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WANCHESE SCHOOL FIRST WITH COMMENCEMENTS IN DARE COUNTY THIS TIME

Prominent Speakers Deliver Addresses in Schools of the County; Officials Look Back on a Successful Year; Buxton Calls on Ike Davis for Commencement Speech; Manteo Has 29 High School Seniors

Wanchese school children will get started on other youngsters in the county in this matter of swimming parties, picnics and other forms of entertainment that come at the beginning of summer vacation. Commencement exercises at Wanchese school will be held on Thursday night, May 4th, at which time all of the members of the 7th grade who are passing grades will be graduated into high school.

Wanchese school commencement will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock, May 4th, in the Methodist church. The speaker for the occasion will be Rev. M. W. Maness of Elizabeth City. The operetta of the lower grades will be given Friday, April 28th.

On the following night, May 5th, in Manteo, Dr. Herbert DeBarker, president of Men and head of the Department of Athletics at East Carolina Teachers' College, will deliver the commencement address. Eligible for graduation certificates at that time are 19 members of the 7th grade and 29 Manteo high school seniors.

Commencement exercises in the Kitty Hawk school will also be held on May 5th. No speaker has been named to deliver the address to the 7th grade and five members of the 8th grade.

Dr. DeBarker will deliver the commencement address in Kitty Hawk school. Superintendent Atkinson announced yesterday that 17 Kitty Hawk seniors and 7th grade students are eligible for diplomas.

Atkinson and Avon will both deliver commencement exercises the following night, May 5th. Of special interest in this regard is the fact that this will be the first class in the history of the school.

Fishing and all Out Doors

—By—
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Authority on Fishing News

An increasing number of fishing parties equipped with pulpits and ladders are making their appearance along the waterfront of Dare County. Some of the parties are four or even three years old and are carrying such equipment as appearing in our fishing areas. Much attention locally has been given to the fact that fishing is a reality instead of a sort of dream. Many of the cruisers are now into our North Carolina waters.

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Looking back through my fishing experiences written five and six years ago for the High Point Enterprise and Asheville Citizen I run across statements in which I stated that guides to equip for the off-shore fishing, because as I said and repeat now—the real fun of the sportfishing on the Carolina coast would not be had in the ocean's surf, or on the shore bays—but instead off in the Gulf Stream. North Carolina guides if they want to get the real money, must prepare for taking fishermen to the Gulf Stream—because that is where the big money in their business lies. The rates for carrying a channel bass, and small game fish will always be in the money class, comparatively speaking. It will be only a short time before the majority of the fishing communities will have fish-

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HIS COAST GUARD BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED



CONGRESSMAN LINDSAY WARREN was gratified this week when the Committee in Congress favorably reported the Coast Guard 20-year-retirement bill as written and sponsored by him. Other measures with similar objectives had been unable to run the gauntlet of the committee and meet with Administration approval. Mr. Warren, a stalwart Administration man, is finding his measure meeting with more success.

CASINO TO OPEN NEXT WEEK END AT NAGS HEAD

Ras Wescott's Casino to Be Completely Done Over and Improvements Made

Ras Wescott's Casino is to have a grand opening next week end at Nags Head, when the social season begins. The Casino has been refurnished, and many improvements made, and is still in the hands of contractor Robert Ballance, getting everything ready for the season.

Mr. Wescott is adding rooms for his employees and is making his bowling alleys longer by building an addition to the main building. Mr. Wescott looks forward to the finest tourist season ever known on the beach at Nags Head. The Casino has always been a popular place, and was successfully operated last summer by Mr. Wescott. As a popular dance retreat, it was favored with a steady business throughout the season, and gave employment to many local young people.

BARNES PROMISES SOME EXTRA MILES ON HYDE ROAD

In a letter to Congressman Warren, D. Colling Barnes of Murfreesboro, district Highway Commissioner now assures Mr. Warren that he plans not only to build the road through the village of Stumpy Point, but to add a few extra miles on the main highway toward Engelhardt. This he says, is due to the prospect of some recently allotted additional funds.

