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## NAVAL FORCES TO REPEL PIRATE LANDING SATURDAY

Fleet Air Wing No. 1 To Take  
Part in Festivities in After-  
noon of 28th

Nags Head, April 25. — When Dare Coast Jamboree "pirates" land from their flotilla in Kitty Hawk Bay on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock they will be repelled by a group of U. S. Naval officers who will be attending the week end of fun as another vacation season is being launched along the far-famed Outer Banks.

Leaders of the Naval group will be Capt. Art Cockell, commander of Fleet Air Wing No. 1 and Commander Al Willis, captain of the U. S. Navy Air Facility at Weeksville. Other Naval personnel who will be present for the fun of the Jamboree on what is normally an off-duty week end period for them will join in the fun.

If the "pirates" land successfully, and it is planned that they will, the first woman mayor of the newly incorporated town of Kill Devil Hills will give the buccaners the key to the Outer Banks in a welcoming ceremony.

On Saturday following the landing party which will take place on the bay shore of Avalon Beach development in Kill Devil Hill, to the lively tunes of Elizabeth City High School's famous "pirate" band, there will be a jeep obstacle race at Jockeys Ridge and some fast jalopy races along the surf in the Whalebone Intersection area of lower Nags Head. On Saturday night the most colorful event of the Jamboree, a grand Pirates Costume Ball, will be held in Nags Head Casino.

Before the afternoon program on Saturday, the Dare Beaches phase of the Jamboree will feature a children's treasure hunt at Kitty Hawk and the unveiling of a mounted blue marlin (weight 464 pounds when caught) at Journeys End on Kitty Hawk Beach, with music by the Pirate Band.

Saturday will mark the second day of the Jamboree, following the Friday program on Hatteras Island which will feature a fishing contest, Coast Guard lifesaving drill, world's biggest free salt water fish fry, a beauty and costume contest, banker pony races with Ocracoke scouts as riders, beach buggy races along the surf and a colorful waterfront carnival and dance. These events will be in the Hatteras village area.

On Sunday, concluding day of the Jamboree, Dr. Sylvester Green, vice president of Wake Forest college, will preach at joint religious services in Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island, with 12 classes of high speed boat races each 15 minutes from 12:20 to 5:35 o'clock during afternoon in Manteo harbor.

## TWO WEEKS DARE COURT TOLL AMOUNTS TO \$351

Cases submitted in Dare Records Court during the past two weeks have yielded \$351.00 in fines and costs. Following is the list of cases:

Elmer V. Midgett, inadequate brakes \$18.20. This case was the result of the defendant's car, which out of control crashed into the Midway Service Station. A. S. Boxley, Mrs. Virginia Boxley and Mrs. Newton Carroll of Roanoke, Va., were each taxed \$18.20 for fishing in the mainland area of Dare County after licenses had expired. Sam C. Basnight Jr. of Manns Harbor, speeding at 65 mph \$18.20.

McKinley Price of Avon for driving without proper license tags \$13.20. Edward C. Etheridge of Manteo, unlicensed trailer \$8.20. Gethsemane Gallop of Manteo lost his operator's license in court sometime ago. Up again without one, paid \$33.20. Thos. G. Gaskill for driving intoxicated \$108.20. Thelma M. Wise and Mack R. Tillett of Nags Head, for being drunk on the highway, \$8.20 each. Lester N. Sawyer, Frederick O. Krone and C. M. Brewster Jr., all from Cape Hatteras, \$33.20 for reckless driving. Total fines and costs \$351.20.

## DAVIS STORE ROBBED OF SMALL CASH FRIDAY

The robbery of Davis Department Store Manteo Friday night is still unsolved. The thief gained entry in the back and made away with some \$30 in cash but left merchandise untouched. Some pilfering of files and papers was done.

Hoodlums were brought in, and followed a trail for about a mile northward from Manteo. Supposition is that the robbery was done by some irresponsible party or parties in need of some ready spending money.

## THE QUEEN AND THE KING OF THE PIRATES



MRS. SUE McCOWN, Manteo Attorney, and John Donahoe of Nags Head were named queen and king of the pirates of the Dare Coast Festival this week end. They were chosen by popular acclamation at the pre-Jamboree dance at the Dare County Shrine Club hall on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Donahoe's beard was seen in our columns last week.

