



BRUSHING UP—Fund drive co-chairmen Andrew Williams and Woody Foreman try their hand at sign-painting as they fill the IQ thermometer that was placed on the campus at College of The Albemarle. Slightly more than \$11,000 has been pledged by area residents after the first full week of the month-long drive that ends May 11. (COA Photo)

New World Off North Carolina's Coast

By Glenn Mays
State Travel Editor

There's a whole new world off North Carolina's coast but relatively few people ever see it.

Its inhabitants are strange looking creatures that move in the gentle rhythm of a maestro conducting a Beethoven symphony, or dart to and fro with no rhyme or rhythm.

Other inhabitants here lie still, causing eerie silhouettes against the light above.

This world is under North Carolina's coastal waters where the Gulf Stream and Labrador Current collide, churning and transplanting sand shoals from place to place.

This watery land, called the "graveyard of the Atlantic," is home to hundreds of ships and the greatest variety of fish to be found along the east coast.

Those who see this unusual land are strange looking creatures too. With air tanks on their backs, large masks covering their faces and large fins attached to their feet these creatures go below the Atlantic's surface to visit this fascinating and beautiful world.

It is a unique area where death and destruction of the past now teems with life and beauty. The bones of battered wooden ships lay strewn across the ocean floor. But

crumbling hulks of mammoth rusting ships - tankers, submarines or frigates - provide ideal opportunities for sport diving enthusiasts.

The warm blue waters of the Gulf Stream swing close to the North Carolina coast bringing tropical species of fish and good visibility.

Each of the hundreds of ships which went down off the North Carolina coast holds its own adventure. Some ships are said to have gone down with gold aboard and may remain there today. Others offer adventure in their aquatic life or unexplored holds.

Great storms and wars have added to this graveyard which began in 1585 when "The Tiger," an English vessel went down off Ocracoke.

Since then ships like the John D. Gill, the World War II German submarine U-352, the Caribsea, the tanker Atlas and the World War I destroyer Schurz have fallen victim to the Atlantic of the North Carolina coast.

Each barnacled skeleton teems with aquatic life. Schools of multi-colored fish - red, blue, yellow, orange, silver - keep a vigil over their own territory. Red coral, golden sponge and brown crustaceans add to the colorful spectacle of this underwater paradise. Hydroid colonies wave slowly in the current as small fish seek cover

from larger ones stalking prey.

Access to this underwater world is available from several points along North Carolina's more than 300 miles of coast, Wilmington, Southport, Morehead City, Swansboro, Beaufort, Oregon Inlet, Nags Head, Hatteras and Ocracoke have dive boats for hire for private or group diving excursions. Dive shops in those towns have the equipment necessary to enjoy this unusual and exciting world.

For more information contact the Travel and Tourism Division, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, telephone 919 733-4171, or a chamber of commerce along the North Carolina coast.

Summer Hair Care Tips

A short haircut is a good idea for summer. A style that can be towel-dried in a few minutes is easy to manage and also fashionable. If hair dries out from too much sun, give yourself a hot oil treatment every few weeks (or whenever hair begins to look lifeless).



Letter To The Chowan Herald Editor

(Editor's Note: As a general policy, this newspaper does not publish anonymous material. However, an exception is being made in this case because it is felt that "John Q. Public" is not a loner. While he desires to remain anonymous his letter provides considerable food for thought. LFA.)

Dear Sir:

When we place a Judge on his bench, he or she is usually a person the community looks up to and respects. Because of this, these same people are afraid to admit a mistake. They are afraid to admit they too are human and not a "God" with the wisdom of Solomon.

Yet, we "John Q. Public" are supposed to admit our mistakes and try to correct them. Yes, we all have options open to us, but no one will tell us what they are or how to go about taking advantage of them.

Too many of our lawyers ask so much in fees that the average working man can hardly afford them and must rely on what little ability he might have.

Many of these judicial mistakes involve our innocent children. We have allowed the courts to take away our children's rights, God given or otherwise.

We hear on T.V., radio and read in newspapers that child abuse is one of the big problems in our society today. Our very own courts are guilty of this. They place our own children with a parent or organization which they are not happy or want to be. This is the worse kind of abuse, mental.

For many times intelligent children, due to an unhappy and confused childhood, either take a wrong turn in life or suffer with mental problems later in life.