Mr. Barnes has not relented in his refusal to join in making this a Federal aid project, as requested by the Commissioners of Hyde and Dare. Dare is one county in the State that has never received a cent of money on a Federal aid road.

RUSSELL GRIGGS TOPPED FISHERMEN LAST WEEK

Mr. Russell Griggs of Kill Devil Hills turned back all opposition in the matter of record channel bass catches last week end. Thursday a party fished by Mr. Griggs caught 47 of the red warriors of the deep. Sunday Mr. Griggs' group brought home 14 nice sized bass, and Monday his party landed 12 of the finny backed creatures, bringing his week end total up to 73.

Sambo Tillett, Wanchese guide, brought in 33 channel bass Friday to top the catches for that day.

TRYING TO MAKE WOMEN WEAR COTTON



HER JOB is to make the women-folks wear more cotton clothes—to make the country cotton conscious, to restore some profit to a farmer deserted by women who deserted them for a worm, or what the worm gives them—silk clothes they think makes them prettier.

MORE IMPROVEMENTS BEGIN ON FORT RALEIGH PROJECT AT A COST OF OVER \$13,000

Work on making ready the Lost Colony theatre for the opening of the 1939 season 64 days hence, interrupted several weeks ago by a clerical oversight in the office of the Works Progress Administration in Washington, will be resumed during the coming week, with a double crew of men superintended by Dave Midgett and supervised by Albert Bell.

Word that President Roosevelt had signed the new project, put through by Bradford Fearing and Congressman Warren in the record time of 18 days, was brought to the Island late Wednesday night by Mr. Fearing upon his return from Raleigh, where he has been undergoing surgical treatment for the past three weeks. Mr. Fearing's first stop on the Island was to advise Mr. Bell that work would begin again Tuesday or Wednesday.

With an relaxation of regulations in work periods, Mr. Bell and Mr. Fearing are confident that the necessary improvement and expansion of the theatre plan can be completed in ample time for the opening of the season on the night of Saturday, July 1st, which is nine weeks from tomorrow, and the bulk of it out of the way before rehearsals start in about six weeks.

Included in the project, which totals \$13,223, are plans for doubling the size of the dressing rooms with the new quarters occupying space parallel to present quarters and built on piling over the water, adequate shower baths for the entire cast with hot and cold water, a laundry and sewing room, and complete toilet facilities within the theatre enclosure for the patrons of the show.

Some changes will be made in the exterior of the theatre, with the probability that the toilets in the wings will be made to conform in design and size to the logged switch control room, with storage space beneath for about 1,000 seats.

Following is a list of contestants and their present scores:

Baby Sister Duvall	62
Mary Bruce Lennon	20
Bubbles Wescott	20
Merle Jean Wescott	2 1/2
Coy Tillett, Jr.	2 1/2
Moncie Lee Daniels	7
Ruby Creef	7 1/2
Francis Fachini	2 1/2
Jerry Daniels	2 1/2
Donald Rhodes Blivins	2 1/2
Edna Bruce Dowdy	2 1/2
George Wescott, Jr.	2 1/2
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Virginia Faye Dough	2 1/2
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Arvin Alexander Midgett	2 1/2
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BEER LICENSE DUE MAY FIRST NEW LAWS ALSO

Yield to County Anticipated At \$1,000; Dealers Cautioned About May 15

The 1939-40 county license on retail dealers of beer is due May first, and is expected to yield the county about \$1,000, this season, due to the increased number of places of business on the beach and in other parts of the county. Before beer may be sold, the dealer must file an application before the Board of Commissioners, setting forth his claim for operation, blanks for which may be obtained from Melvin R. Daniels, Register of Deeds.

