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WANTS TO CONTINUE WITH THE OLD TIME GOSPEL

Rev. Bill Everton Recalls Many Interesting Experiences During Long Preaching Career in Coast Country, Going Strong At 74 and Wants to Start Camp Meetings Again

"I am ready to continue with the old time gospel, and believe there will be a big response among the people when I get going again with my big tent, and give them the old fashioned fire and brimstone that used to work such great wonders along the coast."

So says Rev. Bill Everton, famous preacher of the Coast country, whose greatest work was done in this section nearly 40 years ago. Mr. Everton, at the age of 74, is now sojourning at Manns Harbor with his sisters, Mrs. Emmett Gibbs, and Mrs. C. W. Mann, and has a new tent ready for business when the weather warms up.

In the days of 40 years ago, Mr. Everton was a powerful figure preaching at the Camp Meetings along the coast. He also served churches at Hatteras, Swan Quarters, Panego, Manns Harbor, and since leaving Dare County has preached in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Mr. Everton, was born in Currituck County and lived for many years at Currituck Beach Light-house, where his father, T. T. Everton, was keeper about 60 years ago.

Religion A Good Tonic

He served for a spell in the old Life Saving Service at Currituck Beach Station. He studied at Wake Forest College and Crozer Seminary in Chester, Pa.

That he is ready now to begin a new campaign with all the vigor of a younger man is indicated by a statement he made to The Times this week. "I find that religious activity is the best tonic there is. It gives exercise to mind and body, and takes one's thoughts off his troubles. The old time Camp meetings did a world of good on the banks and the old time gospel is what we need again. Mr. Everton says:

"I am back in North Carolina, and I am now making up my schedule of old-fashioned revival meetings for the Spring, Summer and Fall. I would be glad to aid any community, church or preacher where my services might be desired."

"I have a tent that will seat about 250 people. I could bring my tent to your community if you would prefer my services under the tent instead of holding the services in the church or schoolhouse. You may correspond with me in regard to the matter at Manns Harbor."

Mr. Everton laughed and recalled one meeting at Rodanthe held nearly 40 years ago, when he says he did good work. "Why don't you know they started shouting at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, and never stopped shouting until sunrise Monday morning," he said. "They thought so much of my work, that Brother Jesse Midgett, who lives at Manteo now, named his son William Everton after me. He is now in Bodie Island Coast Guard Station."

Dramatic Moment At Hatteras

One of the most dramatic moments in his career, occurred at Hatteras nearly 40 years ago. He had preached a powerful sermon. He had scoured the drunkards, the gamblers, and the adulterers. He had preached at some length about evil companions including bad women, and he had described the bad effect of a bad woman in a community. He was helping Rev. Sam Lepers at that revival, and says:

"One Sunday morning at the conclusion of the services, I was about to pronounce the benediction and the people had stood for that purpose, after I had concluded my sermon. A splendid old lady stood up and said: 'Please hold on just a minute.'"

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RETURNS FROM VISIT TO PACIFIC COAST



JOHN A. MEEKINS, County Commissioner of Dare County, has just returned from San Diego, California, where he visited his daughter, Mrs. Rae Ashburn, wife of a Navy man.

For the first time in his life, this man, who spent more than 30 years patrolling the shores of the Atlantic Ocean in the Coast Guard Stations near Chicamacomico, has been across the continent and looked out on the waters of the great Pacific.

Mr. Meekins left here less than a month ago. He took a bus in Norfolk and traveled five days and nights, going by way of Arkansas and Texas, on his long journey of 3,630 miles, and returned by way of Salt Lake City or the Northern route, spending about three weeks on the entire trip.

The apparent bareness of the country, its great distances and sparse populations caused him to wonder, he said, how in the world those folks could make living.

"I don't see a thing they can do out there, and I will take my chances in Dare County," says Mr. Meekins. "We people are more blessed than they are."

