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OUTER BANKS TO GET BAY RUM IN PLACE OF BEER

Bills Introduced to Dry Up Banks and Remove Bay Rum Restrictions Instead

Bills were introduced this week in the Legislature by Rep. Etheridge of Dare County which would enable the people of Hatteras Island to stop sale of beer and wine, but will thoughtfully take care of the old toppers, although at more cost, by removing the state restrictions on bay rum.

Somebody must be anxious to sell bay rum in Dare County, while it is restricted elsewhere in North Carolina. Bay rum has been a popular commodity in the bone dry places of the state, where people get soused on it, at greater cost than by legal means, even though it makes them meaner and messier.

The trouble about beer and wine seems that too large a percentage of those who sell it, think only of the profits. There doesn't seem to be any way to keep them in line, and because they continue to sell it so long as a customer can sit up at the counter, and reach for his pocketbook, it has become a sore subject with the public, and is invariably voted out recently, wherever a vote has been held in N. C.

The situation is somewhat graver on Hatteras Island where there is law enforcement but mighty seldom, and almost no punishment of offenders picked up. Some weeks ago, a petition was forwarded by the citizens, to the Dare commissioners, who passed it on to Rep. Etheridge requesting a law whereby a vote can be held to vote out beer and wine. Not even the classy hotels now being built on the island may then serve either to the profitable customers they expect to get.

But the old toppers and the irresponsible who now make a nuisance of sore concern to the people of the island, will not be stopped a bit. For they can get their bay rum, and perhaps lemon extract and Jamaica ginger, and of course of legging will be all the greater. The old toppers and rumheads will have to be taken care of, even though by methods that will be a greater nuisance than ever.

But in the good old Dare County style, when folks want to make a fool of themselves, they must do it in a big way.

BENJAMIN FULCHER, 70, DIES ON OCRACOKE

Benjamin Fulcher, 70, passed away at his home at Ocracoke on Monday, February 16th, following a second heart attack. He had been previously afflicted about two weeks ago while oystering out in Pamlico Sound. Mr. Fulcher was a life-long resident of Ocracoke, born there January 24, 1883. During his younger days he worked some on sailing vessels, but for the most part his whole life work has been that of an Ocracoke fisherman. His loss will be keenly felt by the older group here. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Church, serving as lay-leader from time to time, and always active in the work of the Church and Sunday School. He was a member of the Ocracoke Civic Club and interested in all phases of the Island's welfare. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie Simpson Fulcher, his daughter, Mrs. Mabel Gaskill, and his sisters Mrs. I. F. O'Neal and Mrs. Leonard Williams, all of Ocracoke. Funeral services were conducted at the home on Tuesday at two o'clock with Mr. Theodore R. Rondthaler officiating, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. Y. Steward. Burial was in the family graveyard.

LARGEMOUTH BASS IN NAGS HEAD AREA

Nags Head.—First large mouth bass catch of the 1953 season was made Friday by J. T. Cozart of Oxford, R.F.D. Cozart, who had come to the coast for the annual fox hunt, decided to try his luck fishing during balmy weather and his catch was a surprise to everyone who heard about it.

Casting with silver minnow lures and porkrind, the Oxford angler landed seven bass, the largest weighing more than three pounds. He was casting in the Colington fresh ponds with Henry Beasley as guide.

In addition to the catch made by Cozart, several reports of large mouth bass catches have been made in the lower Currituck Sound catches, according to reports, were made with live bait.

PETITION TO SEEK TO MAKE "DRY" ALL OF DARE COUNTY

A petition is now being prepared to urge an election to give the people of Dare County a chance to vote against the operation of ABC stores in this county, this newspaper is advised. This petition will ask that the powers contained in a bill for Hatteras Island prevent the sale of beer, be amended to include everything alcoholic and covering the whole county.

The petition, it is said, will set forth that the county is not getting a return commensurate with the loss to the county in morale and morals, and in finances as well. It will be forwarded direct to the Representative and will ask for his immediate presentation to the legislature. If action fails, the county board is alternately asked to call the election.

TRYOUTS FOR ISLANDERS TO BE MARCH 13

Roanoke Islanders seeking parts in the cast of Paul Green's symphonic drama *The Lost Colony* during the 1953 season will have an opportunity to try out for various roles on Friday evening, March 13, it was announced today by Dick Jordan, general manager of the drama. Statewide auditions for most of the major roles in the drama will be held on March 28 in Chapel Hill for *The Lost Colony*, Horn in the West and Unto These Hills.

