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## DARE DEMOCRATS ENDORSE HODGES, SENATOR ERVIN

Only Six of 16 Precincts Represented at County Convention; Officers Re-elected:

Dare County Democrats assembled in County convention Saturday at 2 p.m. gave unanimous endorsement to Governor Hodges and Senator Sam Ervin in their campaign for election. Only six of the county's 16 precincts were represented: Manteo, Wanchese, Stumpy Point, Mashoes, Nags Head and Kitty Hawk. There was not a representative from either of Hatteras Island's five precincts. There were no delegates either, from Manns Harbor, East Lake, Kill Devil Hills, Colington or Duck. Only about 30 people attended, most of them from Roanoke Island.

Very few of the candidates attended and only a few county officers. County officers present were Melvin R. Daniels, Frank M. Cahoon, Pennell Tillett, R. Bruce Etheridge.

Of a dozen or more candidates for office in Dare, the only ones attending were Rep. R. Bruce Etheridge, and James W. Davis of Wanchese, who seeks a place on the County Board of Education. Mr. Etheridge spoke briefly of interesting recollections of political life in Dare County 50 years ago.

Two Beaufort County men were unanimously endorsed as delegates to the National Democratic Convention, and delegates to Raleigh to the state convention were so instructed. Dr. W. T. Ralph of Belhaven was endorsed as delegate from the First District, and Congressman Herbert C. Bonner was endorsed as Delegate at Large.

The Dare Convention passed resolutions of respect and good will toward Lindsay C. Tarkington, aged Manteo resident who was unable to attend for the first time in many years. He has previously served as Manteo precinct chairman for many years, and is succeeded by C. R. Evans, former Postmaster, who made the motion endorsing Mr. Bonner. D. V. Meekins made the motion endorsing Dr. Ralph, seconded by Melvin Daniels.

M. L. Daniels of Manteo was re-elected county chairman, Mrs. Herbert Perry of Kitty Hawk Vice-chairman and Robert H. Midgett of Manteo, Secretary. The convention agreed to appoint all Democrats in good standing to the State convention in Raleigh, May 17th.

## MRS. DEZZIE FULCHER, 75 CAPE HATTERAS NATIVE INTERRED AT BUXTON

Mrs. Dezzie Miller Fulcher, 75, widow of Martin L. Fulcher and daughter of Christopher C. and Mrs. Emma Fulcher Miller, a native of Buxton, and a resident of Norfolk for the past nine years, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Lance Montague, 6406 Avon Road, Greenhill Farms, Norfolk, early Monday morning. She was a member of the Ocracoke Methodist Church and resided on Ocracoke Island most of her life.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Lance Montague, Norfolk, and Mrs. Clarence Edmonds and Mrs. Harvard Hodges, both of Washington; one son, W. W. Fulcher of Norfolk; five sisters, Mrs. John Jennette of New Bern, Mrs. Maude M. White, Mrs. Annie Hooper of Buxton, Mrs. Lucy Parker of Lasker, and Mrs. Mamie Jennette of Raleigh; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Ewell and Williamson Funeral Home Wednesday at 10 a.m. by the Rev. Roland P. Riddick, D. D. pastor of Park Place Methodist Church, Norfolk, Va. Burial was in the Miller family cemetery at Buxton, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dan Meadows, pastor of the Buxton Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. Ralph Buchanan. A solo, "After," was sung by Mrs. Buchanan.

## MANTEO REBEKAH IS NEW STATE VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. W. W. Ballows of Manteo will leave Saturday for Greensboro, to attend the four-day State Assembly of the Rebekahs. On next Wednesday she will be installed as vice-president of the state organization. She now holds the office of warden. At the same time Mrs. S. G. Basnight of Manteo will be installed as district deputy president of the first district. Others from Manteo planning to attend the meeting are Mrs. A. E. Ward, Sr., delegate from the Manteo lodge; and Mrs. (Creedon) Midgett, lodge deputy.

## SHOALLY OREGON INLET, ROADLESS BEACH AND THIS TRAWLER RESULTED IN TWO DEATHS



(Trawler Cherokee on Beach Near Corolla During Foggy Weather April 2)

Corolla, May 17.—Efforts were still being made along the beach near the Virginia state line a few miles north of this Currituck Outer Banks community to refloat the wrecked trawler Cherokee, which has been high and dry on the beach there since a stormy northeast on April 11. The incidents surrounding the beaching of the vessel have already cost the lives of two men and a few days ago at the scene of the wreck the owner, Capt. E. F. Forrest of Hampton, Va., stated that shoally Oregon Inlet and the lack of a highway along the beach was responsible for the deaths. He explained it this way: The Cherokee and several other vessels of the Virginia trawling fleet were operating off the North Carolina coast on April 11 when the weather became foul, and the trawlers headed for a harbor of refuge.

