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NORTHERN NEWSPAPERMEN GIVE DARE COUNTY MANY BREAKS IN NEWS RECENTLY

Many Seasoned Veterans of the Press Come For Sport, and When Bad Weather Breaks in on Them, Prove They Are Good Sports; Fishing Better During Past Week End

During the past ten days to two weeks, it seems that Dare County has been visited by more newspapermen seeking the fishing at Oregon Inlet, than at any time in its recent year. Fred Fletcher, of the New York News, Ray Trullinger, of the World-Telegram, Ray Camp of the New York Times, Burt Williams of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, Bert Kline of the Home-Head, Pa., Messenger, and many others have been to Dare with their families.

Some of them found good fishing, but others reached the county simultaneously with the howling northeaster that blew down hard on the county. And like the good sports they were, the newspapermen smiled at their tough luck, and found other interesting things than fishing to write about.

Sunday night, Bill Sharpe of the State Advertising Bureau breezed into town, bringing with him Geo. Adams of New York a photographer of parts. They went to Hatteras Monday, looking over the local color.

Many of the fishermen went to Hatteras to look over the land and take on some of the fishing there. And as a result of all these visits, Dare County has figured plenty in the fishing news this week.

Hatteras had more than 60 sportsmen during the week end. Many rooming houses took care of the hotel.

Two of the most widely read metropolitan sports columnists were in Dare County this week gathering news for their fishing columns.

Ray Fletcher, New York Daily News fishing columnist, and an older one as far as publicizing Dare County fishing goes, spent four days in the section and sent three columns back to his metropolitan paper that were chock full of build-up on local angling conditions.

Ray Trullinger, whose daily fishing column in the New York World-Telegram is among the most widely read in the country, has been spending the week in Manteo and Hatteras. Trullinger was a ring-leader in publicizing this section as blue fishing paradise when those who had their big run four years ago, and has been a regular booster of Dare County's fishing possibilities ever since.

Fletcher had this to say in his celebrated column—"Nags Head, N. C.—The ocean, outside of Oregon Inlet within a few miles of this (Please turn to page three)

FLYING SPEAKER REACHES HATTERAS ON SCHEDULE

Modern transportation methods yielded a fast one on Father Time yesterday morning, when Dr. E. C. C. of the East Carolina Teachers College History Department arrived in Manteo and found it would be impossible for him to drive down the banks to Hatteras and reach there in time to deliver a scheduled address before the Hatteras High School graduating class at 11 o'clock.

Five years ago postponement would have been the only course, not so in this modern time. Dr. C. was quickly summoned, and an hour later Dr. C. had safely arrived at Hatteras, after a hurried trip in Dave's airplane.

GOOD FISHING

A party of four from Raleigh, including Kitty Hawk guide Robert Perry, over the week end, caught 10 channel bass Saturday, and six more before noon Sunday. The four were David Cozart, Martha Cozart, Susan Sweet, and Russ Hawkins.

Russel Griggs has had parties every day this week and reports catches of bass each day ranging from three and nine in number.

LIBRARY BOOKS MUST BE BROUGHT IN IMMEDIATELY

Mrs. Vivian Ryder, librarian, has called that all books be returned to the Manteo public library immediately. This is being done at the request of the state, in order that a complete inventory may be made. The library will be open again at the end of about two weeks.

MORE TELEPHONE LINES TO SERVE US THIS SEASON

Two complete additional telephone circuits from Elizabeth City to Manteo are being installed this month by the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company.

According to R. M. Dewey, General Superintendent on the job, the new lines will be opened early in June, and will be available for general use during the summer season. The regular influx of summer visitors to the Dare County Beaches, in addition to the large numbers of fishermen who come down about this time of the year, causes a huge increase in the number of calls during those seasons. The telephone company hopes by adding the new circuits to the three that are already in use that they will be able to greatly improve the service between Dare County and Elizabeth City.

A number of new telephone poles are being installed along the Roanoke Sound Bridge causeway, and on the beach a majority of the poles are being relocated. In addition a new set of cross arms, to carry the additional lines, are being installed along the entire route.

