

# The Belhaven Pilot

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## BRIDGE HISTORY, WORTH REMEMBERING.

Back in the summer of 1939, when the days were not near so prosperous as now—not by a darnsight—the state celebrated the completion of the bridge across Albemarle Sound. The state spent \$1,721,780 in building the bridge and the approaches necessary to get to it. At that time, this amount of money would have bridged both Alligator River and Croatan Sound. At that time there was—13 years ago—already nearly as much demand for these two bridges as there was for the Albemarle Sound bridge. When the building of the Albemarle Sound bridge was authorized, the small ferry crossing Albemarle Sound between Edenton and Mackeys didn't carry a daily average of 30 vehicles, and was the public really riled up for improvement.

Yet in the face of the fact of a ferry across either Alligator River or Croatan Sound now carrying 22 cars a single trip; in face of the fact that these two ferries have carried in a single day this month of August a total of some 800 cars, many members of the state's official family are reluctant to build the bridges, and insist that the traffic will not justify the necessary investment of State funds.

How inconsistent the State can be over the years. It could spend one and three quarter million dollars in depression days because a mere token of 30 cars or less per day would cross Albemarle Sound. It can't see the wise investment in this day of good roads and great prosperity, of building bridges demanded by 800 motorists, requiring an outlay that for our times is comparatively small.

One never knows how many cars a day would cross if a bridge were built. Let's use the yardstick of the Albemarle Sound. In 13 years the traffic has grown to 1,400 cars a day. This indicates a gain of 46 times as many cars per day. By the same token, if the Alligator and Croatan bridges were built, and each were equally patronized, the increase in traffic would boom to nearly 8,500 cars on a similar date, or if traveling on the present ratio with one boat against two, the number of cars to cross the bridges would total 13,000.

## SHORE SEASONS ARE LONGER EACH YEAR.

Nature and providence has been extremely good to us people in the Coastland. Old timers used to say if one crop failed, another one would burgeon out. Wise old people never get alarmed if a town's main industry moves out; with patience and infinite faith, they anticipate something to come to take its place.

We of the coastland have been more blessed than many other places that do not have the seashore and the sky, and the fine climate, and soothing breezes to sell. We are thrice blessed and don't know it.

Aycock Brown says that while the summer season draws to a close, the autumn vacation season is just beginning. Gone are the old days when the cottage people all packed up and left the beach before the first of September, in order to buckle down to the annual fall business that comes with the harvest season, and to get their children back in school. They are still going back for the same reason, but there are more people left on our beach throughout autumn than used to be here during mid-summer a quarter century ago.

Greater prosperity and higher standards of living have helped to bring on the change, together with good roads and fast transportation, and telephones that enable one to come or leave quickly and to keep up to the minute on urgent affairs, even though a long distance away.

Higher standards of living have caused cottage owners to build better houses—structures designed for living the year round. In the old days when transportation was slow, and one must come prepared to spend the length of his vacation period before returning by slow moving boats and circuitous travel, no one thought of anything better to live in than a loosely built house designed for summer comfort alone.

The millions now being spent each year by people who come to the Dare Coast has proved a god-send to neighboring counties as well. Two hundred thousand people cannot come to the seashore without spending money all along the route no matter which way they come. The counties of Beaufort and Hyde along U.S. 264, the counties of Washington and Tyrrell on U.S. 64, the counties of Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank and others along U.S. 158 all feel with much delight the invigorating stimulus of the cash dollars which always accompany the movement of tourists and sportsmen. As we often say, it is the finest kind of business: "Cash on the barrel-head." No exchanges, no refunds, no charge accounts, no book-keeping, no postage spent on duns, no lost money.

We are fortunate indeed to be privileged to enjoy this type of business in our Coastland. It is even better than the old fishing income which sustained our commercial operators. For at its best, there were nets lost in storms, and there were failures in some seasons, and occasionally dishonest dealers robbed the fisherman of the fruits of his labors. The farmer, too, often was the victim of similar calamities. The tourist dollar just about beats all sources of income.

God has been mighty good to us people. He has left us something here in trust through the years; a mighty savings account upon which to draw in time of need. He has left us a mighty stewardship to discharge, a duty to perform, a responsibility of the utmost. He did not give us our great blessings for ourselves alone, but gave them to us in trust, and left us with the lesson in the parable of the servants and the talents. These mighty resources of sea and air, and healthful climate can mean little to us, except under the implied condition that we share them with our fellow men throughout the nation.

