

IT TAKES ALL KINDS

By DAVE WEST

Pardon a new prejudice we acquired on a Sunday-ride, but we think Kitty Hawk must be the neatest, most peaceful looking town anywhere. There just must be lots of pride in the appearance of the town in everybody there, or certainly not everything'd be so trim. If we could arrange for somebody to pension us, Kitty Hawk's where we'd like to place our rocking chair, within sight of a fenceful or treeful of the wisteria that's blooming there now.

We've been accused of missing stories that were right under our nose, but we never knew that anyone doubted that we could see ANYTHING. Not before last Friday, that is, when we acted as broom-bearer and between-doors confidant for Fred Wescott during the Lions' Broom Sale.

D. Thomas met us at the door of his house on County Street. Fred explained our mission, while po'r ol' Dave stood beside him, hanging on to a broom and succeeding in looking no less blank than usual. Mr. Thomas said he would buy a broom. With a nod at us, he asked Fred, "Is this one of the blind men?"

Fred seemed to feel that was funny. It made us feel how completely inadequate we are to fashion anything half so cleverly as sightless people do the brooms.

What Thomas R. Midgett said to us over at Mashoes Friday noon was a masterpiece of understatement. "There's not much over here. It's just a good place for rest and relaxation," he said. The longer we think about it, the more it strikes us that Mashoes' "not much" is a lot more than bigger, more bustling places can offer. "A good place for rest and relaxation" is a rarity—and, we remember, rarity is what makes things precious.

You can see what the dwindling away of commercial fishing at Mashoes has meant at first glance over the marshes. There are nearly as many fish houses in view as there are buildings in the village and once there were many more. Most of them are unused and falling to pieces, for many of the fishermen have departed and their families with them.

There's a hidden lake beyond the woods north and east of Mashoes. We are told that there are bass to be caught there now—the bass being a fish guaranteed to distinguish relaxation from boredom.

The friendliness that struck us in Thomas R. Midgett is come by naturally. He told us that he remembers when his father, who was Thomas L. Midgett, "used to stand out in the yard for half-an-hour begging a stranger to come in and eat with him." The son must resemble his father.

John Long, they say, is going to be a Justice of the Peace. If that be so, there'll be a chance to combine some of the beauty of a church wedding with the swiftness of taking vows in J.P. court. John owns a fine tenor voice. What's to prevent his putting Marryin' Sam of Dogpatch out of business by performing marriage rites AND a fine rendition of "Al-

MANTEO ENLISTEE AT FT. JACKSON

Leonard M. McCleary of Manteo enlisted in the regular army on April 18, Sgt. P. R. Fisher of the Elizabeth City Recruiting Station has announced. McCleary is assigned to Ft. Jackson, S. C., for basic training. He is the son of Mrs. Louise McCleary of Manteo and Sergeant McCleary of Elizabeth City.

FAIRFIELD MAN GIVEN SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Stanley N. Armstrong of Fairfield was given a six months suspended sentence in Federal court in Washington Monday afternoon when found guilty of trespassing and hunting on federal property. Judge Don Gilliam of Tarboro was the presiding judge.

Testimony brought out that Mr. Armstrong was caught by government game wardens while setting traps on the government refuge at Lake Mattamuskeet last December 12. Federal Prosecutor John Rodman suggested that Armstrong be given a suspended sentence upon condition that he stay off the refuge for a period of two years.

Armstrong had been tried twice in the same court for the same offense, in May 1945 and March 1946. He said in his own defense that he had set out seven traps to catch muskrats which had been eating his crops.

ways" or "I Love You Truly" at a flat rate? If John'll allow us to witness the first nuptial ceremony he conducts and will promise to sing "Oh, Promise Me" to lend atmosphere to the wedding, we'll take care of the J.P.'s fee for the happy couple.

Never heard of such a thing! People who live along the highway between Swan Quarter and Scranton just step out of their houses and pull fish out of what we thought was a roadside ditch. They do, or else there were dozens of impatient anglers testing tackle in ditchwater last Thursday afternoon. Some of them could do it from their front porches, almost.

Envy, we know, is a nasty thing to own up to. But we were as envious as an eight-year old of a neighbor kid's Hopalong outfit on two occasions last week. First, we saw Ras Wescott smoking a rough-finish, bull-moose briar that looked exactly like the one we dropped off a moving troop train flat car while we were guarding army vehicles against being stolen by natives of Kansas and Oklahoma on our way to the Pacific in 1942. Never found a pipe to replace it. . . . Second, returning from Belhaven Friday morning, we were held up at the drawbridge over Wilkerson Creek while a beautiful white motor cruiser slid upstream—gawsh!

