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SAILFISHING IS STILL TOPS ON COAST OF DARE

Sailfishing is gaining more recognition through the press than any other sportsfishing in Dare County at the present time, it was stated today by a representative of the Dare County Tourist Bureau.

"This is a fact, even though some excellent catches of bluefish are being reported each day and the fresh water fishing is also considered very good. The fishing from ocean piers at Nags Head has been better this season than in its history," said Warren Jennette, veteran fishing pier operator.

Dolphin, amberjack, school tuna, bonita, cabio and wahoo are being caught daily by anglers fishing the western edge of the Gulf Stream off Hatteras and Oregon Inlet, but the catches of sailfish are keeping the news spotlight.

Last week end Capt Willie Etheridge, Jr., with a party from Newport News and Baltimore, not only caught scores of dolphin but two sailfish in one day. It was the first time that two sailfish had ever been taken by a party aboard one boat operating anywhere along the North Carolina coast.

Capt. Ernal Foster of Hatteras reported last week end that Mrs. Fred Troutman landed a 7 foot sail. One of the two landed aboard Etheridge's boat was boated by a Mrs. Giederman of Newport News.

Fewer white marlin are being caught, and only one blue marlin has been landed so far this season. In the meantime more than 30 sailfish have been taken by anglers off the Dare coast, by far more than have been taken from any other sportsfishing locality north of Florida.

MUSTERING OUT PAY PROCEDURES RECEIVED

Regulations and procedures governing Mustering-Out Payment authorized by the recently enacted Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952 have been received in the local District Office of the North Carolina Veterans Commission.

Most enlisted men and women and officers below the grade of Major or Lieutenant Commander who were discharged or released from active duty, under honorable conditions after June 26, 1950 are eligible for lump sum payment. Claim must be submitted on or before July 16, 1954, supported by the original of the Report of Separation from the Armed Services.

In the case of any veteran discharged under honorable conditions after June 26, 1950, who died after leaving service and before receiving any portion of his Mustering-Out Pay, payment of this benefit may be made to survivors.

All eligible persons desiring to apply for Mustering-Out Pay are urged to contact J. M. Vannote, Dare County Veterans Service Officer, Manteo, N. C., or the District Office of the North Carolina Veterans Commission, 206 Kramer Building, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, for assistance in completing applications for this benefit.

FARM AND HOME WEEK IN RALEIGH AUG. 18-21

Let's Go to Farm and Home Week, August 18-21!

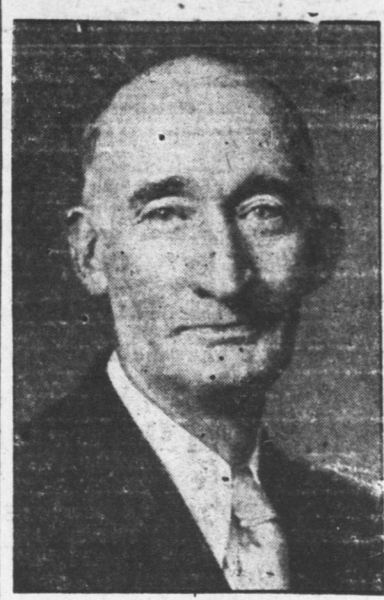
Many new programs have been added this year including a course in Choral Directing, Sewing Tricks, Recreation Training, Frozen Foods, Buying Ironers and Freezers, Swedish Darning, Herbs, Insect Control, Know Your State, and Training of Officers and Leaders.

Evening programs include a talent contest; talk by Wheeler McMillen, Editor of "Farm Journal"; address by W. Kerr Scott and Thursday's program will be the 26th meeting of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Room fee for the week is \$3.00 per person, for less than the week \$1.00 per night. Special dormitory space has been provided for married couples. Each person should bring bed linen, blanket, pillow, towels and personal articles. Registration will be held at William Neal Reynolds Coliseum. Meals will be served at the college cafeteria.

