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WANCHESE NATIVE NEW TUG SKIPPER; BEGAN CAREER AT 13

P. L. Cudworth, 30, noted
With Norfolk Firm; & d-
son of Capt. Lou

By EUGENE PRICE
Capt. Perrin L. Cudworth, who only recently turned 30 years old, is one of the youngest tugboat skippers on the Atlantic Coast. But that won't come as a surprise to the folks who knew him back in Wanchese, on Roanoke Island. They remember Cudworth as a determined (some of them will say he was outright cocky) youngster of 13 who left home with the announcement that he was ready for a man-sized job on a tugboat.

Tuesday this week the Curtis Bay Towing Company of Virginia announced that Cudworth had been made captain of the pride of the company's 14-tug fleet—the new Cavalier. This boat is 105 feet long and has 1,800 horse power. She was built in Louisiana at a cost of \$200,000. Cudworth, in spite of his comparative youthfulness, has been skipping tugs for the company for four years.

Listed Among Finest
He is regarded as one of the finest tug captains in Hampton Roads. Among the first to tell you that will be his father, Capt. G. D. Cudworth, who has been skipping tugs for 35 years and who also commands a Curtis Bay tug.

Perrin is one of two sons who have followed the elder Cudworth in the tugboat business. The other, G. D., Jr., was master of the Curtis Bay tug Hawk until a recent illness.

The Cudworths have been men of the sea as long as the people around Wanchese can remember. The late Lewellyn Cudworth, grandfather of the two young Curtis Bay skippers, was himself, master of a sailing vessel, as well as freighter captain between Wanchese and Elizabeth City for years.

Mr. Perrin Cudworth has been at the tugs petrel and during the past four years. "There's just something about tugs like," he commented. "There always something different to do. Few jobs are exactly alike."

Cudworth came on a tug as a deckhand, and has worked his way to the top. Not all his service, however, has been in harbor craft. During World War II, he served on a merchant marine ship.

His ship was bombed at Anzio. Cudworth was 17 then, and an able-bodied seaman. The bomb twisted the bow of the ship, and it was days before she could get out of the area.

Cudworth returned to Norfolk and to the tugs when the war was over, and except for a brief period with a tug company in New York, has been here ever since. Among the young captain's three children is a two-year-old boy.

Is he also going to be a tugboat man? The folks around Wanchese will tell you that he probably will. After all—he's a Cudworth.

MRS. SADIE TILLET PERRY OF KILL DEVIL HILLS DIES

Mrs. Sadie Tillett Perry, 49, a native of Dare County, a resident of Norfolk for 28 years and a resident of Kill Devil Hills, for the last three years, died Saturday at 9:45 a. m. at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alton C. Smith, 2200 Arlington Avenue, Norfolk, after an illness of nine months.

She was a member of the Methodist Church. Her parents were the late Isaac Eury Tillett and Mrs. Maggie Saunders Tillett.

Surviving are her husband, Caldwell A. Perry; one daughter, Mrs. Smith, of Norfolk; four sisters, Mrs. E. B. Beacham, of Arlington, Mrs. Lizzie Harris, of Kitty Hawk, Mrs. Virginia Austin, of Corolla, and Mrs. Aurelia Tarantola, of Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.; three brothers, Herman Tillett, of Kitty Hawk; Boone Tillett, of Indiana, and John Tillett, of New York, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Derry-Twiford Funeral Home Monday by the Rev. J. W. Reynolds, pastor of the Campostella Methodist Church. Burial was in the family cemetery at Kill Devil Hills.

Several selected hymns were read during the services by Mrs. Wyn Whitehurst at the console of the organ.

The casket was covered with a pall of salmon and peach, gladioli, pink carnations and fern.

Pallbearers were, Vernon Lewark, Stanley Lewark, Radford Tillett, Chester Rogers, James Bedsole and Calvin Wicker.

SARA ALFORD OF MANTEO IS CROWNED DARE'S BEAUTY QUEEN



MISS SARA ALFORD of Manteo, who was winner in last Saturday night's beauty contest, is shown receiving the trophy from Earl Green of the Manteo Lions Club, sponsoring organization. Runners-up in the contest were Mitzi Oden of Hatteras and Ruth Cudworth of Wanchese. Left to right: Miss Oden, Miss Alford, Mr. Green, Miss Cudworth. Miss Alford is the daughter of Mrs. Cora Mae Basnight and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Daniels, Sr., of Manteo. She will be crowned Queen of the Pirates at the Jamboree dance Saturday night at Nags Head.

MIRLO BEACH LODGE OPEN AT RODANTHE

Currituck Man Operating Newly Built Inn Catering to Fishermen and Family Groups Seeking Quiet Surroundings

Mirlo Beach Lodge, a newly built small inn at Rodanthe opened for business this week under the management of Ervin Ballance of Poplar Branch, a man who has been for many years in the business of catering to sports-fishermen, hunters and tourists in the family club houses in Currituck County.

