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DARE COUNTY CANCER CRUSADE CLOSES MONDAY

The 1951 Cancer Crusade in Dare county comes to a close on Monday, April 30, and County Commander Mrs. T. S. Meekins, Jr., is urging every county resident who has not yet contributed to the American Cancer Society's effort to obtain funds to fight the terrible disease to do so before the drive here ends. The funds will be used both for research and directly for the assistance of persons who are stricken with cancer. Mrs. Meekins pointed out, and every contribution is in reality a kind of insurance for one's self and family that will enable him to receive assistance if he should be a victim of the disease.

Drive Leaders
Contributions may be sent directly to the county treasurer, Miss Bessie Draper, Manteo, or they may be given to the following leaders in the communities of the county: Mrs. George Meekins, Avon; Mrs. Cecil Midgett, Waves; Mrs. Grace Hooper, Stumpy Point; Mrs. Guy Mann, Manns Harbor; Mrs. Emily Smith, East Lake; Mrs. Vera Robinson, Hatteras; Mrs. E. P. White, Buxton; Principal Lamb of Roanoke Colored School, Manteo; Mrs. Pete Daniels, Wanchese; Mrs. Jessie E. Baum, Kitty Hawk.

Organizations
Mrs. Meekins said that the following organizations have been asked to make donations to the Cancer Crusade: Manteo Town Commissioners, Masonic Lodge, Shriners Club, Rotary Club, American Legion Post No. 26, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 9959, Manteo Lions Club, Rebekah Lodge, American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 26, Home Demonstration Clubs, Music Club, Woman's Club, Ft. Raleigh National Historic Site, Horace Dough and Assistants at Wright Memorial Garden Club, Manteo P. T. A., Manteo Theta Rho Girls Club, Eastern Star.

Contributions have been requested of the following service units in the county: Nags Head Coast Guard Station, Kill Devil Hills Coast Guard Station, Oregon Inlet Lifeboat Station, Cafeys Inlet Coast Guard Station, Duck Rocket Range.

MANTEO TO BE FAVORED BY VISITING CHOIR

Norfolk Group to Present Program Thursday Night

The public is reminded of the program of sacred music to be presented Thursday evening at 8:15 by the choir of Epworth Methodist Church of Norfolk. This group of 30 singers, directed by John Halvorsen, will favor the listeners with a varied program of sacred choral music in the Manteo Methodist Church at the above stated time. Everyone is invited to attend.

The visiting choir will be supper guests of the Manteo Methodist choir in the educational building.

MANY BANKS STUDENTS TO ATTEND FESTIVAL

Mrs. Mary L. Evans, supervisor of Dare County schools, has a new kind of worry—the county schools' Spring Festival to be held in Manteo next Friday, May 4, appeals to so many school children in the Lower Banks schools that Mrs. Evans wonders how transportation for them all can be arranged. One hundred fifteen children from Hatteras Island have signified their intention of making in the Festival. Arrangements for transportation will be made, all right; and the great demonstration of interest in the Spring Festival must be encouraging to all the pupils and teachers who have worked so hard on the exhibits and the "Drama of Dare" skits and the entrants in the field events program of the day.

Exhibit Judges
Judges for the exhibits which will be on display next Friday have been announced. They are Miss Leslie Pearce of Williamson, Miss Bettie Swindell of Engelhard and Mrs. Hilda Brumsey of Currituck.

STREET IN MANTEO RESURFACED THIS WEEK

The state highway crew went to work on Highway Street (or Lodge Street) in Manteo Tuesday morning, and by Wednesday afternoon had completely retarded and gravelled the full four blocks from the Community Building to the Court House. Fast work, well done, and much appreciated.

Engelhard Begins Its Preparations For Banner Shrimping Season July 1 Hundreds of Boats Expected to Sell Catch to Buyers Congregated in Hyde County Community.

Although the shrimping season will not open until July 1, Engelhard already is getting set for the biggest and best three months in its history.

At least one buyer, Harry Jarvis, has a building under construction, to be ready for the busy time. It is a brick structure for a fish house and to prepare fish meal.

Among other buyers who are expected to be on hand when the boats begin to bring in the shrimp are Clyde Potter of Belhaven, S. S. Neal, Maynard Meekins, George Clark of Belhaven, Oliver Davis of Beaufort, Dick O'Neal of New Holland and Carroll Crockett of Colerain.

The shrimping season brings in

hundreds of boats, some from as far away as Florida and Georgia. At Engelhard alone, 210 boats were licensed last season. Of these only about 25 were operated by Engelhard men. More than 1500 boats were licensed last year for the state.

The 60-mile stretch of water from Long Shore lighthouse to the mouth of the Neuse river is said to be one of the best shrimping areas. Most of the shrimp taken in that section are sold in Engelhard.

