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COAST GUARDS JOIN NAVY FOR WAR MANEUVERS OFF COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA

A Number From Dare County in Group That Will Join Fleet at Norfolk to Take Part in Maneuvers; Under Confidential Orders of United States War Service

Acting under confidential orders, a group of 20 or more Coast Guardsmen from the Seventh District left their stations this week to join the Atlantic fleet at Norfolk for the purpose of taking part in the war maneuvers shortly to be held in South American waters.

No information regarding the men, their destination or the part they are to play in the maneuvers was forthcoming from Seventh District headquarters on Wednesday.

"We are under confidential orders and have nothing to release for publication," said Chief Warrant Officer Walter G. Etheridge, of headquarters, over the telephone.

However, from snatches of conversation between the Coast Guardsmen who passed through Manteo Tuesday night en route to Norfolk, this newspaper gathered that a picked group consisting of one man from each station in the district has been detailed to join the fleet at Norfolk, and that these men will be away from their stations for probably as long as two months. They did not seem to know on what ships they would be stationed or exactly where they were going, but they all were of the impression that they were going somewhere off the coast of South America.

The Coast Guard service, under an act of Congress passed in 1916, automatically becomes a part of the United States Navy in time of war. Since the maneuvers now scheduled are for the purpose of repelling an imaginary invasion from Europe or Africa, it is likely that Navy officials thought it wise to give the Coast Guard a taste of what they may actually run-up against at some future time and to show them just what would be expected of them in case of war.

While the men from this district liked the idea of a Southern cruise in mid-winter, the married men didn't like the idea of being away from their families for two months, and none of them liked the idea of losing their subsistence pay of \$1 a day while away from their stations.

COMMUNITY BUILDING SPACE IS ASSIGNED

The board of directors of the Manteo community building met this week, considered applications for use of the building and assigned office space and meeting nights to some of the applicants.

Room No. 1, the large office on the southwest corner of the building, was assigned to I. P. Davis, County Welfare officer, and Room No. 2, the large adjoining room, was designated as a general waiting room to be used by Mr. Davis' office, the Health Department, the State Employment Service, and others. Room No. 3, on the southwest corner, was assigned to the WPA men's division, Room No. 4, was given to the Health Department, Room No. 5 to the WPA Women's division and Room No. 6 to the Home Demonstration Agent. No provision could be made for the NYA office or the County Agent's office.

Following a policy of firms come, first served, the board of directors assigned the first Tuesday night in each month to the Music Club, the second and fourth Tuesdays to the Junior Woman's Club and the third Tuesday to the Senior Woman's Club. Mrs. Elwood Inge was granted the use of the building on Monday and Wednesday nights for the duration of the adult education course. No other organizations have yet applied for use of the building.

The board of directors is composed of Dr. W. W. Johnston, I. P. Davis, Melvin R. Daniels, Mrs. Annie Williamson and Mrs. Nanette Midgett.

Occupancy of the building has been delayed because of work on the floors, but the offices should be occupied around February 1.

FISHERMEN LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT SEASON

Large Gains Noted at Hatteras as Big Catches Come in

Great gains among the fishermen have been noted this week in Hatteras, and trout and croakers in large numbers have been brought in by sea fishermen. Something like 20,000 pounds of these fish were caught by Hatteras fishermen Tuesday and the gain had been general for several days. The market on croakers has run as low as one cent a pound, but even this low price has been very helpful to the fishermen. A dozen boats took part in the catch.

Maurice Burrus, well-known Hatteras business man says if the Hatteras people had better road facilities they could get two and three times as much for their fish as they are getting when they are completely dependent upon local markets. "If our people had equal advantages in competing with other sections that have roads, we would never have any depression on Hatteras," Mr. Burrus says.

Fishermen at Hatteras have been handicapped somewhat by the labor problem, according to T. S. Eaton, who says that a number of fishermen have had to go to the mainland to hire men to help them handle their nets. This has been due to a large extent because many of the working men at Hatteras have taken steady employment on the local WPA projects and will not relinquish these jobs for somewhat risky business of fishing. Leaders of the industry say, however, that hardly at any time have fishermen who worked steady made so little as may be earned on the relief projects.

At any rate, Hatteras is in a more hopeful mood than in many a day because of the improvement in fishing and in the prospects for a good season this spring. The continued fair weather has been helpful to the fishermen in completing preparations for their spring work and most all of them will

FRISCO WOMAN SEES HER DREAM COME TRUE



THE LONG YEARS of effort of Mrs. Minnie Fulcher, postmistress of Frisco, is bearing fruit in a beautiful little church building now under construction in Frisco to replace the one destroyed by storm in 1933. Mrs. Fulcher is happy and grateful for the splendid gifts of money sent her to finance the building. People of the village were not financially able to build the church themselves, but with the help of interested friends in North Carolina and other states, they are about to have a new Methodist church far better than the old. While some more money will be needed to complete the building, Mrs. Fulcher is confident that it will be completed and she is proceeding with the work. It will be some time in March before the church is ready to worship in. And so, within a few months, the sound of church bells will be heard in the forest of Frisco and Mrs. Minnie Fulcher will have achieved her ambition. The people of this small community near Cape Hatteras owe Mrs. Fulcher a great debt of gratitude.

have their nets in early this season and ready to go to work at the very beginning when prices of fish are at their best.

