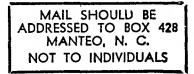
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DRINKWATER IS DEAD

WRIGHT MESSAGE SENDER DIES AT HOME IN MANTEO

Alpheus W. (Pop) Drinkwater, 87, the man who relayed the message of man's first powered flight, in 1903, died in his sleep, at approximately 5:30 a.m. on Monday. The "first citizen" of the Outer Banks died of the cancer which had confined him to his home for several months. The veteran newsman attempted to send his last message from his home at 2:30 a.m. on Monday morning. Sensing that the end was coming he asked his daughter, Dorothy to phone Aycock Brown. "Tell Aycock to call the A.P. with my story," he said. These were his last words. according to his daughter. He died three hours later.

His death at 87 ended the career of one of the most remarkable characters in the United States. He had, until the time of his death, served the Associated Press longer than any other correspondent-since 1901.

· On December 17, 1903, while covering attempts to salvage the U. S. submarine "Moccasin" for the United States Signal Service at Corolla, his telegraph key relayed the news of the Wright Brothers' conquest of air above the dunes at Kill Devil Hills

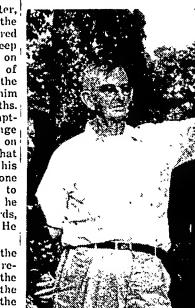
and the birth of aviation.

No New Development scores of journalists covering Alpheus Duinkwater was born the 1908 flights earned him the on July 31, 1875, in a house on respect and friendship of such Bodie Island near what is now newspaper greats as William Oregon Inlet Coast Guard Sta-Hoster of the New York Journal torm. The term of the stroke which hair in a thousand directions. Hoster of the New York Journal torm of the Start S Hoster of the New York Journal, tion. The house was washed agent for the F. B. I. conducted Bessie Catherine Draper is D. B. MacGowan of the London away in the storm which chang-Daily Mail and Bryon Newton ad the inlet Daily Mail, and Bryon Newton ed the inlet.

to become Secretary of the Josephine Educing Line and the peace said. Treasury under President Wood-row Wilson. her way into the hearts of children—13 boys and one girl. The cashier indicated that a folks on the Outer Banks.

with the Wright experiments, charge of the United States ords will be made by employees A. W. Drinkwater became na- Lifesaving Station at Virginia in the near future. "I don't know painted more cuts, spanked more tionaly famous. He was the Beach and Drinkwater was rearfriend of such aviation pioneers ed there. as Amelia Earhart, Eddie Rickenbacker, Gen. James Doolittle

key, while selling tickets at the ALMOST CERTAIN and Frank Lahm. In 1957 Drinkwater to New York to participate in Virginia Beach railroad station the dedication of the Eastern in the 1890s. His most memorable use of Airlines terminal at Idlewild "the box" occurred on Dec. 17. Airport. A charter member of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial 1903 when he is reported to have Society, he flew to Texas in clicked the following message 1960 to address members of the from Corolla: 176C KACS 33 Paid Daedalus Society, an organiza-Via Norfolk tion of early flight pioneers. Kitty Hawk, N. C. In 1956 he sold a "first per-Dec. 17 Bishop W. Wright LOAN APPROVAL 7 Hawthorne Street APPEARS LIKELY morning all against twenty one Tyrrell counties. FOR N. H. WATER mile winds. Started from level with engine power alone. Aver-Force will proceed immediately age speed through air thirty one with a formal request to Con-A representative of the Housmues, longest 57 seconds, inform gress for the propetry. ing and Home Finance Agency press. Home for Christmas. from the Regional Administra-Orville Wright tor's Office in Atlanta took an A'though Drinkwater's part in inspection tour of Nags Head sending the first flight message and its water facilities on Monwas often disputed, he contendday and Tuesday of this week ed, until his death, that the mesand said he was "optimistic" See "DR'NK", Page Four about the town's chances of ac-



