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BONNER ADVANCES REASONS SEEKING AID TO FISHERIES

Continued Rapid Decline in Seafood Industry Prompts Appeal For Governor's Aid

The seafood industry, and fishing of all kinds are mighty important to North Carolina, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner believes, and he has addressed an appeal to Governor Hodges to give consideration to the serious situation that is being faced by both commercial and sport fishermen.

Mr. Bonner, as chairman of the House Committee in Congress on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, presided over a week's hearings in March in Washington, which studied reports on Fish and Wildlife in the United States. Along with the problems facing other sections of the country, he has witnessed a growing problem in Eastern North Carolina where all types of fishing are particularly important to our people.

Mr. Bonner believes a biological study should be made of Pamlico Sound based on which, the sound should be divided into areas reserved individually for shrimp fishing, oystering and general fishing. Many fishermen believe that so long as shrimp trawlers use the entire bottom, they destroy oyster beds, as well as natural fish foods which grow on the bottom.

This subject will no doubt be one of the most important ones to come before the meeting of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission at Nags Head on September 10th.

In his letter to Governor Hodges this week, Mr. Bonner says:

"We have a serious matter confronting us relative to the rock fish, or striped bass, in the waters of eastern North Carolina. I am told by responsible people in the Wildlife Resources Commission that unless something is done this species will eventually become extinct. In fact, the decrease over the last ten years is plainly noticeable. Very low catch has been experienced."

STATE WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO MEET IN DARE

Entire Group To Hold Session at Carolinian at Nags Head Next Week, Saturday

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission will hold a full business meeting in Dare County Saturday, August 10 at the Carolinian Hotel at Nags Head, according to O. L. Woodhouse, Chairman, of Lumber Bridge; Thurman Briggs, vice-chairman of Lexington; C. T. Wilson, Secretary of Blittmore; G. E. Beal of Red Oak; Robert M. Carr of Wallace, James A. Connelly of Morganton; Floyd Crouse of Sparta; H. C. Kennett of Durham, and Mr. Woodhouse.

As this is a business session, Mr. Woodhouse says all persons interested in any of the various aspects of wildlife conservation in N. C. are invited to come and discuss matters with the commission.

This will be the first time the Commission has held a meeting in Dare County. The members of the Commission are: E. D. McGowan, Chairman, of Lumber Bridge; Thurman Briggs, vice-chairman of Lexington; C. T. Wilson, Secretary of Blittmore; G. E. Beal of Red Oak; Robert M. Carr of Wallace, James A. Connelly of Morganton; Floyd Crouse of Sparta; H. C. Kennett of Durham, and Mr. Woodhouse.

Governor Luther Hodges will not be able to attend this meeting, as he will be in a conference in Knoxville, Tennessee on this date.

This meeting will bring to the Dare County coast representative citizens from every district of the state.

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER TO PREACH AT FINAL SERVICE

Manteo.—The Rev. Kenneth L. Hamilton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Batesburg, S. C., will be the guest speaker at last service of the summer hip series sponsored by the Colony at Waterside Theatre. The service will take place next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The sermon topic will be "Job, God's Man."

The Rev. Mr. Hamilton was born in Spartanburg, S. C., and is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary. During the war he served as Chaplain of the US Armed Services in Africa, Sicily and Italy. When he returned from overseas in 1946 he was called to the pastorate in Batesburg where he has been in charge of the Presbyterian Church.

The music for the worship service will be provided by the Lost Colony chorus under the direction of Nena Williams and Hedley Yost at the console of the organ.

ATLANTIC FLEET CHAPLAIN TO SPEAK AT RODANTHE



Among the many events that are scheduled next week end at Rodanthe, none are expected to have greater appeal than the Memorial Service at the Rodanthe Church which is to be highlighted with a sermon by Capt. Roy E. Bishop, USN, Chaplain of the Atlantic Fleet, out of the Naval Base in Norfolk, and concluded by a solo sung by Robert Midgett of Manteo.

This service will be held in Fairhaven Methodist Church, Rodanthe, of which Rev. A. G. Tyson is pastor.

