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## SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE'S 28TH ANNUAL SESSION IN MANTEO NOVEMBER 20

### Six County Meeting Begins With Luncheon at High School, Followed by Business Meeting and Election of Officers; Congressman to Be Speaker; Ribbon Cutting on Bridge in Morning.

Following the ribbon-cutting by Governor Sanford on the Herbert C. Bonner Bridge over Oregon Inlet Wednesday morning, Nov. 20th at 10:30, and after a short ceremony by highway officials, the group will repair to the Manteo High School lunch room, where a luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. Music will be furnished by the Elizabeth City High School Band. The welcome will be extended by Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., Mayor of Manteo.

Responses will be by the Vice-Presidents from the six counties of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington. The invocation will be by Rev. Harold Leatherman.

D. V. Meekins will present the invited guests, including highway officials. Chairman Merrill Eans will introduce Congressman Herbert Bonner, who will introduce Governor Sanford.

At the close of the luncheon, Dr. W. T. Ralph of Belhaven, a former President of the Association, will present Dr. Leo Miller, of the Texas Gulf Sulphur Corp., which is interested in phosphate mining prospects in Beaufort County.

Dare County has been host to the Association many times, first 27 years ago, one year after it was organized in Columbia. Melvin Daniels is President and Mrs. Zeno Davis Secretary. Mrs. Effie Brickhouse is Treasurer.

When the bridge is opened for service, the highway officials with the Governor, will make the last trip of the ferryboat R. Bruce Etheridge, leaving from the north side of Oregon Inlet, Wednesday morning, and ferry operations will then cease. The party will return over the new Bonner bridge, which the contractors will formally turn over to the state, thereby the Outer Banks will be permitted free access to the outside world, for the first time.

Built of reinforced concrete and steel with a roadway 28 feet wide, the bridge extends from a point near lower Nags Head and the National Seashore entrance to the northern tip of Hatteras Island. The \$4 million structure rises in graceful curves to a high-level fixed-center span which eliminates the necessity of a drawbridge to permit use of the inlet boat channel between Pamlico Sound and the Atlantic Ocean.

With the opening of this newest link in the chain of toll-free bridges and highways connecting the National Seashore and other Outer Banks attractions with the mainland, the State of North Carolina will discontinue the Oregon Inlet ferries to Hatteras Island. Free State automobile ferries continue operation between Hatteras and Ocracoke, and the toll ferry "Sea Level" gives access to Ocracoke from the south.

Approaches to the new bridge from the north and west are U. S. 64-264 via Roanoke Island, and U. S. 158 via the See SESSION, Page Six

MRS. TILLET APPOINTED TO SEASHORE COMMISSION BY GOVERNOR SANFORD

Mrs. Estelle B. Tillet of Manteo has been named to the North Carolina Seashore Commission by Gov. Terry Sanford, who on Tuesday announced 16 appointments. Woodrow Price, managing editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, was named chairman of the commission, which has the duty of restoring, maintaining and developing North Carolina's Outer Banks.

### PROBABLE CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR



DR. WILLIAM T. RALPH, an outstanding Belhaven citizen, is being urged by many of his friends to offer for the State in the 1964 primary. By precedent Beaufort County is due a senatorship at this time, and since Martin County was so ruthlessly stripped from the district in the last legislature, there will only be one senator from the Second District, which formerly had two senators. The District also lost Pamlico County. Martin is dissatisfied in that it has been thrown in with populous Edgecombe, and its chances of ever getting another Senator are slim. On the next go around one of the smaller counties like Tyrrell, under the custom that has prevailed for many years would be entitled to get a senator for two terms. Tyrrell has not had a Senator since Mark Majeette of Columbia held the office back in 1920, some 43 years ago. Hyde has recently had the Senator two terms, and any effort on the part of Hyde to demand a third term would come with poor grace, and might easily end in defeat like the case of a candidate from Washington, who sought to disregard the time honored custom two years ago, and lost out.

Dr. Ralph is believed by many to be the outstanding figure in Beaufort County who could win at this time. He has several times served as Mayor of Belhaven, has served on the county Board of Education, has twice represented his district at the National Democratic convention, and has held numerous offices of public honor and trust. He has been president of the N. C. Dental Association, Rotary District Governor, President of the Southern Albemarle Association and has served in numerous other capacities.

### BEACH BOND ISSUES SOLD; WORK PLANS ON SCHEDULE

The beach towns both placed bond issues on sale the first of this week. Nags Head for \$945,000; Kill Devil Hills for \$765,000. Both bond issues were purchased by the federal government. As a result, the plans of both communities can now go forward in accordance with projected plans.

