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## SCHOOLS SET FOR OPENING SEPT. 7 IN DARE COUNTY

### Superintendent Evans Calls Attention to Requirements For First Grade Students

Mrs. Mary L. Evans, Superintendent of Dare County Schools, wishes to call attention to several matters concerning the opening of schools.

1. It is necessary for a child to become six years of age on or before October 15 in order to enter school. (The Attorney General has ruled that any child born on October 16 would become six on October 15, and would, therefore, be eligible for the first grade.

2. All children entering the first grade must have been vaccinated for smallpox and immunized against typhoid, whooping cough and diphtheria.

3. All first graders must present birth certificates upon enrollment.

The Dare County Schools will begin the 1954-55 school term on Tuesday, September 7. On Monday, September 6, at 10:00 a.m. all principals will meet at the Manteo School for pre-school conference.

All school building repairs have not been completed, but completion is anticipated before September 7. A recent rumor that the roof at the Buxton School had collapsed was erroneous. Some ceiling in the auditorium had buckled but that has been repaired.

Mr. B. H. Stephens, architect for the Dare County Board of Education, reported last week that nearly all necessary specifications for the construction of the Cape Hatteras School had been completed and that contracts would be let sometime in September.

Unless unexpected resignations are received before September 7, all school positions have been filled. The complete list is as follows:

County Supervisor: Noah A. See **SCHOOLS**, Page Ten

## ARE RECORDER LEVIES \$500 IN FINES TUESDAY

### Traffic Cases Prevail Before Judge Baum in Manteo

Violations of traffic laws prevailed Tuesday, Recorders Court day in Manteo before Judge Baum, and \$535 in fines were levied against the offenders, many of whom submitted.

Leonard S. Gossett, Navy man, pleaded guilty of driving drunk and was fined \$100 and costs. He pleaded "not guilty" to driving 45 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone. Found guilty, he was fined \$10 and costs.

Mimms Rabaiz Harris submitted to driving 75 miles per hour in the 35-mile beach zone, and was fined \$35 and costs.

William J. Hassell for reckless driving paid \$25 and costs.

Russell A. Shanabarger submitted to driving 65 mph and paid \$30 and costs.

Claude E. Wallace submitted to driving drunk and paid \$100 and costs.

Walton C. Taylor Jr. paid \$15 for driving 50 mph.

Charge against Billy Ray Morris of Coinjock for creating a disturbance at a beach cafe was continued for the second time. This time to Sept. 14th.

Matthew Warden, case continued to Sept. 7; charged with disorderly conduct at a cafe near Currituck Sound.

W. S. Simmons of Manteo pleaded guilty of reckless driving and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Donald R. White, charged with failing to heed a siren; case continued to Sept. 7.

Joseph C. Brown paid \$25 for allowing an unlicensed person to drive his car.

Ellis M. Ransom, for operating car while his permit was revoked, paid \$75 and costs.

Linwood C. White, for reckless driving, driving without permit, and speeding at 50 miles in a 35-mile zone was fined a total of \$165 and costs. Appealed the case to Superior Court.

The Dare County school fund is profiting much through the activities of the Highway patrolmen stationed in Dare County through the Lost Colony season. Nearly all of the cases brought in court are through their activities while the county-paid and one-town paid officers ignore these cases through the year.

## BUSY HARBOR AT WANCHESE MAY BE IMPROVED



—Photo by Aycock Brown

ONE OF THE BUSIEST fishing harbors along the Dare Coast is at Mill Landing in Wanchese, and a few of the valuable vessels using the inadequate facilities there are shown in this photo. Years ago the U. S. Army Engineers approved improvements, but before work could begin funds had been expended. Now the fishing, business and navigational interests of Wanchese have a promise from First District Representative Herbert C. Bonner that he will make efforts to get appropriations necessary to improve the harbor basin from its present size to 200x200 yards, and the shallow entrance which prevents navigation on low tide for many boats using the port to a depth of six feet and width of 100 feet from the harbor to the Manteo-Oregon Inlet channel in Roanoke Sound. This picturesque harbor is bordered by seafood processing plants, fish houses, fishing centers and marine realways and it is also homeport for many valuable cruisers in the fabulous Oregon Inlet sportfishing fleet.

## WASHINGTON RECTOR LOST COLONY SPEAKER



THE REV. STUART F. GAST, rector of St. Stephen and the Incarnation Church of Washington, D. C. will be guest minister in Waterside Theatre, Fort Raleigh, Sunday morning, August 29, according to Thomas H. White, host minister. This will be next to the last Sunday worship period of the Lost Colony season this year. The Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina will preach the concluding sermon on September 5, on the morning of the day the last performance of the 14th season of the Paul Green drama will be held.

The Rev. Mr. Gast has been See **SPEAKER**, Page Ten

## REALLY LOST HIS PANTS ON THIS CLAMMING TRIP

### Then Spends Night in Inlet When No Aid Shows Up

If anyone ever wonders what it feels like to literally lose your pants, there's a man in Manteo who can tell you.

