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DARE AND HYDE PAPERS TO PAY CASH PROFITS FOR CIRCULATION WORK

Manteo Times and Swan Quarter Herald Offer Unusual Opportunity to Men and Women Who Will Enter the Work of Selling Subscriptions; Good Chance to Raise Money For Schools or Churches.

Beginning October 1, the Dare County Times and the Hyde County Herald offers an unusual opportunity to active workers who will engage in a subscription selling drive. These two newspapers have decided to increase their circulation, and create a better paper for its readers, as well as a more valuable medium for its advertisers.

It is imperative that the papers raise cash to carry on the business. The cost of raw materials going into printing is increasing, along with everything else. And so instead of starting a subscription contest, which pays out much money to help brought in from outside, these newspapers have decided to divide the money with the homefolks; in short to give them the profits for their work.

Further details of this plan are announced elsewhere in a large advertisement in this paper. The complete details may be obtained upon application to the office of the paper nearest you. We want agents in Tyrrell, Hyde, Dare, and Currituck Counties, and we want subscriptions from people living in these counties. It makes no difference whether you sell the Dare County paper or the Hyde County paper. That is the choice of the subscriber.


Chance For Churches and Schools

In cases where the work is done by churches and schools they may club together and raise a goodly sum for their activities. It is not hard to get relatives and friends to subscribe to either of these papers. They enjoy reading the home news, and these papers give them more of the home news than any other papers, and we expect to give still more of it when this drive is concluded. All you have to do is to go ask people to subscribe to the paper. They will not bring it to you.

For those who send in the first batch of subscriptions, there will be an extra cash bonus.

For those who turn in the first batch of subscriptions to either of both papers by October 5, there will be an extra cash bonus. Extra bonuses will also go to those who send in the largest number of subscriptions by that time and still another cash bonus of great value to the agent who sends in the large-

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

Lawrence Lancaster of Vanceboro probably caught the record cero of the season last Sunday when he landed the 36-pounder while fishing with Capt. J. J. Piner aboard his party boat Patricia in Onslow Bay off Beaufort Inlet. Lancaster, brother-in-law of Patrolman John Laws famous cracksmarman of the Highway Patrol was fishing with quite a number of persons aboard the boat and strange to say only the 36-pound cero and a small bluefish was taken. The largest cero taken up until Sunday weighed 29 pounds.

Despite favorable weather conditions on the week end no outstanding catches were reported from any of the fishing centers. Thurston Gaskill of Ocracoke and Ralph Nelson of Atlantic and Drum Inlet who have served faithfully as contacts for this column in their respective sectors report that plenty of channel bass, blues, Spanish mackerel and smaller species of fish are being taken, and it is the same story in the Hatteras-Oregon Inlet sections, but no record fish or near records have been reported during the past week.

Major George Gillette, U. S. District Engineer of Wilmington, his son Douglas, a second year man at Annapolis and Dr. Herbert F. Prytherch of the U. S. Fisheries Laboratory in Beaufort landed several nice porgies, sheepshead and Span-

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HYDE COUNTY'S GUIDES EXPECT GREAT SEASON

Cottages and Guides Ready For Great Days at Lake Mattamuskeet

(From Hyde County Herald)

With only a few weeks before time for the influx of sportsmen who have made Mattamuskeet a mecca for the past few years, the one man who perhaps has had m to do than anyone else except the government itself in attracting sportsmen to this area is ready with accommodations calculated to bring more people to the hunting sections of Hyde County.

Reference is made to Leslie O'Neal, the popular proprietor of the O'Neal Cottages at New Holland at the main entrance to Lake Mattamuskeet. Mr. O'Neal, who has run a general store at New Holland for more than 25 years, foresaw the possibilities of the section some five or six years ago and erected the first of his cottages at New Holland for accommodating the visiting huntsmen.

