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MANTEO STORES PREPARED WITH LARGER STOCKS AND SERVICE FOR THE SEASON

Roanoke Island Firms Have Shown Remarkable Growth and Expansion in Preparation for Increasing Tourist Trade; Just About Everything Imaginable Now Carried in Stores.

The business men of Manteo and vicinity are extending a hearty welcome at the beginning of the season to all visitors, and letting all know that the town has about everything to offer that one might want, whether he be fishermen, tourists, or homebuilder.

Improvement and enlargement of the business interests in Manteo have been unusual during the past few years as new business increased with the rapid advent of tourists and sportsmen.

Now Manteo is complete with rooming and eating places that are most excellent and reasonable. It has hardware stores that supply building and household needs, tackle for the fisherman, guns and ammunition for the sportsman. The town has laundries and cleaners, furniture stores, plumbing shops, and some very modern groceries.

A large factor in the growth of Manteo stores has been the beach trade. This means much in the summer season in particular, and several of the stores have added complete stocks of beach merchandise. For a long time, Davis, the oldest store in town, has catered to the beach trade, and others now handle a wide assortment of this merchandise.

One has to go a long way to find better grocery stores than Archie Burrus, Tarkington's, Ralph Swain's City Market, Wise's Food Market, and Parker's New Grocery. There are four good cafes, Fearing's, Wise's Cafe, Walker's Diner, the Airport Cafe. There is the Dodge and Plymouth dealer, Sawyer Motor Co. Creff and Ward, Chevrolet dealers, Desmond Rogers' Manteo Service Station, and Midway Garage, are well-equipped for best of service.

Manteo is well equipped for cleaning service. Lawrence Swain runs the Manteo Laundry, and Ray Jones the Manteo Cleaners.

To serve those interested in real estate are A. W. Drinkwater and Ernest E. Meekins. Albert Bell, with his Roanoke Island Gardens helps in the improvement of real estate, and operates a gift shop. Serving the needs of home-makers See SERVICE, Page Eight

PRINCIPALS TO RETURN FOR ROLES IN ISLAND DRAMA THIS SUMMER

Barbara Griffith, the first North Carolinian to play the female lead in *The Lost Colony*, will return during the coming season to be Eleanor Dare in the cast. Robert Armstrong, Alabama-born former steel mill worker who studied dramatics and became an actor and playwright, will again be John Borden.

Warren Lee Terry, veteran professional actor and an outstanding authority on the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, will play the tragicomic role of Old Tom Harris again. Terry, a resident of Baltimore, has been an ambassador-at-large for *The Lost Colony* since the season closed last year. On an extended lecture tour built up around his operatic career, he has taken every opportunity to publicize the *Lost Colony*, has distributed much literature about the show and often he has sung a song from the score of the symphonic drama.

Other principal actors in *The Lost Colony* during the 1951 season follow. Father Martin, Sam Greene; Historian, Frank Groseclose; Oppowoc, John Leman; Manteo, Jerry Allen; Wanchese, Wilson Wade; Fernando, George Spence; Master of Ceremonies, Fred Young; Queen Elizabeth, Lillian Prince; Governor White, Ainslie Pryor; Ananias Dare, Victor Michalak; Sir Walter Raleigh, Andrew Griffith; Dame Coleman, Helyne McLain and Agona, Grace Davis.

JUVENILE COURT HEARING FRIDAY

A hearing in Judge Chauncey S. Meekins' juvenile court, to which Frank J. DeFebio, Theo T. DeFebio and their three minor children have been summoned, is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 18. If Mr. DeFebio is allowed to leave the Elizabeth City hospital, where he is recovering from the effects of a 10-day starvation-strike, the DeFebios are to show cause why their children have not been placed in school.

DARE CHAMBER URGES FINISH BANKS HIGHWAY

Resolutions of Directors Wednesday Night Stress Value to County

A resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Dare County Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night stresses the value to Dare County of the hardsurface road to Hatteras, and directed that a letter be sent at once to the Highway Commission urging that the road connecting Rodanthe and Oregon Inlet be built at earliest possible date.

