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EAST LAKE PLANS CELEBRATION FOR METHODIST CHURCH

September 29th To Be 70th Anniversary of Sect in The Community

Sunday week will be a big day for the community of East Lake when its Methodist congregation will stage the annual homecoming to observe the 70th anniversary of Methodism as it applied to this neighborhood. Rev. George M. Kelley, late missionary to China for many years, is now pastor of this church, as well as of those at Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point.

A public invitation is broadcast to any and all to come for the day and help in this observance. A mid-day picnic will be held following the sermon and Sunday School services, which begin at 10:30 a.m. A song service will follow the dinner.

Those who have attended one of these affairs at East Lake know what a wonderful event they are. Old residents return from long distances to spend the day. The new Croatan Sound bridge makes this one easier than ever to reach from the east and north. The improved ferry service makes it easy for its friends from the west to get there as never before. Ferries run every 45 minutes, leaving Tyrrell County at 5:30 a.m. and until 7:30 p.m. They also run at the same intervals from East Lake, the last leaving at 7 p.m.

Methodism got on a firm basis with the organization of this congregation at East Lake in 1887. In this long settled community, the Primitive Baptist Church had held sway, and to this day, a few people retain membership in it, and services are held occasionally in the old church on the Lake Neighborhood road.

Mrs. Ida Hassell of East Lake recalls the old story about a local Methodist preacher who one night preached a sermon in the new Methodist church in which he predicted the invention of the airplane, the radio and other electrical miracles of today. Back in the eighties, this was blasphemy to the conservative Baptists of the isolated woodland settlement, and much indignation prevailed. Many people said he should be ridden out of the community on a rail.

MASONIC INSTRUCTION SCHOOL AT WANCHESE

Hyde and Tyrrell County Lodges to Follow After Sept. 24th; All Invited.

Visitors from all lodges of the district are invited to attend the Masonic school of instruction to be held at Wanchese Lodge No. 521, A.F. & A.M. Tuesday, next week, September 24th, according to R. O. Ballance of Manteo, District Deputy Grand Master of the 53rd Masonic District. It will begin at 3 p.m.

The lodges of Manteo, Cape Hatteras and Wanchese will take part in the work which will be under the direction of G. R. Leggett, Grand Certified lecturer of Plymouth.

Similar schools on instruction will follow later this fall at Swan Quarter and Columbia. Cape Hatteras Lodge will exemplify the First Degree, and Manteo Lodge the second degree, which will be followed by a supper, at 6:30 p.m. After the supper, Wanchese Lodge will exemplify the Third Degree, Mr. Ballance said.

AUTUMN MEETING TOURIST BUREAU WED., SEPT. 25

The autumn meeting of Dare County Tourist Bureau's board of directors will be held at the Community Building in Manteo, next Wednesday morning, September 25, at 10 o'clock, it was announced today by W. H. McCown, chairman of the board.

The October meeting is one of the most important of the year, when new officers are selected and a new budget is presented.

"The board members can look back on the year now ending as the greatest in the vacation and tourist history of Dare," said McCown. "From official sources where travel counts are maintained in Dare, the first nine months of 1957 are well ahead of a like period in 1956."

MANTEO P.T.A. TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

The Manteo P.T.A. will hold its first meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 23, at 7:30 p.m.

All parents are urged to attend. A good representation is desired from all the communities of Dare County having children in Manteo School.

THE NEW FARM AGENT FOR DARE COUNTY



J. L. REA, JR., 35-year-old native of Roper, Monday assumed the duties of Dare County Farm Agent, filling the vacancy which had existed since the resignation of Robert S. Smith early last July.

Mr. Rea comes to Dare from Lumberton, where he served first as assistant county agent and then for almost a year as acting county agent in Robeson County. Growing up in Washington County, where his father is now in charge of the Tidewater Experiment Station, he graduated from Plymouth High School in 1940. His college training was interrupted by a four-year stint in the Navy, and it was in 1948 that he was awarded his diploma from North Carolina State College in Raleigh. He then served as assistant county agent in Alleghany County and farmed for 3 years before accepting the position in Robeson County.

Mr. Rea's wife is the former Dorothy Thompson of Roper, and they have five children, two of whom are of school age.

