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SOME PROGRESS MADE IN INLET WORK AT BUXTON

Engineer Corps Still Awaits Approval from OEP; Expected Soon

While it appears to spectators that little or no progress is being made in the closing of Buxton Inlet, word from the District Office of the Corps of Engineers in Wilmington indicates that operations will be increased soon. The Engineers are still awaiting final papers from the Office of Emergency Planning for this area, which is headquartered in Thomasville, Ga.

In the meantime, the Corps has completed its survey work, and has been assured that a second dredge can be placed on the south side of the inlet at an early date, upon arrival of the OEP commitment.

The 16-inch dredge which is now on the site is working on the north shore, filling in low spots, and this has many people concerned, for they feel that best effect could be attained by pumping the spoil in the sound-side of the inlet. Chief Engineer Donald A. Gardner of Wilmington said: "There is a very valid reason for doing so. We feel that it is more practical for pumping at this time to be concentrated on the north shore, rather than the inlet itself, until we can get the second dredge started on south-side."

"When the additional dredge is positioned, we intend to begin closing rapidly from both sides," he explained. "The inlet has a natural tendency to move southward, and we do not want to run the risk of enlarging it," he added.

In the original contract let to Atkinson Dredging Co. of Great Bridge, Va., 225,000 cubic yards of fill were called for. Estimates of total fill needed at this time range upwards of 700,000 yards.

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The proposed system would be similar to that contemplated for Nags Head, and both would use the "Fresh Pond" for its main source of supply.

A new registration is called for, and only those registering within the allotted period may participate in the election. This will begin January 19 and continue through February 9, excepting Sundays and holidays. Challenge Day will be February 16.

Registrar for this special election is Mrs. Jean Perry Beacham. Judges are Mrs. C. J. Gilley and Mrs. Dorothy Beasley. Polling place will be the Town Hall.

SPORT FISHING COURSE SET FOR JUNE; HATTERAS

HATTERAS. — A "NFB" degree in sport fishing will be awarded all who take it upon themselves to attend N. C. State College's Sport Fishing School here next summer.

It will be the 12th year of the annual piscatorial short course and the second year that it has been held here at fish-famous Hatteras.

The 1963 dates of the school, announced at State College Extension in Raleigh this week, will be June 16-21.

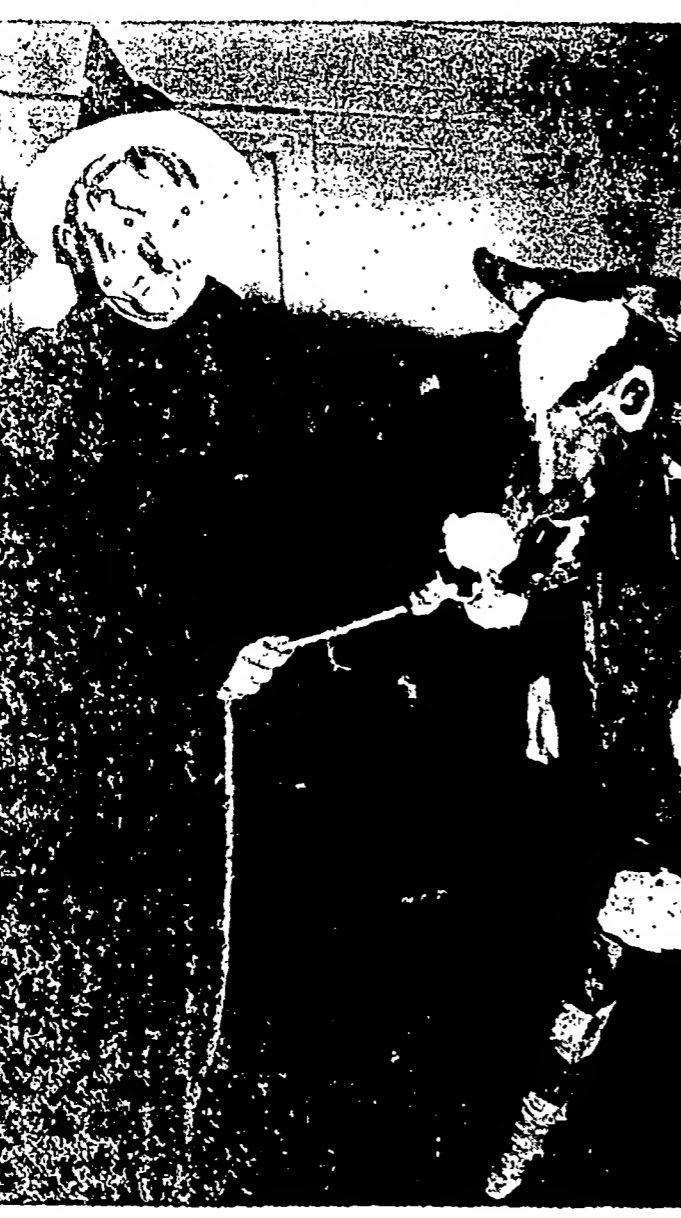
The "N.F.B." Degree means "Nimrodading Bachelor of Fishing."

