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For Duke Hospital's Sister-by-the-Sea

Fish Fry, Groundbreaking Highlight July 4th

July 4 was a doubly special day for the residents of Sea Level, N.C., this year. Independence Day was celebrated with the annual "Down East Fish Fry," and ground was broken for Sailor's Snug Harbor, a home for retired merchant seamen.

GROUNDBREAKING

The groundbreaking ceremonies were held at 11:30 a.m. on a site just north of Sea Level Hospital, a division of the medical center and Duke Hospital's sister-by-the-sea.

Sailor's Snug Harbor, New York City's oldest charitable trust, was established in 1833 under terms of the will of Captain Robert Richard Randall as a home for "aged, decrepit, and worn-out mariners." In recent years, because of rising air and water pollution and increased costs of operation in the New York area, the Board of Trustees of Sailor's Snug Harbor felt a move to a less congested, more healthful location would be in the best interests of the home's residents.

Construction of the new \$4 million facility is scheduled to be completed in September of 1974. In that month 120 retired seamen will pack their bags and journey southward from their Staten Island, N.Y., home to North Carolina in a move which will mean much to the town of Sea Level and its hospital.

When the mariners arrive, they will find the hospital is committed to furnish them with the best possible medical, nursing and ancillary care. Within a year and a half, 40 additional health professionals and supportive people will be added to the present staff of 100 at the hospital.

Those who spoke at the event included Monroe Gaskill, chairman of the Board of Advisors of Sea Level Hospital; Dr. J. T. Best, chief of staff at the hospital; Ken Newsom, vice chairman of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners; Dr. Stuart M. Sessoms, director of Duke Hospital; and Captain Leo Kraszeski, director of Sailor's Snug Harbor.

Wilbur E. Dow, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Sailor's Snug Harbor, who

was also a platform speaker, was given the honor of turning over the first spadeful of earth. Jack Johnson, administrator of Sea Level Hospital, was the master of ceremonies, and Mrs. Gladys Noyes represented the D. E. Taylor family of West Palm Beach, Fla. which provided the land for the new facility.

THE "DOWN EAST FISH FRY"

Over 1,500 coastal Carolinians and their guests gathered at Sea Level again this year to celebrate Independence Day and to enjoy the fruits of the commercial fishing harvest. All proceeds from the event known as the "Down East Fish Fry" go toward the purchase of new hospital equipment.

Beginning at noon fried mullet, shrimp, clam fritters, hush puppies, coleslaw, fresh tomatoes and cucumbers, pies, cakes, lemonade and other soft drinks by the truckload disappeared at a rapid rate as the sunshine and festivities stimulated thirsts and appetites.

It was an old fashioned Fourth of July seaside picnic complete with a band playing patriotic and country music, dieters forgetting their diets, children playing games in the grass and dogs begging tidbits under the tables.

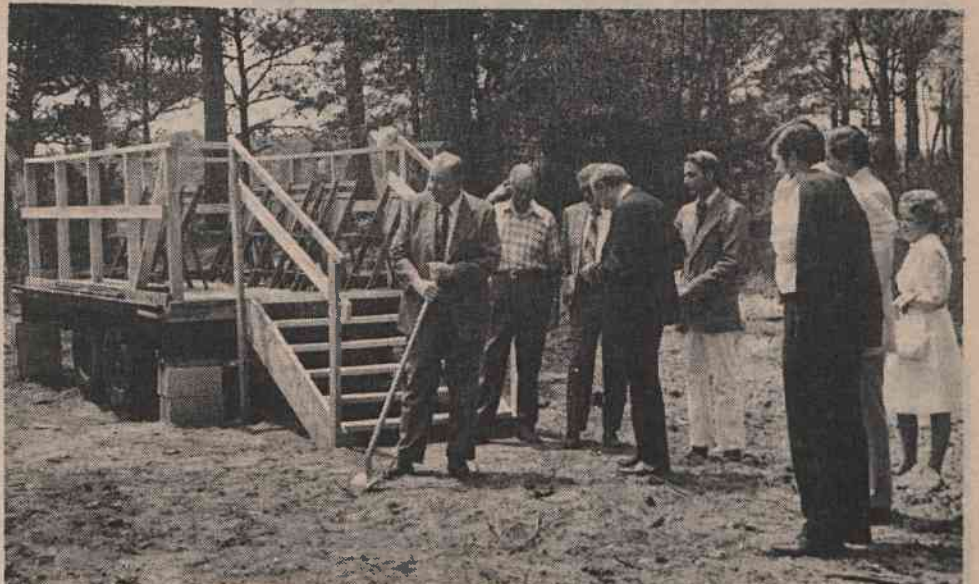
Faces reddened as the sun beat down, a North Carolina girl sang songs about a love gone bad, water skiers on Nelson Bay behind the hospital kicked up salt spray with their antics.