The fleet tried to enter Oregon Inlet but sea conditions were very unfavorable on the bar. If Oregon Inlet had been properly channeled by the government agencies which have to do with this, all of the fishing fleet could have entered a harbor of safety, either at Oregon Inlet fishing center or in Manteo harbor.

In the meantime as weather conditions became worse the boats of the fleet had to make a run for Cape Henry and Hampton Roads, their home port and the nearest safe harbor. All boats of the fleet reached safety except the 110-foot former World War I subchaser Cherokee.

In the vicinity of False Cape near the Virginia line the Cherokee was driven ashore by the storm. Her crew reached safety of a sort, that is, the five men got ashore and headed for the hills where they spent the night but on the following morning one of the crew, Jack Bradshaw, died of exposure before they were rescued the next day by the Coast Guard.

Then on Wednesday, May 2, as salvage operations were underway, a bulldozer on which Oscar Hill of Hampton was enroute to the scene of the beached trawler to help in salvage operations. Heavy fog resulted in the driver of the dozer hitting one of the many old stumps along the surf in that area and Hill was thrown from the machinery and crushed to death by the heavy bulldozer.

Capt. Forrest who was at the scene of the wreck when the second man lost his life, told newsmen and members of a hurricane beach rehabilitation group that in his opinion neither man would have lost his life, had, first, Oregon Inlet been dredged to a depth that would allow trawlers to enter, and if there had been a highway along the beach on which the survivors of the wreck could have gone to safety, or over which the bulldozer could have been transported. Thus, the lack of roads and a proper channel at Oregon Inlet has cost two lives.

## 58 IN PARTY OF FLIERS IN TWO CLUBS ENJOY A WEEK END IN DARE AREA

Fifty eight persons in 40 planes, members of the Pegasus Flying Club of Friendship Airport, Baltimore and the Washington, D. C. Aero Club took off from the Manteo Airport to their homes today, Sunday, following their annual flight to Nags Head area which began Saturday morning. Many of them are old friends of Bill Henderson, operator of the Manteo Airport.

For Pegasus Club it was the eighth annual flight to this area and the first of Washington Aero Club. A. D. Jones, Baltimore, chairman of flight plans stated that the purpose of annual trip is to swim, relax and visit scenic spots of area. Planes in the flight were of mostly four passenger capacity. They landed at Manteo Airport or used a landing strip in Kill Devil Hills. Members of the clubs are mostly business and professional men of Washington-Baltimore area and were accompanied by their wives to this sector.

Two other group meetings were planned for Nags Head area this week. On Monday 125 Salvation Army leaders will begin a four day officers' retreat conference at Wilbur Wright Hotel in Kill Devil Hills. Capt. Roy Tolcher of Elizabeth City in charge of conference planning stated that delegates would be mostly from North and South Carolina posts and that special guests will be Commissioner and Mrs. Hugh Sladen and Brigadier John Ward, all retired, from Florida. Principal speaker at Monday night's session will be Lt. Col. Robert Rose of Charlotte, Carolinas Division Commissioner, who will speak on "Our Responsibility to the Kingdom."

Beginning on Friday for two day session at the Carolinian Hotel here on Nags Head will be the Spring meeting of North Carolina Historical and Literary Society with Dr. C. C. Crittenden, director of State Archives and History Division in charge of all arrangements.

## RED SKINS FINISH SPORTS FOR 1956 SCHOOL YEAR

The Manteo Red Skins baseball team closed out the 1956 school year's schedule of sport events Tuesday afternoon, losing their first tournament game to Moyock High School. Final score was 7-4, in favor of the Moyock boys. J. D. Simpson and Muri Meekins were on the mound for Manteo.

Previously on Friday, the Red Skins lost their final scheduled game to the Camden Rebels at the Camden field. Score was 3-1. Muri Meekins was on the mound for the Red Skins. Final batting averages will be published next week.

