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BONNER'S CONTINUED EFFORTS FOR HATTERAS BREAKWATER WINS ENGINEERS' APPROVAL

Project Costing \$175,000 For Protection of Hatteras Harbor Gets Green Light of Army Engineers; Proposal For Deeper Water From Harbor to Inlet Disapproved at This Time.

The continued effort of public spirited citizens of Hatteras for protection of a breakwater for protection of shipping at the Harbor, has gone a long way, with the help of Congressman Herbert Bonner again working for the interests of the people. Along with the fighters for this project have been Maurice Burrus, Dan Oden and other citizens, working for several years. Dispatches from Washington, D. C., advise that a plan to provide breakwaters at the entrance to Rollinson Channel at Hatteras, has been approved by the United States Army Engineers. Rep. Herbert C. Bonner's office has announced.

The project will cost the federal government an estimated \$175,000 for construction and \$1,750 annually for additional maintenance, Bonner said.

In approving the plan, the engineers stipulated that local interests should "(1) furnish, free of cost to the United States, all lands, easements, and rights-of-way necessary for the breakwaters and for subsequent maintenance when and as required; and (2) agree to hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction and maintenance of the breakwaters."

The engineers' report approving the project is the result of a request made by the House Committee on Public Works in May, 1947, that reports on Rollinson Channel be reviewed with a view to determining the advisability of providing breakwaters at the entrance to harbor at Hatteras.

The Army Engineers turned in a proposal to construct a channel from Hatteras Inlet to Hatteras Harbor on the grounds that while such a project "would result in saving of transit time for locally-based vessels fishing in the Atlantic Ocean . . . The benefits therefrom would not warrant the required expenditures."

The cost of constructing the proposed channel was estimated at \$273,000 with annual charges of \$27,120. A request that this project be reviewed was authorized by the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors in June, 1945.

SPORTSFISHING UP TO PAR IN DARE WATERS

Nags Head.—Everything from bluefish to black bass and from barracuda to blue marlin have been landed in Dare coastal waters during the past six weeks. The first sailfish of the season were landed during the past week by anglers fishing in Gulf Stream waters off Hatteras and the first white marlin taken off Oregon Inlet this year was brought in by Jack Holt of Pulaski, Va., on the week end.

Previously two other white marlin had been landed by anglers aboard charter boats operating from Hatteras on the Outer Banks. Dolphin have been more plentiful this summer than in the history of Gulf Stream fishing along the Dare coast. As a matter of fact so many of the fast swimming and colorful fishes have been taken that many anglers going offshore now are making it a practice to release their fish and are bringing only a few into port.

Amberjack have been caught in great numbers but they do not seem to be as numerous as in some recent years. Barracuda, mackerel, false albacore, and bonita have been in the offshore catches.

One of the outstanding catches from the surf during the past week was the landing of a 30-pound channel bass by Mrs. D. W. Tutterow of North Wilkesboro. She was casting with very light tackle and was using a small hook baited with shrimp when the big fish struck her lure. "I just gave him plenty of line and let the fish wear itself out before beginning to reel it in," said Mrs. Tutterow. "Otherwise I would never have been able to land the fish."

Pier fishing at Nags Head has been up to par recently and good catches of bottom and surface fish have been made in the sounds and at Oregon Inlet during the past week.

SCENES FROM THE LOST COLONY



THE LOST COLONY opened in Waterside Theatre on Saturday, June 27, to retell the story of English-speaking America's beginning in the Scenes from the drama are shown here. In upper left Eleanor Dare, New World, the 16th Century Virginia which was to become America. dies Virginia, named in honor of the new land, and the first child of English parentage born in the New World. Upper right, the drama's choreographer, who plays the role of Uppowoc, is shown in one of his sensational Indian medicine man dances. In lower left, the first Queen Elizabeth who named the land Virginia, receives from Sir Walter Raleigh, some tobacco from the New World as two Indians stand by and in the lower right, Old Tom Harris is featured in the tavern scene of the drama which adds comedy to an otherwise serious and historical play. (Photo by Aycock Brown)

CELEBRATION LONG TO BE REMEMBERED MARKS 200TH ANNIVERSARY ON OCRACOKE

Observance of 200 Years of Contented Living Proves Delightful Occasion for Many People; Jane Bryan, Colored Matron, Crowned Queen of The Pony Pennings.

