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PLANNING MEETING FOR BRIDGE FETE SET FOR NOV. 11TH

Representatives of Three Towns and SAA Group to Meet and Organize Monday Night

A meeting has been called for Monday 2:30 p.m. November 11th at the Dare County Community Building in Manteo, for representatives of the three towns of Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head, and Manteo, and the Executive Committee of the Southern Albemarle Association, to formulate plans for the bridge fete to be held about April 3, 1964 in connection with the Oregon Inlet Bridge, which is to be formally turned over to the State on November 20th.

D. V. Meekins, Southern Albemarle Vice-President for Dare County said this week he had called the meeting in response to notices of delegates appointed from the several town Boards who will participate in the celebration and who have named their representatives as follows, all town enrollment:

Nags Head, Dowdy L. Hayman and Jesse L. Newman; Kill Devil Hills, Robert Young and Ted Wood; Manteo, Sam Midgett and Carl-De Davis.

Representing the Southern Albemarle Association are the following executive committee members for Dare County, and the outcome of their meeting will be reported to the 28th annual meeting of the Association to be held in Manteo, Wednesday, November 20th. The SAA Group is as follows:

Melvin R. Daniels, president; D. V. Meekins, vice-president; J. W. Davis, Wanchese; Woodrow Edwards of Waves; Walter D. Perry of Kill Devil Hills; Mrs. Nora Herbert, Rodanthe; Mrs. Nancy Bells, Manteo; Julian Austin, Pigeon; Mrs. J. Well Scarborough, Nags Head; and Mrs. Gretchen Wise, Stumpy Point; and Mrs. Zeno-ah E. Davis, See-et-a-See. Also Mayor W. A. Williams of Nags Head, Tom Briggs of Kill Devil Hills, Dr. W. A. Harvey, Jr. of Manteo are expected to attend. Ayoek-Brown, of the Dare County Tourist Bureau and some others.

The above named persons are expected to constitute the organization that will stage a successful celebration to commemorate the addition of this bridge to Dare County, and which will be a large one, at the outset of the principal tourist season.

NAGS HEAD TOWN BOARD

The Town Board of Nags Head met Monday, November 5th, in Town Hall and opened the bids for a new truck for the new water superintendent, Joseph C. McKenzie.

Law bid was submitted by R. D. Sawyer Motor Co. in Manteo. The new vehicle will be a 1/2 ton pick up with four wheel drive and 6 cylinders.

Sam Midgett of Manteo has been contacted to cover the employees of the Town of Nags Head with Employees Compensation.

TAX LISTERS NAMED

BOARD IS TO BE FORMED TO BATTLE BEACH EROSION

The Dare County Commissioners, meeting this week in Manteo, approved a meeting between members of the commission of Dare County, of the Town of Nags Head and the Town of Kill Devil Hills, to study the steadily increasing erosion problem along the Dare beaches, and to formulate plans for correcting same. The request for said meeting was presented in the form of a resolution from the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce and the Dare County Board of Realtors.

A Civil Defense meeting on Tuesday, November 12, was announced by Sheriff F. M. C. Tom, Dare's Civil Defense director.

The tax collector reported \$56,824.04 October collections of 1963 taxes.

A discussion with A. B. Scoggins, tax collector, was held concerning schedule B taxes (privilege licenses for beer, wine and like items) and he was requested to make regular monthly reports on same to the board. Herbert Perry appeared before the board to request intervention with the state highway department to have clay or gravel put on the rest of the

OLDEST MEMBERS OF CAPE HATTERAS ANGLERS CLUB



OLDEST MEMBERS of the very active Cape Hatteras Anglers Club which staged the successful 6th annual tournament last week end are Capt. Bernice Bullance, 79, a retired Coast Guard officer of Haxton and Capt. Unaka Jennette, 81, retired from the U. S. Light House Service.

