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## BUXTON ANGLERS WIN NATIONWIDE FISHING NOTICE

### Dare County: Cape Hatteras Channel Bass Wins First Place in National Contest

Channel bass landed in the surf at Cape Hatteras during the past autumn won nationwide recognition in national fishing contests during 1952. Two Buxton anglers, E. P. White and B. R. Ballance, won first and third prizes in the Field and Stream contest which is the longest established of all fishing competition in America.

The 60-pound bass (or red drum as they are sometimes called) which White caught on Armistice Day about one half mile north of Cape Hatteras Lighthouse was 23 pounds short of the current world's record for this species and 15½ pounds less than a world record of long standing caught in the Cape Hatteras surf several years ago, but no where in America, along any coast was one caught during 1952 which would have topped this prize winner.

When notified Monday that he had won first place Mr. White gave some facts and figures about his fish. He was using mullet for bait on a 7/0 hook, 36-pound test Golden Dot nylon line, a Penn Squidder reel and Surfmaster rod. His fish measured 53½ inches from tip to tip and 30½ inches around the girth.

"Fishing conditions were not considered favorable on November 11 due to rain and a heavy surf, said Mr. White. "A party fishing in the rain during the morning sent word to the village that the fish were biting and I decided to go down and try my luck. It was a lucky day for me, because first prize alone is \$100 and I am told that the tackle manufacturers also give prizes for the first place fish."

Capt. Ballance stated that the fish he entered in the contest weighed 56½ pounds. It was landed from the surf at the Point of Cape Hatteras about two and a miles south of the location where White landed his first prize fish. The Ballance entry was made on November 8.

A 75½ channel bass landed by Ballance at Cape Hatteras before World War II was a world record for more than 10 years when it was topped by an 83-pounder landed by a youth from Maryland. Already here at Cape Hatteras some anglers have fished the surf this year but the only channel bass caught so far were taken in nets.

## NORFOLK ACACIA CLUB WILL BE AT WANCHESA MARCH 19

The Acacia Club of Norview Lodge No. 113, Norview, Va., will give a Masonic play at the Wanchesa Lodge Hall on the night of March 19, at 7:30. The name of the play will be "A Rose Upon the Altar." All masons are invited to be present. This is the third play that the Club has given at Wanchesa Lodge and each of them has been worth while. This will be confined strictly to members of the Masonic Order, since it will be based upon the working of the order.

It is hoped that there will be a goodly number of Masons present.

The visiting Club will be served a fish dinner at the Hall.

## MANTEO MAN AIDS IN NAVY TEST OPERATIONS

Norfolk, Va. (FHTNC)—Among the crew members aboard the new P5M Martin "Marlin" during test operations conducted off the Virginia Capes last month is William H. Midgett, aviation machinist's mate third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Midgett of Manteo, and husband of the former Miss Eunice M. Knight of Coinjock.

The plane was hoisted aboard a seaplane tender to make the first use of the ship's crane since it was modified to accommodate the flying boat.

The "Marlin" is attached to Patrol Squadron 44, stationed at the U. S. Naval Air Station here.

## MANTEO REBEKAHS

The Manteo Rebekah Lodge meets Monday, March 16, at 8 p. m. in the Town Hall. Final plans for the district meeting to be held in Elizabeth City, March 18, will be made and Mrs. Susan Ballowe, Noble Grand, urges all members to attend.

## CORRECTING AN ERROR IN STORY ON K. D. HILLS

Through the error of this newspaper last week a story about the incorporation of Kill Devil Hills which is now going through the legislature, it appeared to some that the new town would get a portion of the tax money paid into Dare County by the people of Kill Devil Hills.

This should have been made to read that it would get back its share of the taxes on intangibles and beer which are apportioned in Raleigh from the State of North Carolina each year to all counties and towns.

That it would get Dare County tax money is incorrect in that there would be no legal right to give it funds from the county treasury. It apparently would have the same right to a part of the county's income from the liquor stores as the town of Manteo, which now receives a large slice of this money.

We publish this explanation because Capt. W. H. Lewark of Kill Devil Hills says our misinterpretation has caused him some embarrassment, inasmuch as he is a member of the Board of County Commissioners, and also because he has been one of the prime movers in the incorporation plan.