sage to the "Readers Digest for vin Weaver, vice-president of As a telegrapher for Western \$2,500. Its title: "I Knew Those Planters Bank in Rocky Mount As a telegrapher for Western \$2,500. Its title: "I Knew Those Planters Bank in Rocky Module Union, he handled thousands of Wright Brothers Were Crazy." and others, he said. Pearce said press messages for correspond-ents covering the Wright ex-of the Civil Air Patrol in the sistant Commissioner of Banks in Bulaigh immediately after the best county nurse to the start Admiral in Bulaigh immediately after the best county nurse to the start best county nurse to th perimental flights of 1908 at U.S.A. and the oldest Admiral in Raleigh immediately after shouldn't. The best county nurse Hatteras, with her needles and ton, son of the Tar Heel gover-Kill Devil Hills. It was the 1908 in the North Carolina Navy, an making the discovery. "He must Dare ever had or is likely to see vaccine in their little black box, is at home now. She hasn't re- the wind blowing her mop of

As a result of his connection His father was the officer in complete audit of the bank rec-

Drinkwater learned to handle "the box," an expression he used RANGE APPROVAL in referring to his telegraph

MANTEO, N. C., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1962

NURSE ON THE JOB AFTER MARCH STORM

INCOMPLETE ON WRIGHT CASE

U. S. Attorney Indicates He And Hollowell Will

A report from the F.B.I. concerning the embezzlement and false entry charges against John Wright, a former note teller at the Bank of Manteo, has not yet been received by the United States Attorney's Office in Raeigh according to U.S. Attorney Robert Cowan, federal attorney for eastern North Carolina. Cowan indicated that he and Weldon A. Hollwell, Asst. U. S. Attorney from Edenton, will try the case in October 22 at Elizabeth City in Federal District Court, if a grand jury indictment is received.

Try Case

F. B. I. REPORT

Wright, 33 year old ex-Marine, was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Thomas Gallop in Elizabeth City last Wednesday

and waived a preliminary hear ing on charges connecting him

embezzlement of \$1,100. The alleged false entry and

routine check of bank books which is made at the bank every 60 days, according to W. R.

son" account of his 1903 mes- cies were found by Pearce, Mar-

of the New York Herald, later He was a son of Edward and bank. "He hash't returned since hand-holding, jeep-driving, ex-to become Secretary of the Josephine Etheridge Drinkwater last Wednesday morning," amining, cussing and laughing

See WRIGHT, Page Three

The Air Force had previously



BESSIE DRAPER, public health nurse in Dare County for over with the making of fraudulent 21 years, is shown above in the last photograph taken before her entries in the bank's accounts to recent illness, when she innoculated hundreds to prevent an outthe extent of 16,615 and the break of typhoid fever, after the Ash Wednesday Storm. The unidentified young man, grimacing at right, is one of the countless youngsters in Dare who received "above the call of duty"

missing money were during a attention from "Draper" . . . their friend.

Pearce, cashier. The discrepan- AN ANGEL OF MERCY ON THE OUTER BANKS

covered from the stroke which hair in a thousand directions.

IS WORKED FOR **BY HATTERASMEN**

Plans for the creation of a fire district at Hatteras were throats, jabbed more arms, developed on Wednesday at a meeting of the Hatteras Volunteer Fire Department held in the bottoms and raised more hell than the ordinary person could fire hall. The more than 40 per- PARK EXTENSION do in three lifetimes. Bessie sons attending learned that a fire Draper isn't a nurse; she's an district, if created, would result in the lowering of insurance rates, on the average home, from

DRAWS OFFICIALS A VOICE OF DISSENT FROM OVER STATE ON THE OUTER BANKS Celebration Chairman Indicates Many Will Attend By LAWRENCE MADDRY

Öct. Event

Invitations to attend the the throat of a 69 year old Nags Washington Baum Bridge ded- Head fisherman named Jethro Highway Department started in ication ceremonies to be held Midgett who believes that "just 1957 when construction begin in Dare on Oct. 12 have already about everything here on the on U S. By-Pass at Nags Head. been accepted by several state Banks is being done back- "The - thing never should have officials, according to Melvin Daniels, chairman of the bridge highway to erosion control. celebration.

