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## CAPE WOODSERS WALK OFF WITH TRACK DAY GLORY

Great Victory Won In Contests at Hatteras Island's First Event of the Kind

Buxton on Cape Hatteras.—Grammar-graders resident in Trent and Buxton Woods, attending the school here, outpointed grammar-graders from Hatteras and Avon schools by 71 to 58 in the first inter-community track meet and field day ever staged on Hatteras Island, an occasion that brought together one of the largest crowds ever assembled on the Outer Banks for a school event and which provided a day of inter-community visiting.

It was a field for the Gray, since members of this widely distributed family scored a total of 22 points as against 10 for the Willis family, the next highest. Most of the Gray were from Avon, and they accounted for more than half the points chalked up by that school. But there were Grays on all the teams, both Hatteras and Buxton, listed among the winners.

Most of the long-established family names on the Island were listed among the winners, except the Meekins family which had few entrants and no winners. Third high among the families were the Scarboroughs, with seven first places and in order were the Rollinsons, with five. Other winners included the Burresses, the Williamses, and the Quidleys and the Austins and the Millers.

But the real hero of the day was Mrs. Nettie Peele who directs the lunch room of the local school which was host for the day. With her assistants, most of them from the school, she served nearly 400 meals during the two-hour lunch period. She took them in relays, since the dining room seats only 50 at a time. The meals were served to pupils and visitors alike at cost, which is 20 cents per day.

Every one of the nine events scheduled for the grammar-graders was watched with keen interest and friendly rivalry both among pupils and parents. The basketball game scheduled for the afternoon for high school pupils was omitted but its place was very much more than filled when young matrons of the Seven Villages of the Island staged a three-inning softball game. The three innings consumed about 90 minutes and the proceedings were watched with hilarious interest, with some of the husbands among the spectators wondering ruefully if the wife would be able to cook supper, or leave herself out of bed the next day.

Following is a list of events, by grades, with the winners indicated: Potato Race—Girls: 1. Rollinson, Buxton; 2. Gray, Avon; 3. Good, Buxton; 4. Munford, Buxton; 5. Stowe, Hatteras; 6. Veal, Buxton; 7. Austin, Buxton; 8. K. Willis, Buxton. Boys: 1. Gray, Avon; 2. Gray, Buxton; 3. Rollinson, Buxton; 4. Farrow, Avon; 5. Rollinson, Buxton; 6. Good, Buxton; 7. Scarborough, Buxton; 8. Finnegan, Buxton.

Running Broad Jump — Girls: 1. Tolson, Buxton; 2. MacBee, Buxton; 3. Good, Buxton; 4. Tolson, Buxton; 5. Gray, Avon; 6. Veal, Buxton; 7. Gray, Avon; 8. Willis, Hatteras. Boys: 1. Fulcher, Buxton; 2. Basnett, Buxton; 3. Merrill, Hatteras; 4. Farrow, Avon; 5. Williams, Avon; 6. Willis, Buxton; 7. Scarborough, Avon; 8. Williams, Avon.

Bag Race: Girls: 1. Tolson, Buxton; 2. Gray, Buxton; 3. Good, Buxton; 4. Gray, Avon; 5. Stowe, Hatteras; 6. Burrus, Hatteras; 7. Gray, Avon; 8. Gray, Avon. Boys: 1. McCarthy, Hatteras; 2. Jennette, Buxton; 3. Beamon, Avon.

Running Broad Jump: Girls: 1. Tolson, Buxton; 2. MacBee, Buxton; 3. Good, Buxton; 4. Tolson, Buxton; 5. Gray, Avon; 6. Veal, Buxton; 7. Gray, Avon; 8. Willis, Hatteras. Boys: 1. Fulcher, Buxton; 2. Basnett, Buxton; 3. Merrill, Hatteras; 4. Farrow, Avon; 5. Williams, Avon; 6. Willis, Buxton; 7. Scarborough, Avon; 8. Williams, Avon.

