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## WOULD ERECT A MONUMENT TO DARE ITSELF

Editor of The State Magazine Recounts County's Fame With Praise for Itself

The Editor of The State Magazine, run by Bill Sharpe and Carl Goerch of Raleigh has written an editorial recounting famous events that have transpired in Dare County. And—"There is a place for still another monument," he says. A monument to Dare County itself.

Truly we thank the editor for his kind words, and we will reprint them. But let us add that Dare's citizens with all their greatness, and their limited means, could never have gone far without the love and loyalty of its neighboring newspapermen whose writing in the newspapers of North Carolina and elsewhere have been the mightiest force for arousing for it the nation's interest.

Dare County has grown in fame because it had some good men of vision at home and some able friends away from home who viewed its situation as a challenge to them to do something for it. We think of men like Lindsay Warren, and W. O. Saunders, and a number of newspapermen of Norfolk, and Raleigh and other towns. We can mention a few: Ralph Pool of Norfolk; Josephus Daniels, Jonathan Daniels, Bill Sharpe, Ben Dixon MacNeill, Aycock Brown, Tom Bost, Herbert Peele of Elizabeth City, Woodrow Price, and many others.

Perhaps other counties have things that would make them famous in other respects; things that would bring them great profits, and means for a better life. But they have never been uncovered for lack of men at home with love and vision for their homeland. There has to be something about one's homeland to create this essential love and vision.

Be all this as it may, we want to pass along the following, which is the comment of The State Magazine.

**There the World Changed**  
The announcement, made from Chicago earlier this month, that Reginald A. Fessenden had been elected to join Thomas A. Edison and Guglielmo Marconi in Radio's Hall of Fame must have caused the Red Gods to look down upon tiny Dare County and smile.

Certainly no county that we know of has done more to change this world we live in.

The first English settlers on the American continent came to Dare County back in the 1580's. The world has not been the same since. In 1903 the Wright brothers flew their plane from a dune in Dare County. That flight changed the world, too.

A year or so earlier Reginald Fessenden, conduction some research for the U. S. Weather Bureau, communicated between Manteo and Hatteras by wireless telephone.

That was the first such communication over any distance. In 1906 Fessenden spanned the Atlantic (Brant Rock, Mass. to Macrihanish, Scotland), sending voice and music out into space for the first time.

The relationship between Fessenden and Arthur Godfrey, another Honorary Tar Heel, is too obvious to require comment by us.

The proposal that a monument be erected to Fessenden on Roanoke Island at the site of his telegraph station is entirely proper. It is fitting that the first broadcast of any distance should be memorialized right alongside the first settlement and the place of the first flight.

But there is a place for still another monument.

We would build it high on the dunes and from it you would look over the endless green of the mainland's swamps, the broad reach of the inland sounds and the great sweep of the ocean itself. On it we would engrave deep in the stone:  
"To Dare County—  
Her History—She Changed  
The World  
Her Charm—She Remained  
Unchanged."

## MANTEO MASONS HOST TO NORFOLK TEAM

A Masonic event enjoyed by about 200 members of the Masonic fraternity took place Saturday night at the handsome new home of the Dare County Shrine Club, when Manteo Masonic Lodge was host to the degree team of Doric Lodge of Berkley, Va., and which team conferred in grand style, the third degree upon E. E. White of Manteo, a member of Manteo Lodge. The degree was conferred in full regalia.

## MIGHTY SCHOOL OF CHANNEL BASS ARE SEEN FROM AIRPLANE

A mighty school of channel bass maybe 600 feet long, and with maybe ten thousand in it was observed at 3:45 Saturday afternoon near the shore, moving northward, abreast of the village of Salvo.

Bill Henderson, pilot, flying out of the Manteo Airport saw the fish on his way to Hatteras, and said at exactly one hour later they had moved northward some two miles until they were abreast of the village of Waves.

Mr. Henderson, who makes a study of watching fish from his plane, said at the rate they were travelling, they would reach Oregon Inlet about midnight—but that is fishermen's luck. Some 40 boats had been fishing all day Saturday. By Sunday morning they were probably off Kitty Hawk.

Mr. Henderson reported an unusually large number of porpoises in the vicinity and also swimming on top of the water one of the mightiest sea turtles he had ever seen.

