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NAGS HEAD WATER PLANT OUTLOOK BRIGHTENS WITH STATE APPROVAL OF PLANS

Town Board to Meet Monday for Check With Engineers on Application for \$945,000; Federal Loan; Burden on Taxpayers to Be Lighter than Many Had Expected, Figures Disclose

By RALPH POOL
Prospects that Nags Head will have a central water system by next summer grew brighter this week with unofficial word that the State had approved a proposed outlay of \$945,000 for the system, to be financed through a Federal loan.

Also, an analysis of the financing plan revealed that the water system will be a much lighter burden on Nags Head taxpayers than many had supposed. Mayor Julian Oneto has called a meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners for Monday at 2:30 p.m. to hear C. C. Tilley, supervising engineer for William Freeman Inc. of High Point, the engineering firm working out plans for the water system.

Apparently approved W. Ewart Easterling, assistant director and secretary of the Local Government Commission, apparently has approved the Nags Head water financing program, which calls for \$945,000 in bonds to be repaid in about 38 years at 3-3/4 per cent interest.

Under the plan, the tax rate for the bonds the first year would be six cents on the \$100 property valuation. This would jump to 25 cents the second year. Then the rate would begin to decline. The figure for the third year would be 22 cents and for the fourth, 21 cents. This would decrease steadily until it reached one cent in 1981-82, when the loan would be paid off.

At the Town Board meeting Monday, the engineers are expected to present a completed application for a loan to be submitted to the Community Facilities Administration, a division of the House and Home Finance Agency, with headquarters in Atlanta.

The board and Town Attorney Martin Kellogg will go over the application carefully to assure that there will be no undue burden on the taxpayers. If approved, it will be forwarded to Atlanta for CFA scrutiny.

Hearing and Election
Approval by the Federal agency will set in motion a series of steps necessary to bring the water system into being. The first will be a public hearing, duly advertised. Then a bond election will be held, in which only resident freeholders of Nags Head will be entitled to participate.

If the election carries, it will be possible to begin construction almost immediately, according to Oneto. This leads to strong hopes that the water system will be in operation by next summer.

Need Emphasized
Need for such a system is See WATER, Page Four

ONE DARE WRECK LISTED OVER LABOR DAY PERIOD

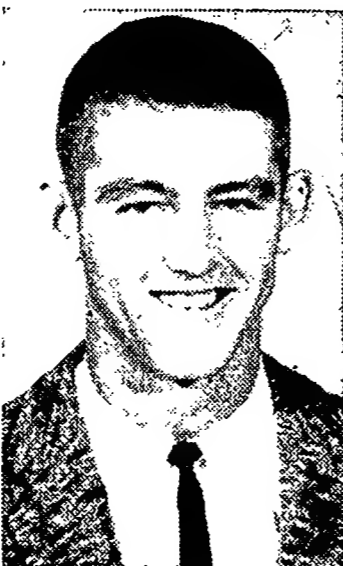
Despite a frightening record of fatalities from across the nation over the Labor Day week end, Dare County escaped the death list during the holiday with only one accident to mar an otherwise safe driving vacation period.

Dare's single accident occurred on Saturday evening when \$75 in damages was received by a station wagon on U. S. 64 when struck in the rear by a pick-up truck near Roanoke Sound Bridge, at approximately 8:05 p.m.

The struck vehicle was operated by George Miller of Washington, D. C. who was headed east on U. S. 64 in a '54 Chrysler station wagon. Miller attempted to make a left turn into a cottage approximately 100 feet east of Roanoke Sound Bridge when he was struck in the rear by a '60 Chevrolet pick-up truck, according to Highway Patrolman Martin King.

King stated that the truck was operated by an unlicensed driver, Smith White, colored, of Manteo. White was indicted for operating a vehicle without a valid operator's license. Charges were also listed against Eleanor Bowser, colored, Manteo, for allowing an unlicensed person to drive her vehicle.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



PHILLIP B. TILLETT of Manteo has been awarded a one year football scholarship at Carolina Military Academy, according to Clyde Parrish, Athletic Director at CMA.