NIGHT FERRY NEEDED ON ALLIGATOR RIVER

Much Satisfaction With Present Daytime Schedules, Quality of Boats and Ease of Loading

Tyrrell County organizations and citizens are much concerned with the need for night service over Alligator River which would make possible the transaction of business through the usual business hours, and departures in either direction, thereby adding to the convenience of the traveling public.

Much marketing of fish and farm products results from the travel made possible by this ferry, and which adds to the importance of night trips for those who must return late.

Traveling salesmen, as well as those bent on fishing or seashore recreation are equally anxious for this service. Tyrrell and Dare, being thrown together in several fraternal, civic, education and official districts, now that communication by highway has been established, are more acutely needing the night service.

The traveling public seems well pleased with the new boats, the ease with which they load and unload, the faster schedules, and the clean and neat appearance, which they truly hope will be maintained by keeping employed the high-type industrious men who now man the boats. At the present time the boats are operated on 45 minute schedules simultaneously throughout the day, from each side of the river.

FINDS TOMATO GROWING ON ANCIENT BEECHLAND FARM

There are many fables about the ancient community of Beechland, a long abandoned settlement on Mill Tail Creek in the midst of the Dare mainland. Only the old corn ridges, and a few headstones remain to remind the occasional visitor that here flourished in complete isolation a hardy community some 200 years ago.

It's been many a day since vegetables grew on Beechland, which is now owned by West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., and who are digging canals through its acres. John M. Creaf, a company employe one day last week ate a tomato, which he found growing in this old wilderness.

WANCHESE RURITANS LADIES NIGHT TO BE HELD

The Wanchese Ruritan Club will hold Ladies Night, today, Friday, Sept. 20th. Members will bring their wives or girl friends. Members of the Manns Harbor club are expected to attend this meeting with their ladies also. Pres. J. W. Davis says the program will consist of local instrumental and vocal talent.

HYDE CONTROVERSY BELIEVED TO HAVE COST \$10,000.00

Costly Outlay Precipitated by Board of Education's Hasty Action

What is called the hasty action of the Board of Education of Hyde County in attempting to move Engelhard's high school to Swan Quarter, had resulted in an estimated cost to citizens and taxpayers of upwards of \$10,000 when the case ended Thursday of last week in a special term of Hyde County court.

Engelhard citizens estimate that the controversy to save their school has cost the citizens of the community over \$4,000 in legal and other expenses involved. For the most part, they are pleased at having some sort of victory in the judgment signed, by the court, following a resolution by the Board of Education to build one central high school at Lake Comfort.

But the citizens are in addition, paying their part of the taxes which will be spent by the Board of Education in fighting the case. The cost will be assumed by all the people of the county, and is estimated to run better than \$5,000 for court expenses and attorneys' fees.

Spokesmen for the Board of Education have complained that the cost of this term of court was unnecessarily brought on the county by the citizens of Engelhard. But Engelhard spokesmen say the Board of Education, by their high-handed and illegal action and failure to properly notify the Engelhard citizens of the proposed change, and their refusal to give them due consideration, made it necessary for Engelhard patrons to fight for their rights.

The Hyde County school controversy ended last Thursday with a compromise between Engelhard school patrons and the County See SUIT, Page Four

TATEM NOT TOTTERING, BUT HE'LL BE 82 ON SEPT. 25



C. WALLACE TATEM of Columbia, seven times elected to the Legislature from Tyrrell County, lifelong engineer and civic worker, first president and several times thereafter of the Southern Albemarle Association, is going to be 82 years old on September 25th. He lacks a year or so of being as old as Selden Combs, and is a few years younger than Capt. Bob Knight. And like these other elderly boys, he is going strong, still keen of mind, and active of movement. Mr. Tatem spends his time in quiet seclusion at home, but he is still interested in seeing Alligator River bridged, which is one of many important projects to which he has lent great aid during the past 25 years.

CENSUS COLLECTS EMPLOYMENT FACTS SEPT. 15

Facts on employment and unemployment will be collected from a number of local families during the week of September 15 in the Current Population Survey, according to Supervisor Joseph R. Norwood of the Census Bureau's regional office at Charlotte, which will participate in the survey. Information collected locally is combined with facts obtained in other parts of the country to provide national statistics.

Current Population Survey information will be collected in Dare County by Mrs. Nellie G. Perry of Kitty Hawk.

