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PLANS CONTINUE FOR BIGGER AND BETTER JAMBOREE

Many Unusual Features Shaping Up For A Bigger Festival April 27-29

By AYCOCK BROWN

A bigger and better Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree has been promised by committee chairmen working on various phases of the event planned this year for the second time, as a Spring vacation launcher. Ten thousand copies of the program of events which begin at Hatteras on Hatteras Island, Friday April 27, and moves into the Dare Beaches sector on the following day and night, to be concluded with religious services at Fort Raleigh and boat races in Manteo Harbor on Roanoke Island Sunday, April 29, were printed this week by Times Printing Company for the sponsors.

These programs, fore runner of a compact souvenir booklet program will be distributed throughout the state and nation. The initial program printed in colorful red and black ink on yellow paper will be available in reasonable quantities to any person or vacation operator who may wish same to use as an enclosure with letters going to potential patrons. Copies of the program will be included in the hundreds of letters now being processed each week by the Tourist Bureau from persons who are planning vacations to the Dare Coast.

Governor Will Be Here
Governor Luther Hodges who attended the first annual Pirates Jamboree last year, and had a big time, will be present again this year. W. H. McCown, chairman of the Jamboree Steering Committee stated Tuesday, following a telephone conversation with the chief executive of the State that he planned to arrive on the Dare Coast Friday afternoon and go to Hatteras for the Waterfront Carnival and Dance planned there on that night. He will then take in several of the events in the Dare Beaches area on the following day, before fulfilling other commitments he has while in the East.

Pre-Jamboree Events
There will be several pre-jamboree promotional events during April, the most important perhaps, being the big Street Dance and Pirates Frolic in Elizabeth City on Friday night, April 13, and the pre-jamboree dance and party at the Shrine Club on Saturday night, April 21, when the buccaneer king and queen will be selected. This year contestants for the distinction of becoming the pirate king and pirate queen will be judged largely by costumes and beards of participants. This will be an all-county event and committee chairmen north of Oregon Inlet have been assured that many persons from Hatteras Island would be in the competition.

In addition to the foregoing events, Dare Coast "pirates" will be appearing as guests on numerous radio and television shows in North Carolina and Virginia during April, each appearance designed as a promotional deal for the Jamboree. Taking part in some of the guest appearances will be Manteo Rotary's famous "Pirate" quartet.

Pirate Money
Within the next few days one of the most unusual shipments of money to reach the Dare Coast since the days of piracy during the 18th Century will arrive from Puerto Rico. From San Juan will come a batch of genuine "pieces of eight" the loot which early buccanniers shed blood for on the Spanish Main and the Coast of Carolina. The coins will be available—at a price.

Already received this week was the first shipment of silver dollars from the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond to the Bank of Manteo. The silver dollars will be distributed to merchants of Dare who in turn will give them as change to customers during April. The first shipment of shiny silver dollars numbering 2,000 were made in 1923—a significant year for the Dare Coast and the United States.

It was in 1923 that the late General Billy Mitchell, commanding a squadron of planes based on the beach at Hatteras, proved that surface craft were vulnerable to bombing attacks by air craft. In September of that year two battleships, the USS New Jersey, and the USS Virginia were sunk off Cape Hatteras. Hatteras Jamboree events will be held mostly on the spot where the planes were based.

GOVERNOR HODGES TO VISIT OCRACOE ID.



Ocracoke, March 26.—If present plans work out, Governor Luther H. Hodges will visit Ocracoke Island on Friday, March 30th, between speaking engagements in Morehead City and Elizabeth City. Governor Hodges plans to make the island trip on common carriers, by mailboat "Dolphin" from Atlantic, to Ocracoke on Friday afternoon and by mail truck Saturday morning from Ocracoke to Hatteras Inlet and across the inlet by ferry. This will give the Governor the opportunity to assess present transportation to and from Ocracoke at first hand. With Governor Hodges will be Col. Harry Brown of Atlanta, Georgia, Advisor on hurricane rehabilitation. Several officials of the highway department will also be at Ocracoke that day. Materials and machinery for the new road to be built on the island are arriving by barge and are being unloaded at the old navy base.

