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TOWN BOARD TO AID WATERFRONT IMPROVEMENT

Sewage Lines Must Be Controlled; Waste, Garbage and Rubbish Covered

Sewage lines carrying waste into the bay in an untreated state are tabooed in an ordinance recently passed by the Manteo Town Board, according to Charles Morgan, sanitary officer in the district health department.

In an interview with the Times reporter, Mr. Morgan stated that privies overhanging the water will also be things of the past when the new ordinance goes into effect. He hopes to have the regulation in force by June.


"The most important part of the ordinance," Mr. Morgan said, "will be in control of sewage waste into the creek or bay. All new construction must be provided with a settling or septic tank so that sewage will not be carried into the bay in its raw state. The lines leading from the tanks must extend into the water beyond low tide level."

When asked how the ordinance will affect construction already in use, Mr. Morgan said that houses and business places having inadequate systems will be given several months in which to put in septic tanks complying with the rules. "The ordinance is designed," he went on to say, "so that no hardship will be worked on any individual."

According to the sanitary officer, the new ordinance, besides controlling sewage disposal, seeks to prohibit the dumping of garbage, rubbish, cans, bottles and empty shipping cartons into the bay. "The practice of dumping such rubbish into the bay has made the waterfront unsightly as well as insanitary," Mr. Morgan stated. "After the ordinance goes into effect, the area for dumping must be diked off and all rubbish covered within 48 hours by earth. This will prevent rubbish being floated out into the bay and then later floated back up on the shore on neighboring property. The move should be welcomed by all eating establishments and markets bordering on the waterfront, as they are penalized on the routine inspections due to insanitary surroundings which in some cases are no fault of their own."

"Rubbish should be taken outside of the town limits," Mr. Morgan said, "and dumped at a place where it is not a public health nuisance or dumped as a sanitary fill with earth or sand over it. The harboring and breeding places for rats,

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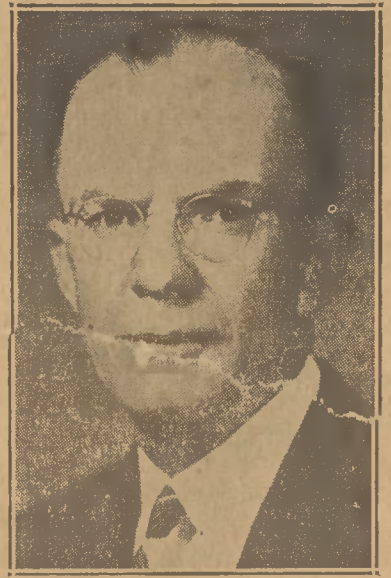
More and more big game fishermen are looking towards North Carolina's coast and the nearby Gulf Stream since Hugo Rutherford landed that 439-pound Blue Marlin off Cape Hatteras on last July 10. And as time goes by, if our native guides prepare for offshore fishing there will be more and more of these big game fishermen coming to our coastline. Already this year there have been two or three parties in the Cape Lookout-Cape Hatteras waters hunting for the big fish, including Milt and Ed Bonoff of Cedarhurst, L. I., who fished with Capt. Mel Eldred aboard his cruiser Juliaanna. And this week came a letter from another party, anglers in Pittsburgh who are interested in this newly discovered territory which is known to be good fishing grounds for the mighty blue-fin marlin.

To give the reader an idea of how the big game fisherman feels about our section and what they demand in the way of boats and service, the letter received this week from Bannister of Pittsburgh is printed. It follows:

"My dear Mr. Brown:
"The January 29, 1939 issue of the New York Times mentioned you as the outstanding authority on salt water fishing in the Capt Hatteras-Beaufort section of the Atlantic Coast. We are, therefore, taking the liberty of consulting you with respect to a trip a small party of Pittsburgh business men are planning for the period June 17th. to 25th, inclusive.
"We have fished at many points on the Atlantic Coast, but thought

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J. C. MEEKINS URGES TYRRELL-DARE ROAD



Speaking before the Rotarians of Edenton at their meeting last week, J. C. (Nat) Meekins, prominent Tyrrell County attorney, appealed to Edenton folk to join in the project to connect Tyrrell with Dare County by roads and bridges, pledging the cooperation of Tyrrell in behalf of projects of interest to Edenton. He told Edenton people the bridging of the water's separating his county from Dare would put Edenton people 62 miles nearer to Dare County by dependable road.

