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## DARE CHURCHES JOIN BIG RALLY OF METHODISTS

United Evangelistic Mission to Begin for Week on April 19th

The Methodist Churches of Virginia and eastern North Carolina are preparing for a great simultaneous United Evangelistic Mission April 19-26. About 800 visiting pastors from surrounding states will assist the 800 ministers of the area in preaching and visitation evangelism crusades in the nearly 1500 Methodist churches.

The Methodist churches of Dare County will cooperate in this unprecedented endeavor, according to an announcement by Rev. H. R. Ashmore, Manteo pastor. Local church committees have been working for many weeks. Prayer groups have been formed. Lists of unchurched persons have been compiled.

The opening highlight of the Mission will be the great Youth Rally on Saturday night, April 18, to be held at the First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City. Speaker for the Rally will be the Rev. LeGrand Moody of Wore Shoals, S. C. More than 1,500 youth and sponsors are expected to attend.

A second feature will be the training school in evangelism for pastors to be held at City Rd. Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, and Plymouth Methodist Church, beginning April 17. Outstanding pastors from S. C. and Md. will speak on the new techniques of evangelism for our day.

Perhaps the most dramatic and significant feature of the crusade will be the "walking revival", conducted by hundreds of teams of laymen throughout the two-state area. These laymen will be trained in visitation evangelism and go out in teams of two to interview non-church families concerning their relationship to Christ and the church.

Bishop Paul Neff Garber of Richmond is general chairman of the mission. Rev. Eugene Golay Nashville, Tennessee, is executive director. Dr. F. S. Love, district superintendent, is heading up the crusade in the Elizabeth City district churches.

General theme for the simultaneous evangelistic endeavor is: "You Need Christ Now!!"

## OHIOANS BOAT 14 BASS IN HATTERAS INLET

Then Commercial Fisherman Catches 100 in Nets from Same Area

By AYCOCK BROWN  
Hatteras.—Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Whorton and their three sons went fishing with rod and reel in Hatteras Inlet on Monday and landed 14 beautiful channel bass ranging in weight from 35 to 43 pounds each. On the same day and in the same area Capt. Albert Austin, fishing with nets, landed approximately 100 of the same species.

The Whortons came all the way from Mansfield, Ohio, to spend an Easter vacation here at Hatteras and to fish for channel bass. They made their catch while casting from the cruiser Coko with Capt. Bill Foster as skipper. Feather lures cast from the drifting boat as it sailed into the vast schools of channel bass resulted in the catches. The total of 14 was the largest catch in number of fish taken by any single boat party along the Dare coast this year. (At Oregon Inlet on Saturday a party of North Carolina anglers trolling with Capt. Kermit Godsey aboard the charter boat Wilbur G, had landed 13 channel bass ranging from 30 to 43 pounds).

The large schools of channel bass have been in the vicinity of the inlet here for the past several days, but Monday was the first time anglers had been able to connect with them using rod and reel.

## RALEIGH ANGLER LANDS 4-POUND F. W. BASS

Kitty Hawk.—R. E. Dunn, a Raleigh angler fishing for large mouth bass here, landed a 4-pounder, largest of this species reported from local waters so far this season.

B. C. Bidgood and Charles W. Bidgood of West Hartford, Connecticut, using flyrods, returned with one large mouth following a day in Kitty Hawk Bay guided by Capt. Lee Perry. That was on Friday. They returned to the same waters and with the same fly-tackle on Saturday but no reports of what they caught had been turned in as this was written.

## NOMINATED FOR MAYOR; SAME TOWN BOARD



MARTIN KELLOGG, Jr., who was nominated in the town meeting on April 6, for a fourth term as mayor of Manteo. Other candidates offered were the incumbent board, Sam Midgett, G. T. Westcott and M. L. Daniels, Jr.

## QUEEN ELIZABETH FIRST TO SIGN L. C. CONTRACT

Lillian Prince Again to Portray Queen in Symphonic Drama; Others of Cast Returning

Lillian Prince of Chapel Hill who has played the role of Queen Elizabeth in Paul Green's symphonic drama, The Lost Colony, for the past six years, was the first principle to sign a contract for the new 1953 season which is scheduled to begin in Waterside Theatre here on June 27, with performances each night (except Mondays) through September 6.

General Manager R. E. Jordan announced that since "Queen Elizabeth's" contract arrived several other principles of the drama, now America's longest-lived outdoor production, had sent in their contracts.

