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FISHING EXPERTS PAYING VISIT TO DARE THIS WEEK

Editors and Writers of Outdoor Magazines Arrived By Plane Wednesday

A group of the world's leading rod and gun editors will try their skill on North Carolina's coast this week when members of the staff of Sports Afield magazine hold their annual conference at Nags Head.

State Advertising Director Charles Parker announced that Editor Ted Kesting of Sports Afield advised him that the group was arriving by private plane at Manteo Airport on Wednesday, May 19, with plans for three days of North Carolina fishing.

Parker said Kesting advised him that the Manteo-Nags Head-Hatteras area was selected on recommendation of Staff Writer Bill Wolf, who fished at Nags Head and Oregon Inlet last year, and because it offers both salt and fresh water fishing.

Wolf, whose outdoor stories appear in Saturday Evening Post and numerous other publications as well as Sports Afield, will be with the party, which will include Fred Lewis, head of all Hearst magazines; Editor-in-Chief Ted Kesting, Associate Editor Michael Huboda, Associate Editor Chet Fish, Managing Editor Jack Seville, Art Editor Edwin Kuntz, Salt Water Fishing Editor Robert D. Hall, Boating Editor Willard Crandall, Sporting Dogs Editor Henry P. Davis, Arms Editor Pete Brown, Angling Editor Jason Lucas, General Manager Willard K. Trout, Detroit Bureau Manager H. H. VAN Horn, Southern manager Hale Printup, and Chicago Bureau Manager Don Sperry.

The visiting fishermen will be guests of the Dare County Tourist Bureau, Nags Head Chamber of Commerce and State Advertising Division for fishing excursions and sightseeing trips to new Hatteras National Seaport, Wright Memorial and Fort Raleigh and the Lost Colony Waterside Theatre. They will make headquarters at the Carolinian Hotel, Nags Head.

NAGS HEAD FISHING TOURNEY OCT. 22-24

Sponsoring Club Elects New Officers During Wednesday Meeting

Nags Head's annual surf fishing tournament which several times has attracted anglers and fishing clubs from many sections of the Atlantic coast will be held Oct. 22-24 this year, says Warren Jenette, who has been made president this year of the sponsoring group, the Nags Head Surf Fishing Club. Jenette succeeds Dal Williams as president. Other officers elected include Pat Bayne, as vice-president, succeeding Julian Oneto. Major J. L. Murphy of Kill Devil Hills will serve as secretary-treasurer for another year.

Others attending the meeting were Dan Harris and James Scarborough of Nags Head, Capt. Andrew Weiler, Abie Williams and Aycock Brown. A visitor at the meeting was R. A. Murphy of New York who was visiting his brother, the mayor of Kill Devil Hills.

H. W. Shaner of Margate City, N. J., who has given valuable promotional assistance to the annual tournaments during the past two years, will be engaged to help stage the tournament this year.

APPLICATION MADE FOR PIER AT KITTY HAWK

Kitty Hawk Enterprises, Inc., of Kitty Hawk has made application for construction of a pier in the Atlantic Ocean approximately 22 miles northeast of Manteo, it has been announced by R. L. Hill of the District Corps of Engineers of Wilmington.

The plans submitted show a pier 100 feet wide and 600 feet long, extending seaward 460 feet beyond the mean low water line. Plans may be seen at the district office and also at the Kitty Hawk post office.

Mr. Hill requests that persons wishing to raise objections from the standpoint of navigation contact him before May 23.

CHURCH OF CHRIST TOPIC NEXT WEEK

"Eating Soup With a Hatchet" will be the topic of the sermon May 23 at the Manteo Church of Christ, according to Burl Brinn, pastor. The services will start at 3 p.m. in the court house. Public is invited.

STRANDED SHIP ON BEACH AT PEA ISLAND NEAR SANDRIDGE



THE HONDURAN FREIGHTER OMAR BABUN, ashore one mile north of the site of Sand Ridge Lodge on Pea Island, which is three miles north of Mirlo Beach, Rodanthe, N. C. The ship is attracting many sightseers. It is not expected that the ship can be dragged from her position on the sands.

