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SAYS CONSTRUCTION HEAVY THIS YEAR KITTY HAWK AREA

Southern Shores and Kitty Hawk Witness Many Improvements To Motels, Courts, Hotels and Stores

Kitty Hawk.—Kitty Hawk and Southern Shores are making ready for another vacation season and during the past winter much construction has been underway in the area, according to H. C. Lawrence, local engineer and real estate dealer.

The Spring vacation season will get underway here on Easter week with the Sea Ranch and Kitty Hawk Fishing Pier's opening. Already open as a year around hotel is the Journey's End Motel which is currently expanding its facilities. A feature of the Journey's End motel this year will be a new restaurant with facilities for 200 guests, Lawrence stated. Numerous rental cottages on the ocean front, have been completed during the past winter.

Lawrence stated that more than 20 new homes have been added to the Southern Shores area, one of the most exclusive residential areas along the mid-Atlantic coast. More land in this area has recently subdivided new lands for building sites in the Duck Woods region. Mr. Lawrence, who also handles real estate transactions stated this week that during March this year, he had sold more property to potential home builders than through the entire vacation season last year.

In the south end of this area, Parker Bros. of Kitty Hawk are building one of the most modern motels located on the Ocean side of Dare County.

By Easter week end, if present plans carry Kitty Hawk Fishing Pier will have added footings to its over the surf fishing facilities. Mr. and Mrs. H. Travis Sykes, owner-operators of The Sea Ranch have plans for building a swimming pool as an added feature for California-styled hostelry.

Last season they introduced a beach club in an expansion program. Another new business in the area is the Gem Suppermart and tavern in the Kitty Hawk Beach shopping center near the intersection of U. S. 158 and Southern Shores Boulevard. This is one of several super-market type of shopping centers in the areas.

TWIN BROTHERS 70 YEARS OLD ON OCRACOKE

Ocracoke, March 28.—Capt. Ike O'Neal and Capt. Walter O'Neal, twin brothers, celebrated their seventieth birthday recently, and were delightfully entertained by a dinner party at the home of Mrs. Maude Fulcher. Fourteen friends enjoyed the occasion with the honorees. Two tables were attractively decorated; the family sitting at one, friends at the other; and a chicken and ham dinner was served. Guests included their sisters, Mrs. Tressie Howard and Mrs. Elnora Ballance, and a brother, John O'Neal, who has come here recently from Philadelphia; Mrs. Walter O'Neal, and Mrs. Marvin Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Tolson, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly O'Neal, Mrs. Etta Scarborough, Miss Marie Hodges, and Charles Ahmon. After dinner the group enjoyed singing, story telling, games, and some old-time See BROTHERS, Page Four

LOST COLONY MEMBERSHIPS INCREASED DURING MONTH

Manteo.—Memberships in Roanoke Island Historical Association which moved slowly in the beginning have now passed the 500 mark, according to R. E. Jordan, general manager of The Lost Colony. The memberships this year at \$2.50 each entitles the members season ticket privileges. In other words, for \$2.50 a person, if they wish, may see each of the 58 performances of The Lost Colony during its 15th season beginning July 1, it was stated.

Most of the memberships sold to date have come from outside Dare County, where a total of 378 have been purchased. Within Dare County, with Manteo in the lead, a total of 149 memberships have been sold as follows: Manteo 96; Wanchese 8; Kill Devil Hills, 9; Kitty Hawk, 9; Nags Head, 19; Manns Harbor 6 and Rodanthe 2. No memberships have been sold to date in East Lake, Mashoes, Stumpy Point, Salvo, Waves, Avon, Buxton, Frisco or Hatteras. The special offer for \$2.50 season ticket memberships will continue through April 30, Jordan stated.

A Commonsense View of the Importance Of Civil Defense and What It Needs To Make It Effective And of Value To All

A Complicated Program of This Magnitude Demands That It Be a Government Division, Operated Under the Same Set-Up As the Army and Navy.