Engelhard's five-month oyster season, which ended March 1, was reported to have been better than the previous year.

SEA-AIR RESCUE OFF HATTERAS

A sea-air rescue was accomplished Saturday amid swelling seas and strong winds off Cape Hatteras. The merchant vessel S. S. Absirdo radioed the Hatteras Coast Guard Station that a seaman had broken both legs, one arm and suffered a brain concussion when he fell down the hatch of the boat. The merchant ship was directed to a sea buoy off Hatteras Inlet where a surf boat from the shore station met it and picked up the injured man. In the meantime, Lts. Waters and Bowers of the Elizabeth City Coast Guard Station had been dispatched to the scene in an amphibious flying boat. After considerable difficulty the man was transferred from the surf boat to the plane via a life raft; the surf boat could not move in alongside the plane to effect the transfer because of the high seas and wind.

The flying boat carried the injured seaman to Norfolk, where he was entered at the Marine Hospital.

ONE CASE TRIED, TWO POSTPONED TUESDAY

Little conclusive business was transacted in Judge W. F. Baum's recorder's court Tuesday afternoon. Willie Edward Spencer, whose hearing on an assault charge was continued from last week because of the absence of a prosecuting witness, did not show up in court himself this week. Judge Baum directed that Spencer's bondsman, Orlando Burrus, be notified that the \$50 bond would be forfeited if Spencer did not appear next Tuesday, and ordered that a capus be issued for Spencer.

The judge directed that hearing in the De Febio case be continued until May 15, or until such thereafter as the defendant is able to appear.

Dave Whitson pleaded not guilty to drunkenness on the public streets on April 22. Chief of Police M. C. Mitchell, who arrested Whitson at 4 p.m. that day, took the stand and answered questions from Solicitor Kellogg and from Mr. Whitson. Whitson took the stand in his own defense. At the conclusion of testimony Judge Baum found the defendant guilty and ordered him to pay a fine of \$5 and the costs of court.

WANCHESE RUITANS SEEK ACTION ON ROAD

The Wanchese Ruritan Club held its April meeting Friday night at the schoolhouse at 7:30 p.m. Aycock Brown, W. R. Pearce and Keith Fearing, Sr., of Manteo, were guests of the club and each spoke briefly.

Wayland Baum, chairman of the road committee, reported that the committee is to have an appointment with Commissioner Shelton soon at which the matter of surfacing the road in Wanchese from the Masonic Lodge to the residence of Willie Etheridge will be discussed.

Dinner was prepared and served by the ladies of the Wanchese Methodist W.S.C.S.

SALE GROSSES \$290

The broom sale conducted here for the benefit of the state's blind persons by the Manteo Lions Club last Thursday, Friday and Saturday resulted in \$290 gross receipts from the sale of brooms and mats. The result is somewhat disappointing because the door-to-door sale had to be cut short by the arrival of the truck to collect the brooms on Saturday noon; the canvass planned for Saturday afternoon could not, therefore, be made. The Lions wish to thank all those persons who assisted them in their effort to aid the blind by purchasing brooms or mats.

NAGS HEAD CASINO BOOKS TOP BANDS

Casino Bingo Offers Great New Prize List. Bill Gravelly and Carolina Ridge Runners Play for Old and New Time Dancing

Lovers of modern and square dancing will have a chance to find the kind of music they like best at the Nags Head Casino this weekend. On Friday night, Manager Ras Wescott has booked Tubby Joe and His Carolina Ridge Runners for old-time dancing; and on Saturday the immensely popular Bill Gravelly, the man with the talking trumpet, brings his ten-piece band to the Nags Head Casino for a return engagement.

New Prize List
ment by popular demand.

Manager Wescott's Casino Bingo will be open for the entertainment of the public during the coming weekend. The Casino will offer an eye-opening set of prizes to bingo winners over this weekend and in the weeks to come. A glance at the Casino's advertisement elsewhere in the paper will indicate the vast number of valuable items that will be given away at Nags Head Casino Bingo this weekend. Toastmaster, General Electric, Sunbeam and other famous electric appliances, to name but a few, are on the Casino's give-away list for this weekend.

Drawing for the grand prize on Sunday will be held at 6 p.m. Coupon-holders must be present to win, the management announces.

SENIORS BEGIN CLOSING EVENTS AT ENGELHARD

Rev. J. H. Overton, Jr., of Manteo, to Give Baccalaureate Sermon May 20

Twenty-one Engelhard seniors are to be graduated May 25, the principal, S. D. O'Neal, has announced. In addition, Hans Haardt, German youth here under sponsorship of the Farm Bureau, will participate in all commencement activities. Because his school credits from Germany are not available, he will not be given a diploma, but Mr. O'Neal said he had done outstanding work in the year he has been here.