The Chamber of Commerce also will write the Commission asking for more adequate ferry service over Alligator River in keeping with schedules across Croatan Sound.

The Committee voted to retain the service of Aycock Brown until September 15 as Manager of the Chamber's activities. Committees were appointed as follows: Membership, Travis Sykes of Kitty Hawk, Archie Burrus and Gordon Kellogg of Manteo. Finance; Z. V. Brinkley, J. L. Murphy, Guy Lennon and E. E. Meekins. Public Relations: D. V. Meekins, David Stick and Aycock Brown.

The Committee voted to ask co-operation of the Dare Beaches Chamber and the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce to seek a county wide illustrated booklet for distribution by all organizations in Dare County with the view of attracting tourists and others to the county.

President A. H. Ward of the Dare County Chamber agreed to visit all civic clubs in the county in an effort to enlist cooperation in a movement to better advertise Dare County and work for its advancement.

CANCER CRUSADE TOPS QUOTA IN DARE COUNTY

\$220 Turned In to County Treasurer Up to Tuesday. Commander Thanks Supporters of Cause

One more humanitarian fundraising drive is over the top for 1951 in Dare County. The latest county campaign to exceed its quota is the Annual Cancer Crusade. Mrs. T. S. Meekins, Jr., County Commander, reported on Tuesday of this week that a total of \$220.01 in collections had been turned over to Miss Bessie Draper, Crusade Treasurer. The quota for Dare was \$200.

Recent community reports of contribution included in the total for the county are: AVON, Mrs. Mabel Meekins, chairman, \$37.50; HATTERAS, Mrs. Vera Robinson, \$36.45; WAVES, Cedric Midgett, \$13.35.

Mrs. Meekins wishes to express her thanks to the people of the county for their support of the Cancer Crusade. Their financial contributions and the hard work of those who organized the community efforts have made the drive against the dread disease, cancer, a success in Dare County.

