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INLET'S CLOSURE BELIEVED CERTAIN BY ATKINSON FIRM

Dredging Company Head Declares Buxton Inlet Widened To 1,650 Feet

By LAWRENCE MADDRY
D. D. Atkinson, president of Atkinson Dredging Company, said on Wednesday that the dredge Hampton Roads is expected to begin a pumping operation on the beach at Buxton this week end in a re-newed effort to close the Buxton Inlet.

Atkinson said he believed that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers would close the inlet after a study, now underway by the Henry Von Oesen Company of Wilmington, is completed.

He said the dredge was now working in the access channel to Avon and plans to begin a new borrow pit approximately 500 feet north of the present excavation. "We hope to begin our pumping operation on the beach this Saturday," he declared.

He said the dredge is now pumping 12,000 cubic yards of sand a day in an effort to complete a contract with the Corps of Engineers which calls for the replacement of 250,000 yards of material. Atkinson claimed that the contract would probably be completed in 60 days.

Atkinson Dredging Co., which maintains headquarters in Great Bridge, Va., began filling the 750 foot Ash Wednesday Storm-created inlet on Nov. 20, but suffered a set-back in the filling job when a storm on Dec. 3 widened the inlet's mouth to 1650 feet. The inlet was reportedly deepened to 14 feet from a previous depth of ten.

The company president said his firm had nearly completed its contract when the storm occurred and "had reduced the flow of ocean into Pamlico Sound to not much more than a healthy trickle."

The dredging company's president said that the Corps of Engineers is investigating the possibility of adding another dredge to the fill operation at the inlet. Atkinson declared that he had discussed the additional dredge plan with Operations Chief Don See INLET, Page Five

George Dennis Midgett of Rodanthe received chest injuries in an auto-truck collision four miles north of Rodanthe last week end when his truck crashed into the rear of a vehicle operated by Charles H. Forbes of Virginia Beach.

Forbes reported that as he crested a high place he saw that the road ahead was flooded and slammed on his brakes. Midgett, behind him in a truck, was unable to stop in time to prevent the crash. Both cars were headed south.

Midgett has been charged with following too close. Damages to the vehicles was estimated to be \$200 for the automobile and \$150 for the truck.

Two other accidents marred the December week end. On Saturday afternoon, a car driven by Miss Molly Griggs of Point Harbor was sidwiped by a vehicle operated by Douglas Cartwright of Camden. Cartwright was charged with driving to the left of the center lane. Damage to the Griggs and Cartwright vehicles was estimated at \$200 and \$100 respectively.

Another sideswipe occurred on Saturday night, one-half mile east of Currituck Sound Bridge, when a station wagon operated by Courtney Lane Phillips of Portsmouth collided with a boat being pulled by an automobile operated by Jack Hardy of Kitty Hawk.

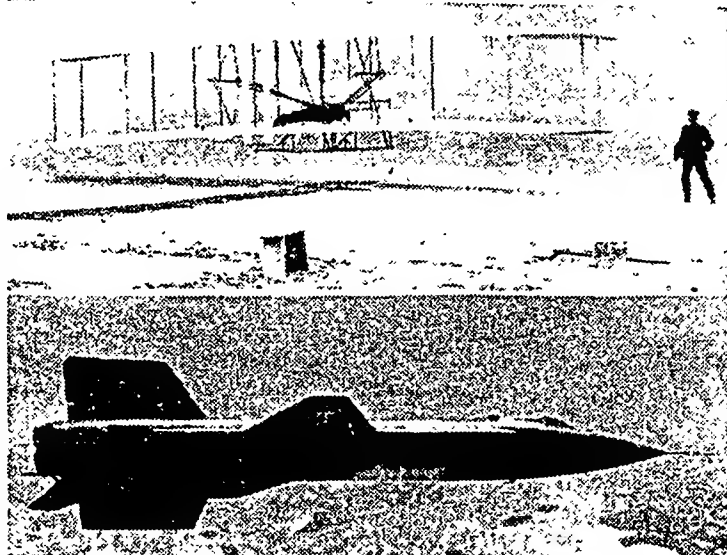
Damages to the stationwagon were estimated to be \$100. The boat sustained \$25 in damage. No charges were brought.

