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BIG HATTERAS DAY FEATURES DANCE AND FISH FRY

A Full Day's Program on Hatteras Island Following Bridge Dedication Celebration

Friday promises a big day on Hatteras Island, with many thousands of visitors expected, many of them attracted by the fish fry at noon, the fishing contests, pony races, and dance at night. Under the direction of Chairman William Gibson, many citizens have been working hard to make a bigger success than ever, of the Island's part of this year's jamboree program.

All signs point to the biggest week end ever on Hatteras Island, perhaps exceeding last Easter week end which reported all facilities filled up, and the biggest yet recorded, particularly at Cape Hatteras. Additional facilities will be open this week, in order to take care of larger crowds.

W. H. McCown, chairman of the Steering Committee of the Third Annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree, beginning with the Jamboree Eve dedication of the William B. Umstead Memorial Bridge Thursday has announced some last minute details on the program of events. He also urged all persons, from teen-agers to adults, and especially bearded men, to wear their pirate costumes at all of the events.

Location changes in two events listed on the Dare Beaches phase of the program Saturday include the Jolopy Races and the Jumping Frog Jubilee. The races, under direction of R. D. Sawyer Jr., will be held on the beach, south of Whalebone Junction at Nags Head at 3 o'clock. The Jumping Frog Jubilee, originally announced for Nags Head area, will be held at 12 noon under direction of Julian Oneto, on the basketball court of Kitty Hawk School, in the same area where the Kiddie Treasure Hunt will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Following the bridge dedication in which Pirate royalty and pirates in costume will have roles during parade and later on speakers stand, on Thursday there were boat races sponsored by Dare Power Boat Association in Manteo Harbor during the afternoon and a colorful Buccaneer Square Dance at The Casino on Thursday night. Bearded pirates and their piratesses, if in costume will be admitted free and special guests at the dance will be the Bridge dedication parade queen and her attendants who will be presented to the audience by the master of ceremonies.

On Hatteras Island Friday, a full day of events will be presented under the direction of Scotty Gibson and his committee workers, and a feature of the day will be the big free fish fry. Sunday's religious program at Fort Raleigh Waterside Theatre will feature Dr. Marshall as preacher and the Rev. Mr. Turner and a choir of mixed voices under direction of Mrs. D. Victor Meekins. (Complete program of events, elsewhere in this issue).

BROOKLYN, N. Y. SCOUTS PAY RETURN VISIT TO OCRACOKE ISLE EASTER

Ocracoke, April 23—Scouts from Explorer Post 127 of Queens, Brooklyn, New York, are again visiting Ocracoke. This is their second trip to the island, with Post Advisor, Ray Hunt, and Tom Milo, Asst. Post Advisor, and Frank Mott, Assistant Scoutmaster, in charge of the boys, who are Greg Oliver, William Cahill, Joseph Gal- lelli, all of the Bryant High School. This year the group is camping on the Teach's Castle area, legendary hangout of the famous Pirate Blackbeard. They are guests of Capt. Marvin W. Howard and his Boy Scout Troop No. 290. At a Tuesday night meeting of the local troop, called to make final plans for the expedition to the Jamboree at Hatteras Island, the Brooklyn group showed two movie strips of their camping explorations. They will leave Thursday for Hatteras, where they plan to camp overnight and enjoy some of the Jamboree festivities. About twenty five of the Ocracoke Troop 290 also leave on Thursday with their Banker Ponies. This Mounted Troop has attended the Jamboree on horseback for the past three years.

EASTER SERVICES

Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson preached to a large number of people at Stumpy Point Sunday morning and baptized seven babies, also administer the Lord's Supper. Those baptized were: Shelia Faye Golden, Jasper, Sheldon Hooper, Jr., David Dwight Hooper, David Lane Midgette, Jack, Janice and Ray Twiford.

