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GOVERNOR UMSTEAD VISITS INFORMALLY



COMING DOWN to the Coastland country for a week-end away from the rigors of up-State heat, Governor William B. Umstead came over to the Court House for an informal visit with county officials and other local people. Afterward there was this picture, which shows, left to right, in the front line, Keith Fearling the Elder, Lawrence Swain, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, R. Bruce Etheridge, former Conservation & Development Commissioner; M. L. Daniels, chairman of the board of elections; the Governor himself, complete with his trade-mark bow tie; Melvin Daniels, Victor Meekins, and Dr. W. T. Ralph, Mayor of Belhaven and leader in the Southern Albemarle Association at the time the Croatan Bridge finally came to reality. Just behind and between Dr. Ralph and Mr. Daniels, is Victor Meekins, first president of the Association and in the background, very modestly, Court Clerk Chauncey Meekins and Sheriff Frank Cahoon. The Governor, almost literally, took two million dollars out of his pocket and handed it over for the bridge.

September Surf-Fishing Contest Planned for Rodanthe-Waves Area By Hatteras Island Civic Club

North End of Hatteras Island, North Carolina's Far-East, To Boost Its Scenic and Historical Attractions During Three-Day Fishing Festival

The most eastern spot of North Carolina, the Rodanthe-Waves area on the North end of Hatteras Island is getting ready to take its place in the sun as a tourist and fishing center, and made plans this week to undertake a three day surf-fishing contest, topped by several valuable awards.

The contest will be held late in September.

Attending a meeting to discuss plans for this contest were several men and women of the communities, who met Monday afternoon at Mirlo Beach Lodge near Rodanthe. A committee was appointed and plans will be worked out at once, with further announcements at the end of the week. The communities Civic Club is promoting the contest.

Advocates of the contest contend that this area, which is the most eastern point of the entire south Atlantic coast, has no peer for surf fishing. They cite many big catches made each week in the vicinity of the two steel ships wrecked abreast of the villages of Waves and Rodanthe, and only a little over a mile apart. Once the word gets around just how good their fishing is, they believe more fishermen and tourists will visit the area.

This area, known as Chicomico Banks, has not only scenery it was pointed out, but it has historical attractions, as well as appeal to those who love boating and bathing, either in the ocean, or the shallow waters of Pamlico Sound.

As for history, it was stated that the majority of wrecks and

rescues from shipwreck for which Hatteras Island is famed, occurred principally on the Chicomico Banks. Here transpired some of the most brave and daring exploits of the Life Saving Service, later the Coast Guard.

Near Rodanthe is the famous "Salt Spring," now long abandoned but which was a phenomena in ante-bellum days when it was a flourishing industry, from which salt was extracted and exported to the mainland and other places.

The committee working for the fishing contest are R. D. Owens, Don Morrill, Zeke Midgett, A. H. Gray and Woodrow Edward. Mr. Edwards is President of the Community Club.

The group which attended the meeting held on Mirlo Day, anniversary of a famed rescue on August 16, 1918, and which honored A. V. Midgett, one of the rescue crew, included the following citizens:

Capt. and Mrs. L. W. Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Meekins, Dan Morrill, Zeke Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. Fred O'Neal, R. D. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Midgett, Dan Midgett, C. A. Midgett, A. L. Midgett, A. H. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Midgett, Elroy Midgett, Woodrow Edwards, Creeden Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Midgett and daughter, Dorothy, A. V. Midgett, Miss Jackie Farrow, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. Dorland Midgett, Newcomb Midgett.

SCHOOL OF ARTS PRESENTS DRAMA MONDAY EVENING

Neil Stoneman Will Play
Leading Role in
Norwegian Play

The Lost Colony Summer School of Fine Arts will present Paul Green's American version of "Peer Gynt" Monday night at eight o'clock in the Waterside Theatre.

