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## AIRSTRIPE COMPLETION AT KILL DEVIL HILLS DUE BY DECEMBER 3

### Anniversary of First Flight December 17 Will See Runways Dedicated Ready For Use; Construction To Begin Immediately.

Lincoln Construction Company of Wilmington has been awarded the contract for building an airstrip at Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kill Devil Hills, where the Wright Brothers, Orville and Wilbur of Dayton, Ohio, flew the first heavier than air, powered airplane on December 17, 1903.

"The airstrip, paved with asphalt, will be 3000 feet long and 50 feet wide. Soil cement mixed on ground will form a 75 foot base for the strip," said Frank Turner, North Carolina State Property Officer.

Turner was in Kill Devil Hills this week when the three monetary sponsors of the airstrip, the State of North Carolina, National Park Service, and Federal Aviation Authority to meet with D. W. Sneed of Lincoln Construction Company to discuss plans for building the strip.

James Myers, superintendent, NPS installations in Dare County and along the Outer Banks, stated that the contract was let on September 3, and that the airstrip would be completed within 90 days or on December 3. Construction equipment began moving in Thursday morning.

Turner stated that approximately \$100,000 would go into the project including cost of additional land acquisition other than that already owned by the Memorial area, on which the strip will be built.

The airstrip which will have an almost unlimited approach for aviators will be a few hundred feet from the actual take-off site of the Wrights when they made their famous 12 second flight at 11:35 o'clock on December 3, 60 years ago. Orville Wright at the controls on this flight flew only 120 feet, but on three subsequent flights the distance was increased and on the final of the first flights Wilbur flew almost 500 feet.

The strip is scheduled to be officially dedicated on the 60th anniversary of the first flight, this year in December, an event which will continue for three days and be co-sponsored by the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society, National Aeronautics Association, Air Force Association and the National Park Service.

## MORE BREAKINS REPORTED OVER THE WEEK END

### Two More Thefts Bring Total Unsolved Cases To Six In Dare

Two more breakins have been added to the list of unsolved crimes in Dare County. Four took place last week on Roanoke Island and as yet the culprits have not been apprehended. On Friday night Britton's Market in Kitty Hawk was entered by someone who removed a window pane from a bath room window in the back of the store and took \$18 from the cash register. The owner, Horace A. Britton, discovered the theft Saturday morning. He reported no other losses to Sheriff Frank Cahoon.

Also on Friday night the home of Mrs. Mattie Scarborough in Manteo was entered through a bedroom window and \$170 in cash and some clothing was reported stolen. The money, which was being kept by Mrs. Emerson Scarborough, belonged to the Disciple Church, of which she is treasurer. The owner of the home discovered the breakin when she returned from church about 11 p.m.

Sheriff Cahoon reports that investigations are being made, and he hopes to be able to solve the cases at an early date.

## MRS. MATTIE DUVALL OF MANN'S HARBOR DIES

Mrs. Mattie Duvall, of Mann's Harbor, wife of Claude C. Duvall, died Thursday in Norfolk General Hospital after a lingering illness. Funeral arrangements were not available at press time.

## FORMER POSTMASTER HOME FROM HOSPITAL



CHARLES R. EVANS, retired postmaster and business man of Manteo returned home Sunday from Doctors Hospital in Washington, D. C. where he underwent surgery, and after two months of hospitalization, he appears to be well on the road to recovery. Many friends expressed concern about him, and on visiting him, have found him not to look as sick as they had expected.

## CONCRETE POURED ON FINAL SPAN OF INLET BRIDGE

### Will Open After Approach Roads Completed, Six Months Ahead of Schedule

The new Oregon Inlet bridge, to be named for Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, is going into the final stages of construction and should be open to traffic in a few weeks, according to Wm. T. Sutton, superintendent of the project. Concrete was poured Wednesday on the last span of the structure which will connect the Nags Head area of the Outer Banks with Hatteras Island. Approach roads are yet to be completed.

The three-mile, \$4 million project is being constructed by McLean Contracting Company of Baltimore and Norfolk and is financed by the State of North Carolina, the federal government and with a special appropriation obtained by Congressman Bonner for the National Park Service.

## DARE CO. LIBRARY SETS WEEK OCT. 6 FOR FUND DRIVE

"The Dare County Library Building Fund Drive has been set for the week of Oct. 6," announced Mrs. R. V. Owens and Mrs. Coy Tillett, Co-Chairman of the Woman's Club Committee for Community Improvement, after a meeting of their committee last Monday.

This county-wide drive will seek the support of every business establishment. In addition a house-to-house canvass will give every citizen of Dare an opportunity to participate.

Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Tillett announce a meeting of the area leaders with their committee on Oct. 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Building to formulate definite plans and assignments.

Anyone interested in helping to promote the new library project is invited to attend the meeting. "Suggestions and help will be welcome," Mrs. Owens said.

Mrs. Jean T. Ward, librarian, stated that \$10,200.00 has already been raised for the building. This includes an individual contribution of \$5,000.00 and one of \$500.00 contributed by the Woman's Club. The remainder has been raised by clothes line drives, Lost Colony east parties, book sales and Memorial contributions.

## CHILD SUPPORT ORDERED BY JUDGE VANNOTE

### Assault and Theft Cases Mix With Traffic Cases To Fill Recorder's Court

Appearing before Judge J. M. Vannote in Tuesday's session of Recorder's Court in Manteo, John Davis Pledger of Manteo was found guilty of failing and refusing to provide adequate support for his illegitimate child, Teresa Cecilia Burton, on a charge brought by the child's mother, Aquilla Burton of Manteo. Pledger was given a six months jail sentence and assigned to work the roads. The jail sentence was suspended on condition Pledger pay \$6 each week to the office of the Clerk of Superior Court for support of the child, and an additional \$3 each week when a full week's work is made, to be applied on the hospital bill until the balance of \$15 has been fully paid.

Others paid the following fines plus court costs for the charges listed:

- Jerry Maness Austin of Manteo, reckless and careless driving, \$15.
- Joe Stevens, Leary, Gregory, N. C., improper parking, \$5.
- Alfred Midgett of Manteo, for being drunk on the streets of Manteo, \$10.

Cuthbert Midgett of Colington, charged with assault on Jesse Royce Perry with deadly weapon, to wit: knives, after threatening to kill said Jesse Royce Perry, paid \$5 and costs. The warrant was afterward withdrawn.

Joseph Royce Perry of Colington, for breaking and entering the home of Cuthbert Midgett, was charged with theft of groceries, cigarettes, a blanket, etc., with a value of \$30 or more, and \$14.80, after which the warrant was withdrawn.

Allen Moses Peterson of Manteo, for being parked on a portion of highway while asleep in vehicle, \$5.

Fred Millard Robertson of Winston-Salem, failing to yield right-of-way, \$5.

Joni Griffin Ward of Nashville, N. C., charged with appearing in a public place in a See COURT, Page Four

## SPEAKER AND GUIDES ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



JAMES MYERS, superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area and Capt. Fred Basnight, president of the Oregon Inlet Guides Association, are shown at the annual banquet meeting of the organization held in Dare County Shrine Club at Nags Head last week. More than 150 persons attended the meeting including several guests representing the sportsfishing business on Hatteras Island, members of the Oregon Inlet Improvement Association and others. Basnight, whose successor as president of the association will be named later this month, presided at the meeting and Myers made a short talk congratulating the sportsfishing skippers and their mates for their successful 1963 season — which both for the Oregon Inlet and Hatteras fleets has been one of the best of sportsfishing years. (Ayeoek Brown photo)

## POSTOFFICE BOX RULES OUTLINED FOR THE FUTURE

### To Discontinue Putting Mail For Several Families in One Box; More, Larger Boxes Available Soon

The custom of putting mail for several families in one postoffice box is being discontinued right away, according to D. V. Jenkins, Manteo postmaster. The custom has grown out of bounds whereby one person rents a box and allows a number of neighbors to use the box also. Postal regulations prohibit persons from other than the box holder and who are separately domiciled, from using the same box.

During the years, because of a scarcity of postoffice boxes in See BOXES, Page Four

## DEMOCRATIC RALLY PLANNED FOR OCT. 5



SENATOR W. LUNSFORD, CREW, of Roanoke Rapids, recently appointed chairman of the Democratic Party in the State of North Carolina, will be guest speaker Saturday night, October 5, when a meeting of all good Democrats has been called for the purpose of getting an organization going within the district.

Senator Crew accepted the invitation extended by Mayor W. W. Harvey Jr., of the Town of Manteo, Walter D. Perry of Kill Devil Hills as Democratic chairman for Dare County. All gubernatorial candidates have been invited, including Judge Dan K. Moore of Canton and Judge L. Richardson Pryor of Greensboro, and it is hoped there will be an overwhelming turnout to greet the visitors.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 and will be followed by an oyster roast and informal get-together at the Port Raleigh Motor Court near Manteo.

