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MAROONED EIGHT DAYS

COAST GUARD RESCUES E. C. WAY FROM SAILBOAT IN ALLIGATOR RIVER

A Coast Guard patrol boat on a routine check of navigational aids in the Alligator River found a 77-year-old man, E. C. Way, of Savannah, Ga., marooned for eight days on a sailboat Wednesday. Way said "I had plenty of food and water and a small alcohol stove so, I didn't suffer for any of that. I had been blown so far east, though, that none of the passing boats saw me, and at times I despaired of ever being found." There was no radio aboard his sailboat.

Way, a widower and a retired Standard Oil Co. cashier who has sailed most all his life, was enroute to Savannah after purchasing the boat in Annapolis, Md.

"I was awfully bored and needed something to do with my time," he said. But he added that this mishap was not what he had planned.

A slight man with gray hair and gold-rimmed spectacles, he seemed tired, but well. His hands had been cut by lines he handled, but not badly.

Alligator River, about 2 1/2 to 3 miles wide, spreads off into swamp at the southern end of the Coast Guard said Way was approximately three miles from the entrance to the Alligator-Pungo River canal. The weather, all the time he was stranded, was bad. After the Coast Guard came across Way, a helicopter flew him to Elizabeth City about midday.

He sailed to Elizabeth City, stopped overnight and left there Sept. 8. He crossed Albemarle Sound without incident "and I hit the opening of the Alligator just right," he remarked with pride.

"I got to the south end of the river when a squall came up so I put over the anchor and got the sails down." The anchor cable wore through, however, causing the boat to blow around.

Next day the weather was moderate and, using the auxiliary engine, he attempted to back the boat out of the swampy area. But the propeller bent against a log, over which the boat had been blown, preventing Way from escaping.

He will have the boat—which has no name—taken to Elizabeth City Shipyard and sold.

REPAYMENTS UP ALSO

FHA LOANS IN HYDE AND DARE TOTAL \$539,195 IN FISCAL YEAR

Loans made and insured by the Farmers Home Administration in Hyde and Dare Counties during the 1962 fiscal year total of \$539,195, a record high and 20 percent more than the funds advanced during the previous period, announces Kermit I. Sadler, County Supervisor.

A total of 80 farmers and rural residents received loan assistance during the year or continued to use credit obtained in prior years.

Repayments of principal and interest on loans outstanding totaled \$161,575 compared to \$150,019 the year before. Loans outstanding an June 30 totaled \$390,556.

Two new credit services were offered during the year.

Nationwide more than \$1,600,000 was advanced to farmers and rural residents for the construction of such recreation facilities as picnic and camping areas, swimming pools, fishing ponds, marinas, golf courses, vacation cottages and tennis courts. These funds developed additional sources of income in rural areas, provided outdoor recreation facilities for the expanding population and helped shift the use of land from the production of crops to crops to the production of needed facilities.

Throughout the nation \$3,400,000 was used to provide housing adapted to the needs of senior citizens in rural areas. The credit advanced for this purpose helped elderly farmers and rural residents live comfortably in their home communities near friends and relatives, increased the attractiveness of rural communities and provided employment for local workmen.

"The impact of the agency has been dramatically increased by combining the efforts of the Farmers Home Administration with those of other agencies and institutions through the rural development program," Mr. Sadler said. Mr. Sadler further noted that despite the See LOANS, Page Five

DARE CAMP SITES TO INCREASE IN THE COMING YEAR

Frisco and Salvo Construction Expected To Up Number By 66 Per Cent

NAGS HEAD. — A 66 percent increase in the number of campsites in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore is planned by the summer of 1964, it was announced this week at National Park Service headquarters in Dare County.

The increase will include 136 sites at Frisco on Hatteras Island and the completion of 142 sites at Salvo.

Kellogg-Cuthrell, Inc., Manteo, are now building the sites area at Salvo which will include four comfort stations, marl-based roads and fresh water for drinking purposes.

The camping areas already established are as follows: Oregon Inlet, 126 sites, Pea Island 20 sites, Cape Point at Buxton-on-Cape Hatteras 212 sites, and a total of 105 at two sites on Ocracoke Island.

Through August this year there had been a 58 percent increase in the number of campers using present sites, as compared to 1962.