Tillett, who left Manteo on Aug. 26 to begin fall training with CMA, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Tillett of Manteo. Phillip was a 1962 graduate of Manteo High School and was selected as the school's "Most Athletic Boy" by the student body.

Coach Jerry Cahoon, Manteo Redskin football coach has praised Tillett as "the most outstanding player on our team last year." Cahoon noted that Tillett was the "number one pass receiver on our squad and easily the best defensive lineman." "Coaches considered Tillett a threat and planned their offense to offset the strength he displayed at his position," Cahoon said.

A football and baseball star at Manteo High School, Phillip was an All Conference End in 1960 and 1961 and received an honorable mention selection on the All-Eastern team in 1960. He was co-captain of the squad during his senior year and snared 35 passes in his final season. See TILLETT, Page Three

RESIGNATION OF CD CHIEF NOT TAKEN

Kill Devil Hills Town Commissioner to Retain Second Office

An opinion by the State Attorney General that it is "not advisable" for a town commissioner to hold office also as Civil Defense director drew no support from the Kitty Devil Hills Town Board Tuesday night.

C. A. York, who holds both offices, offered to "step down happily" if the board wished, though he pointed out that the Attorney General's opinion was "interpretation, not law."

Ruling Requested
Other board members discussed the matter briefly, concluded they knew of no one they preferred in the position, and passed on to other matters. The Attorney General had been asked to rule on the legality of York serving both as a Town Commissioner and as Civil Defense chief. However, his ruling went no farther than to question the advisability of York's holding two offices.

It was pointed out in passing that the sheriff of Dare County is also county CD director. Many other matters were taken up at the meeting. The board decided to buy a dump truck from the State Highway Department for \$450, subject to approval. See K. D. HILLS, Page Three

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STORY OF W. O. SAUNDERS REFLECTS TURBULENT ERA



W. O. SAUNDERS

EAST LAKE NATIVE DIES IN NORFOLK

Mrs. Rena B. Benjamin, 65, of Norfolk, Va., widow of Edward R. Benjamin and daughter of Alva and Mrs. Cora Sawyer, died in her home Wednesday at 4 p.m.

A native of East Lake, she lived in the Norfolk-Portsmouth area most of her life. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Shirley J. Evans of Norfolk; a sister, Mrs. Martha Davis of Great Bridge; and a brother, Alva Sawyer Jr. of Portsmouth.

A funeral service will be conducted in Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home Friday at 3 p.m. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery. The family will be at 333 E. Little Creek Road.

BEST YEAR SINCE 1954

COLONY MANAGER CREDITS CAST FOR GREAT SEASON

As the stage lights dimmed on the 1,156th performance of Paul Green's drama at Waterside Theater, Edgar Thomas, general manager of The Lost Colony, took a deep breath and admitted that the Silver Anniversary Season had been a success.

"I feel," he said, "that we fulfilled the high expectations of this significant anniversary season and am assured that the intrinsic vitality of the drama ensures its perpetuation."

As compared with last season's attendance, the production was unquestionably more successful. The 43,396 paid admissions for 1962 represented an increase of 3,396 paid admissions over 1961 and made the Silver Anniversary Season the best, attendance-wise, since 1954.

Thomas noted that "we were successful despite the unseasonably bad weather during the early weeks of the show." "Yet it does not end there, for the dream which was the motivation behind the events you will remember, he said, "put the cast

ATKINSON NAMED SUPT. OF HOT SPRINGS PARK



ROBERT H. ATKINSON has been named superintendent of Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. The appointment was announced by Elbert Cox, Regional Director of the National Park Service's Southeast Region. Atkinson, who will report to his new post on September 7, comes to Hot Springs from Hyde Park, New York, where he was superintendent of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Sites. He succeeds H. Raymond Gregg, who was recently appointed to superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis, Missouri.