More than 100 persons are in the cast of *The Lost Colony*, and many of the actors double or treble in parts. Of the total cast more than half are local actors. A few islanders are cast in principal roles, or are understudies for same.

Coming here to select island cast members will be Supervisory Director Samuel Selden of Chapel Hill and the drama's Director Clifford R. Britton of the Goldsboro High School. Arrangements have been made with local school authorities to have the tryouts in the local school gym. The statewide auditions in Chapel Hill will be held in Memorial Auditorium or the Playmakers Theatre if weather conditions are favorable.

Local persons expected to be in the cast again this year include Marjlene Midgette Thomas, only islander to ever become a member of *The Lost Colony* Chorus which is made up mostly of Westminster Choir members. She also doubles as a colonist woman in several scenes.

Carlyle Davis, Manteo high school senior, will again be cast as an Indian dancer and understudy for the sensational dancing medicine man Uppowoc. Mrs. Mary Mann Evans who has been a member of the cast of *Lost Colony* since its premiere in 1937, will again try out and get the role of a colonist woman. Mrs. Grace Davis, operator of a local guest house, will try out for the role of Agona, the Indian squaw lover of Old Tom Harris. Several children in the cast who have outgrown certain parts will be replaced by younger persons this year. "Local try outs here for islanders only," it was stated.

MISS HOOPER FEATURED IN GREENVILLE CONCERT

Greenville.—For their annual winter concert, the East Carolina Orchestra and the Varsity Glee Club of the college will present a varied program, including selections by three student soloists. The event will take place Sunday, February 22, at 4 p.m. in the Wright auditorium and is expected to attract a large audience from the campus, Greenville, nearby towns.

Marietta Hooper of Elizabeth City, and Dolores Matthews of Henderson, will appear as piano soloists with the orchestra. Both are pupils of Robert Carter of the college faculty. Miss Hooper will play the *Allegro Maestoso* movement from Mozart's *Concerto in C Minor, K 467*; and Miss Matthews, the *Allegro Con Brio* movement from Beethoven's *Concerto No. 3*.

The East Carolina Orchestra, which draws its talent from students and faculty members at the college and from musicians in Pitt County, will open the program with the grand march from *Aida* and will present other selections during the afternoon.

Miss Hooper, whose father was the late Sheriff Hooper of Stump Point and Elizabeth City, is a niece of Mrs. Claude Wise of Manteo, and has many relatives at Stump Point, her mother being the former Edith Meekins and a former teacher in Dare County schools.

KOREAN VETERAN IN INFANTRY IN JAPAN



WITH THE 1ST CAVALRY DIV. IN JAPAN.—Army Pvt. Manning R. Gray, son of Mrs. Kitty E. Gray, Salvo, Dare County, recently joined the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan. His father was the late Richard Gray of Salvo.

The 1st Cavalry is giving intensive field training to replacements on the Japanese Islands. The 1st spent 17 months in the combat zone before being rotated out of the line in December 1951.

World War II veterans will remember this same division landed in Lingayen Gulf on Luzon, Philippine Islands in early 1945 and raced south to help liberate Manila. American prisoners of war held at Santo Tomas University were freed by an advance column of the 1st Cavalry.

Private Gray, who entered the Army in November 1948, was stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., before transferring to the Far East, for his second tour of duty.

A veteran of 10 months in Korea with the 25th Infantry Division, he has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Korean and the United Nations Service Ribbons and the Army of Occupation Medal for service in Japan.

DARE EXPECTED TO BUY \$80,000 DEFENSE BONDS

Dare County has been assigned a U. S. Defense Bonds quota of \$80,640 for the year 1953. W. R. Pearce, county Defense Bonds chairman, announces. The overall county quota consists of \$53,520 in Series E bonds; \$14,280 in Series H bonds; and \$12,840 in Series J and K bonds combined.

The overall county quota is a proportionate part of North Carolina's quota of \$67,200,000.00, and a national quota of \$5,650,000,000.00.

The quotas which the U. S. Treasury has assigned the Defense Bonds division for 1953 represent a 40% increase over 1952 sales for the nation, and a 57% increase over 1952 sales for North Carolina. Principal C. I. S. O.

Chairman Pearce pointed out that, in effect, the sale nationally of \$5,650,000,000 in Defense Bonds during 1953 will not take a single dollar from bank deposits or the spending stream; it will only match the volume of redemptions of matured and unmatured Defense Bonds.

