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## JAMBOREE PIRATE ROYALTY WILL BE CHOSEN FRIDAY

Many Events in Connection With Festival Begin This Week End

By AYCOCK BROWN  
Royalty that will reign during the third annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree April 26-28, will be chosen during two colorful events planned for the current week end on Nags Head.

On Friday night at the Dare County Shrine Club, a prince and princess will be selected from an all-county group of costumed teenagers. The costume contest and dance, with music by an imported orchestra will be only for persons between the ages of 13 and 19, and those attending must be enrolled as students in Dare schools. The prince and princess selected will receive handsome trophy cups while the runners up will receive prizes. Those winning regal honors will take part in day time events of the forthcoming Jamboree and also at the William B. Umstead Bridge dedication which will be held Thursday, April 25, on the eve of the vacation launching festival.

A pirate king and queen to reign over the third annual Jamboree will be selected at a colorful all-costume Jolly Rogers Ball in Nags Head Casino on Saturday night, April 13. The 1956 pirate rulers were King John Donoho and Queen Sue McCown, who had succeeded Oscar Sanderlin, the original king and Sara Alford, queen of the first Jamboree. In addition to the new king and queen to be selected on Saturday night, four attendants will also be chosen. The new 1957 royalty will be officially crowned at the big Coronation Ball on Saturday, April 27, an event also scheduled to take place in the Casino.

Only one pre-Jamboree event is scheduled during Holy Week, beginning Sunday. On Tuesday evening, April 16, the dozens of men who have grown beards for the Pirates Jamboree, an annual custom since the event was first started in 1955, will be entertained at a dinner party by George Crocker Jr., his parents and King John Donoho of Beacon Motor Lodge. At least 50 bearded men are expected to attend the banquet which in a way will be their payoff for going to the trouble to grow and groom beards for the Pirates Jamboree.

After Easter weekend there will be a caravan of pirates invading Elizabeth City for radio appearances and promotional activities and also to the Norfolk area. These trips will be similar to the successful visit to North Carolina's state capitol at Raleigh recently and the invasion of Virginia last week end when Dare Coast pirates stormed the present capitol in Richmond, and the site of the first capitol at Williamsburg and also Jamestown Island, scene of the 350th anniversary festival. At Jamestown the score or more pirates literally captured the replica of the Godspeed, one of the boats in which the Jamestown colonists arrived in the New World of 1607. In Williamsburg they visited the ancient goal (jail) replica where 12 members of the crew of Blackbeard, the notorious North Carolina pirate were incarcerated for trial, later convicted and then hanged, for their crimes on the high seas.

## DARE COUNTY FALLS SHORT RED CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS

Mrs. Dorris A. Fry reports that with less than one week to go, the 1957 drive for funds for the Dare County Chapter of the American Red Cross is approximately \$250 short of its goal in the Town of Manteo, alone. As Mrs. Fry feels no one in the County would like to see the fund fall short of its goal, she suggests that those who have not contributed please mail their contributions to Mrs. Dorris A. Fry, Box 3027, Manteo, N. C. Seems rather short too doesn't it, that Dare County, in 'adverse times, having received so many thousands of dollars from the Red Cross, for nets, homes, household supplies, food, etc., should forget the benefits they have enjoyed?

## HATTERAS WINNERS

Edison Meekins and Ursula Austin won first place in a pre-Pirates Jamboree costume contest at Hatteras Saturday night. Their runners up were Mr. and Mrs. Millard Gray. The male winners wore conventional styled costumes. Miss Austin wore a red and yellow brief combination and Mrs. Gray an 18th Century styled frock. The winners are scheduled to take part in the Jolly Roger Ball on Nags Head at The Casino, Saturday night to complete in the king and queen selection.

## DARE BEAUTY QUEEN



MISS MARGARET PEARCE of Manteo was elected beauty queen for Dare County last Friday night in a contest sponsored by the Manteo Rotary Club for selection of a representative at the dedication of the William B. Umstead Memorial Bridge on April 25. Miss Pearce, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pearce of Manteo, was selected from 52 contestants. Second place was won by Miss Carol Fulcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Fulcher of Buxton; and third place went to Miss Ursula Austin, daughter of Mrs. Virginia Austin of Hatteras.

The beauty contest was held in conjunction with a fashion show and hill-billy program put on by the Young Adult Fellowship class of Mount Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo, and played to a packed house. Approximately \$160 was cleared, to go toward the purchase of chimes for the church.

## REBEKAHS TO MEET IN MANTEO ON APRIL 17th

The Missouri Midgett Past Noble Grand's Club will meet Wednesday evening, April 17th at 8:00 in Manteo at the home of Mrs. Tracy Ward, with Mrs. Hilda Francis, hostess.