While riding on the bus, Mr. Meekins was mistaken for Senator Bailey, whose striking resemblance to the Senator from North Carolina, has often been commented on.

"While I do not wish to live out in that country, I would like to make another trip some time and look it over," he said.

The round trip fare was \$72.00. He says it is worth paying and the trip is worth taking.

Mr. Meekins was back in time for the regular session of the Board of Commissioners, which met here Tuesday.

BIG FISH BITING AT HATTERAS AS ANGLERS ARRIVE

The channel bass have arrived. The first three were caught on rod and line Sunday, April 5, by Mr. Miller and T. Lee Adams of Ocean City, who were visiting here. The weights of the fish were respectively, thirty-eight, forty and forty-two pounds.

The bluefish have not yet put in an appearance, but the large weakfish, the tide runners, are plentiful in the sloughs close in to the beach. Judging by the great shoals of channel bass that are now off-shore it should be a remarkable channel bass season. A peculiar occurrence a few days ago was that of a channel bass weighing over forty pounds had left stranded and flapping on the beach. He had adventured too close inshore on a roller.

In regard to rattler rattles, Mr. Clifford Wade, brought ashore a sturgeon weighing over a hundred and fifty pounds, taken from his fish ponds.

Mrs. J. P. Davis and Miss Evelyn Davis spent Friday in Norfolk.

PAUL GREEN TO WRITE PLAY FOR PAGEANT OF 1937

Interest Being Revived in Big Project At Fort Raleigh Marking 350th Anniversary

One of the most interesting banquets known in Dare County took place last Friday night when Paul Green, North Carolina playwright, Dr. C. C. Crittenden, of the North Carolina Historical Commission, and W. O. Saunders, President of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, and other notables met at the Fort Raleigh Hotel to discuss the probability of a huge celebration in 1937 marking the 350th Anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare.

The discussion, beginning first in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, was continued at the banquet in the Fort Raleigh Hotel. Next day Mr. Green visited Fort Raleigh and was impressed by what has been done there under the restoration program.

Paul Green has been quoted as having said he would write a play for the pageant, but suggested it be called the event too much.

Mr. Saunders, who first advocated the idea of a huge 350th anniversary celebration some years ago, sees possibilities of making the portrayal of this story a second Oberammergau. He would have the natives of Roanoke Island live the history to the point of allowing their hair to grow long and affecting the speech of the Elizabethan period if necessary and perform this history in a pageant that would be a national epic three or four times a week during the five months of the tourist season and at the same time the fishermen could produce fish and the farmers, vegetables, fruits, poultry, eggs and dairy products to feed the tourists and Roanoke Island would never have to be dependent on the government. Every spare room could be rented, and at the same time the primitiveness of the island could be preserved, he cautioned. "If you become too darn modern, you cease to be historical."

Dr. C. C. Crittenden, secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission, which acquired the Fort Raleigh tract in 1934, stated that the North Carolina Historical Commission would handle Fort Raleigh as the people wanted and that the commission would back the plan to build replicas of the Raleigh ships to be moored in Roanoke sound a breast of Fort Raleigh. "No site in the English area is more important than this," he said, "and certainly it deserves to be celebrated. The tourists are coming whether you try to get them or not."

A Good Time "Was Had By All"

After the meeting was called to order and invocation said by Rev. H. B. Hines, the addresses of welcome were given by Mayor L. D. Tarkington in behalf of the town of Manteo and by Melvin R. Daniels in behalf of the county. The response was given by Frank Stick of Elizabeth City, who drew up the plans and together with Albert Q. Bell has been largely responsible for the restoration of Fort Raleigh.

Mr. Tarkington in welcoming the guests pointed out that Dare County was not only the site of the birthplace of the nation but was the site of the birthplace of wireless radio and the airplane.

Mr. Daniels, after some of his usual repartee that kept the audience in constant laughter, stated that the lachrymose would always be found hanging in Dare County and urged the visitors to stay long enough to catch that something contagious which makes people hate to leave and always glad to return to Dare County.