CANADIAN VISITOR LIKES CLEAN HATTERAS BEACHES

W. G. Cowing of Hamilton, Canada, who has been spending several days on the Dare Coast with his wife and two sons, returned home with good impressions of the fine clean, uncluttered beaches of Hatteras Island, which he visited Wednesday. The family stopped at the Beacon Motor Lodge at Nags Head, and were impressed with the quality of accommodations and service to be found in Dare. They enjoyed meals at Jockey Ridge, and went back boosters of this area. Mr. Cowing is Comptroller of American Can Company of Canada, and is a native American.



L. C. PARKER OF SKYCO LANDS FIRST STRIPERS

L. C. Parker of Skycro, trolling with bucktail lures, landed the first striped bass reported caught with rod and reel this spring. He made his catches early this week in Croatan Sound near his home on the west side of the island.

The striped bass (locally called rockfish) weighed from one to 14 pounds each and his total catch for the day was four fish.

NATIONAL PRIZE WINNING FISH CAUGHT IN DARE

Seven out of 10 prize winning channel bass entered in the National Field and Stream contest during 1955 were landed in Dare Coast or Ocracoke waters. Only two fish, a 62-pounder landed at Ocean City, Md., and a 61-pound, 15-ounce specimen caught at Wachapreague, Va., topped the national third prize 60 pounder boated by Forrest Dunstan of Elizabeth City last April 6 while he was trolling from aboard Capt. Jesse Etheridge's cruiser Carewinn. Three of the prize channel bass were landed at Cape Hatteras, two at Hatteras and one at Ocracoke, according to the Field and Stream listing.

Only one blue marlin, a 631-lb. by Al Plews of Glen Burnie, was taken along the United States coast during the year that was larger than the 464 pounder boated by A. Plews of Glen Burnie, Md., with a broken rod from aboard Capt. Ernell Foster's Albattross off Hatteras on May 28. Plews did not enter his blue marlin in the national contest, it not being eligible due to the broken rod. Largest fish of this species

MANTEO TALENT SHOW BENEFITS ATHLETIC ASS'N.

Audience Overflows Auditorium To Hear Local Talent Program

An audience which overflowed the Manteo school auditorium attended the talent show put on last Friday night by the school, and netted approximately \$170 for the high school athletic association.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Grades one through three, first prize, Gale Brown, Lorna Fields, D'Andrea Midgett, Janet Mann and Frances White for singing "You, You, You"; second prize, Nevin Wescott for singing "Davey Crockett"; third prize, Ben Lassiter for a "Human Frog" act.

Grades four, five and six, first prize, Chris Payne for "Tutti Frutti", a song and dance act; second prize, Nicky Sapone, Robert Midgett, Sandy Robinson and Horace Midgett for "Letter Trouble", a stunt; third prize, Sarah Tillett, Janice Etheridge, Nancy Midgett, Linda King and Mary White for singing "Yellow Rose of Texas".

Grades seven and eight, first prize: Tommy Dowdy, Jack Wood, Eugene Smith, Preston Clark and Raymond White for "Rock Around the Clock", a song and dance act; second prize, Linda Wise, Betty Ruth Flowers, Elaine Brickhouse and Dorothy Ward for a skit "Little Brown Cabin"; third prize, Nancy Glynn, Linda Mann, Pauline Leary and Evelyn Toms for a song "We're Moving On".

High school: first prize, Ruth Cudworth for a song "Birth of the Blues"; second prize, Mary Blanche Meekins for "Prelude in G Minor", a piano solo; and third prize, Jo Ann Ballance for a tap dance.

Ruth Cudworth was awarded the overall award for the entire school.

Assisting between acts were Sidney Shaw at the piano; and Al Wright with song and guitar numbers.

Judges were Miss Shirley West, Mrs. Allyn Hanks and G. P. Hultman.

Pre-school talent was represented by Susan Krider and Frankie Williams.

STUDENT PREACHER

Guy Whitley, a student of Roanoke Bible College, Elizabeth City, will fill the pulpit at Roanoke Acres Church of Christ April 1st at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. The public is cordially invited.

TILLET BUYS LARGE GROCERY BUSINESS OF ARCHIE BURRUS

Former Owner Gives Full Time to Tourist Court at Nags Head

One of the largest and most successful businesses in Manteo is changing hands. Andrew and Margaret Tillett and their son Jack, operators of a bottled gas business in Manteo are buying the Archie Burrus grocery business and Mr. Burrus' half interest in the building housing it, which is owned jointly with Bob and Mary O'Neal.

