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A BRIGHTER 1963 DAWNS FOR HATTERAS ISLAND AS INLET'S CLOSURE ASSURED

Office of Emergency Planning Gives Green Light to Army Engineers to Close the Gash Which Has Brought Economic Distress Since Early 1962; Additional Dredge Expected On Site Within A Few Days.

The controversial and storm-swept Buxton Inlet, the 1,650 foot gash across Hatteras Island will be "filled as soon as possible," according to officials of the Office of Emergency Planning in Thomasville, Ga. who made the announcement as The Coastland Times went to press.

Although complete details were not available officials in Thomasville indicated that Atkinson Dredging Co., the Great Bridge, Va. firm under contract to place 225,000 cubic yards of material into the inlet for a partial-fill, may be given the green light for a complete closure of the waterway.

O.E.P. officials said that a dredge now being used for dune restoration by the National Park Service, near Avon, will probably be dispatched to the inlet's south-side to expedite the closure.

News of the O.E.P. decision was expected to bring a sigh of relief to natives on the Outer Banks living south of Buxton who have been cut-off from north Hatteras Island since a storm on Dec. 3 destroyed the temporary bridge which had spanned the island-severing inlet. An emergency ferry service was established to connect the islanders after the storm, but natives have been forced to make a three and one-half hour trip from Hatteras to Avon.

The inlet fill will also mean that students living north of Buxton can return to their classes at Cape Hatteras School. More than 67 students have been attending a temporary school at Kinnakeet Coast Guard Station since the wooden bridge over See INLET, Page Four

OFFICE STAFF FOR L. COLONY TO BE REDUCED

Gen. Mgr. Calls For Economizing In 1963 Operation Of Outdoor Drama

The Lost Colony will begin its operation this year with a reduced office staff and its old headquarters, according to John W. Fox, the drama's new general manager who was in Manteo Tuesday and Wednesday of this week to make plans for the 1963 season of the nation's oldest outdoor drama.

Fox, 54, is the executive director of Raleigh's United Fund campaign who was named to the \$12,000-a-year post in early December, as successor to F. Edgar Thomas of Chapel Hill. He will begin his official duties with The Lost Colony on Feb. 1. The new general manager stated this week that the show's offices will be located in the Dare Community Building. "We do not expect to use the old Quinn Furniture Building this year," he said. Although he did not say what reduction would be made in office personnel during the post-Silver Anniversary year, Fox stated that "We plan to operate as economically as possible with not as many people behind the scenes."

Virginia Dare Day Virginia Dare Day may have more of a religious emphasis this year, according to the new manager. Fox indicated that plans were being discussed for a celebration on August 18 which may include a visit from a prominent member of the Episcopal clergy in Canada. See COLONY, Page Three

BIG BIRD YEAR WHAT YOU HEAR OF '62 SEASON

Good Gunning Reported From Hunting Areas Of Coastland

As the hunting season for geese and ducks in the northeastern North Carolina coastland rapidly approaches its conclusion, hunters began taking a gander at kills for the season, and the general opinion, "that most couldn't duck, is that '1962 has been a good year."

Saturday, Dec. 29 is the close-out date for duck hunters in the Tar Heel State and the geese are off-limits after Tuesday, Jan. 8, but hunters in the coastland, whose shotguns go into mothballs soon, will be able to remember the season as a bird-bringer.

The best bag boasting booms from Hyde County's Lake Mattamuskeet Wildlife Refuge, where Manager L. B. Tunnell reported on Monday that 3,123 geese have been killed since the Nov. 10 opener.

Tunnell, who says that "we expect a lot more to get the gun before the season ends," noted that the figure for 1962 exceeds the 2,030 geese killed in 1961 by over one thousand.

Most of the geese bagged were Canadian, he said, but he noted that several hundred blues and snows had appeared at Lake Mattamuskeet this year to join the 87,000 Canadians who winged their way south along the Atlantic Flyway.

Although it was a record year for geese at Lake Mattamuskeet, ducks weren't being decimated in large numbers. Only 1,000 were reported killed at Mattamuskeet thus far. Tunnell said there were 25,000 fewer ducks this year than in 1961, but was unable to explain why. "It's just one of those things," he said.