MANTEO WOMEN WILL BE TV PERSONALITIES AGAIN

On Tuesday, December 18th, the Roanoke Island Cook Book will again be featured on the Mildred Alexander television program at one o'clock, WTAR, channel 3. The cook book is a project of the Manteo Woman's Club begun in 1956 and over 7000 copies have been sold.

Tipsy cake will be the feature of the program and will be served by Mrs. Jack Tillett, past president, and Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Jr., president. Mrs. Fearing and Mrs. Sally Bardin appeared on the show Tuesday, Dec. 11.

FLYING MACHINE TO X-15—59 YEARS OF FLIGHT



TWO OF THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS PLANES are shown above in this official 59th Anniversary photo of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society which will celebrate the birth of manned flight on Monday, Dec. 17, in a special ceremony at the Wright Visitors Center at Kill Devil Hills.

Major Robert M. White will be the featured speaker during the day-long flight ceremonies. White set a world altitude record in the X-15 (bottom) last July, when he flew the supersonic craft to an altitude of 314,750 feet or 59 miles. The flying machine shown above the X-15 is the vehicle which was used by Orville Wright on Dec. 17, 1903 when he made aviation history by flying 30 miles an hour for a distance of 120 feet, above the dunes at Kitty Hawk.

AT KILL DEVIL HILLS

ZOOMING JETS TO SALUTE ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHT

A flight of 16 of America's fastest jets will zoom above the Wright Memorial at Kill Devil Hills on Monday at 11 p.m. in an aerial tribute to the Wright brothers, during exercises commemorating the 59th anniversary of man's first powered flight.

Wade Marr, president of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society which sponsors the yearly celebration honoring the Wright flight of Dec. 17, 1903, said on Sunday that the planes, from the Navy and Air Force, will be capable of flying at twice the speed of sound.

They will fly 50 times faster than the speed set by Orville Wright in 1903 when he made history by flying a machine 30 miles an hour for a distance of 120 feet in the teeth of 27 mile winds.

Arrangements for the flyover were made by Ralph Whitener, executive director of the National Aeronautics Association. His organization, the first to give recognition to the Wright Brothers, was responsible for the erection of a granite marker at the actual take-off site.

Whitener said that even the speeds of the planes in the flyover is slow compared to the speed achieved by the Air Force's X-15, which has traveled at more than 4,100 miles an hour.

Major Robert M. White, altitude-record-setting pilot of the X-15 will be the principal speaker at a banquet given by the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society on Monday afternoon. White's speech is expected to climax a day of events which will include a wreath laying ceremony, a band concert and speeches by

NO MORE BEARDS?

FATE OF PIRATE JAMBOREE TO BE DETERMINED SUNDAY

The future of the Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree, a traditional spring buccaneer frolic on the Outer Banks will be decided this Sunday at 2 p.m. during a public meeting in the Carolinian at Nags Head.

Ralph Swain, co-chairman, said the meeting has been called "to enable us to determine what the people want as a spring promotional event or whether they want one at all."

Swain said that his committee was "disappointed" at the response to the questionnaires which the Dare Tourist Bureau had mailed this fall asking local businessmen to indicate if the jamboree should be continued.

"Although we mailed 250 cards, only 80 have been returned," he said that about one-half of the responses received had been in favor of continuing the event. He noted that most of the cards which were against continuing the jamboree had indicated that some promotional event should be held.

"We are holding this meeting in the hope that interested persons will appear and express their viewpoints," he said. "We are unable to make any definite decision because 80 responses

state and national leaders.

A wreath laying ceremony at the first flight marker will highlight the celebration's activities on Monday morning when the grandchildren of two Dare County natives who assisted in the first flight attempt will place garlands on the granite marker. John Wesley Daniels, grandson of the late Capt. John T. Daniels, and Alma E. Etheridge, granddaughter of the Adam Etheridge, will perform the ceremony.

Additional wreaths will be placed at the marker by Dionne Tillett, chief majorette, and Larry James, drum major, of the Elizabeth City High School. See SALUTE, Page Five

NATURALLY, THE BLOOD DONORS ARE APPRECIATED

Last week's remarkable good fortune resulting in 143 pints of blood being donated, surpassing the quota by some fifty pints, to the Tidewater Blood-Bank program, brought word of appreciation from Horace A. Dough, Dare Co. co-chairman, whose hard work in this cause added greatly to its success.

