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## BANK MERGER EFFECTIVE ON MON., DEC. 10

Planters National Bank and  
Trust to Offer Expanded Faci-  
lities for Outer Banks

When Manteo's banking facility opens for business Monday morning, the final steps will have been made, completing the merger of the Bank of Manteo with Planters National Bank and Trust Company of Rocky Mount. Notice was given some months ago to the governing boards of both institutions, regarding such proposed action, and preliminary plans were made public some time ago. Approval was voted by directors of both facilities, and final action came just a few days ago when the government boards which must give the final word on such a program gave the green signal.

The Outer Banks region may expect expanded banking facilities from this change, inasmuch as the Planters National, combining the assets of the Bank of Manteo, will have some \$42,000,000 in capital accounts. Loan capabilities will be increased considerably, in that Planters itself may loan as much as \$210,000 on a single entity based on current legal limitations.

Joel T. Lee, Senior Vice-President of Planters in charge of branch operations, in Manteo this week, advised that the desire of Planters is to "accept applications for loans in any amount, and cooperate in all such loans that are in keeping with sound banking and business practice." He emphasized "any amount, inasmuch as Planters desire is to assist in all loans, which sometimes because of size, require aid from several cooperative institutions.

The Planters name is not new to eastern North Carolina, but its remarkable record of growth has been limited to the last decade. Founded in 1897 as the Planters Bank of Rocky Mount, it has expanded its offices in this order: Plymouth—Dec. 1953; Ahoskie—Feb. 1954; Roanoke Rapids—(by merger with Roanoke Rapids Bank & Trust Co.) in June 1956; Greenville—Aug. 1956; Gaston—Nov. 1961; Siler City—Feb. 1962. In addition to offering complete banking services, the firm's trust department is handling a

## COMMISSIONER SAYS

### NAGS HEAD WATER SYSTEM IS LIFE OR DEATH MATTER

Residents of Nags Head are expected to vote on the Nags Head Municipal Building this Saturday, Nov. 8, to begin registration for the bond election on Jan. 12 which will determine the fate of the resort community's proposed \$945,000 water system.

Town Commissioner Lionel Edwards of Nags Head announced this week that registration dates for the election are scheduled for Dec. 8, 15 and 22. Edwards said that Dec. 29 will be the date for challenging voter registration. Registration and challenge hours are from 9 till 5.

## ASTRONAUT TO ADDRESS KILL DEVIL HILLS SOCIETY



MAJOR ROBERT M. WHITE, X-15 pilot and assistant chief of flight test operations at the Air Force Flight Test Center, is shown above in the uniform which he wore in setting a record altitude of 59 miles in his rocket aircraft on July 17, a performance which qualified him as an "astronaut." Major White will be the principal speaker at the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society's 59th Annual Celebration of the First Wright Flight, to be held at Kill Devil Hills on Dec. 17.

## X-15 PILOT SPEAKER

### WRIGHT FLIGHT CELEBRATION EXPECTED TO DRAW HUNDREDS

Major Robert M. White, holder of the world's altitude record for aircraft, 1st District Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, U. S. Clerk Stratton, Assistant to the Director of the National Park Service and Ralph Whitener, executive director of the National Aeronautics Association are expected to join with hundreds of aviation enthusiasts at Kill Devil Hills on Dec. 17 in a gala 59th Anniversary Celebration of the Wright brothers' first flight.

The annual celebration, which brings hundreds of visitors yearly to the Wright Visitors Center and Wright Memorial at Kill Devil Hills, will be highlighted on Dec. 17 with a speech

## SWAIN IS NAMED AS CHAIRMAN OF DARE CO. BOARD

Commissioner From Nags Head Is Named To Highest Post In County

Lawrence Swain of Manteo, a businessman who has served five terms as a Dare County Commissioner, was elected as chairman of the board on Monday. Swain who represents Nags Head Township will succeed David Stick of Kitty Hawk.

Sawin, a member of the Dare County Welfare Board, received a unanimous vote for the position and later pledged to conduct the office "to the best of my ability."

