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## SEVENTY SHAD REPORTED THIS YEAR'S BIGGEST

### No Good Reports Yet To Lift Fishermen's Hearts In Dare County

The story comes out of Wanchese this week about the rock catch made toward the end of last week by Ebert Gallop. His crew, while seine fishing somewhere on the beach, caught about 300 rock, none of which weighed less than 40 pounds. But that was only one day, and no catch has equalled it since. Rock are bringing the fishermen somewhere around 15 cents per pound at the present time.

Dare County fishermen are just beginning to put out their pound nets for the shad season, and no big catches have been reported as yet, although the boats have been bringing in a few to Mill Landing at Wanchese. The fishermen are getting somewhere around 20 cents per pound for buck shad, and 40 for roe shad.

Some fishermen are also bringing in a few sea trout and drum. Roy Midgett and Cleveland Gard of Manns Harbor brought in about 70 shad Monday, and that is the biggest catch reported so far.

In Manteo, Colon Wescott has not bought a box of fish direct from the boats in over two months. He contrasts that to the big croaker catch several years ago when he handled sometimes 1,000 boxes a week.

Commercial fishing looks poor, and the prospects for improvement do not look good. It has been attributed to the fact that sand shials are forming around Oregon Inlet, which tend to divert the fish seaward again in their search for an inlet to the sounds.

Four or five years ago there were four fish houses in Manteo, and at present there is only one. Back at that time, it is estimated that from 50 to 75 trawlers operating off the coast came in Oregon Inlet, but now they cannot get in. Most of those boats draw 4 and 5 feet of water, and the inlet won't let a good majority of them in. Most of the boats going now draw 2 1/2 to 3 feet of water. The trawlers which formerly unloaded at Roanoke Island now go to Beaufort and Norfolk.

It is estimated that from 500 to 1,000 trawlers from Maine to Florida operate in the waters off North Carolina, and the closing up of Oregon and Hatteras Inlets have caused them to have to take their catches to ports which will accommodate their deeper drafts. This is thought to be one of the greatest reasons for the falling off of commercial fishing in Dare County in recent years.

Of course the darkest hour is just before dawn, they say, and every season has its poor days and bad ones. One reason attributed to poor markets is now that there are so many little markets in just about every community, while a short time ago, there were only a few large ones.

## PHILLIP QUIDLEY NOT PRES. YOUNG REPUBLICANS

The following statement is made by Phillip H. Quidley, with reference to announcement made last week by the Republican organization in Dare County.

Phillip Quidley is not president of the Young Republicans because he is living in Edenton, N.C. and is working for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Thus he will not deliver the declamation announced in last week's Times or represent Dare County in the Convention.

## EX-POLICEMAN TRIED FOR NON-SUPPORT

James A. Layne, the one-time Hatteras policeman, who deserted his wife and four children at Hatteras, was brought back to Manteo to Dare Recorders court this week, and ordered to pay the big sum of \$15 per week for their support, under penalty of doing a 12 months road sentence. Layne is not a native. He lives at Troy, N. C.

John U. Villevik, 24, employed by the West Va. Pulp & Paper Co. was fined \$5 and costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

## MANNS HARBOR SCHOOL HELPS MARCH OF DIMES

The Manns Harbor School, with an enrollment of 80, has raised, by various means, a total of \$45 for the 1954 March of Dimes, according to a report by S. E. Matthews, principal of the Manns Harbor School.

## MACK ETHERIDGE AIDS SPORTFISHING INDUSTRY



When Mack Etheridge came home from duty with the Coast Guard about six years ago, he didn't know that he would develop the popularity he has today. Still, he is very shy about it. He probably wouldn't admit that several hundred sports fishermen and tourists call him by his first name.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Etheridge of Wanchese, Mack served six years with the Coast Guard. Then he came home and set up a general store at Mill Landing in Wanchese. But he saw an opportunity to develop something bigger than just a general store, so he built several small shiffs to rent out to the summertime sports fishermen.

