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## PARADE OF BEAUTY FOR MISS UNIVERSE IN DARE JUNE 27-29

Three-Day Event in National Contest To Find a Winner to Send to Hollywood

By AYCOCK BROWN

Kill Devil Hills.—Tom Briggs, manager of Croatan Hotel and president of Nags Head Chamber of Commerce, will head the welcoming committee during the first statewide Miss North Carolina for Miss Universe competition scheduled to be held on the Dare Beaches June 27-29. Committees were announced Wednesday night when Buck Cowling, Virginia Beach, and Miss Jeanne Asbel, who represented Virginia in the Miss Universe contests last year, met with the group. They include George Crocker, chairman of the local pageant committee, George Fearing, chairman of entertainment committee and Miss Sarah Halliburton, secretary of the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce in charge of housing. Wade Williams of Virginia Beach will also work closely in preparations for the local contest, Cowling said.

The three-day program will be climaxed by the beauty show and selection of Miss North Carolina for Miss Universe. It begins Wednesday, June 27, with a buffet luncheon and swim pool party, to be held at Beacon Motor Lodge. On Wednesday evening at the Surf Club, George Fearing will present a special dance and get-acquainted party for the contestants.

A buffet breakfast between 9 and 11 on Thursday morning will be followed by an unusual surf side parade Thursday afternoon between 3 and 5 o'clock, it was stated. The parade will begin at Southern Shores and extend to Jennette's Pier, some 15 miles southward and each of the queens will be riding aboard a gaily decorated jeep. Immediately after the parade, there will be rehearsals for the pageant events and this phase of the attractions will be under the supervision of Miss Asbel. Another dance will be presented on Thursday night.

Friday morning begins with an ocean beach party at the Croatan Hotel, and a buffet luncheon. The contestants will have the afternoon free and next and final event on the program will be the beauty pageant and coronation ball at Nags Head Casino, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Cowling said the object of the competition is to select the most beautiful woman in North Carolina to represent the state at the Miss Universe contest in Long Beach, California. Winner will be given an all-expense paid trip there. Persons eligible for competition must be over 18 years this year and under 28. Married or single women may enter and complete details may be obtained from Nags Head Chamber of Commerce.

## VISITS OF FHA MAN TO DARE SCHEDULED

Regular visits of a Farmers Home Administration supervisor to Dare County have been scheduled twice each month, it was announced this week. The schedule, which is effective immediately, will have the FHA supervisor in the offices of Bob Smith, Dare County Farm Agent, in Manteo on the third Tuesday of each month between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and in the county on field work on the first Tuesday of each month. The visits to Dare will be made by either Leon G. Ballance, FHA Supervisor for Hyde and Dare counties, or W. J. Lupton, Assistant Supervisor for the two counties, both of whom have headquarters in Swan Quarter.

## TRAFFIC CASES TRIED IN DARE RECORDER'S COURT

Several cases brought into court by highway patrolmen constituted about all of the docket Tuesday before Judge W. F. Baum. John Langston Daniels convicted for the second time recently for driving without an operator's license was fined \$25 and costs, sentenced to 60 days on the roads, suspended on condition he doesn't come back in court on a traffic charge in two years.

Arthur R. Chapell was found not guilty of driving drunk. Maurice T. Hayes was fined \$10 and costs for driving at 65 mph. Gilbert S. Burrus \$15 for driving at 70 mph; C. W. Harris for failing to yield right of way when entering road from private property, \$2 and costs. Wilbur L. Lane for failing to observe a stop sign, the costs of court. I. N. Davis, for driving a truck at 57 mph, \$12 and costs.

## ON EUROPEAN TOUR



MISS LOIS PEARCE of Manteo, who sailed on June 8 from New York for a trip to Europe with her aunt, Mrs. Madge Barber of Philadelphia, Pa., who conducts European tours for the Brownell Tours. This is Mrs. Barber's 30th season with the company, and this summer's trip will include 11 countries: France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Scotland and England. Miss Pearce, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pearce of Manteo, and who will be a senior at Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, next fall, will act as one of Mrs. Barber's assistants during the tour.

## DIRT HAS BEEN FOUND WITHOUT ROBBING STRAND

Bottom of a Reflecting Pool For Lighthouse, Offers Sand To Fill A Roadway

Buxton on Cape Hatteras, June 14.—After some months of confused searching for fifty-odd thousand cubic yards of dirt with which to build a road everybody concerned in the matter this week discovered that there is dirt in the bottom of a hole—and that the hole, filled with water, would make a fine reflecting pool for the Lighthouse, so providing as dramatic a scenic spectacle as there is to be found on this continent.

