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## TOURIST BUREAU CONDEMNS RAPE OF COASTLAND

### Andals From Outside Carrying Away Plants, Shrubs and Marine Relics With Impunity

Dare County Tourist Bureau directors at their spring meeting in Hatteras Wednesday went on record as opposing the wholesale removal of sand and wind sculptured driftwood and semi-tropical flowers and vegetation from this historic coastland.

"Our citizens must be made to realize they are losing a precious and valuable heritage when outsiders come into the county and haul driftwood away to metropolitan areas for resale at tremendous profits by the truckloads," said Chairman L. L. Swain. "Likewise we hope our coastal folks will begin to realize immediately that when the florist or tourist comes here to dig up or take away our semi-tropical plants, shrubs and flowers, that they are losing something which will never be returned and a God-given natural beauty which has long given the Dare coast a distinction that is envied by other sections of the country."

Present at the meeting in addition to Chairman Swain were Secretary-Treasurer W. H. McCown, Lost Colony Manager Dick Jordan, Vice-Chairman M. L. Burus and Dan Q. Oden, Asa Gray, B. M. Hedrick, Asa Gray and Bureau Manager Aycock Brown. County Commissioner James Scarborough, W. S. Gibson and W. W. Edwards were also present.

The group went on record to lead a movement to prohibit the trucking away of driftwood and the taking of flowers and other native shrubbery from its native setting here. They will enlist the aid of home demonstration, women's and garden clubs and if necessary seek legislation that will prohibit the practice which has increased so much in recent months, especially since the new all-paved oceanic roads have been completed. It is believed that property owners from which driftwood and plants are removed will give their cooperation when they discover that the driftwoodsmen and plant vandals are hauling away valuable property, items which bring big money on city markets.

The directors voted to express through resolution via the Board of County Commissioners their appreciation to the State Highway and Public Works Commission for highway construction now completed or proposed in the county. Likewise, the resolution will contain an appeal to the State authorities to provide detours which will not endanger the automobiles of tourists at sections of the new all-paved Outer Banks highway which soon will be re-worked to completion between Nags Head and Rodanthe by the Ballinger Paving Company.

Treasurer McCown's financial report and minutes of the executive committee meetings were approved by the board. The financial report showed that only \$600 in pledges were lacking to complete the current year's budget of \$14,000, with several firms unsolicited to date as prospects for raising the deficit.

A summary of publicity, public relations and routine activities of the Tourist Bureau during the past quarter ending March 1 was given by bureau manager Brown. The group had lunch at the Atlantic View Hotel following the meeting which was held in the hostelry's new restaurant scheduled to be opened on or about April 1.

## METHODIST MASS MEETING AT WANCHESE SUN. NIGHT

The Methodists of Wanchese, Kitty Hawk and Manteo are holding a general mass meeting of their membership at Wanchese Methodist Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, March 22. The purpose of the meeting is to provide inspiration and information in support of the United Evangelistic Mission which will be held the week of April 19. Every interested person is invited to attend. The entire Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist church which covers six states is conducting this evangelistic program. Teams of visiting laymen will engage in evangelistic visitation during the week of preaching in April.

## TURKEY DINNER THURSDAY

A turkey dinner will be served next Thursday, March 26, in the educational building of the Manteo Methodist Church, by the Daughters of Wesley Sunday School class. A nominal charge will be made. The public is invited to attend. Hours will be from 5:30 until 7:30.

## PARK SERVICE GETS FERRYBOAT FOR DARE INLET

### Navy Landing Craft Located When Interior Department Comes to Rescues

Although the State Highway forces have been trying for a year to relieve the acute traffic situation at Oregon Inlet, and apparently got nowhere, maybe because they didn't try much, the National Park Service in a few weeks has been able to get for the State a Navy landing craft to be converted into a 22-car ferry.

The vessel will be used for ferry purposes at Oregon Inlet at the entrance of the National Seashore Park, Rep. Herbert C. Bonner announced this week.

Two small State-owned ferries served the inlet but have proven inadequate. The influx of tourists already created by Park Service advertising and the new road make it imperative that added ferry facilities be obtained for conveyance across the inlet.

A group of State Highway officials with Bonner sought the assistance of the National Park Service in securing a surplus Navy vessel for this type of ferry service. Conrad Wirth, director of the NPS, was greatly interested from the standpoint of making the park more accessible to tourists, Bonner said.

The Park Service submitted a request to the Navy for an inter-service transfer of property for this use. The Navy, in turn, located a surplus LCU-type vessel, which will be remodeled for ferry service.

The cost to the state will be small, Bonner said. The Park Service stipulated that the ferry be toll free. The two state-owned ferries, also toll free, will continue in operation.

