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To Give Dare A $3,000,000 Income

Ten Million Dollars is the amount it is estimated that tourist trade will expend in Asheville and Buncombe county alone this season. If there is a 20 percent profit in the tourist business, then Buncombe county's business men and citizens will be richer by $2,000,000 than they would be without this enormous income. This business came not by reason of any tremendous agricultural or industrial activity, but because Buncombe county is blessed with a magnificent wealth of climate and scenery that is advertised to the world.

Several factors have been employed in letting the world know about Buncomb county's advantages and the appeal of its wonderful mountains and its scenic location has been augmented by the fact that a number of millionaires have settled there and continued to boost that section.

It is quite true that Buncombe county had to first make a beginning in the business of attracting tourists, and its immense income is a result of years of constant exploitation of Asheville's advantages. The good fortune that comes to Asheville can very easily be duplicated in Dare County, even though on a smaller scale. If Asheville and Buncombe county can enjoy a tourist business of $10,000,000 in a year with a consequent profit of $2,000,000 to its citizens and business men, then it would not be amiss to expect Dare County, a far larger region, to enjoy less than 1-3 as much tourist income, and on that basis we could quickly hope to see an outlay of $3,000,000 annually spent in Dare county by people who come here principally for recreational purposes. On this basis Dare county would realize a net profit of $600,000 a year which would mean $100 per capita—a hundred smackers for every man, woman and child who now lives in Dare county.

If you could add an income to Dare county that would equal a sum of $100 for each of the 6,000 inhabitants of the county, you would witness the people of Dare county in greater prosperity than anyone has ever dreamed of. It require no stroke of the imagination to picture an income even larger from tourist business. The tourist today is anxious for some place to go. The places that have been exploited over and over again begin to lose their appeal and the new and unspoiled places hold a greater attraction for those people with money nd leisure, who want some different place in which to find enjoyment.

Dare county has a tremendous asset in its beaches and its water and skies, its 85 miles of ocean shore, its immense dense forests and its unexcelled hunting and fishing will prove a far greater, more profitable and more enjoyable asset than hundreds of thousands of acres of arable land or millions invested in huge industrial plants that crush and grind the human soul amidst the roar and rush of their machinery.

Those folks who live in Dare county today little realize the magnitude of the future that awaits us. People are busy with their everyday affairs, their time is consumed in making a living, and it is practically impossible for them to keep in touch with things that go on outside and to be posted on the trends of the times.

In order to bring to Dare county this immense income from tourist trade, it will first be necessary to tell the tourist world in no uncertain terms about Dare county. When one considers the immense business that has come to our beaches with comparatively little advertising and effort, one may, by comparing the western North Carolina counties' success, see most readily that a little more effort and expenditure of time and money on the part of those who must guide the destiny of Dare county, would very easily result in a great increase in money that would be spent here.

The evidence that Dare county has a tremendous future is more readily observed by outsiders than by our home folks, because outsiders have a better opportunity to read and to travel and to see what has been accomplished in other places. In this connection it is of interest to note that such forward looking men as W. O. Saunders of the Elizabeth City Independent, is so impressed with the future of Dare County that he thinks Dare County needs a manager.

The idea is sound in theory, but doubtful in practice. Few men among the citizens could be expected to have the knowledge and the vision to plan the destiny of Dare county along well ordered, yet swiftly moving routes of progress that would have the proper balance of acceleration.

On the other hand, what oustider could be imported and made a manager of Dare County, who would have more than a mercenary interest in the post? Surely, the professional executive who could foresee only a temporary position, one which would be dependent on changes of administration, would not be expected to have the natural love and affection, and pride in achievement that beats within the heart of the forward looking native.

It is a certainty the bringing in of any outsider, or the employment at a high salary of any native would be met with a storm of protest from the residents of Dare County who hold the votes in their hands. As a consequence, such a progressive move is far in the future rather than near at hand. There must be a campaign of education, and every citizen must first learn for himself if the prospects to follow so great a departure look good.

Dare County's progress must be worked out along conservative lines. We want no boom and need no boom. A sudden high pressure development would arouse the excitement of all to the highest pitch; it would drive the county to unprecendented development at public expense; it would cause over-investment of private capital and a great influx of outsiders seeking employment and bringing more families who might be burdensome. The upshot of it all is that in the event of any depression or let-down of any kind, that would bring a sudden and serious decline in business. The county from every angle would be in a terrible fix. It would be loaded with a maximum of overhead with no income to meet its bills, its citizens would be out of employment, and burdened with prohibitive taxes.