Highway Department Chairman Merrill Evans, Commissioner Gilliam Wood and Division Engineer W. N. Spruill have altion that comes from nearly 50 better." ready indicated they will be on years of personal acquaintance

hand for ceremonies which will offically name the Roanoke suck, moods and habits. Sound Bridge for the former Despite Jethro's lack of offici-Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners. "We also received word from Congressman Bonner that he

will make every effort to be man knows the sea. here also," Daniels said. His principal followers belong Daniels, chairman of a six man committee appointed by the to the familes which first settled Dare Board of Commissioners to at Nags Head Beach in the early formulate plans for the Oct. 1930s. The ones who came from celebration, indicated that his Elizabeth City, Edenton, Hertcommittee will meet this week ford and down east in North to decide upon plagues or tablets Carolina to build their summer which would designate the homes, the jumper-saingled,

stilted, grim gabled, summer bridge's name. cottages which Jonathan Duniels "We hope to have two bronze once referred to as "the aristoplaques affixed to the bridge, cracy of the unpainted." one at each end," he said. Whether by chance or through

Large Crowd Expected Jethro's assistance, these cot-A large crowd is expected for tages which dot the Nags Head the dedication ceremonies which will feature an address by State shoreline, with only one excep-Sen. Hector McLean of Lumber- tion, escaped total destruction from a capricious storm-driven nor who, with Baum, pioneered Atlantic on March 7-the worst for a wooden structure across storm ever to lash the Banks. Through the years, Jethro the sound in 1926.

A band concert by the Eliza- has also acquired a sizeable folbeth City High School Band and lowing of "old-timers," fisherand an outdoor fish fry have men mostly, but friends who also been scheduled, Daniel. Jethro, with tongue in cheek, said. "We are hoping that the calls "non-experts." (It's the solocal Masonic Lodge will assist called experts who are suning us with the fish fry, but, if not, everything, he says). Because of we still plan to have an outdoor the man's salty personality and meal for the crowd we're expect- often cantankerous candor, he is \$12,000 Structure to Include one of the most-often-guoted ing here," he added.

hem.

Daniels said a public address characters on the Banks. His words send out ripples, like pebsystem had already been prombles in still water, and are reised to the committee by the peated, more likely than not, in See BRIDGE, Page Three

IS OPPOSED AT

KITTY HAWK MEET

Investors

of Engineers, who Jethro chims There is a voice of dissent on have about bungled the Banks the Outer Banks. It croaks from out to sea.

Jethro's private war with the Jethro Midgett holds no public sound," Jethro says. "I told them office and never has, but when about it, told them what it he speaks, and he does, quite would do, but they built it anyfrequently, it is with a convic- way. A child would have known

"I wrote Governor Hodges, the with the Atlantic, its glut and high way commissioner, and suck, moods and habits. and told them that if a road was al office, he is the unofficial built where it was we'd have the spokesman for scores of old worst disaster in the history of Nags Headers who believe that Nags Head." "Well, we got it they know the man and that the during the Ash Wednesday Storm."

"The road is still four feet above the old road-if it weren't there the water could go across. If we have another big storm they'll be the same destruction. They might just as well build a hig dam right down the middle of the town."

Same Old Story

Since the March 7 storm, to Jethro's mind at least, confirmed his theory about the highway, Jethro says he was hoping that the "experts" would begin to listen to people who have lived

with and know the Atlantic "But they haven't done it," Midgett says, "It's the same old story," he mutters. "Now they've pushed the sand into the sea." Jethro began alerting his See MIDGETT, Page Four

NEW BUILDING FOR FIRE DEPT. AT NAGS HEAD

Space for Offices Now Underway

The fire chief indicated that

the town plans to have two fire

statons to comply with insur-

Construction began at Nags Head Tuesday on a \$12,000 builda kitchen or dock at Hatteras, ing to house the town's fire trucks and provide office space within 24 hours after he sputters for the chief of police and town