Directed and produced by the school staff, the play is the culminating project of the summer school. It is an annual event, operating on a limited budget and climaxing the studies of classes in chorus, choreography, dance, stage design, costuming, speech, and lighting.

"Peer Gynt" is a Norwegian poetic drama by Henrik Ibsen taking as its hero the legendary Peer Gynt of Norse folklore. In the drama Peer Gynt is played by Donnell Stoneman of Greensboro, Father Martin of the "Lost Colony". He possesses a riotous imagination, is a great braggart and egotist but always avoids any issue.

In a long series of adventures that take him over the face of the globe, he proves his true character and comes back at last to Norway.

There he finds Death, the buttonmolder, played by Robert Swain, "Lost Colony" technical assistant, waiting to melt him back to nothing and Solvig, the faithful love of his youth, played by Virginia Young.

Peer's dotting, scolding old mother, Aase, played by Jan Pratt, "Lost Colony" costumer, is a prominent character and her death in the third act is an outstanding scene of the play. The original Aase was forced to leave the cast with a back injury and Jan Pratt will play the role following one week of rehearsal.

The music, written for the play by Edvard Grieg is famous as the "Peer Gynt Suites" and especially well known is the "Suite Anitra's Dance, etc." Merick Haley, "Lost Colony" pianist, and William Forrest arranged the music for the Waterside Theatre performance.

Rehearsals for the play began three weeks ago. In early stages of practice, the summer school schedule included two hours of morning rehearsal and two hours of class study with rehearsals following performances of the "Lost Colony". This week the cast has rehearsed four hours in the morning and each evening after the show. Dress rehearsal will be Sunday night after the "Lost Colony" from 12 until two a.m. Stage manager for the production is See SCHOOL, Page Four

NEW ENTRANCE TO BE BUILT AT FORT RALEIGH

Plans for building a new entrance to Fort Raleigh were outlined Wednesday at the annual meeting of the Roanoke Island Historical Association.

V. Roswell Ludgate, regional landscape architect for the National Park Service, told the association that when funds are available the government plans to erect a new entrance to the Roanoke Island historical site. The entrance would be designed to accommodate the three attractions, the Waterside Theatre, the Elizabethan Gardens, and Fort Raleigh.

General Manager Dick Jordan gave a progress report to the Association on the Lost Colony. "Due to four rain-outs and three partial rain-outs," he said, "attendance has not been as good this year as usual." He continued that attendance is expected to be better for the remainder of the season.

Headed by Chairman Martin Kellogg, Jr., directors and others present were Russell Grumman of Chapel Hill, Dr. Christopher Crittenden, head of Archives and Historical Department, Raleigh; Mel Parrott from Berea, Kentucky, head of the Archives and Historical Department in Raleigh; Melvin R. Daniels, Dare County Registrar of Deeds; Miles Clark of Elizabeth City; M. K. Fearing, Bruce Etheridge and Albert Q. Bell of Manteo; Samuel Selden; Allyn Hanks, Charles Marshall and V. Rosewell Ludgate of the National Park Service; and a Mr. Parrott from Berea, Kentucky, where the outdoor drama, "Wilderness Road" will be shown next year.

MANTEO LIONS CLUB SPONSORS CAMPAIGN SLOW DOWN AND LIVE

The Manteo Lions Club is sponsoring a "Slow Down and Live" program in Dare County in an effort to promote highway safety.

"Slow Down and Live" is a nationwide safety campaign adopted by the Lions International and pushed by the North Carolina Highway Patrol. Patrolman R. C. Holt recently appeared before the Manteo Lions and requested that they sponsor the program.

T. H. Noe, Dare county health inspector, is chairman of the campaign and will direct placing of stickers on menus, in hotels, motels, restaurants and other prominent places.

The public, both drivers and pedestrians, are asked to take part in this safety campaign.