Although ducks were dwindling at Mattamuskeet, the hunters weren't, and Tunnell noted that 3,800 sportsmen have taken to the blinds this year as compared with a season-end total of 3,020 in 1961.

Plentiful At Park The birds were thick at the blind areas which dot the marshlands of Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park, where See BIRDS, Page Three

SEA HAGS WHOOP IT UP OVER HOLIDAYS



OLLIE BELL SWAIN of Manteo entertained new and retiring officers of the Sea Hags with a mid-December party at her home recently. The pack of piscatorial pretties are shown above. They are: (left to right and front to back) Ollie Bell Swain, new president; Elizabeth Baum, retiring president; Vivian Parker, director; Texline Britt, new secretary; Elizabeth Smith, retiring director; Lima Oneto, new director; Ruby Bozicovich, new treasurer; Joan Bender, new director; Susie Briggs, new vice-president; Ethel Wood, retiring director.

ETHERIDGE GETS NPS AWARD FOR 24 YRS. SERVICE

Brownley R. Etheridge of Manteo was honored for 24 years of service to the National Park Service last Thursday during special ceremonies held at the Wright Visitor Center at Kill Devil Hills.

Etheridge was presented with a citation, a bronze medal, a lapel emblem and a lifetime pass to the national parks for himself and Mrs. Etheridge by acting superintendent Ray Rundell. The citation for commendable service read as follows:

"Upon retirement after twenty-four years of service with the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Mr. Etheridge joined the National Park Service on December 16, 1938, as a laborer at Wright Brothers National Memorial. During the period 1939-40, he served as a guard. In August 1957 he was promoted to caretaker, the position he held when he retired on September 20, 1962. During his career he helped make it possible to stabilize the shifting sands at Kill Devil Hill by grassing and sodding to maintain this historical site for a permanent monument in honor of the Wright Brothers. He was responsible for the maintenance of the entire area, which he kept in an attractive and aesthetic condition. In recognition of his faithful and devoted service, the Department of the Interior grants to Mr. Etheridge its Commendable Service Award."

Those attending the ceremony held in the Visitor Center at Wright Brothers National Memorial were: Edward Nash, park engineer; James Groce, park superintendent; and Mrs. Etheridge.

A lifelong resident of Manteo, he was a son of Abraham and Mrs. Ada Beasley Twine. He was a member of Roanoke Island Baptist Church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Bonnie Rogers Twine; five sons, Howard Twine of Winston-Salem, Brinton Twine of Baltimore, Wiley Twine of New Orleans and Donnie Twine and MacAdoo Twine of Manteo; and a grandchild.

A funeral service was conducted Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in North End Baptist Church by the Rev. C. W. Goodwin. Burial was in Manteo Cemetery.

ANCHOR MEN TOOT-IN '63 AT CAROLINIAN PARTY The Carolinian Hotel will be the scene of a gala New Year's Eve Celebration on Monday evening. Music for dancing will be furnished by Woody Pittman and his Anchor Men, one of Eastern North Carolina's most popular combos, from 10 til 2. A buffet breakfast will follow at 2:30 a.m. The management suggests that reservations be made as early as possible.

VOTERS FAVOR WATER PROJECT OFFICIAL SAYS

Registrar At Nags Head Claims 85% Of Registrants Will Vote Yes

A poll official at Nags Head predicted this week that "approximately 85%" of the registrants for the bond election on Nags Head proposed \$945,000 water system are for the project.

C. S. Culpepper, registrar, made the announcement on Monday and noted that Saturday is the final day to register for the Jan. 12 election. Next Saturday, January 5, is Challenge Day.

The registrar said that 150 citizens at Nags Head had registered for the election and indicated that "the majority seem to be for the project." The Nags Head Town Board has been mustering support for the new water system which members of the board have described as "the most crucial need ever to face our town."

In an effort to stimulate interest and answer questions about the project, a public meeting was held last week in the Nags Head Community Building, where town officials met with representatives of the State Board of Health and an engineer from William Freeman and Sons to discuss the system.

Reduced Fire Insurance An election on the proposed water system was assured on Nov. 7, when word was received from Congressman Herbert Bonner that a \$945,000 loan, subject to the election, had been approved by the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency in Washington.

The bond issue, if approved, is expected to provide a reduction in fire insurance rates for citizens living within the town limits of the resort community.