VISITING EVANGELIST



AT MANTEO'S MOUNT OLIVET Methodist Church April 29 nightly at 8:00 p.m. through Friday, May 3. The Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church will be guest speaker. Mr. Auman attended High Point College, and the Divinity School of Duke University. He has served pastorates in Four Oaks and Fayetteville prior to his ministry in Hertford. Mr. Auman's general theme for the week's revival will be "A Challenge to the Church".

The Rev. L. A. Aitken, pastor of Mt. Olivet Church said they plan to have special music during the week and all are invited to attend the services. It is also anticipated, said Mr. Aitken, that members of the church will be working in the community during the week with visitation-evangelism, in an effort to reach the un-churched people of our community.

JAMBOREE TROPHIES SHOWN IN MANTEO THIS WEEK END

Hundreds of dollars worth of "gold" and "silver" trophies were received this week by W. H. McCown, chairman of the Pirates Jamboree and they are on display in the show window of M. L. Daniels' "Ben Franklin Store" here until Saturday afternoon.

There are trophies for each competitive event of the Jamboree, including boat and auto races, king and queen contests, costume contests, the jumping frog jubilee and other events. Most of the trophies will be awarded on Saturday night at the big coronation ball in Nags Head Casino.

AUTHOR OF PIRATE BOOKS TO BE HONORED FRIDAY AT LIBRARY

Hamilton Cochran who has written more books about pirates than any other person will be guest of honor of Dare County Public Library on Friday afternoon between 4 and 6 o'clock, it was announced today. The reception in his honor will be held at the Community building and the public is invited.

A member of the executive staff of The Saturday Evening Post, Philadelphia, Cochran has authored such books as "Rogues Holiday," "Silver Sands," and others. Currently he is working on another book that will tell the story of the blockade runners of the Civil War. Each of his volumes have had North Carolina's coast mentioned in the locale of events about which he has written. "Rogues Holiday" which became a best selling pirate story is built up around Blackbeard.

Cochran has attended former Pirate Jamborees. He has an outstanding collection of pirate and buccaneer relics of the 17th and 18th century. He will bring a display of these relics to Dare this week end and they will be on display at The Carolinian on Nags Head where he will be a guest and those who are interested have been extended an invitation to visit the display, according to Mrs. Emmett Winslow, managing director of The Carolinian.

BLUEFISH APPEAR IN WATERS OF HATTERAS

The surf at Cape Hatteras and Hatteras Inlet and northward along the beach is now reported alive with bluefish. It is the same story offshore where anglers have made fabulous catches with rod and reel near Diamond Shoals and where commercial fishermen have caught thousands of pounds during the past few days.

George Fuller, in making one of many reports this week about the bluefish blitz, stated that they were averaging about one and quarter pounds each from the surf. Capt. Edgar Styron of Hatteras reported that some taken with rod and reel off near the Outer Diamond had been scaling at three pounds or slightly less.

GOVERNOR ASSURES ROAD BETTERMENT TO OCRACOKE, ID.

With National Park Director Wirth, and Other Officials, Pays Visit Wednesday

Ocracoke, April 24—Many prominent National and State officials visited Ocracoke Wednesday afternoon. Gov. Luther H. Hodges with Conrad Wirth, Director of National Park Service, and Colonel Harry Brown, N. C. Hurricane Rehabilitation Director, Admiral H. C. Moore, Fifth District Coast Guard Commander, and others arrived by helicopter and were met by William N. Spruill, District Highway Commissioner and other highway and Park officials, who inspected the uncompleted portions of the new highway down the island, and discussed possible temporary measures to make the whole stretch passable immediately and until the whole road is finished. The group also visited Portsmouth Island by helicopter to inspect erosion damage on that island as well as on Ocracoke Island.

Also here on Wednesday for lunch at Sound Front Inn were Hyde County Representative Richard O'Neal with several prominent visitors, among them Lt. Governor Luther Barnhardt, Senator Edward B. Clark, Senator Bob Cowan, Sen. Joe Branch, Sen. P. E. Cobb, Dr. Henry W. Jordan and others. Carl Goerch also was here for a visit.

All left here for Manteo to attend the Croatan Sound Bridge dedication and the Jamboree events at Nags Head Thursday, and some will return to Hatteras on Friday.