## COME ONE, COME ALL TO DARE AND ENJOY THE THREE-DAY PIRATE JAMBOREE; STARTS TODAY WITH THE BIG HATTERAS FISH-FRY

Today is the big day on the Dare Coast, and so will be tomorrow and Sunday. Something of interest for every taste, so everybody is invited.

The first big day's doings will be at Hatteras village. Here will be the world's largest fish fry. Visitors will have an opportunity to get better acquainted with the largest settlement on the Outer Banks of North Carolina and with friendly, neighborly people who live here.

Governor Hodges will be down in the afternoon, and the festivities will follow on into the night with an outdoor dance for all.

Moving up Nags Head way on Saturday, there will be a full and complete program, concluding Sunday with religious services at Fort Raleigh, and boat races in Manteo Bay. Read the full program published in this paper; clip it for reference, then come and enjoy the festivities to the fullest.

## Second Annual Dare Coast

### PIRATES' JAMBOREE

Hatteras Island — Dare Beaches — Roanoke Island  
Friday — Saturday — Sunday, April 27, 28, 29, 1956

## PROGRAM

### Friday, April 27 Hatteras Island

6 A.M. to 11 A.M. — Surf Fishing Contest  
11:00 A.M. — Coast Guard Breeches Buoy Rescue Drill  
11:30 A.M. — Surf Fishing Prize Awards  
12 Noon — World's Biggest Salt Water Free Fish Fry  
1:00 P.M. — Beauty Show and Costume Contest  
2:00 P.M. — Banker Pony Races and Exhibition  
(Ocracoke Island Mounted Boy Scouts)  
3:00 P.M. — Beach Buggy Races (3 Classes)  
8 P.M. — Waterfront Carnival and Dance  
(Unusual Intermission Entertainment)  
(Above Events in or near Hatteras Village)

### Saturday, April 28

#### Dare Beaches Area

10:30 A.M. — Children's Treasure Hunt — Kitty Hawk Road  
11:30 A.M. — Blue Marlin Unveiling — Journeys End Motel; Concert: By Elizabeth City H. S. "Pirate" Band  
2:30 P.M. — Blackbeard and crew land — Kitty Hawk Bay — Officials welcome him. Given Key to Outer Banks — Serenade by Elizabeth City H. School Pirate Band  
3:30 P.M. — Jeep Obstacle Race — Jockeys Ridge, Nags Head  
4:30 P.M. — Jalopy Race — Near Jennettes Pier on Beach  
9:30 P.M. — Grand Pirates Ball at The Casino. Crowning of Pirate King and Queen — Grand March. Costumes.

### Sunday, April 29

#### Roanoke Island

11:00 A.M. — Religious Services — Fort Raleigh — Dr. Sylvester Green V.P. Wake Forest College, Speaker  
12:15 Noon — Speed Boat Races, Manteo Bay — Every 15 Minutes

## THE LOST COLONY'S CORN GOD SHIPPED TO NEW YORK

Big Town Has No Stand-In For It,  
So Island Idol Is Being  
Sent by Truck

By JIM MORTON

Uppowoc's god, a scary, 15-foot monstrosity that easily could hold down the lead role in a Hollywood horror picture, is being readied for a New York debut in, of all places, the Metropolitan Opera House.

The primitive statue, similar to that worshipped by the Roanoke Indians in their ritual dance to the Corn God in the long ago, is used in the summer outdoor production of Paul Green's "The Lost Colony" here at the site of the first English settlement in the New World.

It was in 1937, the year the North Carolina playwright and Pulitzer prize winner Green produced his symphonic drama of the colony that vanished into the unknown, that Uppowoc's god came into being, an essential property for enactment of the wild harvest ceremonial.

When the Roanoke Island Historical Association recently agreed to present a condensed version of "The Lost Colony" at N. Y. Journal-American's Oratory Finals, bewilderment arose as to where a substitute for the cumbersome idol might be located in New York City.

It soon became apparent the big town had no stand-in for Uppowoc's god.

Resignedly, Richard E. Jordan, general manager of the historical drama which has lived longer than any other outdoor production and begins its 16th season in Waterside Theatre on June 30 this year, has started to dismantle the grotesque figures that for so many years has kept a lonely vigil at Fort Raleigh. Shortly, along with other unusual stage properties and authentic costumes of the drama here in the theatre where the show is presented each summer, it will be enroute by motor truck to New York.

