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WORLDS FAIR PARTY IN DARE MISSED ONE THRILL BUT FOUND MANY OTHERS

Orville Wright Walked Through the Crowd Unrecognized; North Carolina's Delegation to the World's Fair Witnesses Many Things in Dare to Tell the World About in New York This Summer

Eight personable young Tar Heels, chosen from among eight thousand applicants for their jobs to represent North Carolina at the World's Fair opening in New York on the last day of this month, came to Dare County Tuesday and went native for the day—along with pretty nearly everybody else in the neighborhood, who recognize a man most of whom would have given a finger to see.

Orville Wright, shy co-inventor of the airplane, didn't want to be recognized, and so Dare County, keeping with its custom, didn't mention him, and didn't say anything about him until afterward to the personable young Tar Heels who came back across the county Tuesday. Still, the county would have had felt free to welcome him home.

At that the young representatives of North Carolina in the World of Tomorrow had about as many a cargo of thrills as they could well manage, and although some of them wished out loud while they were here that they could look at Orville Wright once—well, anyhow Dare County provided them with a Dare County welcome, and they went away saying that nowhere on their mile tour had they seen the like of it.

From the time the big bus in which they were travelling rolled off the county line precisely on time at 10:30 until they got back to Manteo five hours later, Chauncey Meekins had paid off with each a souvenir Virginia Dare half dollar, they pretty thoroughly absorbed Dare County in their hands, eager with routine (Please turn to page eight)

Fishing and all Out Doors

—By—
Aycok Brown,
Authority on Fishing News

Harris A. Bonoff and party of New Yorkers are scheduled to arrive on the Carteret Coast this week to fish the territory, for what the weather might permit. The party is written Capt. Mel Eldard, and the Julienanna, is enroute to Bimini in the Bahamas and will meet Capt. Eldard in Manteo and just what species of fish they are most interested in, my fishing friend Capt. Walt Wilcox of the Fishing Information Bureau, Pennsylvania Station, N. Y., failed to state, when he wrote me to be on the lookout for the party.

It is my hope that these will be game fishermen, heeled with proper tackle, to tackle the big game marlin off Lookout. A pair of Stinson boats which makes regular cruises between Philadelphia and Miami has seen them off the whistle buoy. Proof that they are out there in the Gulf is the catch of Hugo Rutherford, 60 nautical miles to the north of Lookout Whistle buoy last week. If Capt. Mel Eldard and Bonoff party are big game fishermen, I believe, if they properly profit that ledge of the Continental Shelf, or Hundred Fathom line about 15 miles due east of Lookout Whistle buoy, which is less than 100 miles from Beaufort—they will be a thinking Capt. Willis for the party I sent him a scale and a netter just south of the support River bridge on Saturday. It was caught. My friend, late Kalbfleisch, who fished so (Please turn to page six)

ORVILLE WRIGHT VISITS OLD FRIEND TUESDAY



CAPT. BILL TATE, of Coinjock, was the one man selected by Orville Wright to visit this week, when he came to Coinjock Tuesday morning, driving his own car and accompanied by his close friend, Earl N. Findley, editor of the U. S. Air Services magazine. Mr. Wright wanted to visit Kill Devil Hills again, the scene of his notable first flight, and in company with Mr. Findley, who is recovering from a serious illness. He notified Mr. Tate that he wanted to come without any fuss or honors, and to be able to carry on with no more ado than would attend any other normal human being. So successful was Captain Tate in carrying out Mr. Wright's request, that not a living soul recognized Mr. Wright, except Mrs. Tom Basnight, and his visit would have been undetected, except for keen eyes and news sense of Ben Dixon MacNeill. The trio lunched at Parkerson's Hotel, visited Fort Raleigh, and saw the spot from which Prof. Fessenden conducted his wireless experiments on Roanoke Island. In the old days, when Mr. Wright, a poor inventor, was struggling for the life of his patents, Mr. Fessenden, now dead, offered him financial assistance. Mr. Wright, now 68 years old, wanted to see, for the first time, the scene of the Fessenden experiments.

Mr. Wright declared it the happiest day he has spent in Dare County, since 1903. He drove to Elizabeth City and, viewed Main Street, where he first set sail for Kill Devil Hills, and his visit was undetected. He spent nearly an hour in the town, and drove north by the Dismal Swamp canal, enroute to Washington for a conference Friday, with Lindbergh, and other notables in aviation.

