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RATE JAMBOREE CALLED APT TERM FOR SPRING EVENT

New Name Assigned to Opening Date of Vacation Season in Dare County in April

By Aycock Brown
Announced first as a "Spring Festival", a three day mid-Spring celebration designed to launch the 1955 vacation season, the event, planned for April 29-May 1, has now become officially named "Dare Coast Pirate Jamboree."

The name was adopted by 13 members of a 17-person steering committee which met in Manteo on Wednesday to complete initial plans for the event. Mrs. Lucille S. Purser, chairman of Dare County Tourist Bureau's board of directors had called the meeting.

"Already interest in our event is gaining favor, not only here on the Dare coast but elsewhere," she said. "Norfolk and Elizabeth City chambers of commerce, Bill Sharpe of The State Magazine, Charles Parker Jr. of State Advertising Committee in Raleigh have expressed their interest and pledged their cooperation, in addition to interest that is being shown by representative citizens along the Dare Beaches, Hatteras Island and here on Roanoke Island."

Tentatively the schedule of events which will include just about every community in Dare will include surf fishing contests and 'the world's biggest fish fry' on Hatteras Island plus, if it can be arranged a Banker pony race along the beach. These events would be held on Friday April 29, on opening day of the Jamboree.

On Saturday in the Kitty Hawk-Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head region, model airplane contests, a beach-buggy and jeep race at Jockey's Ridge, plus a nag race (the nags adorned with lanterns around their necks), treasure hunt, a pirate's brawl followed by a pirate's dance would be featured. At the ball a pirate queen would be crowned and so would a bearded pirate.

For those wishing to participate, the beard growing contest, planned to start on February 1, is expected to be one of those hairy-chinned events to end all beard growing contests. In recent years during anniversary celebrations at various places in the nation growing beards have been featured. This one would not be as an anniversary, but an effort to determine if one can grow a beard that would in any way compare with the one, which according to old wood cuts, and prints, adorned the face of North Carolina's most talked about pirate.

On Sunday afternoon commercial and charter boat races in Shallowbag Bay along with fast speed boats would be featured.

Members of the steering committee on Wednesday named committees to supervise most of the individual events. The committees for Hatteras Island have not yet been completed but is expected to be during the coming week.

Present for the meeting Wednesday were in addition to Mrs. Purser and the Tourist Bureau manager, the following: A. H. Gray, Waves, Dick Jordan, Lost Colony, W. N. Smith Jr., Kitty Hawk, Mrs. Diane Johnson, Kill Devil Hills, Abie Williams, Nags Head, Mrs. Wayland Fry, Manteo, L. L. Swain, County Board of Commissioners, David Stick, P. J. M. Bayne, Mrs. Isabel Murphy of the beach area and Allyn Hanks, Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

TRY-OUTS MONDAY NIGHT FOR WOMAN'S CLUB PLAY

The Manteo Woman's Club is planning a play for February, and Monday night of next week at eight o'clock in the community building try-outs will be held, Mrs. Wayland Fry, president, announces. The funds to be raised from this play will be devoted to a worthy cause—a scholarship to a worthy student, and donation of a pediatrics table to the Health Center.

MRS. MATTIE C. UMPHLETT

Hertford.—Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie C. Umphlett, who died Sunday, were conducted Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at Berea Christian Church by the Rev. Walter D. Perry. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She was the daughter by a former marriage of the late J. D. Crawford of Manteo and a half-sister of Mrs. Tom Russell.

GIRLS TEAM OF MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL



ON THE front row are: Helen Baum, Carol Walker, Jean Sears, Lois Sears, Sarah Alford, Becky Moulson, Betty Inge, and Mrdyth Midgett. Back row: Jennette Overcash, Margaret Pearce, Mabel Basnight, Janice Scarborough, Janet Wescott, Martha Rogers, Alice Midgett, Eileen Midgett, and Thelma Williams. Photo by Pratt Williamson.

BOYS TEAM OF MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL PLENTY HEFTY



FRONT row: David Simpson, Lloyd Walker, Murray Mann, Pat Kee, Ronnie Meekins. Back row, Coy Tillett, Jr., Davis Ballance, Carl Hayes and Woodie Fearing.

