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SEARCH FOR USS MONITOR WRECK NEAR CAPE HATTERAS CONDUCTED BY MICH. MAILMAN

Searchers Still Trying To Locate It And Estimate Cost of Raising; MacNeill Pointed Out Remains, Dissolved Himself Of Ownership in Favor of Park Service.

BY ROGER MEEKINS

A dreamer came to Hatteras Tuesday with the idea of entering Davey Jones' locker and releasing from captivity the 92-year-old wreck of the "Monitor," the great ironclad warship which began a new era in the history of naval construction.

R. T. McMullen, of Dundee, Mich., who retired from the RFD mail service recently, came here to try to locate the Monitor and get an estimate of the cost of raising the monster. He brought along Henry Suydam and Pete Stackpole, writer and photographer for Life Magazine. Also coming along were Emil Ahlstrom and Lt. Col. (Army, Retired) L. F. Haggurd, divers associated with him in the venture. The life men also brought their own divers. They intend to take underwater shots of the vessel.

Mr. McMullen says he has never done this type of reclamation work before. "I have been interested in the Monitor for a long time," Mr. McMullen said, "and since I retired from the mail service I have been doing a lot of research on the vessel, with the hope that someday it may be raised and restored. If we are successful in locating the vessel we may form what will be known as the 'Monitor Reclamation Society,' which would raise funds for restoring the vessel.

Bill Henderson, Manteo pilot, flew to the Cape and with the help of Ben Dixon MacNeill located the wreck shortly before noon. Some men on shore took bearings on the location and later attempted to dive and get closer glimpses of the wreck. Another attempt to get a bearing on the wreck shortly after noon failed. See MONITOR, Page Four

PAUL HUDSON OF NPS COLLECTING MUSEUM OBJECTS

Outer Banks Story To Be Exhibited In Seashore Museum

BY AYCOCK BROWN

Buxton—Paul Hudson, museum specialist of the National Park Service is now preparing a maritime exhibit which will be displayed in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area's museum here immediately. During the past week end Alfred Knopf, the publisher, and chairman of the NPS Advisory Committee along with other regional, state and national park service officials visited the museum building here which has been converted from one of the former residences of the keepers of Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.

Hudson is seeking the cooperation of residents along the Outer Banks in the acquisition or loan of material for the museum. He is especially anxious to obtain pictures (which could be copied without material damage to the original) of famous Coast Guard heroes such as Rasmus Midgett, who was awarded the Gold Lifesaving Medal for rescuing 10 persons single-handed from the wreck of the Priscilla, members of the crew which played roles in the now famous Mirlo rescue and others.

Efforts also will be made to obtain pictures of such ships as the Huron, Monitor, (which has been given national publicity recently) the Ephraim Williams, Priscilla, Mirlo, Carroll A. Deering and others.

The National Park Service would like also the loan of one of the Gold Lifesaving medals, which many Outer Bankers received during the days of sailships for the roles they played in heroic rescues.

Among the pictures to be displayed will be World War II maritime disasters off the coast of the Outer Banks, such as some now in Manteo Homes and the Fort Raleigh Hotel. The latter pictures were made by the Coast Guard and are similar to hundreds also photographed by aviation and intelligence branches of the U. S. Navy during World War II.

Anyone having suggestions for the museum should contact Allyn Hanks, superintendent Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, Manteo, N. C.

'TWO BROTHERS,' OIL TANKER, OFF TO FLORIDA WORK

Boat Adorned Waterfront For Three Years; Cubans Bought, But Left

The "Two Brothers," an obsolete oil tanker belonging to M. L. Daniels, Jr., of Manteo, which has been sitting on the east side of the docks on the Manteo waterfront for about three years, is gone for good. And the boat takes along with it a story few know about.

The boat was sold some time ago to H. G. Milton of Norfolk for \$2,250, and he had made arrangements to sell it to two Cubans. The two Spanish-speaking men came to Manteo and for a good while worked on the boat, putting it into good shape. They claimed intentions of taking it back to Cuba to use as a supply ship, hauling water and molasses between Havana and the many small outlying islands dotting the Caribbean. Only one of the men could speak English it is reported.

A few weeks ago the Cubans left suddenly, saying that they were out of money and had to get more. They never returned. It was a coincidence that they left Manteo on the day after the reports hits the newspapers that a big supply of arms belonging to Puerto Ricans had been discovered and captured in New York.

The boat was bought and removed recently by Albert Jones of West Palm Beach, Fla., who is in the process of recovering 5,700 tons of lead from a ship sunk off the Florida coast during World War II. Mr. Jones was carrying on the operations with an old converted schooner, but it was wrecked in a storm and operations were suspended. The conversion of the tanker will cost approximately \$5,000.

