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BEACH RESORTS OF DARE PROMISED BUSIEST YEAR BY ALL EARLY INDICATIONS

Unusual Interest Manifested by Early Comers to Kitty Hawk, Nags Head and Kill Devil Beaches; Reservations Pour In and Business Men Jubilant at Prospects of Great Season.

Business men on the Dare Beaches are looking forward with all confidence to the biggest season ever known at Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk. Early travel to the resorts, and the raft of reservations coming in indicate that there will be lots of business for everybody.

Every year gets bigger and better at these beaches, as more roads are developed, and fame spreads across the country. Many people from distant places now own cottages at Nags Head. Some from as far away as Kentucky, with many from Washington, Baltimore, Greensboro, Charlotte and out in the mountains of Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

Reservations are pouring in and at the present rate, late comers may find it difficult to find a house for a week if they wait until late in the season to make arrangements.

Elsewhere in this paper today, many of the leading businessmen of the beach are reminding folks that the season is open.

Let's take a look at them:

The old established hotels: The Arlington, run by Mr. and Mrs. Hayman, greatly enlarged and modernized last year; the friendly and cool First Colony Inn, operated by Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Midgett; the Nags Head first set the pace for modern hotels at Nags Head, and now operated by Clarence Culpepper; the Croatan, made famous by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Griggs who set out with high standards and never let them drop; the Kitty Hawk, one of the See BEACH, Page Eight

SPRING SCHOOL FESTIVAL IN MANTEO FRIDAY

About 400 Dare County school pupils from out of town schools are expected to be in Manteo on Friday of this week for the Second Annual Spring Festival. Mrs. Mary Langston Evans, supervisor of county schools, said on Tuesday that this many students had indicated their intention to attend the schools' big event.

Exhibits prepared by school children all over the county will be on display in the Manteo school gymnasium all day and until 9 p. m. Judging of the exhibits will be completed by noon, and announcement of the judges' decisions will be made at the afternoon program. Mrs. Evans said that Miss Pierce of Williamston, who had been previously announced as one of the exhibit judges, will be unable to be here on Friday. Another judge will be secured to replace Miss Pierce.

"Drama of Dare" Skits prepared by the county's schools will be presented as a "Drama of Dare" in the school auditorium, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

The field events program for boys and girls will be conducted on the Manteo athletic field, commencing at 10:30 a. m.

A carefully prepared schedule will be followed to serve the throng of out of town and Manteo students who have signified that they wish to take lunch at the Manteo school lunchroom.

ROBERT O. BALLANCE APPOINTED MAGISTRATE

Robert O. Ballance of Manteo was appointed last week by Governor Scott as a Justice of the Peace for Nags Head Township in Dare County for a term of four years. Mr. Ballance is Chairman of the Dare County Draft Board, and well-known as a builder in this section. He is now the only magistrate in Dare County. I. P. Davis who served until last year, had served as a magistrate for several years, but did not offer for re-election in 1950.

DANIELS ADDRESSED TEACHERS TUESDAY

Melvin R. Daniels, Dare Registrar of Deeds, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Currituck Teachers Association in Coinjock Tuesday night. The subject of Mr. Daniels address was "Our Debt to the Pioneers."

WINS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN GREENVILLE



MRS. NELL WISE WECHTER of Stumpy Point was among the senior students last week at East Carolina College chosen for outstanding scholarship and service in the departments in which they specialize. Mrs. Wechter's specialty is grammar grade education. There were 14 who received certificates.

TWO SCHOOL BOARDS REPORT FOR MEETING

Old Board Appoints School Committees at Last Meeting

Two sets of Education Board members assembled in the County Board room Monday for the meeting called for the purpose of electing a new county superintendent of schools. Each board held that it was the official body governing the Dare County schools. Finally County Attorney Martin Kellogg was called in to interpret the controlling statutes, and it was determined that the new board could not legally act until the first Monday in May.