The new poles on Roanoke Island have already been put in and the crew is at present putting the additional cross arms on the poles alongside the Roanoke Sound Bridge.

According to Mr. Dewey, the work will be halted temporarily at the end of this week, but will be resumed again in a few days.

SAYS ENGELHARD FOLK WANT HIGHWAY TO DARE



M. A. MATTHEWS, Cashier of Bank of Engelhard, and one of the most capable country bankers in the state was a visitor to Manteo, Sunday, enroute to Norfolk. Mr. Matthews stopped to that with his friends, and took a flight in Dave Driskill's airplane, getting a bird's eye view of Roanoke Island and Nags Head.

But Mr. Matthews was most keenly alive on the subject of roads. He feels greatly disappointed at the apparent indifference of the First Division's Highway Commission, Mr. Barnes, to consider fully the road needs of Dare and Hyde. Hyde is in the district watched over by Commissioner E. V. Webb, of Kinston, and finds Mr. Webb sympathetic and helpful. The people of Hyde are mighty anxious to get to the seashore, Mr. Matthews says, and would like to be able to continue north to Norfolk for business reasons, over the route leading through Manteo. They now feel greatly disappointed at the action of Mr. Barnes, which has blocked Mr. Webb's efforts.

Other citizens of Hyde are of the same opinion. One of the outstanding men of Engelhard writes this newspaper to say he believes we have too long been patient at neglect that has been shown us in highway matters.

Mr. Matthews said "It is ridiculous to say that any part of this region cannot be developed. Nothing can be developed without roads," he says. "Hyde County has been kept bottled up, until its development has been stifled. We find ourselves kept in this situation by one who is without our district.

"If the officials would only realize it," Mr. Matthews continued, "they would admit the importance of completing the roads between Hyde and Dare. What these counties have to offer, constitute one of the greatest drawing cards to tourists in the entire state.

"I would like to see a dozen counties like Mr. Barnes' bring 80,000 people in two months to visit them, yet I have seen roads torn up in Mr. Barnes' county that were as good as the roads in Hyde and Dare, and replaced by fine concrete paving. This, while we go without roads that can be used all the year. Dare doesn't have a decent piece of road, while the only paved piece of road in Hyde was paid for in part by the county, way back in the beginning of the highway work."

"Talk about development," said Mr. Matthews, "Why Hyde County land is known everywhere as the richest in the section. What does it avail without transportation. If we had access to markets, we could develop an enormous strawberry business. We would find ready markets for our grain. And we would have a steady cash crop of tourists. And we could go and come to and from the seashore. Do you know of another county in the state, whose people have so much trouble getting to the seashore?"

"Another thing we want and need," said Mr. Matthews, "is a mail route between Manteo and Engelhard. If this could be accomplished, it would bring us our mail a day earlier than at present."

Elwood Inge, of Williamsburg, Va., spent last week end here with Mrs. Inge.

Fishing and all Out Doors —By— Aycock Brown Authority on Fishing News

RECORD FISH ARE CAUGHT ON COAST

An eleven-year-old boy, Kent Oglethorpe of Norfolk, may have already sewn up the 1939 channel bass record of America. Fishing with Lee Dough at Oregon Inlet, young Oglethorpe landed a channel bass which weighed 73 pounds and four ounces after it had been out of the water ten hours. The all-time record for channel bass to be landed by rod and reel was the 74 pounder which Charles Beckman landed at Chincoteague, Va., on June 27, 1929.

Hardly a week had passed from the Oglethorpe catch until a channel bass weighing 75 pounds, (weighed several hours after it was taken from water) was landed by Jamie Styron, well-known guide and commercial fisherman at Ocracoke. The sad part of the story is that it was landed in a net. But at that, the channel bass equals the world record, for fish of this species. According to authentic Field and Stream's statistics, Jordan and Evermann reported a 75-pound channel bass in the 'caught in any method' class.