MANTEO LEADERS PLAN BIG MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Raymond Wescott, Chairman of the March of Dimes campaign in Manteo announces plans for an elaborate campaign in the community, beginning Jan. 12th and ending February 6th, Sunday at 1 p.m. Assisting Mrs. Wescott are Nevin Wescott, Treasurer; Mesdames Leo Midgett, Belya Daniels, Camille Poldolski, John Long and Brown Etheridge.

A short will be shown each week in the Pioneer Theatre. Cards and envelopes will be distributed at Sunday schools on Jan. 16th. Tube containers will be placed in stores and other public places and with each grade in school, to receive contributions. The house to house canvass will climax the campaign.

MARCH OF DIMES SUPPER JAN. 15 BY VFW AUXILIARY

The ladies of the Auxiliary to the Dare County VFW Post are busy planning their public service program for the coming year. Many new projects are on the fire. First on their program is a turkey supper for the benefit of the March of Dimes, Saturday night, January 15 at 6:30 o'clock.

The supper will be held in the VFW hall in Manteo; Tickets may be secured by contacting a member of the VFW or the auxiliary.

JOHN R. BALLANCE

John R. Ballance, 75, retired fisherman of Hatteras, died at his home Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. He was the son of the late Wm. A. and Leah J. Gaskill Ballance. He was a life long resident of the community, a member of the Hatteras Methodist Church. His survivors are, a daughter, Mrs. Herman Gaskins of Hatteras; three sons, Allen of Elizabeth City, Elmer of Hatteras, and Lenwood of Staten Island, N. Y. A half brother, C. C. Austin of Portsmouth, eight grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

WAHAB SEEKS POLITICAL OFFICE IN PRINCESS ANNE

Son of Ocracoke Man Expects To Be Commonwealth's Attorney

Robert S. Wahab, Jr., 37-year-old Virginia Beach attorney, has announced his candidacy for the post of Commonwealth's Attorney of Princess Anne County subject to the Democratic primary in July.

In his statement, he said: "I believe that the holder of the office should be in a position to discharge his duties for the best interest of all the people in an impartial manner unaffected by personal prejudices or factional differences. There should be an uncompromising enforcement of all the laws..."

Simultaneously, the incumbent Paul W. Ackiss, announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election. He has held the office for 24 years.

Wahab said: "I expect to have the support of the political organization of the county"

His father, Stanley Wahab lives at Ocracoke, and he spent much of his life here.

Wahab was born in Norfolk and attended the public schools, graduating from Maury High in 1935. He holds an AB degree from the University of Alabama. He attended the law school of the University of Virginia and passed the Virginia Bar in 1940. Later he took a law degree at the University of Maryland.

For several years, he was administrative assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI. During World War II, he supervised the German Subversive Activities

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BART GARRISON RIDES BIKE FROM MANTEO TO WANCHESE

Bart Garrison, 77 years old gets around pretty good for his age, and thinks nothing of riding 16 miles most any day on his bicycle, which is his usual means of spanning the distance between his home and Manteo. Mr. Garrison has been retired for several years. He is the last one of several children of the late John Garrison, Wanchese merchant.

TWO \$25 FINES LEVIED IN RECORDER'S COURT TUESDAY

Two fines of \$25 each constituted the grind of Recorder's Court in Dare County Tuesday. Samuel B. Farrow and costs on submitting to a charge of driving without operators license, and Claude B. Gillikin of the Coast Guard Boat Chincoteague, was fined \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving, resulting in an accident. Witnesses testified the defendant drove his car into one driven by Elizabeth Ann Daniels, of Wanchese.

TO LEAVE SATURDAY FOR TRIP TO WEST COAST

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Midgett of the First Colony Inn Nags Head, plan their winter trip this year to the West Coast. With Mrs. Lucille Purser of the Carolinian, they will leave Norfolk by Pullman Jan. 15th, going by way of Chicago and Denver. They will be gone two weeks and will return via New Orleans.

On January 17th, John White, will round out his 27th year as major domo of the Midgett household, having previously been at Sand Ridge Lodge near Rodanthe. John will remain behind to look after the household.

The Midgetts have taken many trips in mid-winter, previously on occasion to Mexico, Cuba, Bermuda, etc. Last week they spent at their home in Rodanthe, being annual visitors to the Old Christmas celebration.