Please contact Miss Mary Kirby, Home Agent, Manteo, if you would like to attend.

OLDEST MERCHANT IN MANTEO IS HONORED



LINDSAY D. TARKINGTON of Manteo, came to Dare County from Washington County more than 50 years ago, and save for a few years in the grocery business in Belhaven has been a resident of and a leading figure in Manteo ever since. Wednesday night of this week many friends gathered at his home to honor him on his 78th birthday. He is head of the grocery that bears his name, bank director, Baptist deacon, former Sunday School Superintendent, former Mayor, and holder of many public offices and places of distinction. Always a highly popular man, he holds his age well, looks healthier and more active even than a few years ago. He is Manteo's oldest merchant.

WAVES 4-H'ER ENTERS STATE DRESS REVUE

Five Dare Girls and Boys Attend 4-H Week in Raleigh

Jacqueline Farrow, Waves, entering 4-H State Dress Revue from Dare County, was in top sixteen. Jackie was Dare County's Dress Revue winner and competed against 95 contestants in the State contest. She wore a pink and white striped chambray underdress, which could be worn separately, or with an over-skirt and bolero of white waffle pique with a rose cumberbund. She also made matching accessories to wear with her costume, a white broad-brimmed hat trimmed in the pink and white chambray with covered buttons. Her bag was a neat pouch type with scollops on the sides and pink buttons.

This is the second time a girl has entered the State 4-H Dress Revue from Dare County. Jackie entered the contest last year also.

Others attending the State 4-H Week in Raleigh, July 21-26, were Shelia Gibson and Sonja Oden, Hatteras; Jazania Herbert, Rodanthe, and Lance Midgett, Waves. R. S. Smith, Farm Agent, attended the week with the 4-H'ers and Mary Kirby, Home Agent, attended the State Dress Revue.

TRAFFIC CASES CONSUME DARE RECORDERS TIME

Traffic cases consumed most of the weekly Recorders' out in Dare County. Charles E. Baker, a sailor, was taxed with the costs as the result of driving too close to another car and bumping into same on Nags Head beach.

Luther Midgett of Wanchese was assessed \$8.20 and costs for parking on the shoulder of the road without lights.

Harold B. Lennon, tried on three counts, driving while drunk, driving after his operator's license had been revoked, and driving a car without proper tags, was fined \$250 and costs.

Ephraim Daniels, Jr., was fined \$25 and costs and given a 90-day suspended sentence for creating an affray on the premises of Lloyd Meekins.

Wm. Ryland Bonney of Pungo, Va., for failing to yield the right of way and making a left hand turn in the face of incoming traffic was fined \$15 and costs.

Lillie Parker and Maria Baker, sisters, were charged with assaulting Naomi McClees and creating an affray on Lloyd Meekins' premises. The case was not tried, because Maria had not been apprehended.

REV. A. E. BROWN WILL PREACH IN MANTEO SUNDAY

Rev. A. E. Brown, former pastor of Mount Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo, but now a pastor in Goldsboro, will be guest minister at the Manteo Methodist Church on Sunday morning, August 10. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and their children are frequent visitors in Manteo, where they have a summer home.

STATE BOARD PERMITS BUILDING OF A BRIDGE

Toll Road Company Allowed to Amend Charter to Include Croatan Sound Bridge

Would-be toll road builders Tuesday became would-be toll bridge builders.

The Carolina - Virginia Coastal Highway Corporation was allowed to amend its charter to provide for a toll bridge across Croatan Sound, connecting Manns Harbor with Roanoke Island, by the North Carolina Municipal Board of Control.

Under the Original charter, issued in 1949, the corporation was authorized to construct a toll highway along the coast from the Nags Head area to Norfolk. That charter made no provision for the bridge.

Tuesday, at a meeting in Raleigh, the board of control added the bridge proviso. The corporation spokesmen did not say when they expect to start construction of the highway or the bridge.