Beer dealers who do not carefully watch the tops of the bottles they buy, may be in for some bad trouble on and after May first, when the new tax crown law goes into effect. The State of North Carolina collects a tax per bottle, and beer brought in from other states, or from anywhere, not having the State government seal on the crowns, is subject to confiscation.

Persons selling beer after the 15th of May, who have not filed application to the board and paid their license, will be prosecuted. All old licenses, no matter at what time they were bought, expire on April 30th.

BABY CONTEST TO COME TO CLOSE NEXT MONDAY

Cleo Hope (Baby Sister) Duvall Leads in Contest Sponsored by the Junior Womans Club

The Baby Contest sponsored by the Junior Womans Club of Dare County, proceeds to be used in buying the lot directly back of the Community building for a park and playground, will come to a close at exactly one o'clock Monday, May 1st. The winner of this contest will receive a silver loving cup as well as the title of Jr. Mascot for the year 1939. On the streets Monday there will be several members of the Club waiting to sell votes on all babies entered until one o'clock when the ballot will close and the child having most votes is proclaimed the winner.

There will be two parades, one beginning at twelve o'clock and one immediately after the ballot boxes close. The Rhythm Band of Stumpy Point with about twenty members has been asked to march here with the contestants and there will be a bevy of pretty girls cavorting. There are to be, according to the meeting of the Juniors held Tuesday night at the Community building, approximately 10 beautifully decorated floats.

"Baby Sister" Duvall, now leading in votes by 62, still has a hard job ahead of her to win, as it is quite easy for any of the other contestants to catch up with her at the last minute. There will be two Blue Ribbon winners in the 2nd and 3rd places. Miss Helen Duvall, president of the Junior Womans Club, will present the silver cup to the winner at approximately one-thirty. The public is cordially invited to see this parade and the most beautiful babies on the Island.

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LOW

Although the United States is confronted with a cotton surplus of more than 13,000,000 bales, it has less than 2,000,000 bales available for export during the six months ending August 1.

See America First

America has some fine old ruins. They can be seen at most any night club with their sweeties.

In Big Bill's Regime

Nervous Chicago Gangster (suddenly to body guard)—Gee, Sour-face, have I been stabbed in the back—or is it that cursed lumbago?

WARREN ARRIVES IN DARE BRINGING SEVEN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOR FISHING

One Senator and Six Congressmen Quartered at Kill Devil Hills Coast Guard Station With Capt. Lewark; Virgil Chapman, Old Friend of Dare With Party, which Includes Herbert Bonner and Senator Miller of Arkansas

DARE REPRESENTATIVE IS ROTARY PRESIDENT



Roy Davis, Dare County representative and Manteo charter Rotarian, was elected President of the Manteo Rotary Club for the coming year at Monday night's meeting.

Other officers elected to serve for the new term, were Woodson Fearing, vice-president; W. R. Pierce, secretary. C. S. Meekins was retained as treasurer.

Outgoing officers are Dr. W. W. Johnston, president; Roy Davis, vice-president, and Robert Atkinson, secretary. The new officers will take the office July 1st.

Members of the newly elected board of directors were Dr. W. W. Johnston, T. A. Baum, and C. C. Perry.

The Rotarians selected Roy Davis as the local club's official delegate to the district conference which will be held in Roanoke, Virginia, May 4 and 5. John Perebee and C. C. Overman were selected as alternate delegates to the conference.

A GOOD SEASON OPENING EARLY DARE BEACHES

Beach Hotels Report Pleasantly Surprising Number of Guests in April

Warm weather and good fishing have been prime factors in bringing an early influx of visitors to the Dare County beaches of Nags Head, Kitty Hawk, and Kill Devil Hills this spring.

Beach hotel owners report that parties from New Hampshire, Ohio, Indiana, and Iowa, not to mention a number of groups from the majority of the Middle Atlantic and South Atlantic states, were on hand last week end to take advantage of the fine weather and good fishing.

According to Mr. L. S. Parkerson, owner-manager of Parkerson's Hotel at Nags Head, over 35 guests were registered at his hostelry during the week end just past. Parkerson's has been open all spring.