On his return to Nags Head, it was announced that Governor Hodges, Admiral H. C. Moore, Director Conrad Wirth of the National Park Service had reached a solution of the present road project which had been suspended on Ocracoke Island. The Governor announced at Manns Harbor Thursday that work would be continued on the road. He predicted that a flow of traffic beyond the See OCRACOKE, Page Five

WANCHESE RURITAN CLUB FAVORS VEPCO ELECTRIC PROPOSAL ON ISLAND

The Wanchese Ruritan Club voted unanimously Friday night in favor of the transfer of the electric light system on Roanoke Island to Virginia Electric & Power Co., negotiations for which are pending before the State Utilities Commission. The club's action called for sending a strong letter of endorsement to the commission in behalf of Vepco.

The Friday meeting was a ladies' night event, featuring beef stew. The oldest guest in attendance was Mrs. Sallie Ann Austin, 92, formerly of Hatteras, who recently became a resident of Wanchese. Mrs. Austin spoke of her delight with the community, and her appreciation of a birthday party given her by the women of the community on Monday, April 15th.

The club voted to buy baseballs and bats for the community's boys' team. There being no program, various items of business were transacted and about 40 attended the supper.

MRS. PHOEBE SANDERLIN, 72, DIED SUNDAY IN VIRGINIA

Mrs. Phoebe O'Neal Sanderlin, 72, died Sunday at 11:20 a.m. at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Velma Blume, Warwick, Va., after a brief illness. She was a native of Rodanthe, Dare County, N. C., but had resided in Manteo for the past 32 years.

She was the widow of Arthur M. Sanderlin, and the daughter of the late Jacob and Mary Douglas O'Neal of Rodanthe.

She was a member of the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, Manteo; the W.S.C.S., and the Rebekah Lodge No. 52, of Manteo. She is survived by a son, Marshall W. Sanderlin of Manteo; four daughters, Mrs. Sidney Phinney of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Holland O'Neal of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Carolyn Soule of Norfolk, Va.; and Mrs. Velma Blume of Warwick; a brother, Fred O'Neal of Rodanthe; two sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Midgett and Mrs. Crendon Midgett, both of Manteo; 16 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The body was removed to the Twiford Funeral Home, Manteo.

Funeral services were conducted at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church at 5 p.m. Wednesday by Rev. Louis A. Aitken, pastor. The Manteo Rebekah Lodge concluded the service at the grave. Pall bearers were Brownie Soule, Jr., Robert Sanderlin, Lindsay Midgett, Dalton O'Neal, Frederick O'Neal, and Joey Blume, Jr.

ANOTHER MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING COMES TO DARE

National Park Service Presents One to Jack W. Cahoon in Washington Tuesday

At an impressive ceremony in Washington, D. C., Jack W. Cahoon of Manteo and Rodanthe was awarded a Gold Medal of Valor for "demonstrating unusual courage involving a high degree of personal risk in the face of danger."

The presentation was made by Acting Secretary of Interior Hatfield Chilson, in the Interior Department's auditorium before a large gathering.

Cahoon, a seasonal park ranger of the National Park system assigned to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, was cited for having saved the life of C. E. Russell of Wichita, Kansas.

The citation accompanying the medal stated that the daring rescue was made in the "turbulent" waters at Cape Hatteras Point was carried out "at great personal risk" to the North Carolina ranger.

While swimming in the area, the citation explained, Russell was being carried out to sea by the strong current, when Cahoon, summoned to the scene by Russell's wife, stopped to remove only his shoes, and "plunged into the surf fully clothed, and at great personal risk reached Mr. Russell at a point about 150 yards from the surfline and managed to return him safely to shore."

The citation further stated that observers of the incident said Russell would have drowned "had it not been for the timely and courageous action of Ranger Cahoon."

In presenting the award to the North Carolinian, Chilson said Cahoon's feat "was as daring as it was courageous."

Highest Honor
"I present you with this highest honor of the Interior Department with my deepest gratitude," Chilson added.