By ALICE K. RONDTHALER

Ocracoke, July 6. — Ocracoke Island residents will long remember July 4, 1953 because of the wonderful home-town celebration on that day. Historically the celebration might have been in honor of the 200th anniversary of the appointment of a town here, since the Colonial Assembly passed an Act in 1753 making both Ocracoke and its neighbor, Portsmouth, towns. And the history of the Island goes further back than that, for the Colonial Legislature of 1715 had purchased land on the Island for the maintenance of pilots who had settled here. And, going still further back, historical records indicate that on June 23, 1585, one of the Raleigh Expeditions en route to Roanoke Island, made its first landfall here.

But actually the July 4th, 1953 celebration had no designs on perpetuating history; it was just a grand, home-town affair, first suggested last April by Marvin Howard, native of the Island, happily retired here after years of service with the U. S. Army Engineers — a man who believes that everyone likes to have a good time now and then. Of course Pony Penning is an annual event on the Fourth, and Capt. Howard was particularly interested in this because his father, Homer Howard, was one of Ocracoke's famous horsemen in the old days. And to follow the old-time custom, the Pony Penning this year was on the harbor shore directly west of Silver Lake Inn, and the ponies were started at daybreak from the northern end of the Island down the east shore to the Coast Guard Station point. In the old days before the harbor shore was lined with docks and buildings, the ponies came right along the shore, but this year they were driven straight down Ocracoke's paved road which borders the Harbor. It was a stirring sight to watch the herd of galloping ponies round the road into the corral, — not a pony lost at the entrance corral. A small fleet of visiting yachts in the harbor had natural grandstand seats for the event. After that, the usual branding, selling, and releasing ran on through the day. Crowned Queen

of the Pony Penning was aging Jane Bryant, respected wife and mother of the town's only colored family.

Next event of the day was the patriotic service at the local school with an inspiring Flag Raising, military style, by the local Coast Guard contingent.

At noon the women of the Methodist Church served a ham-beans-salad dinner in the Church Recreation Hall. And immediately after dinner everyone hurried home to get ready for the Big Parade — many to be in it; others to watch it. Twenty trucks, or cars gaily decorated, a dozen horsemen, 35 costumed youngsters, a half dozen majorettes, and a dozen bicyclists formed a procession a quarter mile long, flying banners, pennants, signs and ribbons. Horns honked, kids tootled and kazooed, clowns monkeyed, and majorettes strutted. Many an ancient jalopy showed off a brand new red, white, See OCRACOKE, Page Eight

STATE SCHOOL MEN TO EXAMINE PROPOSED SITE

A committee of the State Board of Education will visit Hatteras to look over a new site proposed by the Dare County Board of Education for a new consolidated school to serve the Outer Banks island, reference to which was made in our paper last week.

It will be the same committee which has visited the island twice before during a long row over location of the school. Members of the committee are Paul S. Oliver of Marietta, A. S. Brower of Durham and Claude Ferrell of Elkin.

Location of the Hatteras school has been an issue for two years. Recently the Dare Board proposed a compromise site.

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AVON BOY ABOARD DESTROYER DIXIE

Far East (FHTNG) — Aboard the destroyer tender USS Dixie with the UN Blockading and Escort Force is Ralph H. Gray, metalsmith first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis T. Gray of Avon, N. C., and husband of Mrs. Linda R. Gray of Jamaica Plains, Mass.

Gray reported aboard the Dixie in August of 1952 from the U. S. Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.

SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS OPENS THIS WEEK IN MANTEO

Instruction in Many Subjects Offered to Anyone in Area Wishing to Attend

A variety of courses are offered in the Roanoke Island School of Fine Arts which opened for summer sessions here this week and will continue through August 23. Under the sponsorship of Roanoke Island Historical Association the school offers courses in the following subjects: Chorus, Ralph Burrier B.M. M.M., instructor; Advanced Dance Technique and Choreography, John Lehman, A.B., instructor; Stagecraft, William I. Long, A.B. M.A., instructor; Sculpture, Eugene McLain, A.B. M.A., instructor; Costume Design and Execution, Irene Smart Rains, instructor; Acting and Directing, James Byrd, A.B. M.A., instructor; The Psychology of Relaxation as Applied to Voice and Diction; and Playwriting, Elizabeth Welch, A.B. M.A. Ph.D., instructor. This faculty is made up of members of the staff and company of The Lost Colony.

"The purpose of the school is to provide instruction in the arts, particularly those allied with the theatre, to supplement the training of the company of The Lost Colony and to train residents of Dare County for future participation in this drama of their country's history," said General Manager R. E. Jordan.

In addition to the regularly scheduled classes of the school, one production will be staged as a culmination of the work of the school.

"This production will incorporate the various aspects of the Theatre being taught and will be the responsibility of all the staff members of the school," it was stated.

The school is open to anyone in the area wishing to attend. There will be no fees.

ONE DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY; DRAWS \$10 FINE

Beach Disturbance Case Postponed Two Weeks in Recorder's Court

Although only one case was disposed of in recorder's court, Tuesday, two others were continued.

Amos Crain of East Lake pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving and was fined \$10 and costs.

A case involving Stanley Summers was continued two weeks and he was put under \$75 appearance bond. Summers was charged with being drunk and disorderly in a public place, resisting arrest, and assaulting an officer by striking him with his fist. The arrest was made on the beach by D. F. Twyne.

Elijah Hudson's hearing was postponed until next Tuesday. He was arrested June 29 by Clarence Hassell, county police officer, on a charge of being drunk on a state highway.

DARE COUNTY SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 8

Children Six Years Old by October 16 May Enroll; Vaccinations Required

Mrs. Mary L. Evans, Superintendent of Dare County Schools, wishes to call the attention of parents to a recent change in the school entrance age. Prior to this year, it was necessary for a child to become six years of age on or before October 1 in order to enter school for that year. On July 2, the State Board of Education changed this date to October 15.

The Attorney General has ruled that any child born on October 16 would become six on October 15, and would therefore be eligible for admission to the first grade.

Mrs. Evans wishes to remind parents of those children entering the first grade that they must be vaccinated for small pox and immunized against typhoid, whooping cough, and diphtheria. It is also necessary for first graders to present birth certificates upon enrollment.

The Dare County Schools will begin the 1953-54 school term on September 8.

BEACH WATER, FIRE BOND ELECTION FOR \$850,000 IS CALLED FOR AUGUST 25

Registration of Votes in Sanitary District to Start Aug. 1 in Preparation for Vote on Proposal for Water Supply, Fire Protection

MISS LUCY SMITH DIES SUDDENLY IN NORFOLK



MISS LUCY SMITH, native of Dare County, but long-time resident of Norfolk, died unexpectedly in her sleep Wednesday night at her home in Norfolk. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.

Miss Smith was the daughter of the late Robert W. and Elizabeth Smith, Mr. Smith having at one time been Dare County's sheriff, and at one time register of deeds. Miss Smith is survived by several nieces and nephews, among them Mrs. Walter Harris of Manteo and Luther Dixon Midgett of Wanchese.

ELIZABETH CITY BAND TO APPEAR AT LOST COLONY

Celebrated High School Organization to Play at 607th Performance Tuesday

The city of Elizabeth City will be well-represented on Roanoke Island Tuesday night, July 14, at the 607th performance of THE LOST COLONY. Elizabeth City night will present as an added attraction the far-famed Elizabeth City High School Band under the direction of Scott Calloway as a pre-curtain feature.

The "Elizabeth City Night Performance" promises to be one of the events of the 13th season of The Lost Colony.