Mrs. Jule Modlin, who opened her largest crowd of the new season on hand. Mr. Parkerson made the comment that professional men and city officials seem to congregate on the beaches at this time of the spring. Among the visitors at his hotel over the week end were doctors, lawyers, postmasters, funeral directors, and town mayors.

Up at Kill Devil Hills Mrs. Russell Griggs reports that over 30 guests were registered at the Croatan last week end. According to Mrs. Griggs this was by far the largest number of guests she has had during the three weeks the Croatan has been open this spring, but last week end saw by far the Arlington Hotel for the first time this week, says that business has been surprisingly good for so early in the season.

The First Colony Inn was not open last week end, but the owners expect to be ready for business today or tomorrow. The Nags Head Hotel will be opened early in May.

Seven members of the United States Congress and one of the better known hotel provisioners in the capital, all shepherded by Lindsay Warren, arrived in Dare County Thursday afternoon, and will spend Friday and Saturday fishing off Oregon Inlet with Capt. William H. Lewark, acting under direct orders from Admiral R. R. Woesche, performing the duties of guide-in-chief.

Most of the members of the party are in Dare for their first time, but among them is Virgil Chapman of Kentucky, long known and always warmly welcomed by everybody in the county. Mr. Chapman, one of the most redoubtable fishermen of the House, has long esteemed Oregon Inlet above all the fishing grounds that he knows about.

Arrangements for their visit to the county were made by Admiral Woesche, commandant of the United States Coast Guard in telegrams and telephone calls Wednesday afternoon. During their stay here they are quartered at the Kill Devil Hills Coast Guard Station. Ray Adams, the hotel provisioner, insisted in fetching down a variety of provender, which Big Tom Baum is fixing for them until they catch some fish.

Members of the party include, beside Congressman Warren and his secretary Herbert Bonner, the following:

Congressman Virgil Chapman of Kentucky; Congressman Sam S. Massengale, who has represented the Seventh Oklahoma District for three terms; Congressman Wall Doxey, for twelve years the representative of the Second District of Mississippi; W. Sterling Cole, 337th District, New York, whose biography is next to the shortest in the book, it saying merely "Republican attorney, married"; Senator John Miller of Arkansas, Congressman Charles A. Halleck, who has represented the Republican Second District of Indiana since 1933 when he was named at a special election; and Ray Adams, the provider of vittles, and Louis Deschler, House parliamentarian.

The party left Washington by automobile at noon Thursday, arriving at Kill Devil in time for the mighty supper Big Tom had fixed for them. Their fishing is planned for early Friday morning, with the party divided evenly between Captain Lewark's boat and Capt. Charlie Perry. Alpheus Drinkwater is a sort of taxi driver, ferrying the party by truck between the station and the Inlet.

Here two weeks ago, Congressman Warren assured friends that he would be back before the end of the month for another try at drum, of which fish he got 10 when he was here. He said that he expected a half dozen of his colleagues in the House to accompany him here, and here they are.

MILO WINTER, JR., YOUNG ARTIST LEAVES HATTERAS

Milo Winter, Jr., young Chicago artist, who has been stopping at Hatteras for the past several months, spent several days in Roanoke Island this week, enroute to the north, where he will teach for a spell in Wells College, Aurora on Cayuga, N. Y.

From there he will go to Maine to do some painting. He did some beautiful paintings in the Hatteras vicinity, and looked about Roanoke Island in search of material for his brush.

M. L. DANIELS AND SON RETURN FROM BALTIMORE

M. L. Daniels, Sr., and Jr., returned this week from Baltimore, where they purchased large stocks of summer merchandise, much of which has already arrived and is on display.

The Daniels store is better stocked this year than at any time in its history, and caters especially to those who need sports and beach wear, particularly those things that appeal to womenfolk.

Caleb Brickhouse accompanied them on their trip to Baltimore.