Mayor Julian Oneto of Nags Head noted in December that insurance reductions of as much as 24¢ per \$100 of valuation may be expected at some places, if the bond issue passes and the system is completed.

Nags Head Town Board members also feel that the system can be constructed for less than the \$945,000 loan promised by the Home Finance Agency.

Commissioner Lionel Edwards of Nags Head indicated that "the costs may be reduced with lowered bids from contractors. Edwards said he felt some excess WATER, Page Six

MANTEO P. O. LOBBY OPEN EVENINGS TO 10

Arrangements have been made for the convenience of lock box holders in the Manteo postoffice whereby patrons may enter the lobby 10 p.m. evenings. The last mail for the day is usually put up at 9:30. The Manteo night policeman will keep an eye on the lobby to watch loiterers and will lock the front door at 10 p.m. according to Postmaster D. V. Meekins.

SHRINERS USHER IN YEAR WITH DANCE ON DEC. 31

Dare County Shriners and their invited guests will celebrate the new year with a dance at the Shrine Club on Dec. 31. The hours for the event are from 9 til 2. Hats, favors and noise-makers will be furnished. Alvah Ward, Jr. of Manteo is in charge of the function.

ASH WEDNESDAY STORM DARE NEWS HEADLINER DURING HISTORIC 1962

Most Destructive Storm In History Of Coast Was Major News Item In Year Filled With Drama and Crises. Edged Warren Bridge Celebration and Silver Anniversary Of The Lost Colony As News Story Of The Year.

LT. REYNOLDS GETS NEW DUTIES ON MOSOPELEA

LT. KEITH A. REYNOLDS assumed his first command on December 17th when he relieved Lieutenant Commander Paul D. Butcher as Commanding Officer of the Fleet tug USS MOSOPELEA (ATF-158).

LT. REYNOLDS reported to his new duties from the Enlisted Personnel Distribution Office, U. S. Atlantic in Norfolk where he served as Plans, Control and Mobilization Officer. Lt. Cmdr. Butcher will report for duty with the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D. C.

During World War II, Lt. Reynolds served as an enlisted man aboard the attack transport USS GENERAL STRATFORD and the battleship USS NORTH CAROLINA. In 1948 he volunteered for submarine duty and spent the next five years of his naval career in the Silent Service aboard the submarines USS RAZORBACK, in the Pacific, and USS CUTLASS in the Atlantic.

While serving as a navigation instructor at the NROTC Unit of the University of Pennsylvania in 1954, Lt. Reynolds applied for and was accepted as an Officer Candidate in the Navy's "Seaman to Admiral Program." He received his commission as an Ensign in June 1955.

Since receiving his commission he has served as Assistant Navigator and Auxiliary Machinery Officer, USS SALEM (CA-159); Operations and Engineering Officer, USS WILJAM D. WOOD (DDR-715); Plans, Control and Mobilization Officer, Enlisted Personnel Distribution Office, U. S. Atlantic. Lt. Reynolds wears the following See REYNOLDS, Page Three

MRS. MARTHA ETHERIDGE DIES THUR. IN WANCHESE

Mrs. Martha Gallop Etheridge, 85, of Wanchese died on Thursday afternoon after a six months illness. She was a member of Wanchese Methodist Church, where a funeral will be held, pending notification of next of kin. Burial will follow in Cudworth Cemetery.

Mrs. Etheridge was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gallop of Wanchese. Her husband was the late James Albert Etheridge of Wanchese.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. John Cudworth, Wanchese; Mrs. Jackson Midgett, Manteo; Mrs. Harold Culpepper, Nags Head and Mrs. Murray Dick, Newport News; one son, Theodore Etheridge, Wanchese; one brother, Ezekial Gallop, Wanchese; three sisters, Mrs. Charles Tillett, Mrs. Robert Green and Mrs. Tucker Daniels, Wanchese, 18 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

SAFE HOLIDAY IS REPORTED; ONLY 1 WRECK

A minor automobile mishap was the only accident to mar the Christmas holiday according to officials of the N. C. Highway Patrol and the Dare County Sheriff's Dept. who have called the holiday season "one of the safest on record thus far."