Jack Tillett will be the manager of the store. After serving in the Marine Corp he returned home and entered business with his father. He married the former Lydia King and they have one child.

Mr. Burrus will remain with the business for several weeks while the transition is being made.

The business was established more than 12 years ago by R. H. O'Neal and the late Roscoe Burrus and was a success from the beginning. It was the first grocery to innovate the self-service feature, with goods marked on the shelves. About ten years ago it was sold to Archie Burrus who had been associated with his father in the grocery business at Hatteras before entering the armed forces.

Archie Burrus will now devote his full time to his successful motel, the Sea-Otel at Nags Head. He says trying to find time enough for both businesses is just too many hours in the day.

BONNER TO ADDRESS THE MANTEO GRADUATES



R. H. Stone, Principal of Manteo School, has announced that honorable Herbert C. Bonner, congressman from the First Congressional District will be the principal speaker at the graduation exercises Manteo High School on June 1. There are 27 candidates for graduation in this year's senior class.

ANDY GRIFFITH BUYER OF BARACH ESTATE ON ROANOKE ISLAND

Andy Griffith, who has been rising in fame in New York, radio, stage and TV circles, has negotiated the purchase of the splendid home on Roanoke Island, built by the late Dr. Joseph H. Barach of Pittsburgh and who died two years ago. The property is on a hill overlooking Roanoke Sound and Nags Head, and is two miles from Manteo. It includes a large acreage and wide shore front.

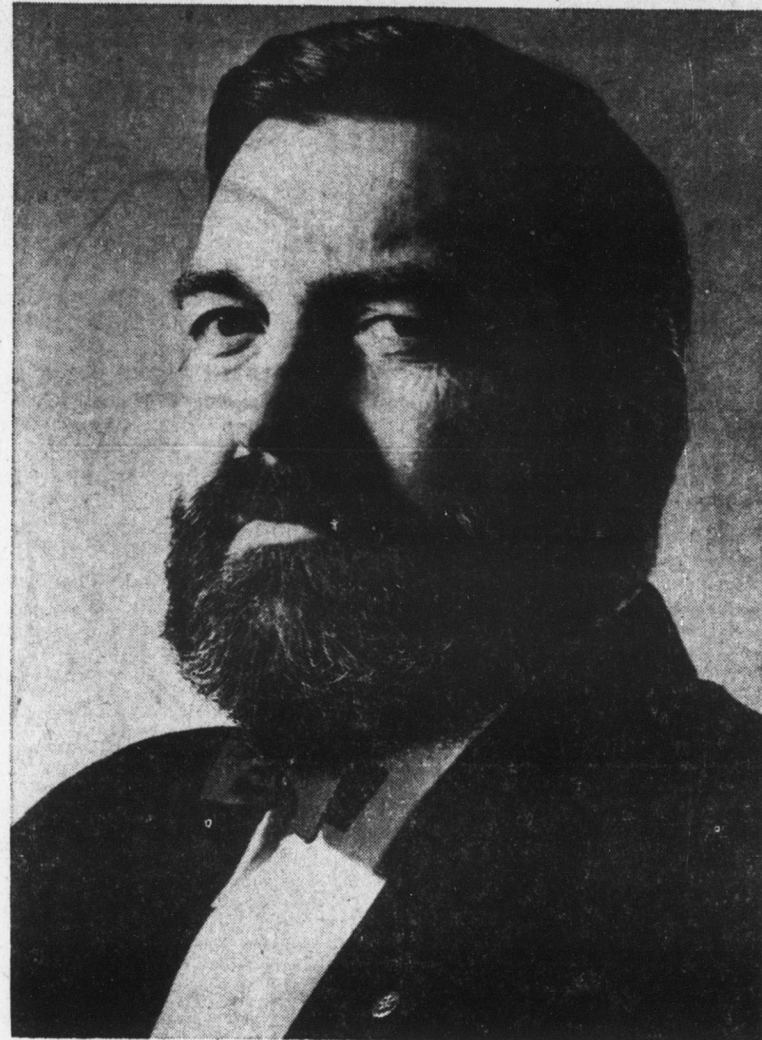
The property has been in caretaker status since Dr. Barach's death. Griffith is well known in Dare County, where he was a member of the Lost Colony cast for a number of years, playing among other parts that of Sir Walter Raleigh. Mrs. Griffith, the former Barbara Edwards, played the role of Eleanor Dare in the Lost Colony. Griffith is a native of Mount Airy. Both are graduates of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

ORVILLE BAUM TO SEEK COMMISSIONERS' PLACE

Orville Baum of Kitty Hawk stated this week that he will seek the post of commissioner from Atlantic Township in the Democratic primary of May 26. Major J. L. Murphy, former mayor of Kill Devil Hills, is also a candidate. With only two weeks to go before the filing time ends, there are rumors of other candidates coming out for this post, as well as for the Board of Education.