Among the old timers coming back to play principle roles in the 13th season's production are Andrew and Barbara Griffith, who play Sir Walter Raleigh and Eleanor Dare. Robert Armstrong, male lead of the show, who has been play writing in New York since last season, will return to play John Borden. Fred Young of Chapel Hill who made a sensational hit in the drama last year as "Old Tom" Harris, the tragi-comic fool and philosopher, will play that part again this season. George Spence of Elizabeth City will be cast as Simon Fernandez, the treacherous Spanish pilot who caused the colonists and various expeditions sent out by Sir Walter Raleigh to the New World considerable trouble, will play that role again this year.

Frank Groseclose of Chapel Hill returns to The Lost Colony this year to be the historian, a role for which he received high praise from critics, in 1951. He was not with the show last year but in 1951, one of the outstanding personalities of stage and screen who highly praised Groseclose was Charles Laughton, the eminent British-born actor.

When Charles Laughton saw Lost Colony in 1951, he expressed a wish to Director Samuel Selden that someday he would like to come back and be guest historian for a performance or two. He has been invited to make a guest appearance in the role during the 1953 season.

## DIRECTOR ROBERT BYRD OF GRASS ROOTS OPERA



ROBERT BYRD, director of the Grass Roots Opera which is coming to Manteo on Friday night, April 10, at which time the famous comic opera "Don Pasquale" will be presented.

## BEAUTY CONTEST FOR MISS DARE SATURDAY NIGHT

Tom Thumb Wedding and Dick Jordan on Program at Manteo School Auditorium

Beauties from every community in Dare County have indicated they would enter the Lions Club-sponsored pageant of beauty here on Saturday night and each will be seeking the title "Miss Dare of '53." The lucky girl will represent Dare in the annual Albemarle Potato Festival during late May and if she is winner in that now nationally known event, a one week's cruise to Nassau and Cuba will be part of her prizes.

The beauty contest at the Manteo schoolhouse on Saturday night will be only one of three highly featured attractions. Prior to the contest there will be a Tom Thumb wedding with local little ones participating and music for the evening will be provided by Dick Jordan, of WTAR-TV fame as a pianist and singer, who is currently general manager of Paul Green's symphonic drama, The Lost Colony. The beauties, from Duck and Kitty Hawk to Frisco and Hatteras, will appear in evening clothes. Judges will be non-residents of Dare County who have never seen any of the competing girls. Names of all the entrants in the contests, their home communities and their sponsors will be published in a forthcoming edition of this paper.

Winner of the contest here will immediately receive a Lions trophy, but the greater winnings will go to the person who is chosen as queen of the annual festival next month in Elizabeth City. Last year Agnes Fulcher of Buxton as Miss Dare County won second place in the Elizabeth City event. Later in the year another Hatteras Island girl, Winona Peele of Hatteras village, won the "Miss Outer Banks" title at the celebration marking the opening of the Hatteras highway.

Tom Thumb Wedding  
The Tom Thumb wedding will feature Mary Charles White as the bride and Jan Oneto as the bridegroom. Mary Charles is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erving White of Manteo, and young Oneto is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Oneto of Nags Head.

Others taking part in the affair will be: best man, Johnny Watts; maid of honor, Linda King; mother of the bride, Mary Lib Earle; father of the bride, Ronnie Payne; mother of the bridegroom, Diane Saunders; father of the bridegroom, Marshall Smith, Jr.; ushers, Charles Douglas Evans, Allan Olds, Johnny Podolski, Benny O'Neal, Lawrence Gray, Jr., and Donald Ray Payne; bridesmaids, Nancy Pearl Midgett, Jackie Smith, Janice Etheridge, Holly Simpson, Barbara Wescott, and Sarah Wynn Tillet; soloists, Eddie Brown and Claudia Long; ring-bearer, Pete Warren; preacher, See CONTEST, Page Four

## HEARING ON PETITION FOR BEACH BANK SERVICE

About 35 people attended the meeting this week at Nags Head held by State Banking Commissioner W. W. Jones of Raleigh to hear the request of the Bank of Manteo for permission to open a teller's window at Nags Head. Many of those present expressed the desire and need for the requested banking facilities for the beach.

