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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION IN MANTEO TUESDAY NIGHT

Representative From Department of Conservation and Development Talks on Possible Developments; Only Eleven Dare County Citizens Attend The Meeting.

Eleven Dare County citizens attended a meeting in the community building in Manteo Tuesday night, which was held for the purpose of discussing the possibilities for industrial development in Dare County. Ed E. Huffman, a representative from the State Department of Conservation and Development, was present to lead the discussion.

Mr. Huffman, who did practically all of the talking, explained that for a more balanced economy it is desirable for a county to have several year-round industries which would provide employment for a number of people. Several small industries would be better than one or two larger ones, he stated.

Lawrence Swain, president of the Dare County Tourist Bureau, explained that the county's biggest industry was tourists, and that much is being done to promote that industry. Nevertheless, Mr. Huffman pointed out that the State Department of Conservation and Development has many inquiries for locating industries in North Carolina, and that by knowing the industrial potentialities of the various counties and communities the department can in many cases help bring an industry to a particular location.

Mr. Huffman requested that one of the chambers of commerce, tourist bureau, or civic clubs undertake a county survey and appraisal, which would include such items as available transportation facilities, local government, climate, existing industries, raw materials, markets, community cooperation, local power, fuel and recreational facilities. He also gave examples of how wrong or right impressions can be made on an industrial prospect merely by the appearance of the community, and the attitude of the people living there.

Much of the information needed for an industrial survey can be supplied by the Dare County Tourist Bureau, Aycock Brown brought out Tuesday night. The bureau already has much information about available labor, accommodations, weather, recreational facilities, power, raw materials and other things.

"North Carolina has a type of native-born labor that takes pride in their job," Mr. Huffman stated, "and because of this fact two shifts in North Carolina in many cases produce as much as three shifts of labor-unioned northern labor." Because of this, Mr. Huffman went on, "more and more industries are requesting information about favorable locations in this state."

"One organization should be charged with promoting industrial development in the county," he explained, "and that organization should be a good cross-section of the population."

Among the possible industries mentioned were those of boatbuilding, seafood canning, wineries, cranberry growing, net making. A good deal of these industries, however, would be seasonal in nature. It was pointed out that there is a definite need for work which would employ female labor in Dare County, especially during the winter months. In the summertime most have a full-time job caring for the tourist trade.

Mr. Huffman explained that one of the best ways to encourage industry to locate in a section is for the community to form an "Industrial Development Corporation," which would construct a building or whatever other structures might be needed in order to show the industry that the community is interested in the industry itself, and not merely in what the community can get out of the industry. This corporation should also pay stockholders a rate of around 10 per cent, which is not bad considering the additional trade that the enterprise would be bringing to the county.

No steps were taken at the meeting, and few questions were asked. And, as Mr. Swain explained to Mr. Huffman, "We are more or less attending school tonight."

Those attending the meeting were: E. E. Meekins, Chauncey Meekins, Wallace McCown, Balfour Baum, Jack Wilson, Lawrence Swain, Desmond Rogers, Ellsworth Midgett, Aycock Brown, Dick Jordan, and Roger Meekins.

CROATAN SOUND BRIDGE TO BE A FIXED SPAN

Test Piles in April; Engineers Report 45-ft. Vertical Clearance Asked.

Plans have been posted in the postoffices at Columbia and Manteo for the proposed bridge across Croatan Sound, and the Corps of Engineers, which has control over navigable waters has given notice that any objections should be filed with the Wilmington office before April 19.

The State Highway Commission plans to sink a row of test piling sometime between April 15 and June 15 between Redstone Point near Manns Harbor and Weir Point on the North end of Roanoke Island, the bridge location.

Notice is given to mariners to reduce speed in this area, and proceed with caution while passing floating plant while engaged in the driving of piles.

The proposed bridge plans show a fixed bridge with a horizontal clearance of 80 feet at the main channel, and a vertical clearance of 45 feet above the normal water surface and a vertical clearance of 40.4 feet at storm tide.

This type of bridge will require no bridge-keeper, as there will be no draw to open.

TOURIST BUREAU DIRECTORS MEET HELD AT BUXTON

Reports On Ferry Services, Publicity, and Inquiries Answered

Dare County Tourist Bureau directors had their spring meeting at the Cape Point Restaurant, Buxton, on Wednesday morning to hear progress reports of the promotional and publicity program in behalf of Dare County and to discuss ways and means for continuing the work that is being done for the best interests of the area and the investors whose financial assistance makes it all possible.

