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LOSE TITLE FOR TOUGHEST BUS TRIP IN COUNTRY

New Road to Hatteras Takes Distinction from Three Midget Brothers

By AYCOCK BROWN

The world's toughest bus trip is no longer that, and an extra schedule has been added to take care of the thousands of tourists and vacationists who are hoping to get their first glimpse of far-famed Cape Hatteras now that a paved road has been built from Nags Head to the seven villages of North Carolina's fabulous Outer Banks.

The new schedule, originating in Manteo daily at 8:15 o'clock was established on Monday, 14 years to the day from the time that the Midget boys, Stockton, Harold and Anderson, began operating a daily service between Hatteras and Manteo where connections were made with Virginia Dare Transportation buses operating to Elizabeth City and Norfolk. The new schedule leaves Hatteras at 2 p. m. and arrives in Manteo at 5:30.

During those early years and for many years their bus line was the only one which operated over roadless beaches, self made trails through the dunelands and across marshes and when the tide was at ebb, along the ocean's surf. In those days it was a trip that took a minimum of six hours to Hatteras one way and sometimes much longer, especially after washouts, extremely dry weather when the sand was soft and deep or during storms. During the 14 years less than one score trips have been cancelled, and even those were started, but resulted in mishap along the way. Sometimes it was deep sand that put the bus out of mechanical operation, and on a few occasions the rising tides across quicksand along the surf interfered.

In recent years, the going has been better. Each link of the new Hatteras highway, started during the Cherry administration and completed during Scott's administration, sped the trips to mainland points somewhat. If it were not for some 30 minutes lost on each trip waiting for and crossing the Toby Tillett-created ferry now owned and operated by the State, the trip to and from Hatteras, about 65 miles, can be made in less than two hours. With the various stops at communities, the twice daily schedules (including ferry) are made in three and half hours or less.

GO-AHEAD PROGRAM OF HYDE HOME CLUBS

Members of the Hyde County Home Demonstration Clubs are in the midst of a "go ahead" program planning which will include the betterment of every corner of the county.

The Swan Quarter Club started their new program by cleaning up and beautifying the courthouse lawn. Now they're trying to get funds to build a bath house at Bell Island so that bathing will become good fun for oldsters as well as youngsters.

"Singspirations" sponsored by all the clubs have been held at Swan Quarter and Fairfield. The one scheduled for Engelhard will be held during the picnic at Memorial Park on August 26. The group singing led by Pete Griffin of Scranton packed the houses with enthusiastic singers. Special selections performed by the different sections added zest and variety to the programs.

Miss Alma Lee Cathey, home agent, has given a Red Cross home nursing course at Lake Landing for workers in that end of the county. This class was designed for convenience of people whose See PROGRAM, Page Eight

PENNSYLVANIANS HAVE LUCK IN GULF STREAM

Hatteras, N. C.—Six giant dolphin, 10 amberjack, six barracuda and one sailfish were landed in the Gulf Stream off Cape Hatteras by a group of Pennsylvanians fishing for two days from aboard Capt. Bill Foster's cruiser Albacross. It was one of the best catches of the week made by anglers basing in Hatteras and fishing the blue water offshore. Barracuda weighed up to seven pounds each.

Enoch Vaughan of Valencia, Penna., brought in the sail, fourth of this species of bill fish to be landed in Hatteras waters this season by boats operating from here. Mrs. Vaughan landed some of the large dolphin. Others making the catches included Mr. and Mrs. John Wyles and Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Eltringham of Pittsburgh. Also in the party was Lloyd R. Latham of Washington, N. C.

ROANOKE GETS 45 FLYING VISITORS MANTEO AIRPORT

Washn. Air Derby Association Takes Week-end to Visit Lost Colony

Among the several groups visiting the rehabilitated Manteo Airport this season was the 45 visitors coming with the Washington, D. C., Air Derby Association during the past week end. Manager Bill Henderson knew many of the visitors personally, and one of the reasons for the visit was to see him and renew acquaintances. But all of them bought tickets for The Lost Colony and saw the show Saturday night; all required rooms, and all bought meals.