Seashore officials anticipate a See CAMP, Page Five

PROJECT AT OREGON INLET MAY GET LOOK FROM HOUSE COMMITTEE

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner announced this week that a sub-committee of the Committee on Public Works of the House of Representatives has approved a resolution for the review of the existing project at Oregon Inlet, the channel to Wanchese from Oregon Inlet, and the channel from Manteo to Oregon Inlet, providing a depth of twenty-one feet.

Congressman Bonner further stated that he is very optimistic about this project and hopes that the full committee will take favorable action and include it in a public works bill for authorization this year.

CONTOUR MAPS TO AID SEASHORE PARK STAFF IN EROSION CONTROL

Superintendent James B. Myers of Cape Hatteras National Seashore has announced the award of a contract to American Air Surveys, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa., for providing aerial mosaic base maps of the entire length of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

When completed, this project will greatly increase the ability of park engineering personnel to determine quickly and accurately erosion trends and changes resulting from storms, and enable them to more effectively combat these problems. The contour maps that will be provided will be invaluable in planning for future park developments under the MISSION 66 program. Aerial photography on this project is expected to get under way during the latter part of September, and will be completed in several days.

MRS. BRIDGES ANNOUNCES CANCER CRUSADE PLANS

Cancer Crusade plans have been announced by Mrs. Lois Bridges, president of the Dare County unit of American Cancer Society. Mrs. Raymond Wescott of Manteo will again head the Crusade which will be conducted October 6 to 12. Area chairmen are being sought now and names for those heading the Crusade in each community will be announced soon. The local executive committee will be host at a kick-off luncheon about October first at Mrs. Wescott's home. Other events in the planning stage are coffee day at all restaurants and masquerade ball for teen-age boys and girls.

LICENSE OFFICE CLOSED

The N. C. automobile license office will be closed Friday and Saturday of this week, according to Miss Lou Tillett, who is in charge of the license sales.

ENGINEER CORPS ISSUES REPORT ON BEACH EROSION

More Than Two Million Dollars Needed For Projects Considered Essential

Notice has been given that the report regarding the advisability of providing improvements for hurricane protection and beach erosion control along the shoreline of Ocracoke Island, authorized by Public Law 71, 84th Congress, 1st session, and Section of Law 520, 71st Congress, as amended and supplemented, has been made by the District and Division Engineers. The report is favorable.

The reporting officers find that Ocracoke Island would suffer extensive damages from a recurrence of recent storms and that the ocean and sound shores are eroding at a rapid rate. A hurricane in 1955 caused a permanent breach in the island and other breaches are expected unless protection is provided. The sound shore has receded more than 150 feet near Ocracoke Village during the last half century. The plan proposed in the report includes a dike and beach nourishment along the ocean shore and reconstruction of the sound shore in the vicinity of Ocracoke Village.

The proposed improvement would initially cost an estimated \$2,068,000 for construction on the ocean shore and \$112,800 on the sound shore of which the Federal share would be 92 and 22 percent, respectively, or \$1,913,000 and \$24,800. Periodic beach nourishment on the ocean shore is currently estimated to average \$189,600 annually, a Federal responsibility. The cost of maintaining the sound shore improvements would average about \$12,500 of which 22 percent or \$2,800 would be the Federal share.

The reporting officers recommend a Federal project to provide combined shore and hurricane protection on 78,000 feet of ocean shore on Ocracoke Island, from a point near Ocracoke Inlet to Styron Hills near Hatteras Inlet, subject to the condition that local interests, through a competent and duly authorized public agency, give assurances satisfactory to the Secretary of the Army that they will: (a) Provide all non-Federal lands, easements, and rights-of-way, including borrow areas, necessary for construction of the project; (b) Accomplish all relocations and alterations of sewerage and drainage facilities, buildings, streets, utilities, and other structures made necessary by the construction; (c) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction works; (d) Contribute a total cash contribution estimated to be \$155,000 (in a lump-sum amount) as their share of project first cost and the capitalized annual maintenance cost, the precise amount to be determined at the time of construction in accordance with cost-sharing procedure defined in the report; and (e) At least annually inform interests affected that the project will not provide any substantial protection from ocean surges higher in elevation than those of the hurricane which occurred on September 14, 1944.

