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N. C. GROUP URGES EXTENSION, DIRECTOR SEEKS REPAIR FUNDS FOR LONG RANGE PS PROGRAM

N. C. COMMISSION URGES EXTENSION OF SEASHORE PARK

Recommendation Would Cut 50% of Membership from 36-Person Body

The North Carolina Outer Banks Seashore Park Commission, directed its executive committee to work with Gov. Sanford and Carteret County officials toward the extension of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore to include Portsmouth Island and Core Banks. Woodrow Price chairman, said this could be done if the federal government will agree to provide protection to that part of the coast.

Four major items are the purpose of the negotiations:

1. Extension of the seashore recreation area.
2. The erection of a barrier dune running along Portsmouth Island, Core Banks, and part of Shackleford Banks.
3. The immediate creation of a channel as a safe water highway from Ocracoke to Beaufort.
4. Dredging and maintenance of Barden's Drum and Ocracoke Inlet.

As head of a special report committee, Harvey Hines of Knston made the original recommendation, along with the suggestion that if the state is unable to provide protection of the land, then it should be deeded to the National Park Service if they will accept the responsibility of the necessary protection. The state at present owns approximately seventy-five percent of the land.

Lester Moore, a commission member who operates a marina at Cape Lookout, voted against the issue.

A recommendation by the head of the Development Committee, Ashley Fittell of Washington, was approved, calling for the replacement of the present Outer Banks Seashore Parks Commission. The commission now has 36 members. The new commission would have only 16 or 17 members, and would replace the Cape Hatteras Seashore Park Commission. Its purpose would be to act as a liaison between the coastal areas and the state and federal agencies on matters relating to development and protection of the coast.

HUGE SUM ASKED FOR BEACH WORK ON OUTER BANKS

Half-Million Requested for Reinforcement Projects for Early Completion

Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, appearing before the House Appropriations Subcommittee last month, asked for a grant of \$500,000 to reinforce the shoreline along Cape Hatteras against further erosion. Wirth, speaking for the National Park Service, said that the total estimated cost would be \$6 million and would take a period of ten to twelve years. He indicated that the Park Service was struggling against repeated setbacks in attempts to stabilize the coast which includes roughly one-third of the Outer Banks.

He said that Cape Hatteras at one time had a fine shoreline. "When settlers came here it was at least 200 or 300 feet farther out in the ocean. They cut down all the trees and then grass came and they overgrazed it so we had nothing but bare sand," he said. "What we are trying to do is bring them back one at a time, the grass and the trees. Until we get those things restored, we are going to have trouble. When we once do that the shore will start building out again."

The Director indicated that the work under the CCC camps got well underway in the 1930's, but that the war had ended the progress. A fire then destroyed all the trees. The National Park Service had not owned the land at that time but since it now belongs to them, they can guard it against future fire hazard.

THE NEW RECTOR FOR ST. ANDREW'S BY-THE-SEA



THE REV. KENNETH L. WHITNEY of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, West Orange, N. J. will become rector of St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea, Episcopal Church on May 1. He and Mrs. Whitney will make their home in the Maston Cottage near the church on Nags Head, which has been leased by St. Andrew's to serve as rectory.

MANY SPECIAL NIGHTS BEING SET FOR 1963

Lost Colony's Plans Will Honor Many Organizations, Personalities

The Governor and First Lady of Virginia, National Park Service's Director Conrad Wirth, North Carolina Home Demonstration Club women, the Federation of Women's Club, Greater University of North Carolina, Former First Ladies of the State, East Carolina College, the N. C. General Assembly members, Dare County, Association of Executives, and two groups of automobile owners will be honored in special performances of The Lost Colony during the 1963 season beginning June 29.

OPENS JUNE 29 MANY VETERANS OF SHOW RETURNING TO L. COLONY

Many experienced actors who have had roles in Paul Green's The Lost Colony in previous years will be in the drama's cast when the show opens its 28th season in Waterside Theatre here on June 29, Director Long announced today.