Capt. Bishop has quite a diversified record in the service.

A native of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, Chaplain Bishop graduated from Sunnyside High School in 1926. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Randolph-Macon College in 1930 and his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Virginia, three years later. He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Randolph-Macon College in June of 1950. Before entering the Navy Chaplain Corps in 1936, Chaplain Bishop was minister of the Methodist Church at Amherst, Virginia.

Before the war he served as Chaplain of the USS Richmond, the USS Memphis and the USS Mississippi. Subsequently, he was assigned for two years to the U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. His war-time service was at the U. S. Naval Station Tutuila, American Samoa, the Naval Training School for Chaplains, the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia and on board the USS Alaska operating in Pacific waters.

For this duty he holds the China Service Medal, American Defense Medal, Navy Occupation Medal, as well as the World War II Victory Medal, and is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with three battle stars, the Philippine Liberation Campaign Ribbon, the American Theatre Ribbon and the National Defense Service Ribbon.

Following the close of the war, Chaplain Bishop was assigned to the Naval Academy in December 1945. He was subsequently named Senior Chaplain of the Academy and continued to serve in this capacity until June of 1950.

Chaplain Bishop was assigned to the USS Coral Sea in June of 1950 and for the next fourteen months, was senior Chaplain on this large aircraft carrier operating with the Sixth Fleet in Mediterranean waters.

In September 1951, he was assigned to the Staff of the Chief of Naval Air Training with Headquarters at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. After serving almost two years as Staff See CHAPLAIN, Page Eight

KILL DEVIL HILLS CASE BEFORE JUDGE C. R. MORRIS

Whether the town of Kill Devil Hills can survive as an incorporated city as the result of an election held in May when a narrow margin of those voting, decided it must be dissolved, is a question to be passed on Saturday morning at ten o'clock by Judge Chester R. Morris, who will hear the case sitting in chambers in Currituck courthouse.

Clayton Tibbett brought the action to uphold the validity of the election which had been ruled invalid by the late Attorney General Harry McMullan. This ruling was based on a provision that those voting in the last election. But there had been no last election since the town was created by the legislature.

Mrs. Emily Mustian, the mayor, and the town board elected in May, are contending the town exists and under their direction it continues to function as such. Opponents of the town idea have hired attorneys and are waging a vigorous fight in their cause.

SPORT FISHING IN MANNS HARBOR IS GOOD AFTER STORM

Good Catches Report in Croatan Sound and East Lake Region During Week End; Sport At New Bridge

Some fishing fans got the idea that fishing would be poor after the storm. They read in the papers that hurricanes killed a lot of fish. Hurricane tides do cause a lot of fish to die because of leaving them stranded when the tide goes out. But recent reports show that recent fishing has been best in many months in the East Lake and Manns Harbor area since the last hurricane.

On Sunday, the 29th Earl Grant of LaGrange made a fine catch of bass, some of them weighing 6 1/2 pounds each.

Marvin Harrell and Leroy Barnell caught 50 gray trout, 1 1/2 to 2 lb. weight in Croatan Sound. These are very sporty fish.

George Carpenter and party of Tarboro caught 300 white perch in South Lake. Payton Odom and a Mr. Norris of Erwin caught 50 trout in Croatan Sound and 150 white perch in South Lake.

These parties stopped at W. S. White's Croatan Motel at Manns Harbor. Many other parties whose names have not been furnished, made equally good catches in the vicinity.

Much good sport with hook and line has continued at the Croatan Sound bridge ever since the storm.

ILLNESS OF WIFE ENDS DARE OUTING FOR GREAT ARTIST

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Russell of Waynesboro, Virginia Return Home Wednesday From Ocean House

One of the world's great artists chose the Ocean Hotel motel at Nags Head for the vacation of himself and wife, but was obliged to cut the vacation short Wednesday, due to the wife's illness. Mrs. Lao Stebbin Russell was taken home in Twiford's ambulance, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Drinkwater.