Mayor W. A. Williams of Nags Head says the new water mains are all installed and work will begin next week on the footing and foundations of the new treatment plant.

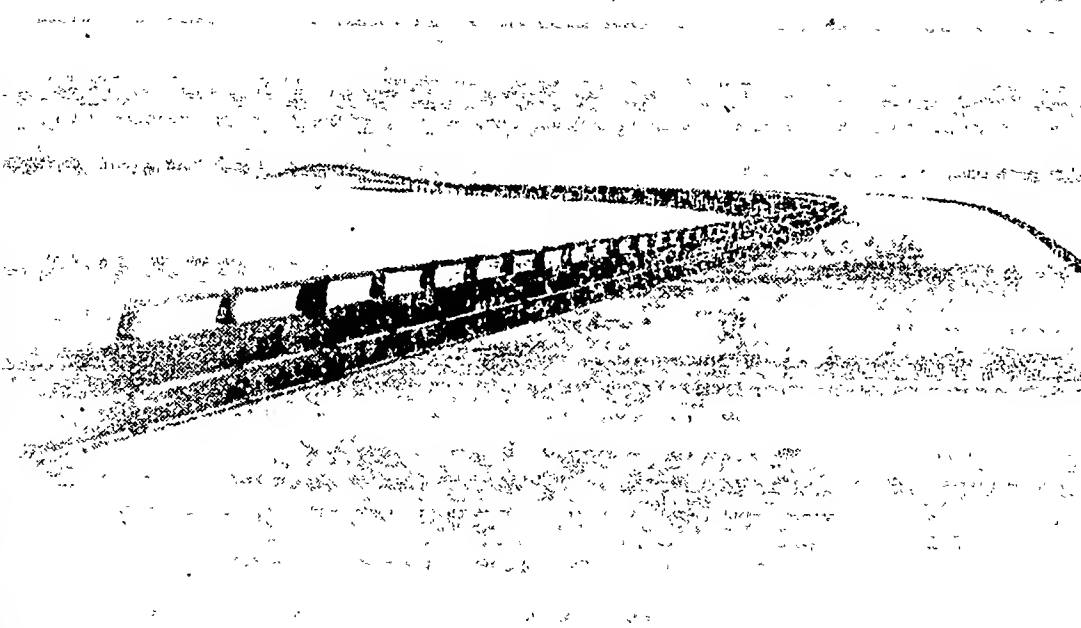
The opening of the new sewage plant is anticipated by the latter part of April.

Mrs. Ruth Frank, town clerk, Kill Devil Hills says that she has checked for the TIMES and all scheduled work on Kill Devil Hills water main is proceeding according to schedule.

### EAT TURKEY FRIDAY

A turkey supper will be served in Manteo Methodist Church educational building on the evening of Friday, November 15th by the members of the Manteo W.S.C.S. The price of the meal will be \$1.00 per plate, and hours will be from 5:30 until 8 o'clock. Take-out plates will also be available.

### BRIDGE WILL LINK HATTERAS ISLAND WITH OTHER AREAS



THE HERBERT C. BONNER BRIDGE, to be officially opened by Governor Terry Sanford on November 20, stretches in graceful span across Oregon Inlet, thus connecting Hatteras Island with other areas of Dare County, by highway, without necessity of ferry trips.

### TOWN APPOINTS LUTHER MIDGETT AS NEW OFFICER

Signs of the town and signs of the times will soon be seen clearly in Manteo. The Town Board, meeting Wednesday evening, engaged the services of night policeman, instructed the street crew to begin the repainting of street signs and told the VEPCO men to go ahead with the installation of Christmas signs.

The new member of the police force is Luther D. Midgett, Manteo. Officer Midgett has been with the State Ferry Service for past 15 years.

The Board also instructed the Water Superintendent, S. R. Midgett, to obtain estimates on a new coke filter and chlorinator for the water system.

William P. Freeman, Engineer, Inc., of High Point, the town engineers, were told to go ahead and file applications for APWA 50% grants to build a sewage treatment plant and improve water treatment facilities under the Water Pollution Act and the Accelerated Public Works Act.

### RECORDER COURT CASES DWINDLE IN NUMBER AS WINTERTIME COMES

Six cases were heard in Dare County Recorder's Court Tuesday. Judge James M. Vannote heard the stories and difficulties of two non-support cases, two incidents of bad check writing and two traffic violations. The defendant in one of the non-support cases had additional charges of assault and battery to pay for.