Introduced as "Bell, builder of souls and a poet," Albert Q. Bell was introduced. Other introductions included Mrs. Paul Green, Mrs. Ethel Taylor, Crittenden, mother of Dr. C. C. Crittenden, Mrs. Alexander Mannis, director of the Roanoke Island Federal theatre project, Mrs. W. R. Hampton, supervisor of the federal writer's project in Elizabeth City; Herbert Peete, editor of the Elizabeth City Advance; Harry Lawrence, "engineer, road filterer and drainer of wet lands," Roy L. Davis, Dare representative in the legislature, Dr. Bradford Fearing, secretary of the Dare County Chamber of Commerce, E. S. Askew, director first district WPA of Elizabeth City, who predicted this county will some day be a setting for a national epic; Theodore Meekins, location director WPA this district; M. L. Daniels, former Mayor, and many others.

The banquet was served at the Hotel Fort Raleigh and consisted of crabapple cocktail, shrimp fried shad with roe, green peas, French fried potatoes, cold sliced ham, pickles and olives, cake and ice cream.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. Victor Meekins and Robert Midgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hooper, Stumpy Point, were the guests of honor after they sustained minor injuries when their truck in which they were enroute to Belhaven Saturday left the highway and turned over.

Mr. Hooper was carrying fish to market in Belhaven and his wife was to receive medical attention there. It so occurred that Mrs. Hooper needed more medical attention upon their arrival at Belhaven than she did upon leaving home. The extent of her injuries, however, were minor bruises and lacerations about the face while

model cat and a good partner. And he's about as good mannered a cat as you'll find anywhere. He stays at home nights. He never jumps upon the table. He always asks to be let out of the house when he feels the need of a little sand under his feet and fresh air.

Wants His Fish Dressed

When the men go hunting, Jim cut-walks along with them. They kill him a bird to eat, but the little animal's looking for more than food. He wants companionship. Contrary to the usual conception of feline selfishness, Jim'll stick with the party after his sides are sticking out and does not head for home to sleep in the sunshine like most cats do with less character, after they are well fed. When the two men drag up a fish or two on the beach, Jim stands by like a gentleman, until his dinner is dressed for him.

During the course of the ferry runs through the day, Jim'll come aboard the flat boat if he's asked by his partners and ride over to Pea-Island and back. He'll prow around the railings and engine room and look over the stock of passengers with a true gentlemanly and feline aloofness. He don't seem to mind being around and peering with his purring, expecting to get something out of you. He's got all the graces. He's a wealthy cat. He'll get Toby and Elbert, the ferry boys, and the house there on the beach.

He's spilt clean through, says Elbert, "but money wouldn't buy him. And truly you couldn't buy a better man for sticking by Jim. You know have you ever heard of another cat who was both sea-going and a gentleman."

A Sky Pilot and a Steamboat Captain



REV. BILL EVERTON, told about in this paper, is not only a preacher, but is a licensed steamboat captain. At 74 years of age, he still keeps his license in effect, and is qualified to take any 500-ton vessel anywhere in the U. S. Photo by Zeller's Studio.

Herbert Hooper and wife injured in Clyde Payne's Car Burn

Stumpy Point folk have had luck on road

Young Methodists hold Easter service

Over 5 pounds lead is found in large drum

Ten lead sinkers drawn from stomach of drum cast upon beach

Rodanthe folk celebrate new harbor finish

Capt. John Allen Midgett of that place sees a big dream come true

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FOR OTHER'S SAKE

I would be true, for there are those who trust me. I would be pure, for there are those who care. I would be strong, for there is much to suffer. I would be brave, for there is much to dare. I would be kind, for there are those who are kind. I would be gentle, for there are those who are gentle. I would be humble, for I know my weakness. I would look up, and laugh, and love, and live. Howard Arnold Walter

CARLTON MASON TAKES PLACE OF CHARLES BOND

New Editor of The Times From Pinhurst, While Old Goes to Jackson News

Charles Bond, for the past five months managing Editor of The Dare County Times, left this week to become Managing Editor of the Jackson, (N. C.) News, one of the Parker Brothers' Weeklies.

