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RUSTEES NAMED FOR HEALTH UNIT CAPE HATTERAS

County Board Also Approves Two for Tourist Bureau; Other Business Wednesday

The Board of Commissioners of Dare delayed their regular meeting until Wednesday this week, due to the election, and an important item of business was the appointment of a board of trustees for a period of two years for the Cape Hatteras Health center, which is owned by the county and operated by the Hatteras Island Board.

Named to this Board are community representatives as follows: Hatteras: Donald Oden, William Z. Burrus and Cecil Balance; Frisco: U. L. Rollinson; Buxton: W. A. Gray, Chairman, Raymond Basnett, Secretary, and Isaac C. Jennett; Avon: Nelson Gray, Earl Meekins and Willard Gray; Salvo: Graves Midgett; Waves: A. H. Gray; Rodanthe, E. R. Midgett.

The Board approved the following for the Tourist Bureau: Mrs. Grace White, Manns Harbor; Chas. Williams III, Avon.

The Board agreed to remit to N. F. Jennett of Buxton \$68.81 in back taxes and to write a deed to him for property sold for taxes some years ago.

Jethro Midgett Sr. of Nags Head was donated \$7.29 in failure to list penalties.

The Board agreed to extend the garbage contract with O. Burrus until July 1955, but to advertise in March for bids for a new contract for the Dare beaches.

The Board disclaimed any responsibility for Mrs. Odessa Meekins and Mrs. Ernest Williams as welfare wards.

ROAD REPAIR UNDERWAY ON OCRACOKE ISLAND

Ocracoke, Nov. 1.—Not long after Hurricane Hazel had destroyed a good many sections of Ocracoke's paved highway, strange signs and signals appeared in the village. At any rate they were strange for Ocracoke, which for so many years had no state maintained road. Here and there on its 1.9 miles of narrow pavement signs such as "ROAD OUT", "WARNING", "ROAD UNDER REPAIR", and blockades made of black and white railway-crossing warning material and at night burning flares warned the residents of defects in their highway. And at the same time state trucks began to haul in sand to fill in the gullies made by the sea tide. One benefit from Hurricane Hazel: the State Highway Engineer could plainly see where the Atlantic Ocean came through and culverts will be placed in several places not previously graded for storm entrenchment. A cement mixer has been brought and cement is to be poured wherever needed. There still remain a good many gullies alongside the roadway to be filled in and state trucks will probably be hauling ocean sand to the village for sometime to come. The promptness of the State Highway Department in making repairs is appreciated because in two places at least the pavement was impassable causing considerable delay in reaching the postoffice, the stores, and the docks of the village.

THIS IS SEASON FOR RECORD SURF FISHING

Buxton.—Early November, if this year is like past seasons, is the best time for catching big channel bass in the surf. Many of the national records made in recent years have been accomplished during early November in surf waters of Hatteras Island between Oregon and Hatteras Inlets. Year before last E. P. White of Buxton landed the national record for channel bass or 1952 on Armistice Day near Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.

Surf fishing has been better than usual in recent weeks all the way from Kitty Hawk southward to Hatteras Inlet. A 60½ pounder was landed last week at Kill Devil Hills. Scores of big channel bass have been caught in the surf of Hatteras Island recently and the fish ranged up to 45 pounds each. Inlet fishing at Hatteras has been the best in years. Ernal Foster's party on board the Albetross caught 20 channel bass the smallest 28 pounds and largest 45½ on one tide during the week end.

KILL DEVIL HILLS COUPLE WIN PRIZES ON TV PROGRAM WHILE IN NEW YORK CITY



HERBERT MORRISON, vice-mayor of Kill Devil Hills, and Mrs. Morrison are pictured on CBS-TV's "The Big Payoff" with co-stars Bess Myerson and Randy Merriman after Mr. Morrison won an expensive wardrobe for his wife. Prizes include dresses, lingerie, sportswear, hats, shoes and jewelry. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison appeared on the TV program while on a recent vacation trip to New York.

CAPT. J. D. HAYMAN ROANOKE'S OLDEST MAN DIES AT 91

Popular Citizen Had Been Boat Captain, County Sheriff and Historian

Capt. Jefferson Davis Hayman 91, died Thursday at 12:35 p.m. at the home of a niece, Mrs. Bristow O'Neal in Manteo, where he had resided since January this year. He was born at Kitty Hawk, June 1, 1863, the son of the late Daniel W. and Abbie Tillett Hayman, and was one of a large family. Most of his life had been spent on Roanoke Island where he married early in life, Miss Lizzie Daniels of Wanchese, to them being born four sons and two daughters. He lived in Wanchese many years before moving to Manteo and vicinity. Late in life he married Miss Hattie Dough who also died several years ago. He was the oldest man on Roanoke Island.

