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## HATTERAS' NAME FLARES ACROSS NATION BECAUSE OF NEW FISHING EXPLOIT

**Hugo Rutherford's Capture of 439 Blue Marlin Sensation in Nations News; Expected to Bring Thousands of Sea Sportsmen to Hatteras Where Many Other Kinds of Fish Abound**

The Dare County Coastland and the Hatteras section in particular again broke into sport news nationally when Hugo Rutherford, of Allamuchy, N. J., world wide fishing enthusiast and United States representative to the International Tuna Fishing Competition off the Nova Scotia coast, proved his long held theory that the blue marlin could be interested in a bait off the North Carolina coast.

Mr. Rutherford did not start fishing this trial without due thought, investigation and preparation. Last Fall he came to Hatteras and engaged a local sportfishing guide, with his locally built boat, to take him out to the Gulf Stream for an exhaustive study of the waters there. Upon finding plenty of justification for his theory that the marlin should be there Mr. Rutherford left his well appointed yacht Mako II in Elizabeth City for the winter and early in June returned to Hatteras with his guide and Captain Emil Eggmann. At Hatteras he picked up Lloyd Styron, local guide, and the Mako II put to sea. For ten days a diligent search was made for marlin in the waters previously investigated. No marlin appeared. There were great schools of dolphin, amberjack, red drum and many flying fish but Mr. Rutherford came for blue marlin and showed little interest in other specimens.

The area to be covered was widened in scope and on the first day in the new section two of the gamest of the game fish struck the bait. One threw the hook. The other fouled on the propeller of the Mako II after being severely whipped by the fisherman.

Next day another was lost when brought to the boat for the gaff. But, shortly after, the fourth to take a bait was successfully landed by Mr. Rutherford. Twelve feet one inch long, fifty six inches around and weighing 439 pounds it was a fine specimen of the species. Captain Eggmann and Guide Styron state, of course, that the two that got away were much larger than the one in the cold storage plant of the Hatteras Development Corporation.

Mr. Rutherford is not satisfied. He plans to remain in this section until more marlin fall victim to his skill. A young man he has plenty of time. He is congenial and his friends in this section may be numbered by all who have met him. A perfect host on shipboard he has entertained Hatteras folk in the same hospitable manner that they treated him. The world is better for this type of young man. Modest yet with a purpose and the youthful zest and ambition to carry out that purpose. Hatteras is glad, Dare County is pleased and North Carolina sportfishing has gained added prestige through the efforts of Hugo Rutherford. Come again Mr. Rutherford and bring more like you. When you leave off fishing for a few days visit the other interesting sections of modern Dare the Mother County of English Civilization in America.

## MIDGETT APPEALED FOR EARLY SEASON



CLARENCE MIDGETT of Manteo Harbor was one of those who appealed to the Board of Conservation and Development recently in behalf of an early opening date on shad. Mr. Midgett argues it is more important to catch and sell shad early when prices are good than later when they are low. He sent the following letter to the Board:

"I am indeed sorry that I cannot (Please turn to page eight)

## DARE COURT TO HAVE A MURDER CASE IN FALL

**Bruce Mann Waived Preliminary Hearing; Other Cases Tried.**

Preliminary hearing was waived in the case of Bruce Mann, Tuesday, when the nineteen year old colored boy of Manteo's California section was brought up in Judge Baum's Recorder's Court for the alleged murder of Evelyn King.

Freckled-faced Mann, who was already under a suspended sentence of six months for buying whiskey for Alvin Dowdy, sat on a hard bench and blankly looked out of a second floor Court House window, for three quarters of an hour before court was begun Tuesday afternoon. Behind his stolid stare, might have been countless mingled thoughts of the circumstances that led up to the horrible beating he gave Evelyn King, the young colored girl who eventually died, of lockjaw, allegedly caused by wounds inflicted by him.

He might easily have been thinking too, of what happened afterwards; of his hurried trip to Norfolk where he was finally picked up at the home of an uncle at 522 Chapel Street, or of his week's stay in the Dare County jail.