Dare County needs no boom, and no high pressure methods. It must be content to continue its present style of progress with such acceleration as increased prosperity over the country will bring it. That we have made a great progress in this manner is certain. Such progress as been made is on the bed rock foundation of "slow and sure." We have everything the tourists want and need. We have only to carefully tend this crop to reap a bountiful harvest. We must cultivate it in a way of speaking as the wise farmer, who does his midwinter plowing, and who keeps the summer grass plowed under; who uses his own native fertilizers and doesn't depend on high priced imported chemical fertilizers, which often bankrupt the farmer, but enable the fertilizer magnates to own $100,000 mansions.

God Almighty has looked out for us fairly well. It is time for the folks of Dare to get busy and put out, if they want more. The Lord, they say, only continues to help those who help themselves.

Something Wrong Somewhere

The writer recently stood on the wharf at Stumpy Point in Dare County, which is one of the greatest producers of fine food fish on the Atlantic Coast and saw thousands of pounds of fish being sold at one-half to three-quarters of a cent a pound. Fishermen had risen at two o'clock in the morning and gone forth to bring in the most desirable of trout and other fish and could get barely enough to pay them for their gasoline, not to speak of an inadequate return on their investment nor the wear and tear on it.

Going down to Belhaven, which is in the heart of this great fish producing section, and within a stone's throw of the wharf where many of these fish are sold and packed for shipment, one finds in the leading restaurant of the town, a fish dinner on the bill of fare priced at forty cents. The meal is allright. It had the usual trimmings, and was as fine and adequate as could be found in any other restaurant. But the piece of fish coming with it was only a half a trout, and a half that weighed less than half a pound at that. The fishermen actually got only three eights of a cent for that piece of fish. In an hour, with a few vegetables and a little corn bread, it was selling at one hundred times the price paid the fisherman. There is something wrong somewhere.

If the people of Dare County believe in patronizing home industry; if they think something should be done to help the fishermen, they can easily prove their faith by their works. It is their solemn duty to buy and eat more fish, and thereby keep money at home, and put it in the pockets of those who need it. It is the heigth of folly to send money away from home for canned beef, sausage and tripe packed in Bolivia, pork packed in Chicago, or codfish from Boston, and salmon from Oregon. Think it over.

Congratulating The Courier

The Dare County Times takes pleasure in congratulating the producers of the Croatan Courier, the new publication of the WPA Camp now taken over by the National Park Service, and named Camp Wirth, formerly known as Little Eustis. The Croatan Courier replaces the Fort Eustis News, which was produced at Fort Eustis, Virginia by the WPA boys.

The Courier first appeared at Manteo on August 14, and again on August 21. It will be published weekly, and is a smart and snappy publication that does credit to the producers. Its editorial staff is composed of Peter Gurka, Supervisor; Robert Hill, Editor, Chester Vaughan and Kenneth Landacre, Reporters. We congratulate them on their enterprise in publishing so interesting and worthy a medium for boosting the camps and giving out newsy information about their activities.

MANTEO GIRL

(Continued from page one)

In Switzerland Mrs. Barber's party motored through the awe-inspiring Alps and at Interlaken had the wonderful opportunity of seeing a production of Schiller's William Tell in which a cast of 750 people took part.

At Milan, Leonardo da Vinci's famous fresco "The Last Supper", was the chief attraction. Venice showed signs of the depression, palace after palace also, the families having been abandoned for lack of funds with which to keep them up. In Florence they found the cultural center of Italy while Rome is more beautiful than ever. All the ruins have been illuminated, and parts of the city are being rebuilt. The Appian Way, along with other roads leading to Rome, has been rebuilt. In Rome Mussolini is having great amphitheatres of white marble built, for use in Olympic games. From Naples, Mrs. Barber's party drove through the flax-growing district, also the olive and lemon groves. They viewed the ruins of Pompeii, and saw Vesuvius [illegible] At Capri they visited the famous Blue Grotto and the home of D. Axel Munthe, author of the well-known book, "The Story of San Michele."

On the return trip the Americans sailed on the ship Conte di Savoia. The boat had 25,000 people on board, including such celebrities as Grace Moore, Ina Claire, and numbers of famous lecturers and teachers, all rushing home because of European war clouds. In Europe they found the American dollar worth only sixty or sixty-five cents, the least it has been worth for years. On board the ship also was an Indian rajah with four wives, twenty-five servants, and 250 pieces of baggage. On landing the rajah tried to claim Mrs. Barber's trunk, in addition to all his own baggage, and she and the authorities had a hard time convincing him that it did not belong to him. Crossing the Americans path a number of times while they were in Europe was a real Arabian sheik, with his numerous wives.