—Photo by Victor Meekins.



Fishing and Hunting AS REPORTED BY AYCOCK BROWN

FISHING GOOD, INSHORE, OFFSHORE, HATTERAS AREA

Despite cold weather and unfavorable winds at times, sports-fishing in Hatteras waters, both inshore and offshore has been up to par for this season of the year, according to Willie Newsome.

"Most of the blues taken during the current week have been landed by surfcasters and trollers at Hatteras Inlet," he said.

A few channel bass have been landed from the surf between Avon and Hatteras Inlet during the past week and light tackle casters have caught plenty of flounder and kingfish, according to Newsome.

Gulf Stream fishing, on days when the weather was suitable for going offshore, has resulted in catches of dolphin amberjack, false albacore and small tuna, said Newsome.

"Gulf Stream anglers have also had indications of big game fish. One angler, whose name I do not remember, had a blue marlin up on the week end near the Lightship, but he failed to land the big fish," said Newsome.

Big game fishing, especially for blue marlin should be very good for the next several weeks, in the opinion of Newsome. The first big blue marlin taken last year, (a fish that won third prize for weight in a national contest) was caught on May 29.

ONE MAN LANDS 15 STRIPED BASS

Ivey Evans, has made the best catch of striped bass reported so far this spring in the Roanoke Sound area. Fishing alone from an outboard-powered boat for the week end near the Nags Head-Roanoke Island bridge, Evans, using a bucktail for lure, landed 15 striped bass ranging up to two pounds each.

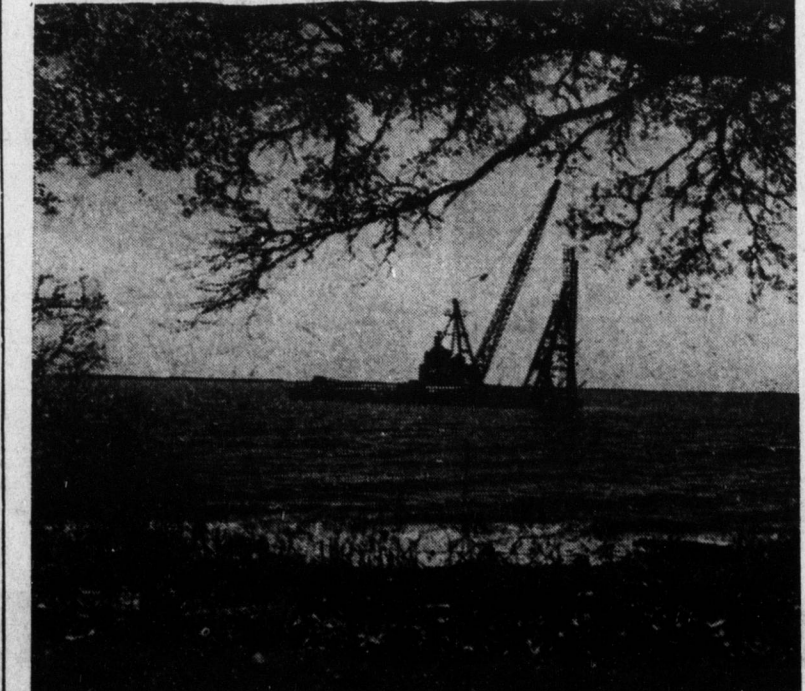
Other anglers fishing the same waters have been catching strippers and a few trout and bluefish and several flounders have been landed in the same waters, but so far, the 15 fish taken while trolling by Evans is the top catch for this species since they appeared in local waters, according to George Dykstra who operates a fishing center at the bridge.

FIRST DOLPHIN LANDED OFF OREGON INLET

First dolphin of the 1954 season to be taken by an angler fishing the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet were brought into port on the week end by Dr. Vincent Archer and party of Charlottesville, Va.