SONG WRITER'S DAUGHTER VISITING DARE COUNTY

Mrs. June Roy, daughter of Harry Carroll who wrote the lyrics of "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows," and a couple of oldies, "Trail of the Lonesome Pine," and "By The Sea," has been vacationing on Nags Head this week. Her father was one of the founders of the ASCAP organization, which is the union that protects composers, artists and producers.

With Mrs. Roy is her husband, Leonard Roy, executive vice-president of the Committee of One Hundred in Miami. He was formerly on the staff of National Geographic Society's magazine and in the past has done stories on North Carolina. In return his "efforts in publicizing North Carolina through magazine stories," he was made one of the charter members of Honorary Tar Heels, an organization founded by the late Governor Gregg Cherry and Bill Sharpe of Raleigh, (former director of the State News Bureau.

LYONS VISITS HATTERAS

G. Albert Lyons and a party of friends visited Hatteras community Saturday and Sunday and was honored by a square dance and clam bake Saturday night. Mr. Lyons was a visitor to Hatteras for many years. He built the girl's club and owned the Gooseville Gun Club which is now used as a Coast Guard station.

CEREMONIES MARK BEGINNING OF WORK ON NEW MANTEO SCHOOL



PARTICIPANTS IN GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES for the new Manteo High School, which were held on Thursday morning of last week, are shown in the above photo. Pictured in the foreground is Robert O. Ballance, Manteo member of the Dare County Board of Education, who officially turned the first shovel of earth in the absence of board chairman Ellis A. Gray of Avon. Others shown behind Mr. Ballance are, left to right: front row, Janet Wescott of Manteo, secretary of Manteo High School's senior class; Sandra Keller of Kitty Hawk, president of the senior class; Mrs. Matilda Inge of Manteo, senior class advisor; Mrs. W. S. White of Manns Harbor, member of the Manteo school committee; Mrs. Mary L. Evans of Manteo, Superintendent of Dare County Schools; and Mrs. Helen Briggs of Kitty Hawk, member of the county board of education; back row: Robert Mims of Manteo, member of the school faculty; Melvin Twiddy Jr. of Manns Harbor, treasurer of the senior class; Leland Wise of Stumpy Point, member of the county board of education; Jasper Hooper of Stumpy Point, member of the Stumpy Point school committee; A. O. Ayers of Manteo, member of the school faculty; and W. H. Bunch, principal of the school.

The new \$342,000 building, being built by Kellogg-Cuthrell, Inc. of Manteo, is expected to be ready for use by the opening of school next fall. It includes a library, home economics classroom, science classroom, business education classroom, six additional regular classrooms, an industrial arts shop, a health clinic room, a teachers lounge, two administrative offices, four toilets, a gymnasium with four dressing rooms, a lunchroom, and three storage and maintenance rooms. (Aycock Brown photo)

TRAFFIC CASES DOMINATE DARE RECORDER'S COURT

Traffic cases constituted the docket in Dare Recorder's court this week. Eastman Forbes of Wanchese was fined \$100 and costs for driving while drunk. Joseph Gary Dowdy of Manteo was fined \$15.70 including costs for using improper registration plates. It cost M. H. Edwards Jr. of Hickory \$25 and costs for allowing an unlicensed operator to drive his car.

Alma Glean Miles of South Norfolk paid \$25 and costs for driving without an operator's license. Howard P. Williams of Martinsville, Va. paid \$10 and costs for allowing his son under 16 years of age to drive. Nancy Ray Twiddy of Coinjock paid \$10 and costs for speeding. A case charging Ruby K. Brown of Portsmouth, Va. with driving without operator's license was not-prossed.

MRS. ROSELLA M. MIDGETT

Mrs. Rosella Morse Midgett, 55, died Tuesday at 3 a.m. in the Virginia Beach hospital after a long illness. She was a native of Colington, in Dare County, N. C., and had been living in Corolla, Currituck County, for several years. She was the daughter of the late William H. and Mrs. Annie Beasley Hines-Morse.