Class night will be held in connection with commencement May 25, rather than to have a guest speaker. The commencement program will be presented to the seniors themselves. Allen Hooker as class president will be in charge. Baccalaureate sermon has been set for 11 o'clock the morning of May 20. This service will be at the high school auditorium with the Rev. J. H. Overton, Jr., Manteo Methodist minister, as the minister.

The seniors will be entertained Friday night, April 27, at a banquet at Mattamuskeet lodge. For this, a southern garden party theme will be carried out, with a lavender, yellow and green color scheme. Iris and tulips will be used in decoration, and the tables will be lighted by yellow candles. Green mints in yellow cups will be at the places.

Hugh Spencer, junior president, will welcome the seniors. Jane Credle will offer a toast to the outgoing class, to which Tommy Marshall will respond. After group singing of "Dixie," Robert Ross will offer a toast to the faculty, to which Mrs. Grace Hooper will respond.

The principal address will be by N. W. Shelton of Swan Quarter, county superintendent of schools. It will be followed by a farewell by Hugh Spencer.

The banquet will be followed by a dance, to which each member of the two classes will be allowed to invite a guest.

Mrs. Blanche Dudley is junior sponsor.

SERVICES HELD SATURDAY FOR HATTERAS YOUTH

Oliver Goodwin O'Neal, 14, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver O'Neal at Hatteras at 4:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Death was the result of a malignant condition that was first discovered after an accident in the spring of 1950, and against which medical science is powerless.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the family home. The Rev. W. B. Gregory, assisted by Mrs. Arvilla Barnett, conducted the services. Burial was in the Hatteras cemetery.

Survivors are Oliver and Lodinia Austin O'Neal, the parents, one brother and one sister, Irwin Lee O'Neal and Bertha K. O'Neal.

INFORMATION BOOTH WILL OPEN MAY 13

Dare Beaches C of C Gets Action On Highway Signs. Colington Road Must Await New Bond Issue

The information booth south of the Currituck Sound bridge will be open on Sundays, beginning May 13. C. J. Townley, secretary of the Dare Beaches Chamber of Commerce, announced this week. The booth will be at the service of the traveling public every Sunday until July 1, after which it will be open daily, Townley said.

Highway Signs
The Dare Beaches Chamber of Commerce has received a letter from W. N. Spruill, State Highway Commission Engineer for this division, in reply to a letter from the Chamber's secretary, which reads in part as follows:

"I have instructed our Sign Department to prepare signs to be erected on US 158 between Belcross and Point Harbor, and on NC Route 34 between Sligo and Barco showing the distance to both Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills.

Warning Signs
"Concerning the erection of signs warning motorists against driving on the deep sand shoulders along US Route 158 from Kitty Hawk south through Nags Head; I have also instructed our Sign Department to prepare and erect signs warning traffic to keep off of deep sand shoulders. These signs will at least serve as a warning to the traveling public that they may be in difficulties if they attempt to park on the shoulders.

Colington Road
"With reference to paving the road to Colington; as you probably know, we have recently spent about \$35,000 to construct bridges and build the approaches on the road to Colington. We do not have additional funds available for use to construct the road at this time. You, of course, understand that additional bonds will probably be issued in the near future, and I am sure that Mr. Shelton will give the Colington road every consideration when other paving projects are selected for Dare County."

NAGS HEAD BOY, ONLY SON VICTIM OF A MOTORCYCLE

Nags Head lost one of its most popular and respected boys ever to grow up there when Horatio B. Culpepper Jr. died. He was 20 years old and a Seaman First Class in the U. S. Coast Guard. He had lived in Dare all his life until his enlistment in the Coast Guard two and a half years ago.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence of his parents in Nags Head on Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. The Rev. Frank Dinwiddie conducted the rites. Interment was in the Dolly Cemetery at Nags Head.

Young Culpepper died at 9:15 p.m. Monday at the Marine Hospital in Norfolk as the result of injuries received in a motorcycle accident near Accomac, Virginia, on the preceding Tuesday night. At the time of his death he was stationed at the Old Plantation Flat Lighthouse at Cape Charles, Virginia.

He was the only child and is survived by his parents, Horatio B. Culpepper, and Dorothy White Culpepper of Nags Head; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa White of Manteo, and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Alwilda Culpepper.