The North Carolina Municipal Board of Control is made up of Secretary of State Thad Eure, Attorney General Harry McMullan and Stanley Winbourne, chairman of the State Utilities Commission. It has the power to set up corporations and to incorporate towns.

Representatives of the Alligator-Croatan Bridge Association are now circulating a petition, asking the state now to proceed to build a bridge over Alligator River, since there is a possibility the company will build the Croatan Sound Bridge.

The Raleigh meeting was attended by L. L. Swain and M. L. Daniels, Jr. The toll road company consists of Ray Adams of Washington, D. C., Guy Lennon of Manteo and Wayland Sermons of Washington. The objective is to develop ocean front lands at Currituck County which offers a development as good or better than any other on our coast.

MIXON NAMES NEWSMEN ON ADVISORY BOARD

MURFREESBORO.—Dr. F. Orion Mixon, president of Chowan College, announced appointment of 14 newspaper and magazine publishers of North Carolina and Virginia to the Advisory Board of the school's new Graphic Arts Department.

"We want to turn out the product here at Chowan," Dr. Mixon said in releasing the list of appointees, "and we will be looking to the Advisory Board to show us the way."

Represented on the board are men from weeklies, small dailies and large dailies of the two states. They are:

Robert E. Williams, associate editor of the News and Observer of Raleigh;

Joseph A. Lesley of the Norfolk, Va., Ledger Dispatch;

C. W. Bazemore of the Biblical Recorder;

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DR. KELSEY REGEN TO PREACH AT FORT



DR. KELSEY REGEN, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Durham, will conduct the Sunday morning services at Fort Raleigh on August 10. The musical worship will begin at 11 o'clock. The music will be by the Lost Colony choir, under the direction of Ralph Burrier, with Franz Engle as organist. Thomas Are will be soloist.

Dr. Regen, a prominent educator and civic leader, received his divinity degrees from Davidson College and Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and did graduate work at Union Theological Seminary in New York. He has held pastorates in Covington, Ky., and Middletown, N. Y., and has been guest preacher at various colleges and universities in Kentucky, New York and North Carolina.

Two Sea Sagas Tied Together By A Scuppernong Grapevine

An Entertaining Yarn of The Outcome of the Senior Latham's Love For The Sea and Solly Topping's Appetite for Grapes As Told By a Master Story Teller.

By BEN DIXON MacNEILL

When so many people and years and places and things get involved in such a tale as this, which is concerned with great ships and America's gained and lost and regained mastery of the seas, it is pretty difficult to know just where and with whom to begin. The tale begins with the Clipper ships and comes eventually down the years to a proud day when America is again and triumphantly master of the oceans.

One solution of the problem, and as good as any, is to let it begin atop the scuppernong vine on the Latham farm a little ways out of Belhaven forty years ago.

If it had not been for the grape vine the chances are that Mr. Latham would not have been invited to ride on the shake-down cruise of the United States some weeks back and there would have been no story—and no picture of Mr. Latham as, for one unforgettable interlude, master of the great ship's bridge.

In brief, no grapevine—no story. There is nothing mysterious—Mr. Latham did not dream—he is not much of a man for dreams—forty years ago that because he was indulgent with a neighbor boy's appalling appetite for scuppernong grapes that he would be invited to ride as guest upon a great ship that no man, in that day, had yet dreamed about. But the boy remembered and Mr. Latham went cruising on a trip that will go down in the history books.

Six weeks after the boy got to be 17 years old—it happened in March and there were no grapes on the vine to detain him—the boy enlisted in the United States Navy and presently discovered himself in the thick of war. He survived that and continued a seafaring man. He is now Capt. S. J. Topping, Jr., Marine Superintendent of United States Lines.

That will account for how it came about that the first man in North Carolina to win the Master Farmer Award from State College came eventually to find himself seated in the commodore's chair on the bridge of the world's greatest ship in the year that he became 80 years of age. And will account, too, for the fact that Mr. Latham became acquainted with a new word. The word is avatism. It has been in the dictionary a long time but Mr. Latham had not any need for such a word.