Mr. O'Neal has formed the practice of catering to these sportsmen, providing not only comfortable rooms and meals at all hours of the day, but also all other necessities such as all size gun shells for sale right at his store near the cabins. He also has available for rent or for sale a large stock of boots, rain coats, aviation suits and other items to make the hunters more comfortable while hunting.

Three excellent cooks are also provided to furnish good meals and to prepare and cook game which the visitors bring in. Numerous guides make their headquarters at Mr. O'Neal's store, so that the visiting huntman has no occasion to have to go elsewhere for supplies or for guide service.

So popular have been the cabins and the service provided by Mr. O'Neal that each season has found many of his former patrons returning and bringing others with them to the Mattamuskeet hunting grounds, made famous the country over since the government took it over in 1934 to make it a fowl refuge.

Each year additions have been made to the cabins with the result that there are now 16 rooms, almost all of which are well screened and equipped to accommodate comfortably up to four persons. Hot and cold water is provided in the showers with the rooms being comfortably heated.

In addition to the cabins at New Holland, Mr. O'Neal a little over a year ago acquired the ownership and management of the hotel in Swan Quarter, 10 miles away. The hotel has been renovated, with some additions, and is being managed by Miss Pearl Saddler, sister-in-law of Mr. O'Neal.

Also accommodations for hunters are provided at the Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge, situated on the lake and leased by the government to J. S. Mann.

The Lakeview Cottages built last year by R. L. Gibbs and E. M. O'Neal, son of Leslie O'Neal, were since burned but are now being rebuilt and will be operated by Elbert Jones.

S. H. Barber who operates Barber Shanty at Lake Landing also has cottages for visiting sportsmen.

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SALISBURY MAN CAUGHT BIG HATTERAS BLUEFISH

A big bluefish caught at Hatteras on September 2 by T. K. Carlton, Salisbury, N. C., attorney, may prove the record catch in the Field and Stream contest. While fishing off the Diamond Shoals with Vernon Willis and Roscoe Burrus, Jr., Mr. Carlton landed the fish on a 36 thread line. It was 35 inches long, weighed 14 pounds and was 18½ inches around it. The fish was led to its doom by biting a chunk of bait cut from another bluefish.

J. I. Willis well-known Hatteras merchant reports he saw a large blue marlin off Hatteras Monday, which did stunts beside his boat, and evidently weighed as much as 400 pounds.

WANCHESE BOY IS KILLED IN CYCLE MISHAP

Howard Gaston Saunders, 23, Buried at Wanchese Tuesday

Funeral services were held for Howard Gaston Saunders Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 at the Wanchese Methodist church. Saunders died Sunday at the Marine Hospital in Norfolk as the result of injuries received when he crashed into a tree while driving a motorcycle.

Young Saunders, 23, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Saunders of Wanchese and lived at Berkeley, Virginia. With his brother, Gus, and several others on motorcycles, he was returning home from Oceana when he went off the road on Springfield avenue, Chesterfield Heights. His brother, badly injured some time ago in a motorcycle accident, stated that Saunders was forced off the road by an oncoming automobile. Officers stated that the driver lost control of the machine while traveling west on Springfield avenue. He was thrown into the air and the fall to the ground was thought to have caused internal injuries from which he died. The machine was demolished.

The accident occurred about one o'clock Sunday morning and Saunders died six hours later in the Marine Hospital. He called for his brother 15 minutes before he died and was conscious, reports said, until the time of his death.

Casts had been put on his legs, broken by the accident, and doctors up to the last, were of the opinion that there was a chance for his recovery.

Besides his parents, Saunders is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lois Cudworth Saunders; one daughter, Sandra Gayle Saunders; six sisters, Mrs. Frank Midgett and Miss Madge Saunders of Wanchese, Mrs. Minnie Bassett of Wilmington, Del., Mrs. Abe Sobel of San Pedro, Calif., Mrs. George Sigby and Mrs. Luetta Meekins of Norfolk; two brothers, Gus Saunders of Norfolk and Ernest Saunders of Manteo.