The husband, Walter Russell, now 84 years old is distinguished as an artist, author, sculptor and scientist. The couple owns that fabulous marble palace known as Swannanoa, a famed show-place in the Blue Ridge, near Waynesboro, Va., and which they bought several years ago and converted into a mystic religious shrine. Here the Russells teach classes in philosophy, natural science and universal law.

On the grounds of this magnificent home is situated the 30-foot high statue of Christ of the Blue Ridge. It is one of many that Prof. Russell has designed. He was sculptor of the Mark Twain Memorial at Hannibal, Mo., the John Phillip Sousa Memorial in Washington, D. C., the Franklin Roosevelt statue at Hyde Park, N. Y. He painted many famous people in Europe and America, he was a leading magazine illustrator during and since the Spanish American war, and is the author of several noted novels, as well as books on scientific subjects.

Miss Drinkwater recalls her departure from the Russell home Wednesday night. His guests are not told good-bye, but he plays beautiful music on an organ while they wend their way down the mountain, and it comes to them softly by a sound system concealed in the trees and fades away when they reach the outer gate whose click actuates an electronic control.

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A NEW POSTOFFICE IN SERVICE IN BUXTON

The growing postoffice business of Buxton has required a new building, so this week, on Monday, Mrs. Maude Miller White opened her new building, the finest post office on Hatteras Island. The building, which is 24 x 30 in size, is built of masonry, stuccoed and plastered, and has a rubber tile floor. It also has a bathroom, and private office space for the postmaster.

First customers in the new office were out of town visitors: Bill and Sandra McGregor, Deborah Kelly, Gretchen Warren and Fitz Haffecker of Chestertown, Md.

Mrs. White has been postmaster for 19 years. Her mother and father had previously served as postmaster.

The six other postoffices on Hatteras Island are Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon, Frisco and Hatteras.

PRIZE WINNING LOST COLONY PHOTOS



This group of photos showing Lost Colony scenes during the current season were made by Dan Morrell, operator of the Island Studio at Manteo, and arranged to form a montage. The layout depicts four scenes from the play and the entrance to Fort Raleigh National Historic Site. Upper left shows Ananias Dare, Old Tom and Wanchese. Top center; Dame Coleman and then Queen Elizabeth with Governor White kneeling. Eleanor Dare and her baby Virginia and the historic site entrance at the bottom. Morrell won a prize of \$25 for this group.

ONLY THREE MORE PERFORMANCES OF THE LOST COLONY

Fifteenth Season Ends Sunday Night; Started Well But Crowds Kept Away By Hurricane Scares

Those who wish to see the Lost Colony this season have only three more nights in which to do so. The final curtain rings down Sunday night for the 1955 season. It's been a good show this year, and things started off well, but at peak of mid season Hurricane hysteria intervened to break down attendance, and resulted in curtailing business all through the month of August.

Before the hurricane scares record crowds were visiting the Dare beaches. Promotion and publicity for the area was paying off in greater patronage. Never before did the beaches have the volume and quality of accommodations which awaited visitors this season.

Adequate ferry service to Hatteras Island for the first time, resulted in enormous travel to that area, although most of it was for the day's journey only. Surely about three fourths of the travel appeared to be visitors who were domiciled in the Nags Head area. Sightseers to Hatteras Island believed they could see everything worth while in that area in a one-day trip, and even less. Only those who had planned to enjoy the great sportfishing remained over. This has to do with people living temporarily in the Nags Head area. Of See COLONY, Page Eight

MANTEO SCHOOL BEGINS FALL TERM SEPT. 6

Fall term at Manteo school will commence Tuesday, September 6, at 9:15 a.m. with short exercises in the auditorium. From there pupils will disperse to the various classrooms for an abbreviated schedule.

The largest enrollment in the history of Manteo School is expected this year with an increase sufficiently high to justify two more teachers than last year, according to R. H. Stone, principal.

The faculty for the 1955-56 school year, elementary, is as follows: 1st grade, Mrs. Etta Midgett of Kitty Hawk; 2nd grade, Mrs. Mellie Pearce of Manteo, 3rd, Mrs. Vera Midgett of Kitty Hawk; 4th, Mrs. Essie Westcott, Manteo; 5th, Mrs. Bertie Ward, Manteo; 6th, Mrs. Mary Meekins, Manteo; 7th, Mrs. Grace Hooper, Stumpy Point; 8th, W. H. Fry of Carthage and Nags Head.