## DEAN HUDSON BAND TO PLAY FOR DANCE

Nags Head.—Straight from the Statler hotel in New York City, Dean Hudson and his orchestra, with a floor show, will be at the Casino Saturday night, March 28. This will be the Casino's Easter dance.

This name band plays at the Blue Room in New Orleans, at Las Vegas, Chicago and many other of the larger hotels and night clubs throughout the nation.

## PENNSYLVANIAN TO GIVE PRIZE FOR BIG FISH

Donald C. Todd of Pittsburgh, who recently became interested in the Waves-Rodanthe area, announced this week that he would give a \$50 cash prize to the person catching the largest fish with rod and reel between Rodanthe and Salvo. The contest is now open and will continue until December 31 when the prize will be awarded.

Rules of the contest require that all fish entered in the contest must be weighed and measured at a weighing station in Asa Gray's store at Waves. Absolute proof that the fish entered in the contest was taken with rod and reel between the LCT wreck at Rodanthe and the old iron wreckage abreast of Salvo must be given at the time fish is entered, it was stated by Asa Gray, who will be chief judge on the contest.

## FIRST STRIPERS TAKEN SATURDAY IN CROATAN

First striped bass of the season were landed in Croatan Sound near Blockade Shoal last Saturday. Walter L. Etheridge hooked and landed two 5-pounders and three smaller specimens while trolling with home-made bucktails he had made from rooster feathers.

On Sunday morning, Claude Etheridge of Roanoke Island and Norfolk trolling in the same area reeled in a 12-pounder. In addition to the big fish he caught, he displayed an old Civil War shell, a relic of the Battle of Roanoke Island, which he found along the shore.

Reports of channel bass being caught in nets continued to come in from Hatteras, but so far none have been reported landed with rod and reel.

## ATTEND LIONS MEETING IN ELIZABETH CITY

The Manteo Lions Club was represented last Friday night in Elizabeth City, when Lions from the district met there for ladies night, by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fry and Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Parker. Mrs. Clay Ferebee, soprano, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Stillwell, was soloist for the occasion, and the Elizabeth City Lions presented a humorous skit.

## TWO GRAND OLD FOLKS OF ENGELHARD



JOHN O. GIBBS



MRS. ALICE THOMPSON

CAPT. JOHN O. GIBBS is a familiar figure in Engelhard, where for more than 90 years he has observed life come and go. Hyde County is noted for its great number of people older than 90 years, and Mr. Gibbs is one of the best loved ones. He usually strolls about the community, staying in whichever store keeps open latest at night, and telling tales and listening to others. The picture is by his grand-daughter, Mrs. Jennie Tillett of Manns Harbor, on a recent visit to his son, Herman in that community. Mr. Gibbs was 91 years old on February 21. Beside Herman Gibbs of Manns Harbor, his children are: Walter Gibbs of Seven Springs; Israel of Engelhard; Emmett of Norfolk; Mrs. Eure Swindell of Bath; and Mrs. Dennis Selby of Engelhard. A half-brother, Edward Gibbs, lives in Beaufort County.

Mrs. Thompson who will be 93 in August is also a frequent visitor at Manns Harbor, at the home of her son, Robbie Thompson. She and Mr. Gibbs are great friends.

## CAROLINIAN HOTEL IS NOW IMPROVED AND RE-OPENED

### New Buildings to Be Completed in May Adds 24 Rooms; Enlarged Dining Room

Nags Head.—After being closed all winter, a remodeled and redecorated Carolinian hotel opened Thursday of this week. Four guest cottages, still in the process of construction, will be completed and ready for use by the time the vacation season officially opens, May 31.

Thursday's opening was accomplished without fuss or fanfare. "After all," explained Mrs. Lucille Purser, "we had our big opening six years ago."

This year's guests at the Carolinian will find two additions for their convenience. One is a solarium, the other a dining room for private parties. The solarium, or sun room, off the lobby on the ocean side, is the answer to the bridge players' prayer. Here they can have their tables set up and play out of the confusion of the lobby traffic, and with a view of the ocean.

Where the bridge tables formerly stood in the lobby, "gossip" corners have been established. Each of these consists of a small table and two cozy little chairs, unusual in that they have backs on two sides, at right angles.

Following the popularity of beach driftwood, the old dining room has been rechristened the Driftwood room. Bracket lamps pierce decorative scraps of driftwood; unusual formations of driftwood (one looks exactly like a Kansas jackrabbit) provide wall decorations and photomurals are used on one wall. Even the draperies have a driftwood pattern.