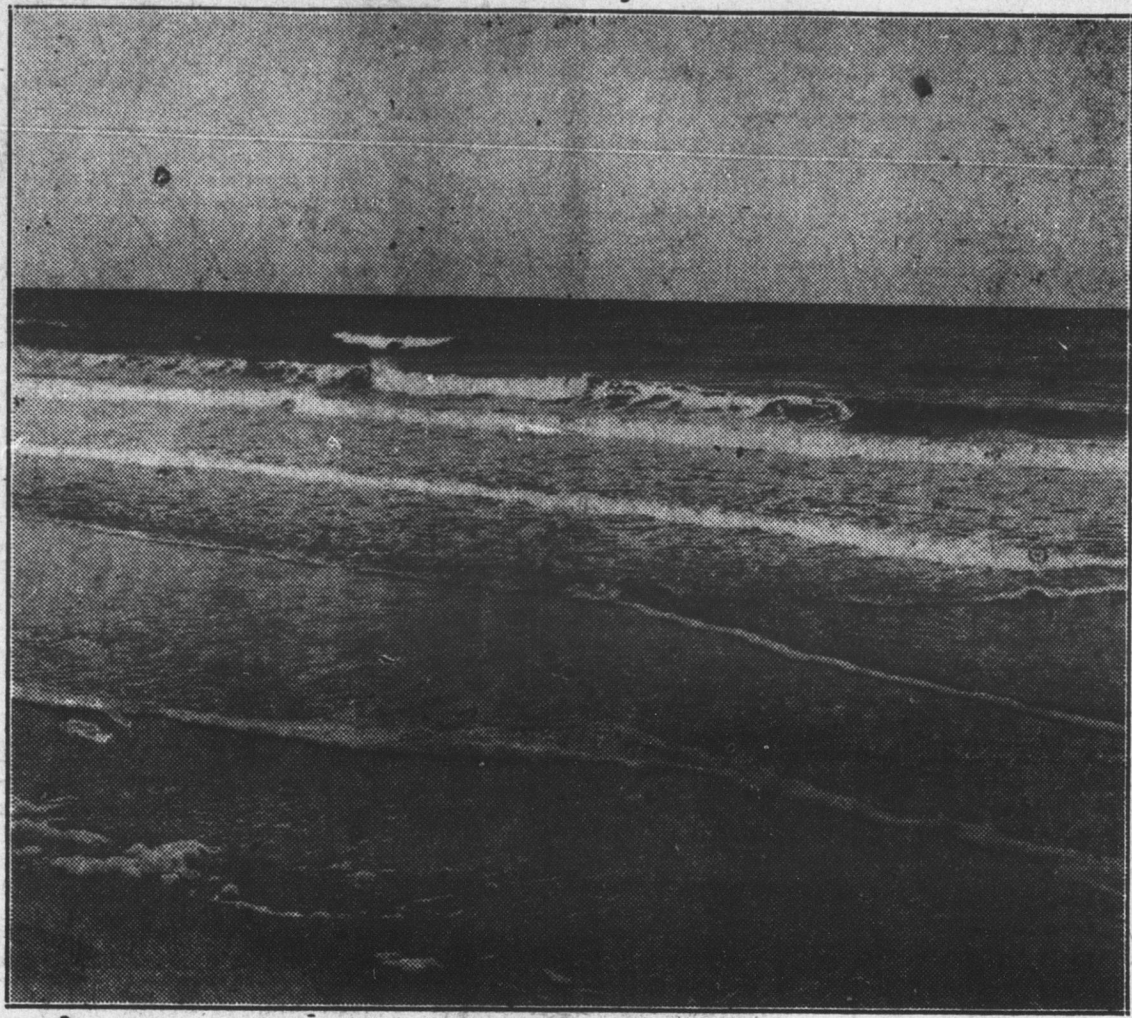
"PRAYER RETREAT" TO OPEN M. E. REVIVAL SATURDAY NIGHT

Dr. Rufus Moseley of Macon, Georgia, distinguished author and revivalist will conduct services of a "Prayer Retreat" to be held at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo on Saturday night of this week. It was announced yesterday by the Rev. J. H. Overton, pastor of Mt. Olivet Church.

Dr. Moseley will be in the pulpit for the regular Sunday service, May 20, Rev. Overton said. The visiting minister will conduct revival services at Mt. Olivet Church at 7:45, Monday through Thursday, May 21-24.

Author of many books and pamphlets in the religious field, among them "Manifest Victory" and "Perfect Everything," Dr. Moseley's series of sermons here will be of great interest to church members and others. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings in the series.

THE OCEAN IS CALLING TO THOSE WHO LOVE THE SAND AND THE SURF



NOTHING IN THE WAY OF SCENERY excites and holds one's interest so much as the sea. Nowhere is it more interesting than along the coast from Currituck to Ocracoke, and the beach resorts this year are expecting the largest business they have ever known. Watching the surf will always be a favorite pastime with people who find it a greater attraction than any other bit of scenery because it is forever changing, and reflects a multitude of moods. The Walter Raleigh Coastland has a priceless God-given asset in the sea, and it has now become the biggest income producer of the people because of money spent by tourists attracted by it.

THE DEFEBIO TRIAL DELAYED; DEFENDANT UNABLE TO APPEAR

Judge W. F. Baum's courtroom was unusually crowded Tuesday afternoon. But the large crowd was frustrated of viewing the case it had, presumably, gathered to see: the case of the State vs. Frank DeFebio. DeFebio was to have been tried on charges growing out of his refusal to send his children to school. Court action on the matter began last December and has never been completed. The drawn-out affair has been punctuated dramatically by DeFebio's serving a term for contempt of court, another in lieu of paying a \$5 and costs fine assessed by the court; the release of the defendant and the return to the DeFebio family of their three children, and the subsequent re-arrest of DeFebio because the children were not placed in school; the attempted suicide of DeFebio in his Dare County Jail cell the night of April 21. Finally, interest here has increased in the trial since Mrs. DeFebio began picketing the Dare courthouse two weeks ago.