The reporting officers also recommend adoption of a project by the United States authorizing the contribution of Federal funds in the amount of 22 percent of the cost of the recommended plan for restoration and maintenance of 9700 feet of sound shore and appurtenant drainage structures in the vicinity of Ocracoke Village. Federal participation is recommended, subject to the conditions that responsible local authorities will: (a) Obtain approval by the Chief of Engineers, prior to commencement of work on the project, of detailed plans and specifications for that work and also the arrangements for prosecuting the work; (b) Provide all non-Federal lands, easements, and rights-of-way, including borrow areas, necessary for construction of the project; (c) Accomplish all relocations and alterations of sewerage and drainage facilities, buildings, streets, utilities, and other structures made necessary by the construction; and (d) Assure continued public access to the shore during the economic life of the project.

In accordance with law this report, which includes the joint investigation of hurricane protection and beach erosion control, is being referred to the See REPORT, Page Five

LIBRARY BUILDING FUND GETS BOOST OF \$500 FROM MANTEO WOMAN'S CLUB



DARE COUNTY LIBRARY IN MANTEO which was started in 1935 with the gift of three books from the Woman's Club now has many thousand volumes. Since the library, considered one of the best small town libraries in America, has greatly outgrown its facilities in the Community Building at Manteo, a drive is underway to raise funds for a new building. Dr. Linus Edwards, Manteo, is chairman of the building committee and he is shown receiving a check for \$5 from Mrs. K. Fearing, Jr., president of the Woman's Club, a sum which pushed the current drive to \$10,000 raised for the new library. The picture, made at the entrance to the present library, includes the following persons in background: Mrs. George Crief and Mrs. Robert Morales and on back row Mrs. Sally Bardin, members of the Woman's Club. Mrs. L. L. Gibbs and Mrs. Hal Ward of the library staff. Mrs. Ward is the librarian and has led the movement along with her library board to raise funds for the new building. The library in addition to serving the local schools and winter and summer residents of the area, is also county-wide in scope via its bookmobile. The monies received by the club from various affairs and events sponsored by the club for the year will go to the library building fund. (Ayecock Brown photo)

IMPROVED FISHING REPORTED; CHANNEL BASS LOOKOUT KEEN

By AYECK BROWN

It's an old adage along the Outer Banks that a September nor'easter will last for five days and maybe longer.

The northeast winds which started at noon Friday, September 13, continued for six days and it was the accompanying winds of the bad weather that halted offshore fishing along the Outer Banks temporarily. The weather also halted the best offshore fishing ever known off the Outer Banks for the early days of September.

Offshore fishing was under way again on Thursday, September 19, off Oregon Inlet as this report was written. Results were not known at the time.

Inshore during the north-easter some fair to good catches were made from ocean piers, the Little Bridge between Nags Head and Roanoke Island, and in the surf of Hatteras Island, at Cape Hatteras and Hatteras Inlet.

Inshore the catches were mostly bluefish, speckled trout, puppy drum (baby channel bass), croaker and black drum during the rough weather period.

BIG CROAKER TAKEN TUESDAY MAY BE RECORD

Two-Pound, Twelve Ounce Specimen Taken at Little Bridge by Littleton Man

L. D. Collier of Littleton may have set a new official North Carolina record for croakers on Tuesday when he handed one that weighed two pounds and 12 ounces from Roanoke Sound at the Little Bridge between Manteo and Nags Head.

The previous records, according to the current issue of "Let's Go Fishing and Hunting in North Carolina," a publication of the State Advertising Division prepared by noted outdoor writer Chester Davis of Winston Salem Journal was a Surf City croaker taken in 1958. The Surf City record weighed only two pounds and one ounce. It was caught on a May 2, by William Meye of Kinston off the ocean pier at Surf City in 1958.

The new potential record by Collier was about 15 inches in length and it was weighed by Bernie Daniels on Tuesday.

After the news broke that the Littleton angler had caught such a large croaker, Capt. Jesse Etheridge of Wanchese reported that once an angler aboard his boat had caught a four and half pound croaker.