Mr. Meekins is believed to have voiced the sentiment of the people of Tyrrell County in advocating a direct route to Dare County. At present, the route to Alligator River is being straightened, which will put Columbia six miles nearer, and shorten the ferry distance over the river. The extension of route 64 Columbia to Manteo would bring thousands of people to the seashore more often than they are now able,—people from the counties of Tyrrell, Washington, Chowan, Perquimans, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Bertie, Northampton, and nearby Virginia points. It would also put the Capital at Raleigh some 60 miles nearer Manteo. Dare County citizens express themselves as being well-pleased with the interest taken in Tyrrell, and know of no more loyal and faithful ally than the distinguished attorney of Columbia who is boosting the movement.

NEGRO CONCERT TUESDAY IN MANTEO SCHOOL

The Roanoke Island Negro Community Singers will give a concert Tuesday evening, May 23, at 8:15 o'clock in the Manteo high school auditorium. This chorus of 30 voices is the same group who gave a broadcast several weeks ago in Norfolk over station WTAR, and will be directed by Mrs. Genevieve Scarborough, teacher in the Negro school.

Sponsors of the Tuesday night appearance of the chorus are the Dare Woman's Club. The Community Singers are a part of the WPA Adult Education Program, of which Mrs. Elwood Inge is the Dare county director. Negro instructors are Delma Tillett and Mattie Simmons.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Manteo: Bible school Sunday a. m. at 10 o'clock.

Worship service at 11 o'clock.

B. T. U. at 7 p. m.

Roanoke Island: Bible School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

B. T. U. at 7 p. m. followed by worship service at 8 o'clock.

The Daily Vacation Bible School will begin Monday morning, May 22, at 9 o'clock in the Manteo Baptist Church under the direction of Mrs. C. W. Overman. The school is to be in progress for two weeks from 9 a. m. to 12 noon each day from Monday through Friday. All children 3 years of age through 12 are invited to enroll. The school is open to children from families of other denominations as well who may wish to attend.

The following have been asked to assist in the supervision and teaching:

Mrs. Ada Creef, Mrs. Katie Shannon, Mrs. Elsie Westcott, Miss Mildred Gard. Others will assist from time to time.

C. C. Perry, Pastor.

HOUSE UNANIMOUS FOR WARREN'S 20-YEAR BILL

The House Monday unanimously passed the bill sponsored by Representative Lindsay Warren and Graham Barden that provides for twenty year retirement for surfmen in the Coast Guard under certain conditions. Mr. Warren was presiding over the House when the bill was passed by unanimous consent.

ANDERSON HOTEL AND 2 COTTAGES ARE TOTAL LOSS

Fanned by a strong northeast wind a fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed a new fifteen room boarding house, two small cottages, a pick-up truck, and an automobile, all in less than half an hour's time at Kitty Hawk Beach early last Sunday morning.

The fire started in a small cottage belonging to J. B. Anderson of Elizabeth City and Kitty Hawk, soon spread to Mr. Anderson's new 15 room boarding house, which adjoins his cottage on the south, and before Mr. Anderson and other persons drawn to the scene of the conflagration could get the flames under control, fire reached the garage and another small cottage belonging to W. S. Overman of Wilson.

The Andersons were living at the time in their old cottage, which is less than 50 feet to the eastward of the fire's starting point. Volunteers were kept busy pouring buckets of water on the roof of the older cottage, but were unable to save anything from the three buildings that burned. All of the furniture for the boarding house was stored in the cottage from which the fire originated, and a Dodge truck, and a Packard automobile were in the garage.

Mr. Anderson estimated the total loss at between \$10,000 to \$12,000, with only about 25 per cent covered by insurance.

The fire started at about five o'clock Sunday morning, and was first discovered by a neighbor, who roused Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson had not decided, when this newspaper went to press, whether he would attempt to rebuild either of the buildings that were burned.

OLD VESSEL TO BE KEPT FOR A MUSEUM PIECE

If the old vessel which recently turned up on the sand banks of Dare County turns out to be of fifteenth or sixteenth century origin, the North Carolina Historical Commission will make every effort to preserve the old hull and keep it in Dare County where it rightfully belongs, it was announced this week.

News of the plan reached the Times through a letter from Dr. C. C. Crittenden, Secretary of the Historical Commission, to D. B. Fearing of Manteo, President of the Roanoke Island Historical Association.

Mr. Crittenden said, "I am hoping that the vessel can be protected from souvenir hunters until a careful examination can be made by experts. It would not require many weeks for the public to carry away so many souvenirs from the hull that little would be left. If, after careful examination and study have been made, it turns out that the vessel is of real historical significance, I am hoping that it can be preserved in the State of North Carolina rather than carry it away to some other State. Recently we have had one experience of such a relic being hustled away to another State, and I am hoping that we can avoid another similar occurrence. If the vessel is English and of the Elizabethan period, nothing could be more appropriate than for her to be placed on the Fort Raleigh Reservation. It might be that a special building could be erected to house her. Certain processes have been developed for preserving rotten old hulls, and this might apply in this case."

