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Dare County Liquor Stores Do A \$40,000 Business In One Year

Twenty Seven Wet Counties Agree to Set Aside Five Per Cent to Finance Exhibit at New York Worlds Fair; County's Donation Will Be \$2,500; Dare's Business Expected to Increase During 1938-1939.

According to figures recently given out in North Carolina following a conference of the managers of liquor stores in 27 counties, Dare County's anticipated gross sales of liquor during fiscal year is set at \$50,000.

At this conference it was agreed by all the representatives of the wet counties to set aside five per cent of their sales to finance North Carolina exhibit at the New York Worlds fair in 1939. Dare's quota was \$2,500.00.

On this basis it is fair to assume that the sales for the current passing year, which closes within a few days, will run about \$40,000. Within a few days, the State ABC board auditors will file their formal report, and it may show the figure slightly higher.

The report may, when issued show the Dare County ABC Board has made a net profit of \$4,000 during the year of operation of the stores at Nags Head and Manteo. This profit will most likely not be represented in cash, but in stocks of liquor on hand. It will be remembered that the liquor stores began business without a dollar on hand. The stock was all bought on time, and the Board was not in position to take advantage of very profitable discounts that would have been available had it bought for cash.

The estimate of profits is based on the recent allotment of profits reported in other counties, which shows a net of ten per cent on gross sales. On that basis, it is fair to assume that Dare's net profit on \$40,000 gross sales is \$4,000.

The operation of the two liquor stores in Dare County during the past year makes it advisable to keep both stores open all the year. The tourist business of the County demands it. Ordinarily, one store would do. The stores each have a man during the winter, and two in the summer. At the present time Columbus Baum manages the Nags Head Store; Robert Midgett and Jere Parker are in the Manteo store.

The Board started off by carrying a stock of some \$30,000 worth of liquor, all of which had to be bought on time. At the close of the summer months this stock was reduced to almost half volume. In a matter of two and not over three years, the profits accumulating should give the stores sufficient operating capital, and at the end of which time they should have several thousands of dollars in net proceeds to turn over to the county annually.

One disadvantage to Dare County is that it has a slow turnover, on many items of high priced liquor. Dare County is visited by many tourists during a year, whose trade demand a wide range of liquors. In order to satisfy the trade, the stores must stock many high priced items, for which few calls are made. This is somewhat unprofitable expense, yet is necessary in a resort section catering to nationwide travel.

The ABC board is composed of M. L. Daniels Chairman, and Guy H. Lennon of Manteo, and J. E. Culpeper of Nags Head. It has offices in the N. C. Fisheries Building, as well as warehouse space, supplemental to one room in the county jail. The Board at the beginning, obtained the services of Representative Roy Davis, who gives it practically his full time, and undoubtedly receives for his services, much less than a man of like training and experience could be picked up for anywhere else. Miss Sybil Daniels of Wanchese is his secretary and book-keeper. The job keeps both pretty busy.

The foregoing figures were not given out by the ABC board, but are based on statements issued from other sources which are considered absolutely accurate. It is understood at the present time that an auditor's report will be issued in a few days which will be made public and will substantiate the above figures, and show the ABC

HONORED THIS WEEK BY STATE'S POSTMASTERS



MRS. EFFIE A. BRICKHOUSE, popular and efficient postmistress of Columbia, was this week honored by North Carolina Postmaster's Association in Greensboro, by being elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Association. W. T. Culpeper of Elizabeth City was made president of the Association, which named Elizabeth as its next year's convention place.



THE CHALLENGE

To a little boy, five years old this week: I have been somewhat puzzled to know what to give you for your birthday. For some weeks now your young impatience has anxiously inquired of me each day, "how many days before my birthday." No doubt the memory of last year's pleasant event was sticking in your mind, and tasty things and trilling toys were anticipated now. I hope the day has not disappointed you, and yet it might be best if you have some disappointments now. I wonder and I fear for you and for myself. When I was five years old, my mother had taught me to read. There wasn't much else to do. Now, if either your mother or I had the time, we might teach you something wrong, and something which would make it more difficult for you when you do start to school.

As you happened to be born in June, you will start to school a year earlier than if you had been born in the September before. And when that day comes, we must surrender you to the commonwealth. The commonwealth will take you. (Please turn to page four)

"LOST COLONY'S" SECOND LOT OF ACTORS CHOSEN

David Somers Considered Excellent Choice For Part Of Old Tom; Many Local Folk

With the cast virtually completed, and the first full-company rehearsal staged with hopeful vigor Wednesday night, Roanoke Island has this week settled down to an expectant two weeks that intervene before the final dress rehearsal on Saturday night, the second of July, and then, on the following night, the opening performance of this year's edition of Paul Green's "Lost Colony."

