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VANCE BRINKLEY TAKES ROTARY'S HELM FOR YEAR

The Man Whose Pleasant Manner Started Him in Life Has Test For His Enthusiasm

Zebulon Vance Brinkley, 70, has taken over the presidency of the Manteo Rotary Club, and the members are looking forward with enthusiasm to a most successful year. Mr. Brinkley is one of the Clubs most enthusiastic members himself. He never puts himself in the limelight, but he is good for a lot of hard work yet. His life has been an interesting one.

Some 50-and odd years ago, he got homesick at State College and walked out. He went to Virginia Beach and visited friends. He got him a job at a post office or telegraph office maintained principally for the benefit of the swanky Princess Anne Shooting Club. It had a lot of millionaires in it, and one of these men the late J. B. Williams, head of the Soap Company. Mr. Williams was so impressed with the affability of the young man Brinkley and his efforts to be accommodating that he gave Mr. Brinkley a job and took him away.

Mr. Brinkley's 40-year career with the Williams Company ended in his retirement about eight or ten years ago, but during those years, he travelled a large part of the United States and had two spells of representing the Company in Europe and England. The family was making their home in England during World War I, and one of the Brinkley girls was born there.

The family returned to Manteo in the early 20's and again took up their residence, in the old homeplace of his father, the late Sheriff W. T. Brinkley who was one of the founders of Dare County in 1870. Some years later Mr. Brinkley became a majority owner of the Bank of Manteo, and has been its president for several years. His hobby is his handsome yacht, and his disappointment is that Mrs. Brinkley won't sail with him. The rare occasions are when his grandchildren come, and if they go on the boat, then Mrs. Brinkley goes along, too.

His trip to Virginia Beach was doubly profitable for about the time he caught Mr. Williams eye, Mrs. Brinkley caught his eye. She was Miss May Roe, daughter of the manager of the Princess Anne Club property. The couple have two daughters, Mrs. Frank Turner of Raleigh and Mrs. Arnold Schiffman of Greensboro. And grandchildren, seven in number.

MORE PLANS FOR HATTERAS ISLE ROAD FESTIVITIES

By AYCOCK BROWN

Several lively and interesting events are scheduled to take place at Rodanthe on Hatteras Island when the seven villages combine as hosts for the celebration on Saturday, August 16 marking the completion of the new paved road.

Capt. Levene Midgett of Rodanthe, the local chairman of the event at Rodanthe stated today (Thursday) that at a meeting Wednesday night, several events were planned including foot and sack races, a ball game between the Island Coast Guard and the Island civilians.

Also planned, upon approval from headquarters will be a Coast Guard capsizing drill in the Rodanthe soundside harbor, and a rowing race between Coast Guard personnel. The Coast Guard will be featured in the big celebration and that is only natural because Rodanthe and all of Hatteras Island have long lived by this Service which has played an important role in the life of Hatteras for many years.

High ranking Coast Guard and State officials will be present for the celebration. There will be some speeches, but the event will not be overloaded with addresses.

Although it is generally conceded that there are more pretty girls per capita on Hatteras Island than anywhere else in the world, the sponsors of the celebration have not yet decided whether there will be a bathing beauty contest to name the loveliest of the lovelies on the Outer Banks. Already a Hatteras Island girl, Agnes Fulcher of Buxton-on-Cape Hatteras holds the title of "Miss Dare County of 1951."

Arrangements are underway to operate a shuttle-bus service from the Oregon Inlet ferry southward to Rodanthe and continuously, on the day of the celebration. This will be handled by the Midgett See PLANS, Page Eight

GENERAL MACON ENDS LONG MILITARY CAREER



Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon, deputy chief of Army field forces and wartime commander of the 83rd Division in Europe, reviewed a guard of honor marking his retirement after more than 35 years of Army service.

He was a native of Washington, D. C., where his father an Army officer lived. His father, the late Lieut. Edw. N. Macon, was a native of Roanoke Island. Mrs. Lucy H. Macon, wife of the General, spent the weekend with friends in Manteo. They own a cottage on the west side of Roanoke Island.

General Macon was a 1912 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He was commissioned November 30, 1916, as a second lieutenant of infantry and was promoted to first lieutenant on the same date.