"The Historical Commission will wish to cooperate in every way possible in handling this matter, and we will be glad if you will keep us posted concerning developments."

SHERIFF'S HEAD CUT BY PIECE OF FLYING GLASS

A piece of flying glass cut a two-inch gash in the right side of Sheriff D. V. Meekins' face Sunday night when the car he was driving, was struck in the side by one driven by Walter Etheridge, 17-year-old Pasquotank County boy. The accident happened on Main street while the Sheriff was enroute to Manteo. There were no other injuries, and Mrs. H. L. Graham who was a passenger in the car was uninjured. The car was badly damaged when it upset. Policemen were present who arrested the boy, who pleaded guilty to reckless driving, and was ordered to pay the damages.

BERT KLINE GETS FOUR

Bert Kline of Homestead, Pa., came back this week, Thursday. He and his party caught four large drum Thursday with Sam Tillett. Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wilson of Pittsburgh they have been stopping at Parkersons.

DARE MAN PRAISED FOR FINE ADVERTISING JOB



R. BRUCE ETHERIDGE, Dare County man and director of the Department of Conservation and Development this week wins praise from Editor Herbert Peele of the Daily Advance of Elizabeth City, in connection with the fine work of the advertising department of the department. He gives Mr. Etheridge all credit for publicity on the fine fishing of the Carolina coast, and in commenting on the fine work of the department says: "Surely no representative or Senator in the North Carolina General Assembly could fail enthusiastically to support the State's advertising program, and biennial appropriation for it."

MAY IS CLEAN-UP MONTH IN MANTEO MAYOR SAYS



"Clean up your premises, all during May. Get everything in shape. Buy lumber and paint, hire mechanics, get your property shining and ready for the tourist season." That is the advice of Mayor L. D. Tarkington of Manteo. Other businessmen join him in saying it. You will find the Mayor's proclamation and their advertisement on page three. Join the movement. Make everything show up well this summer.

WILLIS BAUM TAKES IN NORFOLK AMOCO FAIR

Willis G. Baum, popular proprietor of the Filling Station formerly called the Red Top at Kitty Hawk is taking in the Amoco Fair held in Norfolk for dealers and friends of the American Oil Company, and which started on the 17th.

A group of show-people set up their equipment, preparing for a big Amoco dealer meeting, which starts May 17th.

The gathering is under the supervision of C. E. Beaver, manager of American Oil Company. Mr. Beaver said that more than 250 Amoco dealers will attend the fair, coming from Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and several points in North Carolina, including Elizabeth City, Manteo, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills and Moyock.

In a carnival-like atmosphere, the Amoco dealers renew old friendships and make new ones, and will witness the presentation of Amoco sales advertising plans for the spring and summer seasons. Keynote of the meeting will be the Amoco Master Merchant plan, a specific program to help Amoco dealers become better merchants and to assure even better service to motorists than ever before.

Norfolk is one of more than 100 towns in which the Amoco Fair will be presented. The American Oil Company operates in 19 states and the Fair will be held in leading cities throughout this entire territory.

The meeting in Norfolk is such an important one that it will be attended not only by 250 Amoco dealers, but by important executives of the American Oil Company, in-

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WORK UNDERWAY ON FISHING PIER 700 FEET LONG

Construction work was begun this week on a 700 foot fishing pier to be located at the site of the old transient camp two miles south of the Nags Head Coast Guard Station.

The pier is being built by W. H. Jennette, Sr., J. W. Jennette, W. S. Jennette, W. H. Jennette, Jr., A. C. Jennette, and W. C. Jennette, all of whom, with the exception of J. W. Jennette, are connected with the Jennette Fruit Company, of Elizabeth City.

Low bidder on the construction work was the Elizabeth City contracting firm of Wilkinson and Lowry. A pile driver and other necessary equipment were moved down the latter part of last week, and actual work on the project was begun Monday.

The pier will be 16 feet wide, approximately 500 feet long from the high water mark, and 700 feet over all. The decking will be almost 13 feet above normal high tides, which the builders estimate will leave feet to spare even when the largest rollers are coaling in.

According to W. H. Jennette, Sr., who is personally supervising the work, the new pier will have everything to attract the fisherman. One of the transient camp buildings will be moved to the pier entrance, and will house a concession stand, a ticket office, and a fishing tackle and bait shop.