JOHNNY CROWELL PLANS A DARING HANDLESS FLIGHT

Charlotte Flyer Would Fly From Kill Devil Hills to California Without Use of Hands

En route to New York City on a honeymoon trip, Johnny Crowell, famous Charlotte stunt flyer, stopped over at Manteo Sunday to chat with acquaintances he made during his visit to Dare County in connection with the observance of the 35th anniversary of the birth of aviation on December 17.

Crowell was married on January 2, two weeks after leaving Manteo in December. Headed for New York with his attractive bride, he said he just couldn't resist dropping in to pay his Dare County friends a brief visit.

The \$15,000 Beechcraft plane he was piloting attracted considerable attention as it zoomed over Roanoke Island Sunday morning around 11 o'clock. Crowell said he made the trip over from Charlotte in about two hours. The plane has a cruising speed of 183 miles per hour.

Crowell recently perfected a system of flying a plane without using his hands and he intimated Sunday that he is thinking of flying across the continent in that manner, taking off from Kill Devil Hills, the birthplace of aviation, and landing somewhere in California. He is now looking for someone to sponsor the flight but says he does not intend to tie up with any commercial advertising scheme. His idea is to have someone sponsor the flight as a demonstration of the ease and safety with which a plane can be flown today.

Crowell is regarded as one of the best exhibition flyers in the country today, having invented or originated several daring aerial stunts. In November he broke the world's record for outside loops in a minute or less when he made four such loops in 55 seconds. One of his most daring stunts is putting a plane into a snap roll and a half and stopping it upside down, and then, after flying upside down for some distance, doing another snap roll and a half from that position and coming out right side up. He says he can do every stunt he has ever heard described besides a few that are exclusive with him.

NEW PHONE LINE BOON TO HATTERAS

Direct Connection With Outside World For Stores or Homes

Practically the entire Hatteras Banks section is brought into closer contact with the outside world by the recently completed phone line direct from Manteo to Hatteras. From the stores of Dan Oden, Andrew Austin, Hatteras Hotel, Hatteras Light Plant; in Buxton the stores of H. J. Gray, E. R. Midgett; in Avon, E. F. Scarborough's store; in Rodanthe Asa Gray's store, one may pick up the receiver and talk direct to the Manteo central and with any point in the country. Heretofore the citizens of these communities were obliged to travel a considerable distance to the nearest Coast Guard station in order to communicate with the outside world. The phone line just installed by the Norfolk & Carolina Telegraph & Telephone Company of Elizabeth City now gives these people the advantages of city telephone service.

NEW INLET PROJECT HELPS BEACH TRAVEL

A great improvement to the new inlet bridges is nearing completion in a WPA project that has been under way a considerable while. A dirt fill connecting the three bridges and raising the level of the road so that only extreme stormy weather will interfere with travel is proving a great boon to the travelling public. Because of the low ground, ordinary high tides often delayed traffic for hours, but the new fill is two feet higher than the former roadway and will make travel possible practically all the time. This is one of the greatest projects yet undertaken by the WPA on the banks and has met with public approval to a large degree.

NEW STORE AT BUXTON

Baxter Jennette of Buxton is building a new store building for his son, Isaac Jennette, formerly of the Coast Guard who is now at home. The store, which is to be a grocery and confectionery business, will be ready by spring.

G. LESLIE HALL ENVISIONS A GREAT TOURIST TRADE FOR SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE

Norfolk Speaker Points to Section's Possibilities in Speech Before Hyde Chamber of Commerce at Engelhard; Four-County Home-Coming Announced

OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED HOMECOMING EVENT



JOHN W. DARDEN, Washington County civic leader, officially launched the four-county homecoming that is being sponsored by the Southern Albemarle Association this year in a speech at the quarterly meeting of the Hyde County Chamber of Commerce at Engelhard Monday night. Mr. Darden's speech, which was greeted with acclamation, was the opening gun in a campaign which is expected to attract thousands of former natives back to their old homes in Dare, Hyde, Washington and Tyrrell Counties.

COMMITTEES FOR BIRTHDAY BALL ARE ANNOUNCED

To Be Held at Community Building Jan. 30; Tickets Now on Sale

Arrangements have been completed for Dare County's fourth annual President's Birthday Ball, according to I. P. Davis, county chairman of the Birthday Ball Committee.