By LOUIS GRAVES, In The Chapel Hill Weekly

Civil Defense—the preparation for the protection of civilians in case of hydrogen bomb attacks—is either important or not important. If it is not important, then there is no sense in all the going on about it—the solemn conferences, the alarming speculation, the exhortations to the people to show more concern about what may be about to happen to them. If it is important, then all this talk, and whatever state and local organization may result from it, are utterly inadequate as preparation.

The persons who are in the best position to know whether or not it is important—atomic scientists, the President and other high-level officers of the Government, the members of the committees of Congress having to do with the defense of the nation, military leaders, writers who have given serious study to the subject—declare that it is. And they declare it with all possible emphasis.

We ought to trust them to know what they are talking about. Not to have respect for their opinion, when it is virtually unanimous, unaffected by attachments to any party or any class, is to proclaim our lack of faith in our whole system of democratic government. For, the very basic idea of this system is that, by majority vote, we choose as our representatives the persons whom we consider most competent to study our problems of government—defense, foreign relations, the tariff, taxation, and all the rest—and make decisions about them. Of course when these representatives divide and dispute it is proper, in fact it is inherent in the system, for us to enter the dispute on which ever side we like, and rage and roar to our hearts' content. But when they do not dispute, when they are all agreed on a question vital to the national safety, certainly they deserve our confidence. I am not saying that a man does not have a perfect right to be a dissenter even if he be the only man in a million or a hundred million to hold his opinion, but we are under no obligation to listen to him if we do not want to; not for more than a moment in passing, anyhow. Here I am talking not about the lone wolves but about the ordinary run of people.

In connection with the danger of hydrogen bomb attacks you hear and read a great deal about "dispersal" and "evacuation." The dispersal of population (that is, the moving out from big cities, for permanent stay) is a long-range policy. It has been under way for several years, quite independently of the danger of enemy attacks, and now more of it is being urged as a means of diminishing the panic and the slaughter in cities if the bombs begin to drop. Evacuation is something very different. It is an emergency operation. It means getting people out of New York or Boston or Philadelphia or Chicago or Detroit or any other big city with the greatest possible speed after an alarm about approaching bombers has been sounded.

If you think you can imagine what a task that would be, you are wrong, for the difficulty of it is inconceivable to even the most daring imagination. And the idea that it could be performed by any sort of makeshift state or local agencies, with the aid of civilian volunteers, is dangerous nonsense. And a makeshift is not any controlling agency other than a division of the United States Government is bound to be.

The hurry-up evacuation of a great city's population calls for the most thorough, the most serious and the most devoted study, the most intelligent planning. Embracing, as it does, fire-fighting, the regulation of traffic, the distribution of masks and the taking of other measures against radiation, medical and surgical services, and all manner of ministrations of relief, it calls for exhaustive advance training not only of technical experts but of administrators capable of directing this colossal and fearful enterprise. Which is not to say, at all, that civilians should not be called upon to help. Of course they should be, for the sake of the national morale, just as the Red Cross and other auxiliary services have been called upon to help in all our wars, just as civilian spotters were called upon by the Navy and served with such remarkable success

against Hitler's submarines along our coast, just as civilians are now being called upon to help spot enemy planes.

As it is now, we have an agency called the Federal Civil Defense Administration, established in the executive branch of the Government four years ago "to provide a plan of civil defense for the protection of life and property." The principal responsibility is vested in the states, with the Government providing co-ordination and guidance. There is the great mistake. For the Government to stop with co-ordination and guidance is folly. Over-all direction and the major share of the actual performance of the various services embraced in an evacuation—these should be the functions of a personnel employed by the United States Government.

Civil Defense should be made a part of the Department of Defense. There should be a Civil Defense uniformed force, with officers and enlisted men as there are in the Army and the Navy and the Marine Corps and the Air Force. There should be training schools for this new force just as there are for our other forces. Of course, precedent to all this, and essential to it, is an adequate appropriation of money.

I returned to the question: Is Civil Defense important or is not important? If it is not important, stop talking and fussing and fuming about it. If it is important, then I, as one citizen, make this plea to the President, to the members of Congress, and to our other leaders in Washington: Do not keep on trifling with Civil Defense. Give it the serious attention it deserves. That means: make it a direct responsibility, a definite operation, of the Government. —L. G.