Already a few "students" have registered for the course. Since it is an exclusive or rather limited set-up, less than 100 students will be accommodated or allowed to register.

In addition to State Extension officials, mostly biologists, some of the nation's outstanding sport fishermen will be members of the faculty of the Sport Fishing School.

This year the school will come immediately after the fourth annual Hatteras International See FISHING, Page Five

OLD CHRISTMAS TO BE CELEBRATED SATURDAY



WHEN THE OLD CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION gets underway in Rodanthe's Community Building Saturday night, the two principals shown in the above photo may be expected to appear. Behind the mask of the mummy is John Herbert, a long-time supporter of the affair; and Old Buck, the mythical bull which livens the program.

AT VILLAGE OF RODANTHE OLD CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION TO KICK-OFF TERCENTENARY

Rodanthe—The Herberts, the Midgetts, Grays, O'Neals and other Outer Banks families will celebrate their traditional Old Christmas here on Saturday night, January 5.

This community is believed to be the only place left in the world where a second Yuletide, or an Old Christmas observance, is held on January 5.

Many places in the world still consider January 6, or Epiphany as a Little or Old Christmas, but that observance ties in with the religious calendar—the time of arrival of the Three Wise Men from the East who brought gifts to the Christ Child in the Bethlehem manger.

Old Christmas here according to information gathered through the years ties in with a date in 1753 when England and her colonies adopted the new calendar—a calendar which had eliminated 11 days from the original or Julian Calendar. Many of the 18th Century colonists just did not adhere to the new Christmas date on December 25—they clung to the same day that had been brought about by the elimination of 11 days—their date was, and in Rodanthe it still is, January 5, that the Birth of Christ is celebrated.

Old Christmas Celebration here this year will have more significance than in past years.

Dr. James R. Howerton, Tyrrell County physician, and William Miller, superintendent of public welfare in Hyde County, are at odds. The disagreement arises from a welfare case from Hyde County, Mrs. Beadie Shelton Spencer, who gave birth to a child in the back seat of a car.

TYRRELL DOCTOR, HYDE'S WELFARE CHIEF AT ODDS

Dr. Howerton was accused of refusing to admit the negro woman to the Columbia Hospital, in a letter from Miller to Dr. Vernon Jeter of Plymouth, president of the Albemarle Medical Society.

In refusing to admit the woman, Dr. Howerton explained, he did so as administrator of the hospital and not as a doctor. The hospital informed the woman's husband he would have to pay a \$42 delivery fee before she could be admitted. "I have two entirely different functions at the hospital," Dr. Howerton said, "and since I was acting as administrator it is of no concern to the Medical Society's grievance committee."

Miller said the incident happened Dec. 7, and that Mrs. Spencer had been approved for welfare hospital care at a cost of \$16 a day, but the amount did not include the doctor's fee. He advised that Spencer called him from the hospital and he (Miller) told the man to bring his wife to Pungo District Hospital in Belhaven. The child was born on route.

Dr. Howerton has accused Miller of using his position as welfare superintendent to "dole out excessive funds to welfare recipients. On this occasion he

because the celebration this week end will tie in with the launching of the State-wide Tercenary celebration—the 300th anniversary of the Carolina Charter.

Officials of the Tercenary Commission will be at Rodanthe on Saturday evening when the Herberts and their neighbors celebrate Old Christmas with festivities that will include a local talent minstrel show, much festivity and the appearance of "Old Buck" the traditional Old Christmas bull which shows up at all celebrations.

A square dance and oyster roast will follow the minstrel.

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TRAGIC END TO CYCLING TRIP IN BUXTON WOODS

Funeral Services Held Monday for Norwood Rollinson, 9, of Frisco

Death came Saturday night for Norwood Rollinson. The 9-year-old Frisco youth passed away in Albemarle Hospital following severe physical damages resulting from exposure.