## BEST BASS CATCH MADE AT HATTERAS

Trolling Improving In Oregon Inlet Waters Following Seige Of Bad Weather

By AYCOCK BROWN  
Although sportsfishing was improving with the weather at Oregon Inlet on the week end, the best catches reported during the past week were made in Hatteras waters.

Casting from a drifting boat in Hatteras Inlet last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Noble of Cavalier Arena, Richmond and Al Greico of Chicago landed 18 channel bass ranging from 31 to 41 pounds.

Two days previously at Oregon Inlet a party of Washington, D. C., anglers had caught seven channel bass while trolling with artificial lures in Oregon Inlet with Capt. Omie Tillett. The catch from a board Tillett's boat, the Jerry, Jr., was the best of the season to date from Oregon Inlet waters where the season's first of the copper fighters was taken by Dover Hinton, Windell, on April 5, while fishing with Capt. Willie Etheridge, Jr., aboard his new cruiser, the Chee Chee of Wanchese.

Three Anglers Catch 18  
The Nobles of Richmond and Greico of Chicago were fishing from aboard Capt. Ernal Foster's Gulf Stream cruiser Albatross II when they hit the big school of channel bass at Hatteras Inlet on Sunday.

Instead of trolling artificial lures through the school, the method usually employed by anglers fishing from boats at Oregon Inlet, the party aboard the Albatross II were casting 4-ounce feather jigs and heavy chromium plated spoons from the drifting cruiser.

The Sunday catch at Hatteras surprised the natives. It was a blustery, rainy day, the kind that one would not expect fish to be running. The party chartering the Albatross II had only one more day at Hatteras, so they decided to take a chance of getting the fish. "They surely got them, too," said M. L. Burrus, owner of the oil and iceplant docks in the Outer Banks community. "I would have given odds that no one would catch fish on such a stormy day."

Looks Better at Oregon Inlet  
Only two channel bass were landed at Oregon Inlet Friday of this week. Roy and Jean Sverval of 96 Kings Road, Chatham, N. J., made the catch. They were trolling Pflueger No. 7 Record Spoons.

Oregon Inlet, muddied by heavy rains of the interior of the State flowing seaward in flooded rivers and unfavorable winds have been responsible for few catches of channel bass at Oregon Inlet. By Friday, the water was clearing and guides were hoping for a change in current season fishing luck.

## FISHERMEN AT DUCK LAND BIG STURGEON

Duck.—Largest sturgeon to be landed by commercial fishermen along the Dare coast in several years was taken by a group of commercial fishermen on Monday, according to Woodson Midgett. The big fish, which had apparently come into the waters of Currituck Sound adjacent to the villages to spawn, measured six feet from tip to tip. There were no scales in the community large enough to weigh the big fish.

The roe of sturgeon is known as caviar. The caviar in the old days was usually worth considerably more than the flesh of the fish, although the steaks of sturgeon today bring a good price on the commercial markets.

## SCHOOL SITE ON HATTERAS ISLAND UP BEFORE COURT

Question to Decide: Who Has Authority; The Board in Raleigh or The Board of Dare County

Sometime ago the Board of Education and other interested parties entered into an argument to bring a "Friendly Suit," to determine who had the authority to locate a school building.—The State Board of Education in Raleigh, or the Dare County Board of Education, Avon.

The question grew out of the State's refusal to erect a modern consolidated school on Hatteras Island to serve the people of seven villages, at the spot chosen by the Dare County Board of Education, Avon.

## INDIANA SENATOR POSES WITH FISH WHILE VISITING W. R. DEATON IN DARE COUNTY

Senator Homer Capehart of Indiana, who with Mrs. Capehart spent the Easter week end on the Dare Beaches, as the guest of W. R. Deaton of Greensboro and Kitty Hawk, and whose visit was covered in our paper last week, is shown posing with a big fish at Oregon Inlet.

Because of the block in plans for the erection of the building, the children of this area have been the losers, and they have also lost by the subsequent inflation of values, a good 35 per cent of what their money would have bought in construction costs two years ago.

Here is what the News and Observer had to say about the case before the courts, in its issue of April 19th:

The courts were called in yesterday to settle that months-old squabble over the location of an Outer Banks high school.

The Dare County Board of Education, determined to see the school built at Avon, appealed to the courts to remove a big roadblock. That roadblock happens to be the State Board of Education.

For months now, the Dare Board has huffed and puffed for Avon without so much as moving the State Board an inch. Yesterday, Wake Superior Court was asked for an injunction that would clear the way for a consolidated high school at the Avon site.