Capt. Hayman will be remembered by many people for long tenure at Fort Raleigh where he served as unofficial host, care- See HAYMAN, Page Four

HATTERAS BOY IN NAVY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT



Norfolk, Va. (FHTNC)—Edward A. Austin, hospital corpsman second class, USN, son of Mrs. Lovie Austin, and husband of the former Miss Nancy M. Willis, all of Hatteras, has reported to the Naval Supply Center here for duty in the Medical Department.

Austin, who entered the service in 1950, is a graduate of Hatteras High School.

HATTERAS GROUP OF HOME CLUBS HEAR DR. JETER

Fall Federation of Home Clubs Highly Successful Tuesday This Week

The Dare County Fall Federation Club meeting was held at Hatteras, on Tuesday, November 2, at 10:30 a.m. with the Frisco Club hostess.

Dr. Frank Jeter, Editor for the Extension Service at State College was speaker for the event.

Mrs. Edgar Hooper was unable to attend the morning session and Mrs. Leo Midgett presided. Mrs. Hubert Guthrie gave the devotional.

The following reports were submitted: Mrs. Hazel Foster, minutes of the last Federation meeting at Nags Head; Mrs. Melvin Daniels, Treasurer's report; Mrs. Pearl Midgett, report of Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Carrie Midgett introduced the speaker, Dr. Frank Jeter, who gave an interesting and inspiring talk.

After the attractive lunch served by the ladies of Frisco, the meeting convened under the leadership of Mrs. Edgar Hooper, President.

Miss Mary Harris, Eastern District Home Agent, held an installation service for all of the new club and county council officers.

The meeting was closed by all repeating the Club Collect.

FREE CHEST X-RAYS CURRITUCK AND DARE

Mobile Unit to Spend Month of November in These Counties

The Currituck-Dare District Health Department, in cooperation with the Tuberculosis Section of the North Carolina State Board of Health, is conducting a Mass Chest X-ray Survey for all the people of Currituck and Dare Counties during the month of November.

By X-ray tuberculosis can be discovered in the early stages, even before there are any symptoms. The early detection of the disease together with early and proper treatment gives the patient a far better chance of early and complete cure.

There are a number of other chest ailments that may be detected at the same time by the X-ray. Chest X-ray is required for a number of reasons, such as health certificates, marriage, etc.

The procedure is painless, takes only a few minutes, no one has to undress and the service is free. So be sure to get a Chest X-ray.

Below is the schedule giving places and dates. Go to whichever place is most convenient for you:

Knotts Island School, November 7
See X-RAYS, Page Four

GUEST MINISTER NOV. 7 AT MANTEO CHURCH OF CHRIST

Edsel Bridgman of Hampton, Va., and an elder in the Hampton Church of Christ, will be guest speaker Sunday afternoon, November 7, at the services of the Manteo Church of Christ to be held in the courthouse at three o'clock. The public is invited to attend. Mr. Bridgman is formerly of Scranton, where he was active in the local church.

OCRACOKE BROTHERS SERVING THEIR COUNTRY



St. James D. Garrish and his brother S/Sgt. Walter Potter Garrish are the sons of Mrs. Ruby Garrish of Ocracoke. James has been in the Army for eight years and is now serving in Korea. Potter has been in the Air Force for five years and is now stationed in Newfoundland. Both served in Germany for a two year period, and met up with each other over there now and then.

Whenever furloughs permit they make a bee-line for Ocracoke to see their relatives and friends here. In addition to his mother, James has a wife, Dora Jane, and an infant son, James III. James left for Korea about a month ago. Potter was home on furlough en route from Roswell, New Mexico, to Newfoundland.

FLORIDA FEARS FISHING FAME OF HATTERAS

Florida's reputation as a year around fishing ground is in jeopardy if we can believe stories of sensational catches several hundred miles up the Atlantic coast. And Bimini may also start worrying about being the blue marlin capital of the world after reports of a sensational number of the billfish hooked and boated in a very short while in the same northern waters.

To this old shellback Hatteras was just a spot to be worried about if you happened to be a sailorman. Many's the times I have stood on the deck of a freighter going past Hatteras Lightship its cargo ports wide open and one of the crew fishing. Most of the time, especially in late fall and winter, the weather was anything but conducive to fishing and the waters were dreary looking.

Still, it's that part of the Atlantic coast that is challenging Florida and Bimini as year-around fishing capitals of the world. And they have some very remarkable figures to back up their arguments.