It is easy to see how a visit of this type bring a lot of new week end business to Roanoke Island. All travelers are a boon to taxi-drivers. They spend a great deal of money during their visits.

INTANGIBLE TAXES DIVIDED THIS WEEK

Cities and Towns Get Their Share of Apportionment from State

Coffers of North Carolina counties, cities and towns will be enriched by \$3,382,299.06 next week, the State Board of Assessment reported yesterday.

The money represents shares of the local governments in the intangible personal property tax collections made in the State during the fiscal year ending June 30.

Checks will be put in the mail next week, according to Board Secretary J. C. Bethune. The State keeps 20 percent of the total tax take and returns 80 percent to the counties, cities and towns.

Intangible tax collections for fiscal 1952 amounted to \$4,227,878.83 and were the greatest in State history. For fiscal 1951, the total was \$3,995,496.51 and 10 years ago the figure was \$1,570,760.31.

The tax covers bank deposits, stocks, bonds, notes, charge accounts, interest and similar items. Shares of stocks, taxed to the tune of \$1,751,557.03 yielded the largest single amount, while bank deposits produced \$1,194,682.61.

Mecklenburg led the 100 counties in intangible collections with \$598,986.65, followed by Guilford with \$456,155.45; Forsyth, \$358,073.63; Wake, \$212,325.46; and Buncombe, \$209,813.18. The small county of Camden had the lowest income, \$457.44.

Following is the list of Eastern North Carolina counties, cities and towns, and the amounts each will receive:

Beaufort County, \$13,888.04; Aurora, \$234.91; Bath, \$19.65; Belhaven, \$723.11; Washington, \$6,041.98 and Washington Park, \$217.38.
Currituck County, \$2,571.69.
Dare County, \$1,410.85 and Manteo, \$140.85.
Hyde County, \$1,848.46
Tyrrell County, \$1,254.65 and Columbia, \$233.65.

MIDDLETOWN LOSES ONE OF OLDEST RESIDENTS

Louis D. Swindell, who was 79 on Friday, died Saturday, the 27th at his home near Middletown, Hyde County. He was the son of the late Dixon and Mary Fisher Swindell of Hyde County, and husband of Mrs. Florence Tarkard Swindell. He is survived by two sons, Harvey of Snow Lake Kansas, and David of Middletown; one daughter, Miss Jessie Lewis Swindell of Middletown, and his wife.

The funeral was conducted Sunday, the 27th at St. Georges Episcopal Church by Rev. A. C. D. Noe of Bath, and interment was in St. Georges Cemetery. Pall bearers were Royden Clark, R. L. Gibbs, Bill Payne, Tommy Gibbs, Clement Miller and Jim Nixon. The Berry Company, funeral directors.

Mr. Swindell had been a life-long resident of Middletown. His father died when he was three months old.

THIEVES TAKE 30 FRYERS

Thieves entered the chicken house of T. B. Gibbs of Sladesville Friday night, July 18, while the family was attending the Baptist revival meeting and took thirty of his frying chickens. Some of them were pullets that had begun to lay.

EXPLANATION OF POSTAL DEFICIT BY POSTMASTER

Manteo Postmaster Names Many Reasons Mail Business In The Red

Postmaster Chas. R. Evans of Manteo said this week that the Postal Service, which serves faithfully every city, hamlet and rural-side community in the United States, is operating under the biggest deficit in the history of this government agency. This condition is due first, to the high costs of operation, and secondly, to the fact that the postage rates and fees have not been increased sufficiently comparable to the costs of operations.