On May 7, some 4,400 or more New Yorkers to be gathered for the grand climax of the five-months' oratorical competition will witness one of the strangest debuts ever made at the Met.

The Corn God will rule a scene wildly unreal, but once a commonplace occurrence on this coast, as the medicine man Uppowoc, enacted by Dancer Marvin Gordon, leaps and waves in the harvest ritual.

A score of Indians from "The Lost Colony" cast, supplemented by fifty Explorer Scouts who are experts in Indian lore, will join the dance star in the Met scene.

Other scenes from "The Lost See COLONY, Page Eight

## CLUB FEDERATION MET TUESDAY AT CAPE HATTERAS

Dare County Clubs Held Spring  
Meeting in New High School  
Auditorium

The Dare County Home Demonstration Clubs held their Spring Federation meeting at the Cape Hatteras School on Tuesday, April 24. Mrs. Curtis Toler, County Council President, presided.

The meeting was opened by the group singing, "Hail, Club Women." Rev. Dan Meadows, pastor of the Buxton Methodist Church, presented the devotional.

Mrs. Edgar Hooper, member of the Buxton club, welcomed the club members and Mr. W. R. Lingle, principal of the Cape Hatteras School, brought greetings to the group.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Wallace Taylor, treasurer, read the minutes of the last meeting. This was followed by roll call. See FEDERATION, Page Four

## 34th BIRTHDAY COMING UP MONDAY, APRIL 30th



CAPT. MARTIN L. JOHNSON of Manteo, now living in snug retirement at his home overlooking the bay will be 84 years old on Monday, April 30th. Many friends are already calling on him to congratulate him. One of his regular daily visitors is an old neighbor and kinsman, Capt. Columbus Midgett who is now 89, and another visitor is A. D. Swindell his brother-in-law who is 86. Capt. Johnson will be remembered by many people for his long years of faithful service to Roanoke Island when he piloted the daily steamboat to Elizabeth City. His last vessel was the Trenton, which gave way to motor-driven traffic when the road was completed in the early 30's.

## SUDDEN DEATH CLAIMS JESSE W. WHITE FRIDAY

Jesse Woodrow White, 38, died Friday at 3:30 a.m. at the residence in Manteo after a sudden seizure. With his wife, he had attended church services the evening before.

He was a native of Windsor and had been living in Manteo for the past 10 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge AF & AM 682 of Manteo and the Ross Baptist Church of Windsor.

He was highly regarded in Manteo. He had been in charge of maintenance of Dare County school buses while here.

He was the son of Mrs. Annie B. White and the late W. A. White. Besides his mother he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary J. Sanderlin White; four brothers, Lee, Brodie, Kenneth and Marshall White, all of Windsor; two sisters, Misses Lillie and Florence White, both of Windsor.

The body was taken from the Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo to the Byrd-Walker Funeral Home at Windsor Saturday where funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Masonic rites were held at the Edgewood Cemetery at Windsor by members of Manteo Lodge.

## SPECIAL FOR BEARDED MEN IN COSTUME SATURDAY P.M.

Evidently there is something in store, maybe good news for the bearded men of the Pirate Jamboree. They are expected with the pirate ladies, to be present on Saturday afternoon, in costume if possible, but in any event, at Herbert Perry's dock on Kitty Hawk Bay, at 1:30. Costumes will help in order to make better television coverage of this affair. In addition to this program, it is important they, and their ladies too, attend the Grand Pirate's Ball and the crowning of the King and Queen. At this time, costume selections will play a great part in selection of the Royal Pirate Court.

## OAK SHIP TIMBERS FOUND WHILE DIGGING CANAL ON TILLET FARM AT WANCHESE

Craftsmanship in Oak Reveals Activity of Old  
Timers More Than 100 Years Ago; Pile of Old  
Frames Dug Up by St. Clair Midgett now in  
Manteo on Exhibit Cause for Speculation.

Considerable interest attaches to the find last week of a large number of oak ship timbers, uncovered by St. Clair Midgett of Manteo, during the process of digging a boat canal at Wanchese on the shores of Broad Creek. Mr. Midgett was employed during the operation of one of Ray Lewis' draglines, when he discovered the timbers, and he brought a truck load of them and stacked them in his yard in Manteo. When they have sufficiently dried out, after a hundred or more years of being submerged in salt water, they will make good firewood.

