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## LIONS SPONSOR BROOM SALE FOR AID OF BLIND

Canvass of Business Places and Homes To Be Made April 19, 20 and 21

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, April 19, 20 and 21, members of the Manteo Lions Club will try to reach as many businesses and homes in Dare County as they possibly can in their effort to assist the blind citizens of North Carolina help themselves.

The manual abilities of blind persons enable them to perform work in many of the handicraft skills that surpasses the finest work of craftsmen with perfect vision. The Guilford Industries for the Blind in Greensboro is a business organization that enables many skilled blind persons to cooperate in supporting themselves by their work. It is in no sense a social service project; it is the way that these workers avoid the necessity of being helped by social service projects.

The Lions, then, will not be asking for donations to help the blind. They will be selling brooms made in the Greensboro plant by blind workers. This is the part of the merchandising project they operate that the blind cannot do for themselves. It is annually a Lions Club project of primary importance to assist those who have lost their sight. Last year and this the Manteo Lions club has taken on the job of helping them sell their products.

When the Lions Club salesman calls upon you next week, you can be sure that the broom he will ask you to buy is well-worth the price, for the products of the Guilford Industries for the Blind plant are always of the highest quality. You will also know that, by purchasing the excellent broom, you are helping the sightless to help themselves.

**Committee-in-Charge**  
The committee in charge of the Broom Sale for the Lions is composed of Ellsworth Midgett, chairman, Willett Tillett and Belton Burrus.

## SUDAN TEMPLE SHRINERS MAKE HATTERAS TRIP

Wreath and Ceremonies at Grave of Charlie Ballance; Dinner at Atlantic View Hotel

Some 40 Shriners of Sudan Temple journeyed to Hatteras Saturday, accompanied by Potentate Mark Carpenter of Durham, and past potentates Frank Watson of Raleigh, and W. J. Bundy of Greenville, and other officers of the Shrine. They held a ceremony and left a wreath at the grave of a recent deceased member of Hatteras, and enjoyed a seafood dinner at the Atlantic View Hotel.

A. H. Ward, president of the Dare County Shrine Club presided at the dinner, when all the visiting notables spoke. Among them were John H. Gage who has bought a part-time home and who is a past potentate of Tigris Temple, Syracuse, N. Y.

An offering of \$60 was made to buy a rung on the ladder of smiles in memory of Mr. Ballance, the certificate to be presented to Mrs. Ballance.

The dinner was thoroughly enjoyed, and was the occasion for merriment and good fellowship. The inspiring talks added to the occasion. Plans were discussed for attending the ceremonial in Durham this spring.

## BRIDGE BILL INTRODUCED IN LAST DAYS OF SESSION

Representative Lewis Combs of Tyrrell County introduced a bill in the House on Monday of this week which would order the State Highway Commission to build toll bridges across Alligator River and Croatan Sound. The amount of money to be designated for construction of the two bridges was specified as \$4,000,000 in Combs' bill. It was referred to the House Calendar Committee, the group which has taken over all committee work in the closing days of the Assembly's 1951 session.

The fate of the bill is unknown at the time the paper goes to press. Rep. Combs' bill should be distinguished from the suggestion to build toll bridges over the two bodies of water which was earlier proposed in the legislature: Combs' bill would have the state build the bridges with the money to come from a bond issue; the earlier proposal was to allow a private corporation to build the two bridges and operate them without being subject to state regulation.

## A PROMINENT MINISTER IS A NATIVE OF AVON



REV. LUTHER SIGBEE MILLER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bemby Miller of Avon is perhaps the most noted of several natives of Dare County who have gone forth to preach to members of the Assemblies of God faith. He has been pastor of the Pearl Street Assembly of Elizabeth City for nearly 20 years. He is an able, consecrated man, devoted to his work and his people. He was a former teacher in the Dare County schools, and several exceptional children have blessed his home.

## DARE CHAMBER MEETS FRIDAY

Notice has been circulated by mail to members, former members and other interested parties that the Dare Chamber of Commerce will hold its postponed annual meeting in the Community Building in Manteo at 7:30 p. m., Friday, April 13.