Baseball Throw: Girls: 1. Tolson, Buxton; 2. MacBee, Buxton; 3. Good, Buxton; 4. Peele, Hatteras; 5. Jennette, Buxton; 6. Veal, Buxton; 7. Finnegan, Buxton; 8. Willis, Buxton. Boys: 1. Gray, Avon; 2. Jennette, Buxton; 3. Quidley, Buxton; 4. Midgett, Hatteras; 5. See GLORY, Page Five

## STEAMSHIP CAPTAIN OF DARE IS DEAD



CAPT. DANIEL W. HAYMAN, native of Dare County, for many years a steamboat Captain on the waters of this state, and more recently master of ocean going ships, died in Norfolk at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. He had made his home in that city for the past 30 years. He was the husband of Mrs. Laura Midgett Hayman, formerly of Wanchese, and the father of one child, Mrs. Don Elliot of Norfolk, and leaves two grandchildren. He has several sisters and a brother, Rev. Louis D. Hayman of Southport. An uncle, J. D. Hayman of Wanchese, and three aunts, Mrs. Maggie Midgett, Mrs. Mary Midgett and Mrs. Sallie Gard at Manns Harbor.

Funeral services will be at 12 o'clock Saturday in Norfolk.

Capt. Hayman was a man of lovable personality. Back in the mid-twenties he was back in Dare County out in the fore-front at the beginning of the boom in the Dare County beachlands, buying and selling. He always found his way to top jobs in ships of the Engineer Corps, the merchant marine, and he won high commendation for his bravery and efficiency in the Pacific during the recent war.

## MANTEO SCOUT TROOP ATTENDS CAMPOREE

Scout Troop No. 165, sponsored by Mt. Olivet Methodist Church of Manteo, attended the annual Camporee of the East Albemarle District with 31 boys and 3 adult scouts present at Camp Perry.

The local troop, though it is the youngest in the District, having been installed only a few weeks ago, had the largest distance to travel but was represented with the largest number of scouts.

The program at the Camporee consisted of preparing a camp site, pitching tents, preparing the evening meal, eating and the cleaning up in the afternoon; and the large campfire before taps Saturday night. On Sunday the program consisted, in addition to the preparation of meals and cleaning up, of various inspections, chapel service, health and accident demonstration including the new method of artificial respiration, and presentation of awards.

Awards are won on a merit system where points are won or lost in the various events at the camp.

Two of the four Manteo Patrols won red ribbons that may be displayed on their Patrol flags, which represent awards as high as any presented. The other two patrols won yellow ribbons which may be displayed on their Patrol flags, and each participating scout and scoutmaster won Camporee patches that may be worn on the uniform.

The troop, at present, is collecting scrap paper which will be sold and the money collected will go for operating expenses.

Among projects scheduled is a four-day camp at Fort Raleigh, where the local troop will play host to the various organizations of the District. It will be designated as a historical camp and will base the program around the various historical events of the area.

## E. V. NELSON NAMED TO BEACH SANITARY BOARD

E. V. Nelson of Kill Devil Hills, operator of the Kitty Hawk Hotel this week was appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Dare County to fill out the unexpired term of the late John R. Duvall as a member of the Dare Beaches Sanitary District. Mr. Duvall at the time of his death was Chairman of the Board, and a candidate in the primary for re-election. It will now be necessary for the precinct committee of Nags Head, Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills precincts to nominate a candidate for the coming primary.

## HIGHWAY WORKER KILLED SATURDAY NIGHT AT BUXTON

James Colon Long, 20, Ballenger Employee Struck As He Stepped From Car

James Colon Long, 20, of Tomahawk, Bladen County, N. C., an employee of the Ballenger Paving Co. engaged in the building of the road on Hatteras Island, was struck and killed as he stepped from his automobile. The car which struck him was driven by Charles Fulcher, 20, of Buxton, a Coast Guardsman.

The body was prepared for burial at Twiford's Funeral Home at Hatteras and taken away Sunday night by a Wilmington undertaker. Fulcher, who was charged with having no driver's permit, was driving a '47 Buick automobile. He told officers the other car had parked with bright lights on, and with the left hand door open, and Long was in process of leaving the car to turn the wheel over to his companion. Long's body was thrown 70 feet.

Fulcher was east bound. Long was about one mile west of Tandy's place and three miles from Hatteras village. Long's car was a '46 Chevrolet.

Fulcher appeared in Dare Recorder's Court Tuesday to answer to the no permit charge. He is now charged with man-slaughter and is under \$1,000 bond.

## ENGELHARD THREATENED BY FIRE AS GRAIN WAREHOUSE BURNS WITH \$200,000 LOSS

Fire Departments Called from Belhaven, Washington, Columbia and Manteo While Citizens Put Up Valiant and Successful Battle to Save Other Property. R. L. Gibbs & Co. Lose Warehouse.

