

# THE COASTLAND TIMES

PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE INTEREST OF THE WALTER RALEIGH COASTLAND OF NORTH CAROLINA

VOLUME XX — NO. 47

MANTEO, N. C., FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1955

Single Copy 7¢

## TWO NEW SCHOOLS PLANNED; MANTEO AND KITTY HAWK

Proposed to Build on Brinkley Farm; 12-Room Building Sought For Kitty Hawk

When the Dare County Board of Education met Tuesday with all members present except Ellis Gray, plans were discussed for a new high school at Manteo to be located on the Brinkley Farm on a ten acre site which it is proposed to buy. Motion for this school was made by R. O. Ballance, seconded by W. L. Scarborough.

At this meeting the committee from Kitty Hawk, Adolphus Hines, Mrs. Susie Briggs, Jackson Twiford, Oscar Sanderlin and Robert Young appeared and asked that a new 12 room school building be erected at Kitty Hawk.

The Board moved to pay the Secretary in the Superintendent's office a salary of \$225 a month. A committee is to be appointed to wait on Mrs. Brinkley in regard to purchasing her land for the school. The architect doing the county's work will be asked to draw up plans for the buildings.

Mantoo Harbor Fifth grade pupils are to be sent to Mantoo next year.

The following teachers for next year were approved by the Board: Cape Hatteras School, which will embrace all pupils on Hatteras Island: Everett M. Widener, principal; C. P. Gray, Mrs. Mildred Geranko, Robert L. Terrell, Mrs. Inez D. Austin, Mrs. Violet Austin Mrs. Zoelna Plyler. The Hatteras committee is composed of Shelby Frontis, W. W. Edwards, Raymond Bassett, Percy Williams, Anderson Midgett. The janitor is Albin Fulcher and maid Mrs. Edna See SCHOOLS, Page Ten

## LINDSAY WARREN VISITS OCRACOKE, FAVORITE SPOT

Former Congressman Pays First Visit After Four Years To See Changes Being Made by Road He Helped Get For Island

Ocracoke, May 16.—Ocracokers enjoyed a visit last week from Lindsay C. Warren from Washington, N. C. Long a lover of the island and its people, Mr. Warren seemed exceedingly happy to renew friendships. It was his first visit to Ocracoke in four years. He made the trip across Pamlico Sound by yacht with Wayland Sermons, O. M. Winfield, and Phil Willis. Mr. Sermons, who is Scout Commissioner for Ocracoke on the East Carolina Council, contacted Scoutmaster Marvin Howard while here and talked about organizing Cub Scouts on the island. The local committee is making plans for such organization. Phil Willis, Scoutmaster of Troop 21, Washington, N. C., visited the school with Mr. Warren and was greatly impressed with the large collection of shells on display in the school library. The local scout troop plans to make a similar collection for Mr. Willis. Mr. Winfield came as usual with a box of new records for the recreation hall nickle-lodean; these were enjoyed at the weekly square dance on Saturday night.

## HEARING ON VALUE OF BODIE ISLAND LANDS

Preliminary arrangements were made this week for the hearing of the case involving the condemnation of the former Bodie Island Club lands recently owned by W. A. Worth on Bodie Island for inclusion in Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Present were I. D. Thorp of Rocky Mount, J. C. Sawyer of Elizabeth City and Charles W. Bradshaw of Raleigh, who have been appointed by Judge Don Gilliam to review this case, and Charles S. Marshall, Project Manager of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

In addition to viewing the lands under condemnation the commissioners arranged a tentative timetable under which they will state their hearings in the Dare County Courtroom on June 27. Attorneys for W. A. Worth will present their testimony, following which the National Park Service, through the Department of Justice will present their rebuttal testimony.

This hearing will relate only to the value of the lands under condemnation as Judge Gilliam has previously ruled that the National Park Service has the legal right to condemn the lands included within National Seashore boundaries. About \$200,000 has been set aside with the court for this land, but the owner asks a much higher price. At any rate, he may be assured of a good return on the lands for which he paid \$6,000 about ten years ago, but on which he later spent several thousand dollars in business development.