The drama will be presented nightly except Sundays through September 1.

"There will however be two or three special Sunday performances during the summer," General Manager John W. Fox stated. "One will honor the late Clifton Britton, former director of The Lost Colony and another special is planned for the 376th anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare which comes on Sunday, August 18, this year."

N. AVERY TILLET KILLED IN MISHAP THURS. MORNING

Former Coast Guardsman and K.D.H. Police Succumbs to Injuries When Pinned Between Vehicles

An accident shortly before noon Thursday took the life of Nelson Avery Tillett, Kill Devil Hills Assistant Police Chief and Dare Co. A. B. C. officer. A collision between Mr. Tillett's police car and the city dump truck caused the tragedy.

Exact details of the accident are uncertain, but C. A. York, town commissioner stated that the accident happened about 11:30 a.m. Apparently Mr. Tillett had been driving along the highway and pulled off the road behind the city truck, which was parked on the highway.

Mr. Tillett's car was halfway off the road, and he had just gotten out of the vehicle when the truck, driven by city employee Theron Corbell, backed into the side of the police car. Corbell was unaware of Mr. Tillett's presence. The fifty-nine year old police officer was pinned between the vehicles.

An ambulance arrived to take Mr. Tillett to the hospital in Elizabeth City, but when the ambulance stopped for first aid at the office of Dr. C. N. Wright in Jarvisburg, the officer had died of his injuries.

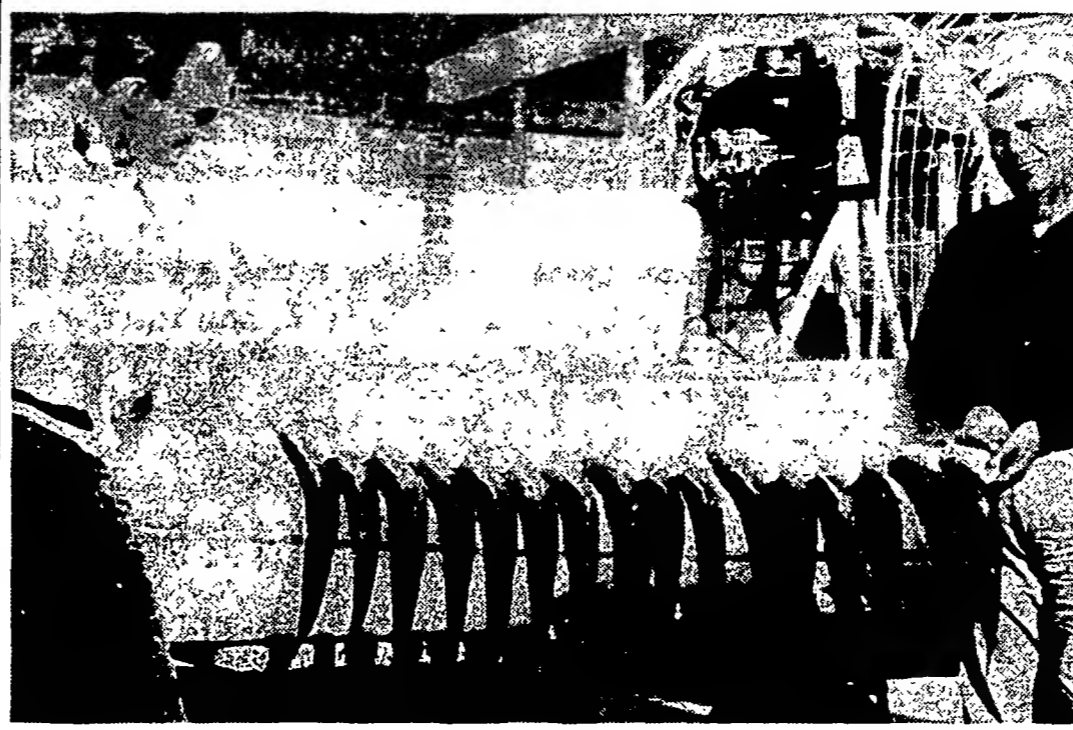
PAVING OF ROAD AT INLET SITE NOW UNDERWAY

With Favorable Weather, Highway to Hatteras Expected Before 10th

Repaving of the highway across former Buxton Inlet is progressing according to schedule as announced some weeks ago, and indications are that with good weather continuing, the road may be completed three or four days ahead of schedule.