The dolphin weighed up to 20 pounds each, according to Capt. Dan Lewark skipper of the boat "Reta" from which the Charlottesville dentist was trolling. Several false albacore and school tuna were also included in the haul. See FISHING, Page Four

WHERE THE TRAFFIC WILL SOMEDAY ROAR



CROATAN SOUND'S WATERS roll tranquilly up to Roanoke Island's shores, where, here, in perhaps three years, traffic will stream from the mainland to the island on highways 64 and 264. In this photo the last westward test piling for the bridge across Croatan Sound is being driven by a Tidewater Construction Company rig. It will take perhaps three years for completion of the bridge, \$750,000 having been appropriated by Governor Umstead for a beginning. In this picture the silhouette of the test rig against the shady limbs of the sprawling oak limbs on Roanoke's west side bring to reality a long dream of conquering the communication problem across Croatan's waters. (Photo by Roger Meekins.)

NEW BANK OPEN FOR BUSINESS ON DARE BEACHES

Branch of Manteo Bank Held Open House Thursday Afternoon

By Aycock Brown
Nags Head. — First banking house in operation along North Carolina's Outer Banks held open house on Thursday afternoon and opened for business Friday (today). It is the Nags Head rhive-in branch of The Bank of Manteo.

Mrs. May L. Brinkley, chairman of the board of directors and personnel officer of the Manteo bank, gave the public a cordial invitation to the open house on Thursday. Mrs. John F. Long, Mrs. W. R. Pearce and Mrs. Frank Turner were hostesses and refreshments were served the guests.

John F. Long who has been assistant to W. R. Pearce, cashier of the Bank of Manteo for the past several years is manager of the new drive-in branch. Mrs. Brinkley, whose late husband, Z. V. Brinkley, was controlling owner of the bank for many years, will assist him in the operation.

The bank is on the east side of U. S. Highway 158 in the immediate vicinity of the Carolinian at Nags Head. It is centrally located for the Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk region.

Officers of the Bank of Manteo include: H. A. Creff, president; Frank Turner, Raleigh, vice-president; W. R. Pearce, cashier and Martin Kellogg, trustee. Members of the board of directors, headed by Mrs. Brinkley, the majority owner, as chairman, include: H. A. Creff, W. R. Pearce, L. D. Tarkington and John F. Long of Manteo; Frank Turner, Raleigh and Arnold Schiffman, Greensboro. Bookkeepers are Miss Jane Claiborne and Mrs. Teena Gaskill Sawyer of Roanoke Island.

RETURNS TO COAST AFTER 30 YEARS



MRS. LAURA PARKS of Kitty Hawk has returned to the place of her birth to make her home after more than 30 years spent elsewhere. Having recently been employed in the communications staff of a large Philadelphia firm, she is now living with her sister, Mrs. Lewis Scarborough in Kitty Hawk, and she says one of the most enjoyable things to her is the fact that she can look out the windows and constantly see green things, which is a pleasure after living many years in a city.

Mrs. Parks is the former Laura Sanderlin of Kitty Hawk. Her husband was the late William Parks of Atlanta, Ga. In 1945 she returned to the United States from a 22 months tour of duty with the WACS in the European Theatre during World War II. The above photo was made while she was still in uniform.

DISCOVERS NEW METHOD OF TREATING CYPRESS

Dick Best of Stumpy Point thinks he may go into a business this summer which he stumbled upon accidentally.

Mr. Best cut some cypress knees from Lake Mattamuskeet in Hyde County and had planned to skin the bark off, shellac them and offer them for sale. All of the knees were the same light, cypress color.

However, while drying them, after boiling to get the bark off easier, he discovered that they began to change their colors—some light, some dark, some very dark. He experimented some more and discovered further that he could control the color of the cypress knees.

Cypress prepared in this manner is much more attractive than driftwood, and Mr. Best believes that a good market should be open on the beaches this summer. They are used in the same way as driftwood—for lamps, decorations, and ornamentation.

PULP AND PAPER OFFICIALS MEET DARE THIS WEEK

Approximately 100 pulp and paper officials, and state and federal forestry and conservation experts arrived here Tuesday for a meeting of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association. The group is headed by the association's manager, J. G. Malsberger of Atlanta.