A Father's Example Repeated

And that takes the tale back for another, and necessary, beginning. Back to his father who was born not far from Belhaven in 1821 and, when he was a good sized youngster, did what so many before and after him, have done. He went away to sea and for long years he sailed the oceans in the great clipper ships that had won maritime supremacy for America. Mr. Latham was a long time realizing it, but he was born with sea-water in his veins and this newly found kinship with the sea is a sort of avatism.

Whatever it is Mr. Latham likes it and he is proud of it. Not that he feels that he has wasted the years between his first awareness of the sea, which his father began to teach him before he can remember. He maybe does have, hidden away, some sort of regret that he did not claim his heritage earlier, but he has been satisfyingly busy with other matters in the interim and this trip on the great-granddaughter of his father's Clippers has been one of the crowning things of his life.

His father was 51 years old when Mr. Latham was born 80 years ago. The father was a man of eager and inquiring enthusiasm. He was an able seaman, with a zeal for life. Otherwise he could not have survived a seizure of yellow fever in New Orleans, or the storms his Clipper met when rounding Cape Horn enroute to Oregon Territory long before there was any notion of gold in the valley of the Moon in California.

But men weary of the sea and Sailor Latham came home. He bought a farm on Pungo river five miles from the site of the unborn town of Belhaven. At sea he had carried with him books of many sorts and when he came ashore he had a fine theoretical acquaintance with the science of medicine and also the science of land-surveying. First he schooled himself and then he went to establish schools ashore until he was licensed not only to survey land—he was a licensed navigator already—but to practice medicine.

He farmed and he surveyed land and he administered physic and delivered babies.

Sons were born, two of them to his third wife and the first of them he named Frederick Phineas for no one in particular. Before the boy was five years old he had taught him to swim in the canal that traversed the farm and by the time he was six the boy had mastered the rudiments of managing a boat with sail on it. The elder Latham knew something about farming, too, but not more than enough to piece out the not too adequate medical and engineering income. He loved the sea. He loved water and wind and sun and these things he instilled into the not very husky boy.

And then, before the boy was 17 years old, the seaman died. He bequeathed to the boy the farm and his love of the sea. Making a living on a farm, in 1889 was a pretty grim business for a boy of 17. He was a grimly serious sort of boy, conscious of his responsibility to his widowed mother and his brother and sister. He farmed, somewhat grimly, for near a quarter of a century before he took time off to do some objective thinking about the business. He came up with an answer that has revolutionized farming in Tidewater, North Carolina, but that is not a part of this tale. It is getting confused enough as it is.

At about the time he stopped to do some objective thinking, possibly while sitting on the front porch of the house his father had built, and in which he still lives, Mr. Latham became aware of the See LATHAM, Page Eight

BEAUTY CONTEST WINNER TO BE AT LOST COLONY

Barbara Ann Harris of Salisbury, recently crowned "Miss North Carolina of 1952" at the Jaycee-sponsored Pageant of Beauty and Talent in Winston-Salem will be a guest performer in Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony on next Tuesday night, August 12. It will mark the second appearance of a famous beauty as a guest star this season in the first symphonic drama to initiate "Celebrity Nights." Colleen Kay Hutchins, Miss America of 1951, was guest star in the play on July 29.

Miss North Carolina is scheduled to arrive on the Dare Coast Sunday with her companion, Doris Huffines of Lenoir. They will stop at The Carolinian Hotel and on Monday evening she is expected to be one of the judges in the Lost Colony's annual Masquerade Ball, which is held each year by Lost Colony Company members and will be presented this year at the Dare County Shrine Club on Nags Head.

