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SHAD SEASON NOW ON IN DARE, SOME FAVORABLE SIGNS

Good Fishing In Some Spots; Prices Fair, and Early Lenten Season Offers Promise

Bad weather this year has made the season a little late for fishermen, but now most all of them have their nets in throughout Dare County, and some good catches are being reported. One of the big catches of rockfish made last week by Basil Daniels and crew of Wanchese is reported to have sold for about \$1,300, while another good catch of the large stripers was made Tuesday of this week. These fish were caught in the Oregon Inlet area, and some of them weighed as much as 65 pounds each.

Herring are reported running early and one fisherman at Wanchese is reported to have caught 130 boxes one day recently. This means about 200 to the box. Herrings have been selling for about two cents a pound. A number of Kitty Hawk fishermen in the Currituck Sound area have been making some good herring catches.

Largest catch of shad has been reported from Wanchese, where one crew got 110 in a day. Shad are selling locally at 40 to 41 cents a pound for roes, and 20 for bucks. Higher prices prevail when shipped to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York markets.

Fishing is picking up on the west side of Croatan and Pamlico Sounds, and highest catch of shad reported up to Wednesday was \$3 by a Manns Harbor fisherman.

Good demand is expected to prevail on all varieties of fish, due to the early Lenten season which came in on the 15th.

JAMES BRISTOE O'NEAL DIES IN NORFOLK WED.

James Bristoe O'Neal, 78, lifelong resident of Dare County, died Wednesday night in the Marine Hospital, Norfolk, after an illness of four weeks. He was a retired fisherman, and for many years had operated mail boats between Manteo and points on Hatteras Island. He was the son of the late William Pugh and Esther Payne O'Neal, and was born at Stumpy Point Feb. 1, 1879. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Almira Tillett O'Neal; two sons, J. B., Jr., of Wanchese, Wm. B. of Manteo, and a daughter, Mrs. Floyd R. Jump of Charlotte. Also by eight grandchildren.

Bristoe O'Neal was a man greatly loved by all who knew him. He made friends with all his passengers during the long years of operating boats along the N. C. coast. Funeral services were conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home, by the Rev. Henry V. Napier. Burial will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

JAMES HALL BELANGA

James Hall Belanga, 69, of Harbinger, died Wednesday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Myra Owens, of Harbinger, after an illness of 18 months.

He had lived at Harbinger, Currituck County, all of his life and was the son of the late Caleb H. and Ideal Baker Belanga. He was a retired farmer, and had served in the United States Marines from 1903 to 1906 and was a member of the Jarvisburg Christian Church.

Mr. Belanga is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gerpania B. Belanga, four daughters, Mrs. Leon Owens, Mrs. Mildred Owens, and Miss Phillis Belanga, all of Harbinger, and Mrs. Roy Potter of Norfolk, Va. One son, James Ray Belanga of Harbinger; one half-brother, A. D. Moore, of Norfolk and 16 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Powells Point Christian Church Thursday at 2:30 p.m., with the Rev. Harry Bowers, pastor, officiating.

NAPOLÉON B. ETHERIDGE, 81, WAS LONG TIME C.G. KEEPER

Napoleon B. Etheridge, 81, of Currituck County stock, and long time keeper of Life Saving Stations on the upper banks of North Carolina and Virginia died Tuesday afternoon in the Virginia Beach hospital. He retired in 1927 and made his home in Ocean View. He was the son of Jerome B. and Melissa Whitson Etheridge. His father survives him. Also four sons and a daughter. Funeral and burial was at Knotts Island Wednesday. He was a member of the Methodist Church there.

VALENTINE SEASON HUNT AT NAGS HEAD BEGAN THURSDAY

Spectators From Many Quarters, Ride To Hounds In Jeeps and Cadillacs

By AYCOCK BROWN

America's most unusual fox hunt got underway at Nags Head Thursday morning to the sound of hunters' horns—and auto horns. It's the eighth of a Valentine season classic originated by Mrs. Lucille S. Purser and John Ray Watkins which put horses in the back ground—and mechanized equipment in the foreground.