Two newcomers were sworn as board members on Monday, during inaugural ceremonies for the commissioners: Stanford White of Manns Harbor, commissioner from Croatan and East Lake Township, and Pennel Tillett of Kitty Hawk, commissioner from Atlantic. The new board members will replace Horace Hooper of Stumpy Point, and David Stick of Kitty Hawk. Both had not sought re-election.

The swearing-in ceremonies were performed by C. S. Meekins, clerk of court. M. L. Daniels, Jr., Rep.-elect from Dare County was on hand to witness the ceremony and told the group that he was "determined to work cooperatively with the board on all matters of interest to the citizens of the county."

Appointments  
Jacie Burrus of Manns Harbor became the first Dare citizen from the mainland ever appointed to the Dare Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. The position is a three year appointment. Burrus, who will represent Croatan and East Lake Township, replaces W. (Scottie) Gibson of Hatteras.

The following re-appointments were made by the board: Zenovah E. Davis, secretary to the board of commissioners, W. H. McCown, county attorney and Martin Kellogg, Jr., prosecuting attorney. All are two year appointments. See BOARD, Page Four

## STRANDED KIDS BEGIN CLASSES AT KINNAKEET

Temporary School Established For Children Living N. Of Buxton

Approximately 67 isolated from-school students living in communities north of Buxton Inlet began classes on Thursday morning in the Little Kinnakeet Coast Guard Station and will remain there until the 1500 foot Buxton Inlet is either filled or bridged.

Mrs. Mary Evans, Dare Superintendent of Public Instruction stated this week that the children enrolled in grades one through eight, will be under the supervision of Larry Clark and Miss Carrie Shelton. Two other teachers, yet unnamed, will aid in the instruction at Little Kinnakeet.

Mrs. Evans stated that all schools on Hatteras Island opened on Thursday after having been closed since Nov. 26 as a result of the recent storm.

She said arrangements are being made to provide room and board for high school students of Avon, Rodanthe, Salvo and Waves in locations south of the inlet, in order that they may continue classes at Cape Hatteras School.

School Board Meeting  
The superintendent's announcement followed a meeting of the Dare County Board of Education, held in the Dare Courthouse at 9 a.m. on Monday.

The board was informed at the meeting by Ferry Operations Manager D. W. Patrick that it would be impossible to put a ferry from Avon to Buxton "because of the necessary dredging required."

The board agreed that the Cape Hatteras School would be resumed the same day as the temporary elementary school with the understanding that:

- All high school students from Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo and Avon would be provided room and board on the south side of the new inlet.
- The board would pay \$10 a week for room and board for the high school students.
- The superintendent would seek additional state funds for the high school students, for any additional teachers deemed necessary and for operation of the school at Little Kinnakeet.

## PRINCIPALS AT THE SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE MEETING SATURDAY



E. E. HARRELL REP. H. C. BONNER GOVERNOR SANFORD

WHEN THE SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE ASSOCIATION meets in Plymouth Saturday, Dec. 8, an interesting program is scheduled which will include an address by the Hon. Terry Sanford, Governor. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Plymouth High School, and the morning program will conclude with the talk by Gov. Sanford, who will be introduced by Rep. Herbert C. Bonner.

The business session for the six-county organization which has fought for 27 years for area improvements, will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Member counties are: Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington, Beaufort and Martin. E. E. Harrell of Plymouth is president of the Association.

## HEADS RURITAN GROUP TO ELIZABETH CITY



—Photo by D'Amours Studio, Manteo

RANDOLPH G. O'NEAL, JR., recently appointed postmaster at Wanchese and newly elected President of the Wanchese Ruritan club, was named head of a committee to represent the club Friday at the Albemarle Ruritan District convention in Elizabeth City today, Friday, Dec. 7th at the Virginia Dare Hotel, with a business meeting at 2:30 and a banquet at 6:30 p.m.

## BLOOD FLOOD OF 143 PINTS FILLS QUOTA

A blood drive for the Dare County Red Cross held in Manteo on Monday produced a record 143 pints, according to Horace A. Dough, co-chairman of the Dare Red Cross Blood Program. The local Red Cross had asked for 90 pints.

Dough said the donations exceeded any previously reported from the Manteo area and that "The spirit of cooperation which caused so many to roll up their sleeves is almost certain to put us in good standing with the Tidewater Regional Blood Program."