Attendance of all members is urged for the reason that organization officers and directors are to be elected and other matters of importance decided.

## NAGS HEAD CHAMBER ADOPTS PLANS FOR COUNTY PROJECTS

The Nags Head Chamber of Commerce met at Jockey Ridge Tuesday evening and adopted plans to aid in several county projects.

At the suggestion of member Dick Jordan, individuals in the group donated about \$25 to assist the Manteo Rotary Club in paying for the erection of the log arch over the highway at the entrance to Dare County south of Currituck Sound bridge.

The club adopted a resolution to support the Lost Colony with every means at its command during the coming season.

The club instructed its secretary to write to First District Commissioner Shelton of the Highway Commission to ask him to use his influence in speeding up the completion of the new Croatan Sound bridge by July 1; the club will also request Mr. Shelton's attention to improving the surface of the Currituck Sound bridge, which has become rough and bumpy in many places.

## Nags Head Chamber of Commerce May Take Over and Carry On In Place of Former Chamber of Commerce Operated in Manteo

Increasing Volume of Mail and No Funds for Answering It Makes It Necessary for Aycock Brown to Turn Work Over To Beach Group Now Stocked With Funds and Folders, Unless New Organization Arises.

The organization called the Dare County Chamber of Commerce, whose inactivity inspired the origin of similar organizations in the beach area, has now become entirely dormant without funds, and without a piece of literature to send to inquirers. In the meantime the year-old Nags Head Chamber of Commerce is going strong with members, funds and folders all ready to supply those who want to know about Dare County and who want to enjoy its sights this summer.

The great volume of mail piling up in Manteo asking for information about Dare County during the past two months would have gone unanswered had not Aycock Brown volunteered to keep up the good work. He has mimeographed a lot of material at regular intervals to keep things going, but without any general folders or literature about Dare County, he has been sending out Lost Colony material, and such other stuff as comes to hand. He is now having the state build the bridges with the money to come from a bond issue; which the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce is able to furnish him. On May 1, Mr. Brown's other activities will engage so much of his time that he will have to give

## CANCER CRUSADE SEEKS TO RAISE \$250 IN COUNTY

Mrs. T. S. Meekins, Jr., is County Crusade Commander

The 1951 Cancer Crusade in Dare County is being carried on throughout the month of April under the direction of Mrs. Theodore S. Meekins, Jr., Crusade Commander, with the assistance of Dr. W. W. Johnston, general chairman; Miss Stella Creff, campaign chairman; and Miss Bessie Draper, treasurer.

Community leaders and officers of clubs in the county have been contacted by letter from the Crusade Commander's office. Those persons will sponsor the campaign in their communities and turn in their collections to Miss Draper at the close of the month. Contribution boxes have been placed in business houses over the county, so that every person who wishes to contribute to the Cancer Crusade will find it convenient to do so.

"The debit side of the cancer ledger exceeds the credit by more than 150 fold."

This observation by Mrs. T. S. Meekins Jr., 1951 Cancer Crusade chairman, means that although cancer costs the family and society, on an average, \$10,000 for each cancer death, only \$66 was given the American Cancer Society last year for every cancer fatality.

Mrs. Meekins issued the statement in connection with the Cancer Crusade which is seeking \$250 as its share of the national goal of \$14,565,000 which is needed to maintain the ACS programs of research, education and treatment. "It is apparent that the amount See CRUSADE, Page Five

## COMMISSIONER'S PAY

Last Thursday the House of Representatives passed a bill fixing the pay of the chairman and board of commissioners of Dare County at \$12 and \$8 a day, respectively. Wednesday of this week the Senate approved the bill.