Wilbur Burton, Manteo, who was found guilty of non-support, was also found guilty of assault and battery. He received a two year suspended sentence, a fine of \$25 and costs on the latter charge. He was prohibited from the use of intoxicating beverages and forbidden to assault his wife at any time. This prohibition to continue indefinitely. He was also directed to pay \$10 a week toward the support of his minor daughter. These payments to be made through the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court.

Thomas J. Harmon, Kitty Hawk, was found guilty of failing to support his four minor children. He was given a six months suspended sentence and directed to pay \$20 a week from November 1 to April 30; \$25 a week from May 1 through October 31. A writ of capias to be issued if the payments are in arrears for more than two weeks.

Mrs. E. W. Fields, of Sanford, submitted to judgment and was permitted to make restitution of the amount of \$495.16 plus costs to make good a bad check.

Glenn Hackney, Wanchese, received a 90 day suspended sentence on the condition he pay \$5 a week plus costs to be applied to discharging the obligation of a \$55 check. The \$5 is to be added to the other obligations which Hackney is taking care of through payments to the Clerk of the Superior Court.

In traffic violation cases, Martin Buren Twiford, Stumpy Point, was fined \$15 and costs for driving without a valid driver's or chauffeur's license. Otis Jewel Stone of Shawboro, pronounced guilty of driving under the influence, was given four months suspended sentence, fined \$100 and told to surrender his driver's license to the near-

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### DARE COUNTY SHOWS WAY PILOT EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS PROVING OUT

Dare County, one of the last counties to join the soil conservation program, is now the scene of two projects which may hold the answer to the question of beach erosion control. The Albemarle area is watching, with intense interest, a pilot project of beach erosion control being conducted here in Manteo. This project under the supervision of Louis Midgett of the Elizabethan Gardens has reclaimed in eighteen months the sixty feet of beach lost to the Gardens over a period of three years.

A report on this project was made at the quarterly meeting of the Soil Supervisors of the area which was held last week at the Manteo Motel.

The Supervisors also heard reports of the work the State College experimental station at Clayton has been conducting with American beach and other grasses for the area. These experiments and tests have been going on at Clayton for almost two years.

Clayton is now looking for someone who will establish a nursery for beach grasses. Clayton has a limited supply of sprigs of these grasses which will be released to someone who will establish such a nursery.

The group also learned that Dr. W. W. Woodhouse, noted agronomist with N. C. State College, is coming down to the Outer Banks to conduct experiments with fertilizers and American beach grasses. Experiment plots sown by the Park Service, in accordance with suggestions made by Dr. Woodhouse, have proved the practicality of employing nitrogen and phosphorus in connection with the beach grasses. The Park Service has now adopted this method.

Motel owners are also watching these projects with interest. It was at their urging that Dare County came into the soil conservation program in 1962. The motel owners felt that a vanishing beach line was hardly conducive to a build-up of tourism in the area. They knew such erosion was bad for their personal success. They felt that the entire area would soon feel the pinch if nothing was done. As a result of their efforts Dare County became a participant in the program. It would now appear that Dare will lead the way.

A petition was received from residents of Manns Harbor requesting help in the control of beach erosion. There were 199 signatures attached to the petition. The Soil Supervisors are now exploring the possibilities of helping Manns Harbor in this matter. They understand that this is a matter calling for all the skill and knowledge which can be brought to bear. This is a matter which concerns the financial welfare and continued physical existence of the areas concerned.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of J. A. Morris.

### HATTERAS CHANNEL BASS

A 48 pound channel bass was landed by Clarence Winslow fishing from the ocean pier near Frisco on Saturday. Thomas Leaf, of Wilmington, Del., brought in a 3 1/2 pounder. These were the two largest channel bass taken with rod and reel in Hatteras waters during the week end.

### PLANS BEGIN FOR CELEBRATION OVER INLET BRIDGE IN '64

Committee Meeting on Monday Names Victor Meekins Chairman of Celebration, Hatteras Man Vice-Chairman

A meeting held Monday afternoon in the Courthouse, Victor Meekins of Manteo was named Chairman and Anderson Midgett, of Hatteras, Vice Chairman of the committee to plan and carry out the grand celebration next April of the Herbert C. Bonner Bridge over Oregon Inlet, which will be formally turned over to the State by the contractors, next Thursday, November 20th.

This will be the date of the 28th annual meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association, whose delegates from six counties will attend the ribbon cutting ceremony by Governor Sanford, and then repair to the Manteo High School for luncheon and the conduct of the annual business of the Association.