LAST SCREW PILE LIGHT HOUSE IN N. C. GOING OUT

Roanoke Marshes Light To
Give Way to Beacon;
Ralph Burrus in Charge

The last of the famed "Screw Pile" lighthouses on the inland waters of North Carolina, is still in service in the middle of Croatan Sound off Wanchese, but it too is slated for the discard at an early date, and with it will go three men to be replaced as have all the others, by a mechanical light on a platform, which requires attendance every few weeks only.

Ralph W. Burrus is the present officer in charge of this lighthouse, a man of 25 years service with the Coast Guard, a native of Hatteras but now a resident of Manteo. The old lighthouse was built about 60 years ago, and is so named because it is built on steel piles screwed into the sand. Time was when Croatan Sound was a busy thoroughfare dotted with sails. But the Alligator River-Pungo Canal has diverted a larger part of the water commerce that has not yet surrendered to trucks.

A quarter a century or so ago, these lighthouses on which men lived the year round, and sometimes kept their families, numbered 20 or more in N. C. waters. They were a great comfort to boatmen; they rendered a great service. One by one, they have gone away, sold to junkers, and torn down.

The lighthouses formerly stood at North River, the upper end of Croatan Sound, Long Shoal River, Gull Rock, Roanoke River, Wades Point, Oliver's Reef, Pamlico Point. See LIGHTHOUSE, Page Four

OPEN HOUSE AT DELRAY BEACH THIS WEEK END

Will Show New Beach House
for First Time at Kill Devil
Hills Development

Open house is being held at Delray Beach, Kill Devil Hill's newest development, Friday (today), Saturday and Sunday. Purpose of the showing is to acquaint all with the new type ranch-house beach home.

"The Bellaire," as the new home is called, was built by the Shamburger Lumber Co. of Kill Devil Hills. Many more of these homes are planned and construction will begin on these within a few days. "The Bellaire" offers many features not usual for beach cottages, and it is understood that the public is taking a liking to this new style of beach homes. Arrangements may be made for building this home outside the Delray Beach area, should anyone desire.

Delray Beach's development was begun several months ago by W. R. Deaton of Kill Devil Hills. Streets were laid out and paved, property leveled, and sale of lots was begun. Deaton announced plans this week for \$250,000 construction of streets and homes during the next 12 months.

ALPHEUS POTTS TO BE MINISTER AT FORT RALEIGH



The Rev. Alpheus W. Potts, pastor of the Huntington Court Methodist Church of Roanoke, Virginia, will deliver a sermon entitled "A Story of Creation" at the service in the Waterside Theatre Sunday at eleven o'clock.

Music for the service will be by the Lost Colony choir under the direction of Miss Nena Wil- See SERVICES, Page Four

PATROLMAN IS FINED FOR CARRYING A GUN

Norfolk Officer Found Guilty On
Concealed Weapon Charge
In Dare Court

Policeman Rondal Alliance Dowd Jr. of Norfolk found out this week that even policemen have to carry their guns where they can be seen. Dowd, in an unusual case of policeman on trial, was fined \$25 in Dare recorders court this week for carrying a concealed weapon.

Patrolmen found the gun when they asked to see Dowd's drivers license and he opened the glove compartment of his car revealing the pistol. Dowd pleat not guilty to the charge in the grounds that as an officer he could carry the gun as he chose.

The court decided otherwise and, in addition to the fine, ordered, as prescribed in concealed weapon cases, that the pistol be destroyed by the sheriff in the presence of three witnesses, the register of deeds, a deputy sheriff and the clerk of superior court. Dowd appealed the decision.

Dr. Grayson S. Walrop of Raleigh was found guilty of speeding 80 miles an hour in a 35 mile speed zone. This case had been pending since July 6. He was fined \$50.

Four 50 miles an hour violations in a 35 mile zone received the same sentence, \$15 and costs. See COURT, Page Four

CAPE HATTERAS ELECTRIC CO-OP MEETING SEPT. 1

Nine Directors To Be Elected
at Avon Wednesday
Two Weeks

Week after next, on Wednesday, September 1 at 7:30 p.m. the stockholders of the Cape Hatteras Electric Membership Corp. are being called into annual meeting for the purpose of electing nine directors for the coming year, and for reviewing the business of the Co-op, which now serves all of Hatteras Island. The meeting will be held at the Avon school.