What we really need is the use of common sense along with the law. Instead of a Judge thinking of the parent let him think of the child and his happiness and well being.

We claim to be the most modern country in the world but our laws concerning our children are archaic. The courts force our children to be pushed and pulled from pillar to post as suits the parent (usually the mother). The children live in constant fear of being forced to leave their home and live where they don't wish to go.

The United States was founded on "Freedom" and no age limit was specified. What good is the constitution if we don't believe in it and uphold it?

The following concerns my 6 year old son and his fight for freedom since 1979 and has covered three states.

My wife and I filed for separation in 1979 and in 1980 she received custody of my three children. My son was two years old at the time and even at that early age he let it be known to anyone that would listen, that he didn't want to live with his mother.

In March 1981, his mother gave all three children to different people. She contacted my parents who were living in Georgia, and asked them to take my son. I have a paper she wrote giving complete care of the child to my parents and their home was to be his permanent home until he was grown. This letter was signed by my wife and my mother. It was notarized by a court recorder.

Since March 4, 1981 when my parents picked him up in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, I have been with my son, I have provided his material needs and have been with him constantly when I was not working. He is happy, well adjusted, and very intelligent. His only fear is of his mother taking him back.

In May 1982 my parents and I were served with papers in Georgia to turn my son back to my wife. I consulted an attorney who said he thought he could get the child for me but wanted \$1500** up front. Of course I had no such funds having lost everything fighting my wife in Florida.

I took my son and came "home" to North Carolina. I intended to fight for the custody here if necessary, but I was out of work for awhile and had just reached the point in my employment that I was able to think of getting my son's problem solved when my ex-wife, now remarried, came to North Carolina. She

came to steal him from school but changed her mind. She learned she would go to jail if she did. She filed papers in court ex parte without notice for temporary custody and \$5,000** plus attorney fees.

I learned what she was doing and moved my son to a neutral place two days before she had the first papers served. I did this because my son begged me to not allow his mother to take him or to know where he was.

Every paper she has filed has been based on falsehoods and partial truths. The court found me in contempt for failure to turn my son over to his mother, although they informed me that if she took him and went back to Florida and did not return for the hearing, it would be up to me to go to Florida and find him. I have been detained in jail since March 30, 1983, but I have no choice. It is either obey the court or protect my son. To protect my son is my responsibility. Each week I appear in court to be asked if I'll turn my son over and then go back to jail. My lawyer was not notified that I had to go to court one time and I was notified ten minutes before court.

Prior to being served with the latest orders etc, my wife, her husband and I met and I thought we'd come to an agreement that although I stood to lose my son most of the year, I felt all the children would benefit from it in the long run. At 10:30 P.M. she called her attorney and the sheriff and told them we had come to an agreement her husband wrote it and I was to have an attorney to type it for our signatures. In court she denied this agreement.

There are thousands of these cases every year in the United States and many of them are caused by judges that close their eyes and fail to use common sense.

Where does it all stop? We need to get together and get an amendment passed for Childrens Rights - Let's do it! This story could be yours. These are the facts and are as true as life itself.

John Q. Public

Beauty is a feeling of love, Beauty is a feeling of joy, Beauty is a feeling of happiness, Beauty is a feeling to enjoy.

Beauty is a feeling of laughter, Beauty is an expression of being kind, Beauty is a feeling of pleasure, Beauty is something that fills the mind.

George Kaupp

Beauty

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SPREADING CULTURE — The daughter of Edentonians continues to spread culture throughout the country through her singing. She is Patricia Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. (Jack) Mooney, South Oakum Street. She recently presented a recital of operatic arias and duets with Jackson Sheats at Shenandoah College of Conservatory of Music. Sheats is chairman of the Voice Department at the college and the noted soprano was adjunct lecturer in voice there last year.

The Red Bird's Nest
(Dedicated to the child who loves nature)
By our kitchen window
Is a big camellia bush.
Within its boughs in springtime
A red bird builds its nest.
The tiny eggs will hatch one day
And little birds will fly.
Their wings are weak and wobbly,
Just like you and I.
God made them to bring happiness
In coats of deep red hue.
They make the world so beautiful
Just like I want to do.

Mary D. Nixon
ElderLodge Nursing Home

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