Ronald Lewark and G. G. Bonner of Manteo, and Albert Evans, formerly of Manteo, but now living up-state, decided to go clamming down at Oregon Inlet last Sunday. Just how the clamming was, no one seems to know, but there's one episode that won't be long forgotten.

It seems that about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon they were ready to start back home, and the engine of their boat developed trouble. No matter to worry about, they thought, since someone would be along very shortly and tow them to shore. No one did come, so as dark was coming on, Bonner thought a signal of some sort would summon aid. Only thing available at the time, happened to be someone's pants, so Bonner pulled off his pants and attached them to the end of a seven-foot oar with a nail, and went to waving. Apparently no one saw the pants on the oar, for no aid came. After waving quite a while, a strong gust of wind came along and away went the pants. Dark was on the group by now, so the only thing to do was to wait for someone to come looking for them.

Dan Lewark, brother of Ronald, and Nevin Wescott of Manteo, finding that they had not come in, went in Lewark's cruiser to look for them. After attempting for sometime to see the boat and men, they gave up See **PANTS**, Page Ten

## Stripes on Bodie Island Lighthouse Move Mysteriously from Horizontal to Spiral

### Manteo Couple Discovers a Puzzling Discrepancy Between Sketch and Photograph

Bodie Island Lighthouse, long the neglected step-sister of the famous Cape Hatteras light now has her own claim to fame. Her stripes move! Now they're spiral, now they're not.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Bardin, recently moved to Manteo, discovered this puzzling phenomenon several years ago. Mrs. Bardin was making a sketch of the lighthouse from across the sound in Wanchese while Dr. Bardin was taking pictures. He took a view of his wife at her drawing with the lighthouse in the background.

Later in the winter after returning to Charlottesville where Dr. Bardin was professor of languages at the University of Virginia, Mrs. Bardin wanted to complete her drawing. Uncertain about some detail, she consulted her husband's picture.

Then it was that she discovered the camera sometimes does lie. Her sketch showed the stripes going horizontally around the light while the picture indicated them plainly spiral.

"We didn't know what to make of it," says Mrs. Bardin. "I was sure that I had painted the stripes accurately, yet here was the actual photograph to show that I hadn't. We tried every possible source to find out how the light was painted. I knew the Cape Hatteras Light was spiral so how could the Bodie Island light be spiral too?"

For the benefit of the uninited each lighthouse is painted distinctively. In the days of the sailing vessels a ship off course could identify its position by the painting of a lighthouse.

"We called a New Jersey Coast Guardsman. He wasn't sure. Finally he called us. 'I don't understand it,' he said, 'but Dr. Bardin's picture is wrong. The stripes are horizontal!'"

"Since then we have seen the moving stripes several times," she continues. "From Wanchese or the Roanoke Sound Bridge on a hot clear day the stripes will tilt and straighten before your eyes."

Later Dr. and Mrs. Bardin found the scientific solution to the peculiar shifting stripes. As best this reporter understands it,

## PEER GYNT AUDIENCE NUMBERS OVER 500

### Outstanding Performance Given Under Direction of Dr. Elizabeth Welch

The presentation of Paul Green's version of Henrik Ibsen's "Peer Gynt" drew an audience of more than 500 on Monday night when it was shown in Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island. The cast was made up of people connected in some way with "The Lost Colony", who under the direction of Elizabeth Welch did an outstanding job of interpreting the play. The audience would perhaps have appreciated it more in its entirety had a synopsis of the play itself been printed on the programs. The symbolism of the drama was a little hard for those who were not familiar with the play to grasp. See **PEER GYNT**, Page Ten

## FISHING CONTEST AT RODANTHE ON SEPT. 22-23-24

### Several Valuable Awards; Biggest Fish and Most Fish

Announcement was made this week that the surf-fishing contest to be held at Rodanthe on Hatteras Island, will be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 22, 23, and 24th. Prizes will be awarded for those catching the most fish, as well as the largest fish.

Places of registration will be at Zeke Midgett's Store, and Chicamacomico Motel at Rodanthe, and A. H. Gray's store at Waves. Ample sleeping accommodations of the better class will be available for those who wish to stay on the scene, and facilities for meals as well.

Tackle and bait will also be available in the immediate vicinity.

## GOVERNOR LAUDS PARK SERVICE AND PROMISES FERRY IMPROVEMENTS

Governor Umstead, fresh back from his first gubernatorial trip across Oregon Inlet and into the Cape Hatteras Seashore Recreational Area to the south, has asked First District Highway Commissioner Emmett Winslow to determine the cost of additional ferry docking facilities at the inlet.

It was a plain indication that the Governor has in mind providing additional ferry service at Oregon Inlet. At his press conference in Raleigh last Friday he said only that "it means nothing more than that I do need the information—I think it is important to have."