Lawrence Swain, chairman of the board held a discussion on matters of importance to the area since the last Board meeting. This was primarily a report of the Oregon Inlet ferry facilities. He reported that the Bureau had played a role in plans for improving the improperly constructed landing ramps, that new ramps were now ready for installation and that the work is scheduled to begin within the next few days. It was also brought out at the meeting that two new landing craft vessels have been acquired through the joint efforts of the National Park Service, State Highway Commission and Congressman Herbert Bonner and that these craft were to be converted immediately to ferry service for the inlet.

W. H. McCown, secretary and treasurer, read minutes of last meeting of the Board and then went into a lengthy discussion about the financial aspects of the Tourist Bureau. Many persons and firms will be contacted during the spring by special committees appointed by the chairman, with the thought in view of See BUREAU, Page Four

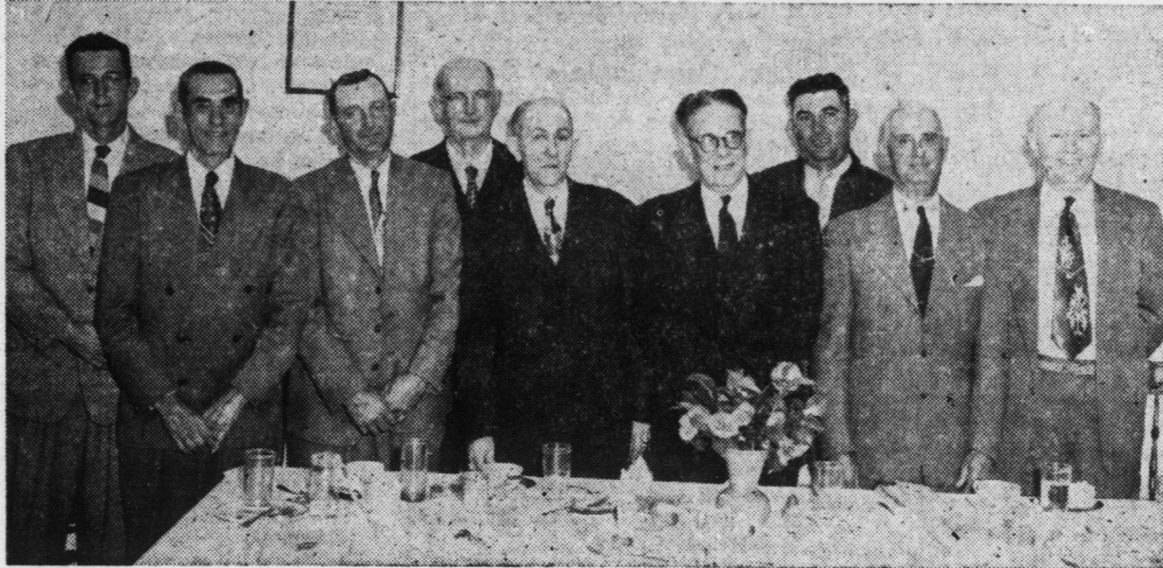
EASTER SEALS SOON TO AID CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Easter Seals will soon be sent out to people in Dare County, along with coin cards which will be distributed to the school children, according to Mrs. Woodson Fearing, Dare County chairman.

"The folks around here are very nice about supporting the campaign," Mrs. Fearing says, "and it doesn't require expenditure of extra funds for counter display boxes like it does in other places." The campaign closes the week after Easter, and the funds go for the support of crippled children.

"Dare County folks have been very generous in their past donations," Mrs. Fearing stated.

OFFICERS OF WANCHESE RURITAN CLUB



LADIES NIGHT at the Wanchese Ruritan Club was Tuesday night, with supper in the Wanchese school building, and with Wade Marr as guest after-dinner speaker. Pictured here, they are, left to right: Darrell Daniels, secretary; Willis Daniels, director; Arnold Daniels, vice-president; Steve Tillett, treasurer; Melvin Daniels, director and past-president; Wade Marr, speaker; Ralph Meekins, director; J. W. Davis, president; and H. O. Bridges, director.

RURITANS HOLD LADIES NIGHT AT WANCHESE

Wade Marr Speaker Friday to Growing Civic Club Members and Wives

S. Wade Marr of Elizabeth City, well known after-dinner speaker, addressed the Ladies Night meeting of the Wanchese Ruritan Club Friday night of last week in the school lunch room. More than 50 people attended, and five new members were admitted.

