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HATTERAS ISLAND WATER SYSTEM TO OPERATE THIS FALL

More Than 500 Subscribers in Communities of Hatteras, Frisco, Buxton

"Our new water system will be operative between September 15 and October 15," said Edgar O. Hooper, president of the sponsoring Cape Hatteras Water Association, recently. He had been in contact with engineers who assured him of completion within the next few weeks of the system which will supply the communities of Hatteras, Frisco and Buxton.

Hooper said that more than 500 applications for water connections had been received, well above the 461 minimum requirement for approval of the Farmers Home Administration loan/grant.

Cost of establishing the tri-community waterworks was set at \$1,275,000 of which \$570,000 is a grant. The balance is on long-term loan. Initially a \$630,000 loan was sought, but \$75,000 more was required because bids were over original estimates.

Hooper urged residents to contact the Association in event that ordered meters had not been installed, or in cases where members were unable to locate their connection with the main pipelines. The tap-on fee for those joining now is \$125, Hooper stated.

Several jobs are being created by the waterworks. Hooper urged interested persons to direct their applications to Cape Hatteras Water Association, Buxton, for the positions of manager, maintenance and office workers.

DARE COUNTY HAS GARBAGE PICKUP FOR COMING YEAR

Dare County is back in the garbage business—for the year this time.

W. S. White, chairman of the county commissioners, told a reporter that bids submitted for garbage contracts would have almost doubled the tax rate from last year.

He said Junius Jennette, Jr. of Buxton submitted a bid of \$38,397, which did not include the almost \$6,500 it has already cost him the first 22 days of July. This would make a total bid of about \$45,000.

If and S Sanitation Service of Smithfield submitted a bid of \$59,000 which the board also turned down.

"We're still trying to operate within the original figure of \$31,000," White said. "We feel without some unforeseen circumstances, we can do it for that figure."

White said the county went into the garbage business "very reluctantly" and would have liked to have given the first bid to Leonard Midgett, had he been able to provide the equipment.

The county is now using trucks from Richmond, Va., until they can purchase trucks by bid.

The same workers will be employed with Hutton Midgett, Leonard Midgett, and Ephriam Midgett as drivers, each having two assistants. Arrangements were made during the week end in order to avoid interference with Monday collections.

A petition presented to the See GARBAGE, Page Five

TWO CARS DAMAGED IN DARE ROAD MISHAPS

Two automobiles were damaged extensively in mishaps on Dare County roads recently, according to the sheriff's department.

A new car driven by Margaret Estelle Knight Midgett of Portsmouth crashed into a utility pole on the north end of Roanoke Island July 20. Deputy Sheriff Sam Pledger in a preliminary estimate set the damage at about \$200.

Pledger said Mrs. Midgett passed another vehicle on highway 64-264 and as she pulled back into the right lane her car struck a small puddle of water and slipped sideways off the road and came to rest against the utility pole.

Dallas L. Roberson, Williamson told Deputy Sheriff C. C. Tillet the oncoming lights of a car near Manns Harbor caused him to drive off highway 64, on July 19. Roberson's car hit an eight-inch dropoff and turned over, coming to rest on all four wheels. The transmission of the vehicle was wrecked. Tillet estimated the damage at \$300.

SIR WALTER AND WELCOME CENTER HOSTESSES



DAVID WOOD, Sir Walter Raleigh of "The Lost Colony" is shown with welcome center hostesses who paid a two-day visit to Dare Coast-Outer Banks last week end to complete their indoctrination tour of places to see and things to do in North Carolina. The girls will staff the state's first two welcome center to be opened August 1 on Interstate Highways 85 and 95 just south of the Virginia line. Shown with Sir Walter at the Howard Memorial Fountain in the Elizabethan Garden late Thursday are: (1 to r) Linda Fleming, Norlina; Sandra Perkinson, Henderson; Alexis Parker Smith, Dunn; Patricia Netherly, Halifax; Dorothy Eason, Jackson; Judy Mumford of Seaboard and Diane Faulkner of Roanoke Rapids. (Ayeck Brown photo)

TRAVEL GALS ON VISIT TO COAST SEE MANY SIGHTS

'Welcome Center' Hostesses Spend Two Days Learning of Attractions

Seven of the hostesses who will staff the state's first two welcome centers to be opened August 1 on Interstate Highways 85 and 95 just south of the Virginia line made a two day visit to Dare Coast-Outer Banks last week end.