Mirlo Beach Lodge is about 12 miles South of Oregon Inlet, and is the first available inn on Hatteras Island. From its rooms, may be seen both the Atlantic Ocean and Pamlico Sound. Surfcasting and bathing is at the front door and fishing in the comparatively calm waters of the sound is available.

Mr. Ballance says he expects to provide good food, supplies for fishermen, as well as boats and guide service in the area. He will also cater to family groups who wish quiet and rest at reasonable rates on the seashore.

Mirlo Beach named in recognition of a far rescue by Coast Guards in the area when a British ship was torpedoed by Germans in 1918, is a new beach development which will be converted into seashore home sites. It occupies 100 acres of a wide, level and clean ocean side area a half mile north of the village of Rodanthe.

TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR OCRACOKE A POSSIBILITY

Representatives of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company visited Ocracoke Island this week to investigate the possibilities of locating radio facilities on the island for the establishment of commercial telephone service at Ocracoke.

Spokesmen for the company said that the only feasible way to provide commercial telephone facilities to the island was by radio facilities from the mainland and an extension of those radio facilities by land lines to an office of the company. It was brought out that the establishment of radio facilities would require the approval of the Federal Communications Commission.

The investigation being made by company representatives will determine the number of radio links that will be necessary to provide adequate telephone service to Ocracoke.

Reports have it that the company has bought land at Erhard as the probable site for a radio tower to handle this service.

BLACKBEARD BEACH PARTY FRIDAY RAIN OR SHINE

The Blackbeard party and dance, scheduled for Friday evening at the Wilbur Wright Hotel, Kill Devil Hills, will be held rain or shine, according to announcement by the management. The party will be held on the beach if the weather is good, inside the hotel if the weather is bad. The party will feature a shrimp feast and entertainment; also prizes for the best costumes. Ski Pisecki's band will furnish music for the dance. A nominal admission will be charged.

MANTEO BOY ATTENDING SCHOOL AT OAK RIDGE



MONTAGUE PENNYSTONE, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Pennystone of Manteo, is a student at Oak Ridge Military Institute, and was recently home for a visit with his parents. Young Pennystone, who is a high school Junior, is playing on the college baseball team, and is having many trips with the team on its spring schedule. He is a grandson of the late Capt. and Mrs. E. H. Peeler of Manteo, his mother being Augusta Peeler before her marriage to Mr. Pennystone.

DARE WOMEN JOIN IN OBSERVING HD WEEK

Special Window Exhibit in Manteo Will Display Refined Pictures For Home Walls

North Carolina's 69,526 home demonstration women are joining with more than a million club women in the nation, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii in this tenth annual National Home Demonstration Week, May 1-7, 1955.

If home demonstration families live better today, it does not necessarily mean that they have made more money because increased income does not always mean better living. It is that the mother in the home set her mind as well as her hands to work and through her influence the members of her family share in the work as well as the pleasures. It is because she found a pattern for better home living, feeding and clothing the family, and managing the home. All of this means better community life.

Women of Dare will be reviewing their accomplishments and discussing needs for another year's program. Club members are urged to attend and anyone interested in attending one of the regular monthly meetings is welcome.

The schedule for May 1-7 is as follows:

May 2, Manteo-Wanchese 2:30 p. m., Mrs. Hubert Guthrie, hostess; May 4, Manns Harbor, 2:00 p. m., Mrs. Trell Craddock, hostess; May 5, Stumpy Point, 2:00 p. m., Mrs. Lou Hooper, hostess; May 6, Kitty Hawk, 2:00 p. m., Mrs. Earl Keller, hostess.

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MRS. WHITE HEADS POSTMASTERS OF FIRST DISTRICT

Belhaven Man Named Secretary at Columbia, and Mrs. Brickhouse, Vice President

Columbia.—Mrs. Maude Miller White of Buxton, was named president of First District Postmasters Saturday at a splendid meeting held in Columbia. Russell Johnston of Belhaven is the Secretary, and Mrs. Effie Brickhouse of Columbia, who was host to the group, is Vice-president. It was the annual meeting of the District Association.

J. Tracy Moore, postmaster at Greensboro, v-president of National Association of Postmasters of U. S. and Editor of the "Tar Heel Postmaster's Gazette" was the main speaker. He discussed pending legislation of postmasters pay raise and endorsed it to be in a more simplified form with an eye to the future. The First District went on record of endorsing him unanimously for their candidate for the next National President.