Modern foldovers separate the Driftwood room from the Dogwood room, as the new dining area is called. Here, where indirect lighting is used, a dogwood pattern has been painted on a wide cornice that encircles the room. The theme is also carried out in draperies and china.

Handmade pine furniture, following the plan throughout the hotel, is used in the new dining room, ladderback chairs and round tables being the main items. This room will accommodate 100 diners easily, but for banquets as many as 150 can be seated. To save steps and confusion, this room has a direct connection with the kitchen.

Already the new dining room has been signed up for a number of banquets, including that of the Cosmopolitans, whose convention will be April 23-24; the Veterans of Foreign Wars, due on the beach June 5 and 6; the accountants' branch of North Carolina REA cooperatives, June 13-15; the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters, June 18-19; the North Carolina Association of Concrete Masonry, June 27-28; the East Carolina Jesters, the fun section of the Shriners, July 2-4; the North Carolina Association of R. E. A. Managers, Aug. 18-19, and the North Carolina Association of Public Health Workers, Sept. 9 and 10.

## WELFARE HEAD SETS OUT PROGRAM

Applicants for public assistance are considered and approved by the county welfare board as a basis for receiving aid to the aged, aid to dependent children, or aid to the permanently and totally disabled, according to an announcement by Mrs. Goldie H. Meekins, Superintendent of Public Welfare. The board, which meets monthly, approves all changes or terminations in aid given recipients of public assistance.

Through the department staff the board also renders a variety of non-financial services to people in all walks of life. Arranging for adoption placements of children, and aid in planning for suitable boarding-home care for the aged, as well as children, are examples of these non-financial services.

Members of the county welfare board advise the superintendent of public welfare on all aspects of the program, including the handling of any serious problem cases. It also acts in an advisory capacity to county and municipal authorities in developing policies and plans for dealing with problems of dependency, better social conditions, and cooperation for the rehabilitation of people in need. The board members, with their public viewpoint and responsibility, are charged with interpretation of the welfare activities to the county.

The State Board of Public Welfare consults with county welfare boards regarding all major policy changes and program developments before they are undertaken. It looks to the county welfare boards for guidance in preventive and rehabilitative services to help people help themselves.

## KOREAN CLOTHES DRIVE

A drive for clothing for Korean relief is being put on this week by the MYF of the Manteo Methodist Church. All clothing to be donated should be left in the Ladies' Parlor in the church's educational building before Saturday. If someone who cannot take articles to the church would like to make a donation, he or she can call telephone 62-J, and the clothing will be picked up.

## FIRST REBEKAH DISTRICT HOLDS 71ST SESSION

### Mrs. Olive Cahoon of Swan Quarter, State President, Brings Message

The 71st session of the First Rebekah District Assembly convened in Elizabeth City Wednesday, March 18, with Mrs. Lessie Davis, district president, presiding.

Mrs. Anita Jessen and Mrs. Bernice Cannady introduced the following district officers, who in turn were presented corsages: president, Mrs. Lessie Davis, Manteo; vice-president, Mrs. Lessie Meads, Elizabeth City; musician, Mary Louise Chappell, Elizabeth City; warden, Mrs. Etta Peele, Manteo; secretary, Mrs. Nellie Owens, Elizabeth City; treasurer, Mrs. Margarette White, Manteo; chaplain, Mrs. Mary Bonner, Swan Quarter; past district president, Mrs. Evelyn Sawyer, Elizabeth City; R. S. warden, Mrs. Mildred O'Neal, Manteo; L. S. warden, Mrs. Donie Brickhouse, Elizabeth City; guardian, Mrs. Peggy Armstrong, Elizabeth City; Mrs. Hilda Credle, Swan Quarter; color bearers, Mrs. Bina Brickhouse and Mrs. Susie Crank, Elizabeth City.

Visiting officers were Mrs. Olive Cahoon, state president; Mrs. Mae Jennings, state treasurer and past state president; Mrs. Louise O'Neal, past state president; and Mrs. Katherine Kennedy, district deputy president. Mrs. Cahoon, in her address, spoke of the aims, purposes, projects and standards of the order.

Mrs. Salina Midgette was presented a pin for the code work. Mrs. Katharine Kennedy will receive a jewel for her service as a district deputy president.

A beautiful memorial service was held in memory of the late Mrs. Rosa Drinkwater of Manteo, Mrs. Julia Whitehurst and Mrs. Florence Smith of Elizabeth City. Mrs. Estelle Temple was recommended for the office of incoming district deputy president.