His thoughts more likely, (Please turn to page eight)

## HATTERAS HAS GOOD BATHING BEACHES



DESPITE aspersions occasionally cast upon North Carolina's extreme east, the picture here will prove the great interest in the fine bathing of Hatteras, which is visited annually by hundreds of people seeking good fishing and bathing, and a spot that is not overcrowded. This picture was made near the Atlantic View Hotel.

## HOW AN OLD COLORED WOMAN SAVED TYRRELL COUNTY DEEDS

**Old Aunt Kate Held Yankees at Bay With Kettle of Hot Water on Riverside Farm**

BY DAVID STICK

This is the story of old Aunt Kate, the faithful colored mammy who outwitted the Yankees to save the deeds of Tyrrell county, at the time when the Civil War was at its height and the northerners were pillaging this section. The story is especially apropos at this time since recently the veterans of that war, yankees and confederates alike, assembled in Gettysburg for their reunion. The story was told us by Mrs. A. L. Walker of Columbia, a resident of that town since she was 14 years old, and officially recognized as Columbia's oldest citizen.

At the time of the war between the states, Mrs. Walker tells us, her grandfather, Mr. Thomas H. Alexander, was register of deeds of Tyrrell county, an office which carried with it the duties of lawyer, clerk of court, tax collector, relief agent and a score of other county offices that have since been established under separate heads. Mr. Alexander's official title was Thomas H. Alexander, Esquire, but he was known to the people of Tyrrell as Squire Alexander.

The Squire lived about three miles from Columbia on a farm known as Riverside, and he took it upon himself, at the time that the war was at its worst to care for all the poor and helpless persons in the county. Riverside was converted into a poor house and an orphan's home, but when news reached Columbia that the Yankees had left Plymouth and were headed for Tyrrell, the Squire gathered together his charges and took them to the comparative safety of the town. Fearing that the deeds and papers of the county would not be safe in Columbia, the Squire left them at Riverside in the care of his old colored mammy, Aunt Kate. (Please turn to page eight)

## CAUGHT VISIONS OF HIS SECTION'S POSSIBILITIES



EARL COHOON of Columbia, a young man of great vision is one of those who early caught the vision of the future development of the Southern Albemarle Region. As a successful business man he was quick to see the needs of the region and put his shoulder to the wheel to bring about greater things for the section. Long active in the affairs of the Southern Albemarle Association his views will be noted with interest. Read them elsewhere in this paper.

## BEACH LEAGUE TO OFFER PRIZES FOR CLEANING UP

**New Organization Gets To Work At Once For Improvements**

Prizes of five dollars, three dollars, and two dollars will be offered by the recently established Beach Civic League of Dare County, in the organization's clean-up drive for the beaches, it was announced yesterday by League president, Mrs. Russell Griggs.

Entrants for the contest must be registered with the secretary of the organization before August 1st. The contest will close September 1st, and the winners will be announced September 2nd, or 3rd. Selection of winners will be made by a specially appointed group of non-partisan judges who will be appointed in the near future.

The judges will visit the grounds of each person who is entered at intervals during the course of the contest, and the final selection will be based on improvement to driveways and walkways, the removal of unsightly signs, beautification of garbage can holders, and most important of all, removing trash and keeping the yards clean.

There will be no charge for entering the contest, and entrants will be under no obligations whatsoever. The contest is being sponsored by the newly established league, in an attempt to bring about large scale cleaning up and beautification of grounds in the immediate region of cottages along the beaches.

Money for the prizes and for correspondence is being raised through a Beach Civic League membership drive, which is being conducted by a committee headed by Miss Marie LeRoy. The membership fee is one dollar for each home and business establishment, and it is the aim of League backers to increase the membership to the extent that it includes every home and business establishment along the Dare County Beaches. Only in this way, they say, will the organization be able to accomplish the purpose that we have set down for it.