Accordingly, the election of the new superintendent of Dare schools was deferred to Monday, May 7, and Chairman E. P. White of Buxton took the chair to preside at the last meeting of the outgoing board. The incoming board members are: Ellis Gray, Avon; Roy Gray, Hatteras; Harvey Best, Stumpy Point; Walter Perry, Kitty Hawk; and Mrs. Mabel Evans Jones, Manteo. Ellis Gray and Mrs. Jones are the only continuing members from the old board. Elwood B. Parker of Kitty Hawk joined Mrs. Jones and Mr. Gray in vote. See SCHOOL, Page Eight

ELECTION TUESDAY

The Manteo town election will be held next Tuesday, May 8. A mayor and three town commissioners are to be chosen for two-year terms. Only names printed on the official ballots will be those of incumbent town officials, as they were the only candidates whose names were brought forward at the town nominating convention, April 23. They are: Mayor Martin Kellogg and Town Commissioners G. T. Wescott, Sam Midgett and Moncie Daniels, Jr.

The official balloting place is the county courtroom, and the polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

POLICE CHIEFS MEET AT SCENE OF ACCIDENT

There was no lack of official coverage for an accident that occurred in front of Sam Tillett's place on the Nags Head beach last Friday night. Manteo Police Chief M. C. Mitchell's Hudson and a Studebaker driven by D. D. Matthews, Police Chief at Burlington, collided, causing about \$500 damage to the right side of the Studebaker and about \$75 damage to the front end of the Hudson, according to the estimate of Sheriff Frank Cahoon.

Mr. Mitchell was driving north on Highway 158 at the time of the accident. The Burlington man drove his car out of the Tillett Service Station drive to cross the highway to Jennette's Cabins. Mitchell's car crashed into the right side of the other vehicle. No one was injured in either car.

SEASON OPENS FULL BLAST AT NAGS HEAD BEACH



ONE HUNDRED years ago, Nags Head was a thriving summer resort, as indicated by the above picture, drawn by a Harper's magazine artist and published in the New York papers. When people came from various parts of Eastern North Carolina by steamer, they brought their household furniture, and carried it back at the end of the season. This furniture was hauled up the wharf on a truck that was pulled by an ox. Many of the summer visitors to Nags Head today recall when oxen were used to pull carts about the beach.

Today, almost everything has changed at Nags Head. All traffic is by motor vehicle. Few houses remain on the sound-side where in the old days all population centered. A great development has sprung up, and the cottage line is thickly developed from end to end of the beach, and includes large groups at both Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills which rival Nags Head. All areas of the beach are served by good hotels, stores and amusement places. Homes now range in cost up to \$60,000 and no longer do people carry their cast off furniture to their seashore cottages, but furnish beach homes with latest beach innovations.

DARE'S FIRST CLASS A LUNCHROOM



MANTEO SCHOOL LUNCHROOM, which this year received the first class A rating ever given by the Health Department to a Dare school lunchroom, serves an average number of 170 pupils at noon every school day. The staff, under the direction of Manager Laura Gaskill assisted by Mrs. Nellie Williams, has served lunch to 226 pupils at a single meal. The present lunchroom and its equipment has been acquired since the beginning of the 1947-48 school term.

Manteo School Lunchroom Rated Class A, First Such Rating Ever Given In Dare

Average Daily Servings Jump from 50 to 170 in Four Years. Mrs. Laura Gaskill Manages Lunchroom Operations.

Posted on the wall of the dining room in the neat little lunchroom building at the rear of the Manteo school grounds is an official notice to the effect that the Health Department has classified the lunchroom as "Class A." This is the first such classification ever given to a Dare County school.

The Health Department awarded the Class A rating in March of this year, marking the end of four and one-half years' ceaseless effort on the part of Manteo school officials and others to make the school lunchroom a first rate place in every way.