### BLUEFISH ARRIVE IN COASTAL WATERS

Bluefishing was very good at Cape Hatteras during the past week, fair at Oregon Inlet where a few have been taken, but generally speaking the principal sports-fishing at this season, trolling or casting for channel bass has been below par, according to reports from the fishing areas.

First dolphin of the season was a 21-pounder landed off Diamond Shoals last Friday by a Virginia angler from aboard Nelson Stowe's "Ursula" and on Saturday, two parties fishing with the Foster boys, Ernal and Bill, landed a total of 38 amberjack weighing up to 32 pounds each and also several little tunny or false albacore weighing up to 13 pounds. The parties fishing with the Fosters were aboard the Albatross and Albattross II.

Unsettled weather and frequent shifts of the wind have been partly the blame for poor channel bass fishing this year, and some of the guides contend there are just as many of these fighting bronzebacks as in any previous season. "The only trouble is we just can't locate the big schools. During the past week the largest channel bass taken was a 56-pounder landed by a Portsmouth, Va., angler trolling from aboard Capt. Willie Etheridge's charter boat, the "Chee Chee," of Wanchese.

Before equipment from Belhaven reached the scene, more equipment was on the way from Washington, Columbia and Manteo, and departments of all three towns found the Belhaven department set up, and playing five streams of water at strategic points to stop further spreading of the fire.

A southerly wind made quick work of the warehouse, while citizens of the community were organizing a brave and effective fight with water pumps at the Pamlico Power and Light Company plant. The wind veered to the Southwest, which aided the fighters. Scores of fires touched off other buildings, but these were quenched by the citizens. The engine's arrival from Belhaven got the fire under safe control, and equipment of other towns made the victory doubly sure. The vast quantity of beans continued to burn for the past three days.

### BOB TILLET DIES AT MANNS HBR. WEDNESDAY

William Rollins Tillett, 44, died at his home at Manns Harbor at seven o'clock Wednesday morning. He was the son of the late William C. and Annie Tillett, and the husband of Mrs. Jennie Gibbs Tillett of Manns Harbor of which community he was a native and almost a lifelong resident, having for short periods lived in Washington, Manteo and Elizabeth City, and had been engaged in mercantile business in Manns Harbor and Manteo. Besides his wife and one son Rollins Davis Tillett of the U. S. Navy, he is survived by one brother, Odell Tillett, and three sisters, Mrs. V. G. Midgett, Mrs. Tom Sutton and Mrs. J. M. Creef, all of Manns Harbor.

The body was prepared at Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo but arrangements were incomplete pending contact with his son with the Navy in Florida. He was a member of the Methodist Church and funeral and burial will be at Manns Harbor.

## GIVING UP TITLE OF BIGGEST LANDOWNER



FRED N. MALOOF is giving up a unique title. He has been for ten years the largest individual landowner in North Carolina. His domain comprised 168,000 acres, or 18,000 acres more than was owned by the biggest land in Great Britain who died a few weeks ago. The story of Mr. Maloof's land deal is published elsewhere in this newspaper today.

## SHRINE CLUB TO OPEN NEW HOME SAT., APRIL 17

Big Dance Planned for Official Opening of Hall Near Nags Head

The formal opening of the Dare County Shrine Club's new home on Nags Head Beach will be observed with a dance, Saturday night, May 17th, R. O. Ballance, President of the club, announced yesterday. "We are planning to make this the biggest event of the season, and we have booked a top-notch orchestra out of Richmond," he said. Admission will be three dollars per couple, but only by invitation, the dance being restricted to Shriners and their guests.

The new building is well equipped, having a modern heating plant, rest rooms downstairs for both men and women, a kitchen with up to date equipment, 16x50 reception room. The upstairs has a men's rest room, a refreshment stand, and a reception room 16x50.

Bob Smith, Dare County farm agent is Secretary of the club, which has about 60 members.

Shriners of neighboring counties are invited to attend the dance. A large caravan, led by a motorcycle escort is expected from the Elizabeth City vicinity, Ballance said.

In less than three years in a regular meeting place, the Dare County Shrine Club has embarked upon an ambitious program that is apparently unequaled in the history of shrine clubs in North Carolina. Although only four years old, it is ready to meet in its new home which when complete will approximate an investment of about \$25,000.