Present at the meeting other dignitaries who were recognized were G. E. Martin of the Postal transportation services of Greensboro; Kenneth Brown from the District Office; Tom Ashby of Mount Airy, president of N. C. Association of Postmasters; Postal Inspectors J. T. Johnson and P. B. Osgood, and Stanton Insoe, Postmaster at Raleigh; Bill Ormand, National Chairman of Rural Education Committee, the outgoing president of First District, Roland Garrett of Elizabeth City. It was opened by the singing of "America". Invocation was offered by the Rev. Donald Wagner, pastor of Columbia Baptist Church; welcome given by Paul L. Liverman, Mayor of the town of Columbia; greetings brought by Mrs. Effie A. Brickhouse, and re-See POSTMASTERS, Page Five

WOMAN SEEKS MAYORALTY OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Dare's Young Municipality Will Also Vote Tuesday on Issue of Repealing Town Charter

While a group of citizens agitate for repeal of the town charter whereby Kill Devil Hills will be abolished as a municipality after less than two years as a corporate body, in the election of Tuesday, May 3, a woman seeks the office of Mayor. She seeks to oust Major J. L. Murphy, who was appointed to his post upon creation of the corporation. She is Mrs. Emily Long Mustian, wife of Dr. Wallace F. Mustian, the dentist.

The issues will be (1) Mustian against Murphy; and (2) "for or against repeal of the town charter."

Three have announced for aldermen; Herbert R. Morrison and Robert A. Young, incumbent members of the Board and Elton C. Twiford in place of Frank Dean who did not run for re-election. Miss Jimmie Gray is a candidate for Town Treasurer without opposition also.

The issue of repeal of the town charter is a pretty hot one at Kill Devil Hills.

MANTEO MASONS TO HOLD FISH FRY TO RAISE FUNDS MAY 7

A big fish fry between the hours of 6 and 8 p. m. will be held by members of Manteo Masonic Lodge No. 682 to aid in the fund raising campaign for a Lodge hall in Manteo. At present, and since its organization in 1947 the Lodge has met in the Manteo town hall. The fish fry will be held at the Dare County Shrine Club at the beach. Cost of tickets for the fry will be \$1 per person, according to secretary Charlie E. O'Neal.

Belton Burrus is now Master of the Lodge which was chartered in April 1948 having been organized several months earlier by a group of 20 who withdrew from Wanchese Lodge. Manteo Lodge now has 104 members.

SHIPPERS SEEK DEEPENING OF COASTAL CANAL

Present 10-Foot Depth Cuts Load Capacities of Barges, Tugs

Deepening of the 750-mile Intracoastal Waterway from Norfolk to Jacksonville, Fla., is being proposed by inland water shippers and oil, paper and pulpwood interests along the South Atlantic Coast, Chauncey G. Williams, Jr., vice resident of C. G. Willis, Inc., said in Norfolk.

Willis and L. G. Hogshire, president of Norfolk-Baltimore and Carolina Lines, attended a meeting in Savannah, Ga., at which an organized effort to promote the project was born.

Willis said the South Atlantic States Inland Waterway Improvement Association was organized with the primary aim of getting the waterway deepened from 10 to 12 feet from here to Jacksonville.

They will propose the project—which they expect to cost around \$1,420,000—to the Chief of the Army Engineers and appear before congressional appropriations committees in support of funds for the undertaking.

Engineers Interested
Willis said that in preliminary conferences the engineers expressed interest in the project.

Until about five years ago the waterway had a depth of 12 feet. As it gradually filled in, however, the maintenance depth was raised to 10 feet.

Willis said that inland water carriers who went into operation at the end of World War II did so with equipment designed for the 12-foot depth. As a result of the 10-foot depth which exists now, the barges and tugs are forced to operate at below their maximum load capacity.

Some Florida concerns reported that the depth in their areas at times forces them to operate at 80 per cent below their load capacity in order to be assured of uninterrupted navigation.

Willis said the present depth has resulted in frequent delays in shipping. He pointed out that while the depth theoretically is kept at 10 feet, at times vessels hit places where there is only nine feet of water.

Continuing Delays
The areas subsequently will be dredged but it may take as long as 60 days, resulting in continuing delays to the carriers.

Because of the shallow sections, Willis said, a new barge recently put in service by his company operates at 300 tons under the maximum capacity.

Greatly interested in the project are operators of commercial barges, and paper and pulpwood interests located along the coast. Companies supplying fuel oil to pulpwood mills and power plants along the route also are among strong proponents.

Willis said that another strong See SHIPPERS, Page Five

SCHOOL COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED FOR DARE CO.

