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## ROTARIANS PLEDGE AID IN DRIVE FOR COLONY MEMBERS

Drive for Members to Roanoke Island Historical Association Underway

The Manteo Rotary Club went on record Monday night as backing the drive for members for the Roanoke Island Historical Association, operators of the Lost Colony. The club was a sponsor and well wisher, along with most everyone else back in 1937 when the show was started, and has given it good words ever since. It has also enjoyed many programs given it through the years by talent from the Lost Colony cast.

O. J. Jones and W. H. McCown were named a committee by President Ernest Meekins to seek memberships in the Association. Last year, some 2,000 letters were mailed to citizens of Dare County requesting them to give support by taking out memberships, and less than 20 per cent responded. Truly Dare County people prefer to be on the receiving end. But this sort of preference has brought us to a time when we face the loss of the Lost Colony, which has been the most important factor for many years, in bringing about the wonderful development of the Dare Coast.

Memberships are classed as a contribution, in the final sense, and they are set up in various sums. There are annual memberships at \$3, 10, \$25 and \$100 for a life membership. With these memberships go a season pass to the show, which means that for \$3, one isn't making any donation at all. One performance of the show alone gives him back his money's worth, yet for some unknown reason, he gets a pass good for every night of the season.

The Rotarians Monday night, enjoyed a moving picture show presented by Aycock Brown and Julian Oneto, showing scenes of the Pirates, Jamboree and the Croatan Sound bridge celebration. This film was produced by Miles Clark of Elizabeth City who loaned it to the club.

## SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING IN PLYMOUTH OCT. 30

The annual meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association will be held in Plymouth on Wednesday morning, October 30, at 11 a.m., it has been announced by T. R. Spruill of Roper, Association President. Luther E. Barnhardt of Concord, Lieutenant-Governor and president of the State Senate, has accepted an invitation to be the principal speaker.

The association embraces the counties of Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington. It was created in 1935 with the avowed purpose of working for the betterment of the Southern Albemarle area.

## LADIES NIGHT FUNCTION OF MANTEO LIONS CLUB WILL BE AT NAGS HEAD

A ladies night dinner and social function will be held by members of the Manteo Lions Club at their next regular meeting night, Tuesday, October 15. This gala affair is to be held at the Carolinian, Nags Head—dinner being served at 7:30 p.m.

Following the dinner an evening of entertainment will follow, with music, dancing and merriment in store. A number of local entertainers are being contacted, and while there have been no definite announcements, plans being made will provide an enjoyable program. Ladies nights are held several times yearly by the local club, and generally prove to be highly successful. Last event of this kind was in June at the installation of officers.

## BIG GAME SEASON OPENS OCTOBER 15

Manns Harbor.—The big game hunting season (for deer and bear) will open in this area on October 15, according to Game Protector W. S. White.

Although more than 50,000 acres of woodlands and open lands were burned over in the Manns Harbor-Stumpy Point region during early August, the fire did not reach the best big game hunting grounds, according to Mr. White. He stated today that big game hunters after deer and bear usually had best kills in the Alligator River, East and South Lake regions and this section was not burned over by the big blaze of August.

Hunting lands in this area are owned by West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, but sportsmen are permitted to shoot bear and deer under special permit arrangements with the pulp and paper company's management.

## AN OLD FRIEND OF THE COASTLAND IS HERE VISITING



ARNOLD J. STEWART, who is rounding out some 50 years of service for the News-Journal of Wilmington, Del. is back on the coast for several days. He arrived Saturday morning, and his first stop in Manteo was at the office of the Coastland Times, which he says is indispensable to him in furnishing information to countless people in the Wilmington, Del. area who wish to visit the N. C. Coastland. He is a true and faithful friend of the coast and its people, and for many years his columns on our hunting and fishing have called a steady stream of visitors to this area, accounting for the large numbers of auto tags we see from Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He took off Saturday morning by way of Hatteras, to meet friends who were to join him at Ocracoke Island. His trip will take him southward, and in this state for several days, and he will write many columns about the hunting and fishing in this area. Photo by Aycock Brown.