NEW JERSEY TEAM LEADS

CAPE HATTERAS ANGLERS TOURNAMENT ATTRACTS 198

Brunswick Surf Fishing Club's team, New Brunswick, N. J., retained its early lead in the 6th annual Cape Hatteras Anglers Club tournament last week end to win first place in the event that had attracted 198 fishermen on 36 teams.

Including a 25-point bonus for catching the most, a total of 32 fish were taken by this team, skipped by W. E. Kozlowski, Old Bridge, N. J. Gus Szalocz, Chest Bunting and Eric Omiz received a total of 143 points. They also received trophies of the classic during the banquet Saturday night.

The defending champions, Albemarle Anglers Club, came in third after conceding a tie score of 97 points with the N. J. Beach Buggy Association which was placed second in team competition.

Anglers on the N. J. Beach Buggy team were R. W. Gilpin, W. Pink, R. Chisholm, J. LaMarro, W. Kuanze and F. Kendorski.

Members of the third place team, Albemarle Anglers, who had come in first at Nags Head recently in addition to being champs of the 1962 Hatteras event, were Lee Rathner, captain, Mickey Hooper, Dr. Walter Spaeth, Bill Calhoun and Tony Siguta. Except for Siguta, a resident of Washington, D. C., all members of the team were from Elizabeth City. During the banquet Saturday they took in as a new member Dr. W. W. Harvey of Manteo.

Special awards went to Szalocz of Brunswick for catching the most fish (13) during team competition; to Murray Fisher of the Coast Guard Cape Hatteras team for catching the largest fish, a seven pound, 10-

ounce channel bass, to Gerry Gilpin and Helen Davies, of Margate City, N. J., for being the women catching most fish—they tied with six each; to El-nora Preston, Nags Head Sea Hag for catching the largest fish by a woman; and to Barry Williams, Forked River, N. J., for catching the largest fish, a seven and half pound channel bass, in the open individual and to Army Major George Kent, Fort Eustis for the largest kingfish taken during the individual—a 11-inch specimen.

Dr. William Hasser of State College Biology Department and a summer resident of Hatteras was the banquet speaker. He gave an interesting talk on the migratory habits of striped bass and presented slides to illustrate his talk.

He was assisted in the slide program by James E. Mays of the Virginia-Pilot.

The banquet was attended by about 250 anglers and delicious food was served by the Methodist women of Buxton.

Edgar Hooper, president of the sponsoring club, presided.

SNOW GESE SEEK HAVEN TWO WEEKS EARLY THIS YEAR

Rare Birds Migrating On Atlantic Flyway Reach Pea Island Refuge For Winter Quarters

Greater American Snow Geese, among rarest of waterfowl that migrate north-south over the Atlantic Flyway, broke tradition and showed up in large flocks two weeks earlier than usual this year at Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge on the northern tip of Hatteras Island.

It is a tradition along the Outer Banks since World War I ended that snow geese do not show up until Armistice Day, or November 11.

This year the first flight was observed on October 23 when northeast gales on the outer fringes of Hurricane Ginny were beginning to make erratic movements towards Florida and back again.

William C. Good, Pea Island Refuge manager, said that their count of snows on November 1, was in excess of 2,000 of the rare wildfowl.

Bruce Black, National Park Service naturalist, reported counting 400 on Bodie Island in the Cape Hatteras Seashore marshes across Oregon Inlet a few miles north of Pea Island.

"But the geese, 2,000 or more of them, are here already," said Good.

