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SEASHORE PARK DEDICATION NEXT THURSDAY, MEMORABLE MILESTONE FOR COASTLAND

Impressive Ceremonies Launching Jamboree-Festival at Both Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and Bodie Island Beach Will Recognize Prominent Men Who Made Possible for Dare County and Ocracoke Island Only National Seashore Park.

Thursday, April 24, next week, will be a red letter day in the history of this coastland, for on this day will be held two ceremonies formally dedicating the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and recognizing a number of those men whose courage, vision and energy, made this great park possible for our state.

Two ceremonies will be held, the first at Cape Hatteras Lighthouse at 11:30 p.m. The second will be held at Coquina Beach, Bodie Island at 2:30 p.m. At the Cape Hatteras ceremony, a bronze plaque will be unveiled commemorating the initial gift of 2,700 acres of land at Cape Hatteras by the family of Henry Phipps.

Attending the ceremonies with Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the National Park Service will be Governor Luther Hodges of North Carolina, Hon. Lindsay Warren, who as Congressman introduced the legislation authorizing the park, and many other notables.

The dedication will be by Roger C. Ernst, assistant Secretary of the Interior. Also attending will be Paul Mellon, of the family which donated a million dollars to buy land for the park, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, and Admiral H. C. Moore, commandant Fifth Coast Guard District. Raymond R. Guest, a representative of the Phipps family will unveil the tablet at Cape Hatteras.

The establishment of a seashore park was first advocated in the early 1920's when W. O. Saunders, Elizabeth City newspaper publisher came out with bold headlines and maps advocating making the entire coast of North Carolina a great state park. It was an idea bold in conception for its time; it found but a few people with sufficient vision or interest to grasp its possibilities and its worth to the people. It also faced a tremendous barrier in lack of sufficient state funds to finance such project.

When Lindsay Warren got to Congress in 1924 a powerful advocate was added to the cause, and by the early 1930's he had enlisted strong support in Congress. For nearly ten years thereafter, government aid went into the project, first into reclamation projects, or the restoration of beaches which had been damaged by erosion.

In 1941, during the administration of Governor Broughton, the State of North Carolina spent its first funds in an effort to acquire land for the park. A commission of patriotic North Carolinians gave their efforts to the cause. An early and staunch advocate who put in a lot of hard work in behalf of the park, and who enlisted the interest of the Phipps family is Frank Stick, who pioneered since 1920 in developments of superior beach colonies on the Dare Coast.

The seashore park has met with opposition, mostly from people who feared the loss of profits from real estate. Those opponents of the park, sometimes by misrepresentation of the actual possibilities of the park, aroused opposition among other citizens. But most of them have come to see that the Seashore Park has hurt nobody; that on the other hand, it has made possible the development of many profitable business enterprises which cater to an ever growing number of tourists from across the nation who are annually attracted here through the advertising and promotion that has resulted for this area following the activities of the National Park service.

DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT MEETINGS ANNOUNCED BY COUNTY CHAIRMAN

Announcement of the date of precinct meetings, county and state conventions of the Democratic party were made this week by M. L. Daniels, Dare County chairman. The precinct meetings will be held at the usual voting places at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, and should be called by the precinct chairman, if there is one. However at the last county convention only about five of the 16 precincts in the county were represented, indicating there had been no party interest at the precinct level in more than two thirds of the precincts.

The precinct meetings should elect delegates to the county convention set for p.m. on Saturday, May 10th for the election of officers and select delegates to the state convention on May 15 in Raleigh.

ACTOR ANDY GRIFFITH FLANKED BY COASTAL ROYALTY



Andy Griffith of Roanoke Island, popular resident of Manteo, actor and recording artist emceed the Jolly Roger Ball in Nags Head Casino Saturday night, and is here flanked by the new Pirate Jamboree royalty of 1958: Linwood Tillett, of Kitty Hawk and Queen Mary Burrus, of Hatteras, who succeed King Pat Bayne and Queen Virginia Swain of Nags Head and Manteo. Governor Luther H. Hodges will crown King Linwood and Queen Mary during coronation ceremonies marking the conclusion of the Coquina Beach phase of the National Seashore dedication next Thursday afternoon, following addresses by state and Federal dignitaries. A record breaking crowd attended the Jolly Roger Ball to see Andy Griffith, and royalty selected Saturday night. (Aycock Brown Photo)

MRS. DAISY H. MIDGETT MEMBER OF GREAT TEAM SUCCUMBS TUESDAY NIGHT



Mrs. Daisy Harrison Midgett, wife of C. P. Midgett and daughter of the late Walter and Virginia Dowdy Harrison of Currituck County, died at nine p.m. Tuesday night in the Albemarle hospital of Elizabeth City, after several weeks illness. Beside her husband she is survived by a brother, Walter Harrison of Jarvisburg, and a sister, Mrs. Selma Sawyer of Powell's Point, and by several nephews and nieces. As a young woman Miss Daisy Harrison went to Rodanthe to teach and there she married Cornelius P. Midgett. For many years they lived at and maintained the famed Sand Ridge Lodge, first owned by a New York sportsman. The lodge was taken over by the Government as part of the Pea Island Wildlife refuge, and shortly afterward, the Midgetts bought The First Colony Inn at Nags Head which they have operated successfully for nearly a quarter century.

The fame of this wonderful couple has spread far, and their friendships are legion. Legion are those who have enjoyed their hospitality both at Rodanthe and at Nags Head, and wide recognition has been given them. During all the busy life they have spent the Midgetts have found time for enjoyment of it, and during their inactive seasons have found much pleasure in travel throughout the county, up and down and across its breadth, enjoying new scenes and meeting their many friends.

Wherever the name of the Midgetts is known, it is synonymous for wonderful hospitality, friendliness and food of the very best. The First Colony Inn is famed as a great institution. Its principal guiding light has been snuffed out. Beloved as are both Mr. and Mrs. Midgett, the passing of no one person may more keenly hurt more friends than has the death of Mrs. Midgett.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home in Elizabeth City; burial followed in the Manteo cemetery.

VALUATIONS OVER DOUBLE IN RESORT AREAS OF DARE CO.

New Jersey Firm Finds Terrific Increases in Atlantic, Hatteras and Kinnebeck Townships

Astounding figures turn up in values turned in by Dare County Commissioners long distance appraisals of county property. While the job is not yet complete, some figures have become available for publication, and if the County Board wants to, it can have a good old time bringing in the dough this year to spend. In some areas, the property valuation has more than doubled. In