Rev. W. N. Sneed, pastor of the Wanchese Methodist church, assisted by Rev. Laurence, conducted the funeral services. Rev. Laurence is an evangelist of the Assemblies of God church. Pall bearers were Richard Grey, Jr., Freddie Etheridge, Henry Parker, Robert Thurman, Sherman Sawyer and James Altman. Interment was in the Cudworth cemetery.

Those coming from out of town for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Banks, Robert K. Thurman, Shurman Sawyer, James Altman, Robert Johnson, S. J. Regular, Gus Montague, George Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hayman, Mr. and Mrs. George Sigbee, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Saunders, Mrs. Vance Cudworth Mrs. Lois Cudworth Saunders and daughter, Miss Loretta Godfrey, Miss Wilma Cudworth and Mrs. Nannie Calhoun of Norfolk, Miss Leatha Lenark of Oceana, Va., and Mrs. Hyacinth Bassett of Wilmington, Del.

The funeral services Tuesday were the second held in Wanchese in recent months for victims of motorcycle accidents. A nephew of Saunders, Lionel Midgett, was killed in May of this year when the machine on which he and Roy Davis, Jr., were riding crashed into an oncoming automobile at the Coinjock canal bridge. Davis escaped with minor injuries but Midgett, driver of the motorcycle, died in the Marine Hospital a few days after the accident.

WAR ENDANGERS WRIGHT BROS. PLANE

Capt. Bill Tate Seeks Return of Ship From English Museum

Coinjock, N. C.—Capt. Bill Tate, who helped the Wright brothers make their first airplane flight at Kill Devil Hills 36 years ago, is fearful that German war planes will destroy the original Wright plane.

He wants the United States to return the Wright ship from England at once.

"One bomb would destroy this ship and rob all of us of their treasure," he said. "It certainly is not safe at Kensington Museum."

The original plane was sent to the English museum as a result of a dispute between Wright and Smithsonian Institution officials over the wording of a plaque to be placed on the exhibit.

EVERETT HEADLEY GETS JOB WITH STANDARD OIL

Everett Headley left this week on the S. S. Swift Arrow, a Standard Oil tanker. The boat will go from Norfolk to Houston, Texas and from there to Philadelphia.

THE Gift Wife

by... RUPERT HUGHES

A thrilling story of love and adventure in the Near East. Action centers on Dr. David Jebb, skilled surgeon, who, while in a strange land, is given temporary custody of a little girl. Cursed with an overpowering fondness for drink, Dr. Jebb finally succumbs to temptation, even in the face of his responsibility. When he regains his faculties, David finds himself in a foreign land, inhabited by a people unknown to him. The child has disappeared...

But that's enough—you'll want to find out for yourself how David Jebb untangles the threads of his life. "The Gift Wife" is one of Rupert Hughes' greatest stories.

READ EVERY INSTALLMENT IN THIS PAPER!

Be sure to start this thrilling story beginning next week.

GEO. P. CARTER OF FAIRFIELD TALKS TURKEY

Seeks Change From Old One Crop System and Will Raise 1,000 Turkeys a Year

Regardless of the outcome of the controversy with the President over Thanksgiving, Geo. P. Carter of Fairfield, is doing his part to make of that institution a success. He has 140 prime birds coming on in fine shape, and declares it is his intention to point the way for a change from the one crop system that has bothered Hyde County so long.

Mr. Carter has built a new house for his 140 birds, and now he is so well pleased with his success with them he is getting ready to build a house of 1,000 bird capacity. With turkeys bringing \$3 or \$4 apiece on the markets, he ought to be able to realize a nice profit when they can be raised for about \$2 apiece.

Mr. Carter, who is one of the most farsighted citizens of Hyde County, many years ago envisioned a ferry across Albemarle Sound. The result of that vision is a magnificent bridge over the sound. Today, he is looking far ahead, and attempting to show the people of Hyde County, how to diversify and find more profits from their labors.