The remaining dredge, "Hampton Roads," completed its See ROAD, Page Four

THESE WERE CAUGHT FROM AIR BOAT TROLLING IN CROATAN SOUND



JAY BENDER AND HORACE PARKER of Nags Head display 16 striped bass they caught with bucktail lures trolled behind Bender's air-boat the Hurricane, as the rockfish run began in Croatan Sound near Manns Harbor during the past week end. They made their catch on Monday and the fish ranged from two and half to five and half pounds each. The two beach fishers were among several parties fishing with fair luck during the spring run of the striped bass. (Ayecock Brown photo).

AS PEOPLE PONDER CHARTER 34 REGISTER SATURDAY; BOOKS OPEN AT NAGS HEAD ON 30TH

Thirty-four persons registered in the first of a two-Saturday registration period on March 23 at Nags Head, according to C. Sherman Culpepper, registrar. Another full day of registration is set for Saturday, March 30, when the books will again be open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

In the registration, which provides non-resident freeholder voting privileges as well as resident, of the 34 on Saturday who applied for registration, only four were non-resident, Mr. Culpepper stated.

In addition to the Saturday sessions, the registrar has been available during the week, and if persons sought registration at night at his home, he advised that he would be available for this method, prior to Saturday.

Filing Deadline April 1
Candidates who wish to file for post of commissioner, under the original charter, will have opportunity to do so at the town hall through Monday, April 1. As of press time Thursday, two candidates had filed for the posts, Tom McKimney and W. A. Williams, Jr. of South Nags Head. McKimney is one of the five named in the charter two years ago.

Amendment Bill Said Progressing
According to information relayed from Raleigh on Thursday morning, the bill which removes the non-resident voting privileges from the charter was making headway, and on Thursday was to have second reading, with passage likely on Friday. There has been some opposition to this bill, largely from non-residents, and for a while it appeared that the proposal might be rejected.

It is understood from town officials of Nags Head that something of a problem arose in connection with financing of the recently-approved waterworks project, and that until the charter was amended, or a test case instituted in court to affirm the validity of the original charter, financing of the project is in doubt.

PRE-JAMBORAMA DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT: HATTERAS

HATTERAS. — First pre-Pirates Jamborama dance on the Dare Coast is scheduled to be held in the Community Building here Saturday night, March 30, Stockton Midgett announced here today.

Midgett, and Mrs. Ormond Fuller of Buxton are co-chairmen of the Hatteras phase of the Pirates Jamboramas planned for April 27.

ROCK RUN GOOD IN CROATAN SD. FOR A FEW DAYS

MANNS HARBOR. — Eleven striped bass were caught by Vance Cudworth of Roanoke Island Wednesday, the largest catch made by one man in a single day since the rockfish run began last week when Will Dudley of Virginia Beach launched the season with 17 strippers.

All catches reported to date were made near the William B. Umstead Bridge spanning the striper-famed waters.

Cudworth's fish averaged five pounds each and like the other taken during the first week after the run began they were hooked on bucktail lures trolled in the wake of private outboard powered boats. On Monday this week the first catch ever made, (it is believed) by anglers trolling from an airboat were taken by Jay Bender and Horace Parker of Nags Head. They caught 16 going up to five and half pounds each.

Other catches made during the past week included six by Earl Mann of Manns Harbor and 12 by Reuben Etheridge, Manteo, and Jimmy Umphlett of Manns Harbor.