More Flood Than Ripples clerk. Lately Jethro's rhetoric has resembled a flood. It sweeps File Chief stated that the 30 x over nearly everything in sight 65 foot building will be located Property Owners Assert Park but reaches the high-water mark with the N C Highware Denot mmediately south of way Patrol Station at Nags Head between U. S. 158 and Would Hurt Private ment and the U.S. Army Crops 158 By-Pass. The structure is being financ-TOURIST BUREAU ed by private individuals and A discussion of the proposed will be of plywood construction **GETS NEW MAPS** with an A-frame roof. Shepherd AND BROCHURES said that the building will be brick veneered when funds become available. Archie Burrus Selected As

Wednesday of last week at the in over 21 years of vaccinating,[

her way into the hearts of the She has looked down more

an institution.

JETHRO SPEAKS HIS MIND BAUM BRIDGE DAY

quiring the \$945,000 loan to finance a municipal water system.

Mayor Julian Oneto of Nags Head indicated on Wednesday that Al Hammach the agency's representative had conferred Committee gave its approval for Kimmey, James Scarborough and finance the Oregon Inlet Bridge himself and "seemed to be opti- on Tuesday, after a subcommitmistic about the town's chances tee had killed the bill. for the loan." Oneto said that | The measure has passed the the board hopes to hear from House and Senate passage is

ce "within the week." propriations bill actually allo- which, under proper regulations, Approval by the Housing and cating the money must now clear can be operated without apprecifice "within the week." Home Finance Agency for the both chambers, but passage is loan would enable town auth- considered automatic.

orities to set a program for bringing the water system into being. The first step would be introduced by First District Cona public hearing, duly advertised. Then a bond election would duce the State's cost in building used by planes from Seymour be held, in which only resident the span to 3.5 million. freeholders would be entitled to participate.

to have a system in operation by nert summer," he said.

FERRY FLAGS LOWERED

Flags on the State Ferry A. W. Drinkwater were lowered to half-mast on Wednesday in honor of the man for whom it was named. The Flag lowering was ordered by D. W. Patrick, Ferry Operations Manager.

BONNER BRIDGE BILL SAVING N. C. MONEY

SLATED FOR APPROVAL The Senate Public Work:

day.

the Regional Administrator's Of- now assured. A supplemental ap

wildlife." Bonner Introduced

The legislation was originally indicated it would use a nonflammable smoke-maker bomb gressman Herbert Bonner to re-

It ran into trouble on the Goldsboro. Seymour Johnson is Manns Harbor, Mrs. Richard competition," he reported. ferent parliamentary produre. The bill killed in the Fublic ulations.

Mattamuskeet Out Land Subcommittee of the Sen-

ate Public Works Committee because the bridge was already vinced the subcommittee chair- site was a greater fire danger Daniels; Hatteras Island, Mrs. day classic, first autumn tour- Arthur E. Mitchell of South ailable for distribution at the people leading the service and committee approved the legisla- committee said: "The Mattamu- leaders for Hatteras Island will club's headquarters on Saturday hurts the private investor." He Although the bureau approved message specially for youth. See RANGE, Page Three tion last Friday.

Never Said No HENDERSON SAYS Bessie Draper doesn't know

the meaning of the word no. Formal Request For Bomb When she first set foot on the Outer Banks, back in 1941, the Range Pushed By Air Force Towards Congress

Rep. David Henderson, D-N. call from the sick, day or night, C. stated last Thursday that he that she didn't answer; never a is confident congressional ap- child in need that she didn't proval will be obtained for the clothe; never an aged person she as Fire Station. acquisition of a practice bomb- didn't comfort and never a time,

ing range in the Lake Phelps in 21 years of devoted service, Success four flights Thursday area of Washington, Hyde and when she gave one minute's thought to her own problems or He also indicated that the Air asked for help herself.

She isn't asking now. Never Asked There were few rules when

she came to the Banks. Bessie Henderson's statement followed a report submitted last week never needed any. They were a by a six-man study committee hindrance, like frilly dresses tax, not exceeding 15 cents per recommending the Lake Phelps and skirts. Draper liked denim \$100 of valuation. site for the range. The commit- pants and a shirt because they "worked better." tee, appointed by Gov. Sanford,

was headed by Chester S. Davis, than Draper. Winston-Salem newspaperman.