14 Marlin Landed

During the 1954 season no less than 14 blue marlin have been landed along the North Carolina coast by boats operating out of Hatteras and Oregon Inlets. One Washington, D. C., fisherman said "Our group raised 39 marlin in less than a week and that is better than they do down in Bimini, which heretofore has had the distinction of being the most famous blue marlin fishing waters in the world."

But what really worries this reporter is that since the advent of twin-screw cruisers with plenty of speed the skippers along the Dare coast have been able to get to other species which in the past were well known only as a Florida fish. Aycock Brown of Manteo, N. C., writes that kingfish or king mackerel have been caught in those same waters.

Thousands of Ducks and Geese Arriving at Lake Mattamuskeet

By the North Carolina News Bureau

Ducks and geese by the tens of thousands are arriving at Hyde County's Lake Mattamuskeet. By full moon (October 12), the migration was in full swing, as the wildfowl followed their seasonal schedule.

Mattamuskeet, winter feeding ground for nearly a quarter million ducks and geese last year, expects a greater influx of winged visitors this season, and even better hunting for the sportsman.

The prediction of a "somewhat greater" gamefowl population at Mattamuskeet in the '54-'55 hunting season was made by Willie G. Cahoon, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service representative in charge of the Mattamuskeet Wildlife Refuge.

Mr. Cahoon is a top authority on gamefowl, with 20 years of background and observation at Mattamuskeet.

"We have more Three-Square around the lake than last year, which usually means more geese, and we have a good crop of Duck Millet," he said.

Explaining, he said that Three Square is the common term for Scirpus Americanus, a bullrush-type of plant which averages about three feet in height, and which geese consider quite a delicacy. Duck Millet, echinochloa crusgalli, is tops on the duck's winter menu in North Carolina.

A variety of other plants favored by wildfowl abound in the 50,000-acre Refuge area, giving the visitors a well-rounded diet and making 30,000-acre Lake Mattamuskeet a favorite wintering spot along the Atlantic Flyway.

And a favorite it is. Last year, at least 239,000 ducks and geese were accounted for in the Mattamuskeet bill-count. Of this number, Canada Geese totaled about 70,000, Pintails were slightly ahead with 75,000, and the 16 other species of ducks accounted for a total of 92,000.

MANY PREACHERS RETURN TO OLD COAST CHARGES

Methodist Communities Overjoyed at Return of Favorite Pastors

Most of the Coastland communities were overjoyed to learn that their popular Methodist pastors were returned to them Sunday night, when the list of assignments were read out in Raleigh. Rev. W. R. Ashmore returns to Manteo; Rev. C. W. Guthrie to Wanchese; Rev. A. L. G. Stevenson to Stumpy Point; Rev. E. R. Meekins to Columbia; Rev. Dan E. Meadows to Hatteras; Rev. W. B. Gregory to Kitty Hawk.

In Hyde County, Rev. A. H. Stone returns to Swan Quarter. Ocracoke this year gets Rev. W. R. Hales.

Rev. A. M. Cameron goes to Mattamuskeet.

Belhaven gets a new pastor, Rev. C. H. Beale. Rev. Wilford Wise returns to Bath.

Rev. R. N. Knight, a Columbia native returns to Moyock. Kin- See PREACHERS, Page Eight

DEMOCRATS JUBILANT OVER GAINS IN NATION TUESDAY; CONTROL OF HOUSE SEEN

Three House Chairmanships Will Go to N. C. Congressmen; County Tickets Go Over Big As Voters Abandon GOP Generally Throughout the Nation; New Democratic Governors.

Democrats throughout the nation are jubilant as a result of Tuesday's voting which indicated that for the time, voters were swinging away from the Republican party which enjoyed many gains by candidates who rode to victory on the personal popularity of President Eisenhower in 1952.

Democratic candidates on Tuesday routed out five Republicans for governor in the states of Colorado, Connecticut, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, which with Maine in September makes six new Democratic Governors.

Democrats will have control of the House, which will mean that three important chairmanships will go to North Carolina Congressmen, including First District Representative Herbert C. Bonner. Charles R. Jones, North Carolina's only Republican Congressman will retain his seat.

Contests in several states not definitely heard from may decide Senate control, but this appears mighty close.

Save for Mr. Jones, all Democratic candidates in North Carolina were big winners, as in the counties of the east. In Dare County all Democratic candidates went over big, including four who had Republican opposition. In Tyrrell County there See DEMOCRATS, Page Four

HUNTING GUIDES ARE ALL READY FOR WILDFOWL

Kitty Hawk.—The wildfowl hunting guides of this flight-famous community on Kitty Hawk Bay are ready for the migratory goose and duck season which opens next Wednesday, November 10. In the past several weeks they have been building blinds or painting decoys. Many of the hunters have booked parties for the opening of the gunning season.