New officers were elected and installed as follows: president, Mrs. Lessie Meads, Elizabeth City; vice-president, Mrs. Rosalee Hodges, Swan Quarter; secretary, Mrs. Nellie Owens, Elizabeth City; treasurer, Mrs. Anne Basnight, Manteo; warden, Mrs. Mary Bonner, Swan Quarter; conductor, Virginia Warren, Elizabeth City; marshal, Mrs. Peggy Armstrong, Elizabeth City; R. S. warden, Mrs. Inger Lewis, Manteo; L. S. warden, Mrs. Katie Cahoon, Swan Quarter; inside guardian, Mrs. Anita Jessen, Manteo; outside guardian, Mrs. Hilda Credle, Swan Quarter; musician, Mrs. Louise Chappell, Elizabeth City; chaplain, Mrs. Sue Ballowe, Manteo.

65 members attended the meeting, and were served a beautiful buffet luncheon by the Elizabeth City Lodge No. 62. The fall meeting will be held in Manteo.

Among those attending from Manteo were Mrs. R. B. Lennon, Mrs. L. D. Tarkington, Mrs. J. D. O'Neal, Mrs. W. W. Ballowe, Mrs. Vernon Davis, Mrs. Salina Midgette, Mrs. Viola Peele, Mrs. S. G. Basnight, Mrs. Ella Cox, Mrs. Cora Gray, Mrs. Margarette White, Mrs. R. E. White, Mrs. Crendon Midgett, Mrs. Katherine Kennedy, Mrs. Dell Saunders, Mrs. Ray Lewis, Mrs. Lillie Daniels, Mrs. Mildred Holton, Mrs. Anita Jessen, Miss Belle Midgette, Mrs. Etta See REBEKAHS, Page Eight

## COVERED DISH SUPPER

A covered dish supper was enjoyed last Thursday evening in the educational building of the Manteo Methodist Church, by members of the young married couples' Sunday School class. President Adrian O. Ayers acted as master of ceremonies.

## MANTEO TO PUT UP CANDIDATES MONDAY, APR. 6

Monday evening, April 6 is the day announced for the citizens meeting in Manteo to nominate officers for the coming year. This ticket will include candidates for Mayor and three aldermen.

The election will be held in May. At the present time the town board consists of Martin Kellogg, Jr., Mayor; G. T. Westcott, Sam Midgett and M. L. Daniels, Jr., aldermen.

An issue in the coming campaign seems to be shaping up in the demand for a board which will take up the matter of electric light franchise, with a view to getting more favorable electric rates.

## CLUB'S ACTION ADVANCES GYM STEP NEARER

### Will Seek Authority to Vote on Bond Issue for Pro- posed Improvement

Kitty Hawk.—This community is one step nearer having a gymnasium and community building as the result of a recent meeting of the Civic club. After a general discussion of the need for such a building, a committee was named to investigate what action will be required. Allen Tillett, Hallett Perry, David Stick and B. M. Hedrick were named on the committee.

It is possible that special legislation will be required to permit the school district to vote on a bond proposal. This is one of the points the committee is to check. If this is necessary, a petition will be circulated asking the legislature to pass such a bill.

Although the gymnasium project has not yet reached the stage of plans and specifications, it is understood that if a bond issue is passed, the building will be financed over a 20-year period.

Another item of business discussed was the awarding, for the second year, of good citizenship recognition to a boy and girl in high school. Their names will be placed on a plaque in the library, added to the names of last year's winners, Phyllis Sawyer and Linwood Beasley.

A Civic club committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. David Stick, Joseph Perry and Mrs. Edgar Perry will be assisted by the teachers of the upper grades, R. B. Cobb, Miss Alyce Sumrell and William Miller, in making the 1953 selections. Although grades are considered, other items which go to make up good citizenship are involved. The winners will not be announced until commencement exercises in May.

After the club's business session, refreshments were served, including soft drinks and doughnuts which Mrs. Mattie Richley made.

As this meeting was held a week late, the next session will also be in March.

## TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL HAS GOOD ATTENDANCE

The Church School teachers and officers of Mount Olivet Methodist Church, Manteo, enjoyed a covered dish supper last Friday evening in the church's educational building. Rev. Frank B. Dinwiddie, pastor of the Roanoke Island and Nags Head Baptist churches, was guest speaker. A duet was sung by Misses Pat Baum and Carol Ann Allen. A round table discussion of problems confronting the group in their work was held.

Plans were made for the teacher training school, which was held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week. Approximately 75 church workers attended the sessions, at which Dr. David Bradley, professor of religion at Duke University, was chief instructor. He was assisted by Mrs. D. L. Fouts of Plymouth, instructor of the youth division; and Mrs. B. E. Slaughter of Durham, instructor in the children's division. Those in attendance were from the Manteo, Wanchese, Kitty Hawk and Manns Harbor churches.