Mr. Dough stated last week that "I want to thank everyone who helped make this program a success, not only the donors themselves, but countless people who helped. . ." Through a typographical mixup the article might lead some to believe that the donors efforts were not appreciated, which isn't the case at all. We regret any confusion, and join with Mr. Dough in thanking all people, especially the donors, for support of this worthy cause.

are simply not enough to give a firm indication of the desire of our citizens."

Swain indicated that a meeting of former chairmen of the jamboree will be held prior to the public meeting and said that recent questionnaires received would be counted then.

The Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree received considerable local criticism last April when numerous arrests were made during the three day event for public drunkenness and driving under the influence.

News of the mass arrests was carried in newspapers throughout the state and the questionnaires were sent after numerous complaints by Dare citizens that the event was making "a Fort Lauderdale of Nags Head."

Aycock Brown, director of the Dare County Tourist Bureau, indicated this week he favors the jamboree but feels some changes should be made to make it less objectionable.

He called attention to the fact that jamboree "was not designed to create big business for businessmen but as a vehicle that could and did focus attention on the Dare Coast from early January until late spring."

N. C. FERRY BOAT STILL SUBMERGED IN PAMLICO SOUND

Salvage Firms Unable To Bid Until Weather Clears For Inspection

Ferry Operations Manager D. W. Patrick of Manteo said Thursday that negotiations are still underway with private salvage firms for the recovery of the State Ferry System's work boat "Kerr Scott" which is submerged beneath 20 feet of water in Pamlico Sound.

Patrick said that efforts to find a low bidder for the salvage operation had been hampered because "the firms are unwilling to commit themselves until they can take a look at it and had weather has prevented an inspection."

The vessel, valued at \$25 to \$30 thousand was released by a Coast Guard vessel in Pamlico Sound during a severe storm nine days ago when it began to take on water during a towing operation. Ferry Department officials still do not know whether a crane, creosote pilings and other equipment, valued at \$19,000, is still on board.

The operations manager said that a low bidder for the salvage operation will be selected "just as soon as the firms can inspect the craft and quote a price."

Patrick reported that the boat, three-quarters of a mile west of Brant Island Light, hasn't shifted from its position since sinking there on Dec. 2. He said the vessel's masthead light and radio antenna are still visible.

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

The "Kerr Scott" one of the ferry system's oldest boats, was released during 50 mph winds on Dec. 1, after her three crewmen were rescued by an Ocracoke Coast Guard vessel, which had attempted to tow the craft.

The "Kerr Scott" had left Manna Harbor on Dec 1 laden with a crane, pile driving gear and piles to be used in the construction of a new bridge. See BOATS, Page Five

REGISTRAR AT K.D.H. PROTESTS APPOINTMENT OF ANOTHER TO POST

Mrs. Jean Perry Beacham of Kill Devil Hills has filed a protest with officials of that municipality, charging that the appointment of Mrs. Troy Beasley to the post of registrar for the forthcoming water bond election is not in order. Mrs. Beacham maintains that her appointment, dated March 7, 1961, is valid for two years from its beginning and that the board had no grounds for dismissal, nor appointment of another to this post.

Kill Devil Hills town board on Tuesday night of last week passed the preliminary resolutions for the election to be held in February, to determine the fate of the \$760,000 water system, and at that time named Mrs. Beasley as registrar; Mrs. Durwood Miller and Mrs. Beacham, the complainant, as judges.

J. L. REA, JR., NAMED AS PAMLICO FARM AGENT

County Commissioners Call For Increased Highway Work In Eastern N. C.



James L. Rea, Jr., of Manteo was recently named as Farm Agent for Pamlico County and will be leaving his position as Dare agent in January. Rea moved to Dare in 1957 and was directly responsible for the creation and establishment of an effective county 4-H program. He is a past president of the Manteo Rotary Club and a past chairman of the Dare Library Building Fund. Mr. and Mrs. Rea are selling their home near Mother Vineyard and will establish a permanent residence in Pamlico County. Mr. Rea's departure from Dare will be regretted by his many friends on the Outer Banks.

STREET JOB OK'D BY MANTEO BOARD AT MONDAY MEET

The Manteo Town Board of Commissioners voted on Monday to contract with the State Highway Commission for a project which would grade, shape, drain, and deposit fill on all unpaved streets in the town.

