



## Going Downy Ocean, Hon

We recently acquired Lydia Stauffer's travel diary. Okay, she was from Pennsylvania and not Baltimore (home of the "Going downy ocean, hon" phrase), but she did travel to Ocean City for Memorial Day weekend in 1931 and 1932. Keep in mind this was pre-Bay Bridge and pre-Ocean City Inlet. A highlight of the 1932 visit was going to the "talkies"—the latest thing in movies. She returned via "Salsbury." You can view this and many other original sources in the Nabb Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

**Did You Know?** Assateague is a barrier island, while Ocean City is almost but not quite a barrier island. A powerful hurricane in 1933 separated the two, creating the Ocean City Inlet. You can read more about barrier islands (and humans' effects on them) in GreenFILE, a database available at [http://www.assateague.org](#)