It is nice for us to look down through the years that have passed; it is nice to review our good fortune, and to raise our eyes to the skies and out to the horizons of the future. It may cause a little twinge of conscience sometimes when we think of how little we have done of our own effort to improve these resources; but that little we have done should be a source of pride. In many instances we have failed to envision the future; we have been lacking in vision and courage; but we can still say for the better part of the people of the Coastland, they have gone into stride in recent years, and today there are many worthy commercial monuments to their foresight and their desire to play a magnificent part in our Coastland's development, as well as a well-earned right to share in its rewards which grow

## PAT'S CHAT

By PAT BUNDY

The gracious lady with the kind word for everyone in Pungo District Hospital last week was Mrs. Blanche Hughes who worked while Mrs. Lucy Smith was on vacation. Mrs. Hughes seemed to like the work at the hospital very much and we know the patients and nurses enjoyed having her there.

The Spinster's Club of Washington, which is made up of a group of unmarried young ladies, held its regular meeting last Wednesday evening at Flossie's House in Pantego. After the ladies had enjoyed a three course dinner they sat for some time chatting and looking over the club scrapbook. Members of the club who attended the meeting were: Misses Jean Dunstan, Brick Handy, Mary C. Ross, Ramona Sawyer, Mary Ann Campbell, Peggy Swindell, Berkeley Gorham, Florence Credle, Bee Morton, Lila Bragaw, Alma Robbins, Anice Harding, Mary E. Bell and Margaret Nickols.

Mrs. C. L. Ricks will again be in the Belhaven School to teach music. Parents who wish to see Mrs. Ricks in regard to their children taking music will find her in the school studio on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Fishing has been good this week. Tuesday morning the men were really pulling the speckled trout in out at the breakwater. Charles Latham caught 6, Cleve Woodward 7 and Jake Mills landed 2. Monday, Jess Davis caught 14 big ones, and Russell Johnston pulled in 2. All these fish have been big ones, so congratulations are in order for the fishermen this week.

Wednesday marked the opening of school in Belhaven and some 550 students were present the first day. Yep, school days are here again, and if the youngsters aren't happy about it, well, most of the parents are.

The coming home of Willis Williams and the arrival of cooler weather have put new life in the Whittlers Club. Now its nothing odd to see the chips flying at their regular meeting place. Even Jack Riddick was busy the other day.

## BRIDGE CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. C. C. BYRUM

Mrs. C. C. Byrum was hostess to her bridge club Tuesday evening, August 19, at her home on Tootley Street.

Decorated for the occasion, her house featured numerous arrangements of zinnias, asters and other late summer flowers.

During the progressions guests enjoyed chilled bottle drinks and salted nuts. At the close of the playing, Mrs. Byrum served a dessert course of vanilla sodas and devil foods cake.

Following several progressions, scores were added and guest high score prize was given to Miss Mary Bullock. Mrs. George Riddick received the club members high score prize and Mrs. Clyde Potter the low.

Guests for the evening were: Mrs. J. T. Wright, Mrs. John Boger and Miss Mary Bullock. Members enjoying the playing were: Mrs. Andrew Hodges, Mrs. James Younce, Miss Mary E. Bell, Mrs. Clyde Potter and Mrs. George Riddick.

## BRIDGE CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. R. D. MITCHELL

The home of Mrs. R. D. Mitchell was the lovely setting for her bridge club Thursday evening, August 21, in Belhaven.

Guests were invited into the living room where tables were set for play. Lilies, zinnias, marigolds and other summer flowers were attractively arranged throughout the house.

While the guests were playing they enjoyed fruit punch, salted nuts and candy. At the close of the playing Mrs. Mitchell served vanilla ice cream topped with whip cream and cherries, and spiced banana cake.

Following several progressions, scores were added and Mrs. C. C. Byrum was presented high score prize and Mrs. Leon Smith low. Mrs. Frank Keaton won the Bingo prize. Mrs. Mitchell remembered the only guest, Mrs. Staten Peele, with a gift.

Those making up the tables in addition to Mrs. Byrum, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Keaton and Mrs. Peele were Mrs. Otis Johnston, Mrs. Jule Purvis, Mrs. Lee Andrews, Mrs. W. L. Johnston, Mrs.

greater from year to year. We hope always our own people will be the first to profit, that it will not be necessary for many investors from afar to come and take away the gains that are our birthright. We are firm in our faith that the rewards will be measured by the same measure in which we prove unselfish, magnanimous and gracious, and are imbued with love and goodness for our fellowmen.

## TWO BRIDES ELECT OF PANTEGO ARE HONORED

Miss Lucille Windley and Mrs. Zeno O. Ratcliff, Jr., Entertained

Miss Lucille Windley, whose marriage to Worden Allen will take place August 30, and Mrs. Zeno O. Ratcliff, Jr., recent bride, were honored by Mesdames Joe Windley, Heber Windley, James Windley, and Chester Windley at a tea Tuesday afternoon, August 19, at the home of Mrs. James Windley in Pantego.