WATER BOND ISSUE PASSES BY MARGIN OF SEVEN TO ONE

Applications Now Needed To Assure Financial Feasibility For Service

COLUMBIA. — The voters of the Town of Columbia approved a \$228,000 water bond issue in a special referendum Tuesday March 26th by a margin of more than five to one.

The money will be used to match Federal funds under the Federal Acceleration Employment Act, for the construction of a public municipal water system. The project has been under discussion since Nov. 1962, and much hard work and planning has been done before the issue could be presented to the citizens.

The system will consist of a 200,000 gallon tank of 100' steel tower, tank foundation on concrete pilings with deep wells of the gravel packed type, treatment plant for iron removal, hardness and chlorination facilities, pressure 50 lbs. per square inch will be located centrally.

LARGE MOUTH FISHING SLACKS IN CREEK

KITTY HAWK. — While limit catches of large mouth bass were being made in Martins Point Creek early in March, fishing was slack during the past week.

NOW AT GRIFFIS AFB IN ROME, NEW YORK



LT. RANDIE MERLYNN HOUSTON, who completed training at Communications Officer School, Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss., on February 26, with special honors, has been assigned to Griffis AFB, Rome, New York, where he is a communications officer.

Lt. Houston, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin H. Houston of Nags Head, graduated from N. C. State College, Raleigh, in January 1962, and attended Officer Training School from June 27 to September 25, 1962, before going to Keesler AFB.

HATTERAS FIRE DIST. ELECTION SLATED MAY 18

As a result of a petition set before them early in February, the Dare County Board of Commissioners has given their approval in establishing a special election for the people of Hatteras. The election will determine whether Hatteras will establish a Fire Protective District, and at the same time set the amount of the necessary tax.

The Hatteras Volunteer Fire Department has been in existence several years, and due to the heavy support given it by community efforts, it owns considerable fire fighting equipment. The election, if successful, would call for a taxation of no more than 15c on each \$100 valuation of property. At the same time it will set the limits of the district.

If the issue meets with the voters' approval on May 18th, the County Commissioners will be authorized to appoint the members of the Fire Protective Commission.

ACTION WEDNESDAY DARE BOARD WILL ATTEMPT TO BLOCK BOMBING RANGE

\$162,000 YEARLY RENTAL FOR DARE CO. TARGET RANGE

In Ten Years Owners Would Receive More Than Purchase Price of Entire Area

The stenographic transcript of the hearing by the Navy and Air Force and other interested parties on the establishment of a target range southwest of Manns Harbor reveals that West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. would receive an annual rental of \$162,000 per year for 55,000 acres more or less, which in the ten year period it is proposed to rent the land would yield far more than the reported purchase price of the entire 168,000 acres bought by the company from Fred Maloof for \$1,340,000 in 1953.

It is also proposed to give the company \$80,000 the first year for damage to timber which will be cleared away from 8,000 acres to be used for the target area. Thus the total leasing cost for the first year is \$242,000.

The Government then estimates it will save the Air Force over \$2,000,000 a year by using this area.

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has made strenuous effort to prevent location of a target range anywhere in this district, in response to popular appeal, but a Committee named by Governor Sanford, as well as Federal officials considered the Southwestern Dare County area the least objectionable for the purpose. In the hearing held a week or more ago, Mr. Bonner appeared and stated his views and requested that all positions taken be put into the record, for any successors of the present officials to see, and that they might be required to live up to their commitments. Mr. Bonner said at the hearing:

"The question of a target range in Eastern North Carolina gave me great concern in its beginning. The simple reason is that I have a dual responsibility, as the representative of the First Congressional District of N. C. and as chairman of the Merchant Marine Committee which has under its jurisdiction certain obligations for the protection of migratory waterfowl under our treaty with Canada.

"Now the original site selected for this target range was in the heart of the largest concentration of migratory waterfowl — geese, ducks, swan and other birds of that nature, that there is on the Atlantic flyway. The first site was not approved whatsoever; agreed not to be approved, more or less.