Senator Crew was born on a farm in Northampton County in 1917. He graduated from the University of N. C. in 1938 and in 1941 received his law degree from the UNC Law School. He has practiced law since then in Roanoke Rapids, with the exception of three years during World War II when he served as a lieutenant on the Aircraft Carrier Princeton Bay and won a Presidential Unit Citation after the ship was hit by a Japanese suicide plane.

Senator Crew, a lifelong Democrat, first went to the State Senate in 1953, and was re-elected to serve in 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961 and 1963. He was Senate President Pro Tempore in 1961. He has served on all major committees in the Senate and has served as chairman or vice-chairman of the following committees: Education, Public Utilities, Judiciary, Mental Institutions, University Trustees, Public Welfare, Rules and Finance.

## N. H. SURF-FISHING CLUB TOURNAMENT OCT. 10-12

The Nags Head Surf Fishing Club tournament, held annually on the Dare Beaches, will be held this year on October 10, 11 and 12, according to Ted Wood of Kitty Hawk, president of the club. Mr. Wood stated this week that 21 teams are already registered and more are expected before the tournament gets underway.

## CRUSADE AGAINST CANCER TO BEGIN IN DARE OCT. 6

### Mrs. Raymond Wescott, Chairman, Announces Community Volunteers Who Will Assist

Plans for the Dare County Cancer Crusade to be conducted October 6 through 12 are being completed according to Mrs. Raymond Wescott, chairman. It is hoped that others will respond as readily for assistance within each community as the chairman have for most areas. Not only adults, but children are among the volunteers promising to visit during the Crusade. Sparked by the fact that cancer is the leading cause of death from disease among school children, the seventh and eighth grades of Manteo elementary school will conduct the house-to-house visits north of the bridge road on Roanoke Island. This phase of the Crusade will be conducted Sunday, October 6, beginning at 1 o'clock with parents driving for the youths to knock on every door.

The American Cancer Society has appropriately designated 1963 as "The Year of the Volunteer." The volunteer has a desire to help others. This unselfish desire is rewarded only in the knowledge of a necessary job being done well.

Research reports a promise of hope for leukemia, cancer of the blood forming tissue, which is the most critical cancer problem among children. Newly developed drugs make it possible to extend the lives of many leukemia patients from months to years of useful life. Because of death of two fifteen-year-old boys formerly from Dare County from leukemia and the fact that cancer will strike in two out of each three families there is now more desire to support the research program. Now there is growing evidence linking viruses as a possible cause of leukemia. If this should be found to be true, a vaccine might be developed as the Salk vaccine against polio was found. The conquest of leukemia alone would eliminate the tragic loss of life of over 2,300 children each year.

\$1500 is the goal set by the Dare unit. Forty per cent of the amount raised is kept in the county for helping cancer patients. Thirty-three per cent is directed to research.

Volunteers who have accepted community and area leadership are: Stumpy Point, Mrs. Florine Hooper; East Lake, Mrs. Esther Patrick; Manns Harbor, Mrs. Harry Mann; Mashoes, Mrs. Clyde Twiford; Manteo business, C. L. Reynolds; Skyeo, Mrs. Marcus Midgett; Wanchese, Mrs. Kenny Daniels, Negro Division, Mrs. David Latham; Colington, Mrs. Raymond Perry and Mrs. Albert O'Neal; Beach communities north of Oregon Inlet, Mrs. Carrie Dunbar; and Hatteras Island, Mrs. Nellie Farrow of Waves. Other community chairman for Hatteras Island will be announced later.

## WITH ROUGH WEATHER

## 48 POUND TARPON TAKEN BY GRAY; BLUES, CHANNEL BASS, TROUT CAUGHT

Despite rough weather which prevented offshore fishing, some surprising catches were made during the past week.

Rudy Gray, operator of Hatteras Island Fishing Pier at Rodanthe caught a 48-pound tarpon Thursday night. It was the first ever taken from a Dare Coast pier, but several have been taken from the surf or in Oregon Inlet through the years. Gray was using spinning tackle when the fish hit. He was using a whole spot for bait.

Fishing at all the piers has been from fair to good. The fish being caught include blues, sea mullet, trout, spot and pompano.

Next surprising catch of the week was in Oregon Inlet. Capt. Jesse Theridge sighted gulls in big flocks near Davis Channel with a party of six anglers aboard his Carewvyn, 112 blues, some of them running to four pounds, were taken. On the same day parties aboard the Cherokee, Tony and Phyllis Mae caught blues. Each day since the initial catch on Monday, more blues, all running to better than average size have been taken.