Mrs. Purser's idea for a fox hunt each February as an off-season attraction for Nags Head back in 1949 began when the Dare Coast was still a "summer resort" only, instead of the year around vacation spot that it is today. To make the event a success in what is practically a horseless country, it was necessary to make some changes. Seven years ago there were fewer paved roads in the area than today and the sure way of going everywhere or traveling all trails was a 4-wheel drive jeep. So jeeps were used "to follow the hounds and since roadless dunes and maritime forest lands could not stop the jeeps the first hunts became widely publicized as events where the hunters rode to the hounds on jeeps. Modern highways and a network of paved roads have changed the picture of transportation—today there may be more Fords or even Cadillacs hauling spectators than jeeps, but the hunting is still just as good as in the old days and the music of the hounds can still be the big attraction for the fox hunters.

Another reason the hunts have been successful is John Ray Watkins, Oxford tobaccoist and sportsman, the master of the hounds, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Watkins have had important roles in making the hunts successful through the years. They are here this week and with them their fox chasing hounds, one of the finest packs that ever chased a mox across the dunes, through the marshes, or the moss-covered oak and pine forests of the Nags Head and Colington Woods.

The hunt lasting through Saturday begins each day at 6:30 with a hunt breakfast at the Carolinian. Seven o'clock is the time the hunts begin and they are usually over in time for 12:30 lunches. The afternoons and evenings are not lost, and additional attractions are presented. On Thursday afternoon at 2:45 there was a jeep race and on Friday at 2:45 o'clock there will be a marksmanship contest using muzzle loading rifles. There will be prizes for these afternoon classics.

On Thursday evening after dinner there will be special movies in the Carolinian's Pine Room; on Friday evening there will be square dancing in the Pine Room with a horn blowing contest during intermission. On Saturday evening the big finale at the Carolinian will be the Hunt Ball featuring a talent show and other colorful events.

The hunts are not private. Everyone is invited, and even if some of the area has been hunted heavily recently, the Watkins hounds are sure to get some foxes.

FOUR CASES HEARD BY DARE RECORDER TUESDAY

Only four court actions came before Judge W. F. Baum Tuesday in Dare Recorders Court in Manteo. Louis Lathan Midgett of Manns Harbor was found guilty of reckless and careless driving and was fined \$25 and costs but appealed to Superior Court. Mrs. Beulah Twiford was charged in a warrant sworn out by Midgett with failing to yield the right of way, but the charge was dismissed by the court.

Alphonso Green, charged with being drunk on the highway was taxed with the court costs, and given a 30-day suspended sentence conditioned on his remaining sober for 12 months. Vance R. Miller was fined \$10 and costs for using improper license plates.

WSCS BENEFIT DINNER

A benefit turkey dinner will be served in the educational building of Mount Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo on Wednesday, February 22, by members of the Manteo WSCS. Serving will begin at six p.m. and will continue as long as the food lasts. Those desiring plates to take out should secure them by 5:30. A nominal charge will be made for the dinner.

SEGREGATION AS SEEN BY A NEGRO EDITOR

Davis Lee, Negro publisher of the Newark (N. J.) Telegram had the following to say regarding racial segregation:

"The efforts being made by certain paid agitators and pressure groups against segregated schools in the South may cause Southern Negroes to lose a lot more than they will gain.

"The trouble with this group, as with similar ones, is that the initiators don't count the overall cost to the race. The present effort is designed to destroy the whole pattern of segregation, and to establish an integrated social order in which there will be no distinction made in this country on the basis of race, religion, color or nationality.

"This is a laudable objective, but human nature just has not changed that much, and the achievement of such an objective could cause repercussions that might set the Negro back fifty years.

"Integration in the schools in the North and East is not a howling success. A Negro can attend most of the schools up here and get an education, but few of the states that educate him will hire him as a teacher. The State of Connecticut doesn't have twenty-five Negro teachers.

"Nowhere in these integrated states do Negroes get anywhere near proportionate representation. Every device is employed to keep qualified Negroes from being assigned. Recently a reputable New York labor union made a report on the employment of Negro teachers in New York City and charged that a systematic scheme has been adopted to exclude Negroes as teachers.