## MANY YEARS HAVE ROLLED OVER THEIR HEADS



SOME 45 YEARS ago, Rev. Daniel Allen Teddar was the pastor of the Baptist flocks on Roanoke Island. He came back Sunday to renew old acquaintances. Another seldom visitor, a native son, Paul Murray Twyne of Arlington, Va., who went off in the service about 38 years ago, and came back Sunday for his second visit in all that time. Reading from left to right in the picture are L. D. Tarkington, long-time pillar of the Manteo church; Mr. Teddar, who now lives in Shelby, N. C.; Otho C. Ward of Manteo, Mr. Twyne, and the pastor, Rev. Henry V. Napier. (Photo by Victor Meekins)

## MANTEO BAPTISTS ARE FEASTERS, NOT FASTERS



HERE is a glimpse of the big table where Manteo Baptists and their friends feasted Sunday following the observance of the 50th anniversary of their church. First on the table is Mrs. W. A. White, followed by Mrs. Naomi Wescott, then Mrs. Isabel Warren is next. This 100 foot table was loaded with fine food, contributed by the members.



## Fishing and Hunting AS REPORTED BY AYCOCK BROWN

### TROLLING FOR BLUEFISH; CAUGHT THRESHER SHARK

George Fearing, of Kitty Hawk went bluefishing with a group of friends at Oregon Inlet early this week, but he was not expecting to catch a rare thresher shark approximately 12 feet long from its snout to the tip of the long tail.

Estimated weight of the shark by those who saw it, was 300 pounds. Some observers said it would go 400 pounds.

Fearing and friends were trolling from the cruiser Spur, skippered by Capt. Chesley Tillett. He was using bluefish tackle and 18 lb. line and the battle was not immediately won.

National Seashore Ranger Bal-four Baum, who doubles as a charter boat operator on his days off duty, was at Oregon Inlet Fishing Center when the shark was being hoisted on a tripod with block and tackle for photographs. He said that thresher sharks had been rare in coastal waters for more than 20 years but this year at least three have been reported, but none were as large as the 12-footer landed by Fearing. . . The Fearing party also had a nice catch of blues for their day of fishing.

### JACK SPRUILL LANDED 12 LB. BONITA-MACKEREL

Nags Head.—Most unusual catch reported from ocean piers this week was a 12 pound bonita-mackerel on 12 pound test line. Jack Spruill of Windsor reeled the fish in while casting for blues and whiting off Jennette's Pier at Nags Head during the past week end.

Ocean pier fishing has been up to par, or better, since Mid-May. Sea Mullet or whiting have been the principal fish caught, and some anglers have reeled them in by the hundreds. Bluefish and a few trout have also been caught by the ocean pier anglers, but no catch reported by ocean pier operators equaled the bonita-mackerel catch made by Spruill from Jennette's.

### SURF FISHING GOOD IN HATTERAS AREA

Buxton.—Surf fishing remains better than usual in Cape Hatteras waters, according to George Fuller, cottage court operator, who reported some of the catches of the past week, the best being a six pound bluefish, caught by Capt. Unaka Jennette, retired Cape Hatteras Lighthouse keeper.

Fuller stated that Jim Gande, another resident, fished for two hours near the Point of Cape Hatteras and landed six channel bass from the surf. They were not the largest taken this season but one scaled at 12 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCleary, Akron, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McCleary, their relatives from Newcomerstown, Ohio, boated 250 blue fish trolling with Captains Bill and Hallas Foster from the Albatross in the vicinity of Cape Hatteras. They threw back the smallest fish, but 165 brought into port ranged from one and half to three pounds each. A Washington, D. C. party of three anglers fishing in safe area as the Ohio party boated a total of 153 blues with rol and reel.

### TRAFFIC CASES PREVAIL BEFORE DARE RECORDER

Traffic cases prevailed before Recorder W. F. Baum in court in Manteo Tuesday. James Kenneth Pate, submitted to a charge of driving while drunk and paid a fine of \$100 and costs. Carson Madeira Hooper of Avon submitted to speeding at 60 mph and paid a fine of \$10 and costs. Forrest St. Clair Beals, for driving after his license had been suspended, paid a fine of \$30 and costs.

Marshall Field Tillett of Nags Head was fined \$15 and costs for allowing an unlicensed person to drive his car. William Franklin Sawyer and Jackson Curles, each charged with careless driving resulting in an accident were found not guilty.

Luther Haywood Midgett of Wanchese was fined \$5 and costs for driving with no tag on his vehicle.

## MANTEO BAPTISTS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AN ENJOYABLE DAY

Rev. Dan Teddar Returns After 45 Years; Dinner Served to Some 500 People on Grounds

The observance by the members of Manteo Baptist Church of the 50th anniversary of this congregation's organization proved a successful and enjoyable occasion Sunday to the members and many friends, estimated at upwards of 500 people.

