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OUR WIDE WATERS OFFER UNLIMITED BOATING INDUSTRY

Area Has So Many Opportunities For Marine Development, Visitor Says

A discerning young woman who knows what she is talking about, thinks there is wonderful possibilities on Roanoke Island, and other parts of this area to develop a pleasure boating business worth millions. Mrs. Molly Owens Warner, one of that great yacht building family of Baltimore, in Manteo on the week end thinks a great financial future lies ahead when facilities have been provided on our great and beautiful waters, to make this region more appealing to the hundreds of thousands of yachtsmen, owners of boats of many sizes in this country.

It was the first visit here of Mrs. Warner, herself as trim and attractive as one of her yachts. With three of her brothers, she operates the Owens Yacht Co., of Baltimore, which in a few years has skyrocketed into international prominence as a producer of fine boats. She knows the business and knows what a natural Dare County is for a developing a vast industry for catering to it.

Mrs. Warner is a vice-president of the company. She came as a guest of her cousin, Mrs. Orest A. Meykar, and Mr. Meykar of Greensburg, Pa., owners of property on Roanoke Island. The Meykars are a couple who sing the praises of Dare County and thought a person with the boat-building knowledge of Mrs. Warner should see this area.

Mrs. Warner stated Saturday that she desires very much to return to Roanoke Island next summer when she can see a performance of The Lost Colony. Her itinerary Saturday included a visit to Fort Raleigh, the Elizabethan Garden, and Oregon Inlet and Bodie Island. The party stopped at Dare Haven Motel, Manteo.

Naturally, since her family builds pleasure craft, she was interested in the region's boating facilities. The entire boating industry, she stated, is promoting the establishment of boating marinas to provide launching, docking, and service facilities for the increasing number of pleasure boats.

The Owens Yacht Co., Inc., started as a result of her father taking up boat building as a hobby following his retirement with Westinghouse. The business is now operated by Mrs. Warner, a widow, along with three of her brothers, Norman Owens, who is the president; Charles, also a vice-president; and John, the secretary-treasurer. The company has expanded so that at present they employ more than 400 persons. They manufacture "Speedships" boats ranging in size from 14 to 35 feet in length, including making their own marine engines. A 14-foot fiberglass boat was a recent addition to their line, and they have developed a small "Flagship" V-8 marine engine suitable for small boats and presently the only such engine on the market.

In the current issue of Motor Boating, Owens Yacht Co. announces in several pages of advertising, its 1958 line of boats, which includes craft from 14 to 35 feet in length, ranging in price from \$596 to \$17,000. It is a most remarkable circumstance, how this industry has grown, from its first start as a hobby in a tomato patch, and has flourished under the tender guidance of a family dedicated to the development of something they find now a pleasant task.

NATION'L SEASHORE TRAVEL WELL AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

During the first 11 months of 1957, a total of 318,554 persons visited Cape Hatteras National Seashore, according to the November report of Robert F. Gibbs, superintendent of the recreational area. This is an 8.4 percent increase over the same period in 1956.

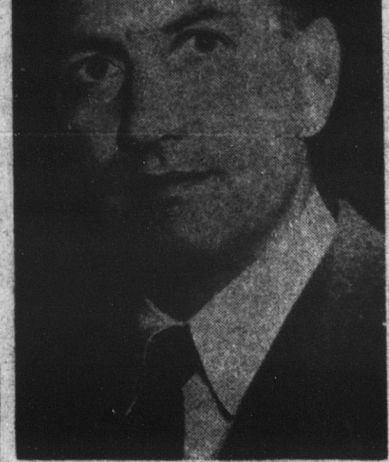
During November, a total of 11,123 persons entered the National Seashore area and according to estimates of those in charge of tabulation of visitor counts, the figure represents non-residents on coastal vacations and not local travelers.

While November showed a decrease of 32.2 percent from October, the past month was 73.1 percent over November's count one year ago.

One of the big attractions within the National Seashore area this year was the surf fishing for channel bass. Old timers who have observed and participated in channel bass, or drum, fishing for many years along the coast have stated that October and November this year have been the best season for big fish in the history of the coast.

JIM MORTON STEPS UP ON NEW YORK NEWSPAPER

New York, Dec. 6.—The appointment of Jim Morton, promotion manager of the New York Journal-American and part-time Nags Head resident, to the executive staff of The American Weekly was announced today by John K. Herbert, publisher of the national Sunday magazine.



The New York newspaperman, who owns a beach cottage on the Oregon Inlet Road and frequently flies down to Dare in his personal plane on week ends, will join The American Weekly on January 6, 1958.