## N. C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION IN SESSION IN DARE

Distinguished Visitors Include The Hon. Daniel H. Janzen and Hal Lyman

The Thirteenth annual meeting of North Carolina Wildlife Federation is now in session at the Carolinian Hotel, Nags Head. It began with registration of delegates and guests, Thursday morning, October 10, and was followed by the Directors Lunch and a short business session on Thursday.

Thursday evening at the annual banquet, the Honorable Daniel H. Janzen, Director, Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife, U. S. Department of the Interior, and Hal Lyman, Boston, Mass., distinguished sportsman-conservationist, publisher of Salt Water Sportsman, were the principal speakers.

On Friday, following the business session and election of officers, P. K. Gravelly will be host at a luncheon at his Cateo Lodge, on Martin's Point for all delegates and guests.

Turner W. Battle, Rocky Mount, is president and Thomas W. Reese, Hickory, is Secretary of the Federation. There are about fifty-five delegates in attendance. Major J. L. Murphy, Kill Devil Hills, Director of the National Wildlife Federation, arranged the speaker's program.

## BIG CHANNEL BASS TAKEN FROM SURF

Buxton.—Channel bass fishing, especially for large fish of this species, has been exceptionally good at Cape Hatteras since the northeast gale last week, according to George Fuller.

"Hundreds of small channel bass and numerous large ones have been taken by surfcasters using mullet for bait," said Fuller. One of the outstanding catches reported here by Fuller was made by Mrs. C. R. Goodwin of R.F.D., Burlington.

"She did not catch the largest channel bass taken this week but with a spinning reel loaded with 15-pound-test monofilament line and a hook baited with a hunk of fresh mullet, Mrs. Goodwin brought in a 38 1/4-pounder, he added.

Mrs. Goodwin and her husband and a party of friends who have been fishing here at Cape Hatteras for the past several days have also taken dozens of puppy drum and trout.

Ranny Jennette reported the largest fish taken during the week, (through Wednesday) as being a 48-pounder. It was landed by J. L. Bowers of Whiteville, who was using a 9/0 hook baited with fresh mullet on a Pfeuffer Sea King reel loaded with 36-pound-test line.

Bower's channel bass, believed to be the largest of its species taken along the Outer Banks so far this Fall, was 48 1/2 inches long and 27 1/2 inches around its girth. Jennette reported that channel bass anglers had been making good catches along the beach from abreast Avon to the Point of Cape Hatteras and thence southward to Hatteras Inlet. Fishing was reported as especially good in the surf in the Creeds Hill area.

If the same pattern is followed as in previous years, the channel bass will continue to be caught in large numbers and large sizes until late November here on Hatteras Island.

## FEROCIOUS WILDCAT DESTROYING DEER ON DARE MAINLAND

Great Feats of Strength Manifested; Efforts to Trap Monster Fruitless

Does a panther cat exist on the Dare County mainland? Recent doings in the dense wilds back of Manns Harbor would indicate some such animal exists there. The book says he does not, but old timers who have spent many years in the swamps contend there are such animals, bigger and more ferocious than the common wildcat.

On last week end while making his rounds, District Game protector W. S. White of Manns Harbor discovered a newly killed deer in the vicinity of the ancient isolated settlement of Beechland, which is some 15 miles west of U. S. 264 and 20 miles distant from Manns Harbor. This was a large deer weighing about 75 pounds, left on the side of the newly built road of the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. Around it were large, cat-like tracks. The deer had been partially eaten.

Mr. White went back home and got a number of steel traps and set them around the carcass, in hope of trapping the beast that was playing havoc with the deer population. Came heavy rains and winds and he didn't get back to the traps until Monday. No trap had been sprung, but after some search, he found a trail leading into the reeds and some 75 yards away were the remains of the deer which had been further dissected. All along the trail were the same enormous cattracks.

Now game authorities say there are no panthers or ocelots in this part of the country. But old timers including John Tom Ambrose and Willie Crain who have lived here all their lives say there are panthers. Old men have always claimed there were in spite of the doubters. There was general belief that one roamed Roanoke Island 50 years ago, having, it was said, come across Croatan Sound on a high tide during a storm.