For the most part Roanoke Islanders have returned to their places in the cast as it was staged last year. There have been some shiftings around, and a few new faces have been introduced into the company, in each of the three fields from which the show draws its personnel. The Federal Theatre has new names and faces, and so the Carolina Playmakers and the Islanders.

Paul Green was the first of the company to arrive, coming down last Thursday night and he will remain until the show is under way. Samuel Selden and his staff, including Mrs. Selden arrived the following day and Saturday night the rousettes were put on at the Court House. Late Sunday the professionals began arriving from New York and at the

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THE BEACHCOMBER

By BEN DIXON MacNEILL



Always there is some sort of compensation to balance life's villainess, even such heathenish necessity as being up at 6 o'clock in the morning if you are going to get any work done before the world comes and more or less builds a nest in your hair. But even so it takes a good deal of compensation to balance the score of having to be at your typewriter at this hour of the morning.

Still, if it weren't for that necessity, I'd be missing Capt. Jeff Hayman practicing on the cow-horn trumpet he—well, he says he borrowed it up in Currituck the other afternoon, but other reports are somewhat at variance with that version. The man who had the cow-horn says it was just taken, and other observers say cap'n Jeff swiped it. But Cap'n Jeff says he borrowed it.

Anyhow he practices blowing the blasted thing at 6 o'clock in the morning, and being at work here, I'm privileged to hear him. It isn't so much of a privilege to hear him; seeing him practice is what compensates me for being up at that heartenish hour. It's no privilege whatever to hear anybody not even Cap'n Jeff, practice on a cow horn.

According to Paul Green,—Well, there's no particular point in involving Paul Green in the matter. But Cap'n Jeff went up to Currituck with Mr. Green prospecting Monday afternoon. They were gone several times as long as they said they'd be gone, and when Cap'n Jeff descended to the earth, he had this horn slung over his shoulder. He adjusted his teeth placed the thing to his lips and fetched a couple of earth-shaking blasts upon it.

Spectators were so startled for a little they were not quite sure whether Cap'n Jeff's skull had exploded or not. He did have a sort of vacant look about the eyes and back of the ears, as if the contents of his skull had been sacrificed in the making of ghastly noises. He re-adjusted his teeth and looked around pleased. He had, indeed, achieved a notable mess of sound.

It is, very obviously, a very ancient trumpet. The legend is that its late owner in Currituck inherited it from his grandfather. For a great many years, now, the lady who is married to the fellow Cap'n Jeff took or borrowed if from, has used it for summoning her husband from the more distant reaches of their farm. When she wanted him to come home to dinner, she would blow a few blasts upon it, and he would come home to dinner.

And when Mr. Green and Cap'n Jeff and others wished to see him Monday afternoon, she took down the cow-horn and blew some blasts upon it. Her husband came. And Cap'n Jeff came away with the cow-horn. What he aims to do with it nobody, not even himself, seems quite to know. But at 6 o'clock in the morning he walks grandly up and down the avenues of Fort Raleigh blowing enormous concussions of sound from it.—It may be that of the bones of any of the original Lost Colony were interred thereabouts they will rise up some morning and probably so terrify Cap'n Jeff that he will thereafter be utterly incapable of further effort toward disrupting the tranquillity of the early morning.

After a season of contemplation of the phenomenon of Bradford Fearing, I'm disposed to the opinion that Lindsay Warren, introducing him the afternoon the President was here last August, got his mechanics a trifle mixed. The Congressman called him a human dynamo, and that description seemed, and altogether reasonably, quite apt at the time, which was August.

But after further observation of the subject, I think it should be amended to read "Diesel engine." My acquaintance with mechanics is mostly casual, but I'm informed that a Diesel engine is unable to get started until enormous pressure is brought to bear upon its cylinder head or somewhere, and after you get the pressure going, it will start with power enough to pull entire flocks of dynamos.