Recognition was given the families of all 25 charter members of the church, by the pastor, most of them being represented by relatives. A splendid telegram was read from Mrs. Amanda Daniels, a charter member, now living in Danville, Va. Other splendid messages came from former members, Mrs. Hattie Forbes Minton in Virginia Beach, and Mrs. Thelma Brothers Yelverton in Fountain.

Rev. C. C. Perry, a former pastor was one of the principal speakers. Rev. Daniel Allen Teddar, pastor of the church in 1909, came for his first visit in 45 years. He is now retired and living in Shelby, after a long career of preaching and practicing law.

Mr. Teddar told how he happened to come to Roanoke Island to take over the pastorate of the two Baptist Churches. He said while in Concord, N. C., as a young minister, he met a dentist, the late Dr. H. C. Herring, who used to come each winter to Roanoke Island. Dr. Herring told him the Baptists of Roanoke Island needed a pastor, and suggested he write them. So Mr. Teddar wrote, and got the job. In those days, the route from Charlotte was by train to Norfolk or Elizabeth City, and thence by boat to Manteo. The old Hattie Creef ran the route then.

Paul Murry Twyne, now living in Arlington, Va., whose parents were pillars of the Manteo church, had come back home Sunday to visit old scenes and old friends. It was his second visit in 38 years. He remained over a day or two to see some of the few remaining neighbors of his boyhood and to have two gravelots of his relatives cleaned off. He visited his uncle, Capt. Lum Midgett.

Rev. Henry Napier, the pastor, offered a powerful message on the theme: "What kind of Christian Are You," which resulted in many See BAPTISTS, Page Ten

## WANCHESE WOMAN HEADS STATE POCAHONTAS GROUP



MRS. JAMES W. (Mildred) DAVIS of Wanchese who was elevated to the highest post in the order, that of Great Pocahontas of the Degree of Pocahontas of the improved order of Red Men for the ensuing year. The election was at the annual meeting in High Point. Photo by Dan Morrill.

## DR. PECK FINDS HIS COTTAGE ROBBED OF MANY VALUABLES

On arrival in Dare County from West Virginia last week, Dr. R. D. Peck found his attractive beach home, "Bedside Manor", had been entered by thieves and the house in disorder and many valuables taken. The loss amounted to several hundred dollars, and included silverware, dishes, drapes, linens, furniture cooking utensils fishing tackle, and even the battery from his jeep.

Dr. Peck's cottage is some distance south of Whalebone junction in a lonely section of the beach. In this area the Jim Morton Cottage was also robbed to the tune of \$500 worth and other cottages have been robbed this year.

No protection is given the lower end of the beach by county officers, and too often when cottage owners arrive and discover the loss, it is difficult to get clues easily. Usually the State Bureau of Investigation is called in and the matter soon forgotten.

## NEW TASKS AT CAPE HATTERAS EMPLOY A 150-MAN FORCE TO BUILD A SECRET INSTALLATION

Giant Outfit of Seabees and Supplies Rolls Onto Outer Banks, Bringing A Year's New Business for Rooming Houses, Tourist Courts, Cafes, Etc. Sixteen Buildings Erected During A Week.

### CAPT. ROGERS HOME; HIS RECOLLECTIONS OF GERMANY GOOD

Manteo Air Force Officer Likes German People; But Glad To Be Home and See Changes

After three years in Europe, Air Force Captain Aubrey Rogers came back home this week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rogers in Manteo, and he has been kept busy talking to old friends. Capt. Rogers is the kind of a fellow the home town feels proud of. He is husky, plump, in good humor, and only 29.

Wednesday he accepted an invitation to talk to the Senior class of the Manteo school about Germany and life in the air force, and he made a fine impression on the he found good facilities for living in Germany, and fine treatment at class. Capt. Rogers reports that the hands of the German people, who he declares show no bitterness toward the Americans despite the trouncing the Yanks gave the Germans in the recent world war. He thinks the Germans like Americans far and away better than any of the occupation troops. Some of it may be due to the free spending of American soldiers, but most of it is genuine, Captain Rogers thinks.

During his three years overseas, he spent two years in France and one in Germany, and during this stay has visited many countries in Europe, including Italy, Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Belgium and some others, as well as North Africa and England. He spent a good part of his time showing his mother around the continent on her visit there two years ago.