He will work directly under Thor M. Smith, vice president in charge of publisher services. Mr. Morton has been with the Journal-American for 18 years.

A 1938 graduate of The Citadel, state military college of South Carolina, he spent one year in the advertising department of the New York Sun before going to the Journal-American.

A wartime parachute officer, he was twice wounded and three times decorated while serving with the 101st Airborne Division in France, Holland, and Belgium.

He rejoined the staff of the Journal-American as a reporter in 1946 and three years later became editorial promotion manager. He was named production manager in 1956.

His promotions twice won Freedoms Foundations Awards for the Journal-American in 1955 and 1956. Mr. Morton also was given the Gold Medal of the Sons of the American Revolution, highest award of the national society.

Governor Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina made him an Honorary Tar Heel in 1955 for his contributions to the state's conservation and development program. Mr. Morton is president of the New York alumni of The Citadel and active in the affairs of the college. He is also active in The Protestant Council and in finance work for the Boy Scouts of America.

CAR DEMOLISHED AND SAILOR HURT FRIDAY

Joseph Edward Gibb, 21-year-old Pennsylvania man stationed at the Stumpy Point Navy facility, received neck and back injuries and was transferred to the Portsmouth Naval Hospital as a result of an accident about three miles north of Manteo on U. S. Highway 64 and 264 at 11:50 p.m. last Friday.

According to Patrolman Arthur F. Fields, Gibb and a companion were returning to their base at Stumpy Point after having been to a tavern near Manteo. As they neared the Roanoke Island end of the William B. Umstead Memorial Bridge, Gibb's car ran off the pavement, went out of control and rolled over several times. The car, a 1951 Chevrolet 4-door, was completely demolished. Gibb's companion escaped with minor injuries. Patrolman Fields reported that the two men had apparently been drinking, but he said Monday that no charges had been filed pending completion of his investigation.

PEA ISLAND WILDFOWL COUNT IS NEARING PEAK

While the Canada and greater snow goose count for the last week in November was up to par for Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, there was still a shortage of ducks as compared to previous seasons.

Refuge Manager L. B. Turner's count for week ending November 30, indicated there were 8,500 Canadas and 7,250 greater snows on the refuge to total 15,750 geese. Twelve blue geese have been counted and 85 swan are at the refuge.

Total number of ducks of all species, with baldpates and pintails in the lead, was 9,582 at last count, and there were approximately 680 coots or bluepeppers.

FIRST FLIGHT BY WRIGHTS BROUGHT ABOUT AN AIR AGE

At Time of First Successful Flights, Wrights Believed Airplane Would Bring End to Wars

By EARL DEAN
"SUCCESS FOUR FLIGHTS THURSDAY MORNING ALL AGAINST TWENTY-ONE MILE WIND STARTED FROM LEVEL WITH ENGINE POWER ALONE AVERAGE SPEED THROUGH AIR THIRTY-ONE MILES LONGEST FIFTY-SEVEN SECONDS INFORM PRESS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS . . . ORVILLE WRIGHT."

It was late in the afternoon on December 17, 1903, when a young, obscure Dayton, Ohio, bicycle mechanic trudged through angle-deep sand to the life-saving station at Kill Devil Hills with the news of man's conquest of the air. Orville Wright's brief message to his father, Bishop Milton Wright, of the United Brethren Church out in Ohio, is now probably one of the most famous four-line telegrams ever sent. For it ushered in the Age of Air, and, as a result of these early experiments on the North Carolina Coast, men now are able to fly through the air faster than the speed of sound.

Appropriate commemorative exercises will be held Tuesday, December 17, at the base of the huge Wright Memorial, near where the Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, flew successfully in the first airplane.

Glistening in the sun or flood-lit at night, the great granite monument to the Wright brothers and their achievements is one of the most impressive memorials of its kind anywhere in the world. Towering 61 feet above the summit of the highest sand dune on the North Carolina coast, it has attracted millions of people to the birthplace of aviation since it was dedicated 25 years ago.

Orville Wright, who lived to see the huge monument of Mt. Airy granite dedicated on the 25th anniversary of the first flights, died on January 30, 1948, his last days saddened, it has been said, by the destructiveness to which his invention had been put during time of war. His brother, Wilbur Wright, died of typhoid fever in 1912 after a spectacular flying career both at home and abroad.