The proposal to make an incorporated town of Kill Devil Hills seems to be meeting with general approval and it is believed by many citizens that it will aid the area to maintain its status as one of the finest residential areas on the entire coast.

## FIELD SECRETARY TO INSTRUCT PTA OFFICERS

### Musical Program To Be Given March 25 For Benefit School Piano

The Manteo Parent Teacher Association held its March meeting Tuesday afternoon in the school auditorium, Mrs. Raymond Wescott presiding. Mrs. Edward Wescott led the devotional. The theme for the month was "Peace."

It was announced that the April meeting will be held at night, in order that the men will be able to attend. At this time a sketch of the Grass-Roots opera, which is to be given soon in Manteo, will be presented.

Mrs. Roy Davis, Jr., read a letter of appreciation from Miss Bonnybel Evans, thanking the PTA and the community for "Bonnybel Evans" night. Mrs. Ward's Senior Class gave a sketch of the Senior play to be presented on March 27.

On March 25, Miss Blanche Haley, state field secretary of the PTA, will be in Manteo to instruct all officers. All PTA officers, both old and new, from throughout the county, are asked to be present at this time. The new Manteo officers are Mrs. John Ward, v-president; Mrs. Sophia Fulcher, sec'y; and Mrs. J.O. Basnight, treasurer. These, together with the nominating committee, have been appointed to select a president, which office is as yet unfilled.

Also on March 25, a musical program will be presented in the auditorium by grades one through five. A love offering will be taken, proceeds to be applied on the balance due on the new school piano.

## ACRES OF CHANNEL BASS DESTROY NYLON SHAD NETS

Frisco.—Channel bass, acres of them milling in the waters of Hatteras Bight this week, did considerable damage to commercial fishing nets, especially those made of nylon which had been set along the beach for shad.

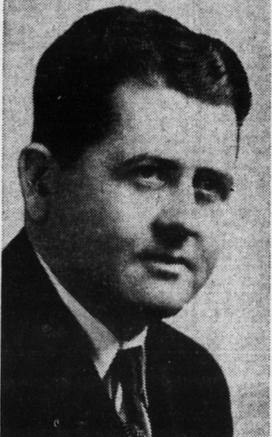
Archie E. Scarborough and John Wasili of Frisco declared they had never seen so many channel bass but instead of becoming entangled in the meshes of their nylon nets, the big fish went right through them resulting in considerable damage.

"We landed only six of the big fish," said Scarborough, "and there must have been hundreds or maybe thousands of them."

Channel bass were first reported off Hatteras about three weeks ago. Since that time when several were caught in trawl nets in 20 to 30 fathoms of water off Diamond Shoals commercial fishermen with pound nets in Pamlico Sound have caught several. The fish are running large and they have shown up earlier than in any previous season.

To date, no channel bass have been landed with rod and reel. Last year the first was taken with rod and reel at the Point of Cape Hatteras near Frisco on March 23 while the first taken at Oregon Inlet was landed April 5.

## AIDING OCRACOKE



REP. RUSSELL E. SWINDELL of Hyde County who joined with Ocracoke Islanders Monday night in making plans for the proposed ferry route across Pamlico Sound to Cedar Island in Carteret County. (See story).

## COAST GUARD AIDS APPLICANTS FOR NEW PORT SECURITY CARDS

NORFOLK, Va.—To cut down on time lost by Virginia and North Carolina commercial fishermen, longshoremen and other waterfront workers in applying for Coast Guard Port Security Identification Cards, the Coast Guard is planning to have mobile card application units visit seacoast areas in the two states, Rear Adm. Russell E. Wood, USCG, commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, announced today.

The plan will eliminate the need for card applicants to make oftentimes lengthy trips to regular card issuing offices.

Coast Guard group commanders at Chincoteague and Virginia Beach, Va., and Cape Hatteras, Morehead City and Southport, N. C., will provide assistance in filling out applications and arrange suitable dates for mobile teams to interview applicants at convenient locations within their areas.

Since the Coast Guard processing teams are expected to make only one visit to each community, persons not processed by the mobile units will have to apply in person at Captain of the Port offices in Norfolk, Va.; Baltimore, Md., or Wilmington, N. C.