## BROOM SALE STARTS NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT BY MANTEO LIONS

Roanoke Island To Be Canvassed By Crews Starting at 7 P.M.; Beach Area to Follow

The annual broom sale sponsored by the Manteo Lions Club is scheduled to begin Tuesday night, May 22, around 7 p.m. Lions will assemble at the Dare County Ice and Storage Co. into groups of three, each group having a specific area of the island to canvass.

Club members are also to call upon beach citizens during the following days, but no definite schedule has been arranged.

Funds raised in this manner are used for various projects of the Lions Club; further, it is stressed that brooms bought from your local Lions help to support the blind workers in this state. This year, as usual, the brooms are supplied by the Guilford Industries for the Blind, Greensboro.

This is one of many fund-raising projects sponsored by the Manteo Lions Club, an organization active in a number of community improvements. The boat-launching ramp recently built at the foot of Lodge Street in Manteo is chiefly a Lions project.

The public is urged to buy a broom from the Lion when he knocks on the door. The cause is worthy, and the product is fairly priced.

## COLORFUL EVENTS FOR SHRINERS IN ELIZABETH CITY

Many From Dare Will Attend Sudan Shrine Ceremonial May 23-24

Many Dare County Shriners are expected to attend the annual spring ceremonial of Sudan Temple Shrine in Elizabeth City on May 23, 24. And at this ceremonial, which will give Elizabeth City one of the largest group gatherings in its history, will be not only the Shrine Nobles, but also their ladies.

Under the leadership of Illustrious Potentate Clarence H. Parker, Elizabeth-City-born but now a resident of Belcross in nearby Camden, an active schedule of events, to many of which the public is invited, has been arranged under the close cooperation of Elizabeth City's Shrine Club and officials of the Sudan Temple.

Throughout Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock, visiting Shriners will register and at 7:30, events open to the public will begin in the vicinity of the Pasquotank Courthouse green and Main Street. Colorful attractions at that time will include uniformed units of Sudan Temple and band concerts, chanters concerts and precision drills by the Temple Patrol. Later in the evening at the U.S.C.G. Hangar, a pre-Ceremonial dance for Shriners and all Master Masons will be held.

Thursday events begin for Shriners with special events for their ladies at 8 o'clock Thursday morning. The high spot of the Ceremonial concluding the two days of activities will be the Potentates Ball at the Coast Guard Hangar on Thursday evening.

To make this an outstanding ceremonial, S. B. Smith, president of the Elizabeth City Shrine Club, and his associates have worked hard and they have had excellent results.

## DARE DEMOCRATS ATTEND CONVENTION IN RALEIGH

Many Democrats from Dare County made plans to attend the State Convention in Raleigh Thursday. Early arrivals at the capital were R. Bruce Etheridge, Charles R. Evans, Mrs. Lena Pearsall and Victor Meekins of Manteo who left Wednesday morning to spend the night in Raleigh. Leaving Thursday morning from Manteo to make the round trip in a day were M. L. Daniels, Melvin Daniels, and Frank Cahoon.

Capt. Pennell Tillett, Hallett Perry of Kitty Hawk, and Capt. Will Lewark of Kill Devil Hills, left Thursday morning also.

## TABBY LOSES KITTENS AND ADOPTS BABY PIGS

One of the most unusual incidents occurring on Roanoke Island in many a day happened last week end. Mrs. Isabel Warren's tabby cat lost her kittens one day and on the next with all her feline motherly instinct she had adopted several of a litter of baby pigs at the Lennon homestead on the shores of Croatan Sound. So unusual was this story the Associated Press and United Press sent it out over state and national wires.

## SALVATION ARMY RETREAT HELD AT KILL DEVIL HILLS

Commissioner Hugh Sladen of London, England, who has retired after 58 years service with the Salvation Army, was a distinguished guest of the Army's Carolinas Division's four-day officers' retreat at Wilbur Wright Hotel at Kill Devil Hills this week. The conference was attended by approximately 125 workers of this organization that operates throughout the world and is always praised for its spiritual and relief activities.

The conference at Kill Devil Hills was headed by Lt. Col. Robert Rose of Charlotte, head of the Carolinas division of Salvation Army, and arrangements for the meeting were made by Capt. Roy Tolcher who is stationed in Elizabeth City and whose workers are often seen on the Dare Coast.