One must admit however, that it takes a mighty big cat to drag a 75-pound carcass back through dense weeds and undergrowth. Maybe it is the daddy of all wildcats.

Plenty of Bear  
Mr. White believes the bear population of the Dare County mainland is growing. He says there is a bumper crop of gumberry and the bears are back in the deep woods having a feast. It is his opinion that few deer were killed during the recent forest fire, and that most of those using the area burnt over were able to escape to other areas. Signs indicate that there are many deer this year.

In fact they are getting bold about coming out on the road. On Tuesday night of this week, Victor Meekins saw a huge buck ambling along the roadside at Lake Landing, which is a thickly built up section of Hyde County. The deer seemed to be in no hurry about leaving highway 264.

## DARE YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO ASSEMBLE FRIDAY IN COURTHOUSE AT MANTEO

An assembly of young Democrats and their friends is scheduled to be held Friday evening, Oct. 11 at 8 o'clock in the courthouse in Manteo, to consider plans for further perfection and enlargement of the organization.

Reporting to the meeting will be Mrs. Dottie Fry who attended the state convention at Southern Pines last week. Mrs. Fry is Secretary of the Dare County club and Jack Tillett is president.

One item of business to come up before this meeting is a plan for a countywide dinner to be held during November and which will be attended by prominent state officials of the organization. This meeting may take the form of an oyster roast, Stumpy Point having offered a strong bid for the meeting.

## STATE REBEKAH PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM FLA. VISIT

Mrs. Susan M. Ballowe of Manteo, state president of the Rebekah Assembly of North Carolina, returned home last Friday from Miami, Fla., where she attended the meeting of the International Association as representative from the North Carolina group.

On Saturday, October 5, she went to Swan Quarter for the first of a group of fall meetings. Her schedule for the remainder of the fall will be as follows: Oxford, Oct. 10; Fayetteville, Oct. 11; Goldsboro, Oct. 12; Beaufort, Oct. 16; High Point, Oct. 18; Greensboro, Oct. 19; West Asheville, Oct. 23; Asheville, Oct. 24; and West Jefferson, Oct. 26. At the end of these meetings, Mrs. Ballowe plans to go to Charlotte to visit her sister, Mrs. H. S. McChesney.

## A. D. SWINDELL IN HOSPITAL

Addison D. Swindell of Manteo, who is one of the Island's older citizens, was taken ill and carried to Albemarle Hospital by Twiford's ambulance Tuesday.

John Allen of Manteo, is reported as improving after a long illness in this hospital.

## SURF TOURNEY AT NAGS HEAD WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 18

Three-Day Competition Offering More Than \$1,000 in Trophies and Prizes

The sixth annual Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament, an event which has become one of the largest sporting classics of its kind along the Atlantic Coast, will open at Nags Head on October 18 and continue with team competition through October 19 followed by one day of open competition in which any angler, regardless of club or team affiliations, may enter, on Sunday, October 20.

Julian Oneto, president of Nags Head Surf Fishing Club, which sponsors the event under the auspices of the Association of Surf Angling Clubs, stated today that more than 40 teams from clubs in many states had entered for the inter-team competition. "This means that we will have approximately 250 team members competing during the first two days of the tourney," said Oneto. More than \$1,000 in handsome trophies and prizes will be offered winning teams and individuals competing.

## COMPLETES AIR FORCE JET MECHANICS SCHOOL



A/3c JACKIE WARD of Manteo is now home on a 28-day leave after having completed Air Force boot training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and graduated from the jet mechanic technical school at Amarillo, Texas. Following this leave, Airman Ward is slated to be stationed in France for three years. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ward of Manteo, he attended Manteo High School before entering the Air Force.

## WILDFOWL ARRIVING IN COASTAL CAROLINA NOW

Predictions are That They Portend Early and Rough Winter, Bearing Out Old Coasters' Predictions

Black ducks, gadwalls, pintails and blue-winged teal and a few Canada geese were included in first waterfowl count of the season to be released by L. B. Turner, manager, Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge between Oregon Inlet and Rodanthe. His count was made last week.