The general completed two peacetime tours of overseas duty—in China from 1920 until 1922 with the 15th infantry and with headquarters of the Panama Canal Division in 1931. He is a graduate of the Infantry School, Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

During the invasion of North Africa in 1942, he commanded the Seventh Infantry Regiment (amphibious) of the Third Division.

After being named commander of the 83rd Infantry in 1944, he led the Division through five European campaigns. The 83rd fought in Normandy and Brittany; in the advance across France where the division defended 200 miles of front along the Loire River and drove the Germans from the Hurtgen Forests; at Ardennes and Rhineland when the division was the first to reach the Rhine River, and, finally, where the division advanced 230 miles in 13 days on the drive to Berlin.

Upon deactivation of the 83rd Division in 1946, General Macon was appointed United States Military attaché to Russia. He served in Moscow until 1948 when he returned to the United States to command the 17th Airborne Division at Camp Pickett. He became deputy chief of Army field forces in 1949.

Dr. Edward B. Macon, brother of the general is a practicing physician in Washington, D. C. Both of them own property near Rodanthe and on Ocracoke Island.

HYDE COUNTY WOMAN 101 YEARS OLD MONDAY

Mrs. W. S. Jennette Celebrates in Elizabeth City; Recalls Civil War

Mrs. W. S. Jennette, born 101 years ago, at Lake Landing, Hyde County, celebrated her birthday with relatives in Elizabeth City, Monday, July 14. She was ten years old when the Civil War broke out, and she remembers vividly incidents of the Federal campaign in Hyde.

She has a son, Jones Jennette, merchant and farmer of Lake Landing, and two sons: W. H. and L. B. Jennette of Elizabeth City. She has a granddaughter, Mrs. Reginald Bishop, living in Belhaven, with whom she has spent much time in recent years. Warren Jennette of Nags Head is a grandson of Mrs. Jennette.

DARE DRAFT BOARD CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

Chairman V. G. Williams of the Dare County Draft Board this week tendered his resignation. He has served as chairman for the past three months, and has been a member of the Board since it was first set up. Mr. Williams says he has enjoyed working with the Board but a number of other things now take up his time, and he believes it would be better to make a change.

DARE TAX RATE INCREASED 10%; YIELD \$130,500

The tax rate in Dare County will be increased ten per cent in the coming year. Pressed by increased demands for welfare and schools, the county Board yielded and have fixed the rate at \$1. For the past three years it has been .90. Most of us had looked forward to a reduction to 80 cents.

The new budget shows the enormous amount of \$17,611 to run the welfare office alone. The schools get \$5,000 more. The total amount levied against the county property owners this year will be \$130,500. This despite a constant increase in property values.

The total valuation shown this year is \$13,050,000.

Actually \$17,000 more than the budget requirements is being levied. If it is collected, it will give the county a back log. But back logs don't seem to work out in Dare County. Instead of trying to save money, many of the county departments try their best to spend. A surplus of any kind on hand sets them wild to find a way to waste it.

SPECULATORS GOT PEOPLE'S LAND FOR \$1.50 AN ACRE

Nearly 9,000 Acres of Public Lands in Dare Went for Trifling Sums in the Twenties

A list of publicly owned lands that were taken up by land dealers in Dare County during the 12 year period following 1920 reveals that the State gave away for the trifling sum of \$1.50 per acre, except in a few instances, lands amounting to nearly 9,000 acres in Nags Head, Hatteras and Kinnekeet Townships.

These lands that all the people of the state owned went mostly to a mere handful of men who were interested only in buying them to sell at a profit. And sell they did in a short while after getting them from the State of North Carolina. Only a few people got the benefit. Under the old system, which was run loose and careless, any citizen might lay claim to a parcel of land, get a couple of friends to make a statement as to its value, and unless some other person came forward to claim it, a grant was awarded in short order.

During the 12-year period referred to, 3,672 acres were granted in Kinnekeet Township, and one active real estate man got more than half, or about 2,174 acres.

During this period 968 acres were granted in Hatteras Township, and two thirds of this acreage went to the same real estate dealer. But prior to 1920 hundreds of acres of land had been entered and obtained in addition to the 968 acres referred to.

Most all of this land obtained through grants has been sold to people living in the north, and they now own it. In Hatteras Township, several hundred acres were re-conveyed to the State by the Phipps Interests, some 14 years ago. This includes the Hatteras State Park.