High school: Mrs. Matilda Inge, social studies, Manteo; Mrs. Jean Ward, English, Manteo; Pete Mavromatis, Greece and Manteo; A. O. Ayers, physical education and social studies, Manteo; Mrs. W. J. Crumacker, commerce, of Durham and Manteo; R. H. Stone, principal, science, Teacher of music with the Manteo School is Miss Holland Westcott.

Fishing and Hunting
AS REPORTED BY AYCOCK BROWN

SPORTSFISHING ON UPGRADE IN DARE

Following two or three weeks of choppy seas and rough weather generally, sportfishing in Dare waters was finally on the upgrade as August ended and September began.

It was not until this week that Gulf Stream anglers could return to blue water and while catches have not been large, a few landings were above par. The third sailfish of season to be taken off Oregon Inlet was landed during the past week by Bill Perkins of Charlottesville.

Since then dolphin and false albacore catches have been fair with a few large specimens reported, but none as large as those taken earlier in the season before the storms of August began harassing fishermen in this sector.

Best catch reported this week was a 50 pound wahoo. It was caught by Charles A. Abel of Oaklyn, N. J., on Wednesday. Abel was trolling from the cruiser Phyllis Mae, skippered by Capt. Joe Berry, which berths at Dykes Fishing Center, when the big wahoo was caught. Billy Brown, his 14-year old mate, who was shorter than the fish was long, gaffed the wahoo and brought it aboard after Abel had played the fish alongside the cruiser's cockpit.

Warren Gallop of Oregon Inlet Fishing Center, reported fair catches of dolphin and false albacore and a few amberjack. He predicted that unless there was a sudden change in the weather that sailfish would be taken before the week end. "This is sailfish weather," he said.

Mack Etheridge of Mack's Fishing Center at Wanchese reported several catches of bottom varieties being caught at this time by party boats operating from there. Trout and flounder seemed to be the most numerous.

From Hatteras waters Capt. Edgar Styrone of the Blue Marlin docks stated that as offshore waters calmed down this week anglers going to the Gulf Stream were bringing in fair catches of dolphin and small tuna. "The tuna are school-size bluefins, ranging to 15 pounds each," he said.

Dr. J. C. Overby, only person to land a blue marlin in Hatteras waters since the recent storms, stated this week in Norfolk that he planned a return trip there on September 3 and would remain until September 12. The blue marlin he landed two weeks ago scaled at 270 pounds. It was his seventh of this species landed off Hatteras during the past three years.

Willie Newsome of Sportsman's Headquarters in Hatteras reported See FISHING, Page Eight

FISHING TOURNEY AT NAGS HEAD ON OCTOBER 28-30

Fourth Annual Contest of its Kind For Kill Devil Hills-Bodie Island Area

Sponsored by the Nags Head Surf Fishing Club and held under the Association of Surf Anglers Club, the fourth annual Invitation Inter-Club and Open Individual Surf Fishing Tournament will be held this year on October 28-30 along the beach between Kill Devil Hills and Bodie Island, it was announced this week by Major J. L. Murphy. He is secretary of the sponsoring club and tournament.

Already several clubs, mostly from the New Jersey, New England area, have indicated they would enter five-man teams again this year in the inter-club competition. This competition will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 28-29. Individual competition which normally attracts scores of anglers, including members of the competing clubs will be featured on Sunday, the final day of the tournament.

Major Murphy stated that a program of events and prizes would soon be off the press and ready for distribution. In the meantime, any person or club wishing to enter the tournament this year should advise Murphy at his Kill Devil Hills, N. C., post-office address.

Teams scoring greatest number of points will be awarded the Nags Head championship trophy. Other awards include the Carolinian trophy, and many handsome prizes. Headquarters for tournament will be at Jennette's Fishing Pier and the official tournament dinner will be at The Carolinian, it was stated.