Elsewhere along North Carolina's share of the Atlantic Flyway were reports of additional wildfowl. Some old Coasters say this is a sign of an early and rough winter.

R. F. Sumrell, Federal game warden of Harbinger in Currituck stated that while no official count had been made in Currituck Sound that following a trip up the beach as far as Wash Woods area during the week he had seen plenty of geese, "probably 4,000 or more," and also many flocks of black duck and teal.

Weather last week end was the type which normally brings wildfowl southward to their winter feeding grounds in Currituck, Roanoke, Croatan and Pamlico Sounds, and also at Mattamuskeet Lake on the Hyde mainland one of the greatest winter spots along the South Atlantic for Canada geese.

Already Federal and State wardens are on the alert for anyone who may feel inclined to violate the migratory wildfowl laws by barging geese or ducks before the season opens on November 7. The federal wardens this year are operating on land, by boat and in the air, as usual.

Next month, additional species of wildfowl, some with absolute protection by law, such as swan and snow geese are expected to arrive in coastal waters. One of the most popular feeding areas for snow geese is at Pea Island, where up to 10,000 may be seen during late November and December.

## HYDE COUNTY MAN GETS TOP AWARD IN WRITING



CARLTON MORRIS  
Chicago, Ill.—The editor of a nearby weekly newspaper and writers for two large metropolitan dailies have won the three \$500 first places in American Trucking Associations' 1957 Newspaper Safety Writing Competition.

They are Carlton Morris of the Gates County Index, Gatesville, N. C., first in the editorial class; Wendell H. Coltin of the Boston (Mass.) Herald, first for series of stories; and Frederic G. Hyde and Kos Semonski of the Philadelphia Inquirer, who collaborated on the first place single story. Morris began his newspaper career by writing for the Hyde County Herald and the Belhaven Pilot. He is a native of Ponzer, Hyde County.

Morris also was awarded first place in the weekly newspaper division of the Ted V. Rodgers Award, sponsored by Trailmobile, Inc., and the ATA Foundation, Inc., in 1956. For this he received \$1,500.

Among his recent honors, on August 31, he was featured as Editor of the Week by The Publishers' Auxiliary, a 97-year-old national trade newspaper published in Chicago. His column appears at times in the Coastland Newspapers of Manteo, Swan Quarter and Belhaven.

The editorial which brought Mr. Morris the \$500 first place award was headed "I Sat There and Cried."

In it, he writes that he wept while reading "a packet of old newspaper and magazine clippings" of traffic accidents, perhaps, Mr. Morris said, because "I wanted to tell the whole world that cars will kill and maim and cripple, but for seven years I had done that to no avail for no one listened to my story."

## COURT TRIES ASSAULT AND TRESPASS CASES

Two parties involved in an incident at Kitty Hawk Saturday, September 28, were tried Tuesday afternoon before Judge W. F. Baum in Dare County Recorder's Court. Albert L. Toler, originally charged with two counts of assaulting James Lewis with a deadly weapon, was found guilty of assaulting Lewis with a heavy iron instrument, causing serious injury, and was fined \$10 and costs; the second charge, assault with a pistol, was dismissed however. Lewis, charged with trespassing upon Toler's property and assaulting Toler, was convicted of the trespassing charge only and given a 30-day suspended sentence, fined \$10 and costs, and ordered to stay off the premise of Toler for 12 months.

Edgar Blount of Elizabeth City was charged with careless and reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle with an improper operator's license, the latter charge amended to knowingly making a false statement in an application for an operator's license. He was found guilty by Judge Baum and fined \$10 and costs.

The remaining cases listed were submissions: Wilbur Donald Spencer, Manteo, careless and reckless driving and improper exhaust, \$30 fine and costs.

Herman Arwood Tillett, Kitty Hawk, operating a motor vehicle on State highway with a load overwidth and without a red flag or light, pay costs of court.

Columbus Jarvis, Powells Point, failing to stop at stop sign, \$5 fine and costs.

Ira Mason, Chincoteague, Va., speeding 55 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone, \$10 fine and costs.

Mark Daisey, Chincoteague, Va., speeding 55 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone, \$10 fine and costs.