He bought some outboard motors to rent also, and carried a complete line of fishing equipment. And he set out to let the tourists know about it, too. No matter which way you approach Roanoke Island today, whether from the beach or from Croatan Sound, you can't miss the signs that tell you about Mack's Place at Wanchese. "Boats, outboard motors, party fishing, rods, reels, tackle, bait, guides," the signs tell you can be found at Mack's. And when you leave the community, the signs "thank you" and ask you to come again.

Three years ago Mack started booking parties for the Gulf Stream fishing boats which dock at Mill Landing, and this is one of the things which has helped Mack to gain his popularity. Last year he kept 9 or 10 boats booked up almost the whole season long, for Gulf Stream, inlet and sound fishing. He kept parties for two boats belonging to his father, Jesse, two for Wayland Baum, and for Summers Baum, Jerry Turner, Tom Hayman, Rondal Tillet, and Sigh Scarborough.

Last summer was also a year for a "first" with Mack. He advertised for and got enough individual sports fishermen to make two trips per day, the whole season, sound fishing. Mack says it was very successful, getting anywhere from five to 25 customers each trip. The morning trip was from 7 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon trip from 1 till 6 p.m. He got \$2.50 per person. The plan was so promising that he believes next summer he will be able to run two boats twice a day. He isn't looking for any recession in the offshore party boat business either. He already has several bookings this far ahead.

Mack is considered one of Wanchese's most eligible bachelors. He is 32 years old, lives by himself and cooks for himself in See MACK, Page Four

## DARE COUNTY LIBRARY TO EXPAND QUARTERS

The 18,000-volume Dare County library will be moving into expanded quarters within a few days, according to Mrs. Georgia Harwood, librarian.

The Dare County health department, which recently moved into its new building next to the community building in Manteo, left vacant three offices in the community building. These three offices will now be occupied by the Welfare Department, leaving vacant their two old offices, which will leave room for the library.

At present the library has just one room in the community building, and books are piled on top of the stacks, on and under tables, in the corner of the room, and anywhere that space can be made available for them. Mrs. Harwood says that one of the new rooms will be made into a reading room, and one into a reference room. An arch will be cut between the old room and the two new ones.

## HYDE AND DARE CHOSEN SAMPLE AREA OF NATION

### Census Bureau Selects These Counties To Supply Per- tent Information

The U. S. Bureau of the Census, which has been conducting a sample survey of retail trade in this area since February, 1953, began collecting facts from a panel of local residents in January as part of the Current Population Survey, according to Joseph R. Norwood, supervisor of the Bureau's district office at Charlotte.

The Current Population Survey, conducted for more than a decade by the Census Bureau, provides up-to-date national information about the numbers of persons who are employed and unemployed; the number of persons who are in school, retired or unable to work; the availability of manpower for both defense and civilian production; and similar facts. Industry, labor and government are constantly using this information in planning various kinds of programs and in measuring the general level of business activity.

Dare County was selected, in conjunction with Hyde County, as one of 230 sample areas throughout the country to represent characteristics of the nation's population and employment. Employment and other figures obtained from these areas on a sampling basis are "projected" to give an accurate picture of the nation's labor force as a whole. Norwood pointed out. Each month a representative of the Census Bureau personally visits businesses in connection with the Retail and Service Trades Survey, and households, in connection with the population survey, to obtain the desired information. Different parts of the towns and county are canvassed each month, the areas changing periodically, so that at the end of the year all of the area has been represented. Mrs. Alva G. Wise of Stumpy Point has been designated as enumerator for the Current Population Survey in this area and also for the Current Business Survey.

Mr. Norwood pointed out that the Current Population Survey is authorized by law. This law provides that all information about individuals be kept in strict confidence and that only See SAMPLE, Page Five

## DARE MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE NOW AT \$1,000

The Dare County March of Dimes drive looks like it may run well over the \$1,400 mark, according to Wallace Gray, county chairman. "The drive is progressing very well," Mr. Gray said this week. Last year the fund netted around \$1,200.

With only about half the community reports in, the fund already has run somewhere around \$1,000. Mr. Gray says the communities on the lower banks have done twice as well this year as they did last.

Manns Harbor, Mashoes, Wanchese, Kill Devil Hills-Colington, Rodanthe-Salvo-Waves reports are not yet final, but they are being closed and will be in by the end of the week. The reports from the communities which have already closed the drive are as follows: Hatteras, \$137.81; Avon, \$121; Buxton-Frisco, \$165; Manteo, \$509; Kitty Hawk, \$81.