Mr. Midgett says he has studied over the circumstance of the timbers, and is absolutely sure they are the remains of the handiwork of the first English settlers, who had set about building a vessel in which to return to England, after it became apparent to them that rescue was not coming from England. "But before they could get their ship ready" says St. Clair Midgett, "Chief Wanchese led a party of Indians to them, and slaughtered them all." So, he thinks, these old timbers have been imbedded in the mud for nearly 370 years.

There are old residents of Roanoke Island now well up in their eighties who take a different view of the origin of the timbers. While no one now recalls anyone building boats on Broad Creek, they do have recollection of being told by their parents of considerable ship-building operation in this area, 80 and 100 years ago.

The work that is being done at Broad Creek by the Ray Lewis Company is part of the plan of the present owner, J. B. Tillett, who operates the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center, and who for many years operated the ferry system across Oregon Inlet. Mr. Tillett was born on this property, the son of Mrs. Mary Tillett of Wanchese, and the late W. B. (Bink) Tillett. J. B. Tillett, known to his friends as "Toby," having acquired the interests of the various heirs is spending a great deal of money to improve the property. The land is being drained and fenced canals will also offer deep water for yachts to reach high land, and other development, including construction of a motel is contemplated. See TIMBERS, Page Four

## KITTY HAWK GLEE CLUB TAKES PART IN MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Saturday, April 21, the Kitty Hawk Glee Club was instrumental in highlighting the luncheon program of the N. C. Junior Federation of Music Clubs in Raleigh, by presenting one of Burl Ives' popular folk songs entitled "Paper of Pins." Appropriate dramatization enhanced the singing.

The glee club members sang in the All-State Girls' Choir and in the All-State Boys' Choir, which was televised at the WNAO TV studio. Among the numbers presented by the latter choirs were as follows: "Laughing Spring", by Mozart; a latin number, "Donna Nobis Pacem"; "Lift Thine Eyes" (from "Elijah") by Mendelssohn; "God of Our Fathers", by Warren; and "Come Follow to the Greenwood Tree."

Attending the convention and seeing as many historical sights as time would permit were the following: Elizabeth Perry, Barbara Sides, Wanda Hines, Rose Mary Sanderlin, Terry Beacham, Patsy Hartley, Eunice Midgett, Christine Perry, Betty Finn, Coby Foreman, Eloise Mann, Lois Mann, Darlene Hines, Diane Smith, Lois Corbell, Judy Perry, Carol O'Neal, Barbara Ragland, Brady Rogers, Karen Peterson, Donna Midgett, Gary Perry, Virginia Perry, Fred Murdaugh, Carlton Smith, Ronnie Scarborough, Sam Liverman, Jr., and Michael Parker. The group was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Ward, Mrs. V. S. Mayberry and Gary Scarborough.

## TO MEET SATURDAY NIGHT TO DISCUSS PROGRAM AT RODANTHE JUNE 15 TO 17

A meeting of the committee for the celebration planned at Rodanthe on June 15th to 17th has been called for Saturday night at 7:30 at the Mirlo Beach Lodge at Rodanthe. This meeting will be to discuss the program for the celebration and the appointment of special committees as needed.

The celebration to do honor to the Old Coast Guardsmen was originally planned for last August, but postponed because of the handicaps imposed by the hurricane, at that time.

R. D. Owens is serving as temporary chairman of the committee at this time, and he urges a full attendance at the meeting.

## CARTHY B. PERRY 59, NATIVE OF KITTY HAWK DIES FRIDAY

Carthy Belton Perry, 59, of 3308 Hyde Circle, Norview, died Friday at 5:45 p.m. in a Norfolk hospital after an illness of three months.

A native of Kitty Hawk, he had resided in Norfolk the last 34 years. He was a son of the late Charlie B. and Mrs. Mary L. Tillett Perry, and husband of Gertie Gray Perry.

He was employed as a machinist at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, and was a member of Atlantic Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A.M., and Berkley Avenue Baptist Church.