Commissioner and Mrs. Sladen, who are now in this country visiting Salvation Army conferences and units, will soon make a similar See CONVENTION, Page Four

## NAGS HEAD HOST TO HISTORIANS OF THE STATE

Under the leadership of Dr. C. C. Crittenden, head of the State Department of Archives and History, members of the State Literary and Historical Association are meeting at The Carolinian on Nags Head this week end in cooperation with the Roanoke Island Historical Association. The meeting starting Friday at noon includes, in addition to sessions at Nags Head and visits to points of historical interest on the Dare Beaches and Roanoke Island, a full day trip to Hatteras Island on Saturday.

Association President Gilbert T. Stephenson will preside at the Friday afternoon session when Lawrence Swain of the Dare County Board of Commissioners will give a welcoming address followed by a description of tours in area arranged and planned by R. E. Jordan of The Lost Colony's business office. The Roanoke Island tour will include Elizabethan Gardens, Fort Raleigh and Lost Colony's See HISTORIANS, Page Four

## CAPE HATTERAS NATIVE SEEKING STATE OFFICE



KERMIT URIAS GRAY of Winston-Salem who was born at Cape Hatteras in 1917, son of W. W. and Carrie O'Neal Gray, was in Dare County this week calling on old friends and relatives in the interest of his candidacy for North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Gray, who previously served in the Coast Guard as chief petty officer, retired in 1948 and now lives in Winston-Salem with a wife and four children. His wife a former nurse is from Texas. Mr. Gray is a grandson of the late Urias O'Neal who was Register of Deeds in Dare County some 50 years ago. His father, W. W. (Billy) Gray, a native of Avon, retired from the Coast Guard and removed to Black Mountain where he died in 1947. Mrs. Gray is living in Black Mountain near her sisters, Misses Maude and Minerva O'Neal.

Mr. Gray left Buxton as a child, and moved to Black Mountain where his father went for his health. He attended the public schools in Buncombe County and Blackstone School of Law in Chicago. He is now 39 years old and is serving as a Justice of the Peace in Winston-Salem. He is a member of the Methodist church and is a 32nd degree Mason. Of the W. W. Gray children there are four sons and a sister. A fifth son, Walter, was killed in Korea in 1950, while serving in the Army.

## STOCK OUTBOARDS, INBOARDS COMPETE IN WEEK END RACES

Delayed Pirates Jamboree Feature Expected to Draw Throngs to Waterfront

Speedboat races in 12 classes will be featured in Manteo's Shallowbag Bay on Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, to complete a Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree event which had to be cancelled on the afternoon of April 29 due to a 30 mile an hour gale.

On Saturday stock outboards will be in the competition and on Sunday, May 20, the fast inboards will be featured. Each race will feature two heats except one local non-sanctioned class which will compete in a 10-mile heat at 4:20 on Saturday.

Sponsored by the Dare Power Boat Association, the event is sanctioned by the American Power Boat Association. "All drivers must present 1956 APBA membership and club affiliation cards before entering the sanctioned races," said Ralph Davis, commodore of the local sponsoring association.

The course on Shallowbag Bay will be one and 1/4 miles and there will be 4 laps per heat. Registration will be at the pits and closing time will be 11 o'clock on day of races. Roy Westcott will be in charge of registrations. There will be drivers' meeting on both days at the pits at noon and the races start at 1:20 on Saturday, and 1 p.m. on Sunday. There will be take-home prizes for winners of all events.

The schedule of races and classes follows:

May 19 — Stock Outboards		1st Heat 2nd Heat	
AU Run.	1:20	1:35	
BU Run.	1:50	3:35	
DU Run.	2:05	2:20	
A Stock Hydro	2:35	2:50	
B Stock Hydro	3:05	3:20	
D Stock Hydro	3:50	4:05	
Local Class (Non-sanctioned)			
1 Heat — 10 Miles	4:20	P.M.	
May 20 — Inboards		1st Heat 2nd Heat	
E Ser. Run.	1:00	1:40	
136 Hydro	1:20	2:20	
48 Hydro	2:00	2:40	
135 Hydro	3:00	4:00	
225 Hydro	3:20	4:20	
266 Hydro	3:40	4:40	

## MYSTERY FIRE ON NEW CROATAN SOUND BRIDGE

Considerable Loss Prevented by Quick Work on Part of Manteo Firemen

Manteo Fire Chief Raymond Westcott and volunteers of the local department received one of their most unusual calls for assistance early Tuesday morning. A fire of unknown origin, and how it started is still a mystery, threatened the destruction of an 80-foot wooden form on the main channel span of the new and soon to be completed Croatan Sound bridge.