At the same time, W. Carlton Mason, recently of Pinehurst, N. C., and formerly of the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram and other newspapers, takes over the duties of Mr. Bond on this newspaper. Mr. Mason served last year as special sports writer on the Rocky Mount paper. While in Manteo, he look after news and advertising, and will take orders for printing.

The Times regrets the departure of Mr. Bond, who is finding a position in a bigger field and nearer his old home of Windsor. He is a capable and ambitious young newspaperman with a future. He recently married Miss Hortense Pittman of Chapel Hill. We wish for him much success and hope he will develop the same wide acquaintances and unusual good will he developed in Manteo.

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF ANNIE FEARING

Small Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fearing Dies After Long Illness

Funeral services for Annie Leigh Fearing, eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fearing of Manteo, were conducted from the home here Wednesday afternoon, with funeral attendants numbering more than many had remembered to be at a funeral here in many years, and with a floral tribute equally as large.

Annie Leigh, the second child of the Fearing family to have died within the past four years, died in Sarah Leigh hospital in Norfolk Monday night where she had been for treatment following a long illness. Four years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Fearing's first child died after having reached approximately the same age.

The funeral services were conducted from the home by the Rev. A. E. Brown assisted by the Rev. H. B. Hines of Manteo and W. M. Jolley of South Mills. Many who attended the funeral services reported that there were more people at a funeral here in many years and that the floral tribute was much larger than had been the tribute of flowers to any person dying here in recent years. Many stores here were closed while the funeral was being conducted.

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FRISCO BOY WINNER OF NAVY OAR RACES



LLOYD BASNETT of Frisco, son of Mrs. Eddie Williams, is the sailor boy behind the big cup you see here. He is a scaman on one of the Navy's light cruisers, the "Concord," and at San Diego, California, on Feb. 22, his boat crew of 12 men won the cup from the crew of the Salt Lake City. The trophy is known as the Battenberg Cup for all-Navy championship in a whale-boat. The Concord had previously won the cup, and lost it to the Salt Lake City. The athletic officer picked him a new crew, including Mr. Basnett, and trained them a spell, and took the cup back amid many cheers and followed by much publicity.

These Dare County lads make good when it comes to seamanship. There is nothing else like them. Mr. Basnett is the half brother of Dewey Basnett of Frisco. He has a brother named Raymond Basnett in the Coast Guard.

OVER 5 POUNDS LEAD IS FOUND IN LARGE DRUM

Ten Lead Sinkers Drawn From Stomach of Drum Cast Upon Beach

The fish story of all fish stories that have ever been heard in this section of the world was handed to the Dare County Times this week, by Mrs. Raymond Gray of Buxton, a correspondent to the paper. Even Charlie McDevitt, the well known writer of fish stories in Kinston, would no doubt be crest-fallen at finding that he was not the first to discover such a true story about a fish.

According to Mrs. Gray's narration of the story, Gilbert Farrow of Buxton found a large drum cast upon the beach near Buxton Sunday night and straightway gave it to a neighbor, Mrs. Lila Quidley. After Mrs. Quidley had cleaned the large drum, she saw in the "scrap" one large lead sinker. Upon making a more careful investigation of the one sinker she had found, lo, to her great surprise there she found nine other sinkers. There were two six ounce ones, one five ounce one, six three ounce ones and two ounce one, a total of two pounds and five ounces. All of these had been drawn from the belly of a drum. One of these sinkers had a piece of wire three inches long still attached.

This collection of sinkers is now in the possession of Mr. Quidley, who will be exceedingly glad to return them to their owners, should they be able to furnish suitable facts showing their original ownership. It would be necessary, however, for them to state exactly when this particular drum did "steal, take and carry away said sinker."