Coming south over the new approach to the core of Cape Hatteras National Seashore the visitor, rounding a long, sweeping curve, will come upon it—the massive, spiral-striped tower standing against the sky-line and completely mirrored in the dark water of a pool 500 yards long and 200 yards across, and the road over which the beholder rides is coming, very largely, out of the depths of the pool.

Dredging of the reflecting pool began this week under the direction of Lieut. Blake VanLear, Jr., operations officer of Seventh Battalion, Seabees, and Chief Construction Driver Odell Hardee, both Tar Heels and both with their roots pretty deep down in Wake county. By Tuesday earth was coming up from the bottom of the pool at the rate of 400 cubic yards an hour and moving in massive machines to its place on the roadway.

Completed the pond, west of the Lighthouse, will look very like it used to look before it began to stagnate because of clogged drainage and grass began to grow in the water. Twenty years ago the area was under drainage but during and since the war the system has been allowed to disintegrate, resulting in occasional serious flooding in the vicinity of National Park Service Maritime Museum.

Finding earth for the fill on the new approach road, which will bypass the U. S. Navy Facility to the west presented problems both to the engineers and to the landscape architects, the latter being unwilling to sanction borrow-pits that would leave scars on the landscape. Others were unwilling to disturb the present aspect of the over-grown ponds, although this solution was advocated by Allyn Hanks, park superintendent and others. The matter began to be resolved four weeks ago when Huntington Cairns, a potent figure in the development of the Seashore, explored the scenic and historic aspects of the matter.

Dredging of the big pond is being done with one of the Navy's biggest drag-lines, with a boom reach of 120 feet and with a three-yard bucket. Four massive drag-pans, with 12-yard capacity, have been brought in to move the dirt when it is brought out of the pond. Nominally the earth spends less than five minutes in place after it is dumped by the drag-line and on See POOL, Page Twelve

## ATTENDANCE OF 300 ESTIMATED WHEN POSTMASTERS MET

All Parts of State Represented in Sessions Which Closed Thursday

From all sections of North Carolina, an estimated 300 postmasters and postal officials and employes gathered at Nags Head for their three day annual convention which closed Thursday night of this week. This convention, based at the Arlington Hotel, used the Shrine club for business and entertainment. During their stay here, they were addressed by Governor Hodges on Tuesday. From the local angle, Melvin Daniels of Wanchese made the address of welcome; responses were by Mrs. Maude White of Buxton, the First District Chairman, and Mrs. Kathryn Perry, the Kitty Hawk postmaster. Mrs. Effie Brickhouse of Columbia is the State President.

The convention closed with a banquet Thursday evening, and at this meeting the following new officers were installed:

Ben S. Houston of Mooresville, N. C., President; Joe Ray of Murphy, First Vice-President; Leonard S. Daniel of Warrenton, Third Vice-President, and Marvin Carver of Rougemont, Fourth Vice President. Mr. Carver's wife is the former Iva Jennette of Manteo. James T. Martin of Liberty was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. Effie Brickhouse, the retiring president and Gordon Alfred of Climax were elected directors of the National Association of Postmasters.

During the convention addresses were made by W. H. Rima, Civil Service Commissioner, Atlanta, Ga., Jane D. Miller, Vice-President National Association of Postmasters, See MEETING, Page Twelve

## A LARGE ADDITION TO THE BANK OF MANTEO

The work of erecting walls for a large addition to the Bank of Manteo's main building is well underway. The addition to the building, will more than double the present floor space of the bank. It is located to the rear of the bank, on Lodge Street, and will contain a second vault and offices.

The Bank of Manteo operates a branch at Nags Head.

## SIXTY YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE FOR RODANTHE COUPLE



Mr. and Mrs. Zenas F. Midgett, a beloved Rodanthe couple have been happily married for 60 years. On May 27th, their anniversary, their children and grandchildren met with them and celebrated the day with a dinner at their home.

Many friends called to wish them well. This party included their son, Mr. and Mrs. Ara E. Midgett and Len of Grandy; their other son Elmer V. of Norfolk, with son Edward, wife and baby; their other grandson, Elmer V. Jr., wife and two sons of Manteo; grandson Edson Midgett, wife and two children; granddaughter, Mrs. Ralph Umphlett and husband; Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Meekins, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Meekins, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Midgett, Mrs. Rowena O'Neal, Mrs. E. R. Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Midgett, and their pastor, Rev. Aaron Tyson.