His new turkey house will be 100 x 150 feet. A 12-acre section of his 140 acre farm will be devoted to pasturage for the birds. He has sowed a patch in crimson clover, and his arrangements permit a part of the land to be grazed at the time—about four acres.

"We have been raising too many caterpillars and army worms," Mr. Carter says. "Now is the time to change. We can grow anything in the world in Hyde County, and its rich pasturage suggest profits in livestock, as well as crops."

NEGRO SHOT IN FOOT AT SATURDAY DANCE

A Negro employee of Duvall Brothers, East Lake, is somewhat the worse for his Saturday visit to Roanoke Island. He reported that he attended a dance in California and that his dancing with a girl in the dance hall occasioned a fight climaxed when he was shot.

The bullet went through his foot, so he did not seek medical attention but admitted that his foot was a little sore. After the shooting he spent a good share of the night eluding his pursuers who were not satisfied with the extent of his injuries. He escaped without being further molested.

DRUM FISHING GOOD AT HATTERAS INLET STATION

On the north point of Ocracoke Island 15 drum fish were landed Sunday afternoon in one and a half hours by William Garrish and L. D. Midgett of Hatteras Inlet Coast Guard station. The boys reported the inlet was full of fish, with many strikes, but most of them got off the hook. But 15 large fish were landed.

Miss Estelle Meekins, Mrs. Edith Quidey and Mrs. Cora Midgett were in Norfolk Monday.

MASONS FEAST THURSDAY WITH GRAND MASTER

Wanchese Lodge Host to the Brethren of the District at Fish Fry

The Masops of Wanchese Lodge, No. 521, A. F. & A. M. were hosts to a large gathering of their brethren of the entire First Masonic District, as well as the Grandmaster, J. Edward Allen of High Point, and Grand Secretary, John H. Anderson of Raleigh. The big feature of the meeting was a fish fry at four o'clock Thursday afternoon, and an ice cream social at night and degree work. The Masonic ladies of Roanoke Island assisted in putting on the social.

The committee in charge of the fish fry and other entertainment was Representative Roy Davis, Raymond White and W. M. Jolliff. Masons from lodges at Edenton, Hertford, Elizabeth City, and in Gates, Currituck and Camden were invited to attend.

The meeting was one of the most auspicious occasions staged by Wanchese lodge. Leo Midgett is Worshipful Master of this lodge, Leigh Hassell, secretary.

C. R. DAVIS IS DUCKED IN THE POTOMAC RIVER

With Roanoke Island surrounded by water, C. Ralph Davis was not satisfied with bathing facilities and travelled way to Washington, D. C., for a ducking in the Potomac River. The ducking resulted when the boat he was driving in the races last Saturday afternoon sank, spoiling his chances of placing in the President's cup regatta.

Pat II, owned by H. V. and C. R. Davis, was entered with Class E onboard runabouts and was one of eight boats to leave the starting line at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the five-mile race. The boat has a 175 h. p. engine, is 17½ feet long, and does five miles in six minutes and five or six seconds.

Pat II was sixth away from the starting line but was in second place when she had covered two miles of the course. It was then that she struck some pieces of plywood torn from another boat in an earlier race, the propeller broke and a hole was torn in the bottom, leaving her nose sticking up out of water and driver Davis floating in the Potomac river. The race was won by Hi-Ho II owned by George B. Ward, Jr., of Wilmington, Delaware, and the Davis boat was not recovered until late in the afternoon.

The Davises won the chance to enter their boat in the President's cup regatta by placing second in the September 2 races at Stone Harbor, N. J., and winning the Eastern championship at Atlantic City September 3 this year.

Several loving cups, cocktail sets and a clock are numbered among the trophies that Pat II has brought to the Davis china closets, but her trophy-winning days now seem to have ended. The motor used for Saturday's race was borrowed, the regular motor having been destroyed when the Creef machine shop burned in the Manteo fire two and a half weeks ago. It was sorry enough luck to replace a motor, but now the whole boat will probably have to be replaced because it was so badly damaged.

