GABBY GERTIE



"A South Sea flapper who knows her costume is the last straw should not turn her back on the camel."

HARKERS ISLAND

(Continued from Page 1) ation met with a large number of citizens-both young people and adults and went into the merits of the matter. This meeting took place in the Methodist Church of Harkers Island. After a full and descriptive explanation of what the community will have to provide for, and also what the WPA will furnish in the way of paid workers and general super vision of the Carteret County unit, the group voted to proceed.

The group was enthusiastic about the matter, and gave a unonmous expression as to the desire for this work. Accordingly, a Lay Committee was set up composed of Mrs. Earl Davis, Miss Ellen Hancock, and Messrs, Walter Pa- Destroyer will have open house vy, C. A. Johnson, Walter Moore, John T. Willis and Joe Whitley. The matter of a sponsorship was left open, and when called upon for a suggestion, the representative | The Coast Guard: The U. S. C suggested that in view of the fact G. McLane, the Patrol Boat 228 that the community had no civic and other craft from nearby land held the lovefeast. organizations, that either a church stations, will play an important or perhaps the organization of a role in the Coastal Festival events, community council composed of the parades, the speed boat and some fifteen or twenty persons sailhout races and the water pa- the State, millionaire industrialist, would meet the requirements, rade, This matter is to be arranged at Responsible for all of these once, and after the committee governmental added attractions is ation with a board composed of meets with Mrs. Vera Stubbs in Congressman Graham A. Barden the members of this public com-Beaufort Saturday morning to dis- who has never let any town or mission * could reason itself incuss the entire program in an of- community on the Carteret Coast deed furtunate,

Harkers Island has a large num- terest, ber of children and young pepole. Beaufort, Morehead City and as well as adults. These people every community in the county are live in what is the third largest invited to take a part in the Kidcommunity in the county of Car- die Parade on Thursday morning, teret-numbering a thousand or a teature of which wil be the more people. One has only to at- Goldshoro Municipal Band under tend a meeting where a group of the direction of J. Robert Moore these people are to see at once that and his excellently trained drum community, but that the future is Smoak is the chairman in charge safe for its growth and welfare of the hiddie Parade. Prizes will with such personnel as one finds be given in winning contestants. there. These people are not only alert, but are fast waking up to the possibilities of their community. and are offering the glad hand to Then a board member laughed interests capable of bringing dis- and smiles broke out all around. tinctive good into their ranks.

cated there, and in time will pre- shooting. week to the most beautiful sur- the other three countles?" roundings to be found on the Atlantic seaboard. With the recreation center established, the peo- did appreciate the magnitude of ple young and adults will have care- the task of the Board of Conserva- in North Carolina, the majority of tul supervised entertainment to tion and Development, he was one which he has borne the title of take up the monotony of spare and of a few. From the commercial State Fisheries Commissioner, idle time. With better ferry fa- fishing industry of the Atlantic cilities already established and de- coast to recreation areas in the mands for improvements thereon, highest peaks east of the Rockies nd the looking forward to a extends the duties of the board. future, and with the electdic light fishing and hunting in 100 coun-The already in process of conties, supervise a chain of State tury, when "Cap'n John" entered traction, verily Harkers Island is parks, administer a \$100,000 a public service as an employee of soon to become a land of the en- year advertising program, attract

BEAUFORT ROTARY

(Continued from page 1) ed with gold and all the colors of ed \$789,344, of which it collected he rainbow, and in the midst of in various fees exclusive of comthe happy surroundings of Pat's mercial fisheries taxes, \$540,599. of a tropical flower garden with is always held in Morehead City, palm-like shrubbery, matted gras- headquarters of the commercial waves against the waite sands of meeting is two-fold. It is convenhis shoreline, the picnic crowd ient for the fishermen to come in gathered. If there was any one n the company who had taken his roubles along with him or her, they were soon forgotten. Pat was at his best as host, all dressed up with shoes on-said he had a time to find his shoes andaharder time getting them on. Seemed to have been weeks or months since he had tried them. At any seto he was sa gracious in every way, all smiles and full of cordiality. After supper, and the Rotarians, the Ann's and guests had recovered from the big eating feast, croquet was played by those able to exercise that much energy. Mrs. N. F. Eure won the loving cup which was hastily improvised out