Cox said Atkinson began his See ATKINSON, Page Three

LABOR DAY CROWDS SET NEW RECORD

Beaches Thronged; Sunny Weather Lures Bathers Into Surf

The Outer Banks from Kitty Hawk to Ocracoke Inlet and probably more visitors over the Labor Day week end than in any similar period in their history, a survey this week disclosed.

Business was good up and down the beach. Motels and cottages for rent drew capacity patronage, for the most part, and other business were correspondingly active. The weather was all that could have been hoped for. It was sunny and warm, with a mild breeze most of the day. The ocean was calm, and drew its full quota of devotees. No serious mishaps in the surf were reported.

Single Drowning
In fact, with the single exception of a skin diver who lost his life while exploring a wreck off Kill Devil Hills, there hasn't been a fatality directly attributable to drowning on the beach this summer. Two fishermen at Oregon Inlet lost their lives from strokes or heart attacks, however.

The Labor Day week end started off with a bang, but tapered off sharply Monday as vacationers began returning home for the more prosaic days ahead. The traffic across Oregon Inlet reached a peak Monday night, with several hundred cars banked up at the ferry landing on the Hatteras side. However, the ferries kept right on operating after the usual midnight deadline, until not a car was waiting. Six 17-car ferries operated on the 45-minute run.

Fishermen Happy
At the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center, business was good and most of the fishermen were happy. The 35 boats operating out of the center were kept busy. Those fishing in and around the inlet reported fair catches of blues and a good many Spanish mackerel.

Fishermen venturing farther out did very well, too. Many bonnets were caught. Two medium sized blue marlin were brought in Sunday, and a larger one, weighing about 350 pounds, was caught Monday.

As in past seasons, the fishing at Oregon Inlet is expected to continue good until the middle of October.

Beach activities in general will continue through September, at least, though at a lessened tempo compared with the earlier summer months. In fact, more See CROWDS, Page Three

KNOTTS ISLAND JOINED TO TAR HEEL MAINLAND BY NEW FERRY SERVICE

Gov. Sanford, Commissioner Evans and Rep. Bonner Gather With Crowd of 500 For Christening of the State's Newest Ferry; Speeches Welcome Connection of the Is- land to North Carolina's Mainland.

1962 BEST YEAR FOR FISHING ON THE OUTER BANKS

Autumn Breaks on Best Year For Sportsfishing Ever Recorded

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Usually the big game fish season off Oregon Inlet is over by late August, but it's a different story this year and even the brushing tropical storm Alma gave the Outer Banks on Tuesday, August 28 did not curtail catches of billfish by anglers aboard Oregon Inlet-based cruisers.

Since Alma, (August 29 through September 4) the blue marlin catches have averaged better than one each day off Oregon Inlet, as follows:

August 29: Dr. John H. Moon, Richmond, cruiser McI-0-Dee, 163 pounder; September 1: Jim Boradus, Colonial Heights, Va., cruiser Sportsman, 356 pounder; Jerry Erlanson, Norfolk, Va., cruiser Jo-Boy, 165 pounder; an unidentified angler, cruiser Erma Queen, 190 pounder; September 2, W. M. Johnson, Posquoson, Va., cruiser Chee Chee, 252 pounder; Cruiser Grumel, angler unidentified, small blue marlin; September 3: Cruiser Slow and Easy, angler unidentified, 350 pounder; September 4: Robert W. Goodlove, Silver Springs, Md., cruiser Lois C., 198 pounder; and Carl Reichenbach, Raleigh, cruiser: Martha Ann, 120 pounder.