Here they were entertained by Mance L. Daniels of Manteo, a member of the Department of Conservation and Development, John Fox of the Lost Colony, Quentin Bell, Dare Tourist Bureau, Executive Secretary Jewell Scarborough and board members of the Greater Nags Head Chamber of Commerce, Wayne Melchor of the Colington Harbor organization and Edison Meekins, manager, Hatteras Marlin Club.

On Thursday night the girls were guests at a seafood dinner at Spencer's Restaurant at Manns Harbor before seeing a performance of The Lost Colony where they were introduced to the audience. Previously they had visited the Elizabethan Garden where The Lost Colony's Sir Walter Raleigh (David Wood) in costume posed for pictures with the group. After dinner they toured Fort Raleigh National Historic Site. During the early afternoon on their day of arrival they enjoyed the pool and beach of John Yancey Motor Hotel where they were stopping for two days.

After visiting Wright Brothers National Memorial on Friday morning and learning the history of the famous First Flights of December 17, 1903, the group was entertained by Wayne Melchor, public relations executive for Colington Harbour. There they were entertained at the club, taken on helicopter flights over the Dare beaches and on a cruise through lagoons of the residential development. See TRAVEL, Page Five

PROBLEMS OF EROSION, NO FUNDS TO COMBAT, TALKED ON WEDNESDAY

Advisory Committee Suggests the Dare Commissioners through National Park Service, Seek Financial Aid from State, Private Foundations; Other Matters Aired.

BUSINESSMEN URGED TO HIRE N.P.S. WORKERS

Raymond Couch of Buxton, chairman of the Seashore Advisory Committee, has issued an appeal to area merchants to hire 42 Cape Hatteras National Seashore employees who will be laid off at the end of this week. Speaking at a committee meeting Wednesday, Couch said, "I've taken on one of these men myself, and I hope others in this area will do the same thing."

Kittridge Wing, superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, said, "If any of you have, or know of any positions that are open, please get in touch with me and I will pass this information along to the men who have been cut off. Also, if you need any recommendations, or if you have any questions concerning any specific skills that these men may have acquired, then don't hesitate to call me."

Asked how he determined which employees would be retained and which ones laid off, Wing told a reporter that, "It was on a basis of seniority and veteran's preference." David Fletcher, the chief ranger on Ocracoke Island, said last week that a cutback in funds and personnel would force the closing of one of the two campgrounds on Ocracoke. Asked to comment on this, Wing said, "This could happen on Ocracoke. I just can't answer that question at this time—we'll just have to leave that one open for the time being."

"This," Wing continued, "is the hardest action I've ever taken. I never thought it could happen. Many of the people I've had to dismiss have been with us for years and we had hoped to eventually put them in a permanent status." Thirty of these employees who had been with the park service for a number of years were notified Monday that their service. See HIRING, Page Five

OCRACOKE NPS EMPLOYEE AWARDED



R. CLINTON GASKILL, a maintenance division employee of Cape Hatteras National Seashore on Ocracoke Island, is shown receiving incentive award from Assistant Superintendent Preston D. Riddel. Gaskill's suggestion involved improved visitor service and convenience for the young park visitor.

RAINS REFRAIN 'COLONY' GAINS IN ATTENDANCE

With Four Rainouts, Paid Visitors Nearly 2,000 Over Last Year

General Manager John W. Fox reported that 26,830 paid to see the first 25 performances of the 1938 production of "The Lost Colony" outdoor drama. But, he crossed his fingers when he announced the figures.

"The last time we talked for publication about attendance was just before the rains washed out three straight performances," Fox recalled. "We hope it doesn't happen again because we are just now catching up with last year," he added.