In Nags Head Township during this period more than 4,000 acres of land were taken up and entered, and nearly all of it, too, was gotten for \$1.50 per acre. Some of this land is now selling for thousands of dollars per acre.

About nine tenths of this 4,000 acres was gotten either by or for one small group of a half-dozen prominent citizens of Manteo.

Prior to 1920 thousands of other acres in Dare County had been See LAND, Page Five

MANY SPECIES OF GAME FISH LANDED TO DATE

Manteo.—A survey made by the Dare County Tourist Bureau this week of fish catches made in the Hatteras, Manteo, Wanchese, Waves, Nags Head and Kitty Hawk area reflects that just about everything that will take a lure has been caught to date, along the coast of Dare County, in its fresh ponds, ocean's surf, sounds, inlets or closeby Gulf Stream. Here is a list of the fishes taken with rod and reel to date: Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Sailfin, Cobia, Baracuda, Dolphin, Amberjack, King Mackerel, Spanish Mackerel, False Albacore, True Albacore, School Tuna, Oceanic Bonita, Tarpon, Striped Bass, Channel Bass, Bluefish, spotted and grey Trout, Croakers, Hogfish, Flounder, Sand Perch, Sheepshead, Trigger Fish, Red Snapper, Sea Bass, Tautog, Wahoo, Grouper, Large Mouth Bass and Broam.

BRIDGES FREE OF TOLL FAVORED BY SOU. ALBEMARLE

Committee Meeting at Nags Head Thursday Again Asks for One Bridge

The executive committee of the Southern Albemarle Association met at Nags Head and enjoyed a dinner at the First Colony Inn as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Midgett Thursday.

President C. W. Tatem of Columbia, P. D. Midgett of Engelhard, Paul Liverman and Mrs. Earl Cohoon of Columbia, and other leaders in the organization were present. Asa H. Gray of Waves attended.

The group reiterated its long standing request for a bridge to be built, either across Croatan Sound or Alligator River as might be determined in the best judgment of the State Highway Commission.

Melvin R. Daniels, orator of the Association, expressed its long standing opposition to toll bridges of any kind and especially toll bridges privately owned.

An early effort will be made to get the State to build a bridge. About 35 attended.

SHRIMPERS MAKE FIRST BIG HAUL THIS TUESDAY

Many Engelhard Boats Make Profitable Catches; Shrimp Good Size

For the first time this season, the shrimp boats operating in the Engelhard area made successful catches Tuesday. A few boats reported up to 700 pounds. The price quoted is 25 cents, and the count of shrimp caught, 30.

There are about 125 boats operating in the Engelhard section, and making its harbor their headquarters. Shrimp operators have brought a boom in the ice business, keeping plants busy at Engelhard and Manns Harbor.

A number of boats operate from New Holland and other points on the Hyde County shore.

BAPTISTS TEAR DOWN OLD MANTEO CHURCH

After 47 years of service to its congregation, the Manteo Baptist church is being torn down this week to make room for main part of the new church, a part of which has been in service for three years. The new part now to be constructed will contain the main auditorium.

The old church was built in 1905 during the pastorate of the late Rev. T. G. Wood of the Roanoke Island Baptist Church on the north end. Members living in and near Manteo wanted a more convenient place of worship.

DR. ACEY TO CONDUCT LOST COLONY WORSHIP



DR. A. E. ACEY, pastor of the Monumental Methodist Church of Portsmouth, Virginia, will conduct the July 20 Religious program for the Lost Colony at Fort Raleigh.

A native Virginian, Dr. Acey attended the College of William and Mary, Randolph-Macon and Duke Divinity School. He has held pastorates in Richmond, and Danville, is secretary of evangelism of the Virginia Annual Conference, chairman of The Board of Evangelism of the South-Eastern Jurisdiction, and a member of the Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches.

HATTERAS BUS LINE PLANS NEW SCHEDULE

As a result of the new paved highway on Hatteras Island and public demand, Hatteras-Manteo Bus Line officials plan to add one round trip daily beginning on Monday, July 28.