"This is not true, in the South. The State of Georgia employs 7,313 Negro teachers, and paid them close to \$15,000,000 in salaries last year. North Carolina paid its Negro teachers over \$22,000,000 last year. Florida is another State that ranks at top on teacher pay.

(Mississippi paid \$7,414,278 in salaries to 6,753 Negro teachers in the State last year.)

"If these states, that are now pouring millions of dollars annually into Negro pockets which provides our people with money that enables them to enjoy the dignity of man, to enjoy the prestige and respectability, to buy homes and see SEGREGATION, Page Eight

MANTEO TROOP 165 CONCLUDES SCOUT WEEK WITH COURT OF HONOR

Manteo Boy Scout Troop 165 concluded Boy Scout Week activities Sunday afternoon, with a Court of Honor.

On Sunday morning, Feb. 5, the troop attended the morning services of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, the sponsoring organization, in a body.

Saturday night, Feb. 11, boys and adult leaders and workers attended the annual Boy Scout Banquet. The banquet was given in the Elizabeth City High School cafeteria. Manteo, despite the distance, had the largest representation of any troop in the district with 22 present. It was announced during the ceremonies that Manteo troop tied for fourth place in the Window Display contest.

The representatives attending from Manteo were Scouts: Elmer Reuben Midgett, Dennis Midgett, Preston Clark, Raymond White, John Earle, Jr., Buddy Boyce, Melvin Twiddy Jr., G. G. Bonner, III, Billy Taylor, Phillip Tillett, Larry Holmes, Robert Midgett and Charles Creef and Elbert Paul of Wanchese. The scouts were accompanied by the following adults: Mrs. Paul, Mrs. A. H. Ward, Sr., Mrs. G. G. Bonner, Wallace Earl, Eugene Kennedy, John Earl, Alvah Ward, Jr., and Sidney Shaw.

On Sunday afternoon, a Court of Honor was held in the Education Building of Mt. Olivet Church. It was attended by parents and scouters workers. The following awards were made:

Dicki Burrus, Nicky Sapone and Charles Evans, Tenderfoot; G. G. Bonner III, Jerry Simpson and Billy Taylor, Second Class; Buddy Boyce, Raymond White and John Earle, Jr., First Class. Melvin Twiddy Jr., received Star rank, along with five merit badges. The awards were made by Rev. Louis Aitken, and John Earle, Committee Chairman. On February 27, the troop will be inspected for its annual charter renewal.

Alvah H. Ward Jr. is Manteo Scoutmaster, John Earle is Committee Chairman, and Sidney Shaw, Assistant Scoutmaster.

NAGS HEAD C OF C LOOKING AHEAD TO AN ACTIVE SEASON

Endorses Many Local Projects and Favors Road to Corolla As Part of All-Seashore Highway

At its meeting this week, the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce heard a delegation from Currituck County asking endorsement of Currituck's efforts to get a highway built from Duck in Dare to Corolla in Currituck County. Wilton Walker, attorney, and Milburn Sawyer, Currituck Commissioner, appeared before the Chamber, which promised to back up Currituck in its efforts for this road, which is viewed as part of an all-seashore highway from Virginia Beach southward.

Wallace McCown was heard on plans for the Pirate Jamboree, and Melvin Daniels on plans for a celebration of the Croatan Sound bridge which is expected to be finished early in 1957. A member of the Dare County shrine club suggested it would be a good idea, if the bearded men would carry their whisks three weeks or so longer and man a float in the Shrine ceremonial parade in the latter part of May which will take place in Elizabeth City.

In and Around MANTEO 20 Years Ago

New Year's Day in 1936 found Dare County nearly ice-bound with boat traffic in all of her waters practically at a standstill. Ice in Croatan Sound to the west of Roanoke Island kept the ferry from running to Manns Harbor and Roanoke Sound was frozen over solid without even a channel left in the ice which had banked up in places to form huge icebergs as big as large fishing boats. Old-timers said it was the first winter since 1918 the sounds had frozen over so solidly.

In January, 1936, eighteen-year-old Maynard Daniels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Daniels, of Wanchese, had covered himself with glory by winning the Carolinas Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament, at Raleigh.