Scoring of catches will be made on a point basis as in the past. All entries, regardless of species of fish, must be at least seven inches in length. Fish on which suggestive weights and points will be listed in the official program include channel bass, flounder, bluefish, croaker, weakfish and kingfish. One point per pound is See TOURNEY, Page Eight

DANIELS ADDRESS ROTARY

Archie Daniels, Mayor of Spray, N. C., who is spending his vacation here with his mother, Mrs. John T. Daniels, addressed the Manteo Rotary Club Monday night, emphasizing a program for youth. An accomplished speaker, he has been called on many times to speak in churches and Sunday schools during his stay here this month.

FIRE BUGS BUSY, SET BRIDGE AFIRE ON DARE MAINLAND

Attempts to Set Two Fires On Property of West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company

On Tuesday of this week, a fire was set with intent to destroy a bridge on one of the roads built by West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company through their property near Stumpy Point. John A. Twiddy, an employee of the company, discovered the fire and by toting water in his dinner pail, was able to extinguish it before much damage was done.

Mr. Twiddy also discovered in another place a burning ball of oil soaked waste, apparently put out with intent to start a forest fire. Due to the wet nature of the land at this time, it appears that some person of low mentality must be the fire bug, as there is little likelihood of developing a fire while the area is so wet.

It is the opinion of bystanders that the fires were set by some person who wanted employment with the timber company. The impression is abroad on the Dare mainland, that the company will employ any person suspected of setting fires in order to keep on his good side. Many people believe the company had done just this in several instances, figuring it to be the least expensive method of fire control. However, the question is, will it bring in more people of the same ilk seeking jobs? Some say it has already done so.

MAN IS FINED \$50 BY COURT IN WALLET THEFT

Tuesday in Dare County Recorder's Court before Judge W. F. Baum, Johnnie Moore, colored, of Elizabeth City, was convicted of stealing a wallet, belonging to Mrs. Ester Rogers and containing \$11.25 cash, from the premises of W. J. Winslow. Moore was sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

David Richard Brisbon, Nags Head, convicted of improper use of dealer's plates on a motor vehicle, paid the costs of court.

James E. Murphy, Kill Devil Hills, on a charge of speeding 50 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone, was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

John Guerdard Scott, Graham, on a charge of speeding 50 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone, was ordered to pay a fine of \$15 and costs.

William E. Baum, Kitty Hawk, for failing to yield the right-of-way, was fined \$5 and costs.

George Werant Midgett, Norfolk, Va., submitted to speeding 50 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone and paid a \$15 fine and costs.

Carlton Price Hocutt, Elizabeth City, submitted to operating a motor vehicle with inadequate brakes and paid a \$5 fine and costs.

Ann Yvonne Perry, Zebulon, submitted to operating a motor vehicle with expired drivers license and paid a \$25 fine and costs.

William Vernon Giles, Jr., Lynchburg, Va., submitted to operating a jeep without registration plates and without registration plates on trailer in low and paid costs of court.

George Thomas Griffin, Camden, submitted to speeding 50 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone and paid a \$15 fine and costs.

Charlie Vincent McCleave, Manteo, submitted to a violation of drivers license restriction of no glasses, and no brakes, and paid a \$10 fine and costs.

Carroll Lester Daniels, Wanchese, submitted to improper passing and paid a \$5 fine and costs.

Eleanor Sutton, Windsor, submitted for failing to have turn signals and paid a \$5 fine and costs.

KITTY HAWK SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 6

B. P. Ward, principal of Kitty Hawk School, announces its opening on Tuesday morning, September 6, at nine o'clock. The program will begin in the school auditorium. Rev. Gregory, pastor of the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church, will conduct a devotional. Friends of the school are cordially invited to be present.

Tuesday and Wednesday, the school will operate on an abbreviated schedule with a full day's program and lunches beginning on Thursday.

MANTEO REBEKAHS TO MEET

The Manteo Rebekahs will meet Monday evening, September 5, at eight o'clock. Mrs. Tracy Ward, Noble Grand, urges all members to attend.