The Shrine home at Whalebone Junction, on U.S. 158 between Nags Head and Manteo is 50, x 100 feet and located on a lot with 150 feet frontage on the highway, commanding the attention of motorists from three directions. Its chief builder is R. O. Ballance, who at the present time is president of See CLUB, Page Five

## KNOW YOUR SCHOOLS

By MABEL EVANS JONES

The Manns Harbor School, along with others in the county, shows results in efforts of the local community and the County Board of Education for the improvement. It too, has a new central heating plant with a concrete block building for the plant. The classrooms, painted a soft green prior to the opening of the 1951-52 school term, are cheerful and clean, the children of the classrooms apparently busy and happy. Classroom work in evidence is of a superior quality. Especially is the penmanship and the exactness of English work in the intermediate grades marked.

No school in the county has a playground as adequate for the children and the community-school activities as the Manns Harbor School. Built on land that was once an old field it has ample space, much used, for a baseball diamond, for basketball and for tennis courts in the rear of the school property, and a playground for the small children in front of the building. Through community efforts in the P. T. A. the school has bought metal swings and merry-go-round for the primary children and various ball game equipment for the older children, totaling a cost of about \$350.

In the lunchroom, not quite as large as it should be, an average of fifty children are served lunch each day. For this there has recently been installed a new gas cooking range, hotwater tank, and modern sink for dishwashing. The tables have been modernized with new tops of polished wood. New curtains and gleaming white paint give a mark of cheer and cleanliness.

Consolidated with this school during the past two years is the East Lake elementary school, while the high school children of both sections come to Manteo by bus over the Croatan Sound ferry.

The Stumpy Point School with decreasing school enrollment has a good building, but not enough children to carry on an elementary and high school efficiently. The community was given a choice of convenient high schools to which their children could be transported. They chose the Engelhard High School as best for a direct bus trip. Later the upper elementary grades joined this group, going in the same bus to Engelhard. The first four grades of the school are taught by one teacher in the Stumpy Point School building, while that part of the building not in use for classroom purposes is now being used for community or See SCHOOLS, Page Five

### NOT OPENING

On page two of this week's paper the Cruise-Inn at Kill Devil Hills advertises to be open this week end. The Times was notified after that part of the paper was printed, that the opening would not be this week end, but at a later date.

## MILLION DOLLAR LAND DEAL IN DARE COUNTY COMPLETED; 168,000 ACRES ARE INVOLVED

Fred N. Maloof, Largest Individual Landowner in North Carolina, Sells Most of Mainland of Dare County This Week to West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company; Big Corporation May Make Much Improvement to Property.

### LITTLE IMPROVEMENT IN FERRIES PROMISED

Slight Increases in Trips Result of Pleading to Highway Commission This Week

Ten round trips daily will be run by the Oregon Inlet Ferry, all during daylight hours, an increase of four, after the final link of pavement is laid between Oregon Inlet and Rodanthe, it was announced this week in Tarboro by District Highway Commissioner Henry Gray Shelton. An increase of one in the number of daily schedules over Croatan Sound between Roanoke Island and Manns Harbor and two across Alligator River between East Lake and Sandy Point was also promised for the summer season.

During the summer of 1951 Oregon Inlet Ferry, often taxed to capacity, operated six schedules daily. At the present time there are five official round trips, although additional schedules have been operated at times for benefit of the contractors building the final link of road, which is scheduled to be paved on or about July 1, according to announcements from Raleigh.

Delegations of three coastland counties, Dare, Tyrrell and Washington attended the meeting with highway officials in Tarboro. From Dare, R. Bruce Etheridge was accompanied by Melvin R. Daniels, Sheriff Frank Cahoon and Harry Lawrence.

Daniels stated that one additional schedule would be added across Croatan Sound comparing to 14 last summer and that nine round trips daily, comparing with seven last summer, would be in operation across the Alligator on U. S. Highway 64. The latter schedules will become effective on or about June 15.

### BAPTIST REVIVAL STARTS NEXT WEEK

Revival services, beginning Monday, May 12, and continuing thru May 21, will be conducted at the Roanoke Island Baptist church, it was announced today by Reverend Frank B. Dinwiddie, pastor.