Mr. Midgett is 82 years old, his wife is 81. She does all her house work including cooking and washing, and looks after her husband who has not been too well during the past year, but has now greatly improved and is active. Mrs.

## TOMAHAWK MOTEL SOLD BY PARKER, NEAR K. D. HILLS

Sale of the Tomhawk Motel owned by R. E. Parker of Kitty Hawk was consummated this week. It is located near Kitty Hawk Beach, and is one of the newer establishments of the Dare Coast. The buyer is Foye Hedgepeth of Rocky Mount. Consideration is indicated by revenue stamps, to be \$30,000.

## LOWEST BIDS FOR JAIL AND REPAIRS TO C. H. \$72,820

Dare Commissioners Open Bids Friday; Local Contractors Show Interest

Low bids on proposed courthouse renovations and tearing down the Dare County jail and combining a new one with the present courthouse were opened Friday by the County Board, and total about \$72,820 for construction, heating, plumbing and electrical installations.

Construction bids were as follows: W & M Construction Co., Edenton \$51,400; Hassell Const. Co., Elizabeth City, \$53,718.50; J. E. Turson and Co., Winston-Salem, \$64,260.

Heating: Atlantic Sheet Metal Co., Eliz. City, \$5,995. W. M. Joliff, Manteo, \$6,200.

Plumbing: W. M. Joliff, \$5,200; Hopkins Bros. Eliz. City, \$5,546.27; McGinty, Maxton, N. C., \$7,000.

Electrical: Heyman L. Roy, Elizabeth City, \$2,425; Ervin White, Manteo, \$3,350.

Steel Work: Manly Jail Works, Atlanta, Ga., \$9,990; Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works, Roanoke, Va., \$7,800.

Indications now bear out former predictions that a finished job will run up to \$100,000.

## CELEBRATION AT RODANTHE SATURDAY PROMISES MORE EVENTFUL NEWS FOR AREA

A Get Together For The Outer Banks and Their Friends From Across The Water To Pay Tribute to the Old Timers, and to Plan for Progress and Development of Social and Economic Life of Outer Banks.

## ARMED FORCES BEAUTY TO ENJOY DARE COAST



Beginning Sunday evening at Cape Hatteras Court, Buxton, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Fuller, this Virginia beauty will spend a week in Dare County, first four days at Cape Hatteras, the rest at Nags Head the guest of the Nags Header Hotel. She is Mrs. Jackie Eure, who on May 18th, won the title of "Armed Forces Day Queen," at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. While at Cape Hatteras, she will be guided to choice fishing spots along the beach by Fate Midgett, flown on a trip to Ocracoke Island by Bill Cochran, go on a fishing trip to the Gulf Stream with Fatio Gray, and learn first hand of the friendliness and hospitality of the people of Cape Hatteras. She will arrive at the Cape Hatteras Court Sunday afternoon, accompanied by her husband.

## FISHING CONTEST THREE DAYS FOR CASH AWARDS

Friday night, this week, June 15 marks the official opening of the Chicamacomico Celebration, and at nine p.m. a dance will open for the entertainment of young and old, at the Chicamacomico Motel, which is on the ocean side near Rodanthe.

R. D. Owens, Chairman of the Celebration Committee said "The Knights, a nine-piece orchestra from Portsmouth, Va. had been engaged for this dance, and would remain over to play during the Saturday morning program. The orchestra is directed by Lanier Edwards, and it successfully appeared at the Pirates Jamboree dance in April.

Mr. Owens said that a three-day fishing contest, closing Sunday evening was being conducted, but residents of Hatteras Island would not be eligible for the cash awards. First award for biggest fish is \$25 cash, and second award for next largest fish is \$10 cash. Records will be made of parties catching greatest number of fish. Official entry place and weighing station is at the Chicamacomico Restaurant, Rodanthe. The telephone number is 113.

The principal program is planned for Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m. with music and speaking at the same site where a speaker's stand has been erected. Chairs will be provided for honor guests. The principal speaker of this program is Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, and a short address will be made by David Stick on coast guard history of this area. Woodrow W. Edwards, officer in charge of Oregon Inlet C. G. Station, will make the address of welcome. Other notable men expected to attend this celebration are Rear-Admiral H. C. Moore, commander 5th Coast Guard District, Norfolk, Va.

## VIRGINIA MAN BUYS SEATONE MANSION FOR RESIDENCE

Handsome Home Site on Roanoke Sound Near Manteo Sold By Mrs. O. J. Jones.

Sale of Seatone, the attractive homeplace of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Jones was sold last week by the owner to Donald M. Leary, a retired businessman of Gloucester, Va. who plans to make it his year round family home.

