

Hatteras Erosion Aid Denied

National Park Service Balks Emergency Plea

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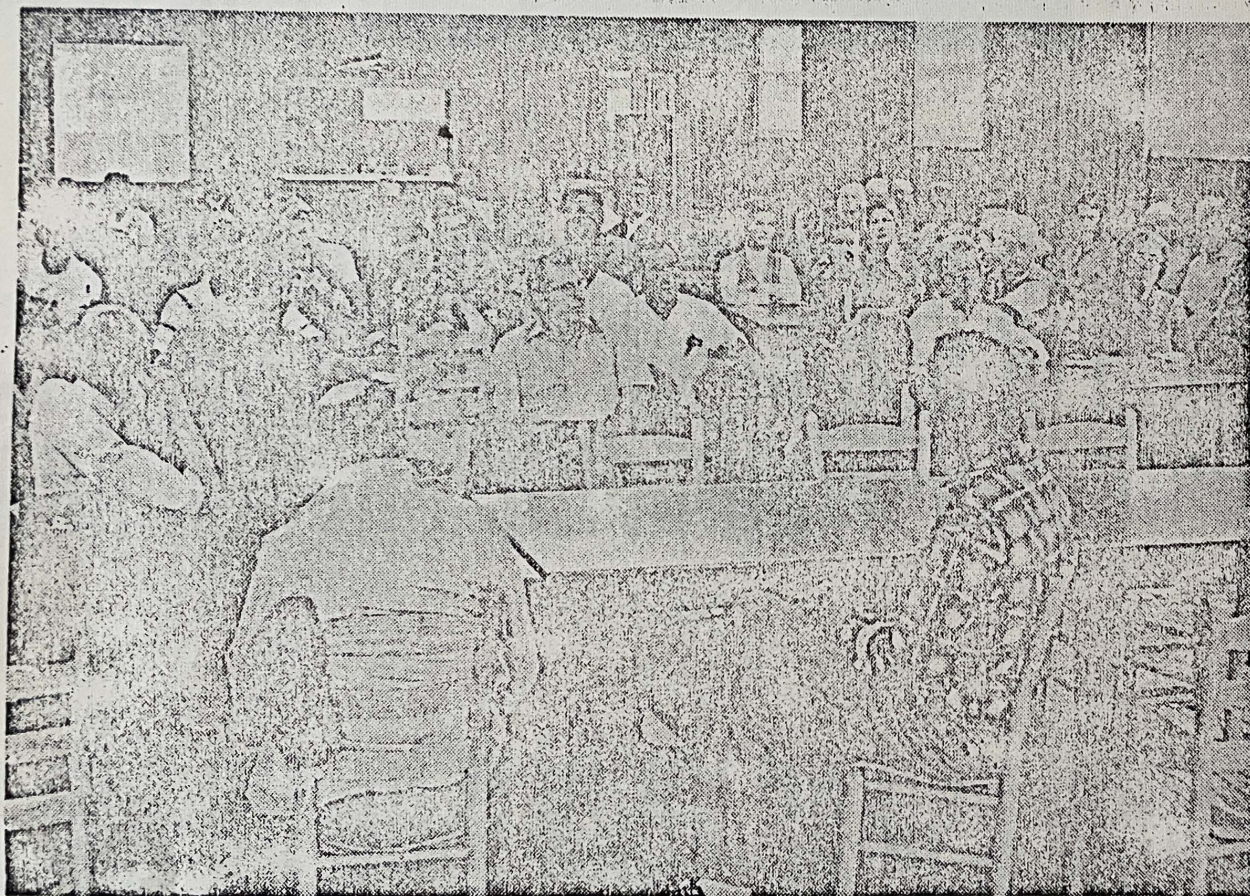
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BUXTON, N.C. — About 100 Hatteras Island homeowners and businessmen met here Thursday in a fruitless attempt to have the National Park Service declare a state of emergency in the area. They wanted the island to get federal funds for protection against beach erosion.

"An emergency situation does not exist," said Bert Roberts, superintendent of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. His view differed from those expressed by many at the meeting.

"There is no money available to prevent a disaster," Bill Dillon said, "but if one occurs we can get a million dollars from the Office of Emergency Planning to clean up.

Dillon, the Dare County commissioner representing the islanders, said no money would be made available unless the NPS said an emergency situation existed.



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Homeowners listen to county officials make their plea to have Hatteras Island declared an emergency area.



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