George H. Meekins of Avon, Secretary of the Corporation, has mailed out notices dated August 10th, urging all members to attend, and to hear the financial status of the co-op read. All consumers or customers of the co-op are stockholders, and are entitled to be present.

Nominations for Directors to be voted on, are now being made, the notice says; although additional nominations may be made at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot.

ROAD OFFICIALS MEET THURSDAY PLAN TURNPIKE

North Carolina, Virginia
Road Group Convene
at Nags Head

Virginia's Coastal Turnpike Authority met with North Carolina's Carolina-Virginia Turnpike Authority yesterday at Nags Head to work out final arrangements for building a toll road up the coast.

One of the first chores of the joint meeting was to set dates for taking bids on the construction. Highway Chairman A. H. Graham, an ex-officio member of the North Carolina Authority, said the two agencies hope to open bids by the middle of September.

If this can be done, Graham estimated, the contractor could start work in October or November, and the road might be finished and paved by the end of next summer, although it probably would not be open to traffic until later in 1955.

The toll road, the first for North Carolina since the highway commission was formed, would be about 54 miles long with 34 miles lying within North Carolina. It would begin at or near the present intersection of the Duck road and U. S. 158, a few hundred yards east of Wright Memorial bridge; continue up Duck road for about three miles and then run north along the Atlantic shore. At the Virginia end, it would tie into a road which now runs south for about two miles from Virginia Beach.

Graham said bids will be taken on three types of construction—a base of gravel with asphalt surfacing, a five-inch plant mix asphalt and a five-inch mixed-in- See MEETING, Page Four

COASTLAND JUBILANT OVER UMSTEAD'S ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS FOR CROATAN BRIDGE

Governor Sets Up \$2,000,000 to Add to Last Year's \$750,000 Appropriation for Croatan Sound Structure and Makes Trip to Manteo and Hatteras During Week End.

The Coastland is jubilant and grateful over the action of Governor William B. Umstead, who last week, earmarked two million dollars for the construction of a bridge across Croatan Sound, which added to the original grant last year of \$750,000 is expected to complete the job; which is also expected to begin this fall and be completed in two years.

On the heels of this announcement, the Governor came to Dare County for the week end, and made his home in the delightful atmosphere of the First Colony Inn at Nags Head, enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Midgett, Saturday morning he met with several citizens in the Dare County Courthouse, and discussed other highway problems, and received lavish praise from those present, spokesman for the group being Melvin R. Daniels.

The Governor was quick to deny special credit to himself for his good deed for Dare County and vicinity. He said he was not giving us the bridge, but it is being built with the people's money. He paid high tribute to Hon. Lindsay Warren of Washington, who has been continuously working for the bridge for many years. "I do not know of any man whose love and concern for the whole Albemarle is greater than that of Lindsay Warren," he said. The Governor later in the day recalled that he was a member of the House Appropriations committee at the time Mr. Warren got through the legislation for the Kill Devil Hills memorial which has meant so much to Dare County.

Mr. Umstead was specially interested in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, which he foresees will be of tremendous good for Hatteras Island and the whole area. He is anxious that the ferry service at Oregon Inlet be improved and that the road situation to Ocracoke be relieved. "It will never do," said the Governor, "for those people who wish to visit Hatteras Island, to come and find the ferry inadequate, and be disappointed, whereby they might tell and dis- See COASTLAND, Page Four

DAVIS BROTHERS DO A GOOD DEED ON WATER FRONT

Manteo Men Make An Improvement of Great Value to Boatmen

It takes vision to see the Manteo harbor surrounded by high, drained land with homes and parks and perhaps a bathing beach on the point. After one has seen Manteo's back yard from the water with its rotting piers, falling buildings and unpainted walls, it takes even more imagination to picture a thriving yacht basin with piers, lights and facilities for the yachtsmen and comfortable benches for tourists and townspeople.