Young Rollinson and a companion, Ronald Williams, 14, also of Frisco, ventured off Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. on a trip to Buxton via the old woods trails on their new bicycles, received for Christmas. The boys became tired and apparently confused as to their location, and with darkness coming on, built a fire to keep warm.

They were lightly dressed and with temperature dipping down into the forties Friday night, it was not an easy matter to keep warm, even with a fire. As the night wore on, the boys went to sleep. Rollinson apparently rolled away from the fire during the night, and when Williams awoke Saturday morning, he found his companion unconscious, at which time he administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. It was some time later that Coast Guard rescuers arrived, and Rollinson was removed by helicopter for immediate travel to Elizabeth City. The helicopter ran low on fuel, landed at Manteo where he was treated by Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr. and sent by ambulance to Elizabeth City. Death came at 11 p.m. Saturday night.

A search party had begun Friday night, participated in by upwards of 100 people from the neighborhoods, but brought no results until Saturday morning, when a CG helicopter spotted the boys.

Williams was given first aid treatment at the Naval Facility in Buxton and released. His condition is satisfactory.

Funeral services for Norwood Rollinson were conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in Frisco Methodist Church by the Rev. Van Cash. Burial followed in the family plot at Frisco.

"When They Ring Those Golden Bells" and "Near To The Heart of God" was sung by the church choir. Mrs. Alice Gray accompanied at the console of the organ.

The casket was covered with a pall made of red carnations. See DEATH, Page Six

FINAL APPROVAL FOR BLUE MARLIN WORLD'S RECORD

Whopping Catch Off Hatteras in June of 1962 Gets IGFA Approval

HATTERAS.—The date was June 11, 1962, the place was near the edge of the Gulf Stream off Hatteras, and the battle between man and blue marlin lasted 25 minutes. The result, the largest blue marlin ever caught with rod and reel by anyone, was boated aboard the cruiser Albatross II by Gary Stokes, a Morristown, N. J. angler who had been coming here for the big game fishing for several seasons — always hoping to hook one of the giant billfish, but failing each year until 1962.

Stokes was skipping bail from the Albatross II with Capt. Bill Foster as his skipper using a Hawaiian bait that a friend of Foster's in Richmond had given him, when the big fish hit. The Hawaiian lure, a combination of plastic and a feather, had resembled a choice morsel of big marlin, when the giant fish hit. In 25 minutes the largest blue marlin ever taken anywhere by an angler was aboard the Albatross II.

The marlin brought to the docks in Hatteras was officially weighed, measured, and the records were wired out to the piscatorial world. The marlin was 14 feet from tip to tip, 68 inches around its girth and it scaled at 810 pounds.

The largest blue marlin ever taken before was a specimen weighing 780 pounds, 13 feet and 10 inches long and 66 inches around its girth that had been boated off Puerto Rico on July 1, 1959 by Eric Widdowson.

Thus Stokes' fish became an un-official new world's record. During the past week end by the International Game Fish Association in Miami, Fla., the organization which has become the last word on record fishes, the Hatteras 810-pounder became officially the world's record for the species.

GOOSE SEASON ENDS TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

For the hundreds of sportsmen who have hunted the coastland's popular spots for waterfowl, the legal shooting season comes to an abrupt halt after Tuesday, January 8. Duck season closed Dec. 29, ending what is called by many as the best in recent years, for the Bodie Island sector of Dare County. Hyde County provided just a fair amount of ducks, but its goose record has been the best in many seasons, according to reports.

At any rate, the legal time closes Tuesday, so those who want another goose better get it soon.

OES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The Roanoke Island Chapter No. 79 Order of Eastern Star will celebrate its Golden Anniversary Staturday night, January 12, at eight o'clock in the Masonic Hall in Manteo. All members, past matrons and past patrons are urged to attend.

FOR BESSIE DRAPER THE UNUSUAL IN GIFTS PRESENTED ON SUNDAY

Bessie Draper was in good spirits Sunday. She thought of many things, especially of hundreds of friends and well-wishers in Dare County.

Miss Draper, on leave from a long rehabilitation stint at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville, Va., was visiting with Mrs. Fannie Lassiter and Mrs. Millard Lassiter, her mother and sister, respectively, and other relatives and friends in Lasker, Northampton County. She is making progress in her battle to recover from a paralyzing stroke which brought her down several months ago after strenuous activities and overwork in her duties as public health nurse in Dare County, a post to which she devoted herself for some 20 years.