## TO LEAD REVIVAL SERVICES AT WANCHESE



REV. HOMER PETERSON will conduct revival services at the Wanchese Assembly of God church beginning February 14, according to G. B. Lawrence, pastor of the church. "Rev. Peterson is a well-known evangelist," Mr. Lawrence says, "and everyone is cordially invited to attend these revival services."

## EARLY CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATE



L. H. ROSS



MARTIN KELLOGG, JR.

Two Candidates have filed for the two places for Senator from the Second Senatorial District in the General Assembly, and it looks like they will have easy going. First is L. H. Ross of Washington, Beaufort County, and Second is Martin Kellogg Jr., of Manteo in Dare County. Mr. Kellogg is now mayor of Manteo, and county attorney. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kellogg of Sunbury, and has practiced law in Manteo for some 20 years. He played for several seasons in the Lost Colony, and served in the Navy in World War Two.

Mr. Ross has issued a more detailed statement concerning his candidacy. "I'm against secrecy, for a balanced budget, for making Eastern North Carolina attractive to our industry, and for a well-rounded program of progress for all our people," he says. He is 44 years old, was born and reared in Beaufort County, at Edward, near Aurora and most of his life has been spent in Beaufort County. He served with the Navy for three and a half years during World War II. He attended the University of

North Carolina and later the University of Louisville Law School where he graduated in 1936. He was licensed to practice law in North Carolina that same year.

Married to the former Miss Lyle Golden of Mississippi, the Ross family has one child, Elizabeth, aged six.

Mr. Ross is a member of the First Christian Church of Washington and a member of the Board of Deacons. He is also a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks, and Improved Order of Red Men.

In his political life in the area, he has been an active Democrat all his life. He has served as judge of Recorder's Court, City attorney, on the City Board of Education, and at present is serving as Beaufort County attorney.

### Broad Platform

In announcing his candidacy Mr. Ross said that he would work for the repeal of the secrecy law enacted by the last legislature. "I believe that there should be no secrecy on any government level in our state. I believe that See SENATE, Page Four

## TWO FROM DARE FINISH COURSES AT CAROLINA

### Braddy Fearing and Roger Meekins Get Degrees From University in January

Braddy Fearing and Roger Meekins of Manteo were among the mid-term graduates of the University of North Carolina at the end of January. Braddy, whose military service is behind him, received an A. B. Degree with a Major in English, and is temporarily employed at Chapel Hill.

Roger Meekins, who was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Forces, received an A. B. Degree with a major in journalism. He is now home awaiting orders, and helping out with the Coastland Times.

At the time they finished, Archie Tillet of Wanchese entered the University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tillet.

## DARE NATIVE DIES AT HER HOME NEAR COLUMBIA

Mrs. Bessie Rayburn Cohoon, 52, died at noon Sunday at her home on Route 1, Columbia, following a heart attack. She was the wife of the late Eddie P. Cohoon, by her second marriage, and the wife of William Davis Rayburn by her first marriage.

She was a native of Dare County but had been a resident of Tyrrell County for 28 years. She is a member of the Malachi Chapel of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Sallie Gard, of Manns Harbor, three sons, W. D. Rayburn, of Salisbury, Md.; T. G. Rayburn, of Ft. Benning, Ga., and D. M. Rayburn of Columbia; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret E. Sawyer, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Julia Ann Voliva, of Salisbury, Md.; two brothers, Cleveland Gard of Manns Harbor and William M. Gard of Norfolk; one sister, Mrs. Gertrude Midgett of Norfolk, and eight grandchildren. Two half-brothers, A. C. and J. T. Gard of Elizabeth City also survive her.

The body was taken to the Walker Funeral Home. Funeral services were conducted at the Malachi Chapel Tuesday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. C. H. Overman, assisted by the Rev. W. T. Reynolds. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Floral tributes were many and beautiful. Pallbearers were E. L. Mosley, Henry Reynolds, Jesse Spencer, Willie Brickhouse and Wiley P. Armstrong.