The Davis brothers, Vernon and Ralph, not only have the vision and imagination that sets them drawing sketches and plans and dreaming with half closed eyes, they have the practicality to start dredging and filling behind their store.

"The other is just a dream," says Vernon Davis, "developing the land around the bay. Someone with the money will do it some day but right now the cost is prohibitive". He sees no reason, however, why the Manteo water front can't be improved this winter in time for yachtsmen next summer. He envisions a long interconnecting wooden pier built along the entire water front with finger piers extending out into the harbor.

The idea occurred to him as he was cruising through the harbor in his boat. "I noticed how nice the backs of Roy and Edward Wescott's lots looked," he says, "all grassed and filled. Then I noticed the disreputable appearance of the rest of the water front."

When three yachtsmen asked him in one afternoon where they could tie up at a nice place Mr. Davis decided that See WATERFRONT, Page Four

400 PERSONS AT DANIELS REUNION HELD YESTERDAY

News and Observer Editor
Josephus Daniels, Jr.
Attends Event

Annual meeting of the Daniels Clan, a family which originated at Wanchese on the Dare Coast and spread to the four corners of the nation was held yesterday at four o'clock in the afternoon with Lieutenant Governor Luther B. Hodges as principal speaker. Head of the clan, Melvin R. Daniels, the register of deeds of Dare County presided over festivities which included a meeting in the Wanchese Methodist Church and a picnic on the church grounds.

The gathering and meeting continued until early evening. Members of the Daniels family from many towns in North Carolina and from many States attended.

At least one group from the Josephus Daniels family of Raleigh was present. Josephus Daniels Jr., and Mrs. Daniels and their children arrived on the coast Tuesday to spend several days vacationing and to attend the reunion.

The late Josephus Daniels, onetime Secretary of the Navy and Ambassador to Mexico, publisher of the News and Observer in Raleigh, attended the reunion each year that he was in this country during his lifetime.

More than 400 persons were here for the annual reunion this year, according to Melvin R. Daniels, head of the clan.

"MIRLO DAY" TO BE OBSERVED AT RODANTHE IN '55

Coast Guard Rescue of 1918
To Be Featured By
Celebration

On Monday August 16, 1918, the late Capt. John Allen Midgett, and five other Chicomico Coast Guards made a notable rescue of 46 crew members of the British Tanker Mirlo, torpedoed by a German Submarine six miles off the North Carolina Coast.

Monday of this week, the anniversary of the event, a group of people of the communities hard-by, met at Rodanthe and took note of this occasion, and gave rousing cheers to Arthur V. Midgett, of Waves, 80 years old, and one of the two survivors of the group of men who made this rescue.

Next summer, the people plan to hold a celebration worthwhile; one that will not only observe this important event, but will honor the great record of the Coast Guard, which has made its most notable history in N. C. in the Rodanthe area.

A committee has been appointed. See MIRLO, Page Four

MRS. ROSA W. SCHALLER DIES AT 67 IN BUXTON

Mrs. Rosa Williams Schaller, 67, of Buxton, died Saturday at 6 p.m. at her home after an illness of two years. She was a native of Avon but has been living in Buxton for many years. She was the daughter of the late Merchant and Mary Scarborough Williams.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Britania Gray, and Mrs. Rebecca Farrow, of Buxton, and Mrs. Sadie Peele, of Pamlico, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Pentecostal Holiness Church at Buxton, by the Rev. Robert Rail, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Dan Meadows, pastor of the Buxton Methodist Church. Burial was in the family plot in Buxton.

"Face to Face", "There is No Night There" and "After" were sung by the church choir. Pallbearers were Curry Miller, Lindy Miller, Vance Miller, Raymond Basnett, Almy Jennette and Loran Midgette.