Old men guffawed with each other, "young'uns" screamed with delight or dismay depending on the degree they were regulated by their parents, girls in their early teens giggled about the boy at the next table, and many picnickers merely attacked the seafood with a voracity that was a credit to the cooks.

SEA LEVEL AND ITS HOSPITAL

Sea Level Hospital was a gift to the university from the late D.E. Taylor and his family of West Palm Beach, Fla., in the summer of 1969. Taylor, a native of Sea Level who went north to Norfolk and became highly successful in the shipping

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BREAKING THE GROUND—Wilbur E. Dow Jr. turns the first shovelful of earth at the groundbreaking in Sea Level, N.C., July 4 for Sailor's Snug Harbor, a retirement home for aged merchant seamen. Sea Level Hospital, a division of the medical center, will furnish health care services for the facility which was, before its move to North Carolina, New York City's oldest charitable trust. Dow is president of the "Harbor's" Board of Trustees. (For more photos, see inside)

ACOG Presents Awards To Two Duke Physicians

An associate professor and an assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology have won awards from The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Dr. William T. Creasman, associate professor, has received the second place Purdue Frederick Award from the ACOG for a research paper which he presented last fall at the ACOG District IV meeting.

The prize-winning paper was entitled "The Efficacy of Cryosurgery in the Treatment of Severe Cervical Intraepithelia Neoplasia."

The award was presented to Creasman by Dr. Sprague H. Gardiner, president of ACOG.

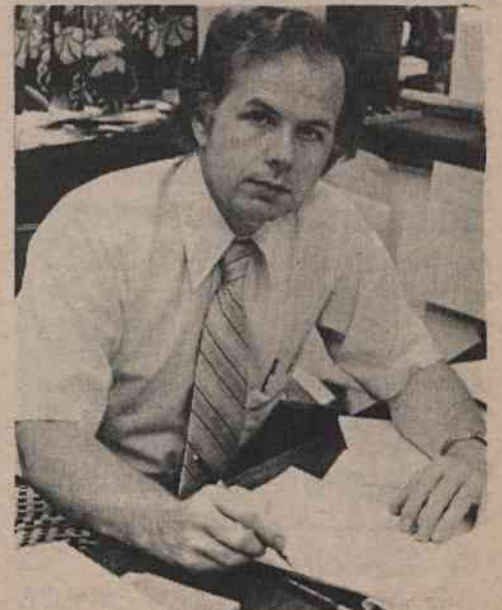
Coauthors of the paper were Drs. John C. Weed Jr., Stephen L. Curry and Roy T. Parker of Ob-Gyn and Dr. William W. Johnston, director of the cytopathology laboratory.

An assistant professor, Dr. Daniel H. Riddick, was awarded one of two one-year academic training fellowships offered by the ACOG in cooperation with Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp.

The fellowship is designed to provide opportunities for two specially qualified physicians to spend an extra year doing work which will help train them for academic positions in their field.

During the year, the fellowship winners are expected to carry out an investigative project leading to a publication, either in basic research or in broader aspects of the discipline, such as teaching and delivery of health care.

Riddick, a native of Lynchburg, Va., will carry out research in the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology at Duke under the program director, Dr. Charles B. Hammond.



DR. WILLIAM T. CREASMAN



DR. DANIEL H. RIDDICK



SERVING THE HUNGRY HORDES—Friends of the hospital manned their posts to dispense a wide variety of seafood at Sea Level's annual Independence Day "Down East Fish Fry."