Cahoon, 24, was attired in his park ranger uniform. He was one of eight to receive the Gold Medal of Valor, the first award of its kind ever made by the Interior Department.

On hand to see this honor bestowed upon him were his wife, the former Norma Gray of Rodanthe, and his father, Frank Cahoon, Sheriff of Dare County.

Cahoon's feat of valor occurred June 10, 1956, soon after he accepted a position as park ranger. His employment with the Park Service is only for the summer months. During the remainder of the year, he teaches science at Cape Hatteras High School and drives a school bus.

Having a hero in the family is not a new experience for Cahoon's wife, her grandfather, the late "Captain" John Allen Midgett of the Coast Guard, received the Congressional Medal for leading a daring rescue that resulted in the saving of some 30 lives from a burning British vessel that had been hit by a German submarine during World War I.

MANTEO MAN BOUND OVER IN NORFOLK COURT ON HOMICIDE CHARGE

Norfolk—Coast Guard gunner's mate Hudean Randolph O'Neal, 22, of 2701 Ellsmere Ave., Norfolk, was bound over Wednesday by a Norfolk Corporation Court grand jury on a homicide charge stemming from the fatal shooting April 18 of a nine-year-old boy.

Victim of the shooting was James A. Partlow of 2722 Ayliff St., Lansdale Gardens.

At the preliminary hearing in Norfolk Police Court O'Neal told Judge Savory E. Amato he forgot the gun was loaded. He said he kept it on hand for his wife's protection.

Young Partlow was playing baseball about 70 yards from O'Neal's apartment when the shooting occurred.

Det. Sgt. L. L. Jones said a bullet discharged from the .35-caliber rifle went through a window, striking the boy.

O'Neal, who is stationed aboard the Coast Guard cutter Ingham, was continued on bond of \$2,500.

O'Neal is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren O'Neal of Manteo.

GOV. HODGES PREDICTS ENORMOUS TRAVEL JUMP



Those who desire and know the need of a bridge over Alligator River found little hope for its early construction Thursday at Manns Harbor in Governor Hodges' speech on the dedication of the Croatan Sound bridge. He called it a vital bridge, but said he was "sure the people in this territory do not expect two large expensive bridges at one time." He forgot to mention that the people of this territory had waited a quarter of a century before getting some of their due, while other parts of the state had been enjoying and profiting by the state's neglect and short changing of the Coastland.

Other things in the Governor's speech which was prepared for him during a busy week, paid tribute to the late Governor Umstead, etc., we quote here from an advanced copy of his address released to the press Wednesday night:

"I am glad to join with the Southern Albemarle Association, the North Carolina Highway Commissioners, and the citizens of Dare County in the dedication of this beautiful three-mile-long Croatan Sound Bridge — to be known as the William B. Umstead Memorial Bridge, in honor of the late Governor.

"This is an historic occasion for the State Highway Department. See HODGES, Page Five

STEAMBOAT CAPTAIN HAD A BIG PART IN DEVELOPING COAST
Feeling considerably more spry than he did this time a year ago, Capt. Martin L. Johnson, Roanoke Island's "Grand Old Man," is all set to celebrate his 85th birthday on April 30.

He was one of the first to make the trip over to Manns Harbor by way of the new bridge across Croatan Sound. And while he enjoyed the ride and admitted that it is a wonderful thing in this modern day and age to be able to travel all the way from Elizabeth City to Manns Harbor, East Lake, Buffalo City or Stumpy Point without getting out of an automobile, he'll also tell you that good roads and bridges, the blessing they are to water-bound Dare County, also helped put him out of business.

As master of vessels plying the waters of Albemarle Sound between Roanoke Island and Elizabeth City for over 50 years, he was once the sole connecting link between Manteo, Nags Head and the mainland of North Carolina at Elizabeth City when the only way to get there was by way of water.

