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PIRATES JAMBOREE TO OPEN APRIL 24 AT COQUINA BEACH

Activities To Shift to Hatteras Following Day, Then to Dare Beaches and Mainland

Opening-day events of the Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree on April 24 will begin at 2 o'clock at Coquina Beach with the official dedication of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, it was announced at a meeting at Nags Head Sunday of committees and others interested in promoting the fourth annual vacation event, which will continue for four days.

Alvah H. Ward, chairman of the Jamboree, who presided at Nags Head, announced that a similar meeting was held on Sunday at Hatteras and Wheeler Ballance had reported by telephone that his island group had discussed plans for Friday events which will begin early and end late on April 25. Features of the Hatteras Day phase of the Jamboree will include fishing contests, the world's biggest salt water fish fry, costume contests, banker pony exhibitions, a big buccaneer dance and other attractions if preliminary plans are carried out.

Robert Gibbs, superintendent of the National Seashore, who attended the meeting with assistant Gus Hultman, stated that complete details of the dedication ceremonies would be announced as soon as acceptances to attend had been received from a number of nationally-known dignitaries. He stated that the National Seashore had hopes that Governor Hodges would head the State dignitaries and that the Secretary of Interior would be present from Washington along with North Carolina senators Scott and Ervin and with Herbert C. Bonner heading the congressional delegation. A special guest at the ceremonies, if present plans carry, will be Lindsay C. Warren of Washington, the man most responsible for creation of the National Seashore.

Following the dedication at Coquina Beach, it is planned to have a premiere showing of the new National Seashore film, possible at Fort Raleigh's Waterside Theatre. Later, a big pirates ball will be held under the sponsorship of the Dare Power Boat Association.

Approximately 30 persons attended the meeting, including all steering committee area chairmen north of Oregon Inlet. The Nags Head meeting conflicted with the Hatteras meeting which Ballance reported on by telephone.

Dare Beaches phase of the Jamboree on Saturday, April 26, will have the big pirates landing as its main attraction. There will also be treasure hunts, frog jumping contests, sand skiing and the big Royal Pirates Ball at the Casino on Saturday evening. Dick Jordan and George Sides are co-chairmen of the Dare Beaches phase of the Jamboree.

W. S. White of Manns Harbor, co-chairman with Horace Hooper of Stumpy Point on plans for an event at Manns Harbor, looked with favor on having the big open-air religious services in his community if plans can be worked out for same. He would discuss this religious phase for the Jamboree with other Dare residents before formally setting time and place. On Sunday afternoon, the Dare Power Boat Association plans to sponsor wildcat boat races in Manteo harbor or have some other type of water event, which would be a sort of preliminary to their big Pirates Jamboree Regatta scheduled for late May.

Numerous committees on pub- See JAMBOREE, Page Four

MRS. HARRIET M. KIRBY, 80, DARE NATIVE DIES IN NORF

Mrs. Harriet Mann Kirby, 80, a native of Roanoke Island, who moved to Norfolk when a young girl, died in a Norfolk hospital Sunday. She was the widow of William Meredith Kirby, and the daughter of Louis S. and Sarah Mott Mann whose home stood at Burnside and was later occupied by the late John E. Berry, for many years Dare County surveyor. It was this same home that was commandeered for General Burnside's headquarters during the Civil War.

Mrs. Mann resided at 1835 Avenue De Grasse, Norfolk. She was a member of Magnolia Ave. Presbyterian Church. Funeral and burial was in Norfolk Wednesday.