There will be a deficit in the Postal Operations as long as postage rates and fees are inadequate to meet the costs of operation. Congress alone can determine whether the Post Office shall support itself as any other business by authorizing increases in present postage rates to meet the operating costs, or the Congress may elect to keep the Postal System a Service Institution that partially supports itself under existing laws, and then annually appropriate sums from the General Fund to offset deficits.

Since 1945 the fixed operating costs have increased at a rate of nearly 1.5 billion dollars on an annual basis, while additions to the revenue by increases in postage rates and fees have been increased only at the rate of \$390 million a year, a difference of over a billion dollars in expenses above the annual additional revenues. Even with the new increases in postage rates, it is estimated that there will be about 669 million dollars deficit in 1953. And inasmuch as the deficit must be paid out of the general taxation, Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson is greatly concerned, and has called attention to the great increase in the cost of salaries and transportation in the current fiscal year over 1945.

Any organization that undertakes to give as much service as does the Postal System is costly. There are varied services in every post office for every community in the United States, and there are also, many duties, obligations and opportunities for more service for the public. These services cost money.

The Post Office Department cannot set its financial policies, and does not. Departmental policies are set by direction of the Congress, the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Civil Aeronautics Board, as well as other regulatory agencies of the Federal Government.

Salaries paid postal personnel are likewise set by the Congress. However, the use of personal services are controlled through staffing patterns for each post office. Approximately all travel rates are set by law or some regulatory agency. Rates for transportation by rail and by air, communication services, price paid for postage stamps, stamped envelopes and price paid for postal cards, as well as the price and quantity of supplies and materials are all set by federal regulatory authorities.

The total obligations of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year, 1951, amounted to \$2,458,000, 95.6 percent of that amount was for salaries, transportation, travel and rents.

The obligations estimated for 1952 amounted to \$2,738,105,261 while the estimate for 1953 shows an increase of 3.2 percent over the 1952 estimate.

With 97 percent of the revenue of the Post Office Department expended according to laws of the Congress and Federal regulatory agencies, the Postmaster General has only approximately 3 cents out of every dollar of revenue to spend as the demands of the Service require. He cannot increase rates and fees without authority, as can the management of other normal businesses.

Postmaster General Donaldson directed the biggest change in accounting ever undertaken by the department with the installation of the new money order system, which is calculated to save in 1953 alone some \$6 million, or 2,065 man-years of service, as well as save clerical time in issuing and paying money orders in the 41,000 post offices. This is one of the several steps to save on costs of operating the department, and shows the biggest saving.

Another item in saving has been effected in the establishing of the Highway Post Office System. The cost of the use of the highway post offices is much lower than the use of rail.

The establishing of these two systems is a tribute to the Post-See POSTMASTER, Page Eight

FORMER PASTOR OF CHURCHES IN COASTLAND DIES

Dr. G. A. Martin Served Churches in Currituck and Roanoke Island in War Years

Dr. G. A. Martin, 85, a beloved minister of the Baptist faith whose last work was serving churches in Currituck County and the Roanoke Island Baptist church during the war years, died Thursday night at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem after a long illness. He had been retired for several years. He had served many large churches and was prominent in his calling.

He was born in Mt. Airy, a son of William S. Martin and Sarah Ann Aaron Martin, and had been in the ministry for the past 52 years. He was a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Among the pastorates served by Dr. Martin were the First Baptist Church in Wilmington, First Baptist Church in Concord, First Baptist Church in Marion, First Baptist Church in Landrum, S. C., First Baptist Church in Waynesville and the First Baptist Church in Rutherfordton. New churches were built at Thomasville, Landrum and Concord, while he was their pastor.