He was informed on his trip the week-end before, he said, that a new ferry dock would be See **UMSTAD**, Page Ten

## MOST FIRMS AGREE IT'S BEEN A SPLENDID TOURIST SEASON; HATTERAS HIGHWAY AIDS ALL

### Kitty Hawk-Nags Head Area Sharing In Business Aroused By Interest of Guests in Making a Day's Run to Hatteras Island Whose Firms Also Report Good Business.

## AIRMAN EXPRESSES PRIDE IN ADOPTED CO.



A/3c DUARD M. OVERCASH, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Overcash, recently moved to Wanchese, is at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi.

In a letter to the editor printed in the August 6 "Coastland Times" Overcash described the people of Dare County as "the See **AIRMAN**, Page Ten

The volume of tourist business enjoyed by the firms of the Coastland, according to all accounts has been greater than any year before. But appraisals of its net worth are conflicting at this time, and a better estimate of its profit will be available after Labor Day.

For many firms contend it has been spotty, and while it has been good in one place, another short distance away reports it not so good. There are a lot of elements that enter into the reasons for all of this.

Undoubtedly there have been many thousands more people visiting the Walter Raleigh Coastland during the present season than ever before. Ample publicity about fishing in the area, together with the tremendous advertising value of the activities of the National Park Service have brought the increase. Interest in the Lost Colony has lagged however, and this is a sad thing for Roanoke Island which is somewhat removed from the beaches. The Lost Colony needs a strong shot in the arm, and increased promotional methods. It has had a struggle to recover from the immature and amateurish supervision under which it bogged down two or three years ago.

But getting back to business in general, it may seem that the places that are most up-to-date, or are recently modernized are enjoying the best business. The travelling public is becoming more discriminating and is demanding the best of everything. New and up to date tourist courts enjoy good business. On the other hand the part-time tourist-home business is dwindling rapidly. Most people on the road prefer to stop where it is easier to get to and from their car; where they do not have to share their bath with anyone, and where they feel the freedom to relax, that does not obtain when stopping in the home of some quiet-loving family. It is quite a blow to the tourist homes, many of whom have made considerable investment in order to take care of the summer roomers.

## Hatteras Road Helps All

The all weather road to Hatteras is now proving profitable to all concerned, disproving the fears that many firms in the upper areas felt before it was built. It is now seen that Hatteras is no detriment to Manteo or Nags Head, for most of the guests at the hotels on the beaches in this area, make a day's journey to visit Hatteras Island, and thereby make a longer stay in the area. On the other hand, a new and profitable group of tourists have become interested in Hatteras Island by reason of the Seashore Park project, enabling many new tourist courts, hotels and others to enjoy a good trade in several parts of the Island.

There is a tendency now for home seekers to demand quiet and uncluttered home sites, and the lots that will sell in future will be restricted lots. Some sections of the Dare Beaches have been utterly ruined by the cheap See **SEASON**, Page Ten

## PRIZE WINNING PICTURES OF LOST COLONY'S 1954 SEASON



HERE ARE THE PRIZE WINNING PICTURES of The Lost Colony, made by press photographers who attended a special showing of the Paul Green drama as the current and 14th season began in June. During the special showing, hundreds of pictures of scenes and characters were shot and dozens of them have already appeared in newspapers, as one of the requirements of the contest, which this year offered \$200 in prizes, was that the pictures submitted must have been published. One newspaper, The Portsmouth (Va.) Star used layouts on two separate occasions, a total of 22 published pictures. First prize, \$100, went to W. A. Shaw, of the Hercules News, of Radford, Va., the top left picture of a dramatic moment of the drama's finale which shows Father Martin and a Colonist, played by Donnell Stoneman of Greensboro and Bill Waddell of Chapel Hill. Second prize of \$50 was won by Carol Martin of Greensboro. His picture (top right) was adjudged to be the best picture ever made of Frank Groseclose, who has the role of historian. Third prize, bottom left, showing John Lehman as Chief Uppowoc won a \$25 prize for Dick Bruckse of The Portsmouth Star. Bruckse also received first Honorable Mention for his picture of Fred Young as Old Tom Harris. Following preliminary judging by several persons from different states, the final selection of prize winners was by Samuel Selden, supervisory director of The Lost Colony; Bill Sharpe, publisher of The State Magazine, Raleigh; and Don Tracy, writer and author of Sherwood Forest, Md., whose forthcoming book will be a novel about The Lost Colony and Elizabethan Era.

## BIG TIME THIS WEEK END FOR CASINO BINGO

Big events are to happen this week end at the Casino Bingo at Nags Head, according to George B. Mann, manager, who announced two big attractions this week.

Saturday night a Model A Ford beach buggy is to be given away. Mann says this car is really the thing for the sportsman, and is in first class condition for a car of its age.

For the first time in their four years of operation, Casino Bingo will hold a "Sadie Hawkins Day". It is announced that several thousand dollars worth of merchandise will be given away this coming Sunday, August 29. Among the merchandise are sporting goods, appliances, household articles, jewelry, and a grand prize of a nationally advertised TV set.