The automobile accident occurred at 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 24, when an automobile operated by Miss Myrna Kay Owens, 16, of Wanchese veered off Mother Vineyard road and crashed into a fence belonging to R. Bruce Etheridge of Manteo.

Miss Owens and four passengers in the car escaped without injuries. The car's left front and side received \$200 in damages, and cost of the fence repairs was estimated at \$125.

According to Highway Patrol officials, the vehicle veered to the left of the road and struck approximately 75 feet of concrete post and fence before coming to a stop.

The driver told patrol officials that she "blacked out" and did not remember hitting the fence. Other passengers in the vehicle included: Myrtle V. Meekins, 16, Shellah Tillett, 16 and William C. Owens, 22, all of Wanchese, and Betty Dee Ward, 16, of Manteo.

SCOUTERS REACH HIGHEST RANK IN TRAIL OF EAGLE

THREE HONORED SCOUTS are shown above after having been awarded Scouting's highest symbol of rank, the Eagle Badge, during special court of honor ceremonies on Dec. 16 in Mount Olivet Methodist Church. The youths, all from Manteo, are: (left to right) Fred Roush, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Roush; Spencer Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Smith, and Timothy Gaylord, son of Mrs. Beulah Gaylord.



ISLAND RESIDENT DIES AT AGE 84

George Brumsey Twine, 84, a retired carpenter, died Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in his home near Manteo after a long illness.

A lifelong resident of Manteo, he was a son of Abraham and Mrs. Ada Beasley Twine. He was a member of Roanoke Island Baptist Church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Bonnie Rogers Twine; five sons, Howard Twine of Winston-Salem, Brinton Twine of Baltimore, Wiley Twine of New Orleans and Donnie Twine and MacAdoo Twine of Manteo; and a grandchild.

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FIRST AIRPLANE CASUALTY

CAPT. JOHN T. DANIELS OF MANTEO "SWEEP OFF HIS FEET BY HISTORY"

By LAWRENCE MADDY

Fame is a fickle lady who may smile on a man for any number of nonsensical reasons. If he drops over Niagara in a barrel perhaps, or sires five sets of identical twins, or runs the wrong way on a football field.

But there was some basis for her love affair with Capt. John T. Daniels of Manteo, a man who not only grappled with history, but had it crash around his shoulders.

When Capt. Daniels grabbed the wooden strut on the Wright's flying machine in the Wednesday morning of 1903 and was hurled off his feet into the twisted wreckage of wire and canvas—he became the world's first airplane casualty.

It may have been the only accidental incident in the captain's association with the Wright Brothers, for he was a lovable, mechanical kind of man who nature seems to have blown, magically, like the wind, into the right spot at the right time for the birth of aviation.

Three Qualities John T. Daniels had three qualities which must have endeared him to the two dark-suited brothers from Dayton: a strong body, a mechanical mind, and a clever wit which his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Pearce of Manteo, admits made him "the devil untied."

He was a strapping, handsome man over six feet tall whose 218 pounds was laced with the hard muscles that develop from lifting barrels of fish onto boats headed for Elizabeth City in your youth and pulling winches for the Kill Devil Hills Lifesaving Station during your manhood.

John Daniels was 30 years old that December when he met Orville and Wilbur, and they obviously liked him right away. He is often mentioned in their letters and the three spent many a night singing in the frame shed at Kill Devil Hills by the light of a kerosene lamp while Capt. John played his fiddle.

Capt. Daniels marveled at the "queer Wrights" and their fabulous flying machine when he strolled over from the Coast

CAPT. JOHN T. DANIELS FIRST PLANE CASUALTY



Guard Station that December to see what was going on.

"I never saw men so wrapped up in their work in my life. They had their whole heart and soul in what they were doing, and when they were working we could come around and stand right over them and they wouldn't pay any more attention to us than if we weren't there at all.

"But we couldn't help thinking they were just a pair of poor nuts . . . they would stand on the beach for hours at a time just looking at the gulls flying, soaring, dipping. They seemed to be interested mostly in gannets (gulls).

"But they were a long way from being fools. We began to see that when they got their glider working so that they could jump off into a wind off that hill and stay in the air for several minutes, gradually sliding down to the beach almost as graceful as a gannet."

Mind For Motors And John Daniels was no fool either. True, he had only experienced four years of schooling, but there was a mechanical side to his nature that must have come in handy for the

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