Members of Dare County District School Committees recently appointed by the Dare County Board of Education are as follows: Manteo; Mrs. McCoy Tillett; Mrs. Leigh Hassell, John F. Long, Wanchese; Arnold Daniels, Malcolm Daniels, Mrs. Charles Daniels Stumpy Point; Carville Wise, Donald Middgett, McCoy Hooper, Manns Harbor; Forrest Sawyer, Roy Basnight, Frank T. Hemilright, Kitty Hawk; Mrs. Susie Briggs, Oscar Sanderlin, Dolphus Hines, Jack Twiford, Robert Young, Cape Hatteras; Woodrow Wilson Edwards, Percy Williams, Raymond Bassnett, Shelly Frontis, Anderson Middgett.

Roanoke; Maloyd Scarborough, Seward Simmons, Marshall Collins.

FRIDAY, THE DAY TO USHER IN PIRATE'S JAMBOREE WITH COLOR, LIGHT, LIFE ON COAST

Begins at Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and After Full Day of Sport, Shifts to Nags Head-Kitty Hawk-Manteo Area, Alive With Boy Scouts, Beach Buggies and Beauty Contests; Religion and Repentance Available Sunday.

GOVERNOR HODGES TO BE DARE VISITOR SATURDAY



GOVERNOR LUTHER HODGES will leave Raleigh Saturday, arriving about noon at Nags Head where he will come to give his blessing to the Coastal festival. He will stop at the Carolinian where a dinner will be given in his honor Saturday evening.

HELD IN \$3,000 BAIL FOR MURDER CHARGE TO MAY 30

Other News at Courthouse, Involve Traffic Cases Indicating Tighter Enforcement of Law in Dare County

Under an order signed by Judge Chester Morris, John Davis Scarborough went free from jail Saturday on an appearance bond in the amount of \$3,000 signed by R. B. Lennon, and by Mrs. Isabel Warren, his employer. Scarborough had been held in jail for four weeks, charged with the murder of Ephraim Daniels, Jr. and is scheduled for trial at the term of Dare Superior Court which convenes May 30th. Scarborough admitted shooting Daniels, his longtime friend with a rifle in the public road, following a Monday of drinking and carousing. Daniels died instantly.

In Dare Recorder's court this week Judge Baum heard three cases, all submissions: Thos. Cannady \$5 and costs for operating a car without proper registration plates; Jas. Cox paid \$25 and costs for operating a car after his driver's license had expired; Wesley Jule Hardison paid \$5 and costs for driving on the left hand side of the road in the face of oncoming traffic.

Apprehension of drivers for some offenses heretofore overlooked indicate that the new patrolman, Arthur Fields will step up law enforcement. Already his recent crack-down on drivers with Virginia tags who overlooked getting N. C. tags has had good results, and many owners of such cars have been scurrying for new tags.

SEASON'S FIRST BLUEFISH ARE LANDED AT HATTERAS

Hatteras.—First bluefish reported taken with rod and reel during 1955 were caught near Hatteras Inlet on Wednesday last week, according to Capt. Ernal Foster. A total of 33 of these fish which attract so many anglers to Dare Coastal waters were caught by Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Kroenke, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beck, Mrs. Al Hancock and Tommy Hancock of Fredonia, N. Y. They were fishing with Captains William Foster and Oliver O'Neal from the cruiser Albatross III. The party also landed three false albacore.

On the previous day, Ray Beck, Al Hancock and Ervin Kroenke, member of the Fredonia party, fishing from the same cruiser in the Gulf Stream near Diamond Lightship off Hatteras had landed 10 albacore and one dolphin. The dolphin, a 10-pounder was the first reported from the Gulf Stream this year. Previously however, on Easter week end, several false albacore had been taken from the Gulf Stream.

ERNST HEADS GROUP TO FIGHT WOODS FIRES

North Carolina's wood using industries Friday launched a study to tighten the State's forest fire detection and prevention programs.

M. C. Gibson of Elizabethtown, chairman of the North Carolina Forest Industries Committee, named a subcommittee to study the problem and recommend a course of action.

Officials of State agencies, including State Forester Fred H. Claridge, met with the industry group in an all-day session. The largest forest fire in the State's history, which recently burned over 300,000 acres in Tyrrell, Hyde and Beaufort counties and caused damages running into millions, spurred the action to improve fire prevention activities.

Gibson named William Ernst of Manteo, representing the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., to head the study group. Other members are: Jim Latty, Bolton, Riegel Woodlands Corp.; Carl Blades, Charlotte, Duke Power Co.; Harold Blanchard, Whiteville, Sledge Lumber Co.; and John Furney, New Bern, Bate Lumber Co.

Ernst said the subcommittee will meet within two weeks to consider suggestions made Friday. These included: Closer coordination of all agencies within the Conservation and Development Department in fire detection and reporting; authority for game wardens to investigate forest fires as part of their regular duties; creation of an emergency fund of about \$100,000 for use by the Forestry Division during periods of high fire danger; and the advisability of assessing all woodlands an addition per acre tax to pay for better fire prevention programs.