On the honor roll for the fifth month of school at Manteo in March, 1936, were the following: First Grade: Jane Quidley and Elizabeth Dough; Third Grade: Marjlene Midgett and Jean Johnson; Fourth Grade: Catherine Bagwell, Laura Johnson and Woodson Fearing, Jr.; Fifth Grade: Catherine Midgett; Sixth Grade: Mollie Fearing and Elizabeth Davis; Seventh Grade: Lorena Beasley, Dorothy Meekins and Stella Creef; Eighth Grade: Billy Tarkington, Leslie Austin and Maxine Meekins; Ninth Grade: Estelle Midgett; Tenth Grade: Carita Creef, Zenovah Etheridge and Frances Howell; Eleventh Grade: Velma Williams and Melba Midgett.

Need for a fence around the Manteo jail was never more apparent than on Sunday morning, March 8, 1936, when Patrolman T. G. Dowdy reported he opened the jail door and found three pint bottles of liquor, two of them partly full, in addition to a number of empty beer cans.

A four-mile hard-surfaced road from a point near the beach terminus of the Wright Memorial Bridge to the village of Duck was advocated by A. B. Houtz, of Elizabeth City, at a meeting of the State Highway & Public Works Commission, at Raleigh, on March 18, 1936.

Fire destroyed the residence of Mrs. M. R. Montague, at Wanchese, shortly after 9 o'clock on Tuesday night, March 24, 1936. The Manteo firemen responded to the alarm but were unable to save the house, which burned to the ground.

When baseball practice started at Manteo High School on the afternoon of March 16, 1936, there were 56 eager candidates for the team of which Coaches Martin Kellogg, Jr., and R. J. Gibson were in charge. The team 20 years ago was built around Donovan Twyne, fast young pitcher, and Ike Davis, Jr., agile young catcher. Conspicuous in the outfield was young Calvert Duval.

On March 25, 1936, Edward M. Mann, well-known Dare County fisherman, and son of the late Dan E. Mann, was opposing Sheriff D. Victor Meekins in the Democratic primary for nomination to the sheriff's office.

And on February 6, 1936, the weather must have still been cold in Dare County for Dewey Wise, Dare County commissioner from Stumpy Point, who lived only 21 miles by water from Manteo, had See YESTERYEAR, Page Eight

PORTSMOUTH FIRM IS LOWEST BIDDER ON OCRACOEKE PROJECT

Rehabilitation of Docks, Etc. Bid Down to \$51,866 By H. Lawrence Smith At Opening Tuesday

Eight bids were received and opened Tuesday for the rehabilitation job on the Ocracoke docks etc. which is being done by the National Park Service as part of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore project. The lowest bid was offered by J. Lawrence Smith of Portsmouth, Va., for six items, in the total sum of \$51,866.

Other bids offered were as follows: J. T. Hardison and son of Washington, N. C., \$65,546. J. R. Houska Co., Norfolk, \$68,100. Daniels Building Supply and Shamburger Lumber Co., Nags Head, \$73,560. J. G. Kellogg, Manteo, \$77,600. Malpass Const. Co., Norfolk, \$78,583. Thos. J. Crooks, Jr., Norfolk, \$82,139.60. Burgess Bros. Pinetops, N. C., \$83,839.50.

GOVERNOR HODGES GIVES HIS VIEWS TO HIS HOMEFOLKS

Announces His Candidacy and Talks Frankly at Leaksville Saturday Afternoon

Governor Luther H. Hodges, in his home community in Leaksville Township Saturday afternoon talked about his work as Governor and announced his future plans. Speaking to neighbors, friends and relatives, he spoke informally and earnestly about some of his ideas of the governorship and told something of his work on a few of the difficult problems confronting North Carolina.

Hodges told his audience, hundreds of whom had worked with him or for him in his more than 30 years in the local mills, that hard work was just as essential and as rewarding in the Governor's office as when he was office boy, sweeper, weaver, General Manager, etc., in the mills.

The Governor discussed the per capita income of the State, the highway and safety problem, as well as some of the other subjects which he has had to face. He gave particular attention to the public school and higher education situation. On the troublesome problem of segregation, he had the following to say:

"One of the toughest and most disturbing problems I have faced as Governor is the one brought about by the public school decisions of the United States Supreme Court. Indeed, this problem is one of the greatest our whole South has faced for many decades.

