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DISTRICT ROTARY **GATHERING HELD** AT NAGS HEAD

Enjoyable and Successful Two Day Affair for 278th District, Including 38 Clubs

President Bob Smith and President-Elect Zeb Vance Brinkley of the Manteo Rotary Club, and their various committies had their hands full, Sunday and Monday when the club was host to the 38 clubs of the 278th Rotary District. The meetings were held at Nags Head, and a highlight of the occasion was the dinner Sunday night for Rotarians and their wives at the new Shrine club.

Registration began Sunday aftvention is primarily a training school for incoming Rotary of-Burlington, District Governorelect was present, with several past District Governors.

At the dinner Sunday night, the principal speaker was Dr. I. G. Greer, president of the N. C. Business Men's Foundation. He was introduced by Governor-elect

Colclough. Mr. Colclough was presented by District Governor Olin H. Broadway of Henderson. Other speakers were Past District Governors Sherwood Roberson of Robersonville, H. B. Spruill of Windsor.

A much applauded feature of this meeting was the singing by Dick Jordan's Blockheads, otherwise known as the Rotary Quartet. prior to the funeral. They are Ralph and Lawrence Swain, Julian Oneto, and Johnny Long with Dick Jordan at the DeFEBIOS INVOLVED IN piano. Singing was led by Charles Overman, of Edenton, former Dare farm agent. More than 200 men and women were present at this dinner.

P. D. Midgett of Engelhard was featured as the speaker on Vocational Service at the meeting Monday. Breakfast meetings for Presi-

dents-elect and for Secretaries-Hotel, and the Arlington respectively on Monday. Total registrations for the as-

sembly were 131. H. B. Spruill spoke on the Stu-

dents Exchange fund and Jack Jenkins of Henderson of the Rotary Magazine.

Dr. R. S. Rankin of Duke University spoke on International Service. Dr. W. H. Plemmons of Chapel Hill spoke on Community Service; and Norman Gold of Rocky Mount, Club Service.

The assembly closed at 3 p.m. following Monday's luncheon meet-

MAN WHO'LL BE MISSED "Uncle Will" Midgett, Local Preacher Passes on; Funeral Conducted Tuesday Afternoon

KITTY HAWK LOSES A

A great vacant place is in the hearts of Kitty Hawk folks, who will miss one of their most valued citizens in the loss of Rev. William Weatherington Midgett, affectionately known as "Uncle Will." He diedSunday at the age of 83 in the Elizabeth City hospital. He had been a life resident of Kitty Hawk, and was the son of the late Ezekiel and Ann Payne Midgett. During his active life, Mr. Mid-

gett captained the boat that ran between Kitty Hawk and Elizaernoon at the Carolinian Hotel, beth City. For many years an acconvention headquarters. The con- tive church worker, he became a local Methodist preacher. He served the people of Kitty Hawk ficers, and George Colclough of faithfully in the church, officiated at funerals, and generously COMMANDER ELLERY CLARK gave his time to the sick. MIDGETT, who has been spending

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Wilson J. Haskett of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. he will be transferred soon from Thelma Roley of Palm City, Fla.; one brother, Ezekiel D. Midgett of Kitty Hawk; two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted at the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. W. H. Freeman, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Austin Cemetery at Kitty Hawk. The body lay in state at the church two hours

Case, involving the custody of three

by a pair of erratic escapees who belong on duty with the State De-

gains more space in the newspapers with the latest development.

morning that warrants were shown out Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Goldie Meekins, Dare County

IN KOREAN WATERS **MEET HATTERAS TUESDAY, JUNE 17** The board of directors of the Dare County Tourist Bureau will meet in Hatteras at the Atlantic

matters to come under discussion will be the budget proposal for the coming year beginning October 1.

meeting, any person on Hatteras Island or in the county is extended an invitation to attend, it was stated. This will be the first time and public relations purposes.

Members of the board of directors include: L. L. Swain, chairman, M. L. Burrus, vice chairman, David Stick, secretary-treasurer, George Frank, Edgar Perry, W. S. White, Dan Harris, Martin Kellogg, Claude Duvall, Asa Gray, Wallace McCown, Dan Q. Oden, Gordon Kellogg and B. M. Hedrick. Following the morning meeting the group will have lunch at The Atlantic View.