Hikers on the Appalachin trail straddle North Carolina and Tennessee for many miles. The trail follows the crest of the Smokies, which is also the state line,

aint shop. Mr. Eure had a sup- with the three boats of the State's up to him and asked for a match, to meet. He in accordance with his usual domestic docility, produced his FISH-The fishing industry of matchbox, and as she and Mrs. Ay- the State ranks high among the cock Brown disappeared, Eure states, but fishermen generally, yelled out "what the heck you have not prospered greatly. Their this afternoon?" For the moment around \$400 a year, and during the he seemed to have lost sight of the depression it dropped to less than fact that matches are used for half that. They are a hardy lot more things than building fires in They know how to fight for what stoves by the ladies in these mod- they want. There are spokesmen

of cold soft drinks, most beautiful swaying juries. And among mer surroundings, the cordial hospitali- who wrest a living from the sea ty of Pat O'Neal, and the gleeful there are many factions. Shrimpand guests, the event will have to others. Between factions there is go down as one of the most de- not always any love lost. lightful if not the superlative, o any meeting Beaufort Rotary has enjoyed. Those who could not at- session of the summer meeting of tend are to be pitied, and those the conservation board is devoted who just stayed away for luck or to the commercial fishing industry. interest or any other like "cause", Because fishermen converge from

F. S. A. PROGRAM

in a blue moon.

(Continued from page 1) ing their homes and in making plans to do better farming.

Although land purchase loans are limited, Mr. Cook said the regular rehabilitation loans for tems suc has feed, seed, fertilizer, available to eligible farmers unable to secure adequate credit

COASTAL FESTIVAL (Continued from page one) date and remain in the ocean port

city over the 29th. The Navy: The U. S. S. Truxler, one of the finest destroyers of the U. S. Navy will arrive early in the week, to take part in the fiesta for the full three days. The aboard ship for visitors and members of the crew will take part in

down yet on anything of civic in-

WATERFRONT

(Consumed from page one) "At least," observed a specta-The camp for scouts is being to- heated argument about quail

sent facilities for bringing twenty- tor, "he appreciates the magnitude five to one hundred people each of the job, but what'd he do with weather-beaten countenance.

VAST-If the caustic inebriate ridge across the waters in the near Between, it must regulate sports nated haunts of people from far new industrry to the State, guard against forest fires and promote Rev. L. D. Hayman, reforestation, and develop and

conserve all natural resources. So widespread is the activity of this board that last year it expend-

cont lawn which is nothing short The annual meeting of the board yards, and the music of the fisheries division. Reason for this

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rise, when his wife walked boldly navy at hand, a very pleasant place

want with matches as hot as it is average income was stated at among them more eloquent than With plenty to eat, abundance many lawyers who gains livelihood company of Rotarians, their Ann's ers, long-haulers, purse-sciners and

MEETING-Always, the first just missed the time of their lives the shrimping grounds of Bruns--an event that happens just once wick County all the way up the coast to shad and herring areas of the Chowan, the meeting is held in he specious municipal auditorium.

In years past the building has overflowed with angry fishermen, some openly declaring that a meddlesome public agency was bringing starvation to their families.

Anything can happen at the fishries meeting, but lately less of it has. Year by year, the fishermen livestock and farm equipment are have appeared less quarrelsome. Gradually praise crept into their remarks before the board.

When the board got down to business this year, the hall was less than half full, and not a petitioner but prefaced his remarks with the statement that he realized that the State agency was doing its best for welfare of the industry, and the individual of the industry were cowork out for the benefit of the operating to make the regulations

ent who had attended a meeting a decade and a half ago and missed all succeeding sessions until the one last week, he could hardly have believed his eyes when they be

REASON-On the board are some of the best business men in bankers, editors, publishers, educators, lawyers. A private corpor-

For years men of this calibre have been devoting their talents for nominal compensation to the regulation and preservation of the natural resources of the State.

The lovefeast between baird and ommercial fishermen at last week's meeting in Morehead was indication of success, but no memper of the board would claim cred-Harkers Island is not only a good and bugle corps. Mrs. W. H. it for achieving what even five years ago would have appeared a 🗓

That distinction belongs without argument to a man about whom the public generally knows not a great deal.

SALMON-With the State board when the Labermen make their annual appearance sits a tall, slim man with a soft voice and a friendly smile concealed beneath a

For well over half his 62 years Captain John A. Nelson has been identified with the regulation of the fishing and shellfish industry

He is also "admiral" of the State's "navy" which patrols the coastal fishing waters, and for years skippered the old flagship "Atlantic" himself.

Since the beginning of the cen-

of an oil can Pat found about his and air their grievances. It is, the Shellfish Commission, one of nood. Silence fell for a momen upon a the many agencies which now make up the Department of Conervation and Development, he has become identified with the State's

fishing industry as no other man

He did the job of enforcing the law at the same time welding bitter factions into a cooperative industry so well that like a superb athlete winning a championship. the achievement appeared almost effortless.