## BASS CATCH GOOD

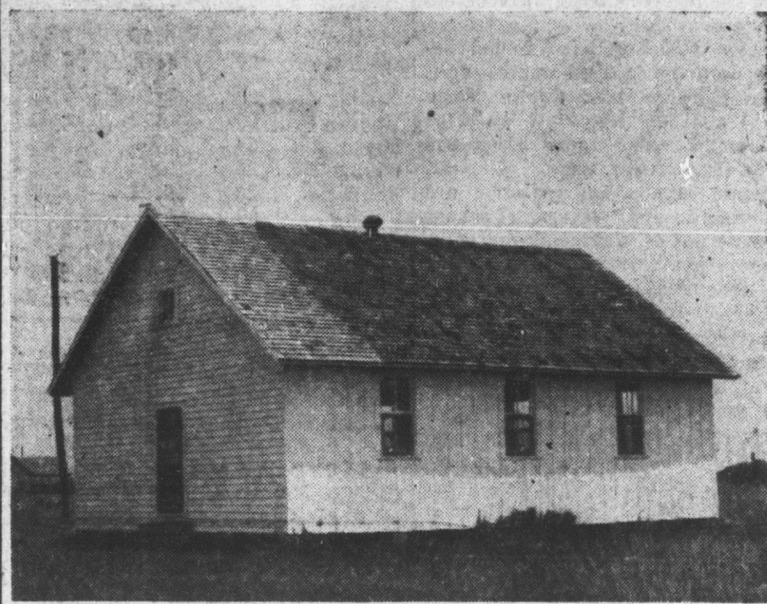
Record and near-record catches of channel bass in the first two weeks at Oregon Inlet and in the other waters of Dare have become commonplace. One 57-pounder has been hauled in and many others of above 45 pounds have been caught. With continued good fishing, the present one may well be the most satisfactory for fishermen and guides in many years.

## NOMINATING CONVENTION AT COURTHOUSE APRIL 23

At Monday night's meeting the Manteo Town Board appointed the night of Monday, April 23, at 8 p. m., at the courthouse, as the time and place for the nomination to be held for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of mayor and members of the board of commissioners for Manteo.

The biennial town election is scheduled for May 8.

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH AT SALVO



WHILE in a small community, there is nothing lacking in enthusiasm among the members of the Assemblies of God Church in Salvo. This community has turned out several preachers of this faith.

## 40 Home Demonstration Club Members Attend Dist. Meeting at Poplar Branch

Mrs. Earl White of Manteo, Was Presiding Officer. Mrs. Curtis Toler of Kitty Hawk Chosen District Treasurer.

Forty Dare County women attended the 25th District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs at Griggs High School in Poplar Branch Wednesday. The Dare delegation was led by Mrs. Earl White, 25th District Chairman, who presided at the meeting, and Mrs. Leo Midgett, county president.

The morning session was opened by singing the United Nations Hymn, which was followed by the invocation, given by Mrs. W. H. Saunders of Chowan. Speeches of welcome were made by Mrs. J. P. Morgan, President of the Currituck Council; Supt. of Currituck Schools W. H. Tuck and Norwood Ansel, chairman of the Currituck Board of Commissioners. The response was made by Mrs. Vernon James, president of the Pasquotank Council.

Women of Perquimans County made a report of the achievements of the clubs of the 25th district, which was followed by musical selections offered by the Rev. J. H. Miller of Currituck.

The principal speaker at the morning session was former Lieutenant-Governor L. Y. Ballentine, State Commissioner of Agriculture, who was introduced by Mrs. Dudley Bagley of Currituck.

Afternoon Session

Mrs. P. P. Gregory, president of the State Federation, introduced by Mrs. A. M. Spencer of Camden, was the featured speaker in the afternoon. Mrs. Gregory gave an address, illustrated with slides, "My Trip to Europe," during which she told of her trip to Copenhagen last summer as an American representative to the Countywomen's Council of the World. She visited seven European countries and described her experience in each in a most interesting manner.

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## Second Annual Spring Festival May 4 To Feature "Drama of Dare," Exhibits

A Program of Field Events Being Arranged. Bus Transportation To Be Provided for Banks Schools' Pupils.

Mrs. Mary L. Evans, supervisor of schools, has announced the tentative program for the second annual Spring Festival for Dare County schools to be held in Manteo Friday, May 4.