Shortly before noon on Sunday, a couple of Dare County ladies arrived at the home in Lasker—Mrs. Lessie Davis of Manteo and Mrs. Helen Ward of Manns Harbor. They brought with them the unusual in gifts for any season... something many people wish for but never receive... a money tree! On the branches made of toothpicks,

JACK KORY IS NEW VAN LINES MANAGER



JACK I. KORY, 41, of San Diego, California, has been named Operations Manager for National Van Lines, Inc., according to a statement from F. L. McKee, president of the moving and storage firm. He is the husband of the former Rennie Nixon of Manteo, and on October 31, retired after 20 years of Army service with rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Prior to World War II he was employed as a production expeditor for an air craft company.

The couple has two children, and recently spent ten days with Mrs. Kory's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rosser G. Nixon in Manteo, where they have visited several times during the years. The children are Aletha 5, and Gregory Scott age 3. Shortly before his retirement, they spent 7 1/2 years in Germany.

His broad experience includes general traffic control, air, rail and truck freight handling. See KORY, Page Six

COLD, CRISP WEATHER SEES NEW YEAR IN

No Traffic Accidents Reported Over Holiday Week End; Merrymakers Plentiful

The new year began with a cold note throughout the coastland, having been primed for a couple of days previously with a blast of Arctic air. Temperature readings for the last several mornings have been in the low twenties and high teens. This chill, however, didn't slow down the spirits of merrymakers on New Year's Eve, and exceptionally good crowds were reported from two main entertainment places—the Carolinian Hotel and the Shrine Club at Nags Head.

In spite of the quantity of parties, in their usual festive mood, no accidents have been reported, and all indications are that an orderly evening was enjoyed for all. Many groups from places as distant as Norfolk and Elizabeth City came to join in a welcome to the new year.

Continued cold weather has caused much ice to form in the sounds, and in many places the ice appears to be solid shore-to-shore. A warming trend is expected to break up the formations, with no damage being anticipated to bridges.

SEASHORE COMMISSION TO REQUEST FUNDS FOR BEACH EROSION CONTROL

Over Two and A Half Million Dollars Involved in Plans For Acquisition of Property, Dune Establishment and Grass Planting; Public Hearing On Jan. 19 In New Bern.

At a meeting of the Seashore Park Commission in Raleigh Wednesday, tentative approval was given proposals that would aid in containing and developing the Outer Banks. The programs agreed upon would cost in the neighborhood of two and a half million dollars in State funds, which may be supplemented by Federal and local commitments. The 1963 General Assembly may look forward to such legislation.

The proposals would involve the State in a major land acquisition project on undeveloped stretches of the Outer Banks, and in construction of big artificial dunes.

Fred Cox of Grifton, chairman of the committee, said the recommendations "will be subject to expansion or modification" after a public hearing in New Bern on Jan. 19.

The recommendations came after the committee heard State Civil Defense figures which showed that hurricane and storm damage along the Outer Banks had amounted to over \$386 million since 1954.

The committee voted to ask the Assembly for \$1.5 million in 1963-65 for a State land purchase program along undeveloped areas of the Outer Banks.

It also endorsed a request by the State Board of Water Resources for \$1 million in State matching funds for federally and locally-supported beach dune construction at Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach.

Another proposal called for a State appropriation of \$50,000 in 1963-65 to support grass-planting projects as a means of building up water-flattened banks.

Expected to be a major point of controversy at the public hearing is the extent to which local governmental units should be required to participate in erosion control measures along the coast.

The Board of Water Resources, in asking for \$1 million in State funds, expects to sponsor legislation requiring local units to put up 50 per cent of the non-federal share of such dune-construction projects, with the State paying the other 50 per cent.

In most such projects, the federal share amounts to about 70 per cent of the initial construction cost. Local or State sources would have to provide about 90 per cent of the annual "nourishment" cost of the dunes, a cost that averages five per cent per year of the initial cost.

However, coastal governmental officials have asked that local units be required to put up one-third of the non-federal share.

The committee did resolve that local participating should be a requirement in all such projects. Local units should have a veto over any project and could have by withholding local participation said Woodrow Price, Raleigh newspaperman, and chairman of the commission.

Price suggested the land acquisition program to acquire a strip of beach from the high water line far enough back to be used as the site for artificial construction.

"This would not be for the already-developed areas—the cost would be prohibitive," he said.

Most of the undeveloped beach area is along the Currituck County shore, on Sackleford Banks off Beaufort and Morehead City, and on other smaller banks southwest of Morehead.