According to Ralph Davis, the President's regatta is a jink for him. Pat II placed third in 1937 but bad luck prevented entering her in the races last year, and this year she capsized. The regatta was held this September for the thirteenth time, lasted from September 16 to 24 and included sailing and motor racing, swimming, rowing, canoeing and an illuminated water carnival.

Among those from Manteo attending the races Saturday were Earl Green, Keith Fearing, Jr., Miss Mary Mann Evans, Martin Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. H. Vernon Davis and daughter Pat, Mr. and Mrs. Roddy Meikle, who went up Friday, Dave Driskill Leigh Hassell, and Alvah Ward flew to Washington Saturday morning. A number of the group visited Mount Vernon Sunday.

FISHERMEN NET A MAN EATER SHARK

The first man eater shark ever to be caught in a pound net in Croatan Sound so far as is known was caught last Thursday by Jacie Burrus and Thelbert Tillet, two young fishermen of Manns Harbor.

As the fishermen came near their nets they could see a large fish in one of them, and several minutes later they captured it and brought it ashore.

The shark weighed about 800 pounds, and was 12 feet long.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS CASE UPSETS ANXIOUS MOTHERS; SMALL CHILD SERIOUSLY ILL

Dr. Johnston Advises There Is No Undue Cause For Alarm; There Have Been Many Other Cases; No Preventive Yet Known; Cases Prevalent in Norfolk and Near Elizabeth City

PLANS VINEYARD NEAR 3,000 VINES IN CURRITUCK CO.

Capt. T. A. Baum Has Already Set 1,000 Scuppernongs on Melson Farm

A scuppernong vineyard of eight to 50 acres is being planted in Currituck County near Harbinger, by Capt. T. A. Baum of the Roanoke Ferry Company. The vineyard will have about 3,000 vines. Capt. Baum has planted 1,000 and has another 2,000 plants ready to set out.

One wonders how Capt. Baum can find time to do so much. Besides operating two ferry boat systems, he is owner of the second largest and the newest hotel on the Dare County beaches, the Wilbur Wright at Kill Devil Hills.

His vineyard is on the Melson farm near Harbinger post office, and between his trips to Tyrrell County and Currituck, he is a mighty busy man.

115 MILES OF SEA AND SAND IN A SINGLE PHOTOGRAPH

A single photograph that will show the entire 115-mile reach of the Hatteras National Seashore, done with infra-red filters from an altitude of 18,000 feet 15 miles off shore midway between Ocracoke and Cape Lookout was undertaken this week by the Photographic Section of the Army Air Corps under the direction of Maj. Dache M. Reeves, personnel officer of the Second Wing of the GHQ Airforce.

Another of a series of photographs undertaken on the same flight is a mosaic of Diamond Shoals, from Hatteras Light to the Lightship 16 miles off shore, done with polaroid filters that should reveal clearly the scores of wrecked ships lying in the graveyard of the Atlantic, and on the return flight to Langley Field a mosaic of Roanoke Island and another of Collington were done.

Altogether the series of pictures, when completed and made available for publication, will become of immense value in projecting this region into national notice. Major Reeves was hopeful that the photograph of the National Seashore would rank with his picture that shows clearly the entire length of Long Island, and is regarded as one of the most remarkable aerial photographs ever taken.

Tentative plans for the series of pictures were made here last summer when Major Reeves spent a week here aboard his yacht and during his stay saw much of Roanoke and the Outer Banks, with Alpheus W. Drinkwater, Capt. John T. Daniels and Ben Dixon MacNeill as guests. Last Tuesday morning the matter was definitely proposed in his office at Headquarters in Langley Field, and, after telephoning for weather reports off Hatteras, Major Reeves was ready to take off. The flight was made in a twin-motored Grumman amphibian of the same type flown by Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Corps, on his many visits here during the summer.