She is survived by her husband, Israel J. Midgett of Corolla; two daughters, Mrs. Garland R. Beasley of Princess Anne County and Mrs. Estelle Midgett of Corolla; four sons, Alvin and Jack Midgett, both of Princess Anne County, and Roy and Donald Lee Midgett, both of Corolla; three sisters, Mrs. M. L. Midgett and Mrs. Bertha May Morse, both of Kitty Hawk, N. C., and Mrs. T. R. Caroon, of Poplar Branch, two brothers, C. E. Morse of Norfolk and William A. Morse of Ocean View, 14 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

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A COLUMNIST WHO GETS CLOSE TO HEART AND MIND



CAROLYN L. LLOYD is a teacher in the high school at Belhaven, and she has been at it a good many years, as she indicates from time to time in her column "Glimpses of the Past," which we publish, and which has excited much interest among our readers. This is why we publish her picture—because so many people are interested in her. She is the wife of Jas. W. Lloyd, and a dedicated teacher whose profession is her life work. Her long experience in this work has developed her rare gift of mind which anon is either incisive or cryptic, and again down to earth with her touching references to by-gone days, and the things that people learn, and treasure from out of the past. We have been grateful for the privilege of printing Mrs. Lloyd's column, and for her helpful editorial work for us. We often caution her about her frankness in talking about the past, which tends sometimes to reveal one's age, which is a woman's most closely guarded secret of today. Just read her column, and you will learn much. Her words stimulate thought; they get close to both one's heart and mind.

FISHING EDITOR VISITING

Joe Pancoast, fishing and outdoor editor of Philadelphia's Evening Bulletin, and Mrs. Pancoast are on the Dare Coast this week as guests of The Carolinian on Nags Head. They will visit all fishing communities of the Outer Banks and his daily columns this week carry area datelines.

Pancoast's daily column in the Philadelphia Bulletin, with its circulation of almost one million copies daily, has been responsible for many anglers and hunters coming to the Dare Coast. It is not his first visit here, but the last time he was on the Dare Coast was before the new roads were built along the Outer Banks, and as he expressed it one day this week, "What a change!"

MRS. ANNA M. MIDGETT DIES AT WAVES FRIDAY

Mrs. Anna M. Midgett, 64, widow of the late Daniel B. Midgett and daughter of the late I. S. and Cora Midgett died Friday at her home at Waves after a long illness. She had resided at Waves most of her life, though she lived at Nags Head and Manteo during her late husband's service in the Coast Guard. She was born at Waves, March 2, 1893. Her husband, Dan Midgett, died Jan. 3, 1956.

She is survived by five sisters, Mrs. B. R. Ballance of Buxton, Mrs. Fred Austin of Hatteras, Mrs. Ben Etheridge of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Camille Midgett of Waves and Mrs. Alston Midgett of Great Bridge, Va. By one brother, Dorland Midgett of Waves.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Fairhaven Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. B. E. Bingham.

Burial was in the family cemetery near Waves.

AUTO INJURY CASE TO BE HEARD IN MANTEO TUES.

Billy Gray of Avon, is slated to be heard in Recorder's Court in Manteo Tuesday, Sept. 24 on a charge of reckless driving. The case results from injuries sustained Tuesday night of last week by Mrs. Mahoney (Eula) Quidley, who was struck by Gray's car on the highway at Buxton. Mrs. Quidley has been confined to her bed for several days. A patrolman was not on duty at the time of the mishap, and late action resulted in this case.

MANY DARE PEOPLE IN TANNERS CREEK HOSPITAL

One who visited the U. S. Public Health Hospital at Tanners Creek, Norfolk on Sunday would see almost as many Dare County people as he would at home. For here were numerous visitors to patients, among them being Coast Guard veterans or their wives.

From Manteo in this hospital are Marchant Meekins, William H. Etheridge, Mrs. Ned Etheridge, Delton Dowdy. Also two colored patients: Willie Simmons, and Mrs. Angenora Berry, the widow of Joe Berry. A former colored resident, George E. Pruden, now living in Norfolk is in the hospital. He is the last negro keeper of Pea Island Coast Guard Station.

W. B. Miller of Avon has been a patient for some months, and has recently had a leg amputated. Frank O'Neal of Avon is in the hospital, and a former Avon resident, Rev. J. A. Farrow is in the hospital. Mr. Farrow now resides in Manteo.

Cecil Midgett of Waves is being treated at this hospital, having suffered from a serious sting-ray injury sustained while pulling a seine near Waves.

Arthur M. Meekins of Stumpy Point has returned home after treatment at this hospital.