After Currituck and Roanoke Sound were bridged and hard-surfaced highways built through Currituck County and down the beach between Kitty Hawk and Manteo Capt. Johnson found it no longer profitable to operate his faithful little steamer "Trenton." Soon after the automobile era was ushered into Dare County Capt. Johnson was practically retired to his comfortable home overlooking the waters of Manteo Bay. But he's still going strong.

Born in the spring of 1872 in an upstairs room in Manteo's historic old Tranquil House, Capt. Johnson took to the water when but a lad of 14 years. By the time he was 18 he was the master of a vessel. And he sailed the waters hereabouts for many, many years in vessels that have now become almost legendary—the "Lou Willis," the "Mamie Carlis," the "Hattie Creef," the "John H. Small," and the "Trenton." The first two depended on sails for their power, the last three upon steam and propellers. As time went on he spent more and more time on the water, his trips between Manteo and the mainland becoming more and more frequent, from twice a week to every other day and then to daily trips with the steamer "Trenton."

"I loved that boat," he often says. See JOHNSON, Page Five

FOUR ENTER RACE FOR ALDERMEN IN TOWN OF MANTEO

Mayor Without Opposition; Some 40 Voters Register To Date; Power An Issue

The date for filing for office in the town of Manteo, to be voted on in the May 7th election, closed Monday, and four candidates filed for Aldermen. S. H. Barnette is a new candidate from the north side of town, and the three present Board members have filed, namely, G. T. Westcott, M. L. Daniels Jr. and S. E. Midgett.

Mayor Martin Kellogg is without opposition for re-election for what will be his fifth term.

An issue in this campaign is whether the voters will approve a plan that is being proposed to put the town in the electric light business, or to assign the power franchise in Manteo to the Virginia Electric and Power Company which proposes to buy out the existing system, also privately owned.

Reports are that about 40 extra voters have put their names on the books for this election, in addition to those already registered. It appears that only about half the voters of the town are registered on the town election books, so little has been the interest manifested in town affairs during the past several years.

Friday of this week is the last day on which one may register to vote on the power situation and the candidates for Aldermen. The three out of four, which receive the highest number of votes May 7th will stand elected.

S. L. Barnett, the new candidate for Alderman, is a native of Dare County, a son of the late Capt. Jimmy Barnett, who died a few years ago, when well up in his 90's. Capt. Jimmy Barnett was a veteran of the Civil War, and had served in both the Confederate Army and Navy. One of his sons was Capt. Clinton Barnett of Manteo, long a member of the Coast Guard. S. L. Barnett has been living in Manteo several years, having come back home on his retirement from Government service.

PUBLIC HEARING ON COASTAL PROBLEMS IN MANTEO MAY 15

District Engineer Announces Event Beginning at 10 a.m. in Dare Courthouse

What may be of great importance to the N. C. Coast, and Dare, Currituck and Ocracoke beaches in particular, is a hearing announced by Col. H. C. Rowland, District Engineer at Wilmington. This hearing is scheduled to be held in the courthouse at Manteo, at ten a.m. Wednesday, May 15th.

This meeting is ordered, pursuant to Chapter 140, Public Law 71, 84th Congress, first session, approved June 15, 1955 and authorized the Secretary of the Army, in cooperation with the Secretary of Commerce and other Federal agencies concerned with hurricanes, "to cause an examination and survey to be made of the eastern and southern seaboard of the United States with respect to hurricanes, with particular reference to areas where severe damages have occurred." The law states that the survey made under the direction of the Chief of Engineers "shall include the securing of data on the behavior and frequency of hurricanes, and the determination of methods of forecasting their paths and improving warning services, and of possible means of preventing loss of human lives and damage to property, with due consideration of the economics of proposed breakwaters, seawalls, dikes, dams, and other structures, warning services or other measures which might be required."