She was the daughter of Mrs. Sallie Gard and the late Tom Gard of Manns Harbor, and had lived in Tyrrell County for 28 years, her home in the Mills Ridge section.

## DIST. ROTARY MEET IN ROCKY MOUNT SUN.



Members of all the local Rotary Clubs have been invited to attend the annual District Conference to be held in Rocky Mount February 14, 15, 16, and a number of them, including the officers, are expected to attend. P. D. Midgett, Jr., of Engelhard, Governor of the 28th District will preside over the meetings.

Highlights of the program are outlined in an announcement just received by officers of the local Club from District Governor Midgett and Graham Dozier, Rocky Mount, Conference Chairman.

Conference headquarters will be at the Ricks Hotel. Dr. C. Sylvester Green, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Medical Foundation, a past District Governor, will be the principle speaker at the opening session Sunday night, February 14.

Dr. Thela D. Collins, a retired Durham minister, will address the luncheon session on Monday, and Claude W. Woodward, Richmond, Va., vice-president of Rotary International and a past director, will be the principal speaker at the Governor's banquet Monday night.

Paul Lucas, Charlotte, public relations director for the Duke Power Company, and an immediate past District Governor, will address the closing luncheon session Tuesday, February 16.

Various phases of Rotary activities will be covered in short talks by discussion leaders at plenary sessions Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Monday afternoon will be given over to sightseeing tours and recreation.

Egbert Peeler, Raleigh, is the only announced candidate so far for District Governor. New officials will take office July 1.

## VALENTINE TIME FOX HUNT OPENS AT NAGS HEAD

Nags Head—America's most unusual fox hunt is scheduled to get underway early Thursday morning. John I. Watkins of Oxford, who has been master of the hunts every year since the Valentine Season events began in 1949, arrives on Wednesday to make final arrangements for the event.

"The Valentine Season fox hunt is as different from the formal fox hunting events as the sand lot teams are from the big leagues," said Ray Camp, outdoor editor of New York Times who is usually stock cars are used in the chase. The local hunts are different because of their informality. No formal "pinks" are worn by the hunters. Instead of horses, jeeps and stock cars are used in the chase. Actually, since the chase usually covers such a small area, the hounds do most of the running while the spectators stand atop dunes or alongside marshes to hear the baying of the packs as they follow the fox.

It is not unusual to tree the foxes while they are being chased. Although there are a few trees in the Bodie Island region where most of the chases take place, the little animals seem to have no difficulty in climbing to the top of myrtle and youpon bushes as they outfox the dogs.

The Valentine Season Fox Hunt not only attracts guests from many eastern North Carolina towns but from many other states. In some of the hunts here there have been guests present from as far away as England.

Because they are so unusual, the hunts always attract many newsmen and photographers. Movies of the chase have been shown throughout the nation and feature stories about the Nags Head Valentine classic have been published from coast to coast. The Carolinian Hotel at Nags Head has been active in promoting the fox hunts, and has many new facilities for the accommodations of both hounds and guests.

The hunts are not private in nature. Everyone is invited to attend. Each day after the chases, social activities are presented at the Carolinian, hunt headquarters. This year the event will begin on February 11 and continue through February 14.

## EX-GOVERNOR SCOTT IS IN SENATE RACE

Few people had any doubts about it, but they are now absolutely sure that former Governor Kerr Scott is in the race for U.S. Senate against Alton A. Lennon, young Wilmington lawyer who was appointed last year to this post, and who is now a candidate for election to the office he holds. Scott announced his candidacy Saturday at his Haw River farm and paid his \$250 filing fee Monday.

Governor Scott's friends believe his road program in behalf of the forgotten people of the country will go a long way toward insuring his election. Young Senator Lennon, realizing he is facing no weak foe, has gone after Scott hammer and tongs. In a speech in Charlotte this week, he refers to "this man as unqualified for Senate service, and represents demagoguery setting out to divide and conquer by setting farmers against townsmen." It does look indeed as if a warm campaign might be shaping up.