The property was built a few years ago on Roanoke Sound, in a beautifully wooded tract, under the active life of Mrs. Mabel Evans Jones as a teacher, and who operated it as a summer retreat for young people. Following her retirement and marriage to Mr. Jones, Manteo businessman, they have used as their residence. The house, built of stone, brick and choice woods is on three levels. From its windows may be seen Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills, across Roanoke Sound.

On the property were several cottages, one of which will be used as a residence by Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

Stamps on the deeds of transfer indicate the property was sold for \$24,000. The sale was made by E. E. Meekins, Manteo realtor.

## LOST COLONY CHORUS GUESTS AT ST. ANDREWS

Nags Head. The Rev. A. C. D. Noe, rector of St. Andrews by the Sea, Protestant Episcopal Church here, will return to the altar of his charge for special services on Sunday, June 18, for early morning Communion services at 8 o'clock and morning worship at 11 o'clock. A feature of the services will be singing by The Lost Colony chorus under the direction of Elwood Keister with James Good at the console of the organ.

Mr. Noe, who is spending the summer at his home on Pamlico River near Bath, where he was for many years vicar and then rector of St. Thomas, North Carolina's oldest church edifice, agreed to return and be the minister at the special services. Otherwise, during the current summer, visiting rectors representing Episcopal churches over a wide-spread area will be guest ministers for the 8 a.m. communion services and the 11 o'clock services each Sunday.

During this program, all notable visitors will be recognized, and particularly those visitors who served in the former Life Saving Service, which was merged with the Coast Guard in 1915. There are only 25 or 30 of them now living in N. C. and nearby Virginia. Several died during the past year. Many of them are too infirm to attend, and have written expressing regret and disappointment at being unable to make the trip.

These, and other Coast Guard personnel, as well as the children of those men, of Rodanthe, who in 1918 made the daring rescue of the crew of the British ship Miro off the Rodanthe coast, will be special guests at a luncheon following the ceremonies. Joining them at this luncheon will be the speakers, official visitors, and their wives.

Taking part in the Miro rescue, which was one of the most famous and daring feats of World War I, were the following men, led by Capt. John Allen Midgett. Zion S. Midgett, Prochorus Lee O'Neal, Clarence E. Midgett, Arthur V. Midgett and LeRoy S. Midgett of Wanchese, who is the only living member of the crew. Arthur V. Midgett died a few weeks ago at the age of 82. He had looked forward to this event.

Following the speaking the invited guests will be given a luncheon, 100 at Miro Beach Lodge and 100 at Chicamacomico Restaurant. At two p.m. the program will continue, with rescue, boat and helicopter drills by the U. S. Coast Guard.

The rescue drill by beach apparatus will take place at 2 p.m. The rescue by air with helicopter crew from the Coast Guard Air Station See CELEBRATION, Page Twelve

## THREE CONGRESSMEN DUE AT CHICAMACOMICO TONIGHT

Coming to Rodanthe Friday, for the Chicamacomico Celebration this week end are three North Carolina Representatives in Congress. They are Herbert C. Bonner, Woodrow W. Jones and George Shuford. They will stop at Miro Beach Lodge, Rodanthe, and during their stay will fish out of Oregon Inlet with Chief Sheldon O'Neal of Kill Devil Hills. They will return to Washington Sunday afternoon.

## NEXT WEEK'S TOP EVENT AT NAGS HEAD IS THE MIDGETTS' GOLDEN WEDDING



Time doesn't seem very long when we look back on it. We can remember when Daisy Harrison, a Currituck County schoolteacher down on Hatteras Island captured Cornelius Payne Midgett at Rodanthe. Next week, June 20th, at Nags Head this couple will observe their golden wedding. They have had a glorious life and it has been a life spent in mutual enjoyment with a world for friends. They have lived their life in comfort, the fruit of thrift, work and good management; they have travelled widely each year, and they have maintained a constant association with hundreds of close friends throughout North Carolina and along the Atlantic Coast. Their good fellowship is a by-word. The fine food at their hostelry is famed the country over. They are remembered long and far as the finest of hosts. Next Wednesday will be a great day for 'Neilus and Daisy Midgett, operators of the First Colony Inn at Nags Head. They will hear many fine and sincere things said to them about them, all of which will come from the heart. Added to that is the satisfaction that they have spent 50 glorious years together, years that have been greater and finer than favor the average couple on the N. C. Coast. The photo is by Dan Morrill of the Island Studio, Manteo.