JOURNEY'S END OPENS KITTY HAWK SATURDAY

Northernmost Tourist Court on Beach Opened by Baltimore Real Estate Man

"Journey's End," newest housekeeping facilities on the Dare Beaches, will open for bhsiness tomorrow, offering the vacationer 2-bedroom units, furnished well, with all modern conveniences. Eight units, plus one

for the manager, are complete. The new motel features all tile Beautyrest mattresses, complete kitchens, and furnishes all linens. It is located on Wilbur Wright

from Southern Shores. Construcpouring of concrete, to the complete furnishing of all rooms.

Basil B. Wells, prominent Baltimore real estate man, and a native of Morehead City, has

built the motel as the start of a development program he plans rigger fish. From the sounds catches of for property he owns in that birthplace of a book is the unusual far back as a Spanish brigantine



"Graveyard of Atlantic" Title of New

DAVID STICK, shown above standing on a piece of shipwreck on the Dare County coast, has published a most interesting and valuable book dealing with the history of shipwrecks in North Carolina. It is called the "Graveyard of the Atlantic," and goes on sale tomorrow. called the "Graveyard of the Atlantic, and good the Carolina where Manteo's son, will be George Manteo's son, will be George Howe, Jr., this year, and Billy

The book covers shipwrecks from the early days of sailing to U-boat warfare during World War II. It is illustrated by 30 original Grace Davis is again cast as line drawings by Frank Stick, the gifted artist father of David Agona, consort of Old Tom, and Stick, and it contains 276 pages.

Concerning this new book, Walter Spearman of the University School of Journalism published Sunday in the Virginian-Pilot th following interesting article:

By WALTER SPEARMAN in Stick's "graveyard," dating as

REHEARSALS FOR Book by David Stick of Kitty Hawk 1952 PAGEANT **NOW UNDERWAY**

New Scene Added to Lost Colony's Second Act Shows Indian Attack **On Fort**

By AYCOCK BROWN Rehearsals for the 1952 season of Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony got underway in

Waterside Theatre at Fort Raleigh Tuesday night with all actors present to practice the roles they will play during the show's 12th season. More than half of the actors

this year are natives of Roanoke Island. There have been few changes made in the assignment of roles to native actors, but there will be several new faces in the cast of off-island principals.

Notable changes in the cast of principals will be the appearance of Frederick Young of Carolina Playmakers who will play the comi-tragic role of Tom Harris, the beggar man. Young is the first non-equity actor to play this important role.

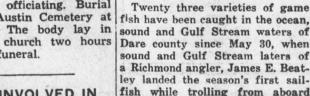
Mrs. Lillian Prince who has played Queen Elizabeth for the past several seasons will have that role again this year. Sir Walter Raleigh will be played again by Andrew Griffith.

Barbara Edwards Griffith is again cast as Eleanor Dare, the female lead of the show and Alabama born Bob Armstrong plays the male lead of John Borden. Victor Michalek of Duke Uni-

versity will be the drama's his-torian this year succeeding Frank Groseclose who had that part for the past three years. Roanoke Island principals in-

clude Louise Wescott as Manteo's wife; Buddy Flowers, as Wano, Manteo's son; Robert Midgett and Edgar Midgett as first and second soldiers, Natalie Etheridge as the spinner in the fish net scene, Ruth Flowers as the meal grinder, Marjalene Thomas as Margaret Lawrence, Wade Nixon as a Coutier, Roy Gray, Jr., as the messenger and Edwin Midgett as George Brown will be Thomas Archard. Wally McCown, a local attorney, will be the Landlord and Mark Bennett.

Already preparations are being made for the exciting Indian attack scene for Act II. This will add See REHEARSAL, Page Eight



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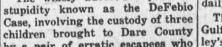
woman permission to take the child

order from the Dare welfare of-

the man remained in the auto-

child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank De-

The widely advertised piece of stupidity known as the DeFebio



prestige than can be ascertained,

Sheriff M. G. Owens of Per-

welfare superintendent, charging

man and John Doe, alias Bratman, in connection with the kidnapping of Dennis (Denny) DeFebio Dennis DeFebio, 10, an adopted

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sound and Gulf Stream laters of a Richmond angler, James E. Beatley landed the season's first sailfish while trolling from aboard

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KIDNAPPING CHARGE the Albatross II with Capt Foster

several days at his home on Roa-

noke Island, has been notified that

his assignment in Brooklyn to a

post as acting commander of fleet

FISH CAUGHT IN DARE

WATERS SINCE MAY 30

activities in Inchon, Korea.