It has been my observation of (Please turn to page eight)

Fishing Pier Seems Likely Prospect For Beach This Season

Estimated Cost Would Be About \$10,000 To \$15,000 and Venture Would Have Large Daily Income In Summer; Piers On Other Beaches Highly Successful, Florida Resident Says; Some Municipally Owned

THE MAN WHOSE WIFE CAN RUN HIS BUSINESS



The great success of the R. J. Ederer Net & Twine Company in eastern North Carolina can be ascribed largely to the versatility of its salesmen. Take for instance George C. Hall, who with his wife and baby have recently moved to North Carolina, to look after the firm's business at close range. George had an eye to his job. He not only worked in and out of the Baltimore office for more years than he wants to say, but he succeeded in marrying a charming and capable young woman, who had worked in the office 14 years, and now when folks call up George's house, Mrs. Hall answers the phone and takes their orders, in fact she knows as much about the ret business as George does.

There is also a little George in the family. George was mighty efficient in the net business, but he had to leave Baltimore. There are so many George Hall's living in Baltimore that no one knows how to call him up when they get to town, and finally after phoning some 15 or 20 of them people gave up and quit. So George came to North Carolina where his friends will more easily find him at the Reid Apartments on Bonner St. The photograph shows them on their honeymoon in Florida.

THEOCANUS TILLET, DIES AT KITTY HAWK TUESDAY

Theocanus Tillet, retired Coast Guard, died Tuesday morning at the age of 64, following a stroke. His home was in Kitty Hawk, and he last served at Kill Devil Hills Station, leaving in August 1929. He was a member of a large family of Tilletts, was a member of the M. E. Church. Interment was made in the family cemetery at Kitty Hawk, services being conducted by Rev. M. R. Gardner the pastor, Wednesday.

He is survived by four sons, Pennell of Rodanthe, Melvin of Kitty Hawk, Vernon and Coulter L. of Virginia Beach and two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Midgett of Virginia Beach and Mrs. Esther Beacham of Kitty Hawk.

BASEBALL SUNDAY

Manager W. B. Midgett announces he expects a big time Sunday on the local Diamond when his Manteo All Stars will play the Blue Devils from Norfolk on the local diamond at 3:30. A large crowd is expected to see this game.

Bobby (in the presence of family) was a good one. (She) slapped na kiss Miss Long—she slapped daddy for doing it.

Tentative plans for a fishing pier at Nags Head have been considered now for several months. There is wide demand for it, and a group of Elizabeth City men been going over the situation, and getting estimates on the cost.

Construction of a pier some 300 feet long anywhere along the Dare County Coast would cost about \$10,000 to \$15,000. It would enable fishermen to daily get some of the rarest sport to be had, on paying a nominal fee for the use of the pier. Proof of the good fishing to be found by fishing from a pier was witnessed at scene of wreck of the Paragay at Kill Devil Hills. Hundreds of people would go to Capt. Jack Nelson's place and be set aboard the wreck in a small boat. And until the wreck finally settled in the sands, it was a popular place where the catch was always good.

Clarence D. Toler, Coast Guard keeper of Flagler Beach, Fla., a Dare County native, who was visiting here this week, says fishing piers along the Florida coast are a great success. He tells of one such pier which could be duplicated for \$20,000 that is 600 feet long, and which has an income running up to \$50 a day by charging a fee of only 25 cents a day. This pier is municipally owned, built of wood, on piles ranging in length from 30 to 60 feet, and eight feet above mean high water. Mr. Toler has paid considerable attention to the operation of these piers, and believes that Dare County would not only find such an enterprise financially profitable, but an immense drawing card, and advertisement for the county. Not even Virginia Beach has such a pier, and that is the beach nearest Dare County.

Plans Permanent Furniture Store In Dare County

Legum's now Doing Big Business; Manteo Store To Be Enlarged

Taking advantage of a business opportunity that has existed in Manteo a long time, A. J. Legum Furniture Company will operate a furniture store permanently in Manteo, and their present store in the Baum building is to be enlarged, so the entire building will be used for their showroom. R. A. Cogan, manager of the company stated this week.

The A. J. Legum Furniture Company calls itself the largest home owned furniture business in Norfolk. It has been in operation less than 20 years, and has a staff of nearly 30 people looking after its interests. It has been operating in Dare County more than a year from its Norfolk store.

Now that a store is to be established in Manteo, Legum's will be in position to push its trade down into Hyde County, or over into Tyrrell County, as well as to the south along the Banks. Legum's expects to serve a wide region.

Incidentally, the operation of a large active store in Manteo will cause the expenditure of considerable money in Manteo, much of which formerly went away to mail order houses.

MORRISSETTE DEMANDS TO BE HEARD ON BEER LICENSE

A. H. Morrisette, whose place at Duck has gained a bad reputation for girls and whiskey selling, and who was denied a license to sell beer in Dare County by the Commissioners last week, has served notice on the board he demands a hearing.