## MANTEO MARCH OF DIMES NETS \$500. PLUS.

It is reported that the Manteo March of Dimes, including collections from all sources and activities, shows a total of \$528.57. This sum, which exceeds the goal of \$500 includes House to House, in charge of Mrs. H. R. Ashmore, \$125; Turkey Dinner, Mrs. Raymond Wescott, \$120.49; Test tubes and collections from business places \$215.90; School, all grades, \$67.28. Mr. T. H. Noe, Treasurer, did great work in keeping order in all the collections so generously given.

## VALENTINE DANCE

The senior class of Kitty Hawk High School is sponsoring a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 13, 1954, at the Kitty Hawk School. The public is cordially invited to attend, come and have some fun. The dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. The admission for stags 35 cents and for couples 50 cents. See HOTELS, Page Eight

## CONVICT LEADS HIS PURSUERS MERRY CHASE

### Excitement on Roanoke Island This Week As Prisoner Eludes Officers

While Sheriff Frank Cahoon was on the Roanoke Sound bridge talking to Jack Shannon, bridge tender, Monday evening, a car drove past at high speed, and the Sheriff gave chase. It was driven by Johnnie Myers, 22, of Hertford, who shortly before had escaped from the N. C. Prison camp near Barco and who had stolen a 1949 Ford belonging to Aubrey O'Neal of Coinjock.

Sheriff Cahoon chased him to the airport ferry slip, at about 10:15 p.m., but here the prisoner made a turn, and he headed back toward the road. The Sheriff then followed him, but Myers ditched the stolen car near the home of Mrs. Doris Walker north of Manteo, and he took out on foot. When he reached the home of George Powell, he stole Powell's car, but soon backed it into a ditch near the high school.

Roads were blocked while officers and prison guards kept up the search all night, and Tuesday too without success. The man is thought to have gained shelter in Manteo, but that was only surmise.

Myers was doing a 12-year hitch for breaking and entering, and larceny of an automobile. He was doing kitchen duty in the prison camp, and shortly after supper, at about 7:15 p.m. Monday night he made his break by going over the fence while on his way from the mess hall.

The biggest theft was that of a new 1954 Cadillac, taken from Elton Twiford's garage at Kill Devil Hill Tuesday night. Twelve dollars in cash was taken from Twiford's store; the Kill Devil Hill Post Office, operated by Mrs. Twiford in the same building was not entered however.

Later, near Jennette's Pier, the Cadillac was found with its ignition shorted.

## COASTAL HOTELS MUCH IMPROVED AND ENLARGED

By Aycock Brown

Nags Head—Thousands of dollars are now being expended by several of the hotel owner-operators on improvements and general expansion programs which will be completed for the season of 1954. On the Dare coast with its long season, some hotels remain open the year around, and others open during mid-spring.

One of the most complete facelifts is underway at The Arlington, operated and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hayman. Their hostelry, one of the oldest established in the Nags Head area, is literally being converted from a summer hotel to one that will be an all-year operation. The Arlington improvements include closing in with glass fronts of ocean-side verandas and also the north wing veranda of the building. The entrance porches are also closed in with glass fronts, and a flagstone patio will replace the former entrance. A flagstone terrace is replacing the oceanfront porches.

The Arlington's dining room this year with twice the capacity, will accommodate nearly 200 persons. The new lobby is three times greater and the closed-in verandas will be also suitable for small convention groups. The Surf Room, formerly in the main building, will be in the Playhouse building. Steam heat is installed to assure year around, and especially early and late season comfort for the guests. Total cost of the improvements is said to be in excess of \$30,000.

New improvements now being added to The Carolinian Hotel includes the building of a convention room with facilities for groups of 150 or more. The new convention room will be known as the Cypress Room because the panelling and interior decorating will be cypress panel. Already The Carolinian has two dining rooms, one called Driftwood Room, the other Dogwood Room. The recreation room is known as the Pine Room. The new convention facility was formerly known as the Tall-Story Room.

In the Southern Shores area of Kitty Hawk Beach, the Sea Ranch, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. H. Travis Sykes will soon build a "bath and tennis" club as part of this California-styled hostelry's facilities. Work on the new club which will be operated for the guests of Sea Ranch and on a membership basis begins soon and will be ready by late Spring, it was announced this week. See HOTELS, Page Eight