AIR FORCE TO INSTALL UNIT NEAR ENGELH'RD

Thirty Houses to Be Erected Near Tom Marshall Home By U. S. Air Force

Announcement has been made from the U. S. District Engineer office in Wilmington that the Army Air Force will soon erect an installation in Hyde County. This installation will consist of about 30 prefabricated houses, and will be equipped with electrical and utility units, and is of a highly specialized nature with advance equipment in the air force work.

It will not be an airfield, nor will it have runways for the landing of planes. Within the next few months, requests for bids will be made, and approximately 90 days will be required to complete the construction.

Only a small crew will be required to operate a unit of this type. Only a small area of land is occupied.

Agreements were made by the Air Force some months ago with T. B. Marshall, R. S. Spencer and other landowners in the Engelhard area for permission to take soil and water tests on farm lands owned by them. These agreements contain optional lease clauses expiring the 28th of this month. Announcement by the Government of plans to erect the installation indicate further contracts will be made.

HAYMAN CLAN TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL REUNION JULY 13

Wanchese Church to Be Scene of Annual Gathering of Noted N. C. Family

The Hayman Clan of North Carolina, through its president, Rev. L. D. Hayman of Carolina Beach, has announced plans and place for the 1953 annual gathering. The relatives and the friends of Wanchese have extended invitation to meet in that community for this year. The pastor of the Methodist Church, Rev. C. W. Guthrie, has notified the Rev. Mr. Hayman that his governing board and himself, most cordially tender the Methodist Church and the grounds for the occasion. The indoor meeting to be held in the church with appropriate devotional and other features. And the picnic dinner to be spread on tables near the church—as will be provided. Mr. Hayman has expressed the appreciation of his Clan to the pastor and the official board for the use of the church. Also, the president of the Clan has been invited to preach during the week end Sunday at one of the services in the Wanchese Methodist Church. This is the home church of the president of the Clan, known to everyone as just Louis Hayman in that community from boyhood.

Previous reunions have been held at Manns Harbor and Kitty Hawk. The date set is on Friday, July 17, 1953, beginning at ten a.m. with devotional, introductions, feature programs, and whatever business is necessary to be attended to. The dinner hour will invite everyone of the Haymans from all other sections, together with the friends from these sections, and especially those of the Wanchese community. The usual spread from baskets brought by those of the community and nearby neighborhoods will feature the noon-day hour. The afternoon will be for fellowship on the grounds, and an opportunity for kinsfolk and friend to renew acquaintances and talk over "old times" at will.

Later in the spring, other announcements will be made through the press and by other means of communication, giving due notice and invitation to all kin as far as possible to reach them, and also to the friends in general. Those from a distance are already looking forward to the occasion as a time to return to the old home surroundings and enjoy the day with relatives and friends.

The oldest living member of the Clan in North Carolina is Capt. Jeff Hayman of Wanchese, who will be 90 on June 1. He is a former sheriff of Dare County and for many years was custodian of Fort Raleigh, and has a wide circle of friends. Rev. Louis D. Hayman is a nephew of Capt. Jeff.

NEED STRESSED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL PORTS

Marine Council Told Plan Will Put State In Position to Compete With Florida

A meeting Wednesday of the North Carolina Coastal Marine Council, recently organized, was devoted to a hearing on the need for development of small ports and waterways. The water resources committee of the State Board of Conservation and Development met with the council, in Raleigh.

The council already had recommended an economic and engineering survey of inland ports and waterways, to work out a master plan for their development from the point of view of industrial, commercial fishing and recreational interests. The proposed survey would cost about \$47,000 and has received the approval of the State Board of Conservation and Development.

W. Axson Smith of Belhaven, chairman of the council, reported that Governor Umstead was enthusiastic over plans. Rep. R. Bruce Etheridge of Dare county said, "I know of no program that would be of greater benefit to the people of eastern North Carolina than the one you are proposing." C. H. Jenkins of Ahoskie predicted the program would put the state in a position to compete with Florida for tourist trade.

Among others stressing need for development of small ports and waterways were Rep. Russell Swindell of Hyde county, P. D. Midgett of Engelhard, O. L. Williams of Swan Quarter, D. W. Windley of Aurora, David Holton of Edenton, N. C. Magnuson of Wilmington, Sen. Paul E. Jones of Pitt county, George P. Arrington of New Bern, W. Aubrey Cave-nough of Warsaw, Roger W. Wolcott of Raleigh, Mrs. Alice Strickland of Carolina Beach, W. A. Garner of Shallotte, Sen. J. V. Whitfield of Pender, Forrest E. Jones of Elizabeth City, Oscar Breece of Fayetteville and W. T. Casper of Swansboro.