The Beach Civic League was formed several weeks ago in an attempt to bring about concerted action on the part of residents, businessmen, and landowners along the beach in getting certain civic improvements that are essential to a fast growing community of this sort. League advocates claim that beach citizens should get something in exchange for the large taxes they pay. Because in the past the beach people have made requests to the county commissioners as individuals or as small groups their pleas have not been considered. But with the establishment of the Beach Civic League it will be possible to send over delegations that are representing each and every citizen along the beaches. "Because of this," they say, "there is no apparent reason why the county commissioners would feel justified in not granting us certain requests that as large taxpayers we are more than entitled to."

Other projects for immediate consideration by the League are the current garbage collection situation.

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## NEGRO FARMER FINDS BURIED GOLD ON FARM NEAR PAMLICO RIVER

**Interesting Story Told of Discovery; Colored Man Not Telling Much About It; Secret Service Men Investigate Story; May Have Been Pirate Treasure.**

## WHITE NAMED DIST. PRESIDENT ODD FELLOWS

**Manteo Man Honored At Meeting Wednesday; Delegates Praise City**

Virginia Dare Lodge No. 3, Independent Order of Odd Fellows were hosts to the First District Convention I. O. O. F. of North Carolina in Manteo on Wednesday. About fifty delegates, some accompanied by their wives and daughters, attended the convention. District President H. V. Beamon of Gatesville, called the convention to order for the business session at 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning in the Pioneer Theatre and was followed by Robert Midgett of Manteo who delivered the address of welcome. John W. Clapp, Grand Master, of Burlington responded for the delegates.

The business session was devoted principally to hearing the reports of committees, the President's address and election of officers for the coming year. R. E. White, Manteo was elected District President. Ed Cartwright, Vice-President and W. C. Beamon, Secty.-Treas. The following officers were appointed to act until the next election: J. S. Selig, Marshall; C. J. Jones, Herald; M. L. Wood, Sentinel.

At the conclusion of the morning session the delegates, visiting relatives and friends, and local Rebekahs partook of a real old fashioned fish fry with all the trimmings which was served on the lawn at Raymond White's home.

The afternoon session, also held in the Pioneer Theatre, was open to all Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and friends of the Order. An address was delivered by Grand Master John W. Clapp, followed by talks from Deputy Grand Master R. V. Pate, Goldsboro; Grand Secretary H. A. Holstead of Mooresville; Grand Warden H. V. Beamon, Gatesville and M. P. Jennings, Trustee of Home, from Elizabeth City. Stress was laid, in these speeches, upon the necessity of improving the individual and thus directly improving the Order and making easier the increase in membership so very much desired.

The next District meeting will be held in January 1939 at Greenville, North Carolina. The territory comprising the First District is that portion of the state from Northampton County east on the North side of Albemarle Sound. The visitors were quite lavish in praise expressed for the courtesy of their hosts; the painted and improved Manteo and the comfortable weather provided for their convention. Many remained for the evening performance of the "Lost Colony."

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Deck returned with Mrs. Harry White from Durham, where Mrs. White has been visiting her sister Mr. and Mrs. White also had as their guest last week end, Mr. and Mrs. Neil McDonald, of the Back Bay Virginia CCC Camp.

The strange story of a hard working colored man who discovered a lot of buried gold on his farm near the mouth of the Pamlico River was told the other day in the New Bern Times:

A U. S. Secret Service investigation of the reported plowing up of gold ingots on Dallas Jordan's farm territory known to have been frequented by the Pirate Blackbeard in the early 100's—has authenticated the discovery of buried treasure.

The Federal investigation, conducted quietly this week by Secret Service man Edward Thomas, has assured Jordan, 64-year-old negro who paid \$500 for the 10-acre tract 21 years ago, that the U. S. Treasury would pay him for the gold he delivered in person to the Mint in Washington on June 13, and warned him to say "no" to all salesmen who are sure to seek him out.