The Ocracoke Channel Bass landed by Styron was measured by Fisherman-Sportsman Fred Stedman who spends the summers on the island. The length was 53 inches; girth 35 1/2 inches. Beckman's world record bass measured 55 inches in length and 34 inches around girth. The Jordan and Evermann bass reported several years ago measured five feet. Regardless of how these measurements compare—the channel bass which passes 50 inches and is almost 3 feet around girth—is SOME FISH when it comes to classing these copper-colored bull dogs of the surf.

Neither of the foregoing fish will be eligible for entry in the North Carolina Surf Casting Tournament. Young Oglethorpe's fish was taken before the tourney began—and Sty-

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DENTAL CLINICS ON SOUTH BANKS DURING NEXT MONTH

Dr. Pringle, dentist sent out by the state health department to work in the schools, will be located on the South Banks for the next month. He will do dental work for all school children between the ages of six and 13, and is particularly anxious to have all children of preschool age take advantage of the clinic. Hours will be from nine in the morning until three in the afternoon. Dr. Pringle will be at the schoolhouse at each place on the following dates: Rodanthe, May 15-19; Avon, May 22-26; Buxton, May 29-June 2; Hatteras, June 5-9.

TO ESTABLISH WATCH AT BODIE ISLAND STATION

Announcement that a lookout watch will be re-established at the Bodie Island Coast Guard Station was received here this week from the office of Representative Lindsay Warren.

The Bodie Island station was taken out of commission by the Coast Guard two years ago, and since that time Mr. Warren has been making an effort to have it reopened because of its importance and proximity to Oregon Inlet. It will operate as a part of Oregon Inlet crew.

DICK BRINN WHO PLAYED BASEBALL AT 75 IS DEAD

Uncle Dick Brinn, the man who quit playing baseball at the age of 75, died Tuesday at Stumpy Point. Mr. Brinn was 79 years old. Until four years ago, he was as spry as a kitten, and played baseball just as active and as well as most of the young fellows of the neighborhood. Uncle Dick was very popular with the homefolks. He was the father of the following children, who survive him: Mrs. W. M. Payne and Mrs. H. G. Payne, of Stumpy Point; Marion Brinn, of Florida; Bill, Mack and Louis of New York. He came to Stumpy Point from Hyde County.

POU PAYS SECOND VISIT

State Auditor George Ross Pou, Mrs. Pou and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Taylor of Raleigh, were in Manteo Wednesday and Thursday to fish at Oregon Inlet with Capt. Tom Bassington on the Croatan. Mr. Pou was here for fishing ten days ago, but missed out because of the storm.

CHICAGO COUPLE LAND 50 LB. DRUM TUESDAY

Man and wife of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Moore, address 66 S. Michigan Avenue, went fishing Tuesday with Capt. Claude Wise. Along about three o'clock in the afternoon when discouraged novices might have called it a day, they began landing channel bass. The biggest weighed 50 pounds, the total fish caught was 30. And that was only one of many good catches this week.

ATTEND MEETING

Miss Sadie Hendley, Dare County Home Demonstration agent, and C. W. Overman, Dare County Farm agent, last week attended a District Farm and Home Agents meeting in Elizabeth City.

CASINO OPENS AT NAGS HEAD SATURDAY NIGHT

Westcott's Place Improved; Seven Bowling Alleys Regulation Size

First dance of the season at Nags Head will be held Saturday night, when Ras. Westcott's Casino opens full blast, after several weeks of alterations done by Contractor Robert Ballance. Seven regulation size bowling alleys have been completed. Last year, the place had but four short alleys.

Many other improvements have been provided inside. The dance hall will be better. New living quarters for the force have been built. More parking accommodations are to be added during the season.

Operated last summer under the ownership-management of Ras Westcott for the first time, the Casino proved very popular, and enjoyed a splendid patronage. It gave employment to a number of young people from Roanoke Island and Nags Head. Usually the place was crowded, and particularly on week ends, it soon became a favorite meeting place for hundreds of young people.