The Ladies of the Methodist Church served a chicken dinner with apple pie and ice cream. Melvin R. Daniels, a past-president, introduced the speaker, Mrs. Dallas Tillett at the piano accompanied the group singing. The new members admitted were Earl Willis, Thos. Wilcox, Reuben Vandervlie, Chauncey and Victor Meekins.

Club visitors included Geo. Wood of Elizabeth City and Roger Meekins of Manteo.

James W. Davis is president of the Club, which is four years old and has more than 25 members. It is growing in membership and enthusiasm, and its members are behind many projects for community betterment.

ONLY FOUR CASES IN DARE RECORDER'S AFTER MISSING WEEK

Although Judge W. F. Baum was in the hospital and couldn't be present at last week's Dare County Recorder's Court, only four cases filled the docket this week.

A young woman from Wanchese pleaded guilty to the charges of creating a disturbance in the Bridgeturn Cafe, and destroying property of Alfred Martin. Judge Baum continued judgment on condition that she remain away from the cafe for a period of two years, and not appear in court for any offense during the period. Mr. Martin asked for no reimbursement on the property damages, broken drinking glasses.

Harris Pledger, Negro, was found to be \$204 in arrears on payments for the support of his children. The Judge required him to pay \$50 immediately and make up the amount in arrears along with his regular payments during the coming weeks.

Alfred Burton, Negro, was given 60 days sentence, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs, for driving without an operator's license.

Elbert Parker, Negro, paid a \$10 fine for a stop sign violation.

MRS. ARTHUR MEEKINS DIES AT STUMPY PT.

Funeral services for Mrs. Louisa Hooper Meekins, 81-year-old Stumpy Point resident were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Stumpy Point Methodist Church by Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson. Mrs. Meekins passed away in Pungo District Hospital in Belhaven at 5 a.m. Saturday following a long illness.

Surviving are her husband, Arthur Meekins of Stumpy Point, two daughters, Mrs. Laura Cahoon and Mrs. R. D. Wise, both of Stumpy Point; four sons, Hilton and Vance, of Norfolk, and Carson and Spurgeon, of Stumpy Point; and ten grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were: Bob Midyette, Lit Meekins, Beaman Hooper, McKoy Hooper, Donald Midyette, and Garland Meekins. Honorary pallbearers were: Calvin Payne, Tobe Wise, Melton Hooper, Ralph O'Neal, and Dan Burgess.

PRESTON DANIELS DIES SUDDENLY AT WANCHESE

Maynard Preston Daniels, 64, lifelong resident of Wanchese, and a well known former merchant and fisherman, died suddenly at eight o'clock Tuesday night at his home at Wanchese. He was stricken with a pain like heart-burn, and died in a short time, before medical aid could arrive.

He was the son of the late Ezekiel Rollins and Eugenia Pugh Daniels, and husband of Sallie Montague Daniels. He is survived by his wife; three sons, Maynard and Richard of Wanchese, and Eugene of Nags Head, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert H. Midgett of Manteo; a brother, Arthur S. Daniels of Elizabeth City; by two grand-children.

He was a member of Wanchese Methodist Church.

The body was taken to Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo. Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 3:30 from the Wanchese Methodist Church, Rev. C. W. Guthrie officiating. Burial followed in the Cudworth cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: V. G. Williams, L. V. Gaskill, Latse Etheridge, Ivey Evans, W. C. Saunders, Edward Davis. Honorary pallbearers were: Spencer Daniels, Paul Daniels, Ryan Midgett, Elton Gallop, H. L. Davis and C. S. Meekins.

MRS. RICHARD GRAY, JR. WRECKS CAR AT SKYCO

Driving a 1954 Ford with only 800 miles on it last Friday afternoon, Mrs. Richard Gray, Jr., of Wanchese, lost control of her car, turned it over and was knocked unconscious near Skyco, while driving from Manteo to Wanchese.

The road was slippery and a slight drizzle was coming down at the time, making conditions not too favorable. She lost control of the car on a curve, it skidded sideways, rolled over, hit a log, and came to a stop banked up against a dead tree on the west side of the highway. Mrs. Gray was still unconscious when she reached Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, where she was taken in Twiford's ambulance.

She suffered a slight concussion of the brain and a slight back injury. Her condition was much improved on Tuesday, and she is expected home during the week end.