More than a week ago Frank DeFebio was released from an Elizabeth City hospital as recovered from his self-inflicted wounds. He was held for trial in the Perquimans County Jail, Hertford—where, from the day that he was jailed, he began a hunger-strike, which was only broken when he became so weak from fasting that jail authorities had him returned to the hospital in Elizabeth City. This was on last Saturday. At the very end of the day's proceedings in court here Tuesday, Solicitor Martin Kellogg announced that DeFebio's trial would have to be postponed because his attending

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Manteo Rotary Club Formulates Plans For District Assembly on June 10, 11

Committees Named for Nags Head Assembly at Monday's Meeting.

Final plans were made at the Monday night meeting of the Manteo Rotary Club for the District Assembly to be held at Nags Head, June 10 and 11.

R. S. "Bob" Smith, Assembly Chairman, named the following committees for this, the big event of the Rotary year. Lawrence Swain heads the Reception Committee with Martin Kellogg, Jr., John E. Ferebee, A. W. Drinkwater, Dr. W. W. Johnson, Tom Rose (Henderson Club), Roland Sawyer and O. J. Jones assisting him.

The Program Committee is led

REGIONAL MEETINGS OF YOUTH COUNCIL ON MAY 23 and 24

A discussion of "Family Life Essentials" will be a feature of both region meetings of the Dare County Council for Services to Children and Youth to be held next week, Mrs. David Stick, president, announces.

The first meeting will be held in the Manns Harbor Community Building on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. All the citizens of the mainland are invited. At this time, the aims of the Council, what progress it has made not only on the mainland but also in the other communities, will be discussed, as well as the panel discussion on Family Life Essentials. Several members of the communities of East Lake, Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point will comprise the panel and will stimulate discussion.

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THREE FUTURE CITIZENS OF MANNS HARBOR



MANNS HARBOR has a lively looking bunch of youngsters coming on to take the load off the shoulders of the older men in a few years. These three fellows were down near the docks during the shad season. First, reading from left to right, is Tom Hunter Midgett, Jr., a third grader, eight years old; next is his six-year-old brother Daniel Benjamin, both sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hunter Midgett. John Edgar Sawyer, a fourth grader, and the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sawyer is at the wheel.

BACCALAUREATE, JUNE 3, OPENS COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES AT MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation Exercises for 27 Seniors at 8 p.m., June 6. Class Night, June 4.

HATTERAS SOLDIER RETURNS FROM KOREA



CORPORAL LUTHER AUSTIN, Jr., who after eight months service in Korea with the Third Engineers Division, USA, and who has been in the Army since August 1948, returned to America this week, to visit his parents at Hatteras, and his sister, Mrs. Stockton Midgett. Corporal Austin is 22 years old. He served two years in Panama before going to Korea.

AREA LIONS CLUBS AID STATE'S BLIND

In the May issue of *The White Cane*, magazine for North Carolina's blind citizens, the activities of Lions Clubs in work for the blind, so far this year is reported. The Manteo club collected \$30.78 from the White Cane Drive; provided wheel chairs, \$10.00; 2 Braille clocks, \$15.00; held a broom sale, gross sales, \$300.

The Swan Quarter club collected \$75.95 from the White Cane Drive; bought Christmas packages for five blind persons; sponsored booth at the County Fair, depicting blind man and dog "Out of the Darkness"; White Cane memberships were sold from this booth.

The Belhaven club collected \$45.20 from the White Cane Drive; paid \$50 on the salary of the Case Worker.

The Bath club collected \$29.67 from the White Cane Drive.

The Elizabeth City club contributed \$150 to the White Cane Drive; paid \$432 on the salary of the Case Worker; bought six pairs of glasses, \$66; clothing for two persons, \$23.35; electric stove, \$8.95; Braille watch, \$18.00; garden seeds, 90¢; sold cushions for fund raising project, \$100.

VOLUNTEERS FILL POPPY DAY RANKS

Enthusiastic volunteers are rapidly filling the ranks of the American Legion Auxiliary's Poppy Day workers, Mrs. Jack Wilson, Poppy Chairman of Dare County Unit of the Auxiliary, announced today.

The volunteers are coming from other organizations as well as from the Auxiliary. Mrs. Wilson said. They will give Saturday, May 26, to the distribution of memorial poppies to be worn in tribute to America's war dead. They will also receive contributions for aid to disabled war veterans and needy children of veterans.