Back before the roads were The committee report laid lown regulations, including paved on the lower Banks, she what weapons would be used,

and how they would be employ-CANCER FIGHTING ed. The Air Force agreed to the CRUSADE TO START regulations shortly after the with board members Tom Mc- a \$500,000 appropriation to help committee's recommendations IN MANTEO OCT. 3 were made public last Wednes-

Mrs. Bert Tysen, Field Con-The committee report said: sultant for North Carolina Can-"It is our belief that a praccer Unit, will be in Manteo Wedtice bombing range can be esnesday, October 3, for crusade tablished at the Lake Phelps site kick-off meeting in the Comwhich, under proper regulations, munity Building at 8 p.m. All members of the Executive Board, able risk to the waterfowl and Crusade volunteers and any per-

sons interested in the Fight that all was in readiness for the against Cancer are invited to club sponsored two day Fun attend.

Community chairman for the on the range, which would be October 7-13 Crusade are: Stumused by planes from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base n e a r Coldshare Saymour Johnson to East Lake, Mrs. Joe Spruill; will be 30 to 40 anglers in the

be published later.

80 to 54 cents per \$100 of valuation.

The fireman voted to circulate a petition requesting an election on the fire district issue, accordword just dropped out of her ing to Grady Austin, who presid-

vocabulary. There was never a ed at the morning meeting. He extension of Cape Hatteras Naindicated that the proposed dis- tional Seashore Recreation Area trict would extend for a radius resulted in almost unanimous of three miles from the Hatter- opposition to the plan at Kitty Hawk Elementary School last Austin said that signatures of Friday night during a meeting

15% of the registered voters which was attended by more would be required before the than 50 property owners in the petition could be presented to the Dare-Currituck area. Board of Commissioners. "We A vote taken at the concluhope to get a referendum by sion of the meeting was unanimously against any extension of January," he said.

In the event that a district the National Park Service's prois created, the commissioners perty. A handfull of spectators would be authorized to levy a refused to vote on the issue.

ing, which had been called by If the district is created, an inspection by North Carolina H. D. Newbern of Powells Point, a member of the North Carolina And nobody worked better Fire Insurance Commissioners Outer Banks Seashore Park would be required and approval given to equipment and training Commission and chairman of a committee appointed to study techniques, before insurance reductions would become effective. the feasibility of a park extension in the Currituck-Dare Rep. M. Keith Fearing, Jr.,

Moncie Daniels, Jr., Democratic area. Newbern, chairman of the nomince to the N. C. House and Currituck County Board of Com-George Fuller, Dare Commismissioners, has been critic of the sioner, were present at the park expansion since Aug. 7

when the Currituck Board passed a resolution objecting to any TOURNEY PLANS NOW park extension into Currituck COMPLETE BY MARLIN County. CLUB AT HATTERAS

meeting.

The resolution followed an announcement on July 14 by Sec-Earl Phillips, president Hatteras Marlin Club. stated today plans were being discussed which would set up a National Tournament next week end-

"We will have a minimum of out.

articipate. Mayor Oneto indicated that if opponent of federal spending. Maj. Gen. H. H. Moore of Tac-Twiford; North End Roanoke glers will be Emile DuPont, one rolla, were two of the most outspoken opponents of the exan election carries, construction Rep. H. R. Gross, R.-lown, ob- tical Command Headquarters, Island, Mrs. Roy Etheridge, Jr., of the greatest conservationists tension. They claimed that the would begin on the system im- jected to its passage. It passed Langley AFB, Virginia, an- and Mrs. Clarence Beals; Manteo for big game fish along the beach was in good condition and mediately. "We might be able easily, however, under a dif- nouned the Air Force agreement Residence, Mrs. Byron Sawyer; Atlantic Coast. DuPont, who ofthat there was no need for beach