TREASURE HUNTS TO BE FEATURE OF JAMBOREE

Two big treasure hunts, one for adults and the other for children under 12 years of age will be features of the first annual Dare Coast Pirate Jamboree, scheduled as a three day vacation season launched for this region on April 29, 30 and May 1. The treasure troves will be in the vicinity of Jockeys Ridge, the tallest sand dune in Eastern America.

Mr. and Mrs. Abie Williams are co-chairmen of a committee which includes Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Zevely, Mrs. Kitty Jackson and Mrs. Jean Perry Beacham, and they have the job of planting the treasures, drawing up necessary charts and arranging clues as to the location of same.

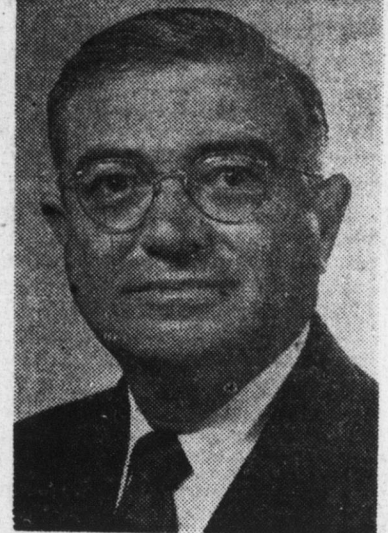
Mrs. Beacham will be in charge of the hunt for children and it will be arranged for youngsters in such a manner that finding the treasure trove will not be too difficult. With the adults, however, it will be a different story. The clues will be hard to find, and so will the treasures, but the treasures will be worth looking for. That has been assured by local merchants and citizens who have promised to donate same.

The children on their hunt are likely to find most kind of toy or beach accessory, or candy. Adults will likely find anything from gold ear rings and other jewels to pieces of eight and rum. The several clues will be at many different places.

STUMPY POINT RAISES \$52.36 FOR 1955 MARCH OF DIMES

A total of \$52.36 was raised by the citizens of Stumpy Point for the 1955 March of Dimes, according to a report from the chairman, Mrs. Jasper Hooper and Mrs. Woodrow Best. Of this amount \$8.80 came from the Skeet Theatre in Engelhard, as the Stumpy Point school children, who number 23, attended this movie. They also contributed by means of coin cards in the school. The remainder was raised by adult contributions.

SPEAKER SUNRISE SERVICE AT CAPE HATTERAS EASTER



REV. C. FREEMAN HEATH

The Sunrise Service Easter Morning at Cape Hatteras Light-house is expected to attract 1,000 people according to Rev. Dan E. Meadows, Methodist minister of Hatteras. Rev. C. Freeman Heath, District Superintendent of Methodists will be the principal speaker.

All the churches and their pastors, of Hatteras Island will take part, with their choirs joining in inspirational singing of the Easter songs. A large white cross will be erected at the rear of the choir.

Parking service is available in the National Park area, and if weather is bad, the museum porch will be used for the service.

The first service of this kind was held last year and it was attended by about 350 people, four states being represented.

WORLD RECORD FISH LANDED DURING 1954 IN DARE WATERS

By AYCOCK BROWN

Hatteras.—Channel Bass and Blue Marlin landed by anglers fishing in Dare coastal waters during 1954 were among the world records for the year, according to announcements released this week by Field and Stream Magazine, for many years conductor of international fishing contests.

Linwood Quidley's 62½ pound channel bass landed in the surf at Hatteras Inlet last July 10, was the largest fish of this species taken anywhere with rod and reel during 1954. It was the first channel bass that the Buxton, N. C., coastguardman had ever landed with rod and reel and his first prize for catching it was a hundred dollar government bond. Close runnerup to Quidley's first prize winner was Arthur Clark's 60½ pounder landed in the surf at Kill Devil Hills on October 24 during the final day of Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament last year. Clark, a resident of Fox Chase Manor, Penna., landed his big fish of which a photograph has appeared in newspapers and magazines throughout the world on 12 pound test monofilament line loaded on spinning tackle, a feat which established a new world's record with the International Game Fish Association.