The parking space in front of the pier will be enlarged and improved, and a new walkway leading to the entrance will be ready by opening day.

Mr. Jennette says he has carefully studied construction work in other piers of the kind that are located at Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach, and he is making every effort to build a pier that is more serviceable and more accessible than the others he has seen.

He says the new pier will attract an entirely new class of fishermen to the Dare coast, and will stimulate business throughout the section. He has made no definite announcement about charges for fishing from the pier, but he said a decision will be made in that regard in the near future.

Sixty-five-foot pilings are being used as supports for the structure.

Mr. Jennette said it would be impossible at this time to estimate the cost of the project.

OXFORD SINGERS APPEAR IN DARE THIS WEEK END

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage, always a great favorite in Dare County, sings tonight at Stumpy Point, Saturday night at Wanchese, and Monday night at Manteo. Last night they sang at Kitty Hawk.

Tuesday night they will sing in Elizabeth City.

While on tour, the class usually stops with members of the Masonic fraternity, and their friends. The class is always highly popular and large crowds attend.

The concerts begin at 8 p. m.

SAFE HARBOR SOUGHT FOR OCRACOKE ISLAND

Representative Lindsay Warren this week made a strong appeal before the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors in behalf of Silver Lake, Ocracoke Island. Mr. Warren who secured the present five foot project at Silver Lake shortly after he entered Congress fathered a resolution to give them a real harbor with a depth of ten feet.

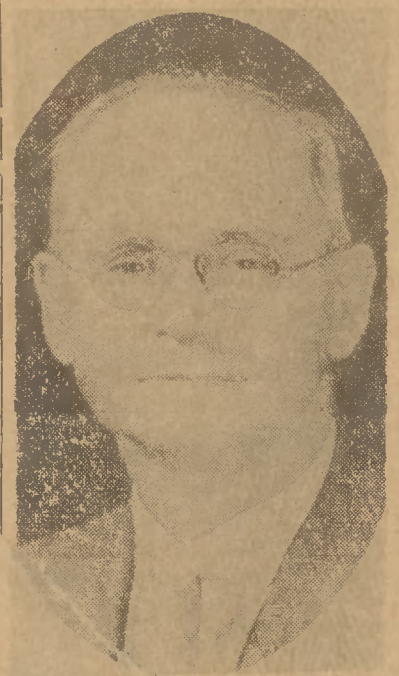
A strong favorable report was submitted by Major George W. Gillette, U. S. District Engineer, Wilmington, but was disapproved by Colonel Jarvis J. Bain Division Engineer at Richmond. Mr. Warren appealed to the Board to overrule Colonel Bain.

He spoke for twenty minutes before the Board on the necessity of a safe harbor for the large trawler fleet now numbering about two hundred vessels that base at Ocracoke in the fall and winter and which are exposed to storms and severe weather both from the Atlantic Ocean and Pamlico Sound. He gave a graphic picture of conditions on Ocracoke and the Banks of North Carolina and of the handicap the people of the island were under in making a living. He severely condemned fish dealers from Norfolk, Virginia, who opposed the project and asked that the interest of the people of Ocracoke and the one hundred boats owned by them as well as the one hundred and fifty trawlers owned in North Carolina be considered rather than outside interests. A decision on the appeal is expected in a few days.

DARE COUNTY BEACHES PREPARE FOR LARGEST SEASON IN ALL HISTORY

Improvements Made in All Best Hotels; New Ones Constructed and Increased Accommodations For Thousands of People; Largest Crowds Anticipated This Year; Season Is Already Getting Into Swing

ALWAYS WANTS TO SEE THE FOLKS BACK HOME



NOWHERE among the many former residents of the Southern Albemarle will be found one who looks more anxiously towards visiting the homeland than W. N. Gibbs, Master Rigger in Shop 72, Norfolk Navy Yard, who first saw the light of day in Washington County, and who fished and lumbered in Dare and Tyrrell. His father was a native of Fairfield in Hyde, and now he is comfortably fixed in Portsmouth, Va. Mr. Gibbs recently wrote us a letter, telling how much he liked the Dare County Times, and the things it printed about the most interesting spot on earth. At the age of four years, he moved from his birthplace, near the shore of Lake Phelps, where Pettigrew Park is being developed, to the east side of the Scuppernon River. Mr. Gibbs continues:

"I left there when I was twelve years old on March 1st, which happens to be my birthday, and went to Croatan to fish with Tom Emery Mann, from Manns Harbor. I fished one season with old man Ellis Midgette, one season with Lath Midgette at Sandy Point. I have fished at the Mashoes, ran fish one season with Captain Jerry Cox from Callihan's Creek to the Old Dominion wharf, old sloop "Pilot's Pride." I ran fish from Weymouth and Davis Beach with Captain Joe Cooper's old schooner "E. Hubbs."

