

Pamlico Inn On Ocracoke Island, Established by Late Captain Bill Gaskill, and Operated Today By David Gaskill Is Still A Most Popular Place For Sportsmen And Vacationists To Stop



OCRACOKE'S PAMLICO INN is pictured above with its operator David Gaskill standing beneath the sign. This famous hostelry which has included among its guests, sportsmen and vacationists from all parts of the world was established by the late Capt. Bill Gaskill. It was at Pamlico Inn that the N. C. Young Republican's on an Invitation Meeting and Convention at Ocracoke made their headquarters. Pamlico Inn also caters to a number of families who take their children there because they like its location which is directly on the Sound-side of the island.—Photo and cut courtesy Elizabeth City Advance).

Banker Ponies Still Roam Carolina Coastal Area

Summer Pony Pennings Attract Many

A thousand small, wild horses, known as "banker ponies," still roam along the sand banks that skirt the coast of North Carolina.

Pony pennings held two or three times a Summer attract numerous visitors. For, they form this State's chief representations of the more famous western rodeos.

Although the ponies run wild over the sand dunes, they all have owners, and it is the attempt to brand the young colts that occasions the periodic roundup. Sometimes, too, the animals are offered for sale, and bidders come from far and wide.

Once tamed, the horses are noted for their docility and endurance. But it is difficult at the outset to teach them to obey or to eat properly.

Stunted in growth, though larger than Shetland ponies, these wild horses graze on the coarse grasses of the sand banks, supporting themselves almost wholly on salt foods. Accordingly, it is hard to get them accustomed to dry hay or the mainland feeds.

So much grass and so many plants are consumed by these vandals and other coastal animals that they are held largely responsible for the alarming lack of vegetation on the banks, leading to erosion dangers on the narrow peninsulas between sounds and sea. But, when it was suggested that the ponies and cattle be killed, in order to save the beach grasses and shrubs being planted in brush panel fences to hold back the encroaching ocean and anchor the sand dunes, stout defenders of the banker ponies raised so much opposition to the murder plot that it was abandoned.

There are said to be more ponies along the banks today than there were a decade or more ago,

when another furor was caused by the State law requiring all ponies and cattle to be dipped in special dipping vats in the effort to rid the section of Texas fever ticks.

Rather than go to the trouble and expense of catching and dipping these elusive animals, many owners sold their ponies. In some areas vats were blown up as fiery protests against the legislation. After the controversial law went out of effect, when the tick danger was past, the ponies grew more numerous on the banks. But they still fall far short of the many thousands that were there years ago.

Where the banker ponies came from originally, how they got on the Carolina banks and what their pedigree may be constitute some of the great enigmas of the coastal regions.

Some persons assert that their ancestry may go back to the surviving horses of the drowned Egyptian hosts reclaimed from the Red Sea and taken on world migrations by the Israelites under Moses and Aaron. Another theory is that they might have been left in Florida by Ponce de Leon, making their way gradually northward. Other people believe they could have been brought to the New

This Is Another Unsolved Mystery Of Cape Hatteras

One of the most remarkable stories, coming out of the great treasure-hunt of human interest, the Hatteras Banks, a gold button or insignia medalion, found by Mrs. Dan Barnett in an old graveyard that had been blown out by the winds that howl about the cape in winter, many years ago.

Captain Robley D. Evans, later to become famous as "Fighting Bob", an admiral of the U. S. Navy, at that time inspected the light-houses along the coast. On a visit to Cape Hatteras he saw this button in the home of Mrs. Barnett, and it excited his curiosity. Mrs. Barnett told him the story of finding the button, whereupon Admiral Evans asked for the button which was presented him by Mrs. Barnett.

About six months later Admiral Evans, with a party of strangers, arrived at the Barnett home and asked to be shown the spot where the button was found. Upon examining the ground, they soon unearthed the bones of what proved to their satisfaction to be an English Admiral, long lost to his people. The party carried the bones away and left old Mrs. Barnett the proud possessor of a gift of fifty gold dollars.

Nothing more has been heard of the bones or of the gold button. It is one of the countless mysteries of the cape. Was this some great English Admiral who had drifted away from home, or was he an expatriate of his country, or was he shipwrecked and lost? Evidently, he had been buried since long years before the Civil War, and not until that late date, some sixty years ago, was his last resting place discovered.—By Victor Meekins in The Dare County Times.

World by Sir Walter Raleigh's colonists. A more humorous conjecture is that the horses "developed by evolution from the sand fiddler." The most widely-accepted supposition is that they were descended from a shipload of horses on a craft wrecked off the dangerous coast, probably from an old Spanish vessel.



You may be feeling utterly pediculous today, but that's no excuse. Sail right into these questions, indicate your answers in the space provided for them and then look up the answers and your rating.

(1) The map of Europe is an odd and rapidly changing place. That little country Serbia, which figured so prominently in World War I is now part of (a) Bulgaria; (b) Yugoslavia; (c) Hungary; (d) Albania.

(2) A man died and when they found his will it was holographic, which meant (a) he left all to charity; (b) the will had no witnesses; (c) it was in his own handwriting; (d) it was drawn up by an attorney.



(3) These are gentlemen of the world of sport, contending with each other in (a) wrestling; (b) track; (c) basketball; (d) volleyball.

(4) If a man got mad with you and said "I'm going to shake you by your epiglottis" you'd instinctively protect your (a) shoulder; (b) stomach; (c) hand; (d) neck.

(5) Marmosets are unusual pets. They belong to the family of (a) rodents; (b) monkeys; (c) cats; (d) dogs.

(6) Winchell was once in show business. He was (a) a monologist; (b) a comedian; (c) a dancer; (d) a magician.

(7) A profiteer is simple enough but a buccaneer is (a) big-mouth; (b) a braggart; (c) a burglar; (d) a pirate.

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1. (b) for 10 pts.	(c) for 25 pts.	
2. (c) for only 10.		
3. (d) for 15 pts.		
4. (b) for 10 pts.		
5. (c) for 20 pts.		
6. (d) for 10 pts.		
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Rob Hanks Tolson Makes A Living Catching Hard Crabs On Ocracoke



ROB HANKS TOLSON, native of Ocracoke Island makes a living catching hard crabs on Ocracoke Island. One of his best customers is the Pamlico Inn and in the above picture he is shown cleaning the crustacean delicacies which will be prepared for the dining room by Miss Elizabeth Styron, chef-ette at the famous old hostelry.—(Photo by Aycock Brown).

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