The committee on arrangements is headed by Miles L. Clark, member of Roanoke Island Historical Association, sponsor of the show, Elton Aydlett, Mayor of Elizabeth City, Forrest Jones of the Chamber of Commerce of the Pasquotank town, Wade Marr, noted nationally known speaker who will emcee the pre-curtain program (or at intermission), Billy McDowell, president of the Albemarle Potato Festival, Dr. J. W. Selig and Ray Jones.

In addition to the appearance of the High School Band with its nationally famous corps of majorettes, there will be other added attractions on Elizabeth City Night. Marr is a nationally known speaker, Dr. Selig is a close friend of Freeman Gosden of the team of "Amos and Andy" and Ray Jones, is manager of Virginia Dare Hotel. Forrest Jones, formerly of the Lenoir Chamber of Commerce is now heading a drive to fill Waterside Theatre with Elizabeth Citizens and Pasquotank citizens on Tuesday night, July 14. Mayor Aydlett is lending his cooperation.

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FRED L. WHITE DIES IN TULLY, NEW YORK

Word was received in Manteo this week of the death of Fred L. White in Tully, N. Y., where he and Mrs. White had been making their home with their son for some time. Mr. and Mrs. White had many friends on Roanoke Island, where they lived for a number of years at the Manteo airport. Mr. White is survived by his widow and three children.

Bonds in the amount of \$850,000 for a water system and fire protection will be submitted to Dare Beaches sanitary district residents at a special election Aug. 25. The election was called by the board of county commissioners upon request of the sanitary district board.

Of the total asked, \$822,000 is proposed for a water system to serve the beach, and \$22,000 for fire fighting equipment.

Only actual residents of the beach, persons who vote there in general elections, will be eligible to vote on the bonds. The sanitary district as now constituted includes from curve to curve, with all the property on the ocean front, that on the west side of the highway from the road 700 feet back and all of old Nags Head, on the sound. It does not include Colington, Kitty Hawk village, most of Avalon Beach, or any of the other developments more than 700 feet west of the highway. Such areas, however, might be taken into the sanitary district at some later date.

Before the election can be held, a registration of voters will have to be taken, since the sanitary district borders do not coincide with those of the townships on the beach. Registration books will be open from 9 to sunset each day from Aug. 1 to Aug. 15. That period includes three Saturdays, on each of which the registration books will be at the polling places. August 22 will be challenge day.

For the election, two polling places have been established, one at Twiford's garage in Kill Devil Hills and one at Sherman Culpepper's garage in Nags Head. Voters in the Kitty Hawk section of the beach will vote at Twiford's garage. Ordinarily, the people in that section vote at Kitty Hawk school, but that is not in the sanitary district.

Mrs. Nina Miller is registrar for the northern area, and Sherman Culpepper for the Nags Head section.

Decision to ask the commissioners to call the election was reached when the sanitary district board had a joint meeting with the mayor and commissioners of the town of Kill Devil Hills, part of which is included in the sanitary district. R. E. Jordan is chairman of the district board, with J. E. Harris and Mrs. Daisy Midgett as members and Martin Kellogg as attorney.

In connection with the re-See ELECTION, Page Eight

HAYMAN REUNION AT WANCHESE NEXT FRIDAY

Wanchese Methodist Church Scene of Annual Event July 17th

Wanchese Methodist Church is to be the scene of the annual reunion of the Hayman Clan, pioneer family of this region, next Friday, July 17th. Rev. L. D. Hayman, a native of Dare County is president of the Clan. His Uncle, former Sheriff Jeff D. Hayman is the oldest living member of the clan. He was 90 years old in June, and he expects to attend. Most of the members of the clan live at Wanchese, Manns Harbor and Kitty Hawk, and others in Tyrrell County, Currituck County, Elizabeth City and Norfolk and Newport News, as well as in many more distant places.

The last four meetings of the clan were held at Kitty Hawk in 1952, Manns Harbor in 1949-50 and 51.

Rev. Mr. Hayman, who preached his first sermon in his old home church at Wanchese will preach on this occasion as well. A picnic dinner during the noon hour will be spread on the grounds.