Mrs. Mildred O'Neal heads the club as president for the ensuing year, with the following officers: Vice-President, Tracy Ward; Secretary and Treasurer, Lessie Davis, Chaplain, Salina Midgett; Birthday, Lois Midgett; Marshall, Grace White; Guardian, Katherine Kennedy; Ways and Means, Lois Midgett; Membership, Hilda Francis; Publicity, Tracy Ward; Cards, Lessie Davis; Program Chmn., Salina Midgett.

The president urges all members to attend this meeting.

## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE TO BE HELD AT MANNS HBR.

The Manns Harbor Methodist Church is planning an Easter Sunrise Service on the western shore of Croatan Sound at the Joe Shroom Mann place near the State Shipyard at Manns Harbor. The public is invited to attend.

The Woman's Societies of Christian Service of the Manns Harbor churches are having a joint study class and cover dish supper at the Manns Harbor Community Building on Friday, April 19, beginning at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The study class is to be taught by Stanford White.

## AIRCRAFT REFERENCE MARK PROPOSED IN PAMLICO SD.

The Commander, Naval Air Bases, Fifth Naval District, Norfolk, Va., has made application for permit to construct an aircraft reference marker at latitude 35°-36'-30", longitude 75°-43'-59" in Pamlico Sound, near Long Shoal Point, Dare County, N. C.

The proposed marker will be utilized for reference purposes only and under no circumstances will it be subjected to fire of any type. Plans submitted show the proposed structure will be located in approximately 8 feet of water and will consist of a pile supported steel frame covered with marston matting. Plans showing the proposed work may be seen at this office and at the post office at Engelhard N. C.

Objections to this work, if any, will be received at the office of H. C. Rowland, Jr., Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer, Wilmington, N. C. until 24 April, 1957.

## NAGS HEAD FISHING

James S. Balter, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Jack Sacks of Chevy Chase, Md., landed near-limits of large mouth bass on Wednesday while casting in the Colington Island area. Julian Oneto reported the catch.

## JOHN EARLE JR. AWARDED STAR SCOUT RANK SUNDAY

Other News of Boy Scouts in Manteo and Vicinity Reported

At a Court of Honor held Sunday, April 7, in the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, John Earle, Jr., was awarded the rank of Star Scout by Gustaf Hultman, Institutional Representative.

Second Class ranks were granted to Tommy Taylor of Manns Harbor, and Billy Crumpacker of Manteo. Merit Badges were awarded as follows: John Earle, Jr., Radio; Melvin Twiddy, Jr., Camping; Buddy Boyce, Citizenship in the Nation.

30 Miles of Hiking: Eleven scouts and two adult leaders completed last Saturday, the third of a series of hikes planned for the Troop this spring. The goal has been set to have the entire troop qualify for the Hiking Merit Badge, a feat which has seldom been accomplished by troops in this country. Required are five 10 mile hikes followed by a 20 mile hike making a total of 70 miles. The Manteo Scouts plan to go on from there and form an exclusive "100 Miller Club".

Progress made on North End Camp Site: With a target date for completion of the first of June, the scouts are working hard on their new camp site. An overnight camp was held on March 30, and the day was spent constructing a latrine, clearing trails and general camp maintenance. Prior to this camp the Eagle Patrol spent a day preparing the site and digging a See SCOUT, Page Five

## MANTEO METHODIST PASTOR HEADS DARE CANCER DRIVE

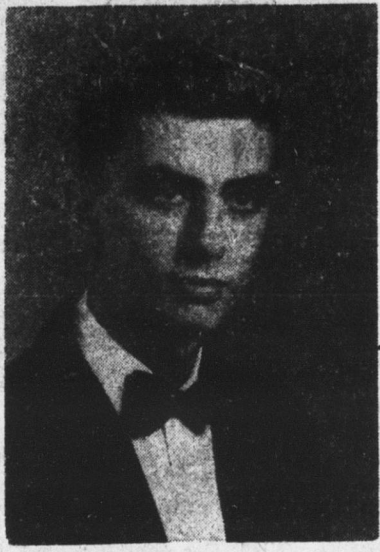


REV. LOUIS E. AITKIN, Methodist Minister of Manteo, will serve as chairman for the 1957 educational and fund-raising campaign of the Dare County Chapter of the American Cancer Society. The campaign began April 1. He will be assisted by Rev. W. E. Cholerton, Baptist Minister, and Mrs. Tracie C. Ward.

Under his leadership, volunteers will seek to alert all residents to the need for regular health examinations as a protection against needless cancer and they will work to raise Dare County's quota. The national goal is \$30,000,000 which will be used to further the ACS three-fold fight of research, education and service.

"I am proud to be associated See CANCER, Page Five

## ON ECC DEAN'S LIST



Thomas Leon O'Neal, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon O'Neal of Manteo, and a student at ECC, Greenville, has been placed on the Dean's list because of his high scholastic record during the past quarter.

