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DARE COUNTY BOYS ACTIVE IN 4-H WORK

Projects For 1939 Included Gardening, Poultry Raising, Pig and Fig Growing

Dare County boys are showing an increasing interest and are more actively participating all the time in 4-H Club work, as shown by the following report of C. W. Overman, county farm agent:

A check up on boys 4-H Club projects along the outer banks shows that boys south of Oregon Inlet do something beside fish, crab and play. A total of 64 boys conducted 4-H Club projects during 1939 and 61 projects were carried through to completion. Projects consisted of gardening, poultry raising, pig growing and fig growing.

Thirty-five boys were enrolled in gardening work. Thirty-three of these completed projects. They raised on an average of 8 kinds of vegetables each. Total value of vegetables raised \$428.71. Club members worked a total of 1828 hours valued at 10 cents per hour making \$182.80 for their time; other expenses amounted to \$94.73 making total expenses amounting to \$277.53. Net profit value of vegetables produced \$151.18. Practically all of these vegetables were used at home but were valued at moderate market value.

In poultry work 24 boys conducted projects, and 23 projects were completed. Eggs set 1536, chicks hatched 1114, chicks bought 100. Of these 1214 chicks started 860 were raised to frying size weighing from 2 to 3 pounds each. Value of fryers produced was \$572.75. Feed and other expenses amounted to \$344.80 leaving a net profit value of \$227.95.

One pig club member raised 32 hogs. Feed cost amounted to approximately \$205.00, value of hogs at start was about \$175.00 approximately \$600.00 worth of hogs were produced with a net profit of \$220.

Five fig club members set 91 young trees of which 63 lived. The boys worked about 101 hours valued at 10 cents per hour amounting to \$10.10. Sixty-three living trees valued at 25 cents each amounted to \$15.75 leaving a net profit value of \$5.65.

One handicraft member made 4 articles valued at \$5.00 with expenses amounting to \$3.00.

Total production value of projects \$1622. Total expenses including members time \$1015.43. Net profit value on projects \$606.78. The number of hours worked by all boys totals approximately 3,000 or 300 days of 10 hours each.

ENGELHARD GIRL IN WHO'S WHO



MISS MARY MATTHEWS

Miss Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Matthews of Engelhard, who will receive her A. B. degree from Atlantic Christian College at Wilson in May, is among those students who will be listed in the 1939-40 issue of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The book will be released in January or February.

Miss Matthews is a member of the Golden Knot honor society at Atlantic Christian College, was a representative to the Woman's Dormitory Council for two years, was elected secretary of the Cooperative Association her junior year and was elected to fill that position again in her senior year. She is president of the Sigma Tau Chi sorority.

Miss Matthews graduated from Stonewall high school, Stonewall, in the class of 1936. She was an outstanding student during her high school career.

The publication is published through the cooperation of over 500 American universities and colleges. Several students from accredited colleges are selected each year, by an unprejudiced committee, for their biographies to appear in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. These books are placed in the hands of hundreds of companies and others who annually recruit outstanding students for employment.

The purpose of the book is to serve as an incentive for students to get the most out of their college careers; as a means of compensation to students for what they have already done; as a recommendation to the business world; and as a standard of measurement for students comparable to such agencies as Phi Beta Kappa and the Rhodes Scholarship award.

TIMES RADIO PROGRAMS BRING MANY COMMENTS

The radio programs being sponsored by the Dare County Times over the Elizabeth City station, WCNC, have caused much comment, and listeners here are enthusiastic.

Two programs have been given, one on each of the two past Sunday afternoons at three o'clock. Charlie Shannon and his gang have been receiving fan mail all week since their broadcast last Sunday. C. W. Overman and Miss Helen Evans presented the previous program.

Plans have not yet been completed for the Times program to be given Sunday, December 3, but the 15-minute presentation will go on at the usual time, 3 p. m.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR ON RADIO SATURDAY

The choir of the Westminster Choir School of Princeton, New Jersey, will sing over station WJZ (New York) Saturday night at 10 o'clock. They will sing with the NBC symphony orchestra under the direction of Toscanini, the program being the sixth in a series of Beethoven festival presentations.

Beethoven's ninth symphony will be featured on the program, and four important soloists, besides the choir, will sing. Marguerite Etta Evans of Edenton is a member of the choir. She became interested in the school when a group of Westminster students came to Roanoke Island in 1937 to sing for The Lost Colony. A group of singers from the school has returned each summer since to take a part in the drama, and considerable interest in the school has developed in this section of the country.