Add new definitions — DIVORCE: In Hollywood, a rite performed during a brief rest in a measure of nuptial music.

GROTESQUE—adj., descriptive term for the ideas of others, a wife's hat, a husband's taste in neckties and a parent's conception of child psychology.

Roy Wescott, whose Cavalier Motor Court at Nags Head was turning away late arrivals last weekend, thinks this is going to be the biggest season the Dare Beaches have ever had. Never heard a sentiment we'd rather agree with!

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Washington Minister To Be Speaker For Swan Quarter's May Day Event

Voting Will End Saturday Night for Selection of Queen From List of Five Popular Candidates.

For Swan Quarter's May Day, to be held on the court house lawn at 4 o'clock the afternoon of May 5, Dr. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of the First Methodist church in Washington, will be the speaker. Although he has not announced his subject, it is to be on something of community interest.

The rest of the program will include a May pole dance by a group of children; a square dance by adults; a horse shoe tournament and a Robin Hood archery contest. The program will climax with the crowning of the May queen, who is to be elected by popular vote, each vote costing a penny.

PANTEGO'S MAYOR HAS NO FISCAL WORRIES



JOHN RATCLIFF of Pantego is one mayor of a North Carolina town who has no fiscal worries. The town doesn't levy any taxes on its citizens, and hasn't in many years. But it does do work on its streets, keeps the weeds cut, and pays for street lights. The town gets some income from state intangibles and beer taxes; some years ago sold its light line to the Woodstock REA and after paying off its bonds, got a tidy sum from this deal. The town has a Board of Aldermen, and at present is as follows: Ed Topping, K. P. Patrick, Hinton Smithwick, Cecil O'Neal, Guy Shavender, Aldermen; Scott Topping, Clerk and Treasurer.

BUXTON HD CLUB PLANS PICNIC MEETING

The Buxton Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Vivian Frontis Tuesday night, April 17. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Pearl Midgett.

During the business session reports were heard on the County Council meeting March 30 in Manteo and the District meeting April 11 in Poplar Branch. Plans were made for a picnic meeting by the Lighthouse in June. Mrs. Nina Hehl will make arrangements for this. Then the hostesses for our fall meetings were selected.

The meeting was turned over to Miss Mary Kirby, home agent. She talked about the selection and care of women's undergarments. She showed samples of the best types of garments to buy and she gave many helpful hints to keep in mind when purchasing all kinds of women's underwear.

Miss Kirby gave each member a booklet on "Canning Fruits and Vegetables" which has many helpful suggestions about home canning. She also gave members another booklet called "Needle Magic with Cotton Bags" and this booklet has many clever ideas about using cotton feed bags. Members present at the meet-

Candidates for the queen are

Miss Ella Carawan, Mrs. Evelyn Jarvis, Mrs. Daphne O'Neal, Mrs. Ann Rouse and Miss Mildred Spencer. Voting will end at 9 Saturday night, April 28, after which a meeting will be held in the court house for a final checkup.

The four candidates who are defeated will serve as senior attendants to the queen, and the runner-up, as maid of honor, will crown the queen.

Another feature of the event will be a bake shop, which will start at noon.

The entire celebration is sponsored by the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service.

were: Mrs. Martha Bigelow, Grace Basnett, aPtsy Rollinson, Audrey Rollinson, Leola Rollinson, Paula Fulcher, Edna Barnett, Pearl Midgett, Vivian Frontis and Laura Hooper.

The next meeting will be held May 15 at the home of Mrs. Laura Hooper. "Family Life" will be the topic for this meeting.

FORMER AURORA RESIDENT SUCCUMBS AT DURHAM

Aurora.—Funeral services for Grayden R. Clayton, 57, former Aurora resident, were held Saturday morning in Durham, followed by burial in the family plot in the church cemetery near Aurora. Mr. Clayton, who died Friday in Durham, where he had lived 30 years, is survived by six sons, Lawrence and Udell R. Clayton of Durham; Laverne of South Carolina, James of Florida, Chester of High Point and Lewis of Bina.

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LIBRARY NOTES

By GEORGIA E. HARWOOD

We have been intending to call attention to our magazines for sometime, and this is a good opportunity before the consignment of books we have ordered arrives.