While serving the First Baptist Church in Thomasville, he also served as the pastor at Mills Home Church. Dr. Martin retired in 1946 and moved to Thomasville to make his home. He was a Mason, a Shriner and member of the Concord Lodge of the Junior Order. He was active in the First Baptist Church in Thomasville, where he held membership at the time of his death. In 1905, he was married to Huetokah Marshbanks of Mars Hill, who survives. Other survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Glenn Mann of the home, one son, Graham A. Martin of the American Embassy in France; two brothers, Wesley Martin of West Virginia and Robert Martin of Butte, Montana; and six grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist Church Saturday at 4 p. m. by the pastor, the Rev. Charles F. Leek; Dr. Ralph Herring, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem; and the Rev. Mack Summey, pastor of Carolina Avenue Baptist Church in Thomasville. Interment was in the family plot in Holly Hills Cemetery.

SHRIMP SEASON IS NOT TOO GOOD RIGHT NOW

For one reason or several, the shrimp season is reported none too good this summer, and most shrimpers are not making expenses. Engelhard is the largest shrimp center at this time. Shrimp are said to be of a fair size.

And while the catch of shrimp is declining, fishermen are clamoring for permission to operate their nets day and night. This, the Board of Conservation and Development has flatly refused again this week. Old timers say shrimp are now being pursued so vigorously that the supply is being exhausted, and like other forms of fishing, the industry is rapidly destroying itself.

SOME WHO DO NOT GO TO CHURCH

Mr. Speeds will clean his auto,
Mr. Spurrs will groom his horse,
Mr. Gadds will go to Coney,
With the little Gadds, of course.
Mr. Flite will put his carbolic
On his homing pigeon's perch,
Mr. Weeds will mow his bluegrass,
Mr. Jones will go to church.

Mr. Cleet will drive a golf ball,
Mr. Tiller steer his boat,
Mr. Popper on his cycle,
Round and round the State will note.
Mr. Swatt will watch a ball game,
Mr. Stake and son will search
Through the bosky woods for mushrooms,
Mr. Wilks will go to church.

Do you ask me what's the matter?
Do you wonder what is wrong?
When the nation turns from worship,
Sermon, prayer, and sacred song?
Why do people rush for pleasure,
Leave religion in the lurch?
Why prefer a padded auto
To the cushioned pew in church?

Reader, well I know the answer,
But if I should speak aloud,
What I think is the real reason,
It would queer me with the crowd.
You'll be popular, dear reader,
When you wield the critics's birch,
You'll be safely in the fashion
If you blame things on the church.

—Anon

CHORAL MASTERPIECE BY BRAHMS MONDAY

Lost Colony Chorus Will Present Brahms German Requiem Night of August 4th

The Lost Colony Chorus will be presented by the Roanoke Island School of Fine Arts in a program Monday evening, August 4, in the Manteo school auditorium, beginning at eight o'clock.

The music presented will be the great German Requiem written by Johannes Brahms in honor of his mother, and will feature as soloists Helyne McLain, soprano, and Paul Snyder, baritone. Ralph Burrier, director of music for the Lost Colony, and head of the conducting department at the Westminster Choir College, will conduct.

Accompanists will be James M. Hart and Franz Engle, organist and associate organist for the Lost Colony.

The public is invited to attend this concert, which will culminate weeks of rehearsal by the chorus. There will be no admission charge.

SHRINERS BOOK A NEW EIGHT-PIECE BAND

The Dare county Shrine Club is planning one of its biggest dances of the season beginning August 2, President Robert Ballance says, and the club has booked Jack O'Neal's eight piece orchestra from Norfolk for this occasion. The dance will be held at the new Shrine Club home at Whalebone, lower Nags Head.

HYDE FARM LEADERS PLAN FOR A MEETING

The following supervisors, Messrs R. L. Jones, Leon Ballance, J. E. Bishop and L. D. Hunnings, met Monday night in the agriculture building in Swan Quarter to make plans for the Pamlico Soil Conservation District meeting to be held at Plymouth Thursday, August 7, at 10:00 a. m.

The business session will be from 10-12 o'clock-then a Dutch lunch. After a lunch a tour of the North Carolina Experiment Station will be made. The purpose of this tour is to observe recent experiments in drainage, irrigation, pastures and fertilization of various crops.