Pea Island Refuge, now within the boundaries of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, was created primarily as a winter feeding ground for Greater Snow Geese. They are seldom seen farther south, although part of the world's population of them winter in Currituck Sound, N. C. and Bark Bay in Virginia. The average winter population of snows at Pea Island is 15,000 which is about one third of the estimated 47,000 known to exist. Their appearance at Pea Island is reported on Page Four. See SNOWS, Page Four

CANCER FUNDS CONTINUE SLOW CLIMB TO GOAL

Dare Second in State Per Capita Contributions, But More Needed

At the state-wide Cancer Conference in Raleigh attended by local unit president Mrs. H. O. Bridges and Crusade chairman, Mrs. Raymond Wescott, Dare County was recognized as second in the state for its 1962 Crusade contributions according to population. The only eastern county among the top ten mentioned, Mrs. Wescott feels that this honor was attained by the cooperative and willing spirit of all volunteers who gave of their time and energy. With \$500 per year directed to research from Dare County, it is hoped that the death rate, 11 persons in 1962, will be lessened.

Although the 1963 Crusade goal is still short, there have been contributions received since last week: Rounoke Island Eastern Star \$5, Manteo businesses \$15 bringing the total to \$1393.

One hundred and eighty-nine donations of \$58.67 has been omitted. This was counted in the total reported and Mrs. Wescott expresses apology to the Avon volunteers and contributors for this error.

The service program of the local unit includes provision of dressings, sick room equipment, limited payment for drugs and medication, transportation where needed for treatments, and to the diagnostic clinic in Elizabeth City on each first Friday of the month. Families needing any of the above assistance should make application to the unit president with signed statement from the physician.

One hundred and eighty-nine families in the county have recently received for the fourth year a questionnaire as participants in the 6-year health survey. See CANCER, Page Four

RETIRING POSTMASTERS HONORED AT NEW HOLLAND



POSTMASTERS HONORED—Two retiring postmasters—Mrs. Esther Davenport of Pantego and Mrs. Louella Swindell of Swan Quarter (center, front row)—were honored at a dinner at Mattamuskeet Lodge at New Holland Saturday attended by postmasters from throughout the district.

Left to right, they are Paul Osgood, postal inspector; Mrs. Odessa Jarvis of Engelhard, in charge of the arrangements; Victor Meekins of Manteo, district chairman; Mrs. Davenport; Hyatt Cahoon, new acting postmaster at Swan Quarter; Mrs. Swindell; Mrs. Emmaline Winfield, new acting postmaster at Pantego, and Jack Williams, postal service officer. (Photo by Thos. E. Spencer)

MANY HONORS FOR RETIRING P.M.'S AT NEW HOLLAND

Mrs. Swindell and Mrs. Davenport Honored by Postmasters of Area Saturday

Postal officials and many others gave high praise to two retiring postmasters at New Holland Saturday, at a luncheon arranged by Mrs. Odessa W. Jarvis of Engelhard. Mrs. Louella Swindell of Swan Quarter and Mrs. Esther Davenport of Pantego were the honored guests, and were presented beautiful card trays, with appropriate words by Mrs. Effie Brickhouse of Columbia who returned last week from an air tour to Honolulu, Tokyo and Hong Kong, during her visit to the annual U. S. Postmasters convention held in Hawaii in October.

Mrs. Inez Spencer, postoffice Clerk at Engelhard, was presented with a superior accomplishment certificate and given an award of \$100 by the Postoffice Department for her unselfish services in helping Mrs. Jarvis when she entered upon her duties at Engelhard nearly two years ago. Regional director C. B. Gladden of Atlanta, sent his regrets he could not be present. See HONOR, Page Four