The improvement project, to begin this spring, call for work on 1.55 miles of streets in the town at an estimated expenditure of \$10,000. The streets will be surfaced with loose rock and concrete. Mayor G. T. Wescott said the action had been prompted by outspoken concern from town citizens with the condition of the streets as a result of the recent storms.

Wescott noted that the board also agreed to improve the streets during the winter months by hiring contractor Sam Liverman of Nags Head for grading that will begin this week.

He said Liverman's firm would be used since State Highway Commission officials could not release vehicles for town work because of the sand clean-up on beach highways.

The town board discussed another street problem on Monday when it voted to meet next week with Methodist Church officials to discuss a contemplated 10 foot widening of Main Street.

Mayor Wescott said the board is considering the street enlargement from Water and Main Streets to Church and Main. He stated that work will begin on the widening as soon as church officials consent to the project. "All property owners along the street will be notified." See TOWN, Page Five

NEED MORE ROADS CO. HEADS CLAIM IN COLUMBIA MEET

County Commissioners Call For Increased Highway Work In Eastern N. C.

A meeting of the 1st District County Commissioners in Columbia on Tuesday drew a barrage of comment from members who defended recent appropriations for highway development in eastern North Carolina and called for more road projects in the coastal area.

Melvin R. Daniels of Manteo, recently-elected President of the Southern Albemarle Association, called for a bond issue to connect all county seats by the shortest routes. "We wanted 40 years for the roads," Daniels said, "and we're just getting what was our due in Dare, Tyrrell and Washington counties."

Daniels noted that he rode over \$6 million worth of bridges to cover the 39 miles from Manteo to Columbia, but said that in Asheville he had gone through a half-mile tunnel that had cost \$6 million.

"There isn't a man or woman who would put \$10,000 in the bank for 10 years and not expect some interest on the principal eventually."

He said the recently-constructed roads and bridges that had brought eastern North Carolina to the attention of the world's tourist trade would cause the state no regrets.

Daniels was one of four representatives from Dare to attend the district meeting. He was accompanied by county commissioners Pannel Tillett and Stanford White and Dare Deputy Tax Collector Ted Scoggins.

Appointments Not Roads. County Commissioner Joe Thiippen of Williamston told the See ROADS, Page Five

SAVE THE OUTER BANKS; DON'T WAIT TO REPLACE THEM, ADVICE OF GOVERNOR IN PLYMOUTH

Sanford Says Unless We Act Quickly, Past Losses Will Pale Beside Future Destruction to Our Coastline; Its Loss Would Threaten All Coastal Areas, Southern Albemarle Group Told.

ADDRESS BY GOV. TERRY SANFORD

In the past two weeks another devastating storm has caused severe damage along the North Carolina coast. Homes have been destroyed. Businesses have been damaged. Protective dunes and reefs have been washed away.

These things continue to cause me great concern. For this particular storm we are moving, as we have many times in the past, to ease the suffering, economic and otherwise, that has been experienced by our friends and neighbors.

It is important, however, that we carry our concern a great deal further. It is important that we do this because we are citizens of a state that boasts the most beautiful, the most historic and, potentially, the most attractive coast line on this continent. It is important because we face the very real danger of losing this coast line.

In the past decade, the storms have been especially damaging. Lives have been lost and economic losses have been severe. It would be difficult to imagine a more disastrous 10-year period.

Yet, this is exactly what we must imagine. It would seem inappropriate to say that the losses in recent years have been insignificant, but the cold, hard fact is that unless we act quickly and effectively future losses will, indeed, make those of the past seem insignificant.

Our first concern, naturally, is the people being affected daily by the eroding coastline—the owners of property who are beginning to dread each high tide, people who want something done to hold back the sea that is right now eating at the foundations of their homes and business establishments.

I want these people to know that their anxiety is shared by all North Carolinians. Today there is a realization that water front property owners are manning the front line of defense, and that if this line collapses incalculable losses will result. These beaches as they stand today are natural fortifications. If they should be lost, there will be no See SANFORD, Page Seven

PLYMOUTH ASSURED BRIDGE ACROSS ROANOKE RIVER BY GOVERNOR TERRY SANFORD

Long Sought Project to Connect With Merry Hill in Bertie County; Urgent Request for More Aid to Restore Roads, and Travel on Outer Banks; Corolla Highway, Mainland Ferry Sought; Bombing Range Opposed.