AIR FERTILIZATION FOR GRASSES ON THE BARRIER DUNES

Project Will Include 783 Acres Over 80 Mile Length of Beach

Superintendent James B. Myers has announced the project to fertilize the barrier dune grasses on sections of Cape Hatteras National Seashore by application from the air a mobile "Bell" 47-G2 helicopter owned and operated by the Colonial Helicopters, Norfolk, Va., has been hired to make this application. Approximately 783 acres spread over 80 miles in length are to be covered, using about 165 tons of fertilizer. This will be applied in four applications with the first application beginning September 23, and the last application the first week in July 1964. The fertilizer being used is manufactured by the Tennessee Valley Authority, and is composed of ammonium, phosphate, and nitrate. Test plots along the Seashore, under observation of North Carolina State College, show that fertilizer promotes growth of beach grasses and causes a more rapid spread of ground cover, which in turn aids in the control of erosion.

WOMAN'S CLUB WILL COMPLETE IN BIG PROGRAM

The Manteo Woman's Club voted at the September meeting to participate in the Community Improvement Program, sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs in cooperation with The Sears-Roebuck Foundation. An official entry card, denoting this action, was mailed to General Federation Headquarters in Washington, D. C. by the president, Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Jr.

The purpose of the Community Improvement Program is to provide information, inspiration and incentives for every federated women's club to join with cooperative forces in the community to improve its economic, social and cultural condition.

Prizes totaling \$70,000 are offered in competition, including a top national prize of \$10,000. Five cash prizes are offered in each state. The first prize winners in each state then competes for ten national prizes. All cash awards won by clubs must be spent for the benefit of the community, according to the rules.

Mrs. R. V. Owens, Jr., and Mrs. Coy Tillett, Jr., are chairman and co-chairman of the project serving with them on the committee will be Mrs. W. W. Harvey, Jr., Mrs. Merle Meekins, Jr., and Mrs. Guy Ward Daniels.

On March 14th, 1935 when the Dare County Library opened its doors, it consisted of fourteen books. The original idea, the planning and the actual beginning of the library was due to the foresightedness of the Manteo Woman's Club and the original fourteen books were given by members of the club. Since that time the Manteo Woman's Club has cooperated with the library in many projects. In the past several years they have helped sponsor the story hour for the children.

They have adopted the library as their project in the above-outlined program.

VACATION ATTRACTIONS

AUTUMN IS TOURNEY TIME ON DARE COAST-OUTER BANKS

By AYECK BROWN
NAGS HEAD. — Autumn is the time for fishing tournaments on the Dare Coast-Outer Banks. This year, as attractions for those who enjoy fishing vacations, there will be three piscatorial classics.

The first with headquarters at Nags Head will be the 13th annual Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament starting on October 10 and continuing for three days.

On October 11 the second annual Autumn Club tourney will be held at Hatteras under sponsorship of Hatteras Marlin Club. This tourney, lasting two days will offer trophies for the highest points scored in catching a variety of game fish ranging from channel bass inshore to blue and white marlin offshore.

ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST FLIGHT TO SEE PLANE REPLICA GIVEN MUSEUM

Scientists and Engineers Step Back 60 Years and Encounter Difficulties in Finding Materials To Duplicate Wright Plane

REGATTA SUNDAY WAS FIFTH FOR THE ANCHOR CLUB

By AYECK BROWN

Tidewater Virginia and Elizabeth City sailors scored in the 6th annual Anchor Club regatta here Sunday when three races were sailed around a modified gold cup course on Croatan Sound, where the previous week ended the world championship jollyboat championship classic had been held.

Billy Reese, 1963 national Hampton Class champion won two first and one second place trophies, with Billy Hunt, Hampton Yacht Club, placing 2nd and Dick Townley of Norfolk Yacht and Country Club coming in third in the Hampton one class event.

Linwood Gregory, Elizabeth City, sailing under the Outer Banks Sailing Association colors won first place in the 420 class with Dr. Fletcher Harrell and Alan Gallop of Elizabeth City placing second and third.

Dr. Lloyd Griffin, commodore of the races, stated that the race Sunday was a CBYR-sanctioned regatta and that those participating were competing for the overall high point trophy in the Hampton class.

"First scheduled as a two day event, the races on Saturday were cancelled due to 30 knot winds gusting to 45 On Sunday competition was held with 15 knot wind and occasional gusts to 30," said Commodore Griffin.

WILDFOWL NOW MIGRATING TO THE OUTER BANKS

NAGS HEAD. — First wildfowl migrations to the Outer Banks from northern breeding grounds were reported this week. First of the migrants were a few Canadian geese, vanguard of some 100,000 or more that will be moving into coastal waters along the Outer Banks and nearby mainland lakes during coming weeks. Also reported were blue-wing teal which usually pause along the North Carolina coast on their flights to more southerly winter feeding grounds in Georgia and Florida.