Mother: "You good-for-nothing! Why don't you take a pattern from your father?"

Son: "What has he done?"

Mother: "Why, he has just got two years off his sentence for good conduct."

New York's 150 miles of docks handle 20 per cent of the foreign commerce of the United States.

MORE MEDALS FOR SURFMEN COAST GUARD

Dare County Men Receive Medals for Work at Anna May Wreck

By DAVID C. McCLURE

More testimonials to the valor and heroism of the Coast Guard Men of the Banks were added to the list when three of its citizens were recently awarded silver medals for bravery in saving life by the Department of Treasury in Washington. The Avon men receiving the medals were: Captain John B. Austin, retired, Sumner Scarborough, and Tommy Meekins. Eight more men received the same recognition from the National government.

The entire list of men receiving medals for the Anna May rescue is as follows: Tom Barnett, Monroe Gilliken, Baxter Jennett, B. R. Ballance, Erskine Oden, Frank W. Miller, John B. Austin, Levene W. Midgett, Tom Meekins, Jim Ketcham and Dallas Williams. These men were from the stations of Big Kinnakeet, Cape Hatteras, Creeds Hill, Durants and Hatteras Inlet.

The heroic deeds for which the awards were made took place on December 10, 1931. On that day the fishing steamer, the Anna May of Portsmouth, stranded on the shoals of the Outer Diamond about seven miles off shore. The crew of five men had all gone below to work on the boat's engine and unaware of the peril let the boat drift in a heavy sea. The strong gale was blowing from the northeast. The tide soon drove them aground.

The Coast Guardsmen spotted the wreck, and rescue boats from the three stations set out for it. Arriving at the scene, the Guardsmen found approaching the Anna May impossible due to the heavy sea that was spilling and churning about the shoals. The rescue boats lay about powerless and watched the waves tearing the fishing steamer to pieces until in the early night a fog came up and hid the wreck entirely. The guardsmen then returned to Cape Hatteras station and sat up until daylight and then set out again to aid, if possible, the distressed crew.

Reaching the Outer Diamonds again, they found the waves shooting up over the masts of the Anna May, while her crew was up in the rigging, clinging for their lives to the ropes. Ten minutes after the Guardsmen had reached the wrecked boat, it suddenly went to pieces, spilling her crew into the raging sea. By good luck then and great courage on the part of the Guardsmen, every man was pulled from the boiling water and taken ashore. If the rescue boats had been a few minutes later, the Anna May's entire crew would have been doubtless drowned.

To the Guardsmen the affair was a day's work. But to the Department of Treasury and the rest of the world it was more than that. It was heroism. And that is why eleven men now have silver medals bearing on them this simple but sufficient inscription: "For Bravery, Rescuing several men from drowning December 10, 1931."

CAR HEADED FOR DARE CLIMBS PINE AT OTTER CREEK

Just across Long Shoal River in Hyde County, are the marks of a man who was in a hurry to get to Dare several months ago. A truck driver, whose name is unknown, was on his way to Stumpy Point and actually climbed a tree with his car. You have heard of men who wrapped their automobiles around the trunks of trees. This is what happened when his car rode swiftly over the Otter Creek bridge. It stood up against a pine tree, wrapped its wheels around it in a light embrace and rode up it for about 14 feet. Believe it or not, the marks are on the tree.

The tree was not damaged much and the driver was not hurt.

- ### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOOPER FAMILY WHOSE HOME BURNED
- Acknowledgement is made of the following contributions to the fund being raised for Leonard Hooper and family of Salvo, Dare County, who lost what they had in a fire a few days ago:
 - Roy Davis \$1.00
 - M. L. Daniels 1.00
 - Marlin Kellogg, Jr. 1.00
 - D. V. Meekins 1.00
 - R. Bruce Etheridge 1.00
 - C. S. Meekins 1.00
 - Additional contributions will be announced next week. Any amount may be sent regardless how small or how large.