For the past two years the Coast Guard has been issuing the cards to persons whose occupation requires them to visit waterfront properties which might be placed under guard and restricted by the Captain of the Port in the interest of safety or national security.

Rear Admiral Wood stated that the Coast Guard is currently accepting applications for port security cards from commercial fishermen, who in the course of their work, go in and out of bays, sounds, inlets and rivers which might stand the chance of being restricted.

The admiral cautioned that persons who may be required to possess port security cards should apply before restricted areas are established. A minimum of six weeks is required to complete investigation and issue a card.

Information concerning all phases of the port security identification card program can be secured at any Coast Guard lifeboat station on the Virginia and North Carolina coasts, group commanders' offices or at Captain of the Port offices in Norfolk and Newport News, Va.; Baltimore, Md., and Wilmington, N. C.

## CECIL KINSEY, COINJOCK NATIVE, DIES IN NORFOLK

Benjamin Cecil Kinsey, 46, husband of Mary Carter Kensey and son of the late Benjamin Cull and Alice Garrenton Kinsey, died at a Norfolk hospital Sunday at 3:30 a.m. Besides his wife, he is survived by three sisters, Miss Mary E. Kinsey of Coinjock, Miss Isabelle N. Kinsey of Baltimore, and Mrs. Earle W. Walker of Norfolk, and two brothers, Dr. R. E. Kinsey of Peekskill, N. Y., and Dr. B. H. Kinsey of Washington, N. C. Mr. Kinsey was a native of Coinjock, and had been a resident of Portlock for five years, residing at 1301 Earle Avenue. He was a member of the Coinjock Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted at the Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home Tuesday at 3 p.m. Burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk.

## OCRACOKE RESIDENTS WANT LONGER OYSTER SEASON FOR TONGERS

On Ocracoke Island this week Representative Russell Swindell of Hyde met with local citizens to discuss the extension of the oyster season for one month—especially for oystermen who gather the bivalves with tongs.

Members of Ocracoke Civic Club went on record as wanting a longer season and their representative promised his immediate help by asking for the longer season. At present no commercial tonging is permitted after March 1. Under the new plan the tonging season would be extended until April 1. R. Stanley Wahab had appealed to the Department of Conservation and Development earlier this month on behalf of the oystermen, for an extension of the season.

## OV'R HALF OF OCRACOKE VALUE OWNED BY JONES

Testifying before a committee in Raleigh this week, Atty. George T. Davis of Swan Quarter, representing Sam Jones of Norfolk who is fighting the establishment of the Seashore Park stated, according to the News & Observer that Mr. Jones' clubhouse on Ocracoke is worth up to \$70,000.

If that be true, then Hyde County is losing a lot of taxes that Mr. Jones ought to pay, for the total property valuation on Ocracoke Island last year, which including everybody's property, amounted to only \$124,371.

It might be most interesting to see how Mr. Jones lists his valuation on his Green Island Clubhouse, which is the only building in the park area, compares with the statement of his lawyer.

It is interesting always, to see what extremes men of character will go to, to oppose something which is for the public benefit, but may keep them out of a little personal profit.

Mr. Jones' new home now being built in the village outside the park boundaries will cost another \$70,000. So his two properties are worth more than the whole of Ocracoke Island on the Hyde County tax books.

## OVER-FORTY TALENT SHOW BRINGS GOOD AUDIENCE

The Over-Forty talent show put on Saturday evening in the Manteo school auditorium, and sponsored by the Manteo PTA, brought a good audience, and a total of \$74.50 was cleared, to be applied on the balance due on the school piano recently purchased as a gesture of appreciation to Miss Bonnybel Evans, beloved retired Manteo primary teacher.

Among those appearing on the evening's program were Mr. and Mrs. Brownley Etheridge, Mrs. Etheridge playing the piano and Mr. Etheridge playing the harmonica and singing; Mrs. E. R. Wescott, who sang "Love's Old Sweet Song" and "Auld Lang Syne"; Mrs. Rennie Williamson, who did a piano monologue; Walter Gaskill, who danced an old-fashioned Clog dance, accompanied by Brownley Etheridge with his harmonica; Mrs. Lucetta Willis, who read "Hagar"; Mrs. Cora Mae Basnight, who performed at the piano dressed as "Skinny of the Twenties"; Mrs. Luther Mann, who delighted the audience with her ragtime at the piano; Mrs. Edna Bell, who gave a reading "Mammy-Higher Culture in Dixie"; Mrs. Mary Mann Evans and Edward Wescott, who did a skit as "Maggie and Jiggs".