With some exceptions, you will not find the popular magazines here. Instead, we have concentrated upon those not so easy to obtain. Of course, we do have LIFE, and we have CHARM and SEVENTEEN, both of which are popular with the feminine teen-agers and those somewhat older. We have the ROTARIAN, the CLUB-WOMAN, and NORTH CAROLINA GARDENER. For the nature lovers, NATURE, NATURAL HISTORY and WILD LIFE IN NORTH CAROLINA; for the vacationist, TRAVEL, SCIENCE DIGEST AND SCIENCE NEWS-LETTER are of interest both to the High School and to others whose minds run that way. SCHOOL ARTS exploits that field rather thoroughly. READER'S DIGEST, NEGRO DIGEST and CORONET cover many subjects interestingly for the general reader.

POPULAR MECHANICS and POPULAR SCIENCE are well-known and excellent in their own fields. NEWSWEEK gives current news accurately and tersely with very little editorial bias. THE FREEMAN takes sides on controversial questions. POPULAR PHOTOGRAPHY, a recent comer to our shelves, is here because of the interest many have in the subject. CONSUMER'S RESEARCH, also a newcomer, is an excellent buyers' guide. EBONY, on the order of LIFE, presents the Negro at work and play. We also have THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY and NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC and SATURDAY REVIEW OF LITERATURE.

The Children's magazines are JACK AND JILL, STORY PARADE, HIGHLIGHTS for CHILDREN and JUNIOR NATURAL HISTORY. All magazines except those of the current month may be circulated.

Incidentally, the Bookmobile carries magazines to other towns in the county, so the Library will be glad to take your back issues for that purpose.

While this has nothing to do with the Library, I should like to comment on a rumor that has repeatedly come back to me lately to the effect that Mrs. Harwood was very beautiful when she was young, she was a show girl in the Ziegfeld Follies.

Far be it from me to correct the first part of that statement, truth aside, it is far too pleasant to wrap around me in my declining years, but as for the second part, definitely NO. I never was in the Follies, as a matter of fact, I never even saw them that I can remember, except in the movie version of them that I saw here after Ziegfeld's death. Sorry to prick the bubble but I never was a show girl.

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GARDEN TIME

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

Anyone who tries to grow tomatoes is concerned with the problem of wilt. There are two kinds of wilt which commonly affect tomatoes—fusarium and bacterial wilt. Both are carried over in the soil from year to year. Fusarium wilt can be effectively combated by the use of wilt resistant varieties such as Pan America, Southland, Rutgers and Marglobe. None of these varieties is 100 per cent resistant and Marglobe is probably the least resistant but it is a popular variety. There are at present no varieties available which are resistant to bacterial wilt. That is why when you plant a variety recommended to you as wilt resistant it may all die from wilt. Bacterial wilt is commonly known as Granville wilt where tobacco is grown.

The newest thing in small melons is the All America Gold Medal Winner for 1951—"New Hampshire Midget." This melon is said to be only about six inches in diameter when mature and has been developed to fit into the modern refrigerator without it being necessary to leave all the other food out. A single melon is just about enough to serve two people. I don't know what you think of it but personally I like a big melon—I was raised with big ones. However, I must admit it is difficult for two people to eat a big melon and what is left doesn't fit well in the refrigerator. By the way, the Congo variety is a melon of the Garrison type that is highly recommended, and also there is the Japanese Seedless melon that is being advertised in the garden magazines. Perhaps it is worth trying, but keep your fingers crossed.

REVIVAL WILL CLOSE FRIDAY NIGHT IN HYDE

A revival which started Monday at Soule Methodist church, seven miles east of Swan Quarter, will close Friday night. The Rev. Alexander B. Berry, whose home is now in Virginia, is the evangelist. A son of Alexander B. Berry, Sr., of Norfolk, the minister was reared in Swan Quarter and his father still has a home there. The Rev. D. M. Lewis is pastor of the church.

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Week of April 28

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"FULLER BRUSH GIRL"

NOTICE

THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW FOR NAGS HEAD AND ATLANTIC TOWNSHIPS

Will Meet At the Courthouse In Manteo, North Carolina, On

MONDAY, MAY 9, 1951

AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

for the purpose of considering complaints on the valuations of real and personal property for the year 1951. This is not a re-valuation year and complaints will be considered only where there has been a loss or an improvement.

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