Dough noted last week that the county stood in danger of losing its coverage under the Tidewater Program unless more donations were given. He said on Monday that "the 143 pints brings us out in the clear again if the blood can be credited on last year's deficit. Donations in Dare for 1962 were 20 pints short of the quota."

Expresses Thanks  
Dough said "I want to thank everyone who helped make this campaign a successful one, not the donors themselves, but the countless people who helped distribute pamphlets explaining the blood program and others who assisted on Monday."

The blood donations were given in Manteo High School Gymnasium between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr. of Manteo assisted state Red Cross officials with the program. Mrs. John Garrison was in charge of the post-donation refreshments of juice, cake, soft drinks and coffee, which were furnished by local citizens.

## RAISED NEXT WEEK FERRY KERR SCOTT IS ON BOTTOM IN PAMLIKO

Ferry Operations Manager D. W. Patrick of Manteo said Wednesday that the State Ferry System's work boat "Kerr Scott" which went aground near Bear Island Light in Pamlico Sound on Sunday, will be recovered by a commercial salvage firm sometime next week, if weather permits.

He said the vessel is now submerged in 20 feet of water, three quarters of a mile west of the light, "in one of the most treacherous places in Pamlico Sound," with only a mast-head light and its radio antenna visible. He reported that the \$26-30 thousand dollar craft is believed to be sitting upright on the bottom. Patrick said the Ferry Department did not know whether a \$15,000 Bay-City Crane, which was being transported by the craft when it went aground on Saturday, was still on board.

\$19,000 In Equipment  
Other equipment which Patrick said was being transported by the work boat included component pile driving equipment for the crane, valued at \$2,000.

## VOTE ON WATER AT K.D. HILLS SLATED FOR FEB.

The Kill Devil Hills Town Board announced this week that an election on the town's proposed \$76,000 bond issue, to finance a water system, will be held in February. The election had previously been scheduled for January.

Members of the board passed the necessary resolutions for the election at a meeting on Tuesday night in the town hall. A new registration will be necessary and the books will be open at the town hall for four weeks prior to the election date. The specific date for the election has not been determined by the board.

Mrs. Troy Beasley was named as registrar and Mrs. Jean Perry Beacham and Mrs. Durwood Miller were selected as judges.

Mayor Tom Briggs said the proposed bonds would be issued on a 3 1/2 percent basis, drawing 3 1/2 percent interest. The first levy, based on present valuations plus natural increases, would be 13 cents on the \$100 valuation in 1965. Thereafter the levy would drop each year to 10 cents in 1966 down to 3 cents in 1970.

No special levy would be needed after 1970, Briggs said. He said the schedule has been estimated by the Local Government Commission.

Under a federal public assistance loan program, the Home and Housing Administration has agreed to buy the bonds if they fail to find a buyer when offered at public sale.

Briggs noted that the \$765,000 bond issue is to cover not only construction, but also acquisition of land and rights of way, installation of fire hydrants, attorney fees, engineering costs and other expenses.

If the federal agency buys the bonds, it would supervise construction in addition to supervision given by the town's engineers.

An estimate has been made See K.D.II., Page Four

Patrick said a diver must first close the hatches on the ferry boat as an initial step in the recovery operation. After that a pumping operation will begin, with the assistance of state boats.

Tow Unsuccessful  
The "Kerr Scott", one of the ferry system's oldest boats, was under tow by a Coast Guard vessel but had to be released Saturday night because she was taking on water. The three-man crew of the ferry was removed around 11 p.m. by a coast Guard vessel from Ocracoke.

The crewmen were Capt. Ralph Jones of Manteo; Clifton Sarvis of East Lake and Engineer Adam Etheridge of Manteo.

Patrick said the Scott, named for the late Governor and U. S. Senator, left Manns Harbor Saturday laden with the crane, pile driving gear and piles to be used in the construction of facilities for emergency ferry service between Avon and Hatteras.

water and gale force winds and became lost in Pamlico Sound. Jones radioed Ocracoke for help and the Coast Guard vessel located him by radar.