"In 1895 I drifted north. I dredged oysters on the Chesapeake Bay out of Oxford, Maryland and on the Delaware Bay out of Newport, N. J. In the summer of 1895 I shipped out of Philadelphia on the Heckley, a full rigged ship, as cabin boy. I followed the sea continuously from 1895 until 1909. In that length of time I rose from cabin boy to master. I commanded the three mast schooner Grace Seymour, the four mast schooner Elma E. H. Holmes and the good ship Emile May, out of Boston.

"I quit the sea in 1909 and went into business in Philadelphia. I made some money, sold out and started a saw mill in Tyrrell County at the mouth of the Scuppernon River, went broke, visited the Navy Yard in 1914 and put in papers for a rigger. I was called to work right away and went to work on October 13, 1914, as a second class rigger "temporary job" and have been employed here continuously from 1914 to the present time.

"In 1924 I was appointed Master Rigger which job I still hold and shall spend the rest of my working life here.

"I consider the people of Washington, Hyde, Tyrrell and Dare Counties among my closest friends and would be glad to welcome any of them at the Navy Yard at any time. I am never too busy to busy to welcome an old friend.

"I do hope to goodness you folks will soon succeed in getting that little strip of road through to Mashoes. I want to visit the old Weymouth and Davis fishing beach when I come to Manns Harbor again."

Efficiency systems are those that allow the boss to get off for golfing,

All indications predict the biggest season in all the history of Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk Beaches on the Dare County coast. Never before has such interest been noted so early in the season, and many cottages are being constructed. Additional stores have already opened for business, and new filling stations as well, and most notable of the preparations is the improvements in the hotels and additional ones being built.

Saturday night the season got a good start from the social angle, when Ras. Westcott opened his casino, with about 175 couples on the floor. The building has been greatly improved and its facilities enlarged. Seven bowling alleys of regulation size replace the three small ones.

And comes announcement that about the first of June Messrs. Vick and Blueford of Norfolk will open the beach club, in a gay whirl of life and color, with famous bands to furnish music. They promise the biggest season yet known on the beach at this famous attraction.

And now for the hotels. Parkerson's well known hotel, which stays open practically the entire year is going full blast, and has met with a splendid success this season, on many occasions being filled to capacity because of the larger number of sport fishermen this year. Parkerson's is a tribute to the fine genius and fair dealing of man and wife, who have stuck to their job constantly, and who have done their best to give their customers the best of everything. This hotel is unexcelled in popularity, and for the fame of its cool rooms and good service.

The First Colony Inn at Nags Head, long known as the largest hotel on the beach is open for business. This was formerly the LeRoy Hotel. Today it is operated by Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Midgett and Ernest Jones. Nowhere are people with a wider knowledge of the fishing and hunting clientele, than these people. Famous too for fine food, it carries with it the original LeRoy reputation and also attracts the many friends known to the Midgetts and Mr. Jones who has had many years' experience in city hotels.

Among the newest of hotels is the exceptional Nags Header, man-

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RICHMOND PAPER MAN PAYS US FIRST VISIT

But Northeast Begets H. T. Adams of B. W. Wilson Company Out of Fishing Trip

H. T. Adams, middle-aged president of the B. W. Wilson Paper Company, wholesalers of Richmond, Va., the man who in all his business life has never fired an employe, and beginning at zero has developed one of the largest businesses of its kind in the southeast, paid Roanoke Island his first visit Tuesday. He had a two-fold purpose—to visit the Times printing office, and to go fishing, but a northeaster cheated him out of the fishing, and he finished his visiting Tuesday afternoon and went back home, recessing his visit until the Lost Colony season opens.

Mr. Adams was accompanied by Mr. Vest, his North Carolina salesman. They visited Wanchese and Fort Raleigh and dined at the Fort Raleigh Hotel. They met a number of local people, and favorably impressed with the vicinity promised to come back.

A genial, friendly, folksy sort of man, Mr. Adams recalled the old days in Richmond when he began his business career in what he called a hole in the wall. In a short time the business expanded into larger quarters and now the business serves a vast trade in two states, and then some. It is interesting to know that most all large firms grew gradually from humble beginnings, not like mushrooms; and did not spring full panoplied, devoid of hardships, as might be assumed by the average person viewing the colossal structures of today. Visits from men like Mr. Adams make struggles more hopeful, and life more interesting.