The matter in turn must be heard by the commission in Raleigh on April 22, and then the proposition goes before federal banking authorities. It is the plan, if the request is approved, to erect a building on the beach for the bank's purposes, W. R. Pearce, cashier, said this week.

The bank was represented by its directors and with the approval of all the stockholders of the bank.

## PARKERSON HOTEL REOPENS

The Parkerson Hotel at Nags Head opens April 11, thus beginning its 18th consecutive season. The entire interior has been completely redecorated during the winter months but the same home-like atmosphere that has afforded thousands with the perfect vacation spot, still remains.

Of course, Mrs. R. B. Ireland, the owner, will be on hand as usual to see that the dining room service is as superb as it has always been in the past.

The fact that more reservations and inquiries have been made than usual for this time of year, seems to indicate a very good season. Mrs. Ireland's husband, Capt. R. B. Ireland, has given up his real estate business in Norfolk, Va., to be with his wife for the summer season.

## SAILS THIS WEEK FOR A TOUR OF EUROPE



MRS. MARVIN ROGERS of Manteo, who is sailing today out of New York on the liner United States for several weeks' trip to Europe as the guest of her son, Lieut. Aubrey Rogers, USA. She will visit France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria and probably England, returning home in about six weeks.

## COUNTY BOARD ASKS SURF RIDING BAN

Other Speed Questions Brought Up; Beach Garbage Contract Let

The Dare Commissioners Tuesday served notice on law enforcement officers in Dare County to prosecute persons who drive along the surfside in the prohibited area of the Dare County beaches. It is against the law because of the danger to bathers and others on the thickly congested beaches, but the careless, the nit-wits and daredevils keep it up to show off and to frighten people, but the law officers never do anything about it.

The board also asked a 35-mile limit at the intersection of the old Duck road on No. 158; they asked that the road from this point be hard surfaced to the Kitty Hawk Baptist Church, and that a quarter mile of road at Avon be surfaced, along with several other minor projects.

H. W. Culpepper of Nags Head bid \$10,000 for removal of garbage on the beach this season, and O. Burrus of Manteo, \$9,500, and was awarded the contract. There were no other bidders.

The board declined the Park Service offer of \$50,000 for the county; 650 acres of land on Bodie Island. The jury list for May Superior Court was drawn.

## ANGLING FOR CHANNEL BASS PARTY CATCHES F. ALBACORE

Hatteras.—First Gulf Stream fish of the season, three false Albacore, were landed in the Bight of Cape Hatteras on Sunday, and the catch was made well inside the normal western limits of the warm blue water. Furthermore, the anglers were not fishing for Gulf Stream species, they were after channel bass, according to Capt. Ernal Foster, game fishing guide and skipper of the Albatross fleet of three vessels bearing that name.

"We sailed through acres of channel bass," said Foster, "but my party failed to get a strike, trolling or casting with feather jibs." After failing to make a connection with the fish in the vicinity of Hatteras Inlet, the Albatross moved into deeper water and the three false albacore were taken on the feather lures trailing in the wake of the cruiser. The albacore, first taken in Hatteras waters this year, weighed about 12 pounds each.

## MISSIONARY AND BAPTIST PASTOR TO CONDUCT ROANOKE ID. REVIVAL



REV. ROBERT I. BROWN, left, and REV. F. A. CUTHRIEL, right, who will be guest speakers at the Roanoke Island Baptist Church revival, which will begin Friday, April 10.

## REVIVAL SERVICES AT ROANOKE ID. BAPTIST CHURCH

British Missionary, Baptist Pastor to Conduct Meeting Beginning April 10

Rev. Robert I. Brown, British missionary to the Moslems of North Africa, and Rev. F. A. Cuthriel, pastor of Berea Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, will be the speakers for the spring revival services at the Roanoke Island Baptist Church. According to Rev. Frank B. Dinwiddie, pastor of the local church, the meeting will begin Friday night at 8 o'clock, April 10, and will continue at the same hour each night through Friday, April 17. There will be a special additional service Sunday morning, April 12, at 11 o'clock, at which time Mr. Brown, who will be speaking on the two evenings previous, will bring his last message.

Mr. Brown will illustrate his messages with the motion picture "Counterattack in North Africa", and with some color slides of North Africa and its people and customs. He will also draw upon a rich store of adventure, thrills and hardships which he has experienced in the course of his labors, including threats upon his life by the native Africans, and the unique saga of his capture and imprisonment by the Germans during World War II. His experiences in the Nazi concentration camps will shortly be the subject of a book he plans to publish, and will also prove to be an outstanding thrill to hear as he will recount them with his delightful British humor and accent.