Already here in the NPS Bodie Island marshes and at Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge are many black ducks and gadwalls. The reason they are here is because an increasing number of each species are becoming year around residents of the coastal region in Dare County.

This year, with the completion of Oregon Inlet Bridge which is scheduled to open to traffic before autumn has passed, the marshes of Bodie Island and Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge are destined to become one of America's favorite See FOWL, Page Five

HATTERAS MARLIN CLUB TOURNEY ENTRIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED

More than 50 anglers are expected to compete in the October 11-12th Club Tourney of Hatteras Marlin Club, it was announced this week by Edison Meekins, manager of the club and director of the tournament.

Earl Phillips of High Point, president of the club, has advised all prospective participants in the tourney that good fishing for blue and white marlin, sailfish, dolphin, wahoo and many other game fish may be expected during the tournament.

"Already we have entries from New Jersey southward to Wilmington, N. C.," said Phillips. The tournament is open to everyone and complete data about the event may be obtained from Edison Meekins, HMC, Hatteras.

Scientists, engineers, pilots, mechanics, housewives, do-it-yourselfers and industrial organizations of the nation have combined resources to build an authentic full-scale copy of the Wright Brothers' wood and cloth bi-plane which made the first powered flight by man, December 17, 1903.

The program, called Project 60, is sponsored by the National Capitol Section of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the leading aerospace technical and professional society of the nation. Its President, Maj. Gen. Marvin C. Demler, in announcing the project, said: "Believe it or not, it's harder to build the Wright plane today, than it was in 1903. The project is demanding every talent of our space and jet age experts. All of the materials and techniques available to the Wrights, crude as they may seem today, have long since been replaced by more modern machines and methods. Consequently, stepping back sixty years, to build the plane exactly as it was constructed then with the same materials, is a real challenging venture."

The Air Force general reported that rare spruce woods, fabrics, wing fittings, control systems, instruments, engine drive chains, etc., are being made from scratch. Smithsonian Institution's plans for the Wright plane are the only guide.

More than fifty volunteers are active in the program. Much of the parts work is in process now. Sub-assembly work should be completed in another sixty days, then the task of assembly will be started in the Virginia warehouse of British Aircraft Corporation (USA).

Demler said, "The Washington section undertook the task because its members felt that the Kill Devil Hill Wright Memorial Museum which is visited by thousands of persons annually should have a replica of the famous plane."

Presentation will take place on December 16th as part of a national 60th Anniversary Program, sponsored by thirteen aviation organizations.

The original Wright Flyer now hangs in the Smithsonian Institution, near Lincolnton, N. C. "The Spirit of St. Louis." The only other authentic, full scale model in existence was constructed by the Los Angeles Section of AIAA (then Institute of Aeronautical Sciences) for its own headquarters building in that city.

Co-chairman for Project 60 are Hal Andrews, Bureau of Naval Weapons, and John Attinello, Institute for Defense Analysis. The former resides in Arlington and the latter in Alexandria, Virginia.

Other committee members or work groups are headed by: Glenn D. Babbitt of the Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Division, Pneumo Dynamics Corp.—skid assembly; Richard Hartley, Bethesda, Maryland—propellers; Isaac Hoover and John P. Kennedy of Springfield, Virginia—propeller drive; Harcourt C. Sontag of Arlington, Virginia—instrument group; Elliott DeGraff of Bowie, Maryland—flight controls; Richard Murphy of Bethesda—aft rudder assembly; Capt. P. T. Holt, USN, Bethesda, Maryland—forward surface assembly; Lt. Comdr. Tom Kastner, USN, and T. Davidson of Patuxent River, Maryland—wing assembly; Dr. Richard Duncan and Edward Granville, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division, East Hartford, Conn.—mock-up of the Wright powerplant.

Members of the Advisory Committee include: Connie Boorer of Bureau of Weapons, Washington; Burton English of Aerospace Industries Association, Lou Davis of National Aeronautic Association, Air Vice Marshal Walter Sheen of British Aircraft Corp. and Norbert Schnaubert of the Freuhoff Corp. Mrs. Marvin Demler, of Arlington, is Specification Secretary. Many firms and organizations are contributing materials and services to the project.