All interested parties are invited to be present or represented at the above time and place, including representatives of Federal, state, county, and municipal agencies, and those of commercial, civic, and highway interests, and property owners concerned. They will be afforded full opportunity to express their views concerning the character and extent of the improvement desired, and the need and advisability of its execution. Sponsors of the improvement are urged to present pertinent factual material on the general plan of improvement desired and to give detailed supporting data and economic justification therefor. Opposing interests, if any, are requested to state the reason for their position. Included in the factual information should be data on observations of unusual occurrences of beach erosion, tidal flooding, wave action, and associated hurricane damages; statistics on tourist business, commercial activities, recreation, number of permanent residents; see PUBLIC HEARING, Page Five

BRIDGE DEDICATION BLESSED BY SUNNY SKIES AND CROWDS

Barbecue Dinner Served to Hundreds Following Speeches By Officials

The handsome new three-mile long Croatan Sound Bridge was formally dedicated at noon Thursday as the William B. Umstead Memorial Bridge in honor of the late Governor whose administration made the bridge possible. The event moved pretty well on schedule, blessed with sunny skies and jovial crowds delighted at meeting each other again.

The Southern Albemarle Association, sponsor of the dedication ceremonies, were joined by Highway Chairman A. H. Graham along with Governor Luther H. Hodges and the 14 Highway Commissioners from across the State in dedicating the bridge.

The event officially launched the Third Annual Dare Coast Pirates' Jamboree, April 26-28. Attendance was estimated at 1,500 persons.

Thursday's dedication got underway with a parade from Drinkwater's Folly to the east end of the bridge on Roanoke Island. A bronze plaque set in a bridge post honoring Governor William B. Umstead was unveiled by his daughter, Merle Bradley Umstead. The parade proceeded to the elevated portion of the bridge over the channel where Mrs. Umstead, widow of the late Governor, cut the ribbon and officially opened the bridge.

The parade proceeded on across the bridge to the mainland to the speaker's stand at the Manns Harbor school grounds for the dedication ceremonies. Music was furnished by five bands: the Elizabeth City High School Band, the Plymouth High School Band, the Williamston High School Band, the Washington High School Band, and the Griggs High School Band.

Melvin E. Daniels was Master of Ceremonies. The group was welcomed by W. S. White, Highway Chairman Graham spoke briefly on the history of the bridge.

Highway Commissioner Emmett Winslow of Hertford introduced the principal speaker, the Honorable Luther H. Hodges, who gave the main address.

The benediction was given by the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson of Stumpy Point.

A barbecue luncheon was held for the distinguished guests by the Southern Albemarle Association.

In the afternoon, at 2:30 p.m., the Southern Albemarle Association met in the school building at Manns Harbor for the election of officers.

The Highway Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at 3 p.m. in the Dare County Courthouse in Manteo where they reviewed the low bids received in Tuesday's highway letting and attended to other highway matters. Chairman Graham presided over the meeting. The Highway Commissioners were welcomed by Martin Kellogg, Mayor of Manteo. Also present for the meeting were the County Commissioners of Dare County.

From 3 to 5 p.m. boat races were held in Manteo Harbor of Roanoke Island for the other guests at the Pirates' Jamboree.

A square dance in the Nags Head Casino topped off the first day's activities in the three-day-long Pirates' Jamboree.

The State's newest waterlink in its vast road network is on US 64 and 264, connecting Roanoke Island and the mainland. It is located in the First Highway Division where Emmett Winslow is Highway Commissioner and W. N. Spruill is Division Engineer.

An engineering feat, the bridge-builders overcame the odds of weather (Hurricanes Hazel and Connie), of an early morning fire which damaged the concrete, and of lightning striking the portable field office and injuring four men.

Location for the bridge to span the Croatan Sound was made under the direction of Hydrographic Engineer W. S. Winslow in the winter of 1953-1954. When the exact location was agreed upon, construction plans were drawn up by the Bridge Department under Chief Bridge Engineer T. B. Gunter, Jr., and his assistants, L. G. Dillard and George Parkin.

T. A. Loving and Company of Goldsboro was low bidder on the job when it was advertised for bids in the September 7, 1954, highway letting. Construction started September 28, under an experienced bridge-builder, E. H. Baggs of Manteo, who was assigned to the job along with a 12-man construction party. Loving's personnel included six foremen under the direction of G. B. Trimble and Larry McDade, Superintendent.

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