The 26,830 paid attendance through Wednesday night compares with 25,196 through the same date last year. There have been four rain-outs in 1968 and there had been three at this same time in 1967.

"We are still considerably behind our best attendance year in 1966," the general manager added, "when we had only three rain-outs all year—and only one by this time during the season. Through the comparable Wednesday night in 1966 there were 29,707 paid patrons for 28 performances."

The first rain-out this season was on the Fourth of July, and the following week — on July 9, 10 and 11—the three consecutive "lost" performances resulted from late afternoon and early evening thundershowers. The only other time in the 31-year-old history that "The Lost Colony" missed three straight scheduled performances was in 1955 when Hurricane Connie hit the coast.

KILL DEVIL HILLS TOWN BOARD APPROVES BUDGET

A spending budget of \$150,143 was approved for fiscal 1969 by the Kill Devil Hills' town board last week.

The 1969 tax rate of 88 cents per \$100 valuation is the same as last year.

A total of \$53,827 is allotted for the general fund; \$39,850 for debt service; \$39,066 for operating expenses of the water department; and \$17,400 for the Powell Bill.

The board also turned down the rezoning request on the recommendation of the zoning board. Harold Clay Foreman had requested a change from RA-6 to RA-5 for the land across from the Catholic Church.

Dr. Ben Y. Ward has asked that the Cherokee property on U.S. 158-business be changed from RA-5 to business.

'THE MASQUE OF CUPID AND DEATH' TO BE PRESENTED IN GARDEN SAT.

"The Masque of Cupid and Death," an entertainment by Matthew Locke, will be presented Saturday, July 27, at 2 p.m. in the Elizabethan Garden, near Manteo. The masque, written shortly after the time of Shakespeare, will involve more than thirty dancers, signers, and actors of The Lost Colony cast and staff.

Masque were popular entertainment during the latter years of the reign of Elizabeth I, and were the primary form of court entertainment under the next two English monarchs. An early attempt at blending the arts of dance, singing, and acting, "The Masque of Cupid and Death" includes such characters as Madness, Folly, Despair, Nature, and Famine to tell its story.

REHEARSALS FOR THE MASK OF CUPID AND DEATH



LOST COLONY CAST MEMBERS who will present "The Masque of Cupid and Death" on the Knot Garden patio of the Elizabethan Garden Saturday afternoon are shown in a non-dress rehearsal at the site where it will be presented at 2 o'clock. (Brown photo)

MISS NORTH CAROLINA—1969—VISITS DARE



ELISA ANNETTE JOHNSON of New Bern, "Miss North Carolina—1969" visited the Dare Coast-Outer Banks last week end. Accompanied by Jo Ann Frank, her official companion, and traveling in the bright red air-conditioned official car provided for her lovely highness, Tar Heels' Queen of Beauty, they attended a performance of The Lost Colony where this photo was made backstage. Hundreds of persons sought her autograph. Stopping overnight at The Carolinian, Miss Johnson and Miss Frank, visited several of the beach tog shops Sunday morning, in search of a certain kind of bathing suit (which she was unable to locate) that she will wear in the Miss America Beauty Pageant in Atlantic City late next month. (Ayeck Brown photo)

BASNETT: 'REAL PROFESSIONALS' RESPONSIBLE FOR MONEY THEFTS

Buxton Sportsman's Center was burglarized Sunday night, and a deputy sheriff theorized that it was the work of a group of "real professionals" who had stolen over \$1,000 from eight automobiles during the past week.

Deputy Raymond Basnett said \$60 was taken from the cash register in the Buxton Sportsman's Center. The thieves took a safe outside the building and forced it open. However, the safe did not contain any money. A crow bar was used to See THEFTS, Page Four

SHERIFF SAYS HATTERAS DEPUTY NOT CASINO COP

Cahoon Reports FBI-SBI Agents Make Routine Check Here

Dare County Sheriff Frank M. Cahoon said Thursday that Deputy Sheriff Raymond Basnett does NOT help police the Casino in Nags Head on Saturday nights.

"Basnett stays on Hatteras Island except when he is in Manteo for court sessions or other official business," Cahoon said in answering a query.