Fishermen and law and rule nakers in Raleigh depended upon Cap'n John" alike. Knotty probems were automatically referred o him in full assurance that they would be solved.

But unlike the athlete who Nelson did his job so efficiently and with such great self-effacement that he came to be taken as a matter of course.

"Just leave it up to 'Cap'n John'," became the byword in fishcries regulation.

RECOGNITION-"Leave it to lap'n John'," still is the byword, out last winter something happened to emphasize it.

"Cap'n John" suffered an accipalance in the hospital at More-

His steps was not as brisk and here was a wanness lurking beaind his cordial greeting as he met with the board this summer, but ne had come a long way toward re-

He was ready to carry on again, imously nominated dictator. out he can never do so again in the old self-effacement-no matter low much he would prefer it.

lark days when doctors shook their existent, for to fishermen Captain heads and fishermen feared they Nelson's word has been all the law would no longer have "Cap'n they needed. John" to turn to, he lived to hear the things that have been said ably served, Commissioner Nelson Had there been a spectator pres- about many a good man only in had the benefit of very little for-

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SOLUTION-It came near the nd of the day's hearing, a hearng marked by friendliness as none other had been. The problem was the size of the mesh in fishermen's Captain Nelson's report, iets. A new rule was proposed that would outlaw some expensive equipment. The board discussed neans to make the new law effective, but still avert disaster to fishermen with their meager capital nvested in an illegal net.

From out of the audience arose fisherman.

"I'll tell you," he announced in he brogue of the banks, "we have the greatest confidence in you gentlemen. We know you are trying o do what is best for all of us. But let me make this suggestion. nakes the big headlines, Captain and I'm certain that every fisherman will agree with it. Just you all forget this and turn the whole business over to Cap'n John and

let him do what he thinks right."

Broad smiles spread over the faes of the State board as the weather-beaten countenance of the State Fisheries Commissioner went as crimson as the accumulated tan would betray.

"Hell." came a gruff voice from lent and for days his life hung in the row of chairs occupied by the board, "isn't that about what we've been doing all along?" "Cap'n John's" reelection to an-

other four-year term was a mere

DICTATOR-Probably John A. Nelson is the only man ever unan-

The nomination was as high a compliment as could be paid any man, but in reality it was only rec-Because he pulled through those ognition of a state of affairs long

A product of the area he has so mal education. Born in Glouces-Modest though he is those words ter, up the sound from Beaufort, were bound to have touched him he attended Graham's Academy, deeply, but none so much as those but before reaching what is now as a spokesman for the fishermen high school he went to work in the who so often have bathed their school of commercial fishing. As words in vitrol when speaking of clerk, as assistant commissioner, as the restrictions government has State Fisheries Commissioner, he thrown about their means of liveli- has never stopped learning, and

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last week he learned as few men do n this life what his fellow men think of him.

REPORT-Another reason for the love-feast could be found in

"This past year, I am glad to say we have experienced the best fish-

both for food fish and menhaden." Only shad made a dark spot in the fisheries summary, and that

this was "due entirely to lack of

hat one time greatly coveted delicacy, there was "proctically no market. Since the addition to the fishries fleet of the "Hatteras," a

ed in territorial waters.

Better regulation can be ex- and the director, Bruce Etheridge,

ing season that we have ever had,

was tempered by good catches italist and developer of western around Edenton.

eason, but, stated Captain Nelson, man; J. L. Horne, Jr., Rocky For diamond back terrapins,

conveted submarine chaser, virtu- sville attorney; Thurman Chatham,

pected, the commissioner stated. Manteo banker.

since the new "Croatan," built at New Bern, was commissioned in March to replace the ancient "Albemarle" for inside patrol work.

In addition to the "Hatteras" and "Croatan", the fleet is composed of the flagship, the "John A. Nelson", a converted yacht, and the "Pamlico", which has about outlived its usefulness as an oyster patrol boat.

* J. Quince Gilkey, Marion, cap. North Carolina; James L. McNair. Shellfish fell behind the 1938 Laurinburg banker and business. Mount, publisher; Jos. L. Stone, Greensboro businessman; Santford Martin, Winston-Salem editor: Col. J. W. Harrellson head of State College; Roy Hampton, Plymouth businessman; Coleman Roberts, Charlotte, president Carolina Motor Club; John McLaughlin, State-The fishermen broke into ap- aly no trouble with invading trawl- Winston-Salem industrialist; E. I. ers from other states was report- Gugg, Durham hotel man; Charles E. Ray, Waynesville businessman,

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