BAILEY AND WAESCHE FISH AT OREGON INLET

Admiral R. R. Waesche, commandant of the United States Coast Guard, brought Senator Josiah William Bailey to fish in home waters off Oregon Inlet Wednesday, but native fish disdained the Senator's overtures and bit the hooks of Dr. Sterling Ruffin of Washington and Alexander Webb, of Raleigh, who were also guests of the Commandant aboard the cutter "Bibb" anchored off the Inlet.

Channel bass were biting for Dr. Ruffin and Mr. Webb, and when the Admiral took time off from visiting the surfmen in Coast Guard stations along the Outer Banks, they bit his hook as well. Senator Bailey is a noted angler for blue fish, and was not too disappointed that no channel bass would have to do with him. He neglected to take off his coat.

The Bibb anchored off the Inlet Tuesday night, and the party went out Wednesday with Capt. Charlie Perry aboard the Maggie. Dr. Ruffin drew first blood, a 35-pounder. Capt. Palmer Midgett, skipper of Oregon Inlet, had the Coast Guard patrol of the crowded fishing grounds off the Inlet during the day, and brought the Admiral ashore for station visiting and supper. The Bibb planned to weigh anchor after nightfall to return the party to Norfolk.

Senator Bailey discussed fishing and nothing else. He was blandly unaware of matters and trends in Washington. He greeted Alpheus W. Drinkwater warmly when the veteran telegrapher went out to see him, and said that he was coming back down here this summer for at least one performance of The Lost Colony. The Senator appeared in excellent health and spirits.

LOCAL GROUP ATTENDS MEETING AT SUNBURY

The District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will meet at Sunbury, in Gates County, Tuesday, May 23.

A delegation from the Dare County Home Demonstration Club, headed by Home Demonstration Agent Miss Sadie Hendley, will attend the district meeting. Miss Hendley urges at many local club members as possible to make their trip, since she is anxious to have a good representation from Dare.

This district is made up of clubs from Dare, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Hertford, Gates, and Chowan.

CONGRESSMEN HERE

Representative Lindsay Warren and six other Congressmen will be in Dare County this week for a try at channel bass fishing. The Congressmen will stay at the Kill Devil Hills Coast Guard station.

And then there was the simple-minded yokel who really expected the moving picture to show the love scenes that the reading notices hinted about.

Every once in a while a man wants this newspaper to publish something that he has written which he thinks is awfully funny, but it's about someone else who might not think it so hilarious.

Every community has a small group of people, ready and able to tell everybody else how to manage their own business.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEYMEN BUSY MAPPING COAST OF HATTERAS SEASHORE

Work of Making Topographic Maps of Entire Region Will Require Six Months; Surveyors Making Homes in Manteo; PWA Allotment For the Work

KEENEST OF THE KEEN—MACNEILL, ACE NEWSMAN



BEN DIXON MACNEILL is a name that has gone far and wide. The greatness of many men has been illumined by the magic of his pen. Reams of North Carolina history, of utmost consequence, forgotten by mankind, have been turned out of his typewriter, long overlooked until unearthed by his diligence. He is a man of keen mind, a penetrating sense of news values, a discerning analyst of the workings of the human mind. Few men have been able to interpret human doings as MacNeill can do. The brain behind that high forehead is constantly busy. His oftimes apparent indifference and aloofness is but an armor he throws up to permit him to do more work. Folks consider him hard to get acquainted with. Yes, he is most extraordinary, and as all of us are, peculiar. Peculiar of course when applied to the other fellow, meaning "One who thinks or does different from the first person."

MacNeill was born in Scotland County nearly a half a century ago. His blood stream comes from a long line of poets, lawyers, edu-

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HATTERAS FORMER PASTOR PAYS A FINE TRIBUTE

Editor, The Dare County Times: Dare County has made many contributions to our social order. Not only is this county famous as the birthplace of the nation and aviation, but also for the sturdy folk who have contributed to our advancement in an unassuming way. When we lose one who contributes to our betterment, our loss is great. This is especially true in the passing of Calvin Midgette of Rodanthe.

I knew him as a member of the Coast Guard. I knew him as a devoted husband and father. And last, but not least, I knew him as a Christian gentleman of the highest type. He had that great faculty of creating friendships that you knew were true and sincere. His life was one of devotion to his family and fellowman. He was truly a Good Samaritan along life's pathway, always lending a helping hand to those who needed him most.