"Those of you in my home community know me well enough to realize that I usually say what I believe and think, but I like to be informed before I speak out. My position on the Supreme Court decision and segregation has been stated on many occasions, but the problem is so varied and difficult and so many ideas and opinions have been expressed that an anxious public can easily get confused.

"Let me again make my position clear. I do not agree with the Supreme Court decision and I think it usurped the rights of the States and the Congress in its decision.

"I do not favor mixing the races in the schools, and I believe the vast majority of white and colored citizens feel the same as I do. My plan of voluntary choice of separate schools is still working and can continue to work. The Advisory Commission, which I appointed, has recommended—and I approve—the policy which declares that no child shall be forced to attend a school of mixed races against the wishes of his parents or himself.

"If incidents arise which challenge this policy, we propose to have legislation which will provide tuition grants or transfers along the general lines of the Virginia proposal. As many of you know, my friend, Governor Thomas Stanley of Virginia, lives just a few miles across the line from us here in Leaksville Township, and he and I have consulted freely and frequently. His General Assembly is now in session and will consider the same kind of local enrollment and assignment plan which our 1955 North Carolina Assembly has already passed. At a later date, I shall present to our citizens, and the same matter will be presented to our Legislature, the full details of a program embodying the basic principles which I have just mentioned.

"Our chief concern is the preservation of our public schools for See HODGES, Page Eight

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SEEKS COURT ORDER TO STOP DARE COUNTY'S SCHOOL PROGRAM

Hearing Set for Tuesday, February 28th at Ten A.M. Before Judge Burgwyn in Elizabeth City Result of Action Brought by Kitty Hawk Committee.

A hearing in which the school committee of the Kitty Hawk District will seek to block the action of the Dare County Board of Education in pursuing its plans for a consolidated High School at Manteo, and an elementary school at Kitty Hawk, will be held on Tuesday, February 28th at ten a.m. in Elizabeth City.

The hearing will be held before Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn on a temporary restraining order signed this week by Judge Henry A. Grady, in which the Dare County Board of Education and the Superintendent of schools are instructed not to appear, as had been planned before the Review panel of the State Board of Education in Raleigh on Feb. 17th.

McCown and McCown of Manteo represent the plaintiffs in this action, which is signed by Adolphus Hines, Chairman of the Kitty Hawk Committee, the plaintiffs being Mr. Hines, and the following other members, Mrs. Susie Briggs, Robert A. Young, Oscar Sanderlin and Jackson S. Twiford.

The action grew out of the failure of the Dare Board of Education to second a motion made by the Atlantic Township member, Elwood Parker last week, that a High School be built at Kitty Hawk. The Board ruled that an elementary school be built at Kitty Hawk, and a High School at Manteo.

In their petition to the court, the Committee sets forth that they are duly constituted members of the committee, that they are citizens, electors and taxpayers of the District. That for many months they had been appearing before the Board of Education asking for a school adequate to their needs, but the Board had refrained from taking affirmative action on the grounds that the county had no funds. That the plaintiffs instituted proceedings asking for a bond election on property in Atlantic and part of Nags Head townships, for a \$200,000 bond issue to be financed by a tax of 20 cents on the \$100 of valuation, in a petition signed by some 400 of the 596 voters in the district. That they had repeatedly asked the board to instruct them in the selection of a suitable site for the proposed school and to have plans drawn for the same.

They contend that the action of the Board in voting for an elementary school at Kitty Hawk was unlawful. They contend that the action of the Board of Education in setting up a school building program (one contrary to the program desired by the Kitty Hawk Committee) was unlawful and an abuse of discretionary power on the part of said board by its own action before an election is held. They say it is unlawful for the SEE SCHOOL, Page Eight

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WILLIAM B. JENNETTE WAS HATTERAS NATIVE

William Bateman Jennette, 74, of 38 Dale Drive, Portsmouth, died at a Norfolk hospital Wednesday after an illness of two years. He was a native of Cape Hatteras, and had lived in the Norfolk area for 38 years. He was a retired employee of the Lighthouse Service. He was a member of Cape Hatteras Methodist Church and of Oakdale Lodge 70, I.O.O.F., South Norfolk. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jennette.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Flora Miller Jennette, three sons, William L., Harry M. and Bernard L. Jennette, all of Norfolk; a brother, Junius Jennette, of Cape Hatteras; three sisters, Mrs. Lonie Barnett and Mrs. Levette Gray, both of Cape Hatteras and Mrs. Delora Stowe, of Washington, N. C., and seven grandchildren.