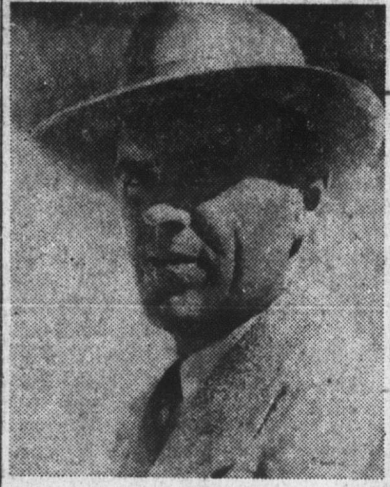
In a letter to a friend written on the eve of the first World War, Orville said: "When my brother and I built and flew the first man-carrying flying machine, we thought that we were introducing into the world an invention which would make further wars impossible."

That they were not alone in this thought is evidenced by the fact that France was one of the first nations to recognize the Wright brothers as pioneers in aviation, and the French Peace Society presented them with medals in token of the importance of their invention.

"We thought governments would realize the impossibility of winning a war by surprise attacks, and that no country would ever enter into war with another of equal size when it knew it would have to win by simply wearing out its enemy," he continued.

"Nevertheless, the world finds itself in the greatest war in history. Neither side has been able to win on account of the part the airplane has played. Both sides know exactly what the other side See WRIGHTS, Page Four

NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF CAPE HATTERAS SEASHORE



ROBERT F. GIBBS, the new superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore recreational project in Dare and Hyde Counties who has recently established his home at Bodie Island. Prior to coming here he was Assistant Supervisor of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He is a native of Madison, Va., and joined the Park Service in 1934 in the Shenandoah National Park, Va. He served in the Army in 1940-45 and was awarded the bronze star medal for meritorious service by the United States Army and the Croix de Guerre by the French Army—he became chief park ranger at Shenandoah; then, assistant superintendent at Big Bend National Park, Texas, and superintendent of Isle Royal National Park, Michigan. He has been assistant superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains National Park since August 1956.

Mr. Gibbs succeeds Allyn F. Hanks, a highly popular career man with the Park Service, who has gone to an advanced post in Washington, D. C. headquarters.

DARE RECORDER'S COURT SESSION HELD TUESDAY

Dorian Mitchell Washington of Manteo pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly and creating a disturbance in the home of Lizzie Williams, and to being drunk on a state highway, and Judge W. F. Baum ordered Tuesday that he serve 60 days on the roads in addition to a six months sentence imposed September 10th.

Dewey Williams pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly on the streets of Manteo, and was given a 30-day sentence suspended upon payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

A case charging Shelton Derward Midgett of Manteo with careless and reckless driving was not processed.

The defendants in the remaining cases submitted to the charges as indicated:

James Robert Hairfield, Nags Head, failing to report an accident, \$5 fine and costs.

Robert Erskine Williams, Nags Head, failing to stop at stop sign, \$5 fine and costs.

Arnold Larry Midgett, Portsmouth, Va., speeding 70 m.p.h., \$15 fine and costs.

COUNTY N.C.E.A. MEETING

School teachers and principals of Dare County are to hold their second N.C.E.A. meeting of the school year this Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Kitty Hawk School. The Kitty Hawk school faculty is in charge of the program, according to an announcement by N.C. E.A. President W. H. Bunch of Manteo.

NEW RATINGS FOR AUTO LIABILITY INSURANCE JAN. 1

North Carolina Insurance Department Approves Preferred Risk Plan

A preferred risk plan affecting automobile liability insurance rates to become effective Jan. 1, 1958 has been announced by N. C. Insurance Commissioner, Charles Gold. This is of interest to all auto drivers, now that every car owner, before he can get his tags, must show that he carries insurance for the protection of others.

The plan was approved to comply with a legislative mandate in the Financial Responsibility Act of 1957 which directed the Commissioner of Insurance to establish automobile liability insurance rates "which adequately and factually distinguish between classes of drivers having safe-driving records and those having a record of accidents". The Plan, as approved by Commissioner Gold, states as its pronounced purpose that it is "based on the premise that a safe driver operating an automobile in a manner which safeguards the lives and property of others deserves recognition in terms of automobile liability insurance cost. Thus the non-occurrence of serious or repeated accidents as defined herein has been introduced as a basis of classification to recognize the careful driver. This method of rating will serve as an incentive for drivers to improve their driving habits."

Commissioner Gold expressed the hope that the new Preferred Risk Rating Plan would eventually provide for a reduced rate for automobile liability insurance for the large group of careful drivers. The Plan provides for higher rates to be applied to "automobiles operated by drivers who have demonstrated that they do not belong in the preferred group".

