

# Resources Center Fifth Anniversary Celebration Set For Sept. 27

MANTEO — You won't find them on your typical seafood combination platter.

Even so, shark meat and eel will be the main menu fare come September 27, as officials of the N. C. Marine Resources Center on Roanoke Island plan a celebration in honor of the center's fifth anniversary. The program, scheduled for 2 P. M., is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

In addition to the sampler of unusual seafoods, films and educational programs are planned along with an overview of the first five years of the center's operations, a period during which more than one million persons visited the facility.

Even the center's five research labs will be open to the public, according to Rhett B. White, center director.

While plans proceed for the open house, White offered several observations recently about what he perceived to be the chief contributions of the center during his 18-month tenure as director.

"Our major thrust is in the area of education," he pointed out. "I would say that roughly 60 per cent of our time and efforts is devoted to marine education and we're speaking of preschool age all the way through adults."

The center has 17 pre-planned programs ranging in content from the Wildfowls Weekend held in October to regularly scheduled bird walks in the

fall on Bodie and Pea islands to marsh and beach field trips conducted throughout the year.

Additionally, the center staff often coordinates special programs such as the graduate-level oceanography course offered in cooperation with the University of Virginia this past June. Center staff members actually taught a number of the classes prompting White to observe, "I have no reservations in saying that we have a sound group of people working here."

The center has also cooperated with the Sea Grant Advisory Service and the State Museum of Natural History in offering a week-long workshop for gifted and talented teachers from throughout North Carolina.

A goodly share of the 230,000 annual visitors to the center gravitates immediately to the 14 aquariums which house marine life native to the North Carolina coast. These, ranging in size from 300 to 3,000 gallons along with the largest "touch table" on the East Coast, fall under the watchful eye of Frank Hudgins, a marine biology graduate from UNC-Wilmington. It is Hudgins' job to collect and maintain the various specimens used for the live exhibits.

The center employs two more professional staff members whose responsibilities are well-defined although, according to White, "everyone here does something of everything." Dale Martin is the cen-

ter's audio-visual and multimedia expert and handles the design and construction of the exhibits on show at the center. Educational coordinator Hilda Livingstone works mainly with the public school system, concentrating her efforts in particular toward

elementary and secondary students. She noted that in excess of 200 school groups will participate in center programs next spring.

"What challenges lie ahead for the center?"

"We need to expand in the area of public information," offered White, "looking at

ways that we can disseminate information valuable to the resident and vacation or on such topics as the environment, ecology and the coastal processes of the area.

"We also need to actively seek out qualified research projects so that proper

utilization can be made of our facilities."

White explained that the great distance from major universities in more urban areas played a significant role in what he termed the "under-utilization" of the labs.

"We can offer our

facilities at no charge or at a nominal charge," he added.

Meanwhile, the autumn thrust turns to the special events programs such as the Outer Banks October Marsh and Sea Fest, or Wildfowls Weekend, scheduled for October 2 through 4, and the Whale Watch Cruise on October 17.

The center is open from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. on weekdays and on Sundays, through the month of October from 1 A. M. to 5 P. M.

For more information about programs or activities, write: Marine Resources Center, Roanoke Island, P.O. Box 967, Manteo, N. C. 27954.

## Weyerhaeuser To Sponsor Training Program

NEW BERN — The Weyerhaeuser Company and Martin Community College in Williamston have entered into a cooperative effort that will see employees of the forest products company receive improved job skills through a "unique" training program.

Beginning September 16, approximately 30 Weyerhaeuser employees from the maintenance department of the firm's Plymouth wood products division began attending classes at the community college.

The classes will focus on subjects related to the employee's job, such as electronics, and allow the employee to improve present job skills in maintaining and repairing manufacturing equipment that is becoming increasingly complex.

"We have programs that give people initial skills in electronics, industrial technology and other mechanical areas however we have not, until now, developed programs tailored to a company's need which up-grades an individual's skills in these areas," says Dr. Neill McLeod, president of

Martin Community College. "We feel this is a unique program in the North Carolina community college system," she adds.

To assist Martin Community College in launching the training program, Weyerhaeuser has made a \$10,000 grant to the college that will be used to purchase equipment needed for instruction. A second grant of \$15,000 is planned for 1982 when additional equipment will be needed.

"We are pleased to be able to assist Martin Community College in acquiring the equipment needed to begin this program and we appreciate the college's willingness to work with us in designing a program that will give our employees improved skills," says Doug McClary, solidwood business operations

manager for Weyerhaeuser's North Carolina Region.

"This program will not only benefit our employees and us, but will provide an

educational resource for other industry in the area served by Martin Community College," added McClary.

## Illness Claims Mrs. Ward

Mrs. Helen Godfrey Ward Wood, West Queen Street Extended, died Sunday in Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville following an extended illness. She was 84.

A native of Princess Anne County, Va. she was born December 12, 1896, daughter of the late Thomas S. and Anne Eliza Pentress Ward. She was married to Thomas Jarvis Wood, who survives.

Mrs. Wood had resided in Edenton for 43 years.

In addition to her husband, surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Albert W. Furguele of Culpepper,

Va.; a sister, Mrs. Ada Murden of Glen Bowie, Md.; two granddaughters; a grandson and a great-grandson.

Mrs. Wood was a member of Edenton United Methodist Church, Edenton Chapter 302, Order of the Eastern Star where she had served as worthy matron; Edenton Garden Club; Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40, American Legion Auxiliary; and Colonial Home Demonstration Club.

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## Letter To The Editor

We will appreciate your assistance in helping to promote this year's North Carolina Wildlife Art Exhibition and Sale. The intent of our message is to contact and encourage wildlife artists to enter the 1981 exhibition.

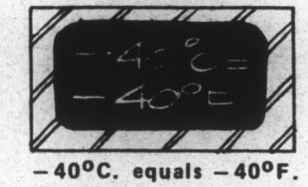
The 13th Annual N. C. Wildlife Art Exhibition and Sale has been scheduled for December 3, 4, and 5, at the North Hills Shopping Mall in Raleigh. This year's show is planned to be larger than last year which attracted 75 artists and over 500 entries. Awards are made in each of six media categories; oils, acrylics, watercolors, drawings, prints and carvings.

Commission proceeds from the sale of entries are

used to promote wildlife conservation and education in North Carolina. This annual event is sponsored by the Wake County Wildlife Club and Auxiliary. Wildlife artists may participate by requesting additional information and entry form from Linwood Berry, Jr., P. O. Box 115, Willow Springs, N.C. 27592.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,  
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## Death Claims Mr. Long, 74

Claude Martin Long, Sr., 74, Route 2, Edenton, died Sunday evening in Chowan Hospital.

A native of Perquimans County, he was the son of the late Sidney and Sallie Williams Long and the husband of Mrs. Emily Lane Long. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Bethel Baptist Church where he was a former deacon and secretary of the Sunday School.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. James Ward of Knob Noster, Mo.; a son, Claude M. Long, Jr., of Greenville; two sisters; Mrs. Eunice Twiddy, Route 2 Edenton; and Mrs. Madge Brabble, Route 1, Hertford; five brothers: Seth Long, Route 3, Hertford; Freeman Long, Route 1, Hertford; Ambrose Long, Route 2, Edenton; E. W. (Dick) Long and Howard Long, both of Hertford; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 4 P. M. in the Chapel of Swindell Funeral Home in Hertford, by Rev. Stanley Nixon. Burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Dewey Perry, Jr., Josiah Proctor, Maynard Fleetwood, Willis Proctor, Winston Lane, Jr., and Wilbur Ray Bass.

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