Capt. Tate believes there is a possibility that the way may be paved for Mr. Wright's consent to the return of the first plane from the British museum. Mr. Findley is one of the foremost advocates of returning the plane to its home soil.

HATTERAS MEN SEE FLEET FROM 2,000 FEET HIGH

Dave Driskill Takes Tom Eaton and Party Out Over Diamond Shoals

Tom Eaton of Hatteras wanted to see the fleet sailing southward by the Diamond Shoals Thursday. A phone message to Dave Driskill at Manteo, soon had Dave headed for Hatteras. He took off from Manteo at 2:50 p. m., accompanied by Ben Dixon MacNeill.

The trip called for a voyage out over the Diamond Shoals, some 25 miles from land, where from a distance of 5,000 feet in the air, a mile high, they planned to see the battleships sailing southward.

The trip consumed about an hour and a half. Mr. Eaton was accompanied by his wife and Herman Burrus.

Mrs. Lena Midsett has returned to her home at Skyco, after spending several months in New York.

DISGUSTED WITH REFUSAL TO AID ROADS ON BANKS

Commissioner John A. Meekins Makes Public Recent Correspondence

Apparently disgusted with the treatment he has received at the hands of Highway Commissioner D. Collin Barnes, and J. C. Gardner, Division Engineer of Tarboro, Dare County Commissioner John A. Meekins of Rodanthe, this week makes public correspondence between the three of them, and which illuminates the evasiveness of the highway authorities to do anything definite toward helping the people of Dare County with their road problems.

Mr. Meekins had made numerous trips to see Mr. Barnes, and to talk with other highway officials, and would always be given encouraging promises which never materialized into performances. Following the last appearance of Mr. Meekins before Mr. Barnes, the latter wrote a half-hearted letter to Mr. Gardner his district Engineer about the things Mr. Meekins had asked for. Mr. Gardner, equally as indifferent to the needs of the people sent Mr. Meekins a negative answer. Both of which letters follow:

Murfreesboro, N. C.
April 7, 1939.

Mr. J. C. Gardner,
Division Engineer,
State Highway & Public Works,
Comm.,
Tarboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

This is to remind you of the request made to me by Mr. John A. Meekins in the morning prior to your visit here Wednesday afternoon. As I explained to you, Mr. Meekins' request was that we have this road above indicated located by a Preliminary (I presume) Survey, not with the intention at present or even expectation of having us to do any construction work on it, but on account of the fact that there were perhaps 100 WPA laborers now at work on certain portions of this road and he felt that unless a Survey was made locating the road when it should ever be built, that the labor which they are now doing might be thrown away. This sounded rather reasonable to me. In our conversation, I judged that it would be exceedingly difficult to go there at this time and definitely locate a road, but I am asking you to communicate directly with Mr. Meekins, advising him that I have talked with you about this request and give him your definite ideas and views upon it, and sincerely trust that something might be worked out for their advantage, as I am particularly anxious that that section of Dare County have assurance that we are interested in their welfare and anxious to do whatever we can financially to assist them.

With personal regards, I am
Yours very truly,
D. C. BARNES,
Commissioner.

Tarboro, N. C., April 7, 1939

Mr. J. A. Meekins,
Rodanthe, N. C.

Dear Mr. Meekins:

Mr. Barnes has referred to me your request that the State locate a road from the Whale Bone Filling Station to Oregon Inlet and on South to Hatteras.

This matter has been brought up before and after an investigation it was decided impracticable to establish a permanent location for a road as above described until such time when this road can be built, for the reason that the permanent location for the road would be through the sand-beds in many places.

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SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT TO BEGIN ON APRIL 30

Graduating Exercises Friday, May 5, With Prof. Herbert Rebarber Speaker

The Manteo School commencement for the current term follows: Sunday, April 30th, at 11:00 o'clock in the School auditorium, the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. R. R. Grant, minister of the local Methodist church.

On Tuesday evening, May 2nd, at 8:30 o'clock Miss Holland Westcott will present her music class and Rhythm Band in a recital.

Friday afternoon, May 5th at 4:00 o'clock Miss Helen Evans, as sponsor, will present the Seniors in their class day exercises.