Robert Ballance acted as master of ceremonies, and as a surprise introduced Miss Pinkie Perry of Catfish Corner, who sang several popular numbers, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Rennie Williamson. The grand finale found all participants on the stage singing "The Church in the Wildwood." Assisting with this were John Dameron O'Neal and Roland Sawyer.

## CHOWAN COLLEGE SINGERS IN MANTEO SATURDAY NIGHT

The Chowan College Glee Club of Murfreesboro, N. C. will present a concert in the Manteo school auditorium Saturday evening, March 14, at eight o'clock. A small admission will be charged. The 22-voice group is directed by Mrs. Rose G. Pool, and the accompanist is Miss Virginia MacQueen. Miss Addie Mae Cooke, dean of women at the college, will accompany the group to Manteo. On Sunday morning the young people will sing at the Manteo Baptist Church.

## BOOSTING THE BOOSTER

Boost your city, boost your friend;  
Boost the church that you attend;  
Boost the street on which you're dwelling;  
Boost the goods that you are selling.  
Boost the people 'round about you,  
They can get along without you.  
But success will quicker find them  
If they know that you're behind them.  
Boost for every forward movement;  
Boost for every new improvement;  
Boost the man for whom you labor;  
Boost the stranger and the neighbor.  
Cease to be a chronic knocker;  
Cease to be a progress blocker;  
If you'd make your city better  
Boost it to the final letter.

## BEALE PLANS FOR OPENING OF BEACH SHOP

### Men's, Women's Sportswear to Be Carried By New Business in Kill Devil Hills Area

Kill Devil Hills—Following an extensive remodeling job on his building, E. L. Beale expects to open the Beach Mart for business March 21.

He will handle men's and women's sportswear, gifts and cosmetics and will have a florist shop in the building.

For two years Mr. Beale used the building for a drive-in restaurant, known as Cruise Inn. This winter he added a wing on each side the actagonal building, built an apartment on the second floor and put windows in the front openings which formerly were merely screened.

The central part of the building will be used for display of gift items, cosmetics and flowers. This will be finished with a color scheme of gray and yellow.

The right wing will be devoted to women's sportswear, the left wing to men's sportswear, with a small workroom at the rear of the men's section for the florist's workroom. A shoe department and dressing rooms will occupy a space at the rear of the center room.

The new wings are finished with cypress paneling, with bamboo trim. Built-in fixtures also have bamboo trim. Bamboo shades will be used at the windows.

Mrs. Vivian Ryder will operate the women's sportswear department. Mr. Beale will be in charge of the men's wear and he is also the florist. The apartment on the second floor will be occupied by Mr. Beale, a former resident of Franklin, Va., who said he expected to be a year around resident of Kill Devil Hills now.

## LAKES CREATED ON DARE BEACHES

Kill Devil Hills — The fresh ponds of Nags Head, some of which are said to be "bottomless" have long been considered one of the natural wonders of this area. The "ponds" or the deepest ones are in Nags Head, Kitty Hawk and Duck woods. One of the largest natural lakes is on the open beach and it is planned to use the water from it as a source of supply when certain utilities are established here by the recently created Sanitary District of the area.

In addition to the natural lakes and ponds, a chain of small pools have been created in recent years on the Southern Shores region. Frank Stick, managing director of Southern Shores, stated as the lakes were being dredged that they would serve several purposes, mainly drainage and pest control, but also as swimming pools and fishing spots.

Following the Southern Shores experiment other real estate developments of the area are creating lakes by dredging in low beach areas. One of the largest of these man-made lakes is now nearing completion at Kill Devil Hills. B. M. Hedrick is the man who is having the lake created.

## MANTEO BAPTISTS TO HOLD REVIVAL WEEK OF MARCH 22

Revival services will begin at the Manteo Baptist Church March 22 and continue through March 29, with services at 7:30 each evening and on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning at 10, in the recently completed church auditorium. The evangelist for these services will be the Rev. Herman T. Dilday, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of South Mills, and the Moyock Baptist Church. The music for the services will be under the direction of Larry E. Skinner, former choir director of the Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, and at present director of music of the Manteo Baptist Church.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. Henry V. Napier, states that the public is invited to attend all services of this revival, including the fellowship supper to be held in the church dining room on March 28 in place of an evening service for that day. At this supper Mr. Dilday will bring a brief message and the rest of the time will be devoted to fellowship and testimony.