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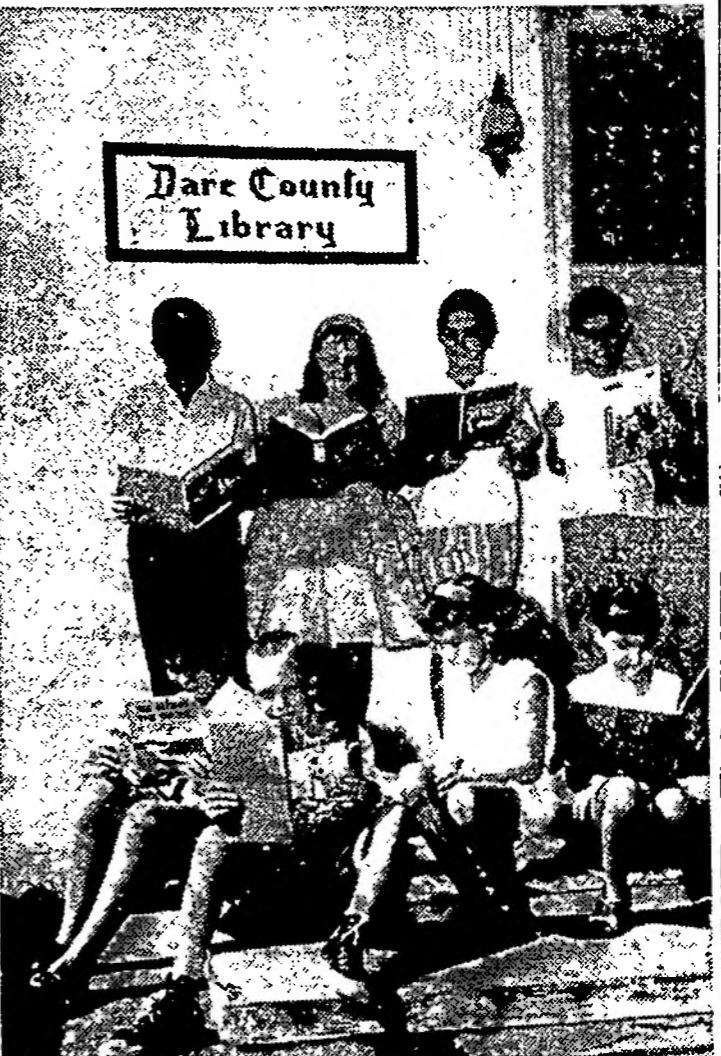
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YOUTHS COMPLETE LOST COLONY READING PROGRAM



A BROWSING BUNCH OF BOYS AND GIRLS who completed the Dare County Library's Lost Colony Reading Program for 1962 are shown above practicing their favorite pastime on the steps of the Community Building. The assembled group is, according to librarian Mrs. Jean Ward, only a representative sampling of the more than 50 youngsters who have achieved recognition by reading 25 books during the year to celebrate the Silver Anniversary Year of The Lost Colony.

The readers are: (Front row, l. to r.) Susan Meekins, Phil Rea, Hilda Swain and Lynn Green. (Back row, l. to r.) Harry Pridgen, Jean Marie Watkins, Dean Fearing and Jacie Burrus.

NEARLY \$500 THE PRIZE FOR SNEAK THIEF SAT. NIGHT

A thief with an eye for money over the holiday week end stole \$475.00 from the cash register of Hassell and Creaf Chevrolet Co. in Manteo on Saturday night while the only attendant on duty was filling the gas tank of a car.

The Dare County Sheriff's Department has reported that \$475.00 was taken by the robber, who apparently entered the store area of the building through a back window. Charlie Shannon, the only employee on duty at the time, stated that he found a screen from one of the windows in the rear of the shop ajar, immediately after discovering the theft.

"The thief took all the bills in the cash register but left quite a bit of change," Shannon said. Around 9 P. M.

Shannon indicated that he had last seen the bills in the cash drawer at about 8:45 p.m. after making a sale. He returned to the register 15 minutes later to make change for a gas sale and discovered the robbery, he said.

Sheriff Frank Cahoon has stated that the Sheriff's Department has two suspects under investigation for the crime. Cahoon indicated that he was notified immediately after the money was discovered missing and that fingerprints have been lifted from the area around the cash register.