Guests were received at the door by Miss Windley, Mrs. Ratcliff, Mrs. Carl Windley, mother of Miss Windley, Mrs. Homer Tolan, Mrs. Ratcliff's mother, Mrs. Naomi Allen, and Mrs. D. A. Windley.

Lovely arrangements of zinnias, marigolds, clematis and other summer flowers were featured throughout the living room.

Mrs. Chester Windley invited the guests into the dining room where lime ice, salted nuts, mints, and iced party cakes were served.

The serving table was covered with an imported lace cloth and held on one end a massive arrangement of white gladiolas and Althaea in a silver vase. In the center of the table were burning white tapers in silver holders with sprigs of ivy at their base. Mrs. Alexander Berry assisted by Mrs. Heber Windley served the lime ice from a large crystal punch bowl. The buffet featured Althaea and greenery in a milk glass pitcher flanked by white candles in double crystal candleabra. A side table and the piano held arrangements of Clematis.

The hostesses remembered Miss Windley with a gift in her china and Mrs. Ratcliff was presented a gift in her crystal. Goodbyes were said to Mrs. Joe Windley. During the appointed hours of 4:00 to 6:00 approximately 50 guests called.

## PANTEGO PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kelly of Norfolk are visiting Mrs. Kelly's mother, Mrs. L. F. Shavender. They are here to attend the wedding of Miss Jean Shavender to Mark Woolard.

Mrs. Olive Daw is in St. Luke's Hospital in New Bern where she underwent an operation. Her condition is reported very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallett W. Whitley and daughter, Ann, spent Thursday in Swan Quarter visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Cahoon. Edward Lupton has returned to Williamsburg, Va., after a two weeks visit with Mrs. D. W. Lupton.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Neal spent the week end in Williamsburg where they saw The Common Glory.

Rev. and Mrs. Herman Shavender and daughters, Martha and Sylvia, and Mrs. L. F. Shavender spent Friday in Washington where they sold tobacco and shopped.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Simpson of Atlanta, Georgia, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bishop, Sr. Thursday on their way to Manteo where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Midgette.

Rev. Herman Shavender spent Sunday at Woodards Pond where he filled his regular appointments at the Woodards Pond Church of Christ.

Mrs. Georgia Daw and Mrs. M. O. Ratcliff and Mrs. E. H. Bishop, Sr., spent Thursday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Laughinghouse spent last week in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bishop, Jr., and Miss Virginia Canady and Sammy Burgess spent the week end at Williamsburg where they saw The Common Glory.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Robbins of Portsmouth, Va., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bishop, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay C. Warren, Jr., of Goldsboro, Mrs. Isabel Carter and Ford Worthy, Jr., of Washington, N. C., were dinner guests at Mrs. Flossie Ricks' house, Sunday evening.

## WINSTEADVILLE NEWS

A. W. Baker of Valdese recently visited Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sparrow, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. James Foreman and children of Durham spent the week end at their cottage at Pungo Shore and with Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Sparrow, Jr.

Miss Stella Sparrow of Crossnore and Rev. and Mrs. Joe Williams of Indian Valley, Va., are visiting here.

## TYRRELL COUNTY SOLDIER WINS MEDAL IN KOREA

With the 7th Infantry Div. in Korea—Pfc. Franklin D. Mann, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Mann, Route 3, Columbia, N. C., has won the Combat Infantryman Badge,

Andrew Hodges, Mrs. Melvin Lupton, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Bell,

## SPORTS DIGEST

By

JOHN COSTULIS

Belhaven romped over Bath in two games in the semi-finals of the Beaufort County league playoffs this week end. Howard Chapin of Belhaven gained credit for both victories with some remarkable clutch pitching.

Saturday's game was played in Bath. Bath took an early 3 to 0 lead when faulty fielding led to their big inning. Belhaven tied the score in the fifth inning with 3 runs as Chapin, Brady and Costulis hit successive long drives to tie the score. In the seventh inning Belhaven's hitting power began to take its toll. Successive hits by Carawan and Chapin and a long triple by Brady, gave Belhaven 3 more runs. Three insurance runs were scored in the eighth inning to give Belhaven a well deserved 9 to 3 victory.

Sunday's game was played in Belhaven. A large crowd was on hand to witness the contest. A pitchers duel developed between Chapin of Belhaven and Boyd of Bath. Exceptional fine fielding plays by both clubs stopped possible big innings. Cuthrell of Belhaven made a beautiful shoe string catch of a sinking line drive to stop one rally, and Carawan made a great stop on a hard hit ground ball to stop another possible Bath big inning. With the score tied at 1 to 1 in the eighth inning, with Belhaven up at bat, the pitchers duel was broken up. With one out Costulis walked and then went to second base on a pass ball by the catcher. At this point Boyd of Bath experienced some wildness and walked the next two men. With the bases loaded and two outs, Georgie Jackson stepped up to the plate and hit a hard smash to the shortstop who threw wildly to first base allowing Belhaven to score 2 runs and win the ball game 3 to 1.