The new schedule will leave Manteo during the early morning, making one stop at the intersection of US Highways 64, 264 and 158 and the Hatteras Highway at Nags Head to pick up vacationists who wish to make the trip down the Outer Banks. The present schedule originates at Hatteras at 8 o'clock and goes to Manteo, and beginning the return trip from Manteo at 2 o'clock. There will be stops in all villages.

The Hatteras-Manteo Bus Line is owned and operated by three brothers, Anderson, Stockton and Harold Midgett. Their first scheduled run was 14 years ago on July 28. Since then the bus line has received national publicity as being the "toughest bus trip in the world." During most of the line's history trips have been made over roadless beaches.

The new highway has cut down the running time between Hatteras and Manteo to about two and a half hours. In the old days it took from six to seven hours to make the trip—a distance of only 65 miles.

MY AIM

I live for those who love me, whose hearts are kind and true,
For the heaven that smiles above me, and awaits my spirit, too;
For all human ties that bind me, for the task my God assigned me;
For the bright hopes yet to find me, and the good that I can do.

I live to learn their story who suffered for my sake;
To emulate their glory and follow in their wake:
Bards, patriots, martyrs, sages, the heroic of all ages,
Whose deeds crowd History's pages and Time's great volume make.

I live to hold communion with all that is divine,
To feel there is a union 'twixt Nature's heart and mine;
To profit by affliction, reap truth from fields of fiction,
Grow wiser from conviction, and fulfill God's grand design.

I live to hail the season, by gifted ones foretold,
When man shall live by reason, and not alone by gold;
When man to man united, and every wrong thing righted,
The whole world shall be lighted, as Eden was of old.

I live for those who love me, for those who know me true;
For the heaven that smiles above me, and awaits my spirit too;
For the cause that lacks assistance, for the wrong that needs resistance
For the future in the distance, and the good that I can do.

—G. Linnaeus Banks

SURFCASTERS TO HOLD TOURNEY IN DARE IN OCTOBER

Nags Head Club to Invite Clubs from Many Communities to Enter Contest

Surf casting clubs from 20 or more Atlantic Coast communities, including several from North Carolina and Virginia, will take part in the Surf Casting Tournament planned for Dare Coast waters in the Nags Head area on October 3 through 5, it is announced by Dal H. Williams, president of the newly organized Nags Head Surf Casting Club, which will co-sponsor the tournament with the local Chamber of Commerce.

The schedule of events call two fishing periods of from three to four hours on Saturday, October 1 with an exhibition tournament on the same date featuring world record casters. Teams of five men each will be participating in fishing certain areas of the beach from Oregon Inlet northward to Caf-fey's Inlet on each of the three days of the tournament.

H. W. Shaner, secretary-treasurer of the Margate City Casting Club of New Jersey is assisting the local sponsors in making arrangements for the tournament.

Trophies
First Award, the Nags Head Trophy, valued at \$50.00, must be won three times for permanent possession by a club. Each member of winning teams will receive special medals, the first position awards in addition to the trophy amounting to \$150 including gold medals.

A silver trophy goes to the team winning second place with silver medals to be awarded team members. A bronze trophy with bronze medals for team members will go to third place winners.

One of the first clubs to indicate they would enter the tournament was the newly organized Cape Hatteras Casting Club headed by Edgar Hooper and Raymond Barnett. Nags Head's casting clubs will also be in the contest. Several teams from New Jersey and other states north of the Dare coast will take part in the contests, according to information received here from Shaner.

NEW FEATURES BEING PLANNED FOR 4-H WEEK

The 1952 4-H Club theme, "Serving As Loyal Citizens through 4-H," also will be the theme for State 4-H Club Week this year, according to State Leader L. R. Harrill. The event will be held at State College, July 21-26.

Jackie Farrow will represent Dare County in the Dress Revue held during the week, Miss Mary Kirby, home agent, advises.

Delegates will be club members 14 years of age or older "who will make a real contribution to the 4-H Club Week program and will carry back to their club and county information and inspiration that will strengthen the 4-H Club program in their county." County winners in the 4-H talent program may be included as extra delegates.

Registration will be held in the lobby of William Neal Reynolds Coliseum beginning at 10 a.m. Monday. All boys and girls will wear the regulation 4-H Club uniform throughout the week, beginning with Monday night's program.