## MANTEO SENIOR PLAY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 27

The Senior Class of Manteo High School recently began rehearsing John Van Druten's two-act play, "I Remember Mama," which they will present in the school auditorium on March 27, 1953.

This dramatic production was adapted from Kathryn Forbes' Book, "Mama's Bank Account," and contains 23 speaking parts, 5 of which are leads. The play offers many opportunities for the talented Seniors, who are tackling it with a fervent spirit and a determination to raise it to its highest peak of perfection.

## OCRACOKE ISLAND FERRY TO CARTERET COUNTY IS SUBJECT OF BIG RALLY

### Meeting Monday Night Setting Up Plans to Establish A Real "Ocean Highway," Would Put Auto Ferry In Service to Carteret County and Across Hatteras Inlet.

By AYCOCK BROWN  
Ocracoke. — Ocracoke Islanders are deeply interested in the proposed road and ferry projects which would result in connecting highways now terminating in Dare at Hatteras and in Carteret at Atlantic or Cedar Island by state built and maintained land and water routes.

Representative Russell Swindell of Hyde County meeting with islanders and visiting chamber of commerce and tourist bureau officials here on Monday night promised his full support to the project declaring that he would introduce a bill in the General Assembly, if this would help bring the road and ferry into realization or that he would accompany any committees from Ocracoke and the coast on visits to see the Governor or representatives of the highway commission about the proposals.

Morehead City's Chamber of Commerce Manager Joseph DuBois who has been leading the movement for a highway on Ocracoke with connecting ferries across Hatteras Inlet and from the island to the Carteret mainland presented the proposal to half a hundred or more residents of the village. He described the route from Hatteras to Carteret as a "missing link" in what is destined to become America's first real ocean highway, a coastal route which would make it possible for tourists to see North Carolina's share of the Atlantic Ocean for almost all of the 300 miles between Virginia and South Carolina.

Dan Walker of Beaufort chamber of commerce outlined the advantages of a highway which would bring more tourists to the coast, "Because," he declared, "those tourists will leave dollars here at Ocracoke and in every coastal community through which they visit or pass."

DuBois was introduced by Ephraim Esham, president of the Ocracoke Civic Club. In his introduction Esham explained that proposals for building a highway on the island with connecting ferries had been discussed previously by the group of Civic Club members and that Ocracoke favored the project 100 percent. He expressed appreciation on behalf of the club for the interest that was being created in other areas of the coast for the project and by state and federal officials.

A large map of coastal Carolina showing the so called "Ocean Highway" leading southward from Norfolk via Elizabeth City, Edenton, New Bern and Wilmington, and the coastal highways now in existence from Kitty Hawk southward to Hatteras and from Cedar Island southward along the Carteret peninsula was displayed by DuBois. Dotted lines where the proposed roads and ferries would be established extended between Hatteras and the Carteret mainland on the map in contrast to the inland route.

"We all have one aim in view," said DuBois, "and that is to eliminate the missing link between Hatteras and the Carteret mainland." In his modification of "we" DuBois explained that coastal interests from Wilmington to Manteo were definitely in favor of the route. The feasibility of visiting the Governor at an early date to discuss the road was approved and at that time it is expected that each of the coastal representatives of the General Assembly will be present.

Other off-islanders attending the meeting at Ocracoke included Sheriff Charles Cahoon and Dick O'Neal of the Hyde County mainland, Aycock Brown of Dare County Tourist Bureau and Jerry Shumaker, noted photographer of Morehead City. The gathering was one of the regular meetings of the Ocracoke Civic Club. Held in the local schoolhouse, a tasty oyster stew was served the guests present.

## BAKE SALE SATURDAY

A bake sale, featuring pies, cakes, cookies and other tempting home-made food items, will be held each Saturday morning by the Manteo Woman's Club, proceeds to go into the club's scholarship fund. The sales are being held at Pearing's, Inc., where members of the club will be present to take care of all customers.