The last part of the trip, as scheduled had to be cancelled, as it would have taken the party through Spanish territory. The ship was convoyed through the Straits of Gibraltar, to protect it from being fired upon. People were taken on board the ship in Gibraltar at 2 a.m. Although nothing happened there were some tense moments on board, while the ship with all lights extinguished, passed through the Spanish war zone.

MRS. MATHIS TO APPEAR AT MEETING IN RALEIGH

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mathis will leave Sunday for Raleigh, where Mrs. Mathis will take an active part in a meeting of WPA theatre directors. Miss Mary Donoberger State Director of the Federal Theatre Project, has asked Mrs. Mathis, director of the Roanoke Island project, to give a play-reading at one of the sessions. At another session Mrs. Mathis will lead a discussion of community problems confronting the various project directors, and at still another session she will give a talk on "America's Cradle Song", the pageant produced here on Virginia Dare Day, telling how it was produced, its effect on the audience, and other phases that will be of interest to fellow directors.

DANCE IS GIVEN AT NAGS HEAD COAST GUARD STATION

Chief Warrant Officer L. T. Doughty, formerly in charge of Seventh District headquarters in Elizabeth City but now with the Tenth District and Mrs. Doughty, were guests of honor Saturday night at a dance given by the crews of the Nags Head Coast Guard Station.

A large crowd of invited guests attended the dance, the music for which was furnished by an orchestra from the CCC Camp on Roanoke Island, and which lasted until midnight.

Among out-of-town guests were Capt. and Mrs. C. H. Wolston, Capt. and Mrs. Walter Etheridge, Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Walker and Calvin Tweedy of Elizabeth City, Capt. John Allen Midgett of Rodanthe and [illegible] Gallop, Snow Hill, Paul Gamble, H. H. Sutton.

TOWN TAXES TO BE ADVERTISED SEPT. 7

Delinquent taxes for the town of Manteo are scheduled to be advertised on Monday, September 7, sale of property to take place on October 5, according to Miss Eulalia Midgett, town collector.

Notice of this action is being posted by advertisement in the Dare County Times this week as well as on the bulletin board of the county court house.

POWER AND LIGHTS ON SOUND SIDE NOW

Branch Line Now Give Old Nags Head a Chance to Have a Modern

Nothing at Nags Head [illegible] to be when [illegible] and on a [illegible] long since washed [illegible] have electric [illegible] the sound side which [illegible] Old Nags Head.

Last Friday afternoon [illegible] girls Electric and Power company completed a branch line [illegible] sound side and already [illegible] number of cottages [illegible] called electrical [illegible] hooked in on [illegible]

This branch [illegible] it. One of them is [illegible] side will rapidly become [illegible] just as the ocean side [illegible] The other side is Nags Head [illegible] yesterday is completely [illegible] erased from existence except in the memory of many people.

ROADS ON ROANOKE ISLAND RESURFACED

Layer of Gravel and Tar Being Spread Over Badly Worn Hard Surface

The resurfacing of Roanoke Island hard surfaced roads is progressing but traffic has not slowed up considerably.

During the past week and the surface has been laid on the road from the north end of the island practically all the way to Wanchese and Wanchese branch of the highway to Manteo. Rain Wednesday afternoon [illegible] resday night [illegible] off the main highway.

When this bit of [illegible] completed Roanoke Island [illegible] a hard surface [illegible] provided.

[illegible] Roanoke Sound bridge to the junction and the road from Wanchese to the north end of the island.

TOURIST WANT SIGN POINTING UP-TOWN

Visitors Believe Sign Should Be Erected Pointing to Manteo Business Section

Visitors to Manteo on their first visit always run by the main thoroughfare leading to the uptown business section because there are no signs to tell them when they are approaching the place they have planned.

Many people who have come to Manteo for their first time, during the past week have complained [illegible] driven all the way to the north end of town [illegible] up the road. Many people have come in [illegible] and [illegible] up Main to the north town [illegible] in attractive [illegible] would be well worth [illegible]

S. A. GRIFFIN CONFINES HIM AT HIS HOME HERE

The condition of S. A. Griffin, Sr., who has been critically ill for some time, has been much improved. Mr. Griffin has been confined to his home for about seven weeks.

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