BUSINESS SURVEY UNDERWAY FOR DARE AND HYDE

The U. S. Census Bureau will begin a month-by-month survey of Dare and Hyde Counties retail business early in February, according to supervisor Ralph E. Pearey of the Bureau's district office at Norfolk.

Questionnaires will go to representative cross-section of stores whose operators will be asked to furnish sales data each month on a continuing basis. In addition, each month Census enumerators will visit an ever-changing group of local businesses in different sections of the area to obtain supplementary figures.

Sales data collected each month will be included with figures from 229 other areas of the country to provide national information on retail and service businesses.

The local survey will enable the Census Bureau to check the coverage of the forthcoming 1953 Census of Business and to include data in the 1953 Census for retail and service establishments which were started or went out of business during that year. It is also expected to provide more comprehensive current national retail sales figures, thereby improving the Bureau's program of monthly retail trade statistics which dates back to 1939.

Supervisor Pearey emphasized that, as is the case in all census operations, information furnished See SURVEY, Page Four

NEW DUCK ROAD GRADING COMPLETE

Duck.—The 3½ mile road between Southern Shores at Kitty Hawk and Duck has been graded and paving operations are scheduled to begin as soon as weather conditions are favorable. The Balenger Paving Company, builders of the Hatteras Island highway, will do the paving. When completed, there will be a paved road (with one inlet crossing) from this north Dare community to Hatteras almost 100 miles southward along the Outer Banks.

ANOTHER GUEST HOUSE RE-OPENS ON HATTERAS

Hatteras.—Another place converted into a guest home for tourists has been re-opened here in Hatteras village. It is the "Silent Night" tourist home and is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Burus. He is a veteran merchant of this village. The new tourist home includes breakfasts with its overnight lodging facilities.

GRAY HAired WOMAN HIKES FROM FLORIDA WITH THREE DOGS IN SEARCH FOR SON

Nags Head.—A search for one of her children, left with a relative when he was two years old, brought a gray haired little woman to the beach Wednesday night. With her were three shaggy dogs and a two-week old puppy she carried in a small imitation leather bag.

Stopping at Mrs. Mattie Midgette's store, she was given shelter and food for herself and the dogs. The next morning she resumed her search.

The woman, who said her name was Mrs. John Davis, said that her husband, dead seven years, was related to people in North Carolina. She had thought they lived in Dare County, but she was also sure that the house was on the edge of a town in farming country. Although she lived there for a time she could not remember the name of the town, but was sure she would recognize the house if she saw it.

The weary traveler, who has walked and hitchhiked from Miami, Fla., in four weeks, said she and the dogs would have slept on the beach rather than ask for help, but Wednesday night's weather was too cold for that.

In spite of the two coats she wore, Mrs. Davis was none too warmly clad and edged gratefully to a stove in the Midgette store to warm. The dogs dropped to the floor and were asleep almost instantly.

"They're tired," she explained. "You know, they must travel 10 miles for every one I walk."

Mrs. Davis' story was a little disconnected because, she said, she couldn't remember so many things. According to her account, she was born in Ohio, but she married Davis, who traveled with a circus, and she went along. For awhile they were with Ringling Brothers, and then with another circus, the name of which she couldn't remember. Her husband "had a band," she said, and she "did everything around a circus."

They had six children, but apparently traveling with little tots was too difficult and as each one became two or three years old she farmed them out to relatives or friends. The son she is seeking was two when she left him with an uncle. She has not heard from the child since he was a little fellow. He would be in his late 20's now. She can't remember the uncle's first name, though he was her husband's brother.

Mrs. Davis said she had another son who would be just about old enough to go into service. She does not plan to hunt for him, because she believes he either is in the armed service or soon will be. She told of finding a daughter in New Orleans, after leaving her many years with a friend. The friend had married and had children of her own, but had kept the Davis girl, who had been taught that her mother was dead. What became of the other three children is a bit hazy in Mrs. Davis' mind.

All these years she has thought that her husband's brother lived in Dare county, but none of it that she passed through, over Highways 264 and 158, seemed at all as she remembered the area.

"It was farming country. I'll recognize the house," she insisted.