Willie Wilbert Gray, Elizabeth City, speeding 65 m.p.h., \$10 fine and costs.

Warren Helen Jennette, Elizabeth City, speedign 65 m.p.h., \$10 fine and costs.

Harry Louis Shriver, Jr., failing to stop at stop sign, \$5 fine and costs.

## STORMY WEEK END BROUGHT TIDES AND UPSET FISHERMEN

High Winds And Strong Tides Interrupt Ferry Service on Saturday and Sunday

High winds and strong tides, particularly on Saturday disappointed many fishermen, just when drumfish were beginning to run on the Dare Coast. At 3:30 p.m. Saturday the tide was running so strong, ferry service at Oregon Inlet was suspended, and was not resumed until late Sunday forenoon.

Great disappointment prevailed among many fishermen, who had been encouraged to come to the area with high hopes, on hearing news of the excellent fishing along the whole coast.

Winds reached a velocity of some 50 miles an hour in gusts, but no such winds as were reported, (75 miles per hour) resulted during the whole period. Weather continued rainy and gusty through Saturday, reaching its maximum during the night.

The Alligator River ferry also suspended its late Saturday schedule. High water prevailed in many localities causing some inconvenience. About 15 inches of water came on the highway at the location of the old ferry slip at Manns Harbor.

Considerable water stood on the beach road at Nags Head and on the Hatteras Island highway, but this soon drained off. Succeeding high sea tides continued to cross the road near Avon the next day.

## Ford Called Total Loss Stranded at Inlet

A '55 Ford owned by Mrs. Martha Beasley of 150 Arlington Avenue, Portsmouth, Va., was declared a total loss by Park Service officials and others who tried to salvage it from the sand near Point of Beach north of Oregon Inlet Tuesday. It was lost during the week end gale which swept the Dare Coast resulting in high tides and winds that reached near hurricane force.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. West, parents of Mrs. Beasley and Mrs. Charles West of Portsmouth, her aunt had gone to the north side of the inlet in Mrs. Beasley's car Saturday afternoon during the rain storm. When the car got stuck in the sand Mr. West sought aid and See STORM, Page Four

## MARVIN ROGERS, 53, DIES IN ALBEMARLE HOSPITAL AFTER LONG ILLNESS WEDNESDAY

Stewart Marvin Rogers, Jr., 53, Dare County coroner, and for 35 years a resident of Manteo, died Wednesday evening in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, after an illness of seven months. He was the son of Mrs. Emma Simpson Rogers and the late S. M. Rogers, and was born in Elizabeth City.

After coming to Manteo he engaged in the barber business and various enterprises, being a man with ability for trade, and he had been coroner for some 20 years. He was widely known and well liked generally, and he had many friends to visit him during his long illness.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Janie Shannon Rogers, a son, Capt. Aubrey Rogers, U. S. Air Force, Charleston, S. C., his mother, Mrs. Emma Rogers, and a sister, Miss Evelyn Rogers, both of Elizabeth City.

The funeral services will be conducted at Twiford's Funeral Home in Manteo at 2 p.m. Friday, with Rev. L. A. Aitken, Methodist pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Manteo cemetery. Pall bearers for this funeral will be Leigh Hassell, Edward and Roy Wescott, Wallace Gray, Edwin Midgett and A. L. Mann, Jr.

## SEA SCOUT UNIT BEING ORGANIZED IN MANTEO

A new form of Scouting is now being organized in the Manteo area and will be known as Sea Scout Ship 165. This group will be a part of the regular Scouting program. This unit is being formed in order to interest older boys in some part of Scouting. It will consist of training in seamanship and also in other points. Boys who have reached their 14th birthday, regardless of whether they have been Scouts before, are invited to join while the group is being organized. For the present time, meetings will be held each Monday night at the educational building of Mount Olivet Methodist Church.

Sea Scout advisor is Douglas Crutchfield of Manteo. At the present time Mr. Crutchfield is interested in obtaining the services of retired Naval or Coast Guard personnel who would be interested in meeting with these boys and instructing them in seamanship. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mr. Crutchfield.