Richard Waller who entered a 54 pound and four ounce channel bass in the Field and Stream contest won fifth prize and a 52 pound, one ounce specimen of the same species landed by Beatrice J. Manson, was awarded first honorable mention. Each of these fish were also taken at Hatteras Inlet.

Dr. J. C. Overbey, the famous blue marlin fisherman of Norfolk won third prize in the Field and Stream contest for his 442 pounder of this species taken off Hatteras on last June 12. This Norfolk dentist had won first prize in the contest in 1953 with a 570½ pounder landed in the same waters. Another Virginia dentist, Dr. E. W. Strickland of Zuni, Va., won fourth prize in the Blue Marlin class with a 425-pounder he had landed near Wimble Shoals while fishing from an Oregon Inlet Fishing Center-based cruiser on July 19. An honorable mention award went to Miss Lucy Stowe of Hatteras who caught a 320 pound Blue Marlin off Hatteras on September 6.

Another fish, the 170½ pound yellowfin or Allison Tuna, landed See RECORD, Page Four

CORRECTING REPORT OF DARE RECORDER'S COURT

Tried last week in Dare Recorders Court, George Albert McCleave, and not Daniels was found guilty of abandonment and non-support and given a sentence of two years in jail, suspended on payment of \$10 a week for his family's support. McCleave is a Negro living near Manteo.

OFFICERS INSTALLED HATTERAS ISLAND BY EASTERN STAR

Mrs. Ormond Fuller, Worthy Matron, and Other Officers Take Over at Rodanthe Friday

Rodanthe.—Hatteras Island Chapter No. 303 O.E.S. held a public installation of officers in the chapter room here Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Patron, Anderson Midgett, and other officers marched in and assumed their station without ceremony. Visitors were welcomed by the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Cedric Midgett. Mrs. Annie Laurie Mullins, P.M. of South Mills Chapter, installing officer, was presented and given a hearty welcome. She in turn presented the following: Installing Marshall, Mrs. Doris Bonner, DDGM, Roanoke Island Chapter, Installing Chaplain, Mrs. Carrie Midgett, Secretary, Roanoke Island Chapter, Installing Conductress; Mrs. Lula Jones P. M., South Mills Chapter, Installing Organist; Mrs. Hilda Ballance W.M. of Roanoke Island Chapter, Installing Secretary; Mrs. Mary Midgett, P. M. Roanoke Island Chapter, and Installing Warder, Robert Ballance, W. P. Roanoke Chapter.

A beautiful and impressive installation was conducted with the following officers installed: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Ormond Fuller; Worthy Patron, Richard Job; Associate Worthy Matron, Mrs. Delores Burrus; Associate Worthy Patron, Woodrow Edwards; Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Gray; Secretary, Mrs. Laura Hooper; Conductress, Mrs. Aleitha Meekins; Associate conductress, Mrs. Mellie Edwards; Chaplain, Mrs. Charlotte Ballance; Marshall, Mrs. Anscher Oden; Adah, Mrs. Thelma Gray; Ruth, Mrs. Edna Barnett; Esther, Mrs. Maude Job; Martha, Mrs. Pauline Oden; Electa, Mrs. Cedric Midgett; Warder, Mrs. Irene Midgett, and Sentinel, Mrs. Esta Gray.

Lovely corsages were presented all installing officers and new officers. Beautiful arrangements of camellias were used in the Chapter room. Refreshments of punch, cake, sandwiches, nuts, and mints were served to many members and guests present.

STUMPY POINT LOSES 2 COMMUNITY LEADERS

This week marked the final departure of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Meekins from Stumpy Point, when they came for the last of their furniture, preparatory to locating in their new home in Middleburg, N. C. Mr. Meekins sold his store business more than a year ago, and went to Vance County to live near the Biggs Island dam where he engaged in farming and operation of fishing boats on the Kerr Reservoir.