Mrs. Davis, who says she is 52 but who looks considerably older, though she moves briskly, said she had come by way of Greenville and Washington, N. C. Although the police in almost every community have let her and the dogs spend a night "in the jailhouse," she said she had been unable to secure help from welfare departments, because she was a transient.

In Manteo, Wednesday, someone in the court house did look up real estate records for her. Property belonging to a J. J. Davis was found on Hatteras, but it was purchased after Mrs. Davis and her husband were married, whereas the house she seeks was in the family long before their marriage. For that reason she did not even consider going to Hatteras to check.

The little woman, who laughs and jokes in spite of her plight, said she spent Tuesday night in Manns Harbor, sleeping in a fishing boat. The next morning she crossed on the ferry and was all day getting from there to Nags Head. Three girls in a car, she said, gave her a ride part of the way.

When asked if she had eaten, she spoke vaguely of a sandwich "before dark." When hot vegetable soup, sandwiches and milk were put before her, she ate with a relish that suggested the sandwich might have been her diet for the day. Unable to eat all the food given her, Mrs. Davis said the rest

would make "a mighty good breakfast" and eagerly accepted the package wrapped in oil paper.

Three cans of dog food were provided for her companions. As she opened each can, she announced which dog was to get it. The others waited their turn. At her command, the half-staved dogs politely gulped their rations without letting a crumb fall off the paper to the floor. The only food they'd had that day was some "bare bones" in the morning.

One of the dogs is 10 years old and she has had him since he was a puppy. "He's been taking care of me all that time," Mrs. Davis declared.

When someone mentioned that she must have a lot of faith to start out on such a journey, with such an uncertain destiny, the woman said, "Yes, I know that God will take care of me. He's given me this dog to look after me."

A visitor at the beach from Norfolk, Va., who happened to be in the store when she told her story, slipped back later with a \$5 bill for her. As soon as she was given the money she wanted to use it to pay for her meal and bed for the night, but she was told to keep the cash for emergencies.

According to Mrs. Davis, she has kept house and done other work in Miami. Although she has no written recommendations with her, she is prepared to give names of former employers who could vouch for her. No one, however, along the entire weary way has been willing to check with her former employers or to take a chance on giving her work. On the other hand, she has met many kind people. At one house near Little Washington, she was invited into the house for Sunday dinner with the family and her dogs also were fed.

With the coming of morning, Mrs. Davis and the dogs headed north, still looking for that house she's sure she'll recognize and the son she's pretty sure she won't know when she finds him.

WOMAN HITCHES THROUGH HYDE CO. THIS WEEK

Travels With Three Dogs; Sleeps Out of Doors Part of Time

The sight of a strange woman with three dogs traveling along U. S. 264 through Belhaven, Hyde and Dare Counties this week met the eyes of many people. Mrs. Margaret Davis, 52 years old, has set out on a hitch-hiking tour from Florida to Washington, accompanied by her three dogs. Monday she was in Belhaven, and walked on toward Hyde County. At Swan Quarter she was given a place to stay by Miss Pearl Sadler of O'Neal's Hotel. She has no money and depends on charity, and stays nowhere unless her dogs can stay too. She therefore spent Tuesday out in the open in Calvin Beasley's boat at Manns Harbor. She wouldn't travel on the ferry at night, and she came to Manteo Wednesday morning. Thursday she was sitting along Nags Head beach with her dogs.

Axson Smith of Belhaven gave her a ride to Engelhard Tuesday, and Mrs. Helen Ward brought her to Manns Harbor. She had set out to walk the 27 miles of lonely road to Stumpy Point.

She claims she is looking for a son she deserted 25 years ago to follow circus life.

She left him and five other children—two boys and three girls—with families throughout the country during the years when she worked with circuses and carnivals.

"I liked show life better than family life in those days," said the graying woman.

She doesn't know where five of her children are, but knows the place where she left one son in Washington, D. C. when he was three years old.

"I remember the place and will know it if I see it," she told an officer who questioned her along the roadside on the Greenville-Washington highway a few days ago.

If she finds her son, she will live in Washington. If she doesn't, she will keep traveling.

She is trying to get in touch with John Davis of Washington because he was living there when he last wrote to her.

Origin of the story goes back to the very deep South; in fact from that famous resort, Miami, Fla. In Greenville, N. C., last week, according to the News & Observer, a deputy sheriff saw a strange sight. He found a gray-haired woman seated on the cold ground, See WOMAN, Page Four