

**Capt. W. G. Willis Is Prominent Ocracoke Island Merchant—
IS SLICING CHEESE IN HIS STORE AT MAILBOAT DOCK**



CAPT. W. G. WILLIS, for many years operator of the Ocracoke Island Mailboat to the mainland is now operating a grocery, general merchandise and market store on the U. S. Mailboat Wharf at Ocracoke Island. He is also Island distributor for "Good Gulf Products." Capt. Willis, native of Morehead City, is shown in above photo with cheese knife. Others in picture are clerks or assistants namely, from left to right: Miss Aldena Garrish; Capt. Willis, Miss Emily Staton Guthrie and Jack Willis, son of Capt. Willis. At left: Miss Guthrie serving drinks; Robt. Miller of C. G. and Miss Elsie Bowen, an island vacationist in the Waterfront Refreshment Shop. (Aycock Brown Photo).

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skillful navigators. Arriving at Portsmouth, on the south side of Ocracoke inlet, the village of Ocracoke comes within view. The first thing the visitor going there sees is the ancient white lighthouse. If atmospheric conditions are right, the lighthouse appears first as a mirage, that is it seems to be floating in the sky, above the surface of Pamlico Sound which bounds it on the west.

First stop at Ocracoke is Pamlico Inn Dock. Many persons patronizing this Inn get off here. Others go to the next dock and stop at Cedar Grove Inn operated by Capt. Gary Bragg. The final stop is at the Mailboat Dock or at Capt. W. G. Willis' store in Silver Lake Harbor. Here, there is always a truck-bus from Wahab Village Hotel awaiting passengers or visitors bound to this modern hostelry.

The visitor at Ocracoke finds a most unusual and splendid place to spend a vacation. They also find a wonderful place to fish for the various species which inhabit the sound, the inlet and the surf, namely: channel bass, cobia, blues, trout, sheepshead and many other kinds of fish which will bite your hook when fishing with rod and reel.

Vacationists and fishermen going to Ocracoke are advised (if they drink) to take their own drinks with them. There is no ABC store on Ocracoke and neither are there any beer parlors or taprooms. There are no bootleggers on Ocracoke Island.

On the island though at any of the Inns or hotels mentioned (all are operated on American Plan) the visitor or sportsman will find some of the most genuine hospitality they have ever experienced plus most excellent meals in the dining rooms.

takes passengers and mail to Hatteras, the first part of the trip being made by bus, the completion of trip by boat. In Hatteras this bus connects with another making a daily round trip to Manteo.

Hatteras is very much like Ocracoke. Vacationists and visitors or fishermen going there are advised that while beer is sold on the island, whiskey is not. It is advisable to take your own whiskey and plenty of it with you. On Hatteras the deep sea angler will find efficient guides, telephone service telegraphic service, beer, good places to live and plenty of fish but no Alcoholic Beverages Control Stores. The nearest is in Manteo.

A seven-acre field which L. H. Ray, unit demonstration farmer of the Burnsville township in Yancey County, sowed to sericea lepedeza four years ago has been a major source of income since.

Glen Kilby of Sturgills, Ashe County, says phenothiazine which he used the first time this year, has been more satisfactory than any material he has ever used for treating stomach worms in sheep.

Varieties of tobaccos not resistant to root rot are proving to be highly unsatisfactory in Madison County this year, reports John S. Hollamon, assistant farm agent.

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MORE ABOUT MANY MEN

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who do not choose the Coast Guard for a career usually "out north" and get jobs on dredge boats.

Regardless of where they go and what they do, the men of the Outer Banks usually rise rapidly. An example is young Benjamin Neal, son of the late Simie and Mrs. O'Neal. After finishing the land high school he went to work on a dredge. Then came Selective Service and he was the first in and boy to be inducted. That was during the past Spring. On a furlough at Ocracoke last week he proudly displayed his Private First Class chevron and upon his return to Fort Bragg, he told his charming young wife Naomi and island folks that he was slated to be rated as a corporal. Ocracokers do not stay at the bottom. Regardless of what they get into, dredgeboating, the army or the Coast Guard they usually rise rapidly.

Island Coast Guardsmen

Relative to its population the Outer Banks have sent more men into the U. S. Coast Guard Service than any other region of the country and Ocracoke is no exception. Sometimes entire families the father and sons are members of the Service. Such was the case with the Ben Garrish family. Cap'n Ben died suddenly a few months ago, but each of his three surviving sons, David, Leslie, and Montford are still in the service which their father served so faithfully before his death, for many years.

While many of the younger men of the island (and older men too), are in the gallant Coast Guard service, an optional career for the islanders is dredge boating. There must be two or three hundred men from Ocracoke at this time working aboard dredges, mostly those of the U. S. Engineering Department. The superintendent of the Philadelphia District—Nafie Scarborough, is an Ocracoker and many youngsters who started off as deck hands aboard dredges not so many years ago are now mates or masters of vessels. It is said that if all the Ocracokers should leave the dredges employed on Delaware River, that operations would have to cease temporarily until new crews could be signed up.

With so little other opportunity, it is the ambition of most youngsters when they finish the island school to enlist in the Coast Guard.

There are 21 stations today between the Virginia line and Beaufort. Two of these stations are on Ocracoke Island, and the one in the village, yet to be commissioned, although complete with exception of few details, is one of the finest super-stations in the entire service.

To be a great surfer, the natives agree, is the ultimate test of a man. In good weather and bad, surfmen patrol the beaches, patrols that formerly were made on foot—now in the powerful station trucks. On Ocracoke the patrol by truck extends half way the island length where it is met by the patrol from the other station.

One-Way Regulations

It was the Banks which gave the Service its unofficial watchword. One night, years ago, when the service was called the U. S. Life Saving Service, a vessel was breaking up on an outer reef off Hatteras and a crew was preparing to launch its surfboat, a rookie turned to the boatswain, saying: "I believe we can get there, Cap'n, but I don't believe we ever could get back."

The bos'n spat from the wind, "Don't fret about that Bub", he answered. "All the regulations say is we got to go out there. The regulations don't say a damn thing about having to come back."

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boat is of sufficient size to ferry cars across the Sound.

To reach Engelhard one drives down N. C. Route 264. Engelhard is the terminus of the paved road.

Another way to reach Hatteras is from the South. Persons going to Ocracoke Island aboard the U. S. Mailboat Alena leaves Atlantic daily 1 P. M. EST) arrive on the island within four hours. The following morning a bus of the Ocracoke Transportation Company



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