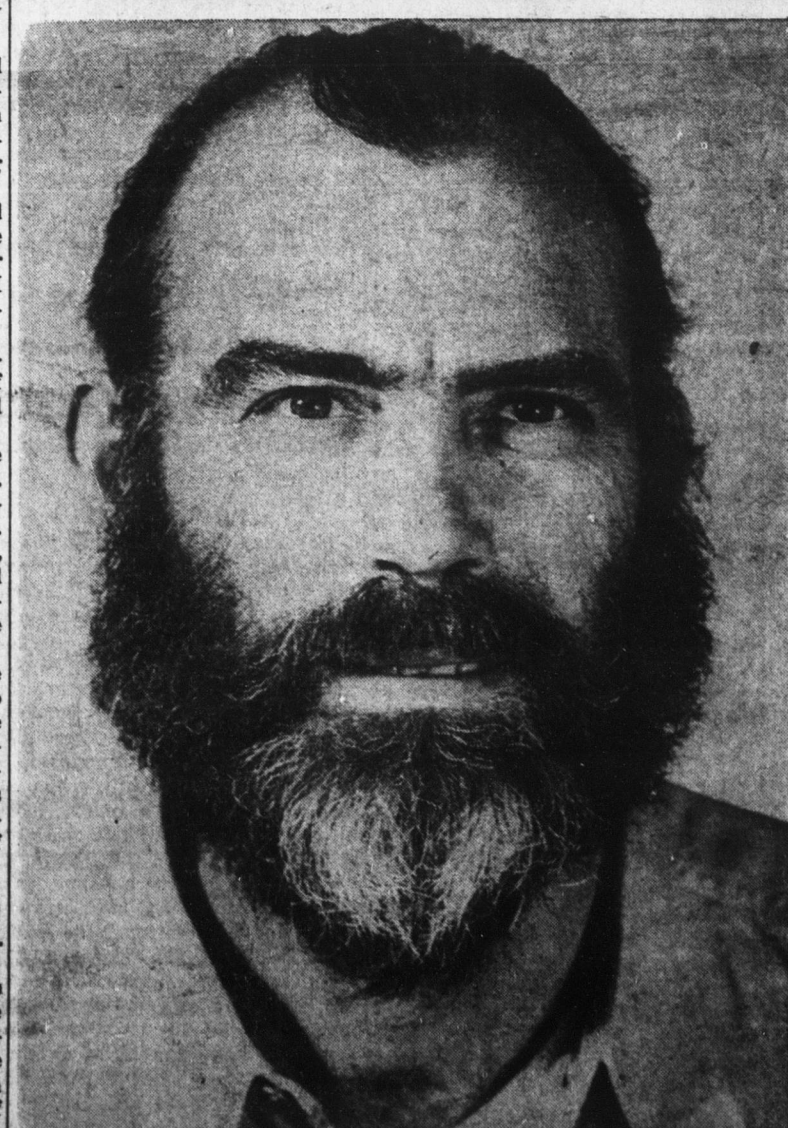
Besides his wife, surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Jane Pierce, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Erlene Cutrell, of Portsmouth; three sisters, Mrs. Olive Hayman, and Mrs. Mary L. Pugh, both of Kitty Hawk, and Mrs. Lillie Shannon, of Manteo; two brothers, Charlie L. Perry, of Duck, and C. A. Perry, of Norfolk, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. Burial was in Riverside Memorial Park, Berkley.

## MRS. E. R. MEEKINS TO SPEAK AT RODANTHE WSCS MEET

Mrs. Blanche Hooper Meekins, wife of Rev. E. R. Meekins of Winfall will be guest speaker at 10 a.m. on May 3rd, when the Outer Banks sub district of the WSCS will meet at Fairhaven Methodist Church at Rodanthe. A large attendance is expected from the various Methodist Congregations in the communities of Hatteras Island. All members as well as visitors are urged to attend.

## HERE'S A SAMPLE OF ROUGH AND READY WHISKERS



THIS WILD SET of whiskers, hides the face of Bill Meekins, who operates the Sunnyside Woodshop near Manteo. This is a beard that is in no wise a fancy one, but it goes to show how rough looking a fellow can be if he lets his whiskers run wild. Dan Morrill made this picture at his Manteo photographic studio. This and many other beards will be seen at the opening of the ceremonies at Hatteras Friday, when Governor Hodges will attend. There is a movement now on foot, to get the bearded men to keep their whiskers until the Croatan Sound bridge is completed this winter when a grand prize may go to the man with the wildest and the wooliest.