Principal L. W. Huggins, who is also supervisor of the lunchroom, recently reviewed the events which have marked the progress from 1947, when the lunchroom building was secured as a gift from the CAA, to the present time.

Most of the money which has gone into equipment for the

MANY SEEK JOB AS SUPT. DARE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Desirable Post To Be Filled When Board of Education Meets Next Monday

Many people are seeking the post of Superintendent of Dare County Schools which is to be filled Monday, next week by the County Board of Education. Among those who have filed applications for the job are Talmadge Page of Windsor, formerly principal of the Kitty Hawk School, Mrs. Mary Langston Evans, present Supervisor of Schools in Dare, and R. E. Howard, now school principal at Wagram, N. C., Hubert Price, University graduate of Avon.

Sup't. R. I. Leake, who has held the office for several years, tendered his resignation a month ago following the request of the Board of Education that he resign. Two years ago, in the face of a petition signed by some 800 school patrons, and a packed courthouse of determined citizens, he was retained in office by three of five board members. Opposition to Mr. Leake has developed over several years, stemming first out of his apparent inactivity and failure to visit the schools and show interest in the work.

The job paid a salary of \$4,860 during the fiscal year 1949-50, and also paid \$2,100 for office help. It looks like a pretty good job, considering the amount of energy heretofore put out on it, but a new Superintendent, if he succeeds, will have to put out a lot more effort. Of course, due to recent new schedules, there may be some salary increases. However, the job of Superintendent of Schools is made much easier since Supervisors have been employed to do much of the work that was formerly expected of the Superintendent.

OREGON INLET ROAD WORK BEGUN MONDAY

The contractors moved onto the scene Monday and began preliminary grading on the Oregon Inlet-Whalebone road which will connect Highway 158 south of Nags Head with Oregon Inlet. Hard-surfacing of this road will produce a strong link in tying the water-separated parts of Dare county more closely together. Contractors express the intention and hope of completing the entire job in 90 days.

STRONG SUPPORTERS ASSIST OREGON INLET COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY

Beaufort, Pamlico County and Washington and Virginia Men Appear With Ward, Bonner and MacNeill to Outline Value of Project Needing \$860,000 to Aid Commerce and Fishing.

KITTY HAWK GIRL WINS MAY DAY HONORS



MISS JEANETTE TILLET, 20, of Kill Devil Hill, Dare County, has been honored by being selected as a member of the May Day Court for the Queen of festivities this week at East Carolina College, Greenville. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Tillett. The picture was made of her three years ago, when a high school student in Norfolk, she won a trip to Miami, Fla. awarded by the Seaboard Railroad. Her good record continues.

HATTERAS ID. PUPILS TO REENACT HISTORY

Unique Exhibits Planned For School Fair in Manteo Friday, Today

Buxton on Cape Hatteras, May 3.—Schools on this outermost island of continental United States, where the populace has a ringside seat at the making and unmaking of history will do some pioneering of their own on Roanoke Island next Friday when, as their part of the Dare County School Fair, they present homemade history in the form of homemade drama. Each school will present a brief dramatization of something that happened right here.

Virtually the entire school population of the Island and a lot of their elders, and juniors, too, will go to Manteo by the first ferry See HATTERAS, Page Eight

CIVIC CLUB TO HEAR CLERK OF COURT

Chauncey S. Meekins, clerk of the Dare County Court, will be the speaker at the final spring meeting of the Kitty Hawk Civic Club at the Kitty Hawk School Monday, May 7, at 8 p. m. Mr. Meekins will explain the functions and responsibilities of his office, as clerk of court and county accountant. He will be the third county elective officer to address the club in the present series. Register of Deeds Melvin Daniels and Sheriff Frank Cahoon spoke at earlier meetings.

SCHOOL DENTAL SURVEY COMPLETED IN COUNTY

Dr. W. W. Johnston, Health Department officer, said this week that dentists have completed checkups for the year in all Dare County schools. On last Friday the work was completed at Roanoke School, where the dentist inspected 125 children, performed work on 60 and referred 10 to local dentists for further attention.