Mrs. Ray Jones and son, Ray Jr., and Mrs. A. H. Ward and children, Millie, Leila and Alvah Jr., went to Norfolk Thursday.

GIBBS CATCHES FISH WHICH IS LIKE NIGHTMARE

H. T. Gibbs is catching a new kind of fish. It has a head like a croaker, body and tail like an eel with a beard and is colored like a croaker. No one has ever seen one like it around Manns Harbor. He has caught two of them.

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE, LEAD BY HELEN EVANS IN DARE, BEGINS TODAY

Robed Angel and Double-Barred Cross Form Design on 1939 Seal

The sale of Christmas seals, beginning today, is being sponsored in Dare County by the Senior Woman's Club, which has appointed Miss Helen Evans as chairman and Miss Lottie McCarter and Mrs. C. S. Meekins as her assistants.

The 1939 seal has for its design a red double-barred cross, the emblem of the National Tuberculosis Association, and a white-robed angel. There is a little story being told that one woman protested that the angel, drawn on modernistic lines, did not look like an angel. She was silenced when asked if she had ever seen an angel.

The seals will be sold by teachers in the Wanchese and Manteo schools as well as by the three committee members named. The National Tuberculosis Association seal sale, said Miss Evans, is not to be confused with the American Red Cross roll call which take place from November 11 through November 30. She said further that only 25 per cent of the income from the sale plus campaign expenses goes out of the county, the rest remaining here to be used helping people with tuberculosis and for general health work.

The Christmas seal idea originated in 1904 in Denmark with a postal official named Einar Holboell and was adopted in this country by Miss Emily P. Bissell of Wilmington, Delaware, in 1907. The American Red Cross took over the sale, later forming a partnership with the National Tuberculosis Association. The two are now entirely separate and the sale is conducted by the latter organization alone.

The idea of selling seals for the benefit of tubercular patients has spread to many countries in Europe, Asia, South America and Africa and even to various islands. The designs vary considerably, those in the Asiatic countries often reflecting Asiatic customs. Motifs, such as the wrestler, the cock, the javelin thrower, the dancer and Mt. Fujiyama have been among Japanese designs, and the Korean stamp for 1936 showed children flying kites.

WELL KNOWN SALESMAN MOVES TO ENGELHARD



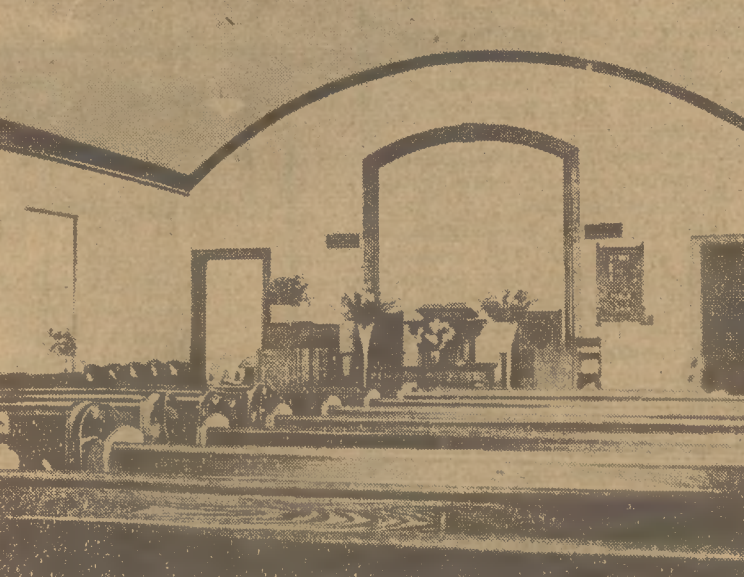
CHARLES R. FULCHER, well-known as a travelling salesman has recently removed to Engelhard in Hyde County, the old home of Mrs. Fulcher, where he is engaged in the wholesale and retail fish and oyster business. Mr. Fulcher has travelled the North Carolina coast a number of years and is one of the best known salesmen in this section.

CASINO OPENED FOR SATURDAY'S HOLIDAY DANCE

The Casino will be opened for a Thanksgiving dance Saturday night, owner G. T. Westcott, Jr., has announced, and first and second floors will be heated so that patrons can both dance and bowl.