Friday evening, May 5th, at 8:00 o'clock the graduating exercises will be held. At this time, the address will be made by Prof. Herbert Rebarber, East Carolina Teachers College.

The public is cordially invited to attend these programs for the School's closing.

WHO WILL BE SHERIFF OF TYRRELL COUNTY NEXT?



B. RAY COHOON



ROBT L. SWAIN

A CASE, the likes of which has never been heard of before in these parts is coming up for hearing in Tyrrell County Superior Court which convenes Monday. It is a quo warranto proceeding brought by B. Ray Cohoon, asking the court to make Robt L. Swain vacate the office of Sheriff which Mr. Cohoon claims as rightfully his by reason of six votes majority cast in the general election. Mr. Cohoon, the Republican candidate, and a former postmaster and World War army officer, made an astounding run as the only Tyrrell candidate under the Republican banner, because he is a man of great popularity and integrity. Mr. Swain had been appointed about a year

before to fill an unexpired term. Following the general election he refused to surrender the office to Mr. Cohoon on the ground that he had not been lawfully defeated, and he continued to serve as sheriff and to handle papers and to run the office. Unable to get into the office, Mr. Cohoon hired able attorneys including W. L. Whitley of Plymouth, and P. W. McMullan of Elizabeth City, while Mr. Swain retained Sam Woodley of Columbia, and Martin Simpson of Elizabeth City. The case has created much interest, and has attracted a lot of attention in other counties because of its unusual nature, and it will cause a great attendance in Tyrrell County court, which convenes April 24th.

CONDITIONS FOR HATTERAS SEASHORE PARK TO BE MET WITHIN SIX MONTHS

Within six months, final conditions for the creation of America's most unusual national park will have been met and work on Hatteras National Seashore will be under way. This is the prophecy of proponents of the park who have just put through the North Carolina legislature a bill authorizing a commission to begin acquisition of land for the seashore, already authorized by act of Congress.

Creation of the commission was North Carolina's official approval of the park, and a necessary step in the legal procedure which sets up the new federal recreation ground. An appropriation of \$20,000 will enable the state commission to proceed immediately with its work of putting together the acreage necessary for the park. One proponent of the bill, who is closely associated with the park movement, predicted that 20,000 acres would be available for development within six months. About 7,000 acres already is in the pool. A maximum of around 62,000 acres of shoreline is sought, but the Park Service will begin extensive work upon receipt of 10,000 acres, in addition to the 7,000 acres already in hand. Preliminary surveys and beach erosion work already have been done.

Hatteras National Seashore will be the first great national beach park. The site—the Outer Banks of North Carolina from Oregon Inlet to Ocracoke Inlet—was selected by Federal park men as the best in America for a maritime recreational area.

They based their choice upon a number of factors, which, combined, make the Banks unique in this country.

Standing from three miles to more than 30 miles off the coast, the banks—narrow sand bars—retain the naturalness which the Park Service traditionally seeks for public playgrounds. South of Kitty Hawk, there has been no exploitation of the surf-front whatever. For almost 100 miles the banks and surf meet as they met ages ago, without benefit of pier, bathhouse or hotel—one of the last long stretches of unspoiled bathing beaches in America.

The lengthy ridge of sand which would comprise the Seashore creates the large sounds of Albemarle and Pamlico, and thus the setting for the new park not only provides a vigorous surf, but within a mile or two also a vast body of smooth sailing water.

For the recreation seeker, the new seashore will offer every type of maritime pleasure, in a compact area. Surf bathing and surf fishing, as well as deep sea fishing off the shoals stretch off on one hand; yachting, motor boating, still water swimming, and fishing are just a step away. In season, the waterfowl hunting will be the finest in America and close at hand. On the mainland nearby, deer and bear hunting is available.

Factors also are the historic features of the territory. The new federal park will embrace restored

PORT RALEIGH, WHERE THE FIRST ENGLISH SETTLEMENT IN AMERICA WAS ATTEMPTED; KILL DEVIL HILL, WHERE MAN FIRST TRIED—AND PROVED—HIS WINGS; AND HATTERAS LIGHTHOUSE; DIAMOND LIGHTSHIP. NUMEROUS INDIAN MOUNDS ARE STILL TO BE EXPLORED AND PRESERVED FOR VISITORS.