A member of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Advisory Committee said at Buxton Wednesday that "on Hatteras 100 per cent of your law enforcement officers have to go to Nags Head week ends to hang around one place of business—the Casino. This leaves you sans any law enforcement officers on Hatteras." (Basnett is the only sheriff's deputy located permanently on the island cated permanently on the island. His home is at Buxton.)

"That statement is not true," Cahoon said. Cahoon said some members of the FBI and SBI were in Dare County earlier this week. He said the FBI agents were checking again the pattern of the recent bank robbery at Nags Head to see if it fits other See SHERIFF, Page Four

3 JAILED, OTHERS GET STIFF FINES FOR WRONGDOING

Kitty Hawk To Roads On Charges Of Indecent Exposure, Trespass

District Judge Fentress T. Horner sentenced two men and one woman to jail Friday on such varied charges as trespass and indecent exposure, drunkenness, and tampering with an automobile. He set bond for one defendant at \$25,000 on each of two charges.

Horner also declared from the bench that a Greensboro man was guilty of drunken driving but turned him loose because "the state couldn't prove it."

The judge continued his campaign to punish wrong-doers in this resort area by handing down stiff sentences to persons convicted of drunkenness, speeding, and assault of various types and degrees.

Charles William Perry, Jr., Kitty Hawk, was haled into court on charges of trespass and indecent exposure.

Brenda LaGrasso, Portsmouth, Va., testified that as she approached her truck at the Oregon Inlet parking area Perry jumped up inside the vehicle and shouted "surprise." She said he was naked.

Miss LaGrasso said Perry called out that she "needed the experience." Then he laughed, she said, hurriedly threw on some clothes, and walked away. She called a park ranger and had him arrested.

Perry's courtroom attire consisted of a pair of yellow shorts, a green shirt with small white stripes, and shoes. He wore no socks. His sun-bleached hair appeared bowl-like in style. He affected a mustache.

Perry said he sought only to "scare" the girl. He said he wore a pair of blue shorts at the time.

The judge gave him 18 months on the roads. Perry appealed and was released under a bond of \$1,000.

Johnny Myers, 36, Hertford, pled not guilty to tampering with an automobile and waived preliminary hearing on two felony charges of breaking and entering and petty larceny. A charge of grand theft involving an automobile was not pressed here because the offense occurred in another county.

Myers was found crucifix under an automobile in Kill Devil Hills by Deputy Sheriff L. W. See COURT, Page Four

COMMISSIONERS APPROVE BUDGET OF \$963,617.10

A spending budget of \$963,617.10 for fiscal 1969 was approved by the Dare County Commissioners Monday.

This figure includes a \$5,335.20 increase to the sheriff's department for 24-hour radio watch for the county, especially Hatteras.

The tax rate will be \$1.47 per \$100 valuation, as it was in the tentative budget.

Tax rates for the garbage districts are: Roanoke Island, 14 cents; Nags Head, 20 cents; and Kitty Hawk, 13 cents.

A tax rate of 5 cents was levied for the upkeep of the community center at Wanchese and for the combined center serving Rodanthe, Salvo and Waves on Hatteras Island. The levy for community centers is paid by those persons living within the community.

The Roanoke Island fire district tax rate is 15 cents. General fund expenditures account for \$182,473.28; farm programs, \$17,253.24; ambulance, \$26,995.00; county buildings and courthouse, \$21,122.74; schools, \$240,931.54; welfare administration \$54,280.00; and countywide debt service, \$131,283.12.

The new budget represents an increase of \$114,316.28 over the fiscal 1968 budget. The 1968 tax rate was \$1.35 per \$100 valuation.

NO SATURDAY WINDOW SERVICE MANTEO P.O.

The Manteo post office has been advised by Postmaster W. Marvin Watson to comply with the cutback required by Congress under the recently-enacted Public Law 90-364, by reducing some postal services.

Effective July 27, all regular Saturday window service will be discontinued at the Manteo Post Office. This curtailment will in no way affect the window service hours provided Monday through Friday.