The State Board based its firm refusal to go along with Avon on the advice of its engineers. Those engineers have long contended that the Avon site is too much exposed to the gales and waters of the Atlantic, hard stone's throw away.

The site is too dangerous for the State to sink the taxpayers' money into regardless of what the Dare Board contends, the Raleigh officials have held.

At one point, the State Board sent a committee of three of its members to the outer banks to examine all the proposed sites—two at Avon and one at Buxton. The committee returned to report that neither of the Avon sites would do.

Said Committee Chairman Claude Farell of Elkin: "The Dare Board is determined and of one mind to place this school at Avon. We did not see a single thing that would bring our thinking in line with theirs; we couldn't see eye to eye at all."

After that the board promptly adopted a motion "disapproving the allocation of State funds for the construction of a school building at Avon." The vote was unanimous.

The board let it be known several times that it would approve the safer site at Buxton.

The opposition claimed repeatedly the State Board has no legal authority to dictate a building site in the face of stony opposition from the county board of education involved. The board replied that it certainly had an obligation to spend State money wisely. To build a school on an exposed site at exposed Avon wouldn't exactly constitute wisdom, its members held.

One Alternate  
At one point the Dare Board offered an "alternate" site to the one originally proposed at Avon. The original site is the present location of the Avon school. The alternate happens to adjoin the school.

The State Board committee said it got "conflicting testimony" on the Outer Banks as to past storm damage to the present Avon school. On one hand the committee was told that storms had "flooded the school and torn it loose from its moorings." But the Avon folks vowed that such a thing had never occurred.

The Dare Board itself first intended to build the school at Buxton, but it later shifted its plans.

## CHARTER GIVEN SCOUT TROOP IN MANTEO SUNDAY

Lively Group of 36 Has Enthusiastic Leaders; Conduct Scrap Metal Drive for Funds

The enthusiastic Boy Scout Troop No. 165 which has been in process of organization during the past six weeks, received its Charter Sunday at the Manteo Methodist Church and in the afternoon the boys set out on a six mile hike.

Public spirited citizens are backing the efforts to build an outstanding troop in Manteo, and Wilford Wise is Scout Master. Assistant Master is Allen Mann. Harry Tugwell is explorer-adviser; Ray Jones is institutional committee member and other members of the committee are Rev. H. R. Ashmore, Chairman, Edwin Midgett, and Merle Meekins.

To raise money for the troop, the boys are conducting a scrap metal and waste paper drive and the proceeds will go for troop expenses. The troop meets each Tuesday night in the Methodist Church annex at 7:30. The 36 charter members are as follows: Davis and Bobby Ballance, St. Clair Basnight, Tommy Biggs, Caleb Brickhouse, Billy Brown, Ronald Cox, Donald Clark, Woodrow Cox, Allen Dough, Gary Dowdy, John Etheridge, James Flowers, Leonard Francis, Elroy Gray, Carl Hayes, Arthur Johnson, Michael Jones, Danny Mann, Merle Meekins, Fleetwood Mitchell, Paul Midgett, William O'Neal, Byron Sawyer, David Simpson, Lawrence Swain, James Stillman, Coy Tillett, Billy Tugwell, Bobby Tugwell, Lloyd Wescott, Raymond Wescott, Frankie White.

## CHEST EXAMINATION DATES ANNOUNCED

A mass chest X-ray will be held in Dare County beginning May 2, sponsored by the State Board of Health and the Dare County Health Board.

The examination will be given to 11 persons 15 years of age or over, free of charge, Dr. W. W. Johnston, county health officer, asks that all persons wishing to be examined, be at the designated place as early as possible. Following are the dates and places:

Kitty Hawk Post Office; May 2; Kill Devil Hills Post Office, May 3; Manteo Community Building, May 5; Wanchese Post Office, May 6; Manns Harbor Post Office, May 7; Stumpy Point school, May 8. At each place the unit will open at 11 a. m. and close at 5 p. m.

## SCHOOL MASTERS CLUB MEETS AT NAGS HEAD

Dr. W. Amos Abrams Delivers Address To Large Gathering Monday

The Albemarle School Master's Club, meeting in Dare County for the first time in seven years had a dinner session at the Parkerson Hotel, Nags Head, Monday evening. The attendance of school superintendents, principals and key teachers from the Albemarle Counties reached something over a hundred. A majority of them had driven long distances to take part in the meeting and friendly relationships were shown as well as an eager enthusiasm for what was said and done.