It is proposed also to build the first Coast Guard Museum on this bank, long dreamed as "the Graveyard of the Atlantic", where the most glowing deeds of the service have been performed.

Federal Park officials predict that the National Seashore, when formally opened, will be the most popular public recreation ground in the country because of its distinctive character and its accessibility to large centers of population. Hypothetical plans call for development of "extensive use areas" in the northern edge of the development; preservation of the southern area as a maritime wilderness.

G. T. WESTCOTT, JR. NOW A CANDIDATE FOR TOWN BOARD

G. T. Westcott, Jr., Manteo business man, was named a candidate on the Board of Aldermen Tuesday night at the meeting of the town to nominate candidates for Mayor. He was the only new candidate, and the other candidates who will run to succeed themselves are Mayor L. D. Tarkington, Cecil Mann and W. B. Fearing, Aldermen.

Edward Mann, who has removed his residence without the city limits, could not be a candidate for re-election. There were no other nominations.

MISS ELLA TWIFORD BURIED AT EAST LAKE

Miss Ella Twiford of East Lake died last Friday at Albemarle hospital in Elizabeth City, after an illness of about a month. She was 26 years old. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the grave at East Lake, Alec Mann officiating. Interment was in the family cemetery. Miss Twiford was the daughter of Mrs. Hassell Twiford and the late Hassell Twiford of East Lake. Surviving besides her mother are two sisters, Mrs. Henry Jordan of Stumpy Point and Miss Bertha Twiford of East Lake, and three brothers, Sylvester, Dick and Brantley Twiford of East Lake.

MANTEO ROTARIANS JOIN FOUNDERS CELEBRATION

Dr. W. W. Johnston, president of the Manteo Rotary Club, together with Rotarians C. S. Meekins, Willis Pearce, L. D. Tarkington, and John Ferebee went to Hampton, Va., Wednesday night to meet with Paul P. Harris, the founder of Rotary and to help him celebrate his 71st birthday. Some 350 people were in attendance, and the occasion was one of the banner spots of the 187th district of Rotary.

KILL DEVIL HILLS IS TO HAVE 40-ROOM HOTEL BY OPENING OF LOST COLONY

Capt. Tom Baum Building Three Story Hotel on Beach That Will Be Completely Modern; Many Other New Hotels, and Rooming Houses Assure Double Capacity of Rooms This Summer on Beach and Roanoke Island

PROSECUTION OF SCARBOROUGH IN AUTO CASE ENDS

Young Wanchese Man Not Tried For Death of His Best Friend Last Friday

After hearing two witnesses, the Recorder's Court this week dropped the prosecution of young Charles Lee Scarborough, charged with the death of his best friend in the Navy, George Weston Cothran of Asheville, N. C. Scarborough was also charged with reckless driving as a result of an accident when he wrecked his father's new V-8 Ford near the home of Fred Creef at Wanchese last Friday morning. The car was a total wreck, Cothran died before he could be brought to a doctor, and Scarborough received numerous cuts and bruises.

The two boys, who were visiting Scarborough's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Scarborough at Wanchese, had spent the night at the home of Sam Hayman which they had just left. Rounding the bend of the road near the Masonic hall, the car ran across the road a distance of 48 yards, then along the ditch bank of the highway about 83 yards more before coming to a complete stop, and after turning over two or three times.

J. D. Driskill, air-pilot, was the only eye-witness of the tragedy. He said he was coming behind the car, and saw it swerve suddenly across the road. He stopped and found both boys thrown from the car, with Scarborough sitting on a ditchbank, and the other boy flat on his back near death.

Scarborough said he was not going at a rapid rate of speed, and the only explanation he had for the accident was that he lost control of the car while his companion steered for him to light a cigarette. The boys were exceptionally close friends in the Navy, and were stationed on the U. S. S. Sacramento which was at Philadelphia this week. Cothran was about 21 years old.

LOCAL DEALER COMPETES WITH MAIL ORDER HOUSES

If he has to compete with the mail order houses, John B. Sullivan, Carriage garage and filling station operator, believes in doing it on their own terms and no more, according to the Moore County News. A well-known citizen, it is said, asked Mr. Sullivan the price of his tires. When he gave him a quotation, the customer whistled. "Why, man," he said, "I can get them cheaper from Sears and Roebuck."