She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Harriett K. Smith, Mrs. J. Lindsay Gunn and Mrs. Louis A. Daniel, all of Norfolk, Mrs. Leonard B. George of Berkeley, Cal., and Mrs. E. H. Feyen of Seattle, Wash.; a son, William Haigh Kirby, a sister, Mrs. Martin R. Haigh, and a brother, Arthur Garfield Mann, all of Norfolk; 25 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

PATRIOTISM FOR MARRIED JAMBOREE BEARD GROWERS OFT MAKES LIFE PRETTY HARD



THE BEARD GROWING SEASON for the patriotic supporters of the annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree, which means so much publicity for the launching of each year's tourist season is now on. Most all the old regulars are now sporting a hideous growth of untrained hair, but a few of them have fallen from the ranks, victims of cruel and unreasonable wifely edicts that have put them in other beds because of the hair. Verily the life of such men who attempt to continue their beard-growing in defiance of a contrary wife is a hard one until the tourist season is over. This picture by Aycock Brown is a mere sample of last year's effort of mankind to assert his independence. Most anyone knows who these men are, but any who don't know and wish to know who they are can find out by sending us a \$5 bill.

NEW SANITARIAN IS EMPLOYED FOR HYDE AND DARE

John P. Pendleton, a native of Cleveland County, this week began work as health department sanitarian serving Hyde and Dare counties, filling a vacancy which has existed since July of last year, according to announcement by Dr. W. W. Johnston, county health officer.

Mr. Pendleton will be responsible for the inspection of all food-handling establishments, both stores and cafes, and schools, hotels, and motels in Hyde and a portion of Dare, spending three days in Hyde and two in Dare each week. Anyone desiring to contact the sanitarian may do so through the health department in Swan Quarter, where his office is located. Mr. Pendleton, his wife and five children have moved to Swan Quarter from Lawndale in Cleveland County.

After graduating from High Point College and the University of North Carolina, Mr. Pendleton has received training with the Gaston County Health Department in Gastonia.

DANCE TO AID MANTEO WATERFRONT PROJECT

New Docks Available to Visiting Yachts, and Small Boat Launching Ramp Also in Use

The Manteo waterfront improvement project is to be given a boost on Saturday night, March 15, by a St. Patrick's Dance to be held at the Dare County Shrine Club under the sponsorship of the Dare Power Boat Association. Tickets, priced at \$1 each, are now on sale, and all proceeds from the dance will go for the waterfront improvement. A new 14-foot Davis boat is to be given as a door prize, it has also been announced by John F. Wilson, Jr., president of the Dare Power Boat Association.

The waterfront improvement committee's current project is arranging for the installation of facilities to provide water and lights to yachts tying up at the town's new docks. The construction of two piers, 70 feet and 120 feet in length, and the driving of piling to provide tie up spaces for 12 yachts were completed under contract during December by George and Arnold Daniels of Wanchese. One of the spaces has been leased to the state for docking of the patrol boat "Croatan," leaving 11 spaces available for visiting yachts. The launching ramp for small boats has also been completed and is available for free use. Including assistance given by the town and county, around \$7,000 has been spent to date to acquire and develop the property, and long-range plans call for the erection of a club house or yacht club building.

Preliminary announcement was also made this week that the Dare Power Boat Association has made arrangements to sponsor an American Power Boat Association-sanctioned race here on May 24 and 25. Complete details will be announced later.

COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN FIND 245 POUND TUNA ASHORE ON HATTERAS

Commercial fishermen hauling the surf for striped bass on Monday discovered the carcass of a still fresh and bleeding 245 pound tuna that had drifted ashore because of injuries that may have been inflicted when it was struck by a boat, or driven ashore by shark or some other predatory form of marine life.

The fishing crew, Oliver O'Neal, Roy Gray, Dennis Robinson, Eph O'Neal and Desmond, Hallas and William Foster retrieved the big fish and hauled it in to Hatteras village.

Appearance of the big tuna in late January at Hatteras may be the answer to questions that many big game anglers have asked in recent years in the Hatteras area. Because giant tuna are taken with rod and reel in Nova Scotia and New England waters during the late summer and early autumn, and in the Bahamas and West Indies during the spring, and because they are known to be migratory fish, the unanswered question was, "When do they pass Cape Hatteras?"