Fishing and Hunting AS REPORTED BY AYCOCK BROWN

The piscatorial news that anglers over a wide area have been waiting to hear, broke at Cape Hatteras Friday afternoon, that, the first channel bass of the 1954 season had been landed with rod and reel.

Lafayette Midgett, a retired coastguardsman of Buxton who spends most of his time surfcasting or guiding surfcasting parties, chalked up the first catch of the season, a 4 3/4 pound fish that had struck his mullet-baited hook shortly after noon. Two other local residents, Raymond Basnett and Capt. Clarence Brady each accounted for a

MANTEO LIONS TO SPONSOR WEDDING, BEAUTY CONTEST

Miss Dare County To Be Chosen Saturday Night; Tom Thumb Wedding Also

Miss Dare County will be selected Saturday night, March 27, at the Manteo High School auditorium, when the Manteo Lions Club will sponsor the beauty contest and also a "Tom Thumb Wedding."

Awards will be given to the three finalists in the beauty contest. Number One will receive the title "Miss Dare County" and will represent Dare County in the Potato Festival to be held in Elizabeth City later on in the season. She will also receive a trophy. Second and third will both receive a plaque. Girls from all parts of the county will compete in the contest.

The Tom Thumb Wedding, directed by Mrs. Beverly Midgett, will have a cast of several dozen. Little Edna Earl Watts will be the blushing bride, and Little Charles Fearing will be the nervous groom. Admission for both events, which starts at 8 p.m., is 25 and 50 cents.

The young women who have been chosen from the various communities to compete for the title of Miss Dare County are as follows:

Jean Daniels, Ann Etheridge, Ruby Gallop, Jewell Tillett, Carol Walker, Linda Gaskill, Margaret Jean Tillett, Annie Laurie Kee, Bubbles Wescott, Sara Alford, Betsy Midgett, Shelva Jean Payne, Carolee O'Neal, Ann Daniels, Ruby Creef, Sally Alford, Edna Dowdy, Agnes Love, Mattie O'Neal, Thelma Jean Williams, Judy Smith, Annis Midgett, Mary Jones, Shirley Barnett, Sheila Gibson, Edith Jennette, Gwennie Gray, Ellana Midgett, Olive Hayman, Betty Tillett.

For the past several years the "Miss Dare-County" title has gone to young Misses from Hatteras Island. They have been See LIONS, Page Four

CATCHES BASS, SHAD BAIT

Harold Ehrbar, a seaman of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., who is attached to Hatteras Inlet coast guard station, landed a 15 pound channel bass in the surf near the station late Wednesday. It was the first of the species to be landed in the Hatteras Inlet with rod and reel this season. Ehrbar was using a hunk of buck shad for bait when the fish struck.

DARE BEACHES SCHEDULED TO HAVE DIAL TELEPHONES IN SERVICE BY SUMMERTIME

System To Be A "Direct Dialing Line"; Can Call Long Distance Numbers Automatically; New Cable Already Strung, Exchange Building Under Construction, Equipment Ready.

The Dare Beaches will have dial telephones in service this summer, according to information from Miss Sarah Halliburton, secretary to the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce, and J. L. Murphy, mayor of Kill Devil Hills.

A cable line has already been laid the length of the beach, except for a short stretch of perhaps two miles which is to be filled in with a special low-resistance cable. This enclosed cable will help eliminate a great deal of the poor transmission which has been common to the beach telephones in the past. Also, a new exchange building is now being built at Kill Devil Hills, and the dial equipment is in Elizabeth City, according to information received by M. Murphy from L. S. Blades, Jr., of the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co.

The name of the new exchange will be Kill Devil Hills. Some people were considerably wrought-up about their phones being listed as Kill Devil Hills, which would be a change from their old listing of either Kitty Hawk or Nags Head. However, although the name of the exchange will be Kill Devil Hills, the phones will still be listed as they are in the directory now under the Manteo exchange, with Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head, or Kitty Hawk preceding the number.

One of the biggest features of this new system will be what is known as a "direct dialing line," which means that anyone can call any long distance number on any other dial exchange in the country having the same set-up, without ever going through an operator. Charges are recorded automatically in the exchange. The only fallacy in this system is the fact that a child playing with the dial might accidentally dial one of the code numbers for a long distance exchange, and run up a charge against the number he is calling from.