In the program L. W. Huggins, Principal of the Manteo School, gave the invocation, W. H. West, President of Dare NCEA Unit, welcomed the group. Mrs. Mary Langston Evans, Superintendent of Dare Schools, presented as guests the members of the Dare Board of Education present: Walter L. Perry, Mrs. Mabel Evans Jones, Harvey E. Best. Then the speaker of the evening, Dr. W. Amos Abrams, an Editor of the North Carolina Education Association Journal.

Dr. Abrams led up to a dynamic address through good stories that brought refreshing laughs after a hearty dinner, then went on by saying that his listeners might not know that Dare County made educational history by using boats to transport children to educational events such as county commencements when only the faith of a young woman county superintendent made an educational get-together of Dare's children seem possible. He read clippings from the Education Journal of that period. Later he stated that 89 per cent of the tax income of the United States today was being spent as a result of wars past and present, that only 3 per cent was being spent on education. He said that in the state of North Carolina, where this year there would be a surplus of

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## THREE FINED TUESDAY IN RECORDERS COURT

Three cases involving four defendants were tried Tuesday in Dare County Recorder's Court, and fines were levied as follows:

Charles W. Flynn, seaman, for careless and reckless driving, which resulted in the total destruction of an automobile was fined \$25 and costs.

Allen Beasley and Early Gallop for disorderly conduct and creating a disturbance at Nags Head Casino were each fined \$25 and costs.

Claude Ziegler, Sr., of Elizabeth City for driving without operator's license was fined \$25 and costs.

## JOHN DUVAL DIES AT MANNS HARBOR EARLY THURSDAY

Prominent Citizen of County; Was Chairman of Dare Beaches Sanitary Board

John Robert Duvall of Kitty Hawk, died suddenly at 1 o'clock Thursday morning at Manns Harbor where he had been living for the past several months while managing a logging operation at East Lake.

He was the son of the late John E. and Cynthia Pritchett Duvall of East Lake, where he was a resident most of his life, moving there at an early age with his parents, from Tyrrell County, where he was born.

At the time of his death he was owner of a cottage court and store at Kitty Hawk, which he had operated for the past six years. He was also Chairman for the past three years of the Dare Beaches Sanitary Board, for which post he had recently filed without opposition.

Most of his life had been spent in the timber business, and for a time he had been employed in the logging industry in Haiti and other Carribean islands. He also worked for a while in the oil fields of the southwest.

He is survived by his wife, Johnnie Jordan Duvall, several step-children, step-grand-children, and many nephews and nieces. He was a brother of Claude C. Duvall, Chairman of the Dare County Commissioners, and he has two sisters, Mrs. L. E. Bray of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Evvie Pinner of Manns Harbor.

He was a member of the East Lake Methodist Church, of Wanchese Masonic Lodge and of Sudan Shrine Temple. Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 2 p. m. by Rev. H. R. Ashmore at the Manteo Methodist Church, and burial will be in the Manteo Cemetery, Twiford Funeral Home, directors.

## LACK OF MAINTENANCE ON ROAD SCORED

Residents of Hatteras Island after all the years of isolation from motor travel will soon have a paved route from Oregon Inlet to Hatteras village, some 50 miles southward. Despite this move by the State in providing what is destined to become one of the most traveled coastal tourist routes along the Atlantic coast, some tourists and residents of Hatteras Island, complain the State is neglecting currently, the proper maintenance of the unpaved stretch between Oregon Inlet and Rodanthe. Scores of tourists and sportsfishermen from other States who have driven over the route agree with the residents of the Banks that there is a lack of adequate maintenance.

"We don't know whether it is the duty of North Carolina's Highway Department, or the construction firms in charge of building the final link of the road to provide a passable road or detour," said Capt. Levene Midgett of Rodanthe, this week. "It is surely someone's duty though, and even if we are promised a paved road during the coming summer, there is considerable traffic at the present time. There is no excuse for not having better maintenance in the bad spots now."

E. P. White of Buxton agreed with Midgett. "Residents of this island pay gasoline taxes, are required to purchase state licenses for their automobiles and also take drivers' tests for licenses. In addition to this thousands of dollars have been spent by island interests in the building of additional

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## PRE-SCHOOL CLINICS IN DARE COUNTY

Parents with children beginning school next year are asked to bring them to the pre-school clinics so they may start their immunizations and get their check-ups. This is required of all children beginning school next year.