Exhibits from the various schools will be on display in the Manteo school gymnasium from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on May 4. A program of field events will be staged on the Manteo athletic field between 10:30 and 12 noon. Lunch will be served in the school lunchroom between 11:30 and 1 p. m., Mrs. Evans states. She emphasizes that all students planning to attend the Festival must make arrangements before May 4 to eat at the lunchroom or bring their own lunches, for students will not be permitted to go up town for lunch.

"Drama of Dare" Between 1:30 and 3:00 p. m. a program consisting of nine original skits, dealing with outstanding events or features of interest in Dare County, will be presented as the "Drama of Dare." The separate scenes are as follows: "Lost Colony," Manteo and Wanchese schools; "Aviation," Kitty Hawk and Colington; "Religious Life of Dare," Stumpy Point; "Fishing Industry," Manns Harbor; "Music," Roanoke School; "Old Christmas," Rodanthe; "Recreation in Dare," Avon; "Legends of Dare," Buxton; "Coast Guard," Hatteras. Transportation

No definite arrangements for chartering buses for the day have been completed; when the exact number who will attend is known, students will be given full information about bus transportation from the Outer Banks. Other schools are expected to arrange transportation for their students. Committees in charge of different phases of the Spring Festival arrangements are as follows. General Steering Committee: Mrs. Elizabeth Atkins, chairman, Mrs. Milah Meekins, Miss Callie Jones, Stage Committee; Mrs. Jennie B. Davis, chairman, Miss Sue Wil-

liams, Mrs. Lois Valent. Lunch Committee: L. W. Huggins, chairman, Miss Bonnybel Evans, Mrs. James Gaskill, Field Events Committee: D. E. Skakle, chairman, Wayland Fry, A. O. Ayers. Exhibit Hall Committee: L. G. Finch, chairman, Miss Esther Wynn, Mrs. Sophia Fulcher.

Last year's Spring Festival was so successful and so much enjoyed by students and parents that it was decided to make the affair an annual one.

Mrs. Evans has notified teachers on the banks that she will transport such exhibit materials as are ready at the time when she returns to Manteo from the teachers' meeting at Hatteras on April 21.

## THREE EVENTS IMPORTANT TO ASSEMBLIES OF GOD IN DARE THIS WEEKEND

Dedication of Churches at Buxton, Hatteras and Manteo, With Rev. W. A. Brown of Springfield, Mo. and State Supt. Rev. Andrew Stirling To Attend; Huge Attendance Expected from Eastern Carolina and Virginia.

## DISTRICT SUPT. OF ASSEMBLIES CHURCHES



REV. ANDREW STIRLING is no stranger in Dare County. It was under his leadership that much was accomplished in the building of churches during the past 18 years in Dare County. The present fine church at Buxton is the second church of the faith in that community. The first church was built at Avon, and the first Buxton church was built about two years later. Mr. Stirling came to Buxton from Ohio. He married Miss Doris Jennette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Jennette, and they have two children, Deanie and Baxter, and now reside in Dunn. He is now State Superintendent of all churches.

## BONDSMEN APPEAL TO SUPERIOR COURT FOR RELEASE FROM BOND

"There's no excuse for these two men, who are very intelligent, not to know the meaning of signing a bond... When a man signs a bond there's responsibility attached to it, that's what I think of it."

These were the words with which Judge W. F. Baum prefaced his decision at the conclusion of a hearing in recorder's court in Manteo Tuesday afternoon. The hearing was called for purpose of giving Archie Burrus and Frank White, Manteo merchants, opportunity to show cause why the \$1,000 they had posted as bond for Litchfield Peele should not be forfeited, since Peele has not complied with a judgment pronounced last May 23 after Peele had been found guilty of abandonment and non-support of his wife, Etta Peele.

The judge ordered Burrus and White to pay in monthly installments, beginning May 1, \$100 to the clerk of the court until a sum of \$735 has been paid, the clerk to pay the same to Mrs. Peele. Peele had paid \$265 in compliance with the court order before he ceased making payments in August 1950. The judge, therefore, assessed the bondsmen \$1,000, the amount of their bond, less the amount previously paid by them.