His passing is inexpressible. But I like to think of God as One who walks in His garden, and with a tender hand He plucks not only these flowers whose petals have withered; but sometimes He selects those who are in the morning of their day. Those who enrich Heaven with their youthful beauty. This I feel is especially true of Calvin. Our loss is surely Heaven's gain.

May his life be an inspiration to us to lift up our heads and look unto Him from whence cometh our strength.

Sincerely,
JOHN R. POE.
Aulander M. F. Church,
Aulander, N. C.
May 9, 1939.

SERIAL LEFT OUT OF THE TIMES THIS WEEK

Our serial story, "Three Shuttered Houses," got crowded out of the paper this week, but we will try to make it up next week. You may look for it to be resumed, along with many other interesting features.

Four men, sun-browned and armed with drawing boards, are already familiar figures between Kitty Hawk and the Bodie Island light. Each of these four engineers, employed by the United States Geological Survey, has his own district to map.

A. T. Fowler, head topographic engineer, is assisted by two rodmen. The junior topographic engineers, Lindley Arthur, C. H. Brown, and B. Thomas Hopkins, each have one rodman helping them with their measurements.

Manteo will be the home of these men during the entire summer, as it is expected that the surveying of the proposed Cape Hatteras Park area, about 100 square miles, will take nearly six months. Later, when the project is further along, the men expect to make their headquarters at the northern and southern ends of the district.

Their homes, between field working periods, are far separated. Mr. Fowler is from Washington, D. C., Mr. Arthur from South Carolina, Mr. Hopkins from Massachusetts, and Mr. Brown from Vermont. Before he took this job, Mr. Brown was a contractor's engineer for the New York World's Fair. Mrs. Fowler is here with her husband, and their daughter, Anne, will join them following her graduation from Smith College in June.

The survey will include the coast line from north of Currituck Beach, almost to the Virginia border, to as far south as Ocracoke Island. The north end, or Port Raleigh section, is the only part of Roanoke Island which will be surveyed at this time.

Engineers on such surveys are graduates of an engineering college and have passed a civil service examination, but less education and training is required of rodmen. Rodmen on the Hatteras Park project are Levi P. Van Hoy, Bennett Napier, Richard Napier, Vernon V. Brinkley and Jack Sweattee.

So detailed are the maps made from the survey that beach residents, by sending 10 cents to the United States Geological Survey in Washington, D. C., will be able to find their homes on the map and every sand dune on the beach. It will be at least two years, however, before the maps will be ready for public distribution. The Department of the Interior, of which the survey is a part, is far behind in the printing, and precise checking of all map details takes considerable time.

"Engineers become so familiar with the territory they are mapping that they can correct finished maps sent to them from Washington without referring to their original drawings," Engineer Hopkins stated.

Each of the four men working on the present project expects to cover an average of three or four square miles each month, indicating the preciseness of detail which is necessary. In some districts, easier to map, a man can map 10 or 12 square miles in a month.

"The funds for the beach survey," Head Engineer Fowler said, "were made available through a 1938 PWA allotment of \$36,000 to North Carolina."

Maps made by the Geological Survey are used by park planners, State Highway departments, who plan roads by these maps, map-making companies, such as Rand McNally, by college geology students, by mineral, irrigation and swampland reclamation groups, and by the general public. Hunters and fishermen are enthusiastic users because every woodland trail is shown on the map, as well as ditches and ever streams flowing only a part of the year.

It is the aim of the Geological Survey to publish topographic maps of the entire United States, as well as of outlying territories. The work was begun in 1882 and about three-fifths of the country has been mapped. Maps are made in different scales, depending on the topography and the public importance of the land. The Beach map will be scaled at 2,000 feet to the inch, and contour lines will be at five-foot intervals. This means that each hummock on the beach will be shown by a brown line, roughly circular in shape, and if the hummock amounts to a hill there will be series of such lines indicating every five-foot rise.