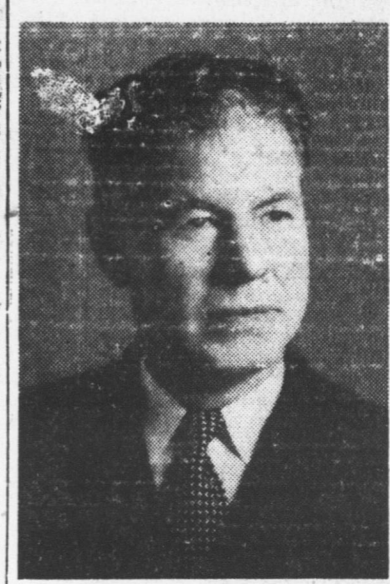
The beauty who won over a field of 38 entrants at Winston-Salem will be cast in the colorful fish net scene of the drama, playing the same role that in the past has been played by Miss America, Lu-long Ogburn "Miss North Carolina of 1951," Georgia Carroll and other widely known personalities.

Barbara Ann Harris is 22 years old and a resident of Salisbury. A graduate of WCUNC, she is five feet two inches tall, weighs 115 pounds, has a 34 inch bust, 24 inch waist and 34 inch hips. She wears her pale brown hair in a long bob, and has blue eyes and fair skin. In her talent competition, she played an operatic selection. She will represent North Carolina in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City next month.

NEW MANAGEMENT FOR SILVER LAKE INN

OCRACOKE.—Silver Lake Inn, located on the Lake Shore at Ocracoke, was reopened recently under new management, Cantwell and James Howard having leased the property from R. S. Wahab. The Howard brothers are natives of Ocracoke, sons of Mrs. Tessie Howard, who return to the Island after several years' residence in California. They plan to operate a restaurant, and will have available room space for about fourteen guests. It is their hope, too, to revive the old-time square dances with guitar and fiddle music for Wednesday and Saturday nights. Silver Lake Inn was originally the Odd Fellows Hall. During World War II it served as a club-house for the Navy Base. Since then it has been leased and operated by various private individuals.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR TO VISIT US MONDAY



George D. Colclough

The Rotary Club of Manteo Monday August 11 will be host to George D. Colclough, Governor of the 278th District of Rotary International, who is making his annual official visit to each of the 38 Rotary Clubs in District 278. He will confer with president Z. Vance Brinkley, Secretary Wally McCown and other local officers on Rotary administration and service activities. Mr. Colclough was a brief visitor also, Monday night of this week.

Mr. Colclough is Executive Secretary of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association and is a member of the Rotary Club of Burlington. He is one of the 207 District Governors who are supervising the activities of some 7,600 Rotary Clubs which have a membership of 360,000 business and professional executives in 83 countries and geographical regions throughout the world.

Wherever Rotary Clubs are located their activities are similar to those of the Rotary Club of Manteo because they are based on the same general objectives—developing better understanding and fellowship among business and professional men, promoting community-betterment undertakings, raising the standards of business and professions, and fostering the advancement of good will, understanding and peace among all the peoples of the World.

Each year, this world-wide service organization continues to grow in numbers and in strength. During the past fiscal year, for example, 219 new Rotary Clubs were See GOVERNOR, Page Four

BRAHMS REQUIEM WELL RECEIVED IN MANTEO

Appreciative Audience Hears Concert of Noble Music Monday Night

The rendition of the Brahms German Requiem Monday night by The Lost Colony Chorus, under the auspices of the Roanoke Island School of Fine Arts, was one of the most ambitious and best rendered musical programs ever to be presented in Manteo. The great choral masterpiece was conducted by Ralph Burrier, musical director for the Lost Colony, and head of the conducting department at the Westminster Choir College. Soloists were Helyne McLain, soprano, of the Lost Colony choir, who in the winter months is with the Fred Waring television show; and Paul Snyder, baritone, of the Lost Colony choir. Accompanists were James M. Hart and Frank Engle. Members of the chorus included all members of the regular Lost Colony choir, supplemented by others enrolled in the School of Fine Arts. The audience, while it did not overflow the school auditorium, was a most appreciative one. Another concert of a different nature is scheduled for a later date in August.