Capt. Edgar Styron at Hatteras reported raising one of the large tuna to bait and sighting another near the surface near Diamond lightship late in March last year, but no more big tuna were reported during the spring or summer. Scores of small school tuna in the 10 to 20 pound class were taken by anglers off Hatteras and Oregon Inlet during the season, but these were the small school tuna or baby bluefins.

UNCLE WILLIE FROM WANCHESE WRITES:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

There's a old saying that whenever two Methodists git together one of them always passes the hat. Least wise that's what I always tell my old lady. She was a Methodist when we was married and I ain't never been able to git her changed over to the Baptist faith. One thing you can say fer them Methodists though, they're as stubborn as a mule in their crusade again sin. My old lady starts with the morning paper and she don't knock off till she starts snoring that night.

The first thing she does is to look at all the pages to see if there's any pictures of wimmen dressed up in nothing. It ain't often she's disappointed, and that sets her up fer the day with a store of conversation. "It's a terrible sin fer wimmen to git exposed in public like that," she'll start off. Where she'll end up is anybody's guess.

Of course, I ain't never said it to the old lady, but I figger that the way a woman looks on such thing: depends on what kind of chassis she herself has got. Them that's built fer comfort in place of speed ain't liable to ever think much of such pictures. The old lady is somewhat on the comfort angle.

Now, the first thing I look fer in the morning paper is to see what them politicians in Washington has did since I slopped the hogs last night. Most of the time they've took up where they left off the day before—talking. They

ROTARIAN RECEPTIVE TO DARE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

Miss Alexander Outlines Plans Monday for Making Highways Attractive to Visitors

The guest speaker of the Rotarians of Manteo Monday evening was Miss Edith F. Alexander, Dare County home agent who summarized the stages and aims of a movement now underway for beautifying the highways of Dare County.

Miss Alexander's talk was well received by Rotarians and brought forth a number of questions and assurance of support for the project. Rotarian O. J. Jones told of a trip to Florida on both sides of the state, whereby he was impressed by the absence of garbage cans, trash piles, etc. which might have detracted from the beauty of the highways.

As Dare County now has come to rely for a livelihood on tourist income in like proportion with Florida, the removal of the unsightliness which has never appeared to bother the home folks is now considered a vitally important project.

Julian Oneto of Nags Head, who made a logical appeal last week for contributions toward paying for the new piano at the Manteo high school, again brought the subject to the attention of the club.

Cliff Harriman of Regional office Richmond, of the NPS was introduced by Robert F. Gibbs. Dan Morrill's guests were J. D. Henry and Taft Joseph of Greenville. President Aycock Brown announced that Monday night of next week See ROTARIANS, Page Four

MARCH OF DIMES WILL CONTINUE INTO FEBRUARY

The 1958 March of Dimes in Dare County will be continued through the second week in February, in order to try to reach the quota of \$1500, according to announcement this week by Mrs. B. J. Baum of Manteo, county chairman. Mrs. Baum reports that very little has been sent in to date, but that she expects to be able to report a large sum in the near future. The Manteo school has undertaken to raise part of the quota, and other chairmen throughout the county are Mrs. Velma Barnett, Avon; Mrs. Levene Midgett, Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo; Mrs. Donald Oden, Hatteras; Mrs. W. R. Lingle, Buxton; Mrs. Maggie Midgett, Frisco; Mrs. Elmer Sawyer, Wanchese; Mrs. Jim Scarborough, Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk; Mrs. Dorothy Taylor, Manns Harbor; Mrs. Woodrow Best, Stumpy Point; John Midgett, Mashoes; Mrs. Horace A. Dough, Collington; Mrs. Agatha Gray, Manteo colored; Mrs. B. J. Baum, Manteo.

All the restaurants in Manteo contributed proceeds from coffee sales for one day recently, the total amounting to \$10.05.

Dare's record for immunization with Salk vaccine has been exceptionally good. In addition to children receiving the vaccine, 485 adults have taken advantage of the opportunity, having received three shots each in 1957. Anyone wishing the vaccine may receive same by calling at the public health center in Manteo on Wednesday or Friday.