The current issue of the Manteo directory shows a listing of Dare Beaches numbers as follows: Nags Head, 72; Kill Devil Hills, 48; Kitty Hawk, 46. The number of phones on the beaches is probably greater than the listing at present, and with the opening of the new exchange the number will increase even more rapidly.

The situation which exists on the beaches now is one which has drawn much criticism and brought about expressions of disgust for a long time. If one wants to call a next-door neighbor, it is a long distance call, because the call has to go through the Manteo exchange and back to the beach again. Too, the number of phones on a party line has made it almost impossible to call when most convenient. And then when one is able to get a line, the reception is generally so poor that it is worse than useless to even make the call. The new cable should eliminate this unfortunate factor, which is believed to be caused, to some degree, at least, by the atmospheric condition near the sea.

All of the old phones will have to be taken out and replaced with the new equipment, but the lines will remain intact.

The exchange building is being built of brick, estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$5,500, on the H. C. Foreman property on the west side of highway 158.

ACCOMMODATION LIST FOR LOST COLONY CAST

All persons who desire to offer accommodations for members of The Lost Colony cast during the coming season are asked to get in touch with Dick Jordan right away. Mr. Jordan said today, "A list is being prepared to send to the cast members, and we don't want to leave anyone off who desires to have their name on the list," he said. This is entirely separate from the list prepared by The Lost Colony housing office, as it is for cast members only for the whole season.

ROTARY CLUB IN MANTEO BACKS SCOUT PROJECT

Sponsors Collection of Fund to Buy Lot and Build A Good Home.

Manteo Boy Scout troop is to have a good home, at a suitable location. The Manteo Rotary Club Monday night unanimously gave the club's backing to a plan to buy a suitable lot near Manteo, and to raise a fund to erect a brand new building approximately 20 by 40 feet in size, where the troop may meet, and plan their activities.

A committee within the club led by Roland D. Sawyer has been working for some time on the project, along with Scoutmaster Theo. H. Noe. This committee was re-appointed this week, and consists of three others beside Mr. Sawyer: J. E. Ferebee, Dr. W. W. Johnston and Bob Smith. Next week, the committee will present a definite plan with estimated cost of the project, and the drive will begin shortly afterward, to raise sufficient funds for the job.

More than 40 boys are now on the roll of the Manteo troop, and interest is at an all time high, it was reported.

SO. ALBEMARLE MEETING APRIL 15th, PLYMOUTH

Six-County Executive Committee To Hold Its First Meeting of Year

The date for the first Executive Committee meeting of the year is to be held in Plymouth Thursday April 15th at 10:30 A.M. followed by a dinner in the Agricultural building as the guests of Washington County, Dr. W. T. Ralph, Association president said this week. He had been notified by Washington County Vice-President, Harry W. Pritchett, who with Frank L. Bringley of Plymouth, are working up plans for the meeting.

This meeting is being looked forward to by some 50 members of the committee representing the six counties of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington.

Mrs. Wilton Smith of Bath, the Association Secretary is preparing notices this week to send all committee members. The meeting is open to the public, which is invited to attend the morning business session.

The following, who are committee members are being notified of the date.

Beaufort: Mrs. Scott Topping, Vice-President; Pantego: Vann Latham and Mrs. James Younce of Belhaven; Wayland Sermons, Washington; Luther Paul, Pike Road; A. D. Swindell, Pantego; Mrs. G. W. Marsh, Bath; Mrs. Dan Windley, Aurora; Mrs. John Winfield, Yeatesville.

Dare County: Melvin R. Daniels, Vice-President; L. L. Swain, M. K. Fearing, D. V. Meekins, Mrs. Donis White of Manteo; W. S. White of Manns See MEETING, Page Four

LARGEMOUTH BASS TAKING LURES AT KITTY HAWK

Large mouth bass have started taking artificial lures in Kitty Hawk Bay waters, Gordon Sessions and his wife of Washington, D. C., spending a spring vacation at Nags Head made the first catch of the season this week.

The Sessions were fishing with Capt. Lee Perry of Kitty Hawk when they made their initial catch, two largemouths that had struck the silver spoon and pork rind combination lures.

Large mouth bass here in the Nags Head region are caught from early spring until mid-winter. As a matter of fact, they have been taken during every month of the year but in winter they will usually only take live bait. Most of the anglers coming to this salt water region to fish the fresh water ponds and bays for bass are usually those who prefer artificial lures.