## CHARLES R. COMBS, IREDELL CO. NATIVE DIES IN DARE

Charles Reuben Combs, 64, died Friday at 2:15 at the residence in Manns Harbor after an illness of six months. He was a native of Iredell County, but has been residing in Manns Harbor for the past five years. He was the husband of Alice Ferrell Combs and a member of the Oak Grove Methodist Church at Winfall, where he had also resided.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lee Denton and Mrs. Roger Langston, both of Zebulon, two sons, Charles Frances and Fred Wilson Combs, both of Manns Harbor; a sister, Mrs. Minnie Hoover, of Statesville, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Oak Grove Methodist Church in Perquimans County by the Rev. Earl R. Meekins, pastor, assisted by the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, pastor of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Emmett Stallings, Ben Smith, Jeff Pierce, Clarence Pierce, Ambrose Elliott and Ramsey Elliott.

## TOWN REGISTRATION HAS MANY PECULIARITIES

Registering to vote in the Manteo town elections is a most convenient chore. Under the town law, Mrs. Juanita Parker, town clerk advises, the registration books have to be open every day in the week from 9 a.m. to five p.m. with business hours running until 9 p.m., on Saturdays, at the Dare County Courthouse.

Mrs. Pearl O'Neal is the registrar this time, and she will be on duty at the courthouse on hours above stated. First day to register is April 20th, running up to challenge day April 27th.

Mrs. Parker stated that the final date at which candidates may file for Mayor or Town Aldermen is April 23rd, which must be done at her office at the Manteo Town Hall.

Registration days for county and state election are usually on Saturdays only.

## LITTLE SIX-YEAR-OLD GIRL STRUCK BY AUTO AND KILLED AT SALVO

When Jerry Allen Mooney, 28, set out from Buxton Saturday morning, with his wife and two small children, one of them a babe in arms, he didn't know that the life of a pretty little girl less than six years of age would be snuffed out as he drove through Salvo.

What some say was result of the usual speeding through villages, and others say was driving at not more than 55 miles per hour, ended in the little girl being run over and killed. Dora Hooper, one of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hooper of Salvo was found to be dead when her father got her to a doctor at Buxton, 20 miles away.

Mooney, who had just been transferred from the Naval Air facility, and was leaving the island for good, is to be heard on a charge of manslaughter Tuesday of next week in Manteo.

The little girl was buried Monday morning in the family plot at Salvo, following services conducted by Rev. Mrs. Louise Leary of the Pentecostal faith. Beside her parents, she is survived by two See TRAGEDY, Page Five

## TARKINGTON'S ENDS LONG GROCERY STORE SERVICE



MRS. CLARA TARKINGTON, the active head of one of Manteo's best known business firms, has this week closed the store, after a career of excellent service to the community for the past 36 years. More than 50 years ago, L. D. Tarkington entered the business world in Manteo, and the name has been a by-word ever since. Except for an interval in business in Belhaven, the native home of Mrs. Tarkington, he has been in the mercantile business at Manteo. Mr. Tarkington, for some years has been living at home in quiet retirement.

Mrs. Tarkington says she has enjoyed the entire period of business in Manteo, she likes the town and likes the people, and has appreciated their patronage. But there came the time when her doctor advised her to drop the burdens of running a store, and she is quitting business as a matter of necessity. Tarkington's has been a store greatly valued by the people. It has been good to people, liberal in credit when considered necessary, and always well stocked with quality merchandise. No local firm might be more greatly missed.

## ANOTHER \$45,000 GOING TO BE SPENT ON NEW BRIDGE EVEN BEFORE DEDICATION

Low Bid For Repairs \$44,552.85 Submitted This Week By Loving Company, Builders of The Bridge, to Repair Damage Done by Grain Barge Feb. 28, Six Days After Completion.

## CHIEF ENGINEER OF BIG HOTEL IN CLEVELAND



Richard O. Howard, a native of Ocracoke Island, formerly Assistant Chief Engineer at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, has been named Chief Engineer of Hotel Cleveland, it was announced by Robert F. Brydle, Managing Director. Howard studied Mechanical Engineering at North Carolina State College in Raleigh, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering in 1942.

Mr. Howard has been transferred to the Hotel Cleveland from the Edgewater Beach Hotel, a sister hotel in the Hotel Corporation of America. Others hotels in this national hotel chain are Somerset Hotel in Boston, Hotel Roosevelt in New York and the Mayflower in Washington, D. C.

Having served from March, 1942, to September 1946, in the 257th Engineering Combat Battalion, Mr. Howard joined the Reynolds Tobacco Co. in 1947 as a mechanical engineer. In 1951 he moved to the Dan River Mills in Danville, Virginia, as a Control Engineer, leaving in 1953 to join the Ford Motor Company as an Assistant Plant Engineer. In December 1955, Mr. Howard became the Assistant Chief Engineer of the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

A member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the North Carolina Society of Engineers, Mr. Howard is the Past President of the Danville, Engineering Society and a North Carolina Registered Professional Engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard and their daughters will make Cleveland their home.