DARE'S VACATION SEASON BEGINS IN MID-SPRING

Tourists Begin Visiting Area Even Before Season-Launching Pirates Jamboree in April

By AYCOCK BROWN Here along the Outer Banks of North Carolina's Dare Coast, the vacation season begins in mid-spring. To launch the season, the Dare Coast-Pirates Jamboree is presented in various communities of the region. The Jamboree is an unusual four-day festival, and this year it is scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, April 24-27.

A featured attraction of the 1958 Pirates Jamboree will be on Thursday, April 24, when the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, first seaside recreational unit of the National Park Service, will be dedicated. This dedication is expected to attract nationwide attention and bring to the Cape Hatteras Seashore region high governmental officials and persons from many states.

Remainder of the vacation launching event this year will include pirate doings, such as buccaneer and jolly roger balls, banker pony exhibitions, the world's biggest salt water fish fry (free), an East Coast jumping frog jubilee preliminary (with the winners slated for the Angel's Camp, California, competition in May), costume contests, jalopy races, fishing contests, boat races, sand skiing competition or exhibitions, treasure hunts and the selection of the Pirate king and queen who will retain that buccaneer honor for the following year.

Early Season The vacation season starts early along this coast and even before the Pirates Jamboree began as an official launcher each Spring, the flowers and sports of the region attracted many to the chain of islands of Dare's outer banks. By mid-spring, the maritime forests of the region are spotted with blooming dogwood, and by late March or early April channel bass and other fish have shown up in Oregon Inlet and the ocean's surf to attract anglers. In the fresh ponds, bays and lakes of the area by mid-spring, large mouth bass and bream are taking a variety of lures offered by anglers who like this kind of fishing.

This year there will be a new limited-access highway completed between Kitty Hawk and Nags Head connecting with roads to Roanoke Island and the west, and the highway to Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands. Last year a new toll-free three million dollar bridge spanning Croatan Sound on U. S. Highway 64 and 264 was completed and opened to traffic. Schedules of toll free ferries at Oregon Inlet have been increased and a new toll-free, state-operated ferry is operated between Hatteras and the new paved road on Ocracoke. In addition to hotel and motel facilities remaining open the year around, scores of modern places to stop will open during mid-spring.

THIS YEAR IS THE TIME TO CHOOSE WHETHER DARE IS TO SINK OR KEEP SWIMMING

A Big Broom is Needed in The Courthouse, and Particularly a County Board Willing to Protect the People's Interests; Unless Changes are Made This Year, We May Expect Continued Waste and High Taxes for Many Years.

MANTEO MAN NAMED ON FOREST INDUSTRIES GROUP



WILLIAM ERNST JR. of Manteo has been named on the N. C. Forest Industries Committee in Washington, D. C. this week. Mr. Ernst is manager of the N. C. Woodlands of the West Va. Pulp & Paper Co. lands in Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties. Another member of this statewide 12-man committee is L. R. Foreman, prominent Elizabeth City lumber man.

WANCHESE SEEKS FUNDS FOR STREET LIGHTING

Donations Totalling \$360 Being Sought at Rate of Approximately 30 Cents a Month Per Family

A campaign to raise \$360 necessary for the installation of street lights in the community has begun at Wanchese. At a meeting called by the Wanchese Ruritan Club this week, the project was turned over to a new group, the Wanchese Community Light Committee, and Wayland Baum, Stanley Newman and Mack Ray Etheridge were appointed to solicit funds from all residents of Wanchese.

By contract with the county commissioners, the Virginia Electric and Power Co. would install 20 street lights for \$360 a year or \$18 for each light. The commissioners require that they have on hand a year's rent in advance before they make any contract with the power company. If everyone contributes, the cost will be approximately 30 cents a month per family.

The donation plan of paying the street light bill is expected to be replaced by a tax levy if the legislature will pass a special bill creating Wanchese as a light district authorized to levy taxes.