THE SAM E. MIDGETTS NOW OPERATING CLEANERS

A recent change of hands of a Manteo business was the sale of the Manteo Dry Cleaners to Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Midgett of Manteo. Ray W. Jones of Manteo has operated this business on the Manteo waterfront for several years, and recently became acting postmaster.

Sam Midgett, Jr. was to join the firm this week, upon his arrival from California. Young Midgett has been working in the San Francisco section for some time, it is understood that he was anxious to come back home.

MANY CHANGES IN DARE HEALTH, HOME, WELFARE OFFICES

Popular Home Agent To Retire, Two Case Workers and Sanitarian Go

Several changes are taking place in the Welfare, Health and Home Agent Departments of Dare County. Mrs. Mary Kirby Staton, the popular home agent for the past four years is going to quit her work and move to Raleigh where her husband, George Staton will enter a bigger field. He will thereby resign his place as case worker for the blind in Dare County. He will become a counselor with the State Commission for the Blind.

Recently Miss Elizabeth Sawyer, who for three years has been a child case worker for the Dare County Welfare Department resigned to take a full case workers job, with increased pay in Currituck County, which is nearer her old home of Elizabeth City. Her place has not been filled. Mrs. Goldie Meekins says it is difficult to find duly qualified people for this work, but they are fine people her department is losing and she doesn't want to see anything stand in the way of their promotion.

Another vacancy, Theo. H. Noc, sanitarian in Dare and Currituck Counties for nearly two years, departs Manteo for Madison, Wisconsin Tuesday of next week. Mr. Noc, scion of the famous family of Episcopal ministers in Eastern N. C. will be assistant to the State Health Officer of Wisconsin. His place in Dare-Currituck has not been filled. His work has won recognition here, and the family will be greatly missed.

Another vacancy is taking place in the Welfare Depart. Mrs. Ben Creef is resigning as senior stenographer to go home and take care of their two children. She is another worker who will be missed by the department but wins renown for her decision in this matter. Her place will be taken by Mrs. Pat Miller Butler of Kill Devil Hills whose husband is in Korea. Mrs. Butler had planned to teach commercial work, but decided to take work nearer home in order to be near her mother.

IRA THOMAS STOWE IS BURIED AT WANCHESE

Funeral services for Ira Thomas Stowe of Wanchese, who died in a Richmond, Virginia, hospital last Wednesday, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Wanchese Assembly of God Church by Rev. A. W. Price, assisted by Rev. D. B. Lawrence, pastor of the Greenleaf Street Assembly of God Church.

"Jesus Will Walk With Me" and "The Last Mile of the Way" were sung by the church choir. "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" was sung by Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lawrence. Mrs. Joy Scarborough recited "Crossing The Bar". They were accompanied by Mrs. W. A. Price at the piano.

The casket was draped with the American Flag.

George A. Daniels, Arnold Daniels, Malcolm Daniels, Junior Stetson, Willie Etheridge, Sr., and Bobby Austin served as pallbearers.

Burial followed in the Tillett Cemetery, Wanchese

FINAL RITES MONDAY FOR HAROLD B. LENNON

Harold Bruce Lennon, 39, of Manteo, who suffered severe burns and shock last Thursday when a gas stove exploded in his trailer home near Manteo, died Saturday night at 9:30 in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City. A lifelong resident of Manteo, Mr. Lennon was the son of Robert Bruce Lennon and the late Mrs. Mary Midgett Lennon of Manteo. He was a veteran of World War II.

Besides his father, he is survived by his step-mother, Mrs. Gertrude Lennon of Manteo; a daughter, Miss Mary Bruce Lennon of Casey, S. C.; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Garnett Lennon of Manteo; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Carolina Midgett of Manteo.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at two o'clock in Mount Olivet Methodist Church, of which he was a member. Rev. H. R. Ashmore officiating. The church choir, with Mrs. Rennie Williamson as organist, sang "Rock of Ages" and "In the Haven of Rest". Pallbearers were Allen Lee Mann, Jr., Ralph Davis, Marvin Rogers, Billy Cox, Earl Green and Roy Wescott.

Burial was in the Manteo cemetery.