There are reported prospective candidates from Wanchese and from Nags Head for county commissioner, and also from Hatteras township.

"AH SAY, MISTER, IS YOU JESUS?"



BEHIND THIS FEROCIOUS LOOKING BRUSH is the physiognomy of jovial Thomas Cheers Jr., Manteo lawyer, who is doing his part toward making sure that the Dare Coast Pirate's Jamboree has the right atmosphere come April 27th. Mr. Cheers has one of the finest beards among the many that are being raised for this occasion. It speaks highly for the resolution of any married man who can manifest such devotion to the cause of publicizing the coastland. But Mr. Cheers has more trouble with his whiskers when away from his own castle, for in Edenton when he appeared at the door of his mother in law, he wasn't allowed to come in the house until he found witnesses to prove his identity. He got quite a different reception when he strolled down the street, for not one of his old friends of a lifetime paid him more than curious notice, taking him to be one of those peripatetic missionaries from the House of David. A more kindly interest came from one old Negro woman unknown to him, but who cocked her head sideways and said to him in all seriousness: "Ah say, Mister, Is You Jesus?"

The excellent portrayal of this fierce face was done by Dan Morrill, operator of the studio next to Mr. Cheers' law office. Watch this paper next week for another beard of the week, as seen by Mr. Morrill's faithful camera.

RETURNS FROM TOUR OF REBEKAH GROUP MEETINGS

Mrs. Sue Ballowe of Manteo returned this week from a series of visits to Rebekah district meetings in the state. Mrs. Ballowe is a state officer, being a Warder of the Rebekah Assembly of the IOOF of N. C. Among district meetings held were those at Swan Quarter, Asheville, Greensboro, Goldsboro, Havelock, and at Concord last week, from where she went to Charlotte to spend the week end with her sister, Mrs. H. S. McChesney. She was accompanied on the lodge visits by the State President and Vice-President, Mrs. Inez Ramsey of Greensboro, and Mrs. Treva Kunkle of Statesville, respectively.

Prior to this tour, Mrs. Ballowe had spent several weeks in Florida, visiting her brother, Rubin Midgett, and renewing old acquaintances on the East Coast. She attended the Gasparilla celebration at Tampa, and spent four days in Nassau.

DOUBLE FERRY SCHEDULES AT INLET ON WEEK END

Ferry services will be doubled at Oregon Inlet, starting Friday afternoon, making round trips each half hour with two boats operating. It has been announced, in order to take care of Easter week end traffic.

Governor Hodges, who will visit Ocracoke Friday, will be a visitor at Hatteras Saturday en route to Elizabeth City, and may get acquainted better with the situation, where the residents are requesting night ferry trips at Oregon Inlet.

SCOUTS BEGIN PAPER DRIVE; SECOND SAT. EACH MONTH

On Saturday, April 14, Boy Scouts of Manteo Troop 165 will begin a paper drive in Manteo and the surrounding vicinity. The pick-up will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be repeated the second Saturday of every month.

The public is asked to leave any old paper, magazines, or corrugated board that is no longer of use, on their front porches or steps and it will be picked up by the Scouts.

The money derived from the sale of this paper will be used for camping equipment, etc., which is needed by the troop. The cooperation of every one will be appreciated.

IMPROVEMENTS IN MANTEO AREA ARE MANY AND VARIED

Despite Winter's Apparent Inactivity Many Definite Gains Are Being Made.

The general complaint every winter is that business is dull in Manteo. Dull business is all the more acute to so many, following the hectic rush of summer business that leaves no one time to think just how good or how bad business conditions may be. When the let down comes after Labor Day, folks have more time for reflection, and by comparison with what has gone before, the winter season always looks bad indeed.