An important role in arrangements for the convention which has brought representatives from several southeastern states is Area Forester J. D. Nicholson of Greensboro.

Panel discussions and symposiums pertaining to the pulpwood industry were scheduled during the meeting. On Thursday the entire group was scheduled to make a field trip to West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company's vast holdings. William Ernst, general manager of the West Virginia Company, arranged the field trip which will take the group to areas where many hundreds of thousands of pine seedlings have been transplanted in recent months and where other conservation measures are now being carried out.

The convention headquarters is at the Carolinian Hotel on Nags Head. In addition to business meetings and field trips, several social functions have been planned by the group which will remain here most of the current week.

NON-SUPPORT CHARGE EXPLAINED IN COURT

Joseph Daniels, Manteo Negro, was found not guilty of the charge of abandonment in Dare County Recorder's Court Tuesday, but was charged with the responsibility for support for his 12-year-old child. Daniels returned from the roads April 2 from a sentence for abandonment and non-support, and could not be tried on that account again because of the double-jeopardy clause.

Daniels was to have been allowed a specified time for re-adjustment since his release. Judge Baum pronounced sentence of 12 months on the roads suspended on payment of \$12 per week beginning June 1 and continuing until the child is 18 years of age. He was also placed under \$200 bond, to appear before the court once a year to satisfy the court that the judgment has been complied with.

Robert Patrick was found not guilty of a charge of drunken driving but was found guilty of careless and reckless driving. He was arrested by officer Hassell of See COURT, Page Four

JUST A QUESTION OF DRUNK IN RIGHT ROOM

Manteo police chief M. C. Mitchell Tuesday night was leading a drunk toward the jail, when another habitual, drunk happened to see the procession.

"Chief, are you going to put him in jail," the second drunk said.

"Yes, I sure am," the chief replied.

"Well, that's all right," said the second drunk, "but don't put him in my room."

SURFMEN OUT FRONT AGAIN WITH RESCUE OF 14 SEAMEN FROM STRANDED SHIP FRIDAY

Ship Loaded With Heavy Machinery Beached Two Miles North of Rodanthe Due to Shifting of Cargo in Storm, After 12 Hours Out of Philadelphia Bound for Havana. All Saved Promptly by Surfmen.

WASHINGTON COUNTY'S ASPIRANT FOR SENATE



EDWARD L. OWENS of Plymouth, who has canvassed Hyde, Dare and the Belhaven area of Beaufort County during the past several days, is one of three candidates for the State Senate from the Second District. The other two are L. H. Ross of Washington, and Martin Kellogg Jr. of Manteo who has been mentioned before in these columns. Mr. Owens is a Carolina man, lawyer, farmer and former official, has a friendly personality and is a good speaker.

According to real life experiences and influences, Ed Owens is probably the most versatile person in Washington County and at the same time, one of its most valued citizens. He says that sometimes he thinks that he must have been "educated and trained for a wheel horse". Anyway here is the story:

Ed was born in Plymouth, July 1, 1904, his parents were the late A. L. Owens and Lucille Willey Owens. His father was one of the leading businessmen of Washington County, having interests in farming, real estate, banking. Upon his death in May, 1939, these interests fell upon the shoulders of Ed and his younger brother, A. Lloyd Owens, who are now trading in the name of Owens Brothers of Plymouth.

Ed, who has been active in civic matters regarding road and bridge problems and assisting in locating new business men in and around his community, continues to buy and sell land in his county. In this regard, he says, "I sometimes think that I must believe in my town and county more than any other individual when considering local investments".

Ed was educated at the University of North Carolina and was graduated in 1926 with a L. B. degree. He passed the N. C. State Bar in January, 1925, and actively practiced law in or about the time of his father's death in 1939.

As to his public record, it may be noted that he was elected and served as an alderman for the town of Plymouth for the years 1927 and 1928.