MANY THOUSANDS ATTRACTED BY MANY HISTORIC SITES GOVERNMENT ADMINISTERED

Dare County Enjoys Splendid New Income From Throngs of Tourist Visitors Resulting From Promotion of Our Beautiful Historic and Park Sites

Cape Hatteras Seashore Recreational Area and other National Park Service sites along the Outer Banks and on Roanoke Island attracted many thousands of vacationists from each of the 48 states, the District of Columbia and at least 29 foreign nations or possessions during the 1954 travel year ending December 31.

Travel figures obtained from various sources on the Dare Coast reflecting these facts in year-end reports of Allyn Hanks, superintendent of America's first publicly owned oceanic recreational area the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Horace Dough, superintendent of the Wright Brothers Memorial at Kill Devil Hills, Mr. Hanks' report also includes attendance figures of Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, on Roanoke Island.

Monument Visitors
Visitors counted at Wright Brothers Monument exceeded the previous all-time high of 1953, the golden anniversary year of aviation, by 186 persons, or a total of 184,514 visitors counted. Remarkable— for in December 1954 only 4,430 persons were counted at the Wright Monument as compared to 12,648 in 1953 when the big four day celebration was staged at Kill Devil Hills.

Fort Raleigh Loses
While attendance at Wright Memorial showed a small increase, the number of visitors at Fort Raleigh considerably decreased for the year, some say largely due to the admission charge.

During the year ending December 31, a total of 115,664 persons visited Fort Raleigh; included in the count were 45,227 patrons of The Lost Colony. In 1953, a total of 166,385 persons were counted at Fort Raleigh. While some persons may see cause for alarm in the approximately 50,000 drop at Fort Raleigh last year as compared to 1953, it is general conceded that many 'visitors' counted in former years were local residents who entered the fort merely for the ride or as a place to make a circle turn. (During the current winter there is no gate entrance fees at Fort Raleigh, but a charge of 25 cents is made to persons entering the museum, it was stated.)

National Seashore
Cape Hatteras National Seashore was probably the most visited area on the Dare Coast during 1954. Superintendent Hanks estimates that 110,000 persons of those going to Hatteras Island had as their main purpose to visit the Seashore area.

Under a cooperative arrangement with the Coast Guard, the National Seashore has made it possible for tourists to visit historic Cape Hatteras Lighthouse during certain hours and certain days of the week. In 1954, 10,308 persons visited the lighthouse. Since July 18, 1954, when it was opened to the public, a total of 12,940 persons have visited the new Maritime Museum at Cape Hatteras. No entrance fee is charged at the museum or lighthouse, it was stated.

Electric Counters
On September 4, last year electric or automatic counters were placed at two turnoff roads within the National Seashore area. From that date until December 31, a total of 10,471 vehicles crossed the counter on road from main highway to Cape Point at Buxton, or a total of more than 30,000 persons estimated. At Oregon Inlet Fishing Center since September 4, a total of 9,082 automobiles were counted. These figures represent traffic in only one direction. On October 4 a counter was placed on highway at the National Seashore headquarters and until the end of the year, 19,655 automobiles were counted.

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SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER PLAY FOR MANTEO SENIORS

After perusing several well-known and popular plays, the Senior Class of Manteo High School has chosen for spring production "She Stoops to Conquer," an 18th century play by Oliver Goldsmith. Wherever produced, this play has met with instant popularity. The class feels that local theatre-goers, too, will find its humor immensely entertaining.

Try-outs were held in November and a promising cast has been chosen. Those not in the cast have important duties for the organization of a play, whether it be make-up, advertising, costumes, scenery, or acting, utilizes the talents of every member.

Full of enthusiasm, the seniors have already begun on the various assignments, though actual rehearsals will not begin until late February or early March. Lines are being learned, costumes and posters designed, stage settings planned, and make-up studied. With so much preliminary work accomplished, the emphasis at rehearsals will be on the presentation of a pleasing and well-acted play.

Surviving are two daughters, three sons and two brothers, Jim B. Anderson, of Kitty Hawk, and Jodie Anderson, of Elizabeth City.

MRS. MARGARET A. SIMPSON

Mrs. Margaret Anderson Simpson, 74, who died Jan. 11, in Elizabeth City. She was a native of Bertie County but had been living in Elizabeth City for the past 50 years. She was the daughter of the late Nanie Bradley and Jim Anderson, and the widow of Edward Simpson, and a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.