The week's activities will include talks by well-known speakers, an outdoor box supper, visit to the State Capitol and Governor's Mansion, talent show, State dress revue with Iredell County in charge, State health pageant with Guilford County in charge, folk dancing and games in Riddick Stadium each evening, and the closing candle-lighting ceremony.

A fellowship party will be held this year for the first time. A large motor manufacturing corporation will present a scientific show, "Preview of Progress," covering topics ranging from model jet planes to controlling the sun's energy. Mrs. Ann Livingston of the National Recreation Association will teach a class in recreation for a limited number of delegates.

One afternoon will be devoted to demonstrations by members of the State College faculty and Extension staff. Demonstrations by 4-H members include "4-H in Action," by Edgecombe County; "Citizenship," by Pamlico County; "Music Appreciation"; and "Everyday Courtesies," by Randolph County.

READY TO BEGIN BUYING LAND FOR SEASHORE PARK

Headquarters To Be Old Bodie Island Coast Guard Station

RALEIGH.—A Federal-State agreement signed Tuesday by Governor Scott and Director George Ross of the State Department of Conservation and Development paved the way for authorities to begin acquiring land for the Cape Hatteras Seashore Recreational Area in Dare and Hyde counties.

Under the agreement, the National Park Service soon will set up a land acquisition office and begin buying land for the Seashore Area. Approximately 8,000 acres, including the State Park at Buxton, already are available for the project.

Ross said no definite date had been agreed upon for the acquisition to begin but "it will be within a few days."

The Council of State recently allocated \$500,000 from the contingency and emergency fund for the purpose of buying land for the park. This, together with \$118,000 already available for the purpose, will give the State \$618,000 with which to match a similar sum donated to the National Park Service by an as yet unidentified person or group.

Ross said that A. C. Stratton of Richmond, Va., assistant regional director for the Park Service who flew here yesterday with the agreement, said the Park Service has the money but the donor has insisted on keeping his identity secret for the time being.

The U. S. Coast Guard, it is reported, will turn over to the Park Service the Bodie Island Coast Guard Station, now inactive for headquarters and offices.

Governor Scott signed the agreement as chief executive of the State. Ross signed as chairman of the N. C. Cape Hatteras Seashore Commission through which the State's funds must be sent.

Under the agreement, the State will spend "not less than \$618,000" and the Federal government "not less than \$618,000" for the purpose of acquiring lands. This means a total of \$1,236,000 is available for land purchases.

The National Park Service of See PARK, Page Five

BIG ATTRACTION AT CASINO SATURDAY

Blue Barron to Take the Spotlight This Week End

One of the biggest attractions of the season is to take place this Saturday, July 19, as Blue Barron and his nationally famous orchestra come to the Casino for an engagement. Blue Barron is one of the youngest bandleaders in history to achieve top rating.

"The music of yesterday and today," is the slogan the orchestra sends about. "This music," says the Casino's proprietor, Ras Westcott, "is expected to draw the largest crowd ever. Already reservations are pouring in, and Westcott wonders if the Casino is large enough to hold the crowd."

It is also announced that another top band will play on the 26th. Al Donahue and his aggregation will come to the beach for that weekend. And still another big band is in store the following week, with Tommy Tucker and his "Sing for your Supper" group to play August 2.

"A big time for all each week," Westcott concluded.

A BELOVED RESIDENT OF KITTY HAWK IS DEAD

Mrs. Lina Gilbert Burgess, 75, died in a Portsmouth, Va., hospital Friday morning after an 11 months' illness. She was the widow of the late E. T. Burgess, merchant of Kitty Hawk beach, and had lived in Dare County 20 years. The couple were highly regarded. They formerly lived in Elizabeth City many years where Mr. Burgess was in business.

She was a native of Camden County, the daughter of the late Walter R. and Mrs. Rebecca Jones Gilbert, widow of Edmond Tilton Burgess and member of the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City. Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. J. H. Cartwright and Mrs. Emma Steven, both of Elizabeth City and Mrs. S. E. Tillett of Norfolk; one brother, Grover C. Gilbert of Washington. She was an aunt of Mrs. Maurice Burrus of Hatteras.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by the Rev. W. W. Finlator, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the Rev. George F. Hill, rector of the Episcopal Church. Burial was in Hollywood Cemetery.