REBEKAHS TO GO TO SWAN QUARTER MAR. 3

Mrs. Salina Midgett, Noble Grand of Manteo Rebekah Lodge No. 52 urges all members to be present at the next meeting, Monday, February 22. Plans and arrangements for the trip to Swan Quarter will be made. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 3. A large group of members will be expected to go.

State officers will attend the Manteo lodge the following Monday night.

WANCHESE MAN IS ON EXPEDITION TO SOUTH POLE

Murray E. Bridges Serving Aboard The Ice-Breaker Glacier in the Antarctic, to Get a Short Holiday.

ANTARCTICA, Feb 2 (Delayed) (FHTNC.—Murray E. Bridges, engineer second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes O. Bridges of Wanchese, is serving aboard the icebreaker USS Glacier in the Antarctic.

The weather-beaten crew of the icebreaker, who for the past 23 days have worked without letup shuttling cargo from Operation Deepfreeze supply ships to sledges on frozen McMurdo Sound, today looked forward to a short holiday in New Zealand.

Deepfreeze Commander Rear Admiral George J. Dufek, USN, ordered the Glacier north to Port Lyttelton, N. Z., to take on 800,000 gallons of badly needed diesel fuel. She will depart about February 6 or 7.

This marks the end of the Glacier's role in one of history's classic moving jobs. Since January 11, she has hauled nearly 2,000 tons of cargo destined for the expedition's fast growing air base on Ross Island.

The cargo ships Wyandot and Greenville Victory, moored to the fringe of the ice, have been transferring their loads of building materials, foodstuffs and supplies to the Glacier and the smaller icebreaker Eastwind, because hard ice in the channel would probably slash open the thin-hulled cargo ships.

Seabees load supplies onto tractor-drawn sled trains and move them over firm ice to the air base six miles away. The base is going up on the site used by Britain's Sir Robert Scott on his 1902 South Polar expedition.

This is perhaps the first time an icebreaker has transhipped so much cargo. Her bargain basement loads have covered items like 27 ton tractors, a piano and delicate feather-weight weather instruments. The heaviest payload to date weighed in at some 43 tons.

Pressed by the rigid Deepfreeze timetable, the Glacier's desk force—which normally handles all cargo jobs—was augmented by sailors from other walks of Navy life. Men left typewriters, drill presses, cook stoves and laundry machines to pitch in.

Work goes on around the clock with each sailor putting in from 8 to 18 hours a day. Three day ago a blizzard lashed by savage 65 mile-an-hour gusts of bitterly cold wind slowed, but did not stop, cargo transfer from the Glacier to waiting sleds. Recent weather is better with temperatures up to the balmy 20's.

There is strong rivalry between the cargo handlers and professional deck force men. Shocked boatswain's mates have been receiving ready advice on load hoisting from novices. These in turn are kidded about callouses on soft hands and aches in unused muscles.

The Glacier's Commanding Officer, Cdr. Eugene H. Maher, said he was proud of the cheerful way his men took to the backbreaking job. He promised the crewmen as much rest and recreation as possible during the New Zealand refueling interlude. The ship will probably spend three days at Port Lyttelton before returning to Antarctica.

Antarctica has replaced below decks pallor for Navy outdoor men with curious tans. The sun has bronzed only the cheeks where the face isn't protected by colored goggles or beard.

Besides serving as a colossal moving van, the Glacier has become Operation Deepfreeze's portable hotel, restaurant, theater, heliport, garage, filling station and fuel barge.

Seabee tractor drivers frequently stay overnight aboard while reliefs take loads back to the air base. Only recent exception was the snobbish crew of a dog sled team out on a seal hunt. They preferred to "rough it" in their tent pitched adjacent to the ship.