CEDAR MILL AT BUFFALO CITY FINISHING WORK

The Buffalo Cedar Mill, which has been operating from Buffalo City since 1949, has about two weeks of work left before their operations will be completed.

At that time, it is reported by C. C. Duvall, the company will move their operations to Lake Drummond in the Dismal Swamp. The company is operated by Oliver Gilbert and employs about 40 men, only three of which are local persons.

The company in its beginning had a mill at Buffalo City, but removed it some time ago and has been carrying on merely a logging operation. This takes away from Buffalo City the last of the big milling businesses. West Virginia Pulp Company is still there, but its operations are a long-range development plan.

MANTEO BOY CAPTAINS DRILL TEAM AT STATE

M. L. Daniels, III, is the captain of the Air Force ROTC Drill Team at N. C. State College in Raleigh, and local people will have an opportunity to see him command the team when it comes to the Albemarle Potato Festival in Elizabeth City Friday and Saturday.

"Punk," as he is known to most everybody, is the only third-year ROTC cadet at State College to hold the rank of cadet captain, cadet first lieutenant being the highest rank usually attained by third-year students. He attained this rank by virtue of his ability to lead the drill team.

Punk attended McDonough Military Institute in Maryland, and Edwards Military Institute in Salemburg, N. C. His military ability has enabled him to make friends easily with his superiors. A year or so ago he persuaded Col. J. W. Jowdy, professor of air science and tactics at State, and part of the teaching staff to come to Dare County for a hunting trip.

He will attend ROTC summer See DANIELS, Page Four

BANKER BONNETS FOR BANKER LASSIES



MISS ANNIE LAURIE KEE AND ANN ETHERIDGE, whose forefathers came from the banks, display here the "banker bonnets," which have been out-of-style for some time but are now coming back in. This headgear has served many a year as protection from the wind and the sun when the women of the banks attended to their outdoor tasks, such as mending nets, feeding stock, tending the garden or whatever other task might fall to their doing. The bonnets are being manufactured at home in Wanchese and are being sold locally. Miss Etheridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Etheridge of Roanoke Island, will graduate from Manteo High School this year. Miss Kee, Miss Dare County of 1954, will appear in the Potato Festival in Elizabeth City this week end. This photo was posed by National Geographic Magazine's photographer Joe Roberts, who has been shooting a picture story here for the past several weeks. (Photo by Aycock Brown.)

NEW BASIN AT STUMPY POINT TO ACCOMMODATE 45 BOATS WITH SEVEN FOOT DRAFTS

Big Development For Little Community Estimated To Run In Excess of \$15,000; New Facilities Protected From Elements Eliminates Boat-to-Truck Handling.

BY ROGER MEEKINS

A new harbor at Stumpy Point which will accommodate about 45 fishing boats is scheduled for completion some time within the next few weeks. Being built by Alton Best, the total facilities planned for may run in excess of \$15,000. It has been under construction since the 3rd of March.

The basin, which is located at the south end of the village, has already been dredged to depth of 13 feet. It is protected from wind and tides from all sides. A canal and channel 8½ feet deep and 25 feet wide has already been completed all the way out to the deep water in Stumpy Point Bay. Fifty boxes of dynamite were used to blow a channel out to the bay from the mouth of the canal, 450 yards long. The dredging job is estimated to have cost around \$1,200.

The mouth of the canal and the

protective land strip between the bay and the basin has been dyked with creosote pilings for about 100 yards or more.

This week work will begin on the new fish house, of block construction, which will be 30 by 65 feet. Ice storage room will be 15 by 18, with an ice manufacturing machine.

The new basin is being created by a strong demand for better facilities for accommodating the larger boats coming into Stumpy Point. It is particularly cramped during shrimping and oystering season. Heretofore the bigger boats have been unloaded right into trucks from the boats, docked alongside the highway, without facilities or protection from the elements.

The old canal into Mr. Best's fish house could accommodate See BASIN, Page Four

CRABS, SHRIMP, FLOUNDERS AT MANNS HARBOR

Salt Water Thought To Be Aiding Up-Sound Seafood Catches This Year

"It looks like the first full moon of May may bring a mighty good soft crabbing season this year," said Ronald Craddock of Manns Harbor this week. His prediction was based on a tremendous number of "peeler" crabs caught in his nets one day last week. "I've never seen as many crabs before at one time," he said.

It is usual that the soft crabs begin to shed for the season around the first full moon of May every year, and so residents of Manns Harbor are looking for an excellent season soon.