Mr. Brown graduated from the All Nations Bible College of London, after which he went to Tunis in 1938 for Arabic studies. When the Germans occupied Tunis in 1942, they arrested him on suspicion of espionage, and removed him to Italy and later to Germany, where he escaped from one of the best-guarded Nazi strongholds, but was later recaptured. He not only maintained his Christian faith and testimony through those trying years, but showed his mettle by studying for and (after his release) successfully passing the International Bar Association examination of London University.

After the war he married and returned to Tunis, where in collaboration with a converted Moslem, Khalbous, he produced a translation of Matthew's Gospel in the Tunisian colloquial dialect. In 1950 he and Mrs. Brown realized an ambition of many years—that of re-occupying Kairouan, the "holy" city of North Africa, where no male missionary had resided since 1933.

Mr. Brown is currently engaged in deputation work in the United States on behalf of the North Africa Mission. He plans soon to return to his labors among the Mohammedan peoples of the Dark Continent.

Mr. Cuthriel will preach from Monday night through Friday night. He will be accompanied by his wife, who is a talented vocalist and who will assist in the music. Mr. and Mrs. Cuthriel graduated from Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C., in 1948. He accepted the call to become pastor of the Berea Baptist Church, later resigning temporarily in order to take two years of post-graduate work at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. During this period Mrs. Cuthriel attended the Southern Baptist School of Church Music and the Woman's Missionary Union Training School at Louisville. They have been back at the Berea church since June of 1952.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

## CHANNEL BASS RUN BROUGHT BAMBOO FOREST TO CAPE

By AYCOCK BROWN

Cape Hatteras.—When the big run of big channel bass hit the surf here on Easter week end a "bamboo forest" was created by dozens of anglers from several states who had been waiting for the copper fighters to arrive. Thirty three fish were landed on Saturday night and Sunday and the largest was 52 1/2-pounder landed by Amelia Ballance of Buxton, home for the week end from DePaul Hospital in Norfolk where she is a member of the nursing staff.

LaFayette Midgett, retired coastguardsman who spends most of his time surfcasting or guiding surfcasters now, landed the first in the surf at the Point of Cape Hatteras on Friday, a 36.5-pounder. It was one of the smallest of the species taken from then on through Sunday night. Most of the fish ranged from 40 pounds up.

Cut bait, salt or fresh mullet, and menhaden was used to attract the fish. Miss Ballance had her hook baited with a hunk of menhaden when the biggest of the week end was beached. She was using 30-pound test Ashaway Record Line, the same she used last year at Waves when another channel bass she landed, weighing 53 1/2-pounds became the International Game Fish Association's all-tackle record.

Miss Ballance caught her big fish on Saturday night. On Sunday the largest one taken was landed by her dad, Capt. B. R. Ballance, retired coast guard lieutenant, who caught one scaling at 51 1/2 pounds. It was Captain Ballance who landed the 75 1/2 pounder in the surf at Cape Hatteras several seasons ago which became the world's record for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gandee of Winston-Salem, fishing with La-

Fayette Midgett as guide, accounted for eight of the total take on Saturday and Sunday. Their largest was a 45-pounder and none scaled at less than 40 pounds, according to Midgett.

Raymond Bassett, another Buxton angler, guiding a Mr. and Mrs. Twine of Virginia Beach at the Point on Sunday, landed four bass weighing 45-pounds or more. On Saturday night Bassett, who once made history here by landing four jumbo striped bass in the surf with rod and reel, accounted for four channel bass on Saturday night. (That striped catch he made was history because few anglers have ever been able to get them to take lures or bait in the Dare coast surf.)

Scotty Gibson of Atlantic View Hotel, Hatteras, stated that one of his guests, Jack C. Mundine of Elizabeth City, landed a channel bass on Sunday at Cape Point.

George Fuller, operator of Cape Hatteras Cottage Court here, stated that anglers from a half dozen states, some from as far west as Ohio, shared in the week end catches or helped create the "bamboo forest" of fishing poles and rods at the Point of Cape Hatteras on the week end.

## Point Road Completed

A lucky break for Point of Cape Hatteras anglers is the completion of the new all-paved spur road which branches from the Hatteras highway and extends for two miles via Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and paralleling the ocean surf to a large paved parking area at the Point.

