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OBJECTIVE.....

In the first place, I wanted something I could call my own. In the second place, a number of people told me that it would be impossible to publish a newspaper in such a small community. That is probably the reason I finally decided to give birth to Ocracoke Island Beacon. I want to show the skeptical that it is possible to overcome what they termed as "impossible."

I want the people of Ocracoke Island, and the residents here who are now employed away from home to go along with me. Never think of this newspaper as being the property of an individual. Think of it as being your community's newspaper, refer to it as, "Our Ocracoke Island Beacon." Beacon's objective is to be an asset for Ocracoke's future progress, along with other salt water communities on the coast.—Aycock Brown.

I S L A N D

America's Oldest Light Beacon



SPEAKING OF BEACONS... Ocracoke Lighthouse, familiar island landmark, is pictured above. It is the oldest lighthouse, (on which no major changes of construction have been made) actively commissioned in America today. The old tower has seen service since 1798, when it was built to replace the original Ocracoke light which was located on Beacon Island. Capt. Joe Burrus has been resident keeper of the light for many years.—(Prytherch Photo).

B E A C O N

HOW to HELP

Ocracoke Island Beacon will publish personal items about activities here. News and feature stories about this and other nearby salt water communities will also be published. The newspaper and its success depends on the cooperation of the people interested in Ocracoke and the other nearby communities along the central coast. You as an individual or you as a merchant can help.

A readable newspaper is promised. This first edition is a sample of what future editions will be like. The Beacon will be published twice monthly, on the First and Fifteenth. You can help by sending in your subscription to Ocracoke Island Beacon. The rate is \$1 per year. Merchants can help by taking advertising space, which in turn will create more business for them. That is how you can help.—Aycock Brown.

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DUCKS!

Sprigs And Black Ducks Arriving

Despite the fact there was plenty of hot weather during early October, large flocks of Sprigs (Pintails) and Black Ducks had arrived in Pamlico Sound waters in the vicinity of Ocracoke. Pinta Williams, local game warden, whose job it is to keep a check on the birds as well as hunters said last weekend that there were far more ducks this early October than in many years. "It looks like a good year for all kinds of "birds" he said, referring to ducks of many species and geese.

A great many guides will be available for hunters when the season opens on November 2. Many are getting their blinds and decoys ready now for the reception of sportsmen. License fees this year will be the same as last season: \$1.10 County; \$2.10 State and \$15.25 Non-Resident. The Guide licenses will be \$5.25. Last year about 100 local licenses were sold by Game Warden Williams. Number of non-resident licenses

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OCRACOKE DECOY. With an abundance of ducks already here along with a few scattered flocks of geese, island guides are getting ready for what is believed will be one of the best seasons for waterfowl hunting in many years. The season opens November 2. In the picture below Capt. Gray Bragg, veteran guide, is shown painting a Canada goose decoy which he has made from juniper. Such scenes as this are common around the decoy houses of guides during late October. The interested spectator watching Capt. Gary work is Fred R. Stedman of Ocracoke and Greensboro.—(Photo from Stedman).



Plans To Be Discussed At Meeting On Saturday

Just when the proposed scheduled air line operating between Norfolk, Va., via Manteo, Hatteras, OCRACOKE, Atlantic and to Beaufort-Morehead City, with the possibility of being extended to Wilmington and Charleston, may be announced following a meeting of committees from each community to be served here on Saturday night, October 18. The meeting will be held at 6 o'clock in Wahab Village Hotel.

Announcement of the meeting scheduled for this weekend was made by R. S. Wahab of Ocracoke and Baltimore two weeks ago. He is president of Ocracoke-Manteo Transportation Company which has successfully operated, with Dave Driskill as chief pilot, an Air Taxi Service for Outer Banks communities during the past two years. Mr. Wahab will be here to preside over the meeting.

Committees of three or more persons from the communities to be served along with business associates or friends of Mr. Wahab will be here this weekend. Chairmen of the community committees include: D. Victor Meekins, Manteo; M. L. Burrus, Hatteras; Mr. Wahab for this community along with other interested islanders including officials of the Chamber of Commerce; Capt. James R. Morris of Atlantic and Beacon Editor-

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NEW. Something new in the way of gaining a livelihood from the waters adjacent to the Outer Banks is planned by Stanley Wahab, according to a story appearing in Dare County Times recently. The Times story indicated that Wahab, who has already done more for the development of Ocracoke Island than any other person, is planning to establish a shark fishery. There is a big demand for shark livers, from which valuable oil is obtained. There is also a demand for the skins, teeth, anal gut and bones of shark. Times' story indicated



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PARK. Victor Meekins, of Manteo, who is secretary of Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park Commission, has reported that he expects to have deeds to the 10,000 acres desired for the park by January, R. Bruce Etheridge, ex-officio chairman of the commission reported in Raleigh last week.



Deeds for 900 acres of land from the Phipps estate at Cape Hatteras are in process of completion. No land is being purchased for the project, but it is believed that enough will be donated. Many acres have already been donated on Ocracoke Island. Meekins will be here Saturday night to attend meeting of committees interested in proposed Outer Banks scheduled airline.

LAW

Island Now Has A Deputy Sheriff

Ocracoke Island has law protection at last. For years the community liked to boast of the distinction of having "no law" and no jails. That was back in the days before automobiles and such promiscuous liquor drinking at certain times. Ocracoke still has no jail but it has a deputy sheriff.

J. G. Riddick, formerly of Gates County and Suffolk, Va., who married the former

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FISH STORY

Hitch-Hiking Mackerel

When the Wm. G. Dryden came into port last Friday morning loaded with freight from Washington, Capt. Isaac O'Neal, master and owner, discovered he had a hitch-hiker aboard. The hitch-hiker was a 12-pound Spanish Mackerel which had apparently jumped on deck just a few moments before the Dryden entered the harbor. Capt. O'Neal did not discover the hitch-hiking fish until he was docking his boat—Reported by A. G. and E.S.G.

THOUGHT FOR YOU

We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another.—Swift.

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