Mrs. John Forbes; Kitty Hawk, caught and released more blue Mrs. Luda Seron; Kill Devil marlin than any other angler. Pines Island Gunning Club, and greotest number of written and being held each night at 7:30 The committee suggested that Hills, Mrs. Paul Wolford; South The tourney competition will other Corolla property owner, oral requests have been for with a different minister of the another proposed area, at Lake Nags Head, Mrs. Inez Tolson; be open to inshore and offshore said few property owners at maps" he said. "Naturally the association preaching. The varunder construction. However, the Mattamuskeet, should not be Colington, Mrs. Raymond Perry; anglers if they are members of Corolla wanted the extension or greatest number of written and jous church choirs are furnishing State's two Senators, Everett used under any circumstances. Manteo Businesses, J. O. Bas- Hatteras Club or friends of the would be willing to sell to the oral requests have been for special music. Sunday night will Jordan and Sam Ervin, Jr., con- Nothing that the Mattamuskeet night; Wanchese, Mrs. Pate club. The big finale to the two Park Service.

man, Sen. Alan Bible, D-Nev. to area, because of thick forests Nellie Farrow; colored division ney yet sponsored by HMC, will Nags Head declared, "every time travel shows participated in by the host minister, the Reverend reverse his position. The sub- and heavy ground cover, the Mrs. David Latham. Community be the awards dinner at the the government takes over it the bureau," he added.

See PARK, Page Three

Chairman At Meeting On Wednesday

ance regulations for Nags Head A new four color brochure depolicy holders. "The station picting scenery and points of which we were using and which interest on the Dare Coast and was damaged during the Ash a pictorial map of the Outer Wednesday Storm was being Banks and the North Carolina | rented and is now sold", he said, mainland will be produced for "we want to get this new buildthe Dare County Tourist Bureau ing completed as soon as possi-No representative of the Park during this fall. ble and then purchase, rent or Service was present at the meet-

Plans for the publication of build another one in the Whale-75,000 brochures and maps were bone area." developed at a meeting of the He was unable to say when

bureau on Wednesday morning the new construction would be in the Community Building in completed.

Manteo. The Bureau plans to Only 1 Fire spend approximately \$3,069 for The Nags Head fireman said the new publications, according that only one fire had been reto Archie Burrus, newly-elected ported since the March 7 chairman storm. "We have just been lucky Burrus indicated that the bro- and we're still holding our

chures will replace the ones breaths," he said. printed in 1960. He noted that Three pieces of fire-fighting

they will contain more infoi- equipment were damaged by mation about the Dare Coast and salt water during the storm more and larger pictures than and required repair. They were the 1960 brochure. a 1,000 gallon tanker and two

The pictorial maps will in- 300 gallon pumpers. Shepherd dicate every community and indicated that the tanker and show points of local interest in one pumper had already been and Governor Terry Sanford that each. It will contain new high- returned from the factory and way data and include such new are operable.

material as the Oregon Inlet He noted that plans for the Bridge and highway approaches building, now under constructhe Virginia Line to Cape Look- to the coast from the mainland. tion, will be discussed at a They will be sent to radio meeting of the Nags Head stations, television studios and Volunteer Fire Department to

new media to pulicize the county be held this week. and numbers will be sent to local proprietors for distribution to

tourists. Aycock Brown, manager and

day that he is "especially pleas- Association are in progress at ed with the approval for the new the Mount Olivet Methodist maps." "In recent years our Church in Manteo. Services are brochures and maps will be av- be Youth Night with the young

Carl White, of the White

REVIVAL IN PROGRESS

Revival services sponsored by news director, said on Wednes- churches in the Dare Ministerial

H. F. Leatherman, bringing a See BUREAU, Page Four Everyone is invited.

October 5, 6. 15 boats and I feel sure there Capt. W. H. Lewark and Elwood Parker of Kill Devil Hills,

both property owners at Co-

to the committee's proposed reg- Kitty Hawk Beach and Duck, ten fishes from Hatteras, has erosion control.

night.