Under the Plan, the Commissioner explained that a system of liability insurance surcharges would be applied to an automobile which had been involved in an accident resulting in bodily injury when an amount had to be paid as a loss or a judgment was rendered against the insured during the experience period. The experience period to be used will cover the eighteen months beginning two years prior to the effective date of the policy.

It was emphasized by the Commissioner that automobile liability insurance rates are not affected by the Plan when a vehicle has not been involved in an accident or in only one accident causing a property damage loss. It was determined that a great many careful drivers are involved in minor property damage accidents which are not indicative of unsafe driving habits.

The Class A or Preferred Risk insureds will pay the present manual rate for insurance, while insureds with one bodily injury accident See INSURANCE, Page Four

CHRISTMAS PARTY, DEC. 12 OES MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

The annual Christmas party held by the Roanoke Island Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will be held Thursday night, December 12, in the lodge hall in Wanchese. A business meeting will be held at eight o'clock, and the party will begin at 8:30. All members and their families are invited and urged to attend. Santa Claus will be there.

COMMISSIONERS SAY THERE WILL BE A COUNTY AUDIT SOON, SO LET'S HOPE SO

Public Criticism Got Some Sort of Action Tuesday; List Takers Appointed, a Jury Venire Drawn; Kerosene Bids Accepted.

The Dare County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday providing that Martin Kellogg Jr., county attorney, be charged with preparing a contract for a county audit for the period July 1, 1956, to June 30, 1957, with a deadline of February 1, 1958 for the presentation of the audit to the responsible agencies. The commissioners provided also that a clause be inserted in the contract requiring a penalty for non-compliance with such deadline in the amount of \$250 per month, and another clause be inserted requiring the auditor to include a suitable statement of balance and of operations to be used for publication according to law, such statement to be in condensed form of no more pages than required by law. Notification of the preparation of such contract is to be made to R. O. Howard, the present auditor, to ascertain whether he will be able to comply.

The commissioners further charged Mr. Kellogg with the preparation of such a contract annually with the deadline for that portion affecting the board of education as of September 1st each year, and all other portions with a deadline as of October 1st each year, with the penalty as previously outlined.

List Takers Named

List takers for the January tax listing were named as follows: for the county at large, Mrs. Ruth Scoggins of Manteo and Mrs. Jean Beacham of Kill Devil Hills; Nags Head Township, Mrs. Lucy Midgett of Wanchese; Atlantic Township, Mrs. Russell Perry of Kitty Hawk; Croatan Township, Mrs. Florence Jones of Mamm Harbor; East Lake Township, Mrs. Nina Basnight of East Lake; Hatteras Township, Mrs. Edna Gray of Buxton; and Kennekeet Township, Mrs. Melie Edwards of Waves.

Thomas Cheers was appointed to the Library Board for a term ending June 30, 1958, to replace Mrs. Hazel Twyne, who had resigned. The board accepted the bid of Daniels Oil Co. to furnish fuel oil and kerosene to the county for a one-year period, Daniel's bid having been the lowest of three received.

The board instructed Pennell Tillett, tax supervisor, to investigate a complaint by Robert Austin of Wanchese about the valuation of his home and to make a report to the next meeting of the commissioners. The clerk to the board was instructed to notify Mrs. Goldie and Norwood O'Neal of Manteo that an investigation of a complaint of the valuation of their home had shown it to be valued for the same as the other houses of like construction in the same vicinity.

A resolution was passed to ask the State Highway Commission to add a 600-foot piece of road leading from the State Highway by the home of William Ernst and Lyna Harbour to the state system. The property of Hilton Gray sold for taxes by Dare County was ordered deeded back to him upon payment of \$49.68. This property was sold to the state and by the state to the U. S. government.

We did not learn if they also passed an order to observe the law about posting their monthly doings at the courthouse door; which minutes should include an itemized copy of the budget as adopted each year.

BIG CHANNEL BASS TO BE RUNNING UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Hatteras.—Willie Newsome is predicting that the current run of big channel bass will be running in Hatteras waters until Christmas, and if that happens it will be about two weeks later than normal for them.

"During the past week end I have weighed 33 channel bass and not one of them was less than 35 pounds," said Newsome. "Most, as a matter of fact, have ranged between 50 and 60 pounds." Newsome's reports covered the Hatteras Inlet sector. On the week end Preston Quitley of Buxton landed his limit one day and his largest fish was a 56½ pounder. This was the largest of the species reported during the week end. Nevin Wescott, chief in charge of Hatteras Inlet Lifeboat Station, reported catching one that weighed 52½ pounds. More large fish have been taken than in many recent seasons.

