Portsmouth Island and Shackleford Banks. The purchase of these tracts was undertaken in 1959 at the insistence of Governor Luther Hodges, who received a half million dollars for their purchase and stabilization from the General Assembly.

The visionary plan, described by Secretary Udall as "one of the most exciting projects being studied by my department," has been a dream of the National Park Service and many North Carolinians for years. If given financial approval, it would make the Outer Banks the nation's most impressive and extensive recreation facility.

Only Selected Parts
Sanford and Udall emphasized that the plan did not mean that all Outer Banks areas would be taken into public ownership.

"While we are giving thought to the extension of the park from the Virginia line to Cape Lookout," they said, "this definitely does not mean that all of this area is being considered as a park, but only selected parts, with adequate areas being reserved for private development."

"The final decision would be made by local residents and state officials." "However, the idea does look for an overall development and preservation plan that would be administered cooperatively between Federal and State groups."

The plan would have to be legislated by Federal and State agencies with responsibility for development of public areas and preservation of the beaches given to the Park Service.

Local Opinion
The Governor and Interior Secretary made it clear that no See SEASHORE, Page Four

DARE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT HATTERAS

The Dare County Board of Commissioners met in Hatteras on Thursday morning with members of the Cape Hatteras Health Center Board of Trustees to discuss medical problems in connection with the center.

Other items expected to be administered by the board were: the adoption of the 1962-1963 budget and tax rate, the receipt of applications for tax collector and tax supervisor, the programming of dedication services for the Washington Baum Bridge and the formulation of improvements for the East Lake Ferry Landing, which will be used as a boat docking facility.