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER Figures provided by U. S. Govt. Meteorologist A. W. Drinkwater

	High	Low	Rain
April 19	75	52	.32
April 20	52	41	
April 21	63	37	
April 22	71	61	
April 23	70	54	.24
April 24	66	51	
April 25	80	56	

FRANK DeFEBIO RECOVERING IN ELIZABETH CITY HOSPITAL AFTER SUICIDE ATTEMPT HERE

Man Jailed on Three Counts Last Week Found Near Death in Jail Cell Sunday Morning.

Frank J. De Febio, 40, was found in his Dare County Jail cell lying in a pool of blood about 1:30 a.m. last Sunday by Officer M. C. Mitchell, who had come to the building to lock up another prisoner. When found, De Febio was stripped naked. He was unconscious and Officer Mitchell at first believed him to be dead. His throat and wrists had been slashed with a new hunting knife, found near him in the cell. A long suicide note written by De Febio was also found in the cell.

The only other occupant of the jail at the time was asleep in an adjacent cell and was unaware of what had taken place.

De Febio was given first aid here and rushed to Albermarle General Hospital in Elizabeth City, where he was admitted and given immediate treatment by 2:40 a.m. Despite the great amount of blood he had lost, hospital officials reported on Monday morning that De Febio's condition was considered fair, and later in the week they reported that his recovery was assured. When the hospital official called Sheriff Frank Cahoon on Monday forenoon, De Febio was reported fully conscious.

Mrs. De Febio, a Washington, D. C., taxi driver, was notified of her husband's attempt on his life Sunday. She appeared in Manteo, accompanied by a man from Washington, on Tuesday morning.

Juvenile Court Hearing
A hearing has been called for Friday morning at 10 o'clock before Juvenile Court Judge Chauncey S. Meekins, at which Frank and Theo De Febio have been summoned to appear and show cause why the three children, Theodore Thomas De Febio, 8, and Dennis De Febio, 8, an adopted child, have not been placed in school. Dominick De Febio, 4, is the couple's third child.

Sheriff Cahoon served a summons for her appearance upon Mrs. De Febio Tuesday morning.

Background
De Febio was jailed for the third time in recent months on Wednesday of last week upon complaints charging him with vagrancy, violating the compulsory school attendance laws and with contributing to the delinquency of minor children. The complaints were sworn out by Mrs. T. S. Meekins, Jr., Superintendent of Public Welfare, and Sheriff Cahoon. The three De Febio children have not been entered in school since the father served out consecutive sentences in Dare County Jail, the first for contempt of court, when he refused to answer questions of the county solicitor, Martin Kellogg, at his hearing last December; the second upon his refusal to pay a \$5 fine assessed when he was found guilty of violating school attendance laws. During the time De Febio spent in jail previously, the children were entered in Manteo school and placed in the care of the Welfare Department. At present the older are attending Wanchese school, and all are again under the Welfare Department's care.

De Febio was to have been tried in recorder's court on Tuesday upon the new complaints.

Judge W. F. Baum continued the De Febio case for three weeks, or until the defendant is able to appear in court.

Letters
That De Febio's suicide attempt may not have been long contemplated is evidenced by two letters he mailed from his cell to the editor of this paper. The first, dated April 19, the day he re-entered jail, was a brief note of complaint about what he called the insufficient amount of food served to inmates of the Dare County Jail. The second, undated, was apparently written later, and has something of the tone of a suicide note.

To the Editor:
For those who had any understanding for us we give thanks. For those who helped us in any way we are grateful.

Sincerely,
Frank J. De Febio

Mrs. De Febio (The T.), 36, like her husband, is apparently a person of good education. She has not lived with the family in the abandoned Coast Guard Station north of Kitty Hawk that has been their Dare County home, although she has, it is said, made several visits to her husband and children there. She and her husband have both vehemently insisted that God gives parents the right to mould the destinies of their children as they see fit, and that this right supercedes the merely human authority of the state school laws.

"Villains" Named
Martin Kellogg, county solicitor, received a long telegram from Mrs. De Febio on Monday morning. Mr. Kellogg, as county solicitor, represented the state in the December hearing. The telegram accused him of prosecuting the case for political reasons (reasons not fathomable to local observers) and then dealt in good round terms with this newspaper for "distorting" a letter sent to us by Mrs. De Febio. (One letter from Mrs. De Febio was printed in this newspaper, as written; another was not printed at all. Which was the one we are charged with "distorting," we are unable to determine. Perhaps the next mail will enlighten us.)

**NO DRAFT EXAMINATIONS
TO BE GIVEN DURING MAY**
Chairman Robert Ballance of the Dare Selective Service Board has received notification from Col. Thos. H. Upton, State Director of Selective Service, that no calls for physical examination are to be issued during the month of May.

ADDRESSES TEACHERS
Register of Deeds Melvin Daniels is to be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Currituck Teachers Association meeting at the Masonic Hall in Coinjock, Tuesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m.