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TOURNAMENT FOR FISHERMEN SOON AT NAGS HEAD

Nags Head Surf Fishing Club Sponsoring Event October 18-20

Nags Head, Sept. 19.—Started in 1952, with hardly more than a dozen teams competing, the annual Invitation Inter-Club Surf Fishing Tournament, sponsored by the Nags Head Surf Fishing Club and held under the auspices of the International Association of Surf Angling Clubs, is now among the most popular events of its kind along the Atlantic Coast. And this year, it well may become the largest surf tournament between New England and Key West.

Already this year 37 clubs from Wilmington to New York have entered teams to compete for the Nags Head Trophy on October 18-20.

"We have good assurance from our tourney director, H. W. Shaner of Margate City, N. J., that at least five more clubs will be entering teams and the total may reach 45," said Julian Oneto, president of the local sponsoring club.

"All clubs entering teams should do so before October 1," said George Crocker, secretary of the Nags Head Club. Crocker this year succeeded Major J. L. Murphy, former secretary, and Oneto succeeded Abie Williams who had served as president for the past two years.

Nags Head tourney has become popular in part because of social functions to supplement fishing. A high spot of the tourney is the annual banquet, usually held at the Carolinian, headquarters for the tournament. This year with approximately 250 team members, most of them accompanied by their wives or families, the potential may exceed 400, so the banquet will be held at the Nags Head Casino.

Last year the Merchantville (N. J.) Fishing Club won the handsome Henry Stelwagon-donated Nags Head Trophy. For permanent possession the Merchantville team would have to win it again this year. Since the first tournament in 1952 only one team, the Elizabeth City Surf Fishing Club, has won permanent possession of the coveted trophy. That was in 1953-54.

In addition to the Nags Head Trophy, there are other cups, plaques and valuable prizes, more than \$1,000 worth, usually awarded to runner-up teams, teams catching the greatest number of fish, regardless of points, or to individuals who cast in the open tourney on Sunday, the concluding day of the event.

Scoring is based on weight and point system. Fish that carry points, once they are caught include: kingfish (sea mullet), weakfish (sea trout), croakers, bluefish, flounder, striped bass (rockfish) and channel bass (red drum).

The outstanding catch made in a Nags Head tournament was by Art Clark of Fox Chase Manor, Pa., who in 1954 brought in a 60 1/2-lb. channel bass from the surf at Kill Devil Hills with 12-test line loaded on a spinning reel. His fish became an unbeaten world record for channel bass on 12-pound test line.

Most of the anglers taking part in the tournament come from fishing clubs in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Clubs already entering teams for the October 18-20, Sixth Annual Nags Head Tournament this year follow: Ocean City, N. J. Fishing Club; Dover Fishing Club of Philadelphia; Anglers Club of Absecon Island, N. J.; Margate City (N. J.) Casting Club; Long Beach Island (N. J.) Fishing Club; Merchantville (N. J.) Fishing Club; Holmesburg (Pa.) Fish and Game Protective Association; Mercer County (N. J.) Anglers Association;

Stone Harbor, N. J. Fishing Club; Women's Surf Fishing Club of N. J.; Nags Head Surf Fishing Club; New Hanover (N. C.) Fishing Club; Tidewater (Va.) Fishing Club; Anchor Surf Fishing Club of Nags Head; West Philadelphia Surf Anglers Club; Elizabeth City (N. C.) Surf Fishing Club; Penn Mutual Anglers Club of Philadelphia; Penn. State Fish and Game Protective Association; Cornwall Heights (Pa.) Surf Club; Albemarle Surf Club of Elizabeth City; Atlantic City (N. J.) Salt Water Spinners; South Jersey Anglers' Association; Inland Anglers Club; North Philadelphia Surf Club; 25 Sons of the Beaches, N. J.; Pasquotank Wildlife Club; Tri-State Surf Anglers Club of Arlington; Barrington (N. J.) Rod and Reel Club; Twin-Buck Sportsman's Club of N. J.; Onized Surf Club, Bridgeton, N. J.;

Manasquan Fishing Club, N. J.; Eastern Rod and Reel Club, Pa.; Fishing Mermaids of Atlantic City; Shore Surf Club of N. J.; Chester County (Pa.) Surf Anglers See TOURNEY, Page Five