By the time Manteo's new snow-white fire truck arrived at the scene the flames had destroyed waterhose of the T. A. Loving Company which would normally be used in such emergencies.

The local firemen quickly extinguished the blaze which would have caused considerable monetary loss, as they were ready for pouring with steel parts already installed. The local department was called at 7:05 o'clock and the fire truck and volunteers were there within a matter of minutes.

State engineers who have inspected the forms since the fire and officials of the T. A. Loving Company bridge builders have stated that loss was not as great as first estimated. The company's local superintendent, Mr. Trimble, stated that it was a mystery how the fire started although it was indicated that it could have been started in sawdust from the electrical saw used at the location or it may have been deliberately set.

## SERVICE AT ST. ANDREWS DEDICATED TO MASONS

A special Sunday evening service at St. Andrews by the Sea, Protestant Episcopal Church at Nags Head, will be dedicated to members of the Masonic Order on Sunday evening, May 20, it is announced by the Rev. A. C. D. Noe, rector. The Masons will attend the services in a body, but the services with special music by organist R. E. Jordan will be open to the public.

This service begins at 8 o'clock. In the Church Calendar Sunday will be Whit-Sunday and a special 8 a.m. Communion Service will be held. Communicants of St. Andrews and communicants of other faiths in good standing with their churches are invited to attend. Sunday School will be held at 10 o'clock with morning worship services at 11 o'clock.



## CAPT. CLAM STOWE'S PARTY MADE BIG DOLPHIN CATCH

Hatteras.—A party of four headed by John Hunter of Natural Bridge, Va., trolling from Capt. Clam Stowe's cruiser "Ursula" in the Gulf Stream off Hatteras, brought in the largest catch of dolphin made in the waters so far this year. The catch Saturday totaled 73 of the colorful fishes which are sometimes called the "fastest fish that swims." To lure the fish Capt. Stowe's party used feather jigs. The dolphin were not large in size but to offset their smallness, the Hunter party boated two tuna which weighed 28 pounds.

## WATERS PRODUCE 157 BLUES FOR TWO ANGLERS

Wanchese.—Louis Freisheim and Byron A. Winebrenner of Lincoln Heights and Frederick, Maryland, fishing with Capt. Jesse Etheridge aboard his cruiser Care-dwyn on Monday landed 157 blues ranging from one half to one and half pounds. They were trolling in Oregon Inlet using nylon lures. This was the biggest catch of blues reported on the Dare Coast through Monday, and since the bluefish blitz started last week.

## FLYING FISHERMEN VISIT DARE COAST, HIT BLUES

W. G. Wenzel and a party of five other anglers caught several channel bass during the week end, but they had their best luck with bluefish which hit at Oregon Inlet by the thousands on Sunday. A total of 53 blues were caught by the party.

This group of anglers were one of several flying to the Dare Coast from distant points to enjoy the sportfishing during the past week end. They were flying aboard an Aero Commander, two motored plane which landed on the former U. S. Naval facility which today is Manteo Airport under the management of Bill Henderson. More than 40 planes were using the airport facilities during the past week end.

## BASS ON MAINLAND

Manns Harbor, May 15.—A seven pound large-mouth bass, largest of this species reported landed with rod and reel from the fresh waters of the Dare Coast this year was taken from East Lake by Dr. C. L. Caldwell of Greensboro on Saturday. Game protector W. S. White of Manns Harbor who reported the catch stated that this big bass, one of the limit Dr. Caldwell caught was lured with a popping bug on a fly rod.

"Fishing in East Lake is attracting many anglers now, as a result of the new Wildlife Resources Commission's Access Area completed for this season on properties granted by West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company along the lake's east shore near Manns Harbor," said White. "An average of 100 or more persons are using the Access Area daily on Fridays through Sundays," he added.

## DOLPHIN CATCH MADE BY CANADIANS OFF HATTERAS

Hatteras.—Three Canadians, Don Bere, David Shuman and Tim Daynen, fished ocean waters for their first time off Hatteras on Sunday and they caught 33 dolphin. Their fish weighed more on an average than any of this species of Gulf Stream fish to be boated so far this year, according to Capt. Ernal Foster of Foster's Quay.

The three anglers were trolling in the Gulf Stream near Diamond Lightship when the big dolphin started hitting their feather lures. They were fishing with Capt. William Foster aboard the cruiser, Albatross II, one of the boats in the Ernal Foster fleet of Gulf Stream craft.