MASONIC LODGES PLAN LADIES NIGHT DEC. 14th AT THE SHRINE CLUB

The Masonic Lodges of Manteo and Wanchese are planning a joint celebration on December 14th, next Saturday night week which will be the annual ladies night meeting. A turkey dinner will be served. All Masons are expected to bring their wives.

A detailed program will be worked out, but as yet the speaker had not been obtained, according to Charlie E. O'Neal, Manteo Lodge Secretary.

The Master of Wanchese Lodge is H. O. Bridges, and of the Manteo Lodge, Selden R. Midgett.

Last year's ladies night was attended by 210 persons. A larger attendance is expected this time.

UNUSUAL PROGRAM TO BE IN MANTEO MONDAY

Jeannie Asbel To Be Featured by Frank Sorrell's Group In Novelty Performance in Auditorium

Morty Nevins of the Three Suns will present next Monday, December 9, in the Manteo school auditorium, the Magical Sounds of the Frank Sorrell's group of Norfolk, featuring Jeannie Asbel. There will be three performers in the group, and the instruments will include, besides piano, a xylophone, drums, organ, electric zither and accordion. Mr. Denton of the Milton Music Company will accompany the group to Manteo. Dick of Nags Head, and manager of The Lost Colony, will also appear on the program.

The public is invited to attend this novelty program which will begin at 8:15 and for which a nominal charge will be made. This will be different from any program previously presented in Manteo. Mr. Nevins, who is one of the Three Suns, a musical group having achieved national acclaim and having made many records, recently moved to Norfolk, where he became owner of the above-mentioned music store. His wife is a former Norfolk girl.

JURY DRAWN FOR DARE SUPERIOR COURT TERM

The list of jurors drawn for the January term of Dare County Superior Court by the board of commissioners at their meeting Tuesday is as follows:

Jacie F. Burrus, Carl D. Mann, Mrs. Lea Pinner, Manns Harbor; Mattie Richie, Curtis Gray, Curtis Toler, Virginia Dowdy, Colon A. Perry, Carlos Dowdy, Kitty Hawk; Reverne Sawyer, Cleve C. Smith, East Lake; William A. Davis, Charles M. Meekins, Leroy S. Midgett, Arnold Daniels, Wanchese;

Irving G. Hines, Mabel H. Basnight, Cecil Berry, Leigh D. Hassell, Ralph Swain, Hal S. Ward, Manteo; Horatio B. Culpepper, Milton Henley, Nags Head; Mrs. Alma Barnett, Calvin D. Burrus, Jr., William H. Hehl, Richard B. Dailey, Dewey J. Parr, Buxton;

Mrs. Dudley Burrus, Mrs. Velma Stowe, Ivey Batten, Lawrence Austin, Roger Willis, Hatteras;

E. V. Melson, Thomas H. Briggs, Miss Jennette Gray, Kill Devil Hills; O. G. Gray, Sr., George W. Meekins, Edward Branch Meekins, Ulysses W. Gray, Avon; Joseph D. Scarborough, R. D. Evans, Levi Scarborough, Duck; Raymond R. Midgett, Salvo; Archie Scarborough, Frisco; Christopher A. Midgett, Waves; Mrs. Goldie Best, Leslie H. Wise, Stumpy Point.

TO PLAN FOR NEXT PIRATE JAMBOREE ON DARE COAST

There will be a meeting on Sunday, December 8, to establish the dates of the forthcoming Pirates Jamboree of 1958, and to discuss the types and places of activity to be held, according to Alvah H. Ward Jr., who says to the Tourist Bureau membership:

"This is perhaps our most important meeting of the year and you are urged to attend, bringing with you any persons in your community or locality, who are interested in this Spring vacation season launching event."

The meeting will be held in the Cypress Room of the Carolinian Hotel on Nags Head at 2 p.m., Sunday, December 8.

HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ TEAMS INTERVIEWED AT MANTEO



Joel Carlson of WTAR-TV Norfolk, was interviewing Joyce Fields, daughter of State Highway Patrolman Arthur Fields and Mrs. Fields when this picture was shot at Manteo High School last week. Joyce, with Sandra Keller of Kitty Hawk and Marjorie White of Manteo were members of the local team competing with a team from Perquimans High School at Hertford which included Dan Wilson, Beverly Tucker, Letitia McGoogan and Bettie Skinner. The Perquimans team won with a score of 600 as compared to 575 for Manteo. The questions asked pertained to news stories that had appeared in Virginian Pilot of Norfolk which sponsors the "Quiz 'Em on the Air" program of WTAR. (Ayeock-Brown Photo.)