Following are the dates and hours set by the health department:

Stumpy Point, April 29, 11:00 a. m., School Building; Manns Harbor, April 29, 1:30 p. m., school building; Manteo Roanoke School, April 30, 10:00 a. m., school building; Manteo High School, April 30, 2:00 p. m., school building; Avon School, May 1, 10:00 a. m., school building; Buxton School, May 13, 2:00 p. m., school building; Hatteras School, May 14, 9:00 a. m., school building; Rodanthe School, May 14, 1:00 p. m., school building; Colington School, May 21, 10:00 a. m., school building.

## MANY CANDIDATES UNOPPOSED THIS YEAR IN DARE CO.

Three for County Commissioners and Two for Board of Education

Candidates for Nags Head, Hatteras and Atlantic Township on the Board of Commissioners are without opposition in Dare County. Candidates from Hatteras and Atlantic Township for the Board of Education are unopposed.

Late entries in the field against Lawrence Swain of Manteo for Commissioner was Elmer V. Midgett; and against Roy Gray of Hatteras was Raymond Bassett of Buxton, but both of these men withdrew soon afterward.

The candidates who have filed and remain in the running are as follows:

For Representative, R. Bruce Etheridge and Dewey L. Hayman. For Commissioner, Nags Head Township, Lawrence L. Swain, unopposed; Atlantic Township, W. H. Lewark, unopposed; Hatteras Township, W. L. Scarborough, unopposed; Mainland District, C. C. Duvall and C. L. Holmes; Kennekeet Township, James W. Scarborough, David O'Neal.

For Board of Education: Atlantic Township, Walter D. Perry, unopposed; Hatteras Township, Roy Gray, unopposed; Kennekeet Township, Ellis A. Gray, Noah E. Price; Mainland District, H. E. Best, Wallace Taylor. Nags Head Township: Mrs. Mabel Evans Jones, Jas. W. Davis, R. O. Ballance and Victor Meekins.

The three members of the Dare Beaches Sanitary District Board filed for renomination without opposition. John R. Duvall, Chairman, Mrs. Daisy Midgett and J. E. Harris. Mr. Duvall died Thursday morning.

## A NEW LOOK PROMISED LOST COLONY IN 1952

Some Changes Planned For Paul Green's Drama at Fort Raleigh

By AYCOCK BROWN  
America's longest-lived symphonic drama, Paul Green's internationally famous "The Lost Colony," is getting a slightly new look for its 1952 season which premieres here on Roanoke Island in Waterside Theatre, June 28, according to William Hardy, general manager of the production. Changes are being planned both in front of the footlights and on the stage for the 12th season of the play which dramatically tells the tragic story of first attempts to plant an English settlement in the New World.

"For the first time in the history of the drama," said Hardy, "all the seats in the spacious amphitheatre overlooking Roanoke and Albemarle Sounds will be reserved."

"With the opening date of the drama still several weeks away, we are getting an unusual number of requests for reserved seats," said Mrs. Mabel Basnight, box office manager of The Lost Colony since its beginning here on the 350th anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare in 1937. Off-season records of the business office reflect that already hundreds of tickets have been sold for the 1952 season of the drama. These tickets were sold to persons who became members of the Lost Colony's sponsoring organization, the Roanoke Island Historical Association. Invitations to become members of the association were extended by Governor W. Kerr Scott.

Previously a large number of seats have been sold on a general admission basis. Hardy said that the decision to make all seats reserved was to give all patrons of The Lost Colony a chance to select a definite location in the theatre in advance and thus avoid having to arrive at the drama early in order to be assured of a seat.

New Blood in Play  
The play itself has been given some new blood with the addition by Playwright Green of a real blood and thunder Indian attack on the fort during the second act. Uel Selden feel that this new scene "Both Green and Director Sam will be the most exciting sequence that has happened to the drama since its premiere on historic Roanoke Island in 1937," said Hardy.

Already special music for this exciting scene which is destined to add thrills to the tragic second act of the drama is being arranged by James Hart, Lost Colony organist. "It is believed that the spectacle of painted warriors swarming over the parapets, locking in death struggles with the defending colonists and finally being driven off, will make hair stand on end in the audience," said Hart.