Richard Olin Howard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wyche Howard of Ocracoke. Following in the footsteps of his father, who was with the U. S. Army Engineers for many years, Olin chose engineering as his profession. His elementary and high school education was received in cities all the way from New York City to Galveston, Texas, because of his father's occupation and assignments with the Army Engineers.

He served as a lieutenant one year overseas, and while there spent a good deal of time in France studying mine operations.

He married Mary B. Dalrymple of Sanford. They have two daughters, ages 12 and 1.

Although Olin only had the opportunity of visiting Ocracoke but occasionally during his youthful days, and only had a month of schooling here, he is devoted to the island and its people and has always considered it home. He was delighted when his father retired at Ocracoke about five years ago, since this gave him and his family the chance of vacation visits. When he is here he is always interested in what is going on in the community. Five years ago he took an active part in the first July 4th Parade and Celebration.

## CAPE HATTERAS FISHING

Edgar Hooper, operator of Lighthouse View Cottage court, Buxton, reported that two anglers, F. J. Pollock and E. W. McCoy of Wilmington Del., landed 19 sea mullet (or kingfish) in the surf at Cape Hatteras Wednesday. They also caught trout, flounder and the first bluefish of the season to be reported on rod and reel. The sea mullet weighed up to two pounds each.

In only six days after it was turned over to the State by the contractors, the new Croatan Sound bridge, which cost nearly three million dollars was damaged by a grain barge which swung around side against it during a storm, and it's going to cost \$45,000 to repair it.

This week the State Highway Commission received bids for repairing the bridge, a job which most likely will never be finished before the day of dedication, and the lowest bid submitted was by T. A. Loving Co., the firm which built it, and by reason thereof most likely best qualified for the job. The Loving Company's bid was \$44,552.85.

There are many who believe that the damage to the bridge is the result of the parsimony of the Highway Commission in not permitting a draw in the bridge, and that had such a draw been installed the bridge could have been opened, and the vessel would not have slowed down to such a slow crawl which contributed to stalling of a motor, whereby control was lost by the vessel's skipper. The vessel was the former Coast Guard cutter Pamlico, now converted into a grain barge.

When hearings were held by War Department on the elimination of the draw, no citizens appeared to protest, so anxious was everyone to get the bridge built, and so fearful they would lose it, as intimidation had been made that a draw would run the cost up some \$90,000, and perhaps prevent construction.

According to Chief Engineer W. H. Rogers, traffic is using the three-mile long bridge in safety despite the extensive damage. However, through the damaged section, traffic is one-way, Rogers said. There is not enough time for the repairs to be completed before the bridge is formally dedicated April 25, as the William B. Umstead Memorial Bridge, he added.

During a heavy rain storm, the 147-foot-long, 30 foot wide "C. W. Curlet," a 356-gross ton freight boat owned by the Norris Grain Company of Baltimore, Maryland, rammed the new bridge on the north side about 150 feet west of the 130-foot long navigational channel span which has a 45-foot high vertical clearance and an 80-foot wide horizontal clearance for passage of boats.

The high winds and tide combined to hold the boat against the bridge where it thrashed back and forth damaging the substructure of the bridge. After struggling for more than three hours, the boat captain was finally able to pass his boat under the bridge—but several spans away from the higher-clearing channel navigational span.

The special letting calls for rebuilding one pile section, repairing three cracked concrete caps, and repairing 17 scuffed footings.

No small engineering feat, the handsome new bridge was under construction for over two years. Pre-cast concrete piles were ferried out to the construction site where they were driven and then topped by concrete caps. Steel I-beams were used in the superstructure to support the concrete deck. The channel span is the thru-girder type.

In May, 1956, while the bridge was still under construction, a fire of unknown origin broke out early one morning on the concrete deck and damaged the concrete. At that time, the contractor had to remove and patch 26 areas of concrete ranging in size from six inches to 37 x 9-feet.

As if that weren't enough, last August 29, lightning struck the portable field office for engineering personnel and slightly injured two of the highway engineers and two of the contractor's men, as well as destroying two levels and two transits, which were used in surveying.

Before the freight boat rammed and damaged the bridge, it cost \$2,649,123.88, including the contract cost and the engineering fees. The 14-265-foot long bridge with its 24-foot wide roadway clearance was built by T. A. Loving & Co. of Goldsboro.

## NEW HATTERAS METHODIST CHURCH WHICH IS NOW IN SERVICE



Completion of a sanctuary, on a \$75,000 building program was observed March 31 with a completely filled auditorium, at Hatteras. The red brick structure is the largest Methodist Church of six on Hatteras Island. Rev. Ray Sparrow is pastor.