In 1928 and 1929, he was appointed and served as county attorney for Washington County. In 1930, he ran for the office of Judge of the Recorder's Court, at which time he was elected and served the term of his office. Later, during the war years of 1944 and 1945 and 1946, he was appointed to serve as Recorder while the former Recorder was drafted to service. He served in this office again for two years when this office was vacated and served as Recorder during the years 1951 and 1952. His friends call his record one of the best, and clean, honest, and fair.

He is a member of the Plymouth Methodist Church and has served on its Board of Stewards; Ed is a Post Master of his Masonic Lodge; a member of Royal Arch Chapter, and of Calvary Commandary 25 at Washington, and of the Sudan Temple in New Bern.

While at the University, he was one of the organizers and chapter members of Battle Chapter of the Delta Theta Phi, National Law fraternity which was organized at the U. N. C. Law School. See OWENS, Page Four

Some 250 feet from shore, three miles North of Rodanthe, the Honduran ship Omar Babun rests on the sands of Chicamacomico banks. The ship came ashore Friday morning early, last week, and has been abandoned by the owners, awaiting disposition by the insurance companies holding the risk of ship, cargo, and freight.

The 14 men of the crew were saved by good work of the Coast Guards, and have long since departed the county.

And there stands out the grim fact that it is important still to keep manned and equipped Coast Guard stations along these shores. There is nothing to take their place in time of disasters of this kind at sea. For years, higher ups in the Coast Guard have been decommissioning and putting out of service the long established stations which have served seamen in distress since 1870. The station at Chicamacomico is one of the latest slated to go.

Congressman Herbert Bonner, is now hammering home to the officials of the Coast Guard this recent example of the good work of the men of the service in hope of getting a respite for this old station which has a long and splendid record of service on the books to its credit, a history that has been made during the past 80 years or more.

The crew of the Omar Babun left Saturday with praise for the kind treatment given them while cast away on the Dare County coast.

The 14 men brought ashore from the wrecked vessel and their places of residence given, are as follows:

Jose Villie, master, 39; Francisco Leira, 2nd Engineer; Antonio San Domingo, Cook; Pablo Gray, boatswain; Prudencio Vidal Mirabel, all of Havana, Cuba. Marcel Cemitiere, 1st engineer; Jorge Fonseca, wireless operator; Ramon Rodriguez, 3rd engineer; all of Santiago, Cuba.

Robert Webster, assistant cook, and George Green, ordinary seaman, both of Roitan, Honduras; Rudolph Stamp AB seaman; Antonio Morena, and Joseph Belizle, ordinary seamen, all of Porto Cortez, Honduras.

Nathaniel Gooding, AB seaman of La Ceiba, Honduras. Gooding was the first man to come ashore. Rudolph Stamp was second, and Rodriguez third.

The men were cared for at the stations, ten at Chicamacomico, and four being quartered Friday night at Little Kinnequet.

The ship had sailed at 5 a.m. Thursday morning from Philadelphia, bound for Havana, Cuba, with a cargo insured for \$128,000. The ship was insured for \$120,000. The freight on the cargo was insured for \$10,000. The cargo consisted largely, according to Capt. Villie, of structural steel, motors and steel working machinery. There was no cement on the ship, he said.

Due to the extremely rough seas, the heavy cargo broke loose from its fastenings, and with the roll of the ship was shifting, first from starboard and then to port side, threatening to break down the stanchions which supported the decks. Capt. Villie said he deemed it necessary for the safety of his crew to beach the ship.

At 1:05 a.m. Friday he sent out an SOS which was received at the Coast Guard District Headquarters in Norfolk, and at 1:15 the ship struck the bar, a few hundreds yards north of the old Sand Ridge Lodge site, which was for many years the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Midgett.

This spot is about a mile and a half north of Mirlo Beach, which is now in process of development as a cottage colony, near Rodanthe.

At 4:15 Friday morning, the Coast Guard stations in the Hatteras area received a message from Norfolk, telling of the plight of the ship, and immediately men were set on patrol to look for the ship. The ship was discovered by Elery Clark Midgett II, a young Rodanthe Coast Guardsman, who is a grandson of the late Capt. John Allen Midgett. See WRECK, Page Four