Second Find There Jordan, far above the average rural Negro in intelligence, denied that the gold was worth anything like the \$15,000 rumored, and declined to state exactly how much he expected to get, but it was indicated that the find would yield him about \$2,000. Whether he thinks there is more gold on the place or not, is his secret, but it has been learned that a relative of Jordan's wife, known as Aunt Betty Harvey, uncovered a broken ingot a quarter century ago while hoeing cotton within 300 yards of the current find, and local legend is that she sold it for \$300 and then went insane.

The Secret Service investigated the treasure find because the anti-gold hoarding law of 1933 requires establishment of ownership of gold of this nature with a producer before it can be marketed legally. The Washington investigator was satisfied that it was found as Jordan reported it was: That is:

Bared By Erosion While plowing during the first week in June, Edward Connie, nephew of Jordan's wife, who works on the place, turned up irregular and hard objects in various sizes and shapes, that apparently had been brought near the surface by erosion.

As had everyone in the neighborhood, he knew the legend of Blackbeard's treasure being buried in the vicinity and had heard of Aunt Betty Harvey's good fortune. But he wasn't sure. He carefully collected the pieces and then turned them over to the owner of the land.

Jordan thought strongly from the beginning that it was gold, but he wasn't letting on to how much of it he had. He took only fragments into Washington, where Guy T. Swindell in R. Lee Stewart's jewelry store, removed any doubt. Swindell described the gold as having the exterior appearance of molten brass, very dirty, but bright underneath the coating of grime. He said the ingot was porous, as though poured when to cold and by one inexperienced in such matters.

Melted Down Coins Definitely, he declared the gold was not bullion but obviously was melted down coins or jewelry, or a mixture. He said he would guess

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## BUSINESS MEN WITH VISION BOOSTERS OF COASTLAND

The reader is invited to study the advertisements of the business men in this paper from week to week. They are men who always put their shoulder to the wheel for the progress of the coastland. They should be considered when you seek business connections in Coastal North Carolina or out of it.

We invite you to call on these merchants, and to get acquainted with them. You will find them putting friendliness before profits, good will as the first requisite of business, and with a readiness to make satisfactory every transaction.



Here it is the middle of July and a south-westerly wind has been blowing for two weeks. No wonder there haven't been any large catches made at the inlet recently.

Because the Spring run is over and the Fall run hasn't begun yet, July is never a particularly good month for inlet and ocean fishing around this section. But even at that with a north-easterly wind one can usually expect to get a nice mess of trout if he fishes on the south side and the north side flounders are usually with us throughout the summer.

The fact that the time of year and the direction of the winds are unfavorable to inlet fishing shouldn't be too discouraging, though. Too often folks come to our coast with hopes of catching large salt water fish, and when conditions prevent them from being successful in that regard they turn around and head for home. Too seldom do people who are disappointed in the matter of salt water fishing, turn their thoughts to the bays and sounds to try their luck for those smaller finny warriors which abound in Dare County waters.

Although July is a poor month for salt water fishing hereabouts and a south-westerly wind makes that sort of fishing even less profitable at this time of year, nevertheless it is passingly easy to make

a good catch of bass over in the Kitty Hawk and Colington bays almost any day now.

But the fresh water angler doesn't need to limit his activities to the bays and sounds along the Dare County coast. Over at East Lake, Manns Harbor, and Stumpy Point, at the times when unfavorable winds and seasons make ocean fishing not worth while, a person can usually get a nice mess of smaller fish: bass, bream, perch and in many of the tributaries of the Alligator River, jack and pickerel in abundance. And it is a fact that a lot of people don't know, there are waters in that section that have never been fished by any but the old Croatan Indians who ranged this territory back in the time of the first colonization.

So to those anglers who are downhearted over the lack of good fishing conditions from the surf and at Oregon and Hatteras Inlets, we offer a suggestion. Leave that elaborate deep sea and surf casting equipment at your hotel and head out by car for Kitty Hawk, Colington, East Lake, Stumpy Point, or Manns Harbor. Make up your mind that you'll be satisfied with a large catch of smaller fish, and we'll stake most all our belongings that you'll get what you're after. Of course if you're "set" on salt

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## HOW TO MAKE SOME MONEY

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