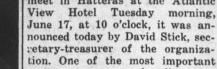
23 VARIETIES OF GAME

The catches have included from Gulf Stream, in addition to Beat-

ley's 6-foot sail, one 97-pound cobia, in addition to several smaller partment and which has cost Dare fish of the species, amberiack, County more dollars in money and King mackeral, school tuna, false albacore, bonita and dolphin. Gulf Stream fishing is good out of Hat- baths, with tub and shower, teras and Oregon Inlets.

From inshore waters bluefish, channel bass, weakfish, (or troutwhiting (sea mullet) flounder, Circle, just across the highway Spanish mackerel, hogfish, and Sand perch. These varieties have tion took seven weeks, from the been taken from the ocean piers, the inlets and sound waters.

Anglers fishing over coral reefs and submerged wrecks inside the 100 Fathom Curve boated red snapper, Tautog, sea bass, and trigger fish.



While it will be a directors'

the group has met outside of Manteo where the Tourist Bureau has its headquarters. Activities of the organization cover the entire county, and one of the duties of Aycock Brown, manager and news director, is to visit the various communities regularly for news

SEA GOING SANDY **RETURNS TO MASTER**

By AYCOCK BROWN Sandy, a two year old Chesapeake Retriever returned to her

master Jack Hoffler at Nags Head this week after one of the most unusual junkets ever made by a dog. It happened this way. Hoffler, quartermaster aboard one of the Cape Charles ferries, was home for a short vacation. He decided to go Gulf Stream fishing last Saturday and Sandy followed him to the Inlet. After he fishing cruiser got underway, the Dare welfare officer of the eaving Sandy, she followed the disappearance of the child, Sheriff

shoreline from the Oregon Inlet Owens contacted FBI headquarters poat wharfs to the inlet. When last seen by her young resentative immediately went to master Sandy had waded into the work with the sheriff on the case. waters of the inlet and was gong back on shore. Upon his return luring the late afternoon Sandy away from the home because she was missing from the vicinity of was unable to produce a written the boat wharves. Because she is such an intelligent and friendly ficial. She said that Mrs. Bratman log, Hoffler assumed that someone | visited the home for about one had stolen his Chesapeake Re- hour with her and the child while riever.

Three days later Hoffler learnmobile. d that a strange dog had taken up at Oregon Inlet Coast Guard Station. A member of the crew had ound her wandering along the and upon reaching the automobile, each several miles south of the the vehicle. tation on Saturday. On Wedneslay, at Hoffler's request Sandy vas placed aboard the Oregon In-woman were riding in a "Flag Me" et ferry for the journey across taxicab bearing Washington, D. C., Dregon Inlet. Before the ferry had license plates and said that he did intered it's slip the intelligent not believe the woman was the Chesapeake had spotted her mast- boy's mother but that she and the r on shore. She did not wait for man were acting as agents for he boat to dock, but jumped over- Mrs. DeFebio.

oard and started swimming The other DeFebio children, one horeward.

Now that she is re-united with said they were confident that the er master, the assumption is that taxicab belonged to their mother. fter the Gulf Stream fishing boat They said they had never seen assed the Inlet on Saturday, San- either the woman or man who y decided to swim seaward in drove off with the other child.

earch of her master. How she nanaged to keep from being wash-were drawn under the Lindbergh d to sea by the outgoing tide is kidnap act which is a capital oflocal mystery, but she had done fense

wam across Oregon Inlet and then The taxicab used in the kidnapconfusion wandered down the ping was reported to have been

'Reason no one has been catching snapper is because no one has The taxicab in which the child fished for them. There are too was taken away was reported later many other exciting game varie-to be the Flag Me company cab ties to catch," said Capt Nelson City. driven by the DeFebio woman on Stowe, skipper of the Ursula of

Immediately upon learning from taken earlier this week.