UNKNOWN IS FELT ANCIENT CYPRESS OF HYDE STRIKE AT MODERN METHODS

RECORDER'S COURT DOCKET IS SLIM

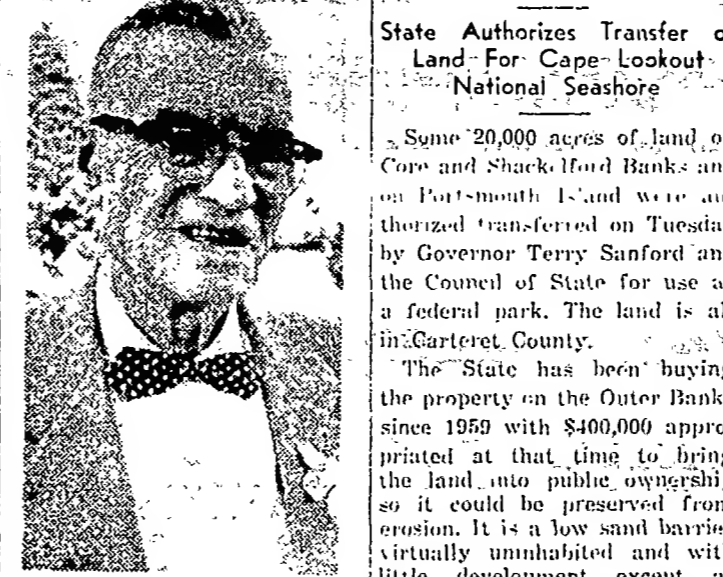
MANN'S HARBOR THIEVES INCUR FEDERAL WRATH

MISS INEZ GIBBS, Postmaster of Mann's Harbor, arrived at her postoffice on Friday morning to discover what looked like a gigantic plank. The inner office of the building had every drawer of every desk dumped. Floor, desk and table were littered with scattered papers. After her first shock Miss Gibbs called Dare County Sheriff Cahoon and notified the postal authorities.

Further investigation of the postoffice showed that the thieves had entered the building through a broken window in the utility room and had jimmied the door between the utility room and the workroom of the building to gain entrance.

It was not a very profitable break and enter job. The only

MARSHALL TWIFORD, ONE OF DARE'S FAVORITE SONS



A favorite son of East Lake, and one who always held it near his heart is dead. He was a son of an old-time preacher of the Primitive Baptist faith, his father being also a merchant, and he was a member of a large family, long prominent and influential in his community.

Marshall Layton Twiford, 87, of 8536 Chesapeake Blvd., Norfolk, retired from Norfolk & Western Railway, died Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. in a Norfolk hospital.

A native of East Lake, he lived in Norfolk 50 years. He was a son of Manliff D. and Mrs. Zenova Adeline Pasnight Twiford and the husband of Mrs. Cynthia Sawyer Twiford. He and Mrs. Twiford celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in June.

He was a lifelong member of Primitive Baptist Church of East Lake, and a member of Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Besides his widow, surviving See TWIFORD, Page Four

CALL OF THE WILD GOOSE BRINGS EXCITEMENT TO FOWL HUNTING AREA

Great Flocks in Mattamuskeet Region; Guides Ready For Visitors; Ammunition and Other Supplies on Hand as Shooting Season Opens; November 16 Opening Date on Ducks

The great Canada geese are still arriving. Everyday, brings in new flocks to swell the totals to a modern high. According to Chief Ranger W. G. Cahoon of the Mattamuskeet region, there were some 105,000 of the geese already on the feeding grounds. The peak is not expected to be reached until around November 20.

Every section of the sky seems to have an echelon of the great birds as they circle and maneuver for landings. The sunset flight over Lake Landing is so great that the whole earth and air pulses to the sound of wing and the flat honk of the conversational birds. The geese sound for all the world like a bunch of gabbling humans who are not too contented with the way things are going.

Down on earth the excitement has mounted to such a pitch that everyone seems to be a little brittle. This is the big moment. Each great gaggle of geese that comes in is discussed and counted until there would seem to be a flock as large as the flights of the almost legendary passenger pigeons of the days of our great grandfathers.

Motels are all ready with great stocks of food and ammunition; waterproof clothing and boots. Guns are to be had if there should be a man so unfortunate as to damage or lose his gun.

The conversation veers away from the goose count to the tales of the old timers who had no limit and sometimes came in with bags that ran into the hundreds or so per party per day. The stories grow taller and the bags grow larger. Then the stories switch to the legendary guides who always found the best place for the blinds; the only place where the bear were; the only place where the fish would bite.