All farmers are invited and urged to attend. Those wishing to attend may contact L. D. Hunnings or J. C. Bishop. The ones going will meet at Swan Quarter at 8:30 a. m. or at Scranton Post Office at 9:00 a. m.

Appointed on Committee E. E. Hodges, a prominent farmer of Swan Quarter township has been appointed to serve on the Hyde County Committee of Farmers Home Administration. Mr. Hodges succeeds Joe C. Bishop whose appointment expired June 30th. The other two members of the committee are Leland Dudley of Lake Landing and Gilbert Tunnell of Swan Quarter.

This committee works with the county supervisor in determining the eligibility of applicants for all types of assistance, including selection of farms being considered for purchase, enlargement or development under the Farm Ownership program or for improvement under the Farm Housing program.

MANTEO SCOUTS W'MELON PARTY ON AUGUST 11th

Manteo Boy Scout Troop is planning a big blow-out at their bathing beach at the Manteo Airport Monday night, August 11, with a watermelon party for all their friends. Tickets will go on sale this week at \$1 each which admits a couple, a courtly couple will get an extra slice of melon. The scouts also expect to have plenty of extra ice-cold melon to sell to those who are not satisfied with what they get on a regular ticket. Everybody is expected to bring his or her bathing suit, and take a dip at the beach.

DARE BEACHES BOOTH IS OPEN EVERY DAY

The information booth at Kitty Hawk of the Dare Beaches Chamber of Commerce is now in operation seven days a week. The office is open each Saturday and Sunday from 10 a. m. until 7:30 p. m. Other days of the week the office is open from 10 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. Two girls are on duty Saturday and Sunday. They make every effort to place tourists in the locations they would like, but find very little cooperation from cottage owners. Sometimes a cottage is listed as vacant, prospective tenants are sent to look the place over, and find that it has been rented and no notice sent to the Chamber of Commerce office. This causes quite a bit of confusion, and C. J. Townley, who heads the organization, asks for more cooperation from the cottage owners in this respect.

The information booth, which has been operated for several years is rendering an excellent service to visitors coming to the beach. It is situated at the north end of the beach, and a well informed and efficient secretary assists visitors with information about the various services of the beach. More services of this type are needed.

FIRST WHITE MARLIN LANDED OFF HATTERAS

Hatteras, N. C.—First white marlin to be landed with rod and reel off Hatteras this season was reeled in by Capt. Bill Webb of Norfolk, fishing from a privately owned cruiser the "Wahoo." His fish weighed 42 pounds and measured seven feet nine inches from tip to tip. Capt. Webb was trolling, using whole mackerel for bait, skipped from outriggers when the marlin struck.

Previously this year one giant blue marlin, a 367½ pounder was landed off Hatteras in the same waters where Webb caught the white on Monday. The blue was landed by Mrs. Ross H. Walker of Richmond, Va. Capt. Ernal Foster, veteran big game fishing guide of Hatteras stated that white marlin were plentiful off Cape Hatteras at the present time and several were sighted on Monday. Only the one was hooked and boated.

Excursions to Ocracoke Out of Swan Quarter

Ocracoke.—Capt. Bob Burrus of Swan Quarter made his first trip to Ocracoke on Saturday with a total of about fifteen passengers. Arriving here in the cruiser Ocracoke, formerly owned by the N. C. Fisheries Department, the passengers had a chance to see something of the Island and to enjoy a square dance, after the Saturday night movie, at the school recreation Hall. They returned to Swan Quarter on Sunday.

Making these weekly trips to the Island is no new experience for Capt. Burrus; he and his excursionists were familiar weekend sights in the old days when Capt. Bill Gaskill's Pamlico Inn was doing a thriving business on the Sound Side of the Island. Capt. Burrus discontinued his excursion trips at the beginning of the War, and had not resumed them until this summer. His boat is limited to 25 passengers; it is available for charter at Swan Quarter during the week.