"It means that anglers can now drive without danger of getting stuck in the sand, direct to the fish-famous Point of Cape Hatteras where Diamond Shoals originates to extend 12 miles southward to the edge of the Gulf Stream," said Fuller.

## SCHEME FOR PRIVATE TOLL BRIDGE SCORED

To the Editor:  
In communications from the Albemarle section and from Raleigh I am told that a bill will soon be offered in the General Assembly to permit a privately owned toll bridge to be constructed across Croatan Sound between Roanoke Island and Manns Harbor. This is the same proposition that was declared to be unconstitutional by a unanimous vote of the Supreme Court in the recent case of Carolina-Virginia Coastal Highway vs. Coastal Turnpike Authority in a strong opinion written by Justice Johnson. A perusal of the record in this case is indeed most revealing. This scheme has been concocted in the hope of selling bonds for the construction of a toll road on the beach in Currituck County for a private land speculation owned by a non-resident. The bridge would be over 40 miles distant from the proposed private toll road, and the intervening territory is already served by State highway. The bridge itself has no more relation to the private land speculation than it has to the man in the moon, and is a mere makeweight for the toll road. Yet North Carolina is asked to give exclusive right for such a private bridge over a great body of water over which it is now operating free ferry service.

The House of Representatives on Monday unanimously passed a bill which would permit a state-owned toll bridge across Croatan Sound. If toll bridges are to again become vogue in North Carolina, they should be state owned. As one who labored long and hard with the citizens of that section to free it from privately owned toll bridges, See SCHEME, Page Four

## BABY CONTEST SPONSORED BY MANTEO P-TA

Mrs. Lawrence Swain Elected President; Walter Perry of Education Board Speaks

A baby contest is being sponsored by the Manteo Parent-Teacher Association, and entries are now being received by Mrs. Ralph Davis and Mrs. Elmer R. (Elizabeth) Midgett. Each merchant in Manteo and Wanchese is asked to sponsor a baby, age from nine months to three years. A number of firms have already selected the babies they wish to sponsor. Others wishing to participate may do so by contacting either Mrs. Davis or Mrs. Midgett. All entries must be in by 10 o'clock Saturday morning, April 11.

The large crowd which attended the PTA meeting Tuesday night in the school auditorium heard Walter Perry of the Dare County Board of Education speak on the United Forces for Education. Mrs. R. L. Everette of Edenton, who was introduced by Mrs. Julian Oneto, explained the routine of the baby contest. Mrs. Rennie Williamson made a talk on "Don Pasquale", the Grass Roots opera which is being presented in Manteo Friday evening, April 10, under the sponsorship of the Parent-Teacher Association.

The final item on the evening's program was a group of songs by the second and third grades taught by Mrs. W. R. Pearce. Mrs. Pearce in a short talk expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Raymond Wescott, who some time ago volunteered her services to help with the music in these grades, and who accompanied the little folk as they sang.

Mrs. Lawrence Swain was elected president, to succeed Mrs. Raymond Wescott, outgoing president. Refreshments were served in the school lunch room by the high school mothers.

## DOGWOODS WILL SOON BE IN THEIR FULL GLORY

The dogwood season, which is each year one of the most beautiful seasons in Dare County and which each year brings many tourists to the region, is well underway. The trees, which outline the sandhills of Roanoke Island with their graceful flowering branches, are already white and ready to burst into full bloom. They should be in full flower by the week end, if good weather prevails. The woods at Nags Head, Kitty Hawk, Duck and Buxton are also ready to burst into a brilliant snowy white. Visitors will find the sight well worth coming to see.

## STRIPERS RUNNING IN ROANOKE SOUND

Manteo.—Striped bass which the local anglers call rockfish, have been plentiful in Roanoke Sound near the Manteo-Nags Head bridge recently. Best catch by a single angler was made on Saturday morning.

Ivy Evans of Manteo, trolling with bucktail lures, immediately south of the bridge and near Dykes Fishing Center, landed 19. The fish weighed up to three pounds each. Earlier in the week Evans and his grandson fishing the same waters, caught 12 stripers.

## BOOKMOBILE SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY IN DARE

Dare County bookmobile service, due to unavoidable circumstances, will be temporarily suspended after April 15. It will be resumed at the earliest possible moment, according to library authorities.