This week end was spent with his brother, Garland Meekins. While at Stumpy Point they were active in church and community work. Mr. Meekins served as Church School Superintendent, Chairman of the official Board of the Methodist Church, Steward and in several other places. Mrs. Meekins has served as president of the W.S.C.S., teacher in Church School, counselor for M.Y.F. and various civic projects. David, their son, is a senior in High Point College, after serving two years in the Army in the U. S. and Korea. He is married to the former Janie Crews of Winston-Salem who is now teaching in High Point City School. The daughter, Joyce, is married to Malcolm Bobbitt of Littleton. They have three daughters, Nancy Bea, Mollie Jane and Joyce Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Bobbitt now own and operate a tobacco farm in Middleburg.

RECREATION PROGRAM SOON TO GET UNDERWAY IN DARE

The civic club of Rodanthe and the recreation leaders in Hatteras are expected to get a real recreation project underway soon, as the result of meetings held this week by Lonnie Powell, staff member of the N. C. recreation department, assisted by county agent Bob Smith and home agent Mrs. Raymond Westcott. The meeting Monday afternoon at Rodanthe was attended by 15 people. The meeting at Hatteras on Monday night drew 30 leaders, and on Tuesday night 45. Groups represented were both Boy and Girl Scouts, Ruritans, MYF counselors, Home Demonstration leaders and Sunday School teachers of Hatteras and Buxton. On Wednesday night six home demonstration and Sunday School leaders held a similar meeting at Stumpy Point and outlined plans for future use.

HELD ON MURDER CHARGE WITHOUT BOND TO MAY 30

John Davis Scarborough, held on a first degree murder charge for the killing of Ephraim Daniels Jr. Monday of last week, was bound over Tuesday by Recorder W. F. Baum, without bond, to May 30th term of Dare Superior Court. He will get better than two months board as guest of Dare County.

Scarborough, who previously admitted guilt of murder to the warrant as written by Sheriff Cahoon, pleaded not guilty Tuesday, after Prosecutor Martin Kellogg, Jr. had gotten the warrant amended to "wilful and premeditated murder,"—a first degree charge.

Sheriff Frank Cahoon testified to the defendant's admissions, and two negroes, Leon Morgan and Mariah Barker, testified as to the circumstances. Daniels was shot dead in the road at a distance of several yards with a single rifle shot, following a drinking spell in which both parties participated. Scarborough was represented by Attorney W. H. McCown of Manteo.

Strange Cries at Night

A report is in circulation that strange words have been heard at late hours of the night in the vicinity of the place the negro died. One report is that a midnight passerby at this spot heard groans from the woods and a request: "please bring me a drink of water." However early this week, none of the colored people who live in that area wished to answer questions about it, although one man told John Woodley he heard the cries.

WAHAB ENLARGING SILVER LAKE INN AT OCRACOKE ISLE

A considerable addition is to be made to Silver Lake Inn at Ocracoke Island, and combined with this inn will be headquarters for the Beachcomber's Club, now located midway the island, but which has recently been acquired by the National Park Service. The Silver Lake Inn overlooks the harbor in the center of the village, and is operated by lease, as a restaurant and rooming house in season.

R. S. Wahab is also owner of the Wahab Village Hotel which is operated by C. F. Boyette. Other property owners are likewise improving tourist facilities on Ocracoke Island, and several large investments may be expected to be made soon, now that the State has given assurance it will build a road on the island, connecting with the highway at Hatteras.

BILLY GRAHAM FILM TO BE SHOWN IN MANTEO

"Oiltown U. S. A." Sponsored by Manteo Baptist Church In High School Auditorium April 11th at 8 P. M.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic films "Oiltown U.S.A.," will be shown in the Manteo High School auditorium Easter Monday, April 11, at 8:00. There will be no admission charge and the seats will not be reserved.

"Oiltown, U.S.A." was filmed during the Billy Graham crusade in Houston, Texas and stars Colleen Townsend Evans, Paul Power, Robert Clarke, Georgia Lee, Ralph Hoopes, and the stars of "Mr. Texas", Redd Harper and Cindy Walker. It is a full 94 minute film and features some of the work of the Graham crusade in Houston where more than 60,000 people went nightly to hear Graham.