This is the first time the Casino has been open since the Halloween dance but it will open again for the Christmas holiday dances in late December. Mr. Westcott says he has many new records and expects a big crowd.

COUNTY'S BRICK CHURCH DEDICATED SUNDAY



KITTY HAWK METHODISTS observed another great day in their church history Sunday, Nov. 26, when they dedicated their church built a year ago. Rev. J. M. Ormond of Duke University delivered the sermon; the new pastor, Rev. Thos. Merriman offered prayer; its outgoing pastor, Rev. Matt R. Gardner under whose direction the church was built, presided. There were visitors from Elizabeth City, Manteo, Goldsboro, Durham and Norfolk, and the beautiful auditorium of the church was filled.

Mrs. M. Leigh Sheep of Elizabeth City was the organist for the service and accompanied Mrs. Margaret Foreman Love when she sang "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." Announcements were made of memorials in the form of windows, pulpit, and communion furniture, altar, and hymn books.

Rev. Gardner announced that this \$9,300 church was free of debt. This was the joyful climax of hard work for a period of almost three years. This church is on a mission charge and is the only brick church in Dare County. It is one mile from the ocean highway and in a community of 350 people.

During the service, under the direction of Rev. B. B. Slaughter, district superintendent, an offering was taken and presented to Rev. Gardner for his work there as pastor during the past four years and especially in the completion of the new church.

Dr. J. M. Ormond, of the School of Religion, Duke University, delivered the Dedicatory Sermon. He was introduced by Rev. B. B. Slaughter.

HISTORY AND PAUL GREEN REPEAT THEMSELVES

By ELAINE JOHNSON

I saw Paul Green's play, The Highland Call, in Fayetteville Tuesday of last week and don't like it as well as The Lost Colony. The two plays are built on the same lines, and both of them are based on history, but the Fayetteville drama takes place between 1752 and 1776, nearly 200 years later than the Roanoke Island play.

Rosenberg Has Shoes. It seemed strange to see Donald Rosenberg shod. He plays the comedy part of Sandy Ochiltree in The Highland Call. At the show's end when I wanted to catch his attention I stood in the orchestra pit and called, "Hi, Wanchese," and Rosenberg leapt to attention and assured me he'd be back in his dark-skinned role next summer.

His part in the Scotch play is much like the part of Old Tom in The Lost Colony. Sandy is a servant, attached to the house of the MacDonalds, and his insistence on wearing his Scotch kilts under his English pants makes his costume somewhat on the bulky side. He puts up a great show of bravery, when no danger is present, but, like Old Tom, handles a gun with buttered fingers when danger is imminent. He, too, has an Indian

LIGHTSHIP LIFE HAS THRILLS AS WELL AS HUMDRUM MONOTONY

Men Anchored in Vessel in Ocean Off Cape Hatteras Prepare to Enjoy Christmas Too; Ship Was Destroyed by German Sub in 1918; Long Spell at Sea Broken by Shore Leave

By BILL SHARPE

Diamond Lightship guards the greatest area of quicksand in the world—turbulent, boiling Diamond Shoals, off Cape Hatteras, N. C.

The Lightship crew is on duty 60 days, off 27 days.

Weekly mail is brought by passing coastwise steamers, but in bad weather the mail is carried on past the ship and put aboard a northbound vessel later. Sometimes the mail has been at sea for six weeks, waiting an opportune passing.

The Lightship was the only one sunk in warfare (1918).

Once in a Caribbean hurricane, the captain and engineer put the vessel to sea to prevent dragging anchor upon the shoals. The pair sailed the ship into the face of the worst hurricane in Hatteras memory.

The Gulf Stream's edge moves around the lightship, bringing a stream of tropical fish around the vessel.

In winter, the lightship crew goes for weeks without a visitor, except for the monthly visit of the supply tender.