He is somewhat amazed at the continued rapid growth of Dare See ROGERS, Page Ten

Detachment Jig, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, No. 6, numbering 100 officers and men and presently to be increased to 150 men, has arrived from its base in Rhode Island, together with about 1,000 tons of equipment and established its base a mile west of Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and this week began clearing the site of a projected Navy installation just north of the Lighthouse, the nature of which has not been disclosed.

Although the object of their work on Cape Hatteras has been one of the most carefully guarded secrets of the post-war period there has not been for a week any secret about the arrival of the outfit that will erect, within the course of the next 12 months, a building and put a fence around it. They arrived by every sort of conveyance except aircraft and their freight trucks and landing craft have disgorged every sort of equipment from the heaviest earth moving machinery to a Confederate flag.

Advance units of the detachment commanded by Lieut. H. N. Wenke, a native of Brooklyn, began arriving early last week and by the end of the week the detachment was virtually complete. In a week's time, they moved in, erected housing facilities in the flat lands below what the earlier maps call Kendrick Mountain. The site was chosen because of its natural drainage and because of the availability of water. Sixteen buildings were erected during the week and this week two quonset huts were erected for cooking and a mess hall.

For the most part both the Seabees and the Islanders have taken in stride the arrival of the largest unit of Federal forces to be seen on Hatteras Island since the Federal invasion through Hatteras Inlet 93 years ago. Herbert Oden, superintendent of the Cape Hatteras Light & Power Plant worked throughout the morning of Sunday to complete the installation of a transformer to take care of what has already become the second largest customer on the island. The Coast Guard with its Loran Station continues to take about 40 per cent of the plant's power production but Mr. Oden assures the Navy that his production capacity is sufficient to take care of any requirement.

Not quite so ready were the Island's suppliers of necessities and truckers who freight in the Island's groceries were under the necessity of making extra runs—for milk. Both the officers and men have made themselves at home on the Island and a number of the men spend their spare time house-hunting so they can bring their families down for a year's residence.

But there has been very little spare time for them. They work a "forty hour day" and they put in seven days a week until they are settled down. Their routine will be taken at a somewhat more leisurely pace when they have squared away and started the real work on the project that brought them to the Island. The men of the outfit, the Islanders have found, are orderly and neighborly and their nearest neighbor has declared that they are the quietest bunch he has ever lived next to—when night falls they are tired enough to get to sleep.

Worst sufferer so far on the Island was the rudimentary road that has served the Cape area since it was laid out by the CCC Camp 16 years ago. The first trip over it by massive 18-wheel trucks virtually destroyed the road but a crew went to the site of a sawmill, hauled slabs and laid a corduroy and then over that sawdust and sand until by the beginning of the week the road was virtually paved. An even more permanent surface from a neighboring mountain of oyster shells is contemplated. For such as have to travel over the road the Seabees have lent a willing hand toward maintaining traffic.

Actual building will begin as soon as the site is clear. The location is just north of the Lighthouse for about 1,000 feet and stretches from the ocean west about 2500 feet. Part of the pond to the right of the road to the Lighthouse will be drained and filled in. Bulldozers are already toppling neighboring See TASKS, Page Ten

## TONS OF GEAR AND EQUIPMENT ON CAPE HATTERAS POINT



LOOKING more like a beachhead in an invaded country, lacking only cannon, the Seabees piled a thousand tons of gear and equipment along the road until it can be sorted, stored and put to use erecting a new and secret Navy facility on Cape Hatteras.

## MARTIN GERRISH TO TAKE BORDEN'S ROLE

Arizona Student to Take Leading Part in Play Which Begins July 1; Many Other New Faces

Among several new faces in The Lost Colony cast when it opens Friday, July 1, will be Martin Gerrish, the new John Borden, male lead of the cast, who succeeds Robert Armstrong who played the role for several seasons. Armstrong is now one of the principals in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," current Broadway success.

"Gerrish, a student at the University of Arizona, recently came to Chapel Hill to try out for the part," said Sam Selden, director. "He had heard from friends about The Lost Colony and was so eager to work in it that he made the long trip just so we could see what kind of an actor he is."

David Bowen, director of Raleigh's Little Theatre for two years will be the new Tom Harris, the Lost Colony's philosophical funny man. He succeeds Frederick Young in the role.

See GERRISH, Page Ten



HERE are the two officers presently with the "invasion" force on Cape Hatteras. At the left is Lieut. H. N. Wenke, commanding the outfit, and right, Ensign W. A. Baker, executive officer. The command includes seven chief petty officers

(Photographs by Ben Dixon MacNeill)