Between stories there are fervently expressed hopes for misty weather. "Now, mind ye, not enough so's a body can't see. Just enough to hold those big birds close to home."

Big-eyed youngsters listen to the tales of daddy's prowess with a shot gun. To other stories about the way a flock will follow a slain lead gander to the earth in a gallant loyalty even to death. Even though the goose has brains enough to know just how little chance he has in the face of the storm of leaden pellets which will greet him as the fallen leader is followed.

Knives are whetted against the dressing of the birds for freezing. (What a contrast to the days when granddaddy had to try and get 'em home in block ice!) The discussion of knives that won't hold an edge is frank and furious. The old-timers long for a blue steel blade that will take and hold a razor edge. Keep it through all the rough usage a hunter gives his knives.

Favorite guns are compared. The drop on a Parker. The effectiveness of this choke as compared with that choke.

The new plastic casings are given a thorough argument, pro and con.

Boots are almost dissected in a discussion of the merits of a See GEESSE, Page Four

SAND FENCES TO BE BUILT NEAR COROLLA LIGHT

Project to Lessen Heavy Inflow of Salt Water To Currituck Sound

Heavy inflows of salt water into Currituck Sound may soon be lessened by rows of sand fences across Currituck Banks beach in a 13.5 mile area on either side of Corolla lighthouse.

The project was approved Monday by the State Wildlife Resources Commission when that body gave approval to the \$15,000 undertaking.

In the stretch of beach involved the sand dunes have washed out, and storms and high tides push ocean water across the banks and into the fresh-water sound.

The commission said the action is designed to preserve the sound as a fresh-water fishing and goose and duck hunting center.

Commission member Thurman Briggs of Lexington urged immediate action on the project, noting that the hunting and fishing are "extremely important to the economy of that area." He said the annual sale of hunting and fishing licenses in the area more than offsets the cost of the project.

The commission was told that recent storms have brought heavy damage to 15 areas, totaling 6,000 yards, in the 13 mile stretch of beach.

The project will be financed with commission funds and with help from the money coming through the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service from the Accelerated Public Works program.

The commission said it would drop a \$15,000 boat access project at Blewett Falls in Richmond County to make the funds available for the Currituck project. Commission director Clyde Patton said a decision already had been made to abandon the Richmond County project because land could not be acquired for the boat launching facility.

BUMPER CROP IN HYDE AS YIELD COUNTED

Canada geese are not the only bumper crop in Hyde county. R. L. Gibbs of Engelhard estimates that the corn in the region is yielding an average of 100 bushels per acre. Some fields are yielding as much as 135 an acre. This is balanced down by the fields which are yielding no more than 85 bushels to the acre.

The harvest of soybeans is not far enough advanced to give an accurate estimate, according to Mr. Gibbs, but it looks as if there could be a yield of 35 to 40 bushels an acre.

Wheat yielded 40-42 bushels to the acre.

These reports are in line with the fact that the Wildlife men have not found it necessary to feed the waterfowl in the area. Chief ranger Cahoon of the Mattamuskeet Refuge says there is still plenty of food for all of the birds.

RECORDER'S COURT DOCKET IS SLIM

In Recorder's Court Tuesday, November 5th, Judge J. M. Vannote presiding, Walter F. Johns was found guilty of failing to provide proper support for his infant daughter, Grizelle. He was ordered to pay \$50 before the 10th of every month and to make his payments through the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court.

In the case of Elizabeth Fulcher Atkins of Nags Head, charged with operating a vehicle on a state highway after dark without lights, the plea was not guilty. The case was dismissed.

Louis Franklin Harper, charged with careless and reckless driving without regard for the rights and privileges of others, was found guilty and fined \$25 and costs.

Jack H. Mercer, Belhaven, was found guilty of passing a bad check and fined \$13.50 and costs. Mercer was also given a 12-month suspended sentence, provided he returns to court on See COURT, Page Four