Complaint was made by officials of the Park Service camp. The Commissioners decided Dare County has all it needs of businesses of this type without further encouraging Morrisette's.

Laws and Money Both Provide Means For Highway Connect'ns

Brief Prepared By C. W. Tatem, Shows That Former Highway Commissions Had Full Authority, and Finally Sufficient Appropriations to Properly Connect Hyde, Tyrrell, and Dare County as Originally Intended

That sufficient authority and money as well has been provided to enable the State Highway Commission to connect Dare, Hyde and Tyrrell Counties by all weather roads from county seat to county seat was set forth in a recent brief made by C. W. Tatem, President of the Southern Albemarle Association.

So many requests for publication of the facts in this brief, as presented by Mr. Tatem before the State Highway and Public Works Commission in Raleigh recently have come to this paper, that today we are giving our readers the most important things under consideration:

In 1921, the Legislature Passed the Following Law: "The general purposes of this article are for the State to lay out, take over, establish and construct, and assume control of approximately 5,500 miles of hard-surfaced and other dependable highways running to all county-seats, and to all principal towns, State parks, and principal State highways of other States and with national highways into national reserves by the most practicable routes, with special view of development of agriculture, commercial and natural resources of the State, and for the further purpose of permitting the state to assume control of the state highways, repair, construct, and reconstruct and maintain said highways at the expense of the entire state, and to relieve the counties and cities and towns of the state of this burden."

This Was Amplified as Follows: "The purpose and intent of this article is to establish a system of state highways for the state, hard-surfaced said highways as rapidly as possible, and maintaining the entire system of said highways in the most improved manner as outlined in this article. Work on the various links in the state highway system shall be of such a character as will lead to ultimate hard surfaced construction as rapidly as money, labor and materials will permit, and to a state system of durable hard-surfaced all-weather roads, connecting the various county-seats, principal towns and cities."

It also Specified: "Fifty Five hundred, (5,500) miles shall be the approximate maximum limit of mileage of the state highway system." It is obvious from the reading of these three sections, that it was the intent and purpose of the Legislature, in creating a state wide highway system, under a centralized control and investing the administrative power in the Highway Commission, that approximately 5,500 miles of road should be the limit of the state highway system, until the same had been finished to conform to the provisions of section 3.

The power to make changes and additions granted to the Highway Commission by the Legislature of 1937, Chapter 46, Section 1, did not contemplate additions to the original highway system in excess of an amount of mileage which would permit these gentlemen, under practical working conditions, to perfect the system which the Legislature of 1921 had made it mandatory to construct connecting all county seats with hard sur-

faced roads. To Connect all Counties In other words, it was clearly the intent and purpose of the Legislature, as expressed and revealed in the original law and all of the amendments thereto, that a system of state highways, consisting of hard surfaced roads, connecting all county seats, should be provided for the people of North Carolina before the highway com-

These folks who come down here for a week-end of fishing and limit their activities to trolling for channel bass at Oregon Inlet are missing a great portion of what Dare County fishing waters have to offer.

The large catches from the surf near Cape Hatteras by sportsmen like P. A. Mitchell Hedges, G. Albert Lyon, Van Campen Heilner and Harry Stelwagon attest to our claim that no better surf fishing is to be found anywhere along the coast than right here in Dare County.

A seven pound large mouthed bass was exhibited up at Kill Devil Hills Monday by three anglers who had been fishing over in Kitty Hawk Bay. Using spinners and pork chunks for bait they had fished for about two hours in the afternoon from a skiff with a net result of four bass, including the seven pounder. Two of these ardent fishermen, Donald Small and Dr. C. K. Himmelsbock, went to Oregon Inlet the following morning and brought home 21 flounders.

A party from Rocky Mount reported several good catches of bass from the Fresh Pond this week. Experienced fresh water fishermen usually have little trouble getting good catches in said Pond, but the main drawback is that a license is required for fishing there; whereas in the bays and creeks to the west one need not buy a license.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wright, Jr., and son Charles of Wendell visited Mr. and Mrs. Chester Vogler Saturday and Sunday and all went fishing Saturday and Sunday. The catch consisted of 14 blues, two spanish mackerel and five sharks. They expect to return in August with other friends. They fished with Capt. Wise.

Wheeler Fields has a nicely outfitted cabin over on the west shore (Please turn to page eight)

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