PRE-SCHOOL CLINICS

Mis Draper, county nurse, said that the date for the Manteo Pre-School clinic had been advanced from that announced last week. The clinic will be held at the health department office in the community building at 2:30 on Wednesday, May 30. Other such clinics not yet completed are scheduled as follows: Stumpy Point school, May 16, 11 a. m.; Manns Harbor school, May 16, 2 p. m.; Rodanthe school, May 22, 9 a. m.; Avon school, May 22, 11 a. m.; Buxton school, May 22, 2 p. m.; Hatteras school, May 23, 9:30 a. m.

Friends of Oregon Inlet got an opportunity Wednesday morning to appear before a Congressional Committee in Washington, which is holding two weeks of closed door sessions, and made their appeal for \$860,000 for the deepening of Oregon Inlet to 14 feet, with channels leading into Manteo and Pamlico Sound.

Heading the delegation was A. H. Ward, Chairman of the Committee for Oregon Inlet, and with him were strong supporters from Beaufort, Pamlico County, and Washington and Virginia seafood centers. Victor Meekins of Manteo also appeared in support of the project. Ben Dixon MacNeill, read the main article in support of the improvement of Oregon Inlet both from the viewpoint of National Defense as well as the seafood industry. He was supported strongly by William Potter of Beaufort, E. H. Holton of Vandemere, and G. F. Fulcher of Oriental.

Strong support came from the National Fisheries Institute of Washington, D. C. and their Wayne M. Waller, an executive, presented a strong brief on behalf of the fisheries interests of Virginia, supporting the project. Charles E. Jackson, manager of the Institute, as well as Eric Rogers of Scotland Neck, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, also appeared in support of the inlet.

P. D. Midgett of Engelhard, and Col. Geo. W. Gillette, state ports director, both had traveled to Washington to appear at the meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, but which along with all hearings of this nature had been postponed until Wednesday morning. Both had to leave because of other engagements, and were unable to attend.

But Governor Scott, George Ross, Director of Conservation and Development, and W. A. Ellison of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries sent strong telegrams of endorsement.

Congressman John H. Kerr of See INLET, Page Eight

MRS. FRANK DEFEBIO CONDUCTS ONE-PERSON PICKETING CAMPAIGN

Since last Friday morning at 10 o'clock, at which time she came to the office of Juvenile Court Judge C. S. Meekins for a hearing to which she had been summoned, Mrs. Frank DeFebo has remained inside or near the courthouse in Manteo. No one, after her week's self-imposed vigil, has any doubt of the resolution of Mrs. DeFebo to stay at her post until some kind of settlement is reached.

Mrs. DeFebo says that she intends to stay at her voluntarily adopted post until (1) her children are returned to her and her husband and family are cleared of all charges pending against them; (2) or until she is locked up in jail. She has been seen by and has talked to many persons in Manteo. She sleeps on a bench in the main corridor of the courthouse. Mrs. DeFebo has not caused any disturbance of any kind, whatever embarrassment her persistence may have caused county officials who are, whether they will or not, involved in any way in the case.

Two hearings are scheduled in See DeFebo, Page Eight

HALT THE QUOTA RAISED. CANCER DRIVE TO CONTINUE

Mrs. T. S. Meekins, Jr., announced on Wednesday of this week that permission has been granted to continue the annual cancer crusade in Dare County through the first two weeks of May.

Miss Bessie Draper, Cancer Crusade treasurer for Dare county reported on Wednesday that \$123.48, or about the half the county's quota of \$250, had been turned in to her up to that time. Miss Draper and Mrs. T. S. Meekins, Jr., urged local Crusade directors and clubs of the county, less than half of which had yet reported, to complete their reports and turn in their collections to the county treasurer, Miss Draper, at once, in order that the county report can be turned over to the state Cancer Crusade organization.