Speaking for the Manteo area, things don't look so bad after all. For more than a year, the big \$3,000,000 bridge project across Croatan Sound has employed many people. It's been a big thing for Roanoke Island; for those employed on it, live here and pay board here, buy groceries and one or two of the newcomers will buy homes and remain here.

In addition to several new homes recently completed or now being built in Manteo and vicinity, there are other indications of improvement and progress. One of the most greatly needed improvements which should result in great benefit to the community generally is the clinic now under construction by Fearings, Inc. This building, when complete will enable a physician to locate in Manteo under ideal conditions for modern practice. This firm's efforts are very creditable for a community of this size.

In the business area, the Daniels Oil Company, having purchased a part of the Wabash Building, is creating what will be the finest offices in Manteo. This building will house two large offices adjacent to a warehouse for the sale and promotion of petroleum products. The offices will have modern heat and air conditioning units.

Some 100 seats, a modern wide screen, and many other improvements will be made possible by the large addition that H. A. Creef is completing for his Pioneer Theatre. This will give Manteo a showhouse unexcelled in a town of similar size in the state. Just as are the improvements in the theatre, so are improvements of the most modern type being made in numerous homes on Roanoke Island.

MANN'S HBR. RUTITAN CLUB HOST TO MANY OLDER FOLK

At their regular meeting March 31st, the Rutitan Club of Manns Harbor had a 100% attendance record. At this meeting the club was host to 9 local residents whose average ages were 74 years and 4 months. Among those attending the meeting were: Mrs. Mary Midgett 80; Mrs. Sallie Gard 82; C. W. Mann 80; Raynor Twiford 81; Mrs. Sina Mann 76; Mrs. Alice White 73; Mrs. Hattie Mann 66; Clyde Twiford 65; and Lonnie Ambrose 66. Plans were made for the club to attend the Easter Sunrise Services of Mt. Carmel Church. At the kids party which the Rutitans sponsor the 1st Friday night, 33 children and 3 mothers attended the party.

LITTLE BEASLEY CHILD OF KITTY HAWK DIES

While her parents were home from State College on a visit, Stavia Jill Beasley was taken ill at Kitty Hawk Friday and died Sunday morning in the Elizabeth City hospital, following a bronchial infection. She was the five months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Beasley. Her father, a former service man is now studying at State College.

Besides her parents, she is survived by her twin brothers, Michael and Danny Beasley; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah O'Neal, all of Kitty Hawk; her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall J. Beasley, of Norfolk. The body was taken from the Twiford Funeral Home, Manteo, to the Austin Cemetery, in Kitty Hawk, for graveside services by the Rev. W. B. Gregory, pastor of the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church, Tuesday at 2 p.m.

LOW BID FOR U. S. 264 IMPROVEMENT \$159,487.60

The low bid submitted this week for improving and surfacing the new stretch of road a distance of 2.57 miles east of Washington on U. S. 264 was submitted this week by Rea Construction Company of Charlotte. The amount of the bid was \$159,487.60. The bid calls for fine grading of the new stretch, and a 20-foot roadway paving of sand-asphalt.

MANTEO WOMAN TO TAKE OFF FOR HAWAIIAN ISLS.



MRS. MARVIN ROGERS of Manteo, who will take off on April 6th for Honolulu where she will visit her sister, Mrs. John H. Lee, whose husband is with the armed forces. She will stop over at the Denver Airport for a brief visit with her son, Capt. Aubrey Rogers of the Air Force, and will pay him a visit also on her return flight from Honolulu. The flight to mid-Pacific will require only a little over a day.

TWO BOUND OVER FOR THEFT IN DARE COUNTY

Dorian Mitchell Washington and Paul Lawrence Davenport, young Manteo negroes were held for Superior Court Tuesday by Judge Baum in Records Court, who found probable cause. They were charged with robbing the car of S. C. Bethea, taking away clothing valued at \$140. Washington's bond in the amount of \$500 was signed by his employer Belton Burrus, but Davenport went to jail.

Leland Reese Midgett of Waves was fined \$25 and costs for driving without a valid operator's license. Harry Miller Gray of Avon, who had no license plate, was taxed with the costs, \$8.20. Donna White Beasley of Kitty Hawk was fined \$10 and costs. She was drunk on the highway.

Calvin Beasley of Manns Harbor paid \$10 and costs for passing a school bus, and George Thomas Johnson of Wanchese, for driving with improper lights was fined \$5 and costs.