Mr. Craddock also caught a lot of shrimp in his long nets recently. "When you catch a bushel of shrimp in a long net," he said, "that's a pretty good sign the shrimp are really thick."

Shad fishing is falling off now but shad bringing 3 cents per pound and roe shad bringing around 12 cents. Most of the shad have already been upstream, spawned, and are coming back. As a result, they are slimmer and smaller fish and do not bring a good price.

Flounders, which are not usually caught in any great quantities in the upper parts of Croatan Sound, have been taken by Manns Harbor fishermen recently. The catch is reported to have been around 600 pounds. It is believed that the Buggs Island Dam project, which has See FISHING, Page Four

LT. CDR. W. W. BALLOWE DIES IN NORFOLK

Succumbs In Hospital Following Short Illness

Lt. Comdr. Winfield William Ballowe, USCG, 52, a resident of Manteo since his retirement from the Coast Guard in 1951, died Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Marine hospital in Norfolk, Va., after a short illness.

A native of Arkansas, he was a son of Mrs. Emma Ballowe Brookshire, of Hot Springs, Ark., and the late James F. Ballowe. He was the husband of Mrs. Susan Midgette Ballowe.

He was a member of Olivet Methodist church, Manteo, and of Corcordia Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Philadelphia.

Besides his wife and mother surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Donald P. Gray, of Wanchese, one sister, Mrs. Elbert Rogers, of Little Rock, Ark.; four brothers, Joseph Ballowe and James F. Ballowe, both of Hot Springs, Ark.; Bascum Ballowe, of Amarillo, ex., and Biscoe Ballowe, of Houston, Tex.; two step-sisters and one step-brother, of Hot Springs, and two grandsons, Winfield Ballowe Gray and Christopher Gray, both of Wanchese.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo Saturday at 3 p.m. Burial will be with military honors and masonic rites in the Manteo Cemetery.

MEMBERS OF THE SEASHORE PARK COMMISSION



MEMBERS OF THE N. C. SEASHORE PARK COMMISSION meeting with representative of the National Park Service in Dare County last week pose here for a group picture. They are, left to right: Aycock Brown, Manteo; Col. Amos Kerns, High Point; Allyn Hanks, Manteo; Tom Allen, Washington; Miles Clark, Elizabeth City; Clark Stratton, Richmond; Ben Douglas, Raleigh; Miss Evelyn Yelverton, Raleigh; Charles Marshall, Manteo; Elbert Cox, Richmond; Henry Rankin, Fayetteville; Cecil Morris, Atlantic; S. Bunn Link, Southport; Tom Morse, Raleigh. The group met on May 6 and 7, touring all the park service land between Nags Head and Ocracoke. (Dare County Tourist Bureau photo.)

N. C. SEASHORE COMMISSION WITH NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MEETS JOINTLY IN DARE

Reports Indicate That Most of Land For Park Has Been Acquired, With Sufficient Funds To Cover Rest; Condemnation Proceedings To Be Carried Out.

The North Carolina Cape Hatteras Seashore Commission, together with officials from the National Park Service, met at Nags Head on May 6 and 7, under the chairmanship of Ben Douglas, Director, Department of Conservation and Development.

In the business meeting on May 7, National Park Service officials reported to the Commission on land acquisition work to date, and Regional Director Elbert Cox stated that in his opinion there are sufficient funds remaining to complete the land acquisition program. It was reported to the Commission that several Declarations of Taking had recently been filed in Federal Court and that the necessary papers would soon be filed in the Superior Court for Dare County, covering State condemnation. Project manager Charles Marshall pointed out that some of the Federal condemnations were "friendly actions" to clear defects in title, while others were necessary because he had been unable to reach agreements with the respective owners regarding price. He also stated that there were a number of additional tracts for which negotiations have been drawn out over a long period of time and for which he would soon seek Federal condemnation.

The Commission voted to request the Governor to sign a deed returning certain lands on Ocracoke to R. Stanley Wahab which will not be needed for National Seashore purposes. Another deed was recommended to the Governor which would convey to the National Park Service certain interests the State had in three tracts of land on Hatteras Island.

Director Ben Douglas department of Conservation and Development and chairman of the North Carolina Seashore Commission stated he was vitally interested in promoting more intrastate travel between the residences of the mountain resorts and the coastal section.

"When our people learn what our State has to offer in the mountains and here on the coast, we will become greater braggarts than the Texans," he said.

The two-day session started Thursday morning with a trip by National Park Service jeeps to Bodie, Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands within the national seashore area. Some of the new commission members were visiting the area for the first time, and as a result every acre of the coastal section embraced by the national seashore was visited. Officials of the National Park Service and local officials of the National Seashore explained in details the various problems which had come up since land acquisitions had started two years ago.