The ball is to be held in the community building on the night of January 30, President Roosevelt's birthday, from nine till one o'clock. Music will be provided by Bob Gorman's Seven Aces.

Tickets went on sale this week, and the price of admission is \$1.00 per couple and 50 cents for each extra or unescorted lady. A record crowd is expected to attend.

Fifty per cent of the proceeds from this year's ball will remain in Dare County to be used in aiding local infantile paralysis victims. After January 30, a permanent organization to administer the money thus raised is to be set up in this and every other county which stages a President's Birthday Ball.

The general arrangements committee for Dare County is composed of I. P. Davis, county chairman; Martin Kellogg, Jr., Manteo chairman, and Robert H. Atkinson, secretary-treasurer.

The decorations committee is as follows: Mesdames Anger Midgett, Jere Parker, Ernest Meekins, Sophie Evans and Lucetta Willis. The ticket sales committee is composed of Sybil Daniels.

Keith Saunders and Fred Howard will handle the publicity.

DARE DEMOCRATS GO WELL OVER THE TOP

With a quota of six plates at \$25 each, Dare County sent a check for \$200 to State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., chairman of the Jackson Day Dinner committee for North Carolina, and thus for the second consecutive year did Dare lead the State in oversubscribing its quota per capita.

With eight plates paid for, Dare Democrats filled that quota, too, the Dare delegates being: C. S. Meekins, Keith Fearing, Dewey Wise, R. Bruce Etheridge, Roy L. Davis, D. Bradford Fearing, Edward Baum and Alma Meekins.

Bridging Croatan Sound and paving the Manns Harbor-Engelhard road would bring a million dollars a year into the Southern Albemarle. G. Leslie Hall, top-flight Norfolk business man and that town's Number One public speaker, told the quarterly meeting of the Hyde County Chamber of Commerce after its dinner in Engelhard Monday night.

Nor was Mr. Hall just talking. He had figures to prove that and some other statements he made about the section's possibilities. He, as president of the Tidewater Automobile Association, has for long years observed closely the habits and customs of tourists, and among other things that he knows about them is that they spend \$150,000,000 annually looking at Virginia.

More than a hundred members and guests sat down to the dinner, which was staged in the new gymnasium of the Engelhard High School. Ladies of the Methodist church, marshalled by Mrs. Frank Gibbs, fixed and served the dinner, which is about all that need be said about the dinner. This time they started off with Far Creek oysters.

Mr. Hall suggested fixing the Southern Albemarle so tourists could get in here with their money and leave some of it, but John W. Darden of Plymouth, speaking on behalf of the Southern Albemarle Association, announced the organization's plan to stage a splendid home-coming of displaced natives next August, when the four counties take a week at the time to get their folks back home to see what's happening.

Mr. Darden's announcement was received with acclaim. The plan is to organize each county, with a house-to-house campaign to discover the names and present addresses of any members of the family that have gone away. With that list in hand, the Association will send a personal invitation to each one of them to come home in August. Dare County will have that week which has the 18th of August in it, and that particular day is planned as a great day of concentration on Roanoke Island.

This meeting of the Hyde Chamber of Commerce outdid any other that they have had, and Engelhard, in the way of entertainment, outdid itself, which is a good deal. P. D. Gallop, the president, presided and the Rev. Mr. Turner said the invocation. J. M. Long was delegated to introduce the guests, which he did by letting each guest find out the name of the person on his right and so present him.

John Darden spoke and then Chester Morris, newly-elected solicitor of the district, spoke briefly. He paid, after his appreciation of Hyde and the Southern Albemarle, tribute to Governor Clyde R. Hoey, which was roundly applauded. P. D. Midgett, the Wanchese boy who came down to Hyde and started putting up electric light poles and has put them up until they are almost within sight of Wanchese, was delegated to present Mr. Hall.

This Norfolk optometrist and biggest merchant of photographic material in three states, or maybe six states, is also a past-master in the art of after dinner speaking. He has a peculiar gift of being able to get his audience off balance with a jest and then smacking them with a fact. He did that for the space of half an hour, speaking mostly about the possibilities of this section as an attraction for tourists who are spending about five billion dollars a year in the country.

The opening of a through highway coming down from Norfolk, by way of the Wright Memorial, the Hatteras National Seashore, Roanoke Island and across Croatan to the mainland again and down through Engelhard and Southward—and the same road would get them coming north—would mean the salvation of this area—that was his thesis.

Others who spoke included W. S. Jarney, secretary of the Norfolk Advertising Board, and Edmund Harding of Washington. Nat Meekins also had some pleasant words handy, and W. C. Bateman, an expatriated native who went off to Texas and has now repatriated (Please turn to page eight)