Jointly with Maj. Albert W. Stevens who was the first to photograph the curvature of the earth's surface, Major Reeves is regarded as the father of aerial photography. He established also the Aeronautical Museum at Wilbur Wright Field in Dayton, and has spent many years collecting historic items and pictures. He was this year transferred to Langley Field and came shortly thereafter to visit Roanoke Island.

Archaeology is Major Reeves' hobby, and the great shell mounds on Collington, he believes, should when they are opened, disclose valuable clues to aboriginal civilization. He was delighted that the area will eventually be preserved in the Hatteras National Seashore and the mounds preserved.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hollowell have as their guests, Mrs. Hollowell's sister, Mrs. Robert O. Jones, of Lafayette, Ind., and aunt, Mrs. Pearl W. Franklin of Phoenix, Ariz.

The sudden illness of two-year-old Judith Wescott, child of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Wescott of Manteo, critically ill of infantile paralysis here this week has thrown a scare into parents everywhere in the vicinity.

"But there is no need to become unduly alarmed," says Dr. W. W. Johnston, the attending physician, whose own child was stricken by the disease five years ago, and fully recovered. "We have had many cases in Dare County before; as many as five in a single year. While it is to be dreaded, and its origin and manner of spreading is yet unknown, we rarely hear of it happening to more than one person in the same family."

Dr. Johnston says there is no form of vaccination yet discovered to prevent this disease. Since the scare occurred, many people have asked him about this. He thinks the best thing under the circumstances is for parents to keep their children home when not in school. In the opinion of Dr. Johnston, there is no need to close the schools. Children would be going about everywhere, he says, and would probably be in as great danger as at present. If the disease shows any tendency to spread, then the school and health authorities should act promptly.

Parents are warned it is better if they can keep their children home, when not in school.

The little Wescott girl is ill at the Tranquil House where her parents live. Dr. Rinker, a Norfolk specialist was called in consultation with Dr. Johnston this week. Her condition is considered most critical. She is paralyzed from the neck down.

HATTERAS MEN MAKING GOOD SHRIMP CATCHES

Many large catches of shrimp early in the week were proving a great help to several Hatteras fishermen. Most of the boats are manned by a crew of several men, but one man fishing alone, Morris Willis on Monday caught about 1,225 pounds of shrimp, valued at \$51.25.

Irish Styron, fishing Dan Oden's boat caught 2,300 pounds valued at \$1,200. Dennis Robinson and Ernul Foster also made good catches.

Most of the shrimp are sold to local buyers, for the Globe Fish Co., of Elizabeth City, Clayton Fisher of Atlantis, and Potter Fish Co., of Belhaven.

A catch of 1,200 pounds of shrimp was brought to Hatteras market Monday by J. I. Stowe who also caught 600 pounds of shrimp Friday. They were selling at 4 to 5 cents a pound on the local market. Snowden Quidey caught 1,000 pounds of shrimp on Saturday. Luther Burrus, Henry Gaskill, Preston Stowe and many others are engaged in shrimping. Profits are not large, for running expenses are \$10 to \$12 a day, whether any fish are caught or not.

JENNINGS MIDGETT IS NOW LEGUM'S MANAGER

W. Jennings Midgett of Rodanthe, who has been connected with the A. J. Legum Furniture organization for several months as salesman, was this week made local manager succeeding Frank Facchini, who returns to Norfolk. Mr. Midgett will be in charge of sales and collections. Although the Manteo store burned down in the recent big fire, the firm will continue to do business in Manteo, and will fill orders from both their Norfolk and Elizabeth City stores. Mr. Midgett who is highly popular will make regular trips over Dare County in the interest of the business.

ELIZABETH CITY HAS RADIO STATION, WCNC

First radio broadcasts were made Tuesday from Elizabeth City. The new station, managed by Trim Aydlett, is known as WCNC. (Wa Cover North Carolina), and operates at 1370 kilocycles.