Diamond Lightship, N. C.—Leon Hudgins lashed his handline to the rail and trained his glass on the smudge of smoke. "It's one of Ill Doochey's ships," he said with agreeable levity. "We see lots of Eye-talian ships out here." Three or four of the crew came over and peered curiously at the passing freighter, but Leon Hudgins returned dutifully to his handline. For many years he has fished the esoteric and fruitful waters of the Gulf Stream—that mysterious blue-black current which washes its western edge against the most famous lightship in America. New-comers to the lightship first fish enthusiastically, then fitfully, then not at all. But Leon Hudgins fishes like a true sportsman, never so sophisticated as to tire of what his line will produce. One day he brought up seven octopi (they are octopusses, on the lightship) and astounded them all. To get bait for the barracuda, amberjack and dolphin he has a simple expedient. Open a hatch near the water at night, set a light there, and the flying fish jump right in.

The handful of men stared solemnly at the Eye-talian ship as she steamed by, cutting in between the Outer Shoals and the pestiferous current of the Gulf Stream.

Once, 20 years ago now, Captain W. L. Barnett had stood in like me, watching a heavily loaded Hollander plod along. Suddenly, he had seen a puff of smoke upon the Dutchman, then another. Climbing high into the light-mast, he espied the German submarine, pumping shell into the craft with her surface guns.

Now Captain Barnett, for 33 years aloft lightships, tends a peace ul little garden in the shadow of Old Cape Hatteras light in Buxton woods. But he recalls vividly that afternoon 20 years ago. "I monkeyed out of the rigging," he said, "and we radioed an S. O. S. for the Dutchman. Her crew was already in the lifeboats and making away. The submarine picked up our signals, and we must 'a made the commander mad. Next thing I knew, she was steaming up, and a shell knocked out our antenna."

The regular captain was ashore, and Barnett (then First Mate) was in charge. The frightened crew took to the whaleboat and pulled away. Meantime, the submarine chased away after a tanker, but returned a bit later and pumped shells into the lightship until she sank.

"We were three miles away," said Barnett, "when the old tub stuck up her nose and went under." It was 2:30 p. m. when they left ship. At 9:30 that night, they landed on the Outer Banks north of the lighthouse, carefully rowing north of the roaring Diamond Shoals. There was no power launch on the lightship then. It was a beautiful, calm night . . . "lucky for us," added the captain.

So life aboard The Diamond, which guards the outer edge of America's greatest area of quicksand and most dangerous shoal waters, might be monotonous, and then it might be very, very exciting indeed. And it might be the most dangerous spot on the seven seas, as it was back in 1933 . . .

But Captain Barnett was talking now of the Carroll A. Deering. "I mind that 5-master," he agreed. "She came past us one morning and lodged square on the shoals, and everybody wondered what the devil." You can imagine the gossip that morning aboard the Diamond. The great vessel sailed majestically by the warning signals, with all sails set, and heaved herself upon Diamond Shoals, in a moderate sea. When Coast Guardsmen finally boarded her, they found the crew gone, but every thing else in order. Pots were still on the stove. No one ever found trace of crew or captain. Only a cat was left to tell the tale of the Deering.

"The cat wouldn't talk," said Captain Barnett.

Diamond Lightship, 12 miles off Cape Point (Hatteras), and some 20 sea miles from the village of Hatteras, lies at the edge of the shoals, with the Gulf Stream mov-

MACNEILL RETURNS TO THE COAST COUNTRY



BEN DIXON MacNEILL whose skillful and gifted pen has done so much for the Carolina coastland, is back again after spending some months aiding his homefolks at Fayetteville with their highly successful celebration. MacNeill is back at his den at Fort Raleigh this week.

METHODIST MEET BRINGS 100 YOUNG PEOPLE TO KITTY HAWK TUESDAY

Kitty Hawk was host Tuesday night to the Dare County Young People's Union of the Methodist church, a meeting which drew over 100 from Manteo, Wanchese and Kitty Hawk.

Dorothy Meekins, treasurer, presided in the absence of the president and vice-president. Marie Swain, Kitty Hawk, read the scripture, Dorothy Toppin, Manteo, sang a solo, "Evening Prayer," Grace Gaskill, Wanchese, read a poem, and Carolyn Daniels, Manteo, read an article. Refreshments were served, and the meeting dismissed by prayer offered by the Rev. M. W. Maness.

The meeting was divided into three parts, recreational games, the business meeting, and a religious program including group singing. It was the third meeting since the club was organized, each of the three groups having entertained once. The next meeting will be at Wanchese January 5, at eight p. m. Counsellors are Miss Helen Evans, Dare County; Mrs. O. J. Jones, Manteo; Mrs. Jesse Baum, Kitty Hawk; and John Etheridge, Wanchese.

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