The doors of the Manteo High School auditorium will be opened at 7:30 with the picture beginning at 8:00. All seats will be on first come first served basis and there will be no admission charge. The public is cordially invited to attend this showing, says Rev. Henry V. Napier, pastor of the Manteo Baptist Church, which sponsors the film locally.

OSPREYS ARE BACK

Ospreys or "sea eagles" as they are sometimes called have returned to the Dare Coastal region for another of their breeding seasons. These great and graceful, fish, eel and snake eaters have many eyries on Roanoke Island and elsewhere along the coast of Dare. One of the most convenient nesting places of these birds, for those who enjoy watching them is between Manteo and Wanchese, near the highway. They build nests in dead trees.

CLARK COMES OUT SEEKING AID FOR HATTERAS HARBOR

Elizabeth City Business Man Urges Congressman Take Action For Relief of Bad Situation

Taking note of the editorial in this newspaper calling attention to the serious situation at Hatteras Harbor, Miles Clark, Elizabeth City business man and Coastland booster has written Congressman Herbert Bonner urging action in behalf of this important harbor.

In passing it may be said that consumers of gasoline and fuel oils, must pay premium prices for oils on Hatteras Island because of the added difficulty and expense of transportation. In this wise, the citizens and their guests are penalized daily by the situation.

In commenting on the situation to Mr. Bonner, Mr. Clark says:

"The entrance to Hatteras harbor has filled considerably since the last dredging was performed. It is impossible to come straight into the harbor beacon-to-beacon. You have to run a circuitous course to avoid all the shoals and not even the most experienced seamen can negotiate the narrow channels without grounding. Something should be done about it—and fast.

"We have—or will have—a nationally recognized Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area in a year or two. Much publicity has already been introduced in this connection and there is bound to be unprecedented crowds visiting the area in succeeding years. There is nothing more important to the future well-being of the island than a good harbor at Hatteras. Much money has already been expended for good docking facilities at this point and more is contemplated. Mr. Walter Wilkins has erected one of the finest marinas on the east coast (it must have cost at least one hundred thousand dollars) and it's importance and utility is completely nullified by the shoal waters outside the harbor.

"I certainly feel that Hatteras is of such importance that the federal government would take steps to stabilize a channel leading into this port. This might be accomplished by jetties of ballast rock or concrete. The Coast Guard is moving it's operation to the north shore and it is always highly essential that they have immediate ingress and egress. By stabilizing the channel leading into Hatteras, boat owners would be more encouraged to use the port and marine commerce would boom. This would also serve as another medium for tourists to visit the Outer Banks, avoiding the crowded ferries at Oregon Inlet. It would also relieve the ferries to some extent.

"There is only one means of getting petroleum supplies to the Outer Banks. The ferries are not permitted to carry inflammable cargoes and we have to rely on barges altogether. These cargoes are having to be diminished because of gradual closing of the channel and shoal waters. It increases the burden and expenses of all concerned immensely and the situation should be given very serious consideration. Every one recognizes the importance of adequate depth of water at Hatteras, especially during wartime. It should be tied in with our defense program to some extent. However, it's immediate importance is relationship to the crowds anticipated for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area and the large boost to the fishing among the many wre. surrounding famed Diamond Shoals.

"Anything that you can do to expedite greater depth of water in and out of Hatteras Harbor will be highly appreciated. I feel that the time has come when the entrance should be properly jettied and Rollinson Channel dredged to adequate depths and width."

TWO NEW TEACHERS NOW ON STAFF OF ENGELHARD SCHOOL

Two new teachers have joined the staff of Engelhard High School, it was announced this week by school authorities. Miss Annycy Moose of Statesville has replaced Mrs. Magdalene Ballance as social studies teacher, and Miss Annie Ray Martin has replaced Mrs. Susie Jarvis as home economics teacher. Mrs. Ballance and Mrs. Jarvis resigned March 1. Both Miss Moose and Miss Martin are recent graduates of Appalachian State Teachers College. School officials hope that they will enjoy their work along the coast after four years in the mountains of North Carolina.