Fresh water catches have inclu-a swimming pool. He hopes to combat correspondent, real estate There is the story of the Tiger,

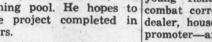
Mr. Wells is owner of the Bur-Having roamed the Carolina and wood Homes in Baltimore, a de- Virginia beaches since he was 10 with Sir Walter Raleigh colonists. velopment project containing 74 years old, Stick has always been homes, and 20 more under con- familiar with the term "graveyard struction. He plans to retire in of the Atlantic," but it took imagi-

about three years, and spend a nation to make the old wreecked good deal of his time in Dare ships, around whose hulls he used ounty, allowing some time for to fish, the heros of his book "Graveyard of the Atlantic." which jaunts to Florida aboard his boat, which he keeps in Morehead will be published this week by the University of North Carolina

The motel will be under man- Press. Hatteras, whose party landed two agement of George Gesher.

Six hundred vessels are wrecked

WANCHESE ARTIST'S FAME SPREADS FAR AND WIDE



have the project completed in dealer, house builder, crafts shop flagship of Sir Richard Grenville, stranded in Ocracoke Inlet while promoter-and now author.

trying to reach Roanoke Island And there is the story of the Patroit, with the disappearance of Theodosia Burr Alston and the discovery of a mysterious portrait years later at Nags Head.

Stick's own favorite wreck is the Pulaski, a steam packet from Charleston which had its starboard boiler explode in 1838 with the subsequent loss of 100 lives. Stick

recreates the whole story, tracing

the activities of all the passengers and crew members until they finally reached shore or were drowned. He even discovers a romance between a young Mr. Ridge from New Orleans and a Miss On-

Governor Sid McMath of Arslow, who met on a raft improvised from a couple of settees and a large cask, became engaged while of Governor Scott on his channel they drifted, and were married after the rescue. "Only then," says Stick, "did Ridge learn that his bride was heiress to an estate out getting a strike. One consovalued at \$200,000."

Records and Files

Getting all the material he needed for his book was no easy task. Stick started out by going through the annual reports of the United States Life Saving Service from 1876 to 1915. Then he checked reports of the Coast Guard after it was established in 1915. Data on wrecks during the two World Wars he collected from the Navy, the Coast Guard, the Hydrographic Office and the National Archives. Civil War information came from the official records of the Union and Confederate navies.

Old newspaper files were care-fully checked in Norfolk and Raleigh. Stick and his pretty wife estimate that they examined well over 10,000 daily and weekly news-

other source of records; and Colo-nial and State Records and Hakpersonal interviews with survivors

WILL FISH GULF STREAM AGAIN

Governors of Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee May Be Guests

Governor W. Kerr Scott of North Carolina who ran into foul weather and poor fishing during the Spring Channel Bass run at Oregon Inlet is coming back to try his hand at Gulf Stream fishing off the coast of Dare County.

Captains Sam and Omie Tillett, Nags Head fishing guides, have extended the invitation to the chief executive for this second angling trip of the season to the coast of Dare.

kansas was the fishing companion bass junket earlier this year. They trolled the fish-famous waters of Oregon Inlet most of one day withlation for the gubernatorial party

on that day, however, was the fact that no one else caught any fish. When the Tilletts extended their

invitation to Governor Scott to come back and try his luck again, they suggested that he bring any other governors of any other states with whom he may want to challenge in the sport that Izaak Walton originally made famous. They also suggested that plans be made to come back when Gulf Stream fishing was good.

"I feel that we might be able to invite Governor Battle of Virginia, Browning of Tennessee or Talmadge of Georgia to 'wet a hook' with us," said Governor Scott.

"Why not invite them all to come along," replied Sam Tillett, father of young Capt. Omie Tillett who guided Scott and McMath and paper issues, column by column and page by page. The Mariner's Museum at Newport News was an-Stream guides along the North Carclina coast.

So now, Governor Scott is awaitluyt's Voyage produced some of the earlier facts. Ship logs and best imet to some down for the best imet to come down for the "hook wetting" and judging from recent catches made in Blue Water Among the fascinating stories See STICK, Page Eight proaching:

As the woman left she walked to the car in company with the boy Sheriff Owens said the man and leight years old and the other four, RALPH TILLETT of Wanchese is noted for his skill with a brush. For more than a quarter of a century he has been doing pictures of his neighbors, and painting local scenery for his friends. In a large part of the homes on Roanoke Island will be found his handiwork. His store and barbershop at Wanchese is added much local color. confusion wandered down the parked near the bus station in Elizabeth City Wednesday night the station of a neighbor, Miss Teeny Gaskill.