"... there has been continually a disturbance in the area that has affected the civilian population. See RENTAL, Page Four

The Dare County Board of Commissioners met Wednesday to proceed with plans to block the construction of the Navy-Air Force bombing range planned for 55,000 acres of Dare County. Chairman Lawrence L. Swain presented for the Board's approval a resolution which is planned for possible hearing by the Armed Services Committees of both the House and Senate as well as the President in Washington, D. C. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The resolution explained the objections to the program raised by Dare County residents. Included were the possible ill effects on the local wildlife, the area air traffic, and the tourist industry, with mention of the Hatteras National Seashore, the Lost Colony, the Wright Memorial, and the sports fishing industry. The possibility of forest fires, injury to wildlife, and the annoying "sonic boom" as a deterrent to tourist business were made clear.

Particularly stressed was the danger of losing the local operations of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, a large economy boost to Dare County, both directly and indirectly. Company representatives have indicated that it cannot continue its long range reforestation efforts in the proximity of such a bombing range.

The resolution will be presented in Washington if a hearing is granted to the spokesman from Dare County. The deadline for such a submission is April 5th, and no hearings will be conducted after April 16th.

In addition, the board agreed to enlist the services of Melville Broughton as additional legal aid to Dare County Attorney Wallace McCown, in the event that such a hearing is granted. Swain said he hoped for a period of two and one-half hours in which to present the resolution. Along with the group will go spokesmen for each group that may suffer harmful effects from the range installation.

\$14,436 FEDERAL AID FOR DARE CO. SCHOOLS

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner announced today that he has been informed by the United States Commissioner of Education that the Dare County School District is entitled to Federal funds in the amount of \$14,436 for fiscal year 1963.

Congressman Bonner stated that \$10,827 of this allocation has been certified for immediate payment. This financial assistance is for schools in Federally affected areas.

K.D.H. TO ELECT MAYOR, CLERK, FIVE COMMISSIONERS IN MAY

The Town Board of Kill Devil Hills in session last Friday established registration dates in preparation for the forthcoming election in that municipality. Registration will begin on Friday, April 19, and continue open for seven days (excluding Sunday) for the purpose of registering those not previously registered in the last municipal election. Mrs. Jean Perry Beacham will serve as registrar, and will sit at the town hall from 9:00 a.m. until 5 p.m. with exception of Saturday, April 20, when the books will be open until 9 p.m. Mrs. Nina Miller and Mrs. Dorothy Beasley will serve as judges.

Challenge Day will be on Saturday, April 27, and the registrar and judges shall on that date be available to hear any charges in this regard.

It is interesting to note that in the resolution approved by the board last Friday, that the registrar will open the books "for the purpose of recording therein the names of all persons eligible to be registered who did not register for the last preceding municipal election." This would apply to persons who are not registered from the election of two years ago, and therefore, would serve as notice that those who registered in the recent special waterworks election, are registered only in that regard, and must register again to participate in the May election for town officials.

elect a mayor, treasurer and five commissioners, for a term of two years. Previously, Kill Devil Hills citizens have elected a three-man board, but due to legislation during the last General Assembly, board membership will be increased to five. Candidates wishing to file for office may do so at the town hall through noon on April 19.

STORK WINS RACE AS TWINS ARE BORN ENROUTE TO HOSPITAL

Twin sons, Samuel Elliott and Danuel Elwood, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Midgett, Jr., of Manteo, early Monday morning, March 25, as the mother was enroute to the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City. Mr. Midgett, who is a bus driver was away on a bus trip, and the mother was being taken to the hospital by her father-in-law, Sam Midgett, and Mrs. Midgett of Manteo. The first baby arrived at 3:25 a.m. in Camden county, the second about 3:30 a.m. in Pasquotank county, just before the hospital was reached. Mrs. Midgett, Sr., assisted with the births, and mother and sons are in excellent condition in the hospital. One of the twins weighed seven pounds, the other seven pounds, 2 1/2 ounces.