## HATTERAS BOY SOON TO GO OVERSEAS

Al/c Steve Burrus, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Burrus of Hatteras, will leave Camp Stoneman, Cal., early in April for duty in the Far East. Young Burrus was inducted into service in Nov., 1950, graduated from gunnery school at Lowry Air Force Base, Col., and flight engineering at Langley Air Force Base, Va. He will serve as gunner-engineer on a B-26, until 55 missions are completed, before being in line for rotation to the States.

## TAVERN OWNER FIRES SHOTGUN INTO McCLEESE

### Young Negro in Portsmouth Hospital After Trouble With Lloyd Meekins

Jerry Bell McCleese, young Negro man of Manteo, is in a Portsmouth, Va., hospital, seriously wounded by a blast from a shotgun wielded Tuesday night by Lloyd Meekins, colored tavern operator.

Trouble appears to have developed because Meekins had denied his premises to McCleese and his friends because he had been making trouble in the tavern.

He said McCleese and some of his friends attacked him and exhibited blood and bruises to prove it. He said he was determined they would not beat him up.

Law officers of Dare have thought so little of the affair that no arrest has been made. McCleese's mother, Mrs. Cora McCleese, said her son is in a critical condition.

## HYDE SUPERINTENDENT VISITS OCRACOKE

### PTA Contributes Liberally To School Needs

Ocracoke.—N. W. Shelton, superintendent of Hyde County schools, visited the Ocracoke Island School this week, and attended the March meeting of the P.T.A. on Monday night. He expressed his appreciation and admiration of the work of the Ocracoke P.T.A. group.

Mrs. Janice Taylor, president, called for reports, which were read by acting secretary, Mrs. Lucile Garrish, and treasurer, Mrs. Doris Ballance. The treasurer reported approximately \$190 in the treasury, after expenditures during the past month of approximately \$60 for venetian blinds for the school library, and \$35 for a track for the recreation hall stage curtain, and other minor disbursements for library and movie needs. Mrs. Selma Spencer explained that several of the boys were giving their recreation period time to paint the interior of the school building, starting with the 9th and 10th grade room.

The P.T.A. voted to buy more paint brushes, duplicating carbon for the office, pingpong balls and bats for the recreation hall, and a book for the elementary grades. It was voted, too, to sponsor a community square dance in the recreation hall on Friday, March 28. The meeting date for April was postponed one week to Monday, April 27 in view of the plans of the Methodist church for a week of special services beginning April 19 with a visiting evangelist.

A special part of the program was group singing of several familiar songs, "Mother MacChree," "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," "My Wild Irish Rose," "Where the River Shannon Flowers," and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wahab, "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen." The hostesses, Mrs. Murray Tolson, Mrs. Wallace Spencer, Mrs. Eph Esham, Mrs. Wahab Howard and Mrs. Harvey Wahab served lime-pineapple sherbet and cookies to the 35 members present. At the close of the meeting Mr. Rondthaler, principal, showed the movie, "Pantry Magic."

## OCRACOKE CIVIC CLUB PLANS NEW CEMETERY

At the March meeting of the Ocracoke Civic Club, in addition to discussion of the proposed extension of North Carolina's Coastline Highway to include Ocracoke Island, the group took up several local matters of interest. President Eph Esham reported that good progress was being made in securing land for a community cemetery, that a survey had been made, and a map drawn, and that material was now in legal hands for final disposition. In the past, burial has been in individual family graveyards on high spots of land to avoid storm flooding. The need now exists for a large, central cemetery area.

President Esham reported that the committee on publicity—Junius Austin, Elmo Fulcher, and Wallace Spencer had secured ads for a circular which would be made up and ready for mailing shortly. Five new members were enrolled, Thurman Styron, Mace Garrish, R. S. Wahab, Murray F. Spencer, and Jim Williams.

Cooks Claude Farrow, Wahab Howard, Bill Garrish, Kelly O'Neal and Harry O'Neal served a delicious oyster stew dinner which members and out-of-town guests greatly enjoyed.

### THE BOY WE WANT

A boy that is truthful and honest  
And faithful and willing to work;  
But we have not a place that we care to disgrace  
With a boy that is ready to shirk.

Wanted—a boy you can tie to,  
A boy that is trusty and true,  
A boy that is good to old people,  
And kind to the little ones too.

A boy that is nice to the home folks,  
And pleasant to sister and brother,  
A boy who will try when things go awry  
To be helpful to father and mother.

These are the boys we depend on—  
Our hope for the future, and then  
Grave problems of state and the world's work  
await  
Such boys when they grow to be men.

—Anon