Clark Stratton, Chief of Operations of the Southeastern Division of the National Park Service gave financial statistics on properties purchased to date or in the process of being negotiated for and the amount of monies still available which he said he believed is sufficient to complete the acquisition of the land proposed for the project.

NEW BEACH BANK OPENING MAY 21

Open House to Precede Formal Opening; Everyone Invited to Attend

The Bank of Manteo plans to put into service its new branch bank Friday, May 21. The new branch, located next to Carolinian Hotel, Nags Head, will offer drive-in teller window, enabling customers to drive to the window and conduct business without getting out of their car. This system, the first in this section, will enable quicker and more efficient service. Banking hours have been tentatively set for 9 until 1.

Open house will be held on Thursday, May 20, and the bank extends an invitation to all to familiarize themselves with banking systems. Hours for open house will be from 3 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

DARE DEMOCRATS MEET TO ELECT CO. DELEGATES

The Dare County Democratic precinct meetings were held last Saturday, and committees were selected to attend the county convention to be held this Saturday, May 15, in Manteo. On the 20th the state convention will be held in Raleigh, for which delegates to attend will be elected at the county meeting Saturday. Those delegates elected will attend at their own expense, and any others who desire to attend may do so also. However, Dare County is allotted only 7 votes, and the delegates may vote their proportional part.

Also at the county meeting the county executive committee and the chairman and vice chairman for the county will be elected. Those elected last week to attend the county convention from the precincts follows: In each case the first named is the chairman, the second vice-chairman, and the rest delegates. The reports from East Lake, Manns Harbor, Frisco and Avon were not in at press time.

Wanchese: W. L. Daniels, Mrs. Arnold Daniels, Melvin R. Daniels, Ethel Tillett, Crowder Davis.

Buxton: E. P. White, Muriel Fulcher, W. L. Scarborough, J. S. Turner, Edna Gray.

Kitty Hawk: Pannel A. Tillett, Mary F. Perry, Alma Finn, Hallett F. Perry, Carlos C. Dowdy.

Kill Devil Hills: Elwood B. Parker, Mrs. Goldie Melson, Edgar Perry, Mrs. Clayton Tillett, George Frank.

Manteo: L. D. Tarkington, Mary Basnight, Frank Cahoon, C. S. Meekins, M. K. Fearling, Sr.

Rodanthe: Alexander Meekins, Mrs. Mellie Edwards, Mrs. Laura Scarborough, Charlie W. Midgett, Horatio G. Midgett.

Mashoes: John W. Midgett, Mrs. Barado Basnight, Mrs. Hattie Mann, W. H. Mann, T. R. Midgett, Hatteras: F. L. Peele, Cecil Austin, W. R. Newcomb, Mrs. Viola Peele, Mrs. W. H. Robinson.

Stumpy Point: Josephine Wise, Bob Midgett, Dewey Wise, Myrtle Burgess, McCoy Hooper.

Collington: J. O. Meekins. Duck: M. J. Evans, Mrs. Fannie Evans, S. B. Whitson, Woodson Midgett, Carrie Beals.

Nags Head: C. E. Parker, Mrs. Carrie Baum, Hal Culpepper, John Wise, Mrs. C. E. Parker, Mrs. John Wise.

GILBERT MISTER TO PREACH FOUNDERS DAY AT MANTEO BAPTIST

News from the pastor's study of the Manteo Baptist Church, states that the church will observe its annual Founder's Day Program on Sunday, May 16, with the start of their Spring Revival. The revival will be conducted by the Rev. Gilbert Mister of Louisburg and Wake Forest. The Rev. Mister is a local man and has conducted revival services before. He is a student at Southeastern Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest and will complete his work there in another year or two. He is well known and loved by local people and it is hoped that his many friends and relatives will take advantage of this opportunity to hear him. It is felt that his work here will be an asset to the community.

According to a report from the Rev. Mister, he will preach on the following subjects on the days stated: Sunday: "The Presence Of The Master" and "A Kingdom Of Priests". Monday: "The Most Dangerous Thing In The World" and "God Wants Your Mind". Tuesday: "Liars" See MISTER, Page Four

ONLY ONE CASE TUESDAY IN DARE RECORDER'S

Norman E. Brantley, who was served with extradition papers from the State of Ohio, appeared before Judge W. F. Baum to have a date set for hearing.

Brantley was represented by Forrest Dunstan, who asked for a writ of habeas corpus until the hearing, which Judge Baum set before a court of authority in two weeks. At that time the validity of the arrest and the legality of the papers will be determined.