TOLL COLLECTION FOR POLIO IS RE-SCHEDULED

Unsatisfactory weather last week end forced the postponement of the manning of the Roanoke Sound and Croatan Sound bridges to collect tolls for the March of Dimes. The sponsors of the project, the Oddfellows and Rebekah lodges, plan to man the bridges this week end, February 1 and 2, however. Members of the two organizations will solicit donations between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from all who cross the two bridges, and the "tolls" will go for the fight against polio.

MISS EDNA DOWDY IS NEW CASE WORKER FOR WELFARE

Miss Edna Bruce Dowdy of Manteo will on February 1 begin her duties as case worker for the Dare County Welfare Department, replacing Mrs. Clarence Butler who resigned to take a secretarial position in attorney Martin Kellogg's office.

Miss Dowdy has just completed four years at WCUNC, Greensboro, majoring in English. She will return to Greensboro in June to receive her diploma. She is planning to live at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Dowdy.

Dare County people may begin tightening their belts and preparing for some tight going next year, that is tighter going even than this year. It's going to be so the County Commissioners and others who are enjoying the fat jobs at the courthouse can have a lot more money to spend, provided of course some other factors don't pop up, as we shall see.

Last year the tax valuation of the county was set by the Board of Commissioners at approximately 18 and one quarter million dollars, which set up a per capita tax structure of more than \$3,400 for every man, woman and child in the county, which means of course levy must be made on this basis.

This load on the people of Dare County is more than double the state per capita load of \$1,350 and more than double the national average of about \$1,475. Isn't it odd, what with all the development that has taken place in Dare the county officials can't run the county without making it more than twice as hard on the people as is required throughout the state and nation.

Now if some of the trends that are going on this new valuation job that is being done for Dare County continue, we may see not only the tax structure doubled this year, which can mean everybody will have to pay twice as much taxes for the year 1958. It also forever removes Dare County from the "pauper class" in which it has thrived so long with extra grants from state and Federal funds on the ground that the people of Dare County could not help themselves. By claiming pauperism, this county has always got comparatively large sums for schools, and extraordinarily large grants for welfare.

But the Commissioners, God knows why, with a county full of real estate men, and plenty other men with commonsense, went out so far as New Jersey, and employed a group of men from that state, who employ college boys and returned veterans from New York state to come into Dare County and appraise the property for 1958 taxes. For this, the Commissioners agreed to pay \$22,000. Some of these appraisers have been working since Labor Day under a contract calling for completion by March 1. Roanoke Island is yet to be completed, and if the job is done on time, it will be the first one yet done by the county, and wherein the county didn't pay something extra beside.

These appraisers, who cannot be expected to know any more about Dare County property than some merchant from Dare County sent off to New York or New Jersey, to do similar work, are in so many cases putting double the valuation on the property it now has. Some cases more, and in mighty few instances, less. About the only noticeable decrease in valuation is that of the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company which gets a reduction of some half a million dollars because of damage last year from the worst forest fire in the See COURTHOUSE, Page Four

JURY TRIAL ASKED IN LOCAL ASSAULT CASE

Ronald Cox of Manteo, charged by Policeman D. L. Cannady with being drunk and disorderly, resisting arrest, and assault upon an officer with a deadly weapon (a knife), requested a jury trial Tuesday in Dare County Recorder's Court; the case was sent to Superior Court and bond was set at \$100.

Two cases dismissed were: Paul Dykstra of Nags Head, charged by Hazel Bowser with taking a car parked at the Dare County Shrine Club, and Lloyd Bowser of Manteo, charged with removing from Paul Dykstra's property a car on which Dykstra had a claim of \$78.28.

Submissions were as follows: Ervin Walter Wright, Newport News, Va., allowing an unlicensed operator to drive, \$12.50 fine and costs.

Grace Beatrice Wright, Newport News, Va., no operator's license, \$12.50 fine and costs.

Raymond Chester Pearce, Princeton, improper lights, \$5 fine and costs.

Winford Burnham, Elizabeth City, speeding 45 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone, \$10 fine and costs.