Following the concert, Miss Mollie Fearing was hostess to the chorus at her home in Manteo. Punch and sandwiches were served and an informal evening of fun was enjoyed.

LIBRARY HOURS CHANGED

Because more people nowadays seem to come to the Dare County Library in Manteo before ten in the morning than come between 5 and 6 in the afternoon, it has been decided to make the first change that has ever been made since the library began to run on full time 15 years ago.

Beginning Monday, August 11, library hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Sunday.

SLIPPERY ROAD NEAR MANTEO CAUSES DEATH

Sailor from Faraway Seattle, Killed When Car Skids Into Canal Saturday Night

The slippery and dangerous portion of US 158 between Manteo and the Roanoke Sound Bridge claimed the life of a sailor from Seattle, Washington Saturday night. Vernon C. Sanders, a Coast Guard stationed at Norfolk, was killed when the car driven by Modest Neal LeLievre, also of Norfolk, skidded on the slippery road and went into the canal at the side. It was rainy, and as usual, cars even at low speeds slip badly on the road.

The Dare Commissioners have made efforts to get the Highway Commission to relieve the dangerous state of the road.

Patrolman R. C. Holt, on going to the scene found the car under water, completely.

ROTARY GOVERNOR IS GUEST OF LOCAL CLUB

Former Associate of Henry Ford Speaker; Many Other Visitors

First hand anecdotes of the life and character of Henry Ford were told the Manteo Rotary Club Monday night by Woodrow McKay of Lexington, who for many years was an employe of Mr. Ford, and accompanied him on many of his travels. Mr. McKay is now secretary of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce.

He came to Manteo with Geo. D. Colclough, District President of Rotary, who also spoke. The club had a dozen other visitors, men from many towns who are vacationing at Nags Head.

The club discussed the efforts that are being made to get a doctor to locate at Manteo, and reviewed several prospects. This project has been discussed for about a year in conjunction with other local civic clubs.

BOY SCOUTS WORKING ON WATERMELON PARTY

The big watermelon party planned by Manteo Boy Scouts at their bathing beach at the Manteo Airport Monday evening, August 11 at 6:30 is going to be a big success, the scouts believe. They are out selling tickets this week. A one dollar ticket is good for an adult couple. Children's tickets cost 25 cents.

Wilford Wise, Scout master says arrangements have been made for an ample supply of melons. If any melons are left these will be sold at the end of the party and visitors will get an opportunity to take home a good melon at a bargain price.

The scouts are planning a program of some sort for the occasion. They hope to realize a good sum to help on their fund to build a scout home.

MRS. MARGARET MITCHELL

Funeral rites for Mrs. Margaret Ann Mitchell, 76, of New York City, who died at her home Saturday, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Shiloh Baptist Church by the Rev. J. Allen Wentz, assisted by Dr. J. Samuel Johnson. Burial was in the Old Trap Methodist Church cemetery. Mrs. Mitchell was a native of Camden County, but she had lived in New York for 21 years. She was the daughter of George and Lizzie Swindell, wife of Edmond Mitchell, and a member of the Methodist Church at Old Trap. Surviving are four sons, Chester Mitchell of Manteo, John Paul and Houston Mitchell, both of New York and Powell Mitchell of Trinidad; three daughters, Mrs. Walter Hetzel, Mrs. Lillie Burgess and Mrs. Beulah Uruatia, all of New York; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Linwood Pugh of Norfolk; a half-brother, George Swindell of Norfolk; two half-sisters, Mrs. Will Owens of Shiloh and Mrs. Blanch Mitchell of Old Trap.

Among those from Manteo attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Mitchell, Mrs. Cecil Walker and children, Carol and Lloyd; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Mitchell and daughter, Margaret; Mrs. James Cuthrell and daughter, Laura; and Fleetwood Mitchell, all of Manteo; Miss Florence Mitchell of Norfolk and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Mitchell of Portsmouth, Va., who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Mitchell.