SHOTGUN KILLER SUSPECT FOUND IN HYDE COUNTY

A Hyde County Negro was ordered held without bond Monday for the shotgun slaying of a 37 year old Negro woman from Swan Quarter on Nov. 29.

The arrested man, Christopher Columbus Willis, will be tried at the spring term of Hyde Superior Court on a charge of first degree murder, for the slaying of Mrs. Flossie Selby.

The woman's shotgun-riddled body was found last Wednesday afternoon in a wooded area near Swan Quarter about 150 feet from a rural paved road. A basket of clothes and some laundry supplies were found nearby.

At the preliminary hearing in Hyde Recorder's Court on Monday, D. D. Cuthrell, county judge, heard four witnesses, including the boy who found the body.

Ed Donnell, a neighbor of the victim, testified that he saw her walking alone towards town carrying a basket of clothes shortly before the slaying occurred.

He said he later saw the defendant drive by and pick up Mrs. Selby at a point five See SUSPECT, Page Five

PLYMOUTH — Gov Terry Sanford brought good news to Plymouth and Washington County Friday at the 27th annual meeting of The Southern Albemarle Association.

He announced he was recommending that the State Highway Commission approve for construction as soon as possible a bridge over Roanoke River here into Bertie County.

This will answer Washington County efforts begun in 1925 for a bridge to begin here, extending 1/2 miles eastward, then north to cross Roanoke, Cashie and Middle rivers and bring access to farm markets here for people living within rifle shot of Plymouth who now have to travel 50 miles to get here.

The association was formed at Columbia in 1935 with Dare, Hyde, Washington and Tyrrell counties — Beaufort and Martin came in later.

Washington County residents began efforts for the bridge. They were joined later by the Washington-Bertie Bridge Association with Zeb Vance Norman as president.

Norman and L. W. Gurkin Sr., who pulled measuring tapes through the swamps in 1925 for the project, were present as Sanford made the announcement.

Elliott E. Harrell, retiring association president, told Sanford the announcement was "a happy one" and that he was sure association members would join in helping to solve state problems, including saving the Outer Banks from erosion.

Later at the association's business meeting, Harrell said the bridge would be not only a help to Washington County but to the entire Albemarle area and the state.

"Pull Together" Harrell said the project emphasizes need to pull together since "what helps one, helps all."

Three bridges—the Umstead over Croatan Sound, the Albemarle Sound bridge and the Lindsay C. Warren over Alligator River—have been built and the Oregon Inlet bridge is under construction, all of which have been supported by the association.

Sanford said "The need for a bridge at Plymouth has remained, however, and the development of this region in recent years has increased the need." See BRIDGE, Page Five

NAGS HEAD WATER TO BE DISCUSSED AT OPEN MEETING

Citizens of Nags Head will be given an opportunity to learn about the proposed \$945,000 water system for the resort community on Tuesday night when a public meeting will be conducted by the Nags Head Town Board to answer questions concerning the project.

Tom McKimney, Nags Head commissioner, announced this week that the meeting will be conducted "to acquaint Nags Head residents with the necessity for such a system and answer any questions they may have about the costs involved."

McKimney said that the meeting will begin at 8 p.m. on Tuesday and that Walter C. Lackey, representative from the State Board of Health, would be present. An agent from William Freeman & Sons, contractor, is also expected to be on hand.

40 Register McKimney said that 40 persons had registered last Saturday at the Nags Head Municipal Building for the election on the bond issue to be held on Jan. 12.

"We hope that many other citizens will register this Saturday before they get involved with Christmas shopping," he said.

Only one more registration day is scheduled after Saturday, before the election date. The books will be open for registration Saturday, Dec. 22 and the following Saturday has been selected as challenge day. McKimney encouraged all See WATER, Page Five

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONGRATULATED AFTER CEREMONY



CLERK OF COURT C. S. MEEKINS and Dare Rep. Moncie L. Daniels, Jr. were on hand last Monday to extend congratulations to the new Dare Board of Commissioners after swearing-in ceremonies at the Dare County Courthouse. The group, shown in the board meeting room, includes (left to right): George R. Fuller, Hatteras Township; Meekins; Chairman Lawrence Swain, Nags Head Township; W. Stanford White, Croatan Township; Fred W. Gray, Kinnakeet Township; Pannel A. Tillett, Atlantic Township, and Rep. Daniels.