On Hatteras anglers fishing the surf have taken channel bass, blues and trout from the surf during the week. Offshore at Hatteras tuna, See FISHING, Page Four

## A \$25 MILLION ANNUAL INDUSTRY PREDICTED OF BEAUFORT CO. PHOSPHATE

### Marine Growth Through Millions of Years, Deposited Before Glacial Epoch, Predicted to Bring a Rich Harvest; Deepest Deposits in the Belhaven Area Estimated 120 Feet Thick. Pilot Work Has Begun.

## A FAITHFUL SON OF DARE HAS REVERSES



CAPT. OTIS SIMPSON of Staten Island New York is an exceptional example for all of us who may think we have troubles, physically or otherwise. After 35 years in the Government service, Capt. Simpson retired in 1960, and looked forward to long years of comfort and relaxation as well as recreation. He was a frequent visitor to his old home community of Wanchese, where he came from seafaring people on both sides, and during the many years he spent away from home, his love and loyalty for the coastland brought him back for frequent visits. He never ceased to look forward to some time coming back to make his home. He had served in the Coast Guard, and his principal service was commander of the boat used by the Engineer Corps in keeping New York harbor clear of dangers to navigation.

His father was the late Charlie Simpson, and he married Miss Zella Dailey of Buxton.

But last year, misfortune fell upon him, and as the result of a leg infection, he ended up by losing both legs above the knees. With the determination which had characterized his life, he learned to walk again and set about learning to drive a car, and had a new one specially fitted so he could operate all the controls by hand. Misfortune struck again last month, and he suffered a stroke which paralyzed his right side, and he is now back in the U. S. Public Health Hospital in Staten Island. Relatives who recently visited him said he is greatly heartened by the many cards and messages which have come.

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A prime topic of conversation in Beaufort County these days, is the prospects of enjoying early benefits from what is predicted will be the state's largest mining industry in a few years. Phosphate deposits were known for a long time, to be lying below the surface in the county, this information perhaps having leaked out from samples of borings taken by well drillers over a period of years. More than ten billion tons of phosphate is said to lie below the farmlands and rivers of Beaufort County.

What few people know is how the deposits of phosphate got down in the ground, and many people fear that if it is mined out, there will be a continual series of cave-ins to fill up the holes, such as occur in coal mining regions. In this low lying country, it would be calamitous indeed for the mean elevation to be lowered to the extent the rich farm lands would be flooded forever. But on the whole, the public, clamoring for industry and employment, and businessmen hopeful for accelerated ringing of cash registers, believe the signs are good.

Already, pilot operations are underway, and digging or mining, is being done. It is reported that huge pipes will be inserted in the ground, and the subterranean surface saturated with water and then pumped out, bringing the phosphate with it. During millions of years when this land was all undersea, deposited and slowly built higher and higher, somewhat like unto the process of building coral is pushed down, covering up the rock formation, land was formed, which subsequently became adapted to the uses of mankind, notably, agriculture.

## \$25,000,000 Industry

A news dispatch from Raleigh, gives a glimpse of the scope of operations in Beaufort County as follows:

A U. S. geological survey of Beaufort County has pinpointed one of the world's largest phosphate reserves. It is expected to create a \$25-million-a-year industry within a few years.

State Geologist Dr. Jasper L. Stuckey released a preliminary copy of the study report last week. The 18-month investigation received financial backing from the State Department of Conservation and Development and the Beaufort County Board of Commissioners.

Two firms, Texas Gulf Sulphur Co. and Magnet Cover Barium Corp., already have begun pilot operations in the county.

The study found phosphate deposits beneath 700 square miles of land. They ranged in thickness from a feather edge at Washington to 120-foot thickness in the northeastern part of See PHOSPHATE, Page Four

## WANCHESE FAMILY VISITS IN WESTERN STATES

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gaskill, their daughter, Glenda of Wanchese, and Mrs. Gaskill's mother, Mrs. Lida Bridges of Siler City, have returned home after visiting Mrs. Gaskill's brother, John Bridges and his family in Reno, Nevada. While there they drove over to San Francisco to see Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Williams and family, formerly of Manteo and Wanchese, who took them sight-seeing. On the return trip they visited Mr. Gaskill's niece, Mrs. Major Curles and Mr. Curles in El Paso, Texas, formerly of Manteo and Kitty Hawk. Mrs. Curles went with them on a sight-seeing trip into Mexico. They also visited several of Mrs. Gaskill's relatives in New Mexico and Texas and a friend of Mrs. Bridges in Wilmington.

## BARBECUE DINNER

Boy Scout Troop 161 of Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills will sponsor a barbecue dinner Saturday at the Croatan Hotel at Kill Devil Hills from 5:30 p.m. till 8 p.m. Cost for the plates will be \$1.