"A fine patriotic spirit is being shown by the women volunteering for Poppy Day duty," said Mrs. Wilson. "Distributing poppies is hard, unaccustomed work and requires sacrifice of time and personal interest. Yet it is, of course, nothing compared to the sacrifices made for America by those whom the poppy honors, and by those still living whom the poppy aids. Knowing this, our poppy workers will be on the streets bright and early on Poppy Day, eager to do their full part to make the day a success. I am sure the public will meet them with the same patriotic spirit."

Dead of three wars will be honored by the Memorial Poppies which will be worn on Poppy Day, May 26. In memory of those who gave their lives in World Wars I and II and the Korean conflict, give generously for the Poppy you wear. This money will all be used for comforts for disabled veterans and their needy families.

Graduation exercises will be held for the 27 members of the Class of 1951 in the Manteo High School auditorium at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6.

The program will be opened with the presentation of 8th grade certificates to the 37 members of the 8th grade class. This will be followed by the presentation of medals and honors to the members of the graduating class.

The commencement address will be delivered by a speaker from East Carolina College at Greenville. The speaker will be E. J. Rutton of the College English Department.

Culmination of the program will be the awarding of diplomas by Principal L. W. Huggins to the 14 young women and 13 young men of the Class of 1951.

Baccalaureate
At 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 3 in the school auditorium the Rev. J. H. Overton, pastor of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon. Music for the program will be presented by the Manteo school choir.

Class Night
The following night, Monday, June 4, is to be Class Night; the hour for the beginning of the program is 8 p.m.

Doreen Midgett will open the program with the Salutatorian's address. Rose Austin will read the class poem. The class history, by Evelyn Dowdy, will be recounted.

The class prophecy, written by Everett Liverman, will be enacted upon the stage in the form of a TV show. Hudean O'Neal, Junior Class Gifterian, will be master of ceremonies for the presentation of gifts from the Juniors to the Seniors. The Last Will and Testament of the Class of 1951, in which each senior will bequeath some prized possession or attribute to members of other classes in the high school will follow the presentation of gifts by the Juniors.

Maxine Scarborough, Class Val- edictorian, will close the program by delivering the Valedictory of See SCHOOL, Page Eight

EAST CAROLINA PRESS MEETS AT EDENTON

The Eastern North Carolina Press Association held its spring meeting last Friday and Saturday in Edenton. The Chowan Herald of Edenton, the Hertford County Herald of Ahoskie, the Williamston Enterprise and the Roanoke Beacon at Plymouth were host papers for the meeting.

Headquarters for the convention was the Hotel Joseph Hewes in Edenton, where a banquet was held Friday evening. S. Wade Marr, distinguished speaker from Elizabeth City, was the featured speaker on the Friday night program.

Speakers for the business session and "shop talk" session at the Hotel Saturday morning were: Frank Daniels, News and Observer, Raleigh; Leslie Thompson, News-Reporter, Whiteville; Billy Arnold, News and Views, Jacksonville; Jim Fulghum, Wilson Daily Times; Henry Dennis, Henderson Dispatch; Max Campbell, Perquimans Weekly, Hertford; Herbert D. Brauff, Wilson Daily Times; Ashley Futrell, Washington Daily News; Mayon Parker, Parker Bros. Publishing Co., Ahoskie; and Sam Ragan, News and Observer.

The newsmen were entertained at Bandon, famous plantation near Edenton, by John and Inglis Fletcher. After a one o'clock luncheon served on the grounds of the stately old mansion, Mrs. Fletcher, noted author of historical novels, spoke to the group on the history of the Chowan River country.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS BEGIN MONDAY ON BEACH

Sanitary inspection of beach hotels and restaurants begins next Monday, May 21, Hal Daniels, Sanitarian, said yesterday. Water samples will be taken and general inspection will be conducted in order that grading can be certified immediately. Hotel and restaurant proprietors are requested to be prepared to cooperate with the sanitarian when he arrives; this will help speed up the completion of the sanitary inspections for the entire beach area.

Mr. Daniels said that a food handlers' school, similar to the one conducted last year, will be held some time during June. Dates and other particulars will be announced in the near future.