This is the story generally on the Dare Coast from Duck village on lower Currituck Sound southward to the communities of Nags Head, at Wanchese, in the Rodanthe-Waves region and at Buxton and Hatteras. Blue bird weather at the end of October made a sort of gloomy picture for wildfowl hunters but with the cold snap brought on by northwest winds during the week much game has arrived. There seems to be plenty of geese in the Currituck-Kitty Hawk area and farther southward, both north and south of the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore officials have stated that public shooting will be allowed on National Park lands south of Salvo to Hatteras village. The Gooseville Club properties on Hatteras Island been closed to hunters. As a matter of fact has long been closed to public hunting under the ownership of the club which previously had jurisdiction.

None of the area immediately adjacent to sound side villages is restricted to hunting this year and none of the waters north of Bodie Island Park Service Land will be restricted. Hunting will be permitted in most of Roanoke and Croatan Sound marshes.

FRISCO MAN SLAYS BIG COTTON MOUTH MOCCASIN

John L. Austin, a well-known citizen of Frisco near Cape Hatteras must have got the granddaddy of all snakes of the species recently. A picture furnished this newspaper shows Mr. Austin holding the snake, which is called a cotton mouth moccasin, four feet long. It was killed in Mr. Austin's back yard.

MANTEO TURKEY SUPPER

There will be a turkey supper at the Mount Olivet Church, Manteo, Thursday November 11, at 6 p.m. "Take out" plates will be ready from 5:30 until 6 p.m. The proceeds will benefit the Manteo W. S. C. S.

MUCH COMMENT ABOUT STRANGE FUMES AT WAVES

Several Theories As To Cause of Paint Turning Gray on Houses on Banks

Gilbert Love's Notebook, a column in the Pittsburg (Pa.) Press carried the following item recently:

"It almost seems that Dare County, North Carolina (Population 5405), has more unusual happenings than Allegheny County, Pennsylvania (population 4,515,237.)"

The column continued: "Last week, for example, a 15-foot pilot whale ran aground in shallow water on the beach near Kitty Hawk. The crew at 'Navy Duck' an aircraft target range, tried to push it out to sea. Failing they got a bulldozer, lassoed the tail of the whale and dragged it across the sand dunes to Currituck Sound. . . . They succeeded in launching it there, but it was somewhat the worse for wear and soon turned up its flippers."

Another item in the Notebook column reported: "A couple of treasure hunters have been digging in the woods near Cape Hatteras in the hope of finding some of Blackbeard's pirate hoard. They found a strange-looking coin with Arabic engraving and the numerals 1287."

This reminded me of the time one of the up-state editors published an item that went something like this: "North Carolina's most interesting newspapers are the Coastland Times, published in Manteo by Victor Meekins and The Beaufort News, edited by Aycock Brown."

Victor had the answer in an editorial the following week. He wrote, "It is not a hard job to have an interesting newspaper here on the coast. That is because this coastland is an interesting place to live and run a newspaper."

Mystery at Waves

On October 2, this year, the people of Waves, most easterly postoffice community in North Carolina, went to bed as usual in their neatly painted homes. Just before daybreak on October 3, those awaking early began inhaling fumes that smelled of sulphur. A Mrs. Gray even went farther in her description of the strange odoriferousness.

"It smelled just like a gunshell after it has been fired," she said. There were various explanations of what happened while the village was enveloped in the strange odor—the fact that most of the neatly painted white houses turned grey.

Newcomb Midgett an old timer at Waves said the odorous fumes came from rotting eel grass that had been pushed into the shallow waters of the sound adjacent to the village following westerly winds in the wake of Hurricanes Carol and Edna. He had never known the odor or fumes from eel grass being strong enough to change the color of paint overnight, but for the past "30 years or longer" he had on occasions known the air to be filled with sulfuric fumes that he knew was created by the rotting grasses.

Publisher Victor Meekins had a theory about the mystery and so did Allyn Hanks, who recently moved to Dare County to become superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Meekins said the odor might have drifted across the woodlands and then the sounds from the pulp mill in Plymouth. He had heard of the fumes from the plant there being so strong on occasions that it would change the color of white houses to grey.

Hanks stated that the same thing had appeared down in the Everglades National Park of Florida. "Fumes in the atmosphere, or something, caused houses painted with lead paints to change color," he said.

Little Goes Long Way
Gilbert Love of Pittsburg Press under the caption "Little See COMMENT, Page Four