This week end the All Star Game between the East Team and the West team of the league will be played in Washington. Belhaven's contributions to the East team are Tommy Brady, Howard Chapin, John Costulis, Troy Sears, W. D. Cuthrell, and Grover Carawan. The game is played for the benefit of the Crippled Children.

## BEACH PARTY GIVEN FOR JEAN SHAVENDER

Mrs. Sam Respass and Mrs. John A. Johnston entertained at a party on Sunday evening at the beach home of the former located at Pinecrest, honoring Miss Jean Shavender of Ransomville whose marriage to Rev. Mark Woolard took place August 25.

Guests were received by the hostesses and invited into the spacious living room which was attractively decorated with driftwood, long leaf pine and sea oats.

Games were enjoyed, especially a "mock wedding," which was held on the front lawn overlooking the Pamlico River. After the wedding the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. James Sanderson of Kinston, served bottled drinks, mints, salted nuts and cup cakes topped with green and white icing to the approximately 30 guests. The hostesses gift to Miss Shavender was crystal in her chosen pattern. Mrs. Jack Alligood, a recent bride, was also remembered with a gift of crystal.

## MRS. RICKS ENTERTAINS PANTEGO BRIDGE CLUBS

Mrs. Flossie Ricks entertained the members of her bridge club, the Friendly Bridge Club of Belhaven, and a few friends, at 5 tables of bridge, Friday evening, August 22, at her home in Pantego.

Tables were set for play in the living room and on the spacious porch. Lovely arrangements of asters, butterfly lilies, and summer flowers in mixed colors were featured throughout the lower floor of Mrs. Ricks' house.

Lemonade and salted nuts were served during the progressions, and at the close of the evening, guests enjoyed a dessert course of vanilla ice cream topped with strawberries, and chocolate cake.

When scores were added, club members high score prize was awarded to Mrs. Roy Jackson with Mrs. J. H. Davenport receiving second high. High guests went to Mrs. Alma Swindell and second high to Mrs. H. F. Noble.

Making up the tables in addition to Mrs. Swindell, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Davenport, were Mesdames Lloyd Cooper, Hatten Hamilton, M. O. Ratcliffe, John Winfield, O. F. Walker, Carl Credle, Clifton Credle, J. W. Bell, Sr., Sarah Latham, Elizabeth Knight, John Burgess, Harold Lupton, Bertha Thompson, Haseltin Baker and Elsie Brown.

symbol of the front line soldier, while serving with the 7th Infantry Division in Korea.

The badge, consisting of a miniature replica of a Revolutionary War flintlock rifle on a blue background, is awarded only to those who have come under enemy fire. Mann is an ammunition bearer in the 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division.

## METHODIST SERVICES IN HYDE AUGUST 31

Rev. David M. Lewis, Pastor

Soule Methodist Church: Mrs. Mildred Askew, Church School Supt. SS at 10 a.m. Classes for all age groups. Everyone is invited to attend these services. There will be a big homecoming at Soule Methodist on Aug. 31, 1952. Rev. Carl Newton, Pastor of Epworth Methodist Church of Durham will be the guest minister. Rev. Carl Newton is the son of one of the former pastors, The Rev. Mr. R. Z. Newton. The new Hammond organ that has been recently given to the Soule Church by Mr. Sam Jones, President of Berkley Iron Works, Norfolk, Va., will be dedicated at this time by the pastor. Everyone is invited to come, bring a basket lunch, and enjoy the day. Plans have been presented to the district building committee to start building four new Sunday School rooms on Soule Methodist Church. Mr. Sam Jones has already contributed \$1,500 to this fund.

Epworth Methodist Church: Mr. Gilbert Richards, Church School Supt. SS at 10 a.m. Classes for all age groups. Everyone is invited to attend these services. Preaching by pastor at 8 p.m.

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IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

The State Agricultural Mobilization Committee found in 1951 that 440,000 acres of land in North Carolina were being cultivated that should be in trees or grasses.

PROGRAM

# CAMEO THEATRE

BELHAVEN, N. C.  
Week of August 31

SUNDAY ONLY  
JAMES MASON  
in  
"FIVE FINGERS"

MONDAY - TUESDAY  
ESTHER WILLIAMS  
in  
"SKIRTS AHOY"  
In Glorious Technicolor

WEDNESDAY ONLY  
GEORGE MURPHY  
in  
"TALK ABOUT A STRANGER"  
12c To All

THURSDAY - FRIDAY  
GARY MERRILL  
in  
"DECISION BEFORE DAWN"  
Ladies 25c Matinee Thursday

SATURDAY ONLY  
BILL ELLIOTT  
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