Speaker for the special series of meetings will be Rev. John H. Ratledge, pastor of Salem Baptist church at Weeksville. Mr. Ratledge was graduated from the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, where he received his training for the ministry, and is now serving in his first pastoral charge. His wife, also a Moody Bible Institute graduate, frequently assists him in services with her skilful piano accompaniments, and is expected to be with him for a portion of this series of meetings.

Mr. Ratledge will preach each evening at the eight o'clock meeting, and will also preach at a special worship service at 11 a. m. Sunday, May 18. It is not planned at present to hold a weekday morning service.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

### MANTEO BANK TO CLOSE CONFED. MEMORIAL DAY

Saturday, May 10th is a southern holiday observed in most southern states, but for the first time, the Bank of Manteo is going to observe it, and will be closed Saturday as on other legal holidays.

Some of the bank's loyal employees think the public ought to know about it to save inconvenience for those who might make needless trips to town on banking business.

### MANTEO BOY SCOUTS WILL HAVE WASTE PAPER DRIVE

The Manteo Boy Scout troop will stage a waste-paper drive on Tuesday night, May 13. All housewives are asked to save their waste-paper and place it on the front porch on that night. The Scouts request those having paper for them to collect to leave the porch light on, to indicate where they may find it. The paper will be sold and the money used for operating expenses of the troop.

Until this week, Fred N. Maloof of Washington and Manteo was the largest landowner in North Carolina. This week he bargained to sell the stock in the corporation he owns, which holds title to 168,000 acres on the mainland of Dare County, to the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. Rumor has it the consideration was in excess of one and a half million dollars. This would make the second time in 35 years that the million dollar consideration has been invoked in the transfer of this property. No official announcement as to price has been made, but well informed persons say he has declined more than one offer of a million and a half. Actual sale price is expected to be closer to two million dollars.

Unofficial reports are that the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. has a replacement worth of more than 160 million dollars, that its gross income last year was 100 million dollars, and its taxes more than 15 million dollars.

This vast territory, 30 miles long originally known as the John Gray Blount patent has had a colorful history before it was acquired by Fred Maloof back in 1942. Since Mr. Maloof acquired the property several logging operations have been carried on. Prior to World War II, it was a huge business when operated by what was known as the Dare Lumber Company.

Many companies have operated the property. The old Buffalo Lumber Co. comprised of interests from Buffalo, N. Y., founded what was called Buffalo City a huge logging settlement, with store and hotel, and homes for 100 families. Sawmills were operated at intervals, and many of the people of the East Lake Community comprising about 400 were employed by the lumber company.

The most recent company owning the property was the Dare Lumber Company, which built a huge mill in Elizabeth City, where logs were taken on barges. In the early 20's through a deal consummated by officials of the Pittsburg Life and Trust Co., and the Dare Lumber Company, the property was sold to the Pittsburg Company for a million dollars. The action broke the Trust Company and to protect its policy holders and the well-being of the insurance world, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company took over the 168,000 acres, its equipment, its Elizabeth City mill, and the town of Buffalo City.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company began some small development on the property, experimented with blueberries, built a little hotel at Stumpy Point, sold timber to the Duvall Bros. Mill at Buffalo City, and paid taxes to Dare County of about \$17,000 a year. Its officials played a large part in promoting the building of the highway between Stumpy Point and Engelhard, which was completed in 1928, and paid for by the counties of Hyde and Dare.

During the late 30's a group of Wall Street promoters conceived the idea of buying the property of the Metropolitan and were able to get the former widow of a wealthy Arkansas Timber man to back the venture. Mrs. Anna F. Gilchrist Wells of New York put up \$40,000 to form the Dare Corporation, the property was bought for \$300,000, the Metropolitan retained a \$260,000 first mortgage on it. Nothing came of the Wall Street promoter's scheme, and Mrs. Wells did nothing with the property except pay taxes.

Early in World War II, Mrs. Wells, passed on in Florida. She disposed of her money and jewels, newspapers said, before her death, and her estate seemed to have a lot of property and no cash. There were many claims against her estate.

Through a court action in which he was one of the plaintiff-creditors against the estate of Mrs. Wells, Fred Maloof was awarded the stock and assets of the Dare Corporation in settlement of his claim for services rendered Mrs. Wells over a long period in connection with her property in the west. Mr. Maloof also acquired the deed of trust for more than a See LAND, Page Four