## County Teachers' Meeting To Be Held At Hatteras For First Time April 21

Will Be An Overnight Trip for Teachers from Schools North of Oregon Inlet. County Officers To Be Elected.

The first county teachers' meeting ever to be held on the South Banks will be held at Hatteras School on Saturday night, April 21.

Teachers from north of Oregon Inlet will leave Manteo by chartered bus at 9 a. m. on Saturday and will return on Sunday. The teachers will stay at the Atlantic View Hotel while at Hatteras.

Saturday afternoon will be given over to sightseeing, fishing and "exploring," for many of the Dare teachers will be making their first trip to the Banks. The meeting, a combined session of the county teachers and the North Carolina Education Association, Dare Unit, will be held at Hatteras school that night. The Hatteras faculty will act as hosts for the social hour to follow the business session.

Business Calendar  
Mrs. Essie Westcott, president of the local unit of the NCEA, will preside. In addition to routine business, there are three items of primary interest on the

Three important events to members of the Assemblies of God faith are to take place this weekend, with the dedication of new churches at Buxton, Hatteras and Manteo. The Buxton Church, one of the largest in the state, will be dedicated Friday night; the Hatteras church Saturday, and the Manteo church Sunday.

Rev. W. A. Brown, General Treasurer, will come from Springfield, Mo. to deliver the dedication sermon, and he will be accompanied by Rev. Andrew Stirling, State Superintendent of Dunn, N.C. There will also be a host of preachers of the faith from the entire eastern section of the state.

A brief history of the movement in Dare County, which is a little over 20 years old, and covering the various communities on Roanoke Island, and Hatteras Island with a total of seven churches is given herewith. This story does not cover the three churches on the mainland, nor the churches of Colington and Duck, which are not to be confused with the Assemblies of God.

Avon Church and Parsonage  
The first Assemblies evangelist to come to Avon was Mrs. Myrtle Chambers who, in 1930, conducted services in a tent and as a result of these services a church was organized and later a parsonage was purchased. Mrs. Chambers was assisted by the Rev. Walter Long, now of Mount Morris, Pa., the Rev. Sigabee Miller of Elizabeth City, and the Rev. Homer Peterson, now of Florida. The present supply pastor at Avon is Alvin Price, well known local preacher.

Buxton Church and Parsonage  
About 2 years after the church was built at Avon the erection of the Buxton Assembly was started and in 1937 the Rev. Andrew Stirling came from Ohio to pastor the congregation. A parsonage was built and later when storms damaged the old church See EVENTS, Page Five

## FIELD EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR FESTIVAL ANNOUNCED

D. E. Skakle of Hatteras, chairman of the field events committee for the Dare Schools' Spring Festival to be held in Manteo May 4, has notified the various schools of the events to be staged on Manteo athletic field that day.

Each school is to select a boy and a girl to represent it in each of the events planned for students in grades 4-8. Many of the schools will hold elimination contests to determine their entrants before May 4.

The events for students are: potato race (a 30-yard dash with each runner required to carry a potato in a spoon as he runs first racer over the line with the potato safely in the spoon is the winner); bag race (40-yard dash with the runners' feet enclosed in bur-lap bags); a race around the bases of the ball diamond, a time race; a baseball throw for boys; basketball throw for girls; 40-yard dash for grades 4, 5 and 6; 50-yard dash for grades 7 and 8; three-legged race (teams of two with the right leg of one and the left leg of the other tied together at the ankles and knees—distance, 40 yards).

Adult Events  
Each school will select one parent to represent it in a horseshoe pitching contest for men.  
One parent will represent each school in the thread-the-needle contest for women. The winning contestant is the one who first threads a needle in motion and crosses the Irish line 40 yards away.

HIGHWAY DEATH TOLL, 1951	
Killed April 6 through April 9.....	7
Injured April 6 through April 9.....	184
Killed through April 9 this year.....	241
Killed through April 9, 1950.....	258
Injured through April 9 this year.....	3,213
Injured through April 9, 1950.....	2,967