The State has acquired undeveloped Portsmouth Island and most of Core Banks with a \$300,000 appropriation from the 1959 Legislature.

The committee was told by Water Resources Department Director Harry Brown that artificial dune construction is now considered the "only practical way" to halt weather destruction of the Outer Banks.

"But it is expensive, mighty expensive," he pointed out.

He estimated that a Corps of Engineers study of plans for artificial dune construction along the State-owned banks from Ocracoke to Cape Lookout would call for State expenditure of at

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ZONING GROUP URGES SUPPORT OF WATERWORKS

Registered Voters Now Total 175; Books Closed Saturday; Challenge Day Jan. 5

The movement for a central water system for Nags Head which will be brought to a head on January 12, got a further boost of support from members of the town's Planning and Zoning Commission, in a memo this week from its chairman, W. A. Williams.

Mr. Williams said: "The Nags Head Planning and Zoning Commission heartily endorses the proposal for a public water supply system for the Town of Nags Head. The Commission realizes the importance and absolute necessity for this utility and future planning by the commission will depend upon the outcome of the referendum on January 12. Without this water supply system not only the growth of the area but its very existence is doubtful... it is therefore most important that each registered citizen of Nags Head vote in this bond election."

The commission not only favors the bond issue but strongly urges its approval on January 12.

Besides Mr. Williams, the following serve on the commission: J. L. Newman, Carl Nunemaker, Horace Barnett, C. E. Parker and Fred O. Purser, Jr.

Registration closed last Saturday, and C. S. Culpepper, registrar, says that total registration now stands at 175. Saturday, the 5th, is Challenge Day.

Mr. Culpepper believes that 85% of those who registered will favor the system's installation.

WILLIAM I. LONG TO BE DIRECTOR OF LOST COLONY

Former Technical Director's Duties Increased; Miss Welch To Be Assistant

William I. Long, a native North Carolinian who heads the Dramatic Art department at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., will direct the symphonic outdoor drama, "The Lost Colony", here during the summer of 1963.

He will replace Clifton Britton of Goldsboro who, because of ill health, will not be able to continue his 15-year association with the 26-year-old play that will be presented in the new Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island, June 29 through September 1.

Long's appointment was announced by Mrs. Fred W. Morrison, Washington, D. C., chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association which produces the drama in cooperation with the State of North Carolina and the National Park Service.

The play was written by Pulitzer prize-winner Paul Green of Chapel Hill to commemorate the civilization and the birth of Virginia Dare, first child born of English parents in America.

The new director, Long, has been a member of The Lost Colony staff for 18 years. He moves up from the post of technical director. His wife Mary Long, plays the role of Queen Elizabeth in the drama.

In accepting the post, Long announced that Miss Elizabeth Welch will serve as associate director in 1963, in addition to her previously effective job as speech consultant.

Mrs. Morrison announced that the members of the Roanoke Island Historical Association's Executive Committee, and Dramatist Paul Green, concurred in Long's appointment.

They also expressed the hope that Britton's health will improve to the extent that he can resume his association with the production in future years.

"Cliff Britton has done a magnificent job since he succeeded the great Sam Selden as Director in 1953," Mrs. Morrison declared.

Britton had also recently stepped down as leader of the Drama Department of the "Goldsmasters" of Goldsboro High School, because of his illness.

Long received a degree in Dramatic Arts from the University of North Carolina and for several seasons was a member of the faculty and technical director of the Carolina Playmakers at the University. He also has served as technical director and designer for the Raleigh Little Theatre and the Raleigh Children's Theatre. A few years ago he edited a book of 12 one-act plays by students of his Winthrop College class in playwrighting.

Miss Welch, the head of the Department of Education and Psychology at Salem College in Winston-Salem, is another veteran member of "The Lost Colony" Staff in 1963 she will be See LONG, Page Five

HOG KILLING IN CURRITUCK BRINGS OFFER OF REWARD

Griggs O'Neal, a deputy sheriff for Currituck County who lives in Corolla, is offering a reward for a little information.

Mr. O'Neal was the owner of several hogs until just a few days ago, when his 13-head-stock was suddenly reduced to 2. It appears from the information at hand that thieves wanted small pigs, for from a litter of 9, all but two are missing, and the two old sows apparently resented what was going on and were shot to death.

A value of \$50 each was placed upon the sows and pigs. Mr. O'Neal says he will be happy to pay \$50 for information leading to arrest and conviction of the culprits.

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