The vessel was set adrift after attempts to tow her were considered impossible. At that time winds were reported to be 50 mph.

Patrick said the ferry was located late Sunday morning by a Highway Commission plane. He stated that the Coast Guard See FERRY, Page Four

## HALF MILLION FOR OREGON INLET WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

Bill Aiding Bridge, Passed This Summer, To Be Payable At Early Date

Funds resulting from legislation under sponsorship of Rep. Herbert C. Bonner to aid construction of the Oregon Inlet bridge, will be made available soon next year, according to information received this week from Mr. Bonner.

The Oregon Inlet bridge, now well under construction, would under ordinary circumstance, be built from Federal and State funds on 50-50 basis. Under provisions of the Bonner bill, an additional \$500,000 will be made available through Mr. Bonner's hard work, by reason of considerable travel increase to the Cape Hatteras Seashore area.

## FOX IS NAMED BY COLONY AS NEW GEN. MGR.

New Appointee Is Director Of United Fund In Raleigh

John W. Fox, executive director of the United Fund of Raleigh and the Capital Community of The Lost Colony during the annual luncheon session of the Roanoke Island Historical Association held at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh on Tuesday.

Fox will succeed F. Edgar Thomas of Chapel Hill who served as general manager of the drama during the 1962 Silver Anniversary Season.

Thomas, the out-going general manager, was praised by Mrs. Fred Morrison, Chairman of the Association for his efforts "which produced a season which was successful from both an artistic and financial viewpoint."

Thomas was lauded by D. Victor Meekins, a member of the Association's Board of Directors, who read a resolution, passed by the board, which cited the Chapel Hillian for "his dedication to the cause of building and improving the Lost Colony drama, and his inspiring cooperation with the community, the cast, the director and the patrons of the show, which have won for him a most deserving accolade."

Meekins said Thomas' departure "will be surrounded with a degree of regret like unto the nostalgia of those who lose a valued teacher, companion and helper."

New General Manager  
Fox, the new general manager, is expected to begin his season with The Lost Colony in February. He has been an executive director of the United Fund in Raleigh for the past nine years at a salary of \$12,000. He will receive an equivalent salary in his new post, on a year-round basis. The general manager's job was formerly operated on an eight month basis.

Fox is a former newspaperman with nine years experience which included employment as a reporter on the staff of the Louisville Times Courier. He worked on the staff of the late See FOX, Page Four

## COLONY FOR 1962 PROFITS \$10,000 MANAGER REPORTS

Edgar Thomas, Retiring Manager Says Lost Colony Proceeds Best In Years

The Lost Colony, Paul Green's immortal drama of the New World, which was presented 56 times during the 1962 Silver Anniversary Season, before some 43,680 persons, posted a net profit of \$10,000, according to its general manager, F. Edgar Thomas.

Thomas told members of the Roanoke Island Historical Association's Board of Directors in Raleigh on Tuesday that "The Lost Colony had a net profit of \$10,759.81 for 1962." He noted that the figure "exceeds the total net gain of all the operations combined, for a period of more than 10 years."

Mrs. Fred Morrison of Washington, D. C., president of the Historical Association called 1962 "a very successful year" and told the group to make plans for another 25 years of presentation for The Lost Colony.

Fl. Raleigh Expansion  
Mrs. Morrison said: "A large acreage now is being procured for the Fort Raleigh site. It is all the more necessary to have our minds set on continuing the excellence of the performances, to look forward to, plan for, and work for the next 25 years and with the same imagination and forcefulness that has gone into the past 25 years."

Dudley Bagley of Moyock, one of the five charter members of the group which launched the Paul Green play, was chosen as the association's vice chairman. As committee chairman, Mrs. Morrison appointed: membership, Mrs. Luther H. Hodges, wife of the Secretary of Commerce; records, Mrs. J. G. Kellogg of Manteo, and public relations, Sam T. Ragan, Raleigh newspaperman.

At the meeting, R. K. Rundell, assistant superintendent of Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park, spoke briefly describing the proposed development of the Ft. Raleigh Historic Site. Clifton Britton Night, Clifton Britton of Goldsboro, long-time director of the drama, See COLONY, Page Four