ENGELHARD TO HAVE GIRL SCOUT TROOP

A Girl Scout Troop is being organized in Engelhard under the sponsorship of the Engelhard Rotary Club. The first meeting of the troop will be on Thursday August 7 at 3:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. P. D. Midgett, III. All girls between the ages of 12 and 18 who are interested in joining the troop are urged to attend this initial meeting.

RODANTHE ROAD CELEBRATION TO BE POSTPONED

Plans For Accommodation of Visitors and Entertainment Call for More Time

Rodanthe's road celebration, originally planned for August 16 to celebrate the completion of the hardsurface road connecting all the seven villages of Hatteras Island, has been postponed, and will probably be held in September instead, Capt. Levene W. Midgett, chairman of the celebration committee, announces this week. Due to the delay in completing the road, and the inability to arrange a number of proposed features of the celebration on so short a notice, it is thought best to wait until cooler weather, and make more complete plans. The original date was chosen because it was the anniversary of a famous rescue during World War I by Rodanthe men in the Coast Guard service.

WIDOW'S DEATH AT LEECHVILLE MYSTERY STILL

Coroner's Inquest Awaits Report on Laboratory Tests, Lupton States

The death of Mrs. Fanny Williams Bishop at Leechville, Beaufort County in the early morning hours of Sunday July 13th, still remains an official mystery. Deputy Sheriff Floyd Lupton has been investigating the case, but clues satisfactory on which to base a prosecution have not developed.

Mrs. Williams was in a dying condition with seven bullet wounds in her body and one in her head, and a 22 rifle was found beside her, at the backdoor of her home. Suspicion pointed to Charlie Lewis, a middle-aged fisherman who lived in a cabin in Mrs. Bishop's back yard, and who ate his meals at her home. Lewis signified his willingness to a lie detector test, which was held Monday of this week with negative results.

Deputy Lupton says the Coroner's hearing will be held as soon as reports come from laboratory tests being made by the FBI in Washington. No new developments have occurred, and the investigation is now about to a dead end. The jury selected for the coroner's inquest consists of the following prominent Belhaven men: W. E. Bateman, Jimmy Hodges, H. L. Dilday, Fred Ivey, Lee Andrews and C. B. Tillman.

LARGEST SAILFISH TAKEN OFF HATTERAS

Hatteras.—The season's largest sailfish, a 62½-pounder measuring eight foot and five inches from tip to tip was landed near Diamond Lightship at the western edge of the Gulf Stream off Cape Hatteras on Saturday, the 17th sailfish to be taken with rod and reel by anglers fishing off the Dare coast at Hatteras and Nags Head so far this year.

C. W. Ridge of High Point, using cut bait as bait landed the big sail while trolling from aboard Capt. Ernal Foster's cruiser Albacross II. Another sailfish, second largest of the current season was also landed off Dare coast Saturday. Larry Cox of Norfolk, Va., fishing with Capt. Charlie Perry from aboard the cruiser Maggie, boated a seven foot nine and one half inch specimen weighing 54 pounds.

Another Baby Sailfish Two sailfish were caught on Saturday. The largest taken so far this season, one that measured 101 inches from tip to tip and weighing 62½ pounds was landed by an angler, C. W. Ridge of High Point. Ross Burrus, commercial fisherman made the second record. He landed a baby sail that measured only 18 inches from tip to tip—from his pound net in Pamlico Sound. It was the second time this season that baby sailfish have been taken from Pamlico Sound nets, and the fact that the young fish are being caught in Pamlico Sound advances the theory of some that this great inland body of water, largest sound south of Long Island on the Atlantic coast, is an incubator and brooding place for many fish which have as their native habitat, the waters of the Gulf Stream from Cape Hatteras southward. In recent years a number of tiny tarpon have been found in Pamlico Sound waters and several roe-laden adult tarpon are caught in pound nets each season.