"Just what can you get them for from Sears and Roebuck?" inquired Mr. Sullivan.

The customer quoted a price somewhat under Mr. Sullivan's and added: "And I pay only \$2 down and \$1 a month."

"All right," Mr. Sullivan is reported to have said, "I'll meet their price and terms. Give me \$2."

The customer handed Mr. Sullivan \$2, and as the garage man made no move towards the tire rack he said: "Give me my tires."

"Oh, no," Mr. Sullivan shook his head, "you don't get tires from Sears and Roebuck the same day you order them. Come back in about a week and I'll let you have them."

The customer, being game, smilingly acquiesced and walked away. A week later he returned, and marching up to Mr. Sullivan demanded: "Put my tires on now please."

"Oh, no," Mr. Sullivan replied, "you'll have to do that yourself. Sears and Roebuck, you know, don't put em' on for you."

EARL WHITE HOME

Earl White, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. White of Manteo, is home for several days' leave to visit his parents. He has been in the Navy 13 years, and is a ship fitter. He has served in many distant places, including Panama, the Philippines, Hawaii and many American ports. He is located at Newport at Washington, D. C.

Ground was broken Thursday for a modern three-story hotel to contain 45 rooms, making it probably the third largest hotel on the beach. The hotel is being constructed by Tillman Brothers, contractors, for Capt. and Mrs. T. A. Baum of Manteo. Its location is opposite the intersection of the Kill Devil Hills spur road and the Virginia Dare Trail.

The Hotel is to be completely modern, and of beach construction. The building will be completed by the middle of June. While the cost has not been announced, it is expected to run upwards of \$20,000.

The rooming capacity of the hotels and boarding houses adjacent to Lost Colony will be almost double that of last year, when one counts the many new residences that have been built. Hotels with 15 rooms each have been built by J. B. Anderson at Kitty Hawk, and Leo Midgett at Nags Head. W. F. Tillett is building a large rooming house at Nags Head. Mrs. Grace Davis is building a rooming house at Manteo. T. R. Creef is rebuilding his home at Manteo to take care of tourists. And dozens of other homes have made additions, have added bath room and other improvements preparatory to the opening of the season.

There is now talk of another restaurant to be opened in Manteo. And new filling stations are going up. J. B. and Sam Tillett are building a new place on the beach to be operated by R. H. Vandercie, Jesse E. Baum of Kitty Hawk has built a new station at the intersection of the Kill Devil Hills road, and this is one of the most attractive places on the beach. Being across the road from his brother's new hotel, the two businesses undoubtedly will prove profitable to each other.

BEACH ACREAGE BOUGHT FOR \$20 MAY YIELD \$2,500

W. J. Griffen Presents Claims For 500 Acre Tract Near Oregon Inlet

A piece of beach land containing some 500 acres of land bought 30 years ago at a tax sale in Dare County, for some such sum as \$20, may yield to W. J. Griffen the sum of \$2,500, if Referee J. Kenyon Wilson of Elizabeth City finds in favor of the claims of Mr. Griffen as presented at a hearing held in the Dare County Courthouse last week.

The land had been forgotten in Dare County for a quarter of a century. Mr. Griffen was in Florida real estate many years. Not even the Dare County tax assessors knew about it. If the same piece of land exists where now claimed, it was sold several years ago to a group of Pittsburgh men, by the late Jesse B. Etheridge. In 1937 it was condemned along with the whole of Pea Island as part of a wildfowl refuge. The Government paid into the court some \$1,500 for a 1500-acre tract. Mr. Griffen was made a defendant in the condemnation proceedings. He filed his claim and the court is holding the money until it can be adjudicated.

PLENTY DRUM AT OREGON INLET ON THURSDAY

There are plenty of drum, no doubt of it. Charlie Perry of Kitty Hawk, and his party at Oregon Inlet caught 30. His brother Milton and his party caught 30. Capt. Graham Snow, keeper of Kill Devil Coast Guard Station out for a little sport caught 27. It looks like Oregon Inlet and Hatteras and all Dare County is in for the biggest sport fishing season ever known.

If you pursue good with labor, the labor passes away but the good remains; if you pursue evil with pleasure, the pleasure passes away and the evil remains. Cicero