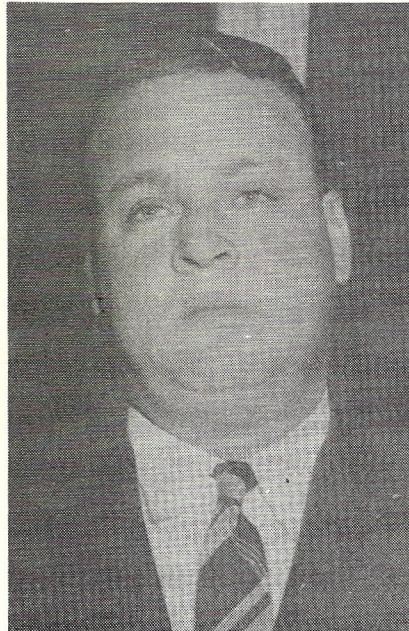


**DEDICATED TO THE LATE WADE HAMPTON CHESTNUT II
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“Where there is no vision, the people perish”

Wade H. Chestnut, Sr. dreamed of a resort where members of his race might get away from the business of making a daily living and relax and recreate. He did not want a place dotted with juke boxes.

Mr. Chestnut has passed on, but his dream is fast becoming a reality. The inter-racial board of directors is leaving no stone unturned to give Negroes a resort second to none.

Founded in 1949, Ocean City Beach has grown to become the South's most beautiful beach development. It is the answer to the needs of one million Negroes of North Carolina for an ocean-front resort. Today, one meets persons from all over North Carolina. College presidents and professors, business executives, public school teachers, and persons from all walks of life journey there.

The last addition which Mr. Chestnut helped erect was Ocean City Fishing Pier. The peak season approaches, and anglers will fill the structure which juts out into the blue, rolling Atlantic Ocean. Every person, man, woman, and child, speaks the same language when engaged in trying to land “the big one.”

In summer, bathing, fishing, crabbing, boating, swimming, dancing, games, etc. are enjoyed. On the ocean side of the island, we find one of the finest beaches on the Atlantic Coast for bathing, being far removed from any polluted streams. Picturesque sand dunes line the island.

Ocean City Beach is located near super markets, post office, and general stores. It is in Onslow County, about 33 miles from Wilmington.

It is located within what is known as the sunshine belt. The weather is usually clear and the temperature is wonderful.

Hurricanes have come this way, but they have not caused the beach not to grow, and no one has ever been injured.

Home ownership is the high spot of the development. Here, families from all over this state and other states have beautiful, convenient and comfortable homes. The Corporation wisely divided the beach into business and residential areas. Lots and streets have been laid out. The main throughfare which runs the length of the city is paved.

Ocean City Beach truly is a striking example of what one man's dream might accomplish when finance, hard work, and inter-racial cooperation are added.