At Monday's meeting, Mayors of the three towns of Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head and Manteo, and several town Aldermen, along with representatives of the Civic Clubs of the Outer Banks, and of Ocracoke, were named on the committee, and numerous other persons will be added later.

Members of the committee who attended the meeting are as follows: Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., Mayor, Sam Midgett, Alderman, Manteo; W. W. Edwards, A. H. Gray, of Waves, Anderson Midgett, Carlos Oden and J. M. Hudwitz of Hatteras, Julian and Mrs. Austin of Frisco; Mayor W. A. Williams, D. L. Hayman and J. L. Newman, Aldermen of Nags Head; Jim Myers, Supt., and Dennis McGuinis of the National Park Service; Mrs. Nora Herbert of Rodanthe; Aycock Brown, Mrs. Nancy Beals, Melvin R. Daniels, Walter Gray, of Manteo, Walter D. Perry, of Kill Devil Hills, Mrs. Gertrude Wise of Stumpy Point.

Nominated to serve on the committee were, the following who were not present: Dan Leary of Salvo; John Austin and John Wasili of Frisco; C. T. Williams III and Dorey Scarborough, Jr., of Avon; Juban Gray of Rodanthe; Edgar O. Hooper, Harry Lange, Ray J. Jett and Jeff Paul of Buxton; and tentatively other names were mentioned from various villages, pending their acceptance of the responsibility of serving on the committee.

All present pledged their loyal cooperation to the plan to celebrate this great achievement which gives the Outer Banks a four million dollar bridge some three miles long.

While another meeting will be called soon to more definitely shape up plans for the Association, it is tentatively planned to hold a beauty contest, a parade, a dance and other festivities to make the event one of the greatest in the history of the Coastland.

All persons interested in aiding the celebration are invited to write to the committee, P. O. Box 999, Manteo, N. C.

### AS THE NEW WAY OPENS

### MORE THAN A RIBBON WILL BE CUT WHEN THE BONNER BRIDGE IS OPEN

More than a ribbon will be cut Wednesday, November 20 when Governor Terry Sanford comes to the Outer Banks that day he will officially open the Oregon Inlet bridge. He will also open a quicker pace, a faster life to the folks on Hatteras Island.

There's nothing like a trip on a ferry boat to make up a shopping list, a visiting list or just to sit and think. And there's nothing like a ferry boat trip to drive a person raving nuts if there is a wait to get on board.

If something has happened and a fellow is trying to get to the other side in a hurry there's an impulse to get out and swim.

There's nothing like a bridge to get over miles of water and boggy land when there is an emergency. No longer need a helicopter be summoned to Hatteras. Cars can come out now and reach the mainland without pausing for more than the demands of traffic lights and stop signs.

One comment by (before Ginn) "I looked back and thought, 'Did I come over that inlet that fast!'"

The governor will cut a ribbon and Hatteras Islanders can reach the mainland fast. No major difficulties.

## ASTRONAUT JOHN GLENN WILL ATTEND ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST FLIGHT IN DEC.

### Col. Glenn and Fellow Pilots To Lead Youth Discussion of Flight's Future at Kitty Hawk, National Aeronautic Association Announces

### CONTRACT FOR FAIRFIELD P. O. GOES TO HARRIS

#### New Building To Be Ready By March, 1964, As Construction Nears

Construction of the new post office at Fairfield, North Carolina, was further advanced with the announcement by Postmaster General John A. Gronouski that a contract has been awarded to A. B. Harris, Fairfield, to build and rent the building to the Post Office Department.

"We are continuing to build new post offices where they are needed," Mr. Gronouski said, "but we are constantly re-evaluating our construction program to determine whether present buildings can be altered or remodelled to take care of our expanding volume of mail."

"The construction program is being concentrated in those areas where the need is urgent and suitable space cannot be obtained except through new construction."

"We now have about 45,000 post office locations throughout the country, handling a volume of 65 billion pieces of mail a year. By 1970 it is expected to rise to 90 billion. It is clear, therefore, that we must redouble our efforts, not only in expanding our capacity, but also in devising new postal techniques to meet the demands of our growing population."

Under the Department Construction program A. B. Harris will construct the new building on U. S. Highway 94, one block north of County Road 1305, and See POST-OFFICE, Page Six.

### GOOSE HUNTING GOOD AT OPENING OF SHOOTING SEASON

Goose hunting has been better than usual during the opening days of the 1963 season, according to reports from Bodie Island, Hatteras and Lake Mattamuskeet. Good shooting has also been reported from the Currituck Sound area.

Most of the hunters going to the marshes, fields or to stake and point blinds in the sounds got their limits of two geese on opening day and since.

Nimrods who like their waterfowl hunting were hoping that the weather would be "rough and suitable for duck shooting" on November 16, when the duck season opens. While the duck crop is lower than usual at this season, some large flights have been reported, especially for the migratory pintails, in the Bodie Island and Hatteras Island open areas.

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But now the mainlanders, the off-islanders can reach Hatteras there's no waiting period for them either. It is to wonder if the advantages can outweigh the disadvantages. Outer Islanders have come before, but never in the numbers which will now appear. They will find the new country opened up to them strange and different. They will be curious. Some will be nice. Some will be not so nice.

Those who came before the bridge came because they wanted to come. The wait and the ferry trip were no discouragement. But now... We can only hope that the Hatteras folks won't be too appalled at the situations bred by a high tide of tourism. We can only hope the extra income will be worth it. Sometimes peace of mind and privacy are worth more than money.

### ABC SALES PROFIT COUNTY

The total ABC sales in Dare County during the month of October, 1963 were \$30,704.70.

The Dare County A.B.C. Board paid to the Dare County General Fund the sum of \$2,765.42 at its regular meeting on November 7.

Six of the world's leading pilots, including Astronaut Lt. Col. John Glenn, Jr., will meet youthful delegates from nearly fifty states to probe the impact of flight, its social and economic influence upon life and work, December 16th, at Kill Devil Hills near Kitty Hawk, it was announced Wednesday by Lou Davis, special assistant to Ralph Whitener, executive director of the National Aeronautic Association.

Davis and Randy Randleman of NAA, Dick Shea and Alton E. Taylor of the Federal Aviation Administration, Capt. Ronald H. Everett, USAF Headquarters, Wash.ington, and Lt. Col. U. S. Weill, AF Headquarters at the Pentagon flew to Manteo aboard a C-47 for a meeting with National Park Service officials James Myers, Bruce Black and Anthony Stark, Capt. G. Russell Evans, of the Coast Guard Air Station, Elizabeth City, Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society President S. Wade Marr and Miles L. Clark, Elton Ayldett, Elizabeth City, David Stiek, Melvin R. Daniels, C. S. Meekins and Aycock Brown, Dare County and Admiral Jesse Johnson, USN (Ret.), Norfolk.

While the outstanding announcement hinged around Astronaut John Glenn being present for the December 16-17 celebration, other plans were discussed during three hours of meeting at Wright Memorial Visitors Center on the new Airport near completion on the Memorial reservation and during a steak luncheon as guests of John P. Yancey, Jr., at his motor hotel, Kill Devil Hills. Davis also contacted operators of several motels and hotels which remain open throughout the winter or will open for the observance of the 60th Anniversary of flight this year.

Setting for the first Youth Seminar on Flight will be the historic, windswept sands of Kill Devil Hill, where the Wright Brothers first gave wings to the world six years ago. (December 17, 1903). The national youth conclave is but part of a two-day program in observance of the 60th Anniversary of Powered Flight (December 16-17) which will be attended by notables from all parts of the world.

Astronaut Glenn will serve as Moderator of the conference. The four men and one woman panel members are each outstanding in their own flight specialty. They are: Max Conrad, world famous for his globe girdling solo flights in stock-model business aircraft types; Captain Harold "Hal" Blackburn, two-million-mile jet transport pilot for TWA; business pilot and industry executive James Nields, who participates in international conferences on private and general aviation flight rules; champion record setter and woman Pilot Jacqueline Cochran, who is also a corporation executive; and Major Robert Rushworth, high-flying USAF pilot of the X-15 project.

Two youths from each participating state will be selected to attend the conference under the sponsorship of the State Director of Aeronautics and the Governor of the state. They will be flown to Kitty Hawk area on Sunday, December 15th, and will be guests of honor for Monday and Tuesday events.

As stated earlier, the conference will discuss the impact of flight upon the daily lives and careers of today's youth; the challenges and opportunities of the aerospace age; and it will spotlight the decisions and planning needed today that will prepare them for the complex and competitive flight environments to come. The range of topics will touch upon many aspects of our national and international economy, political life, human relations and individual endeavors.

"An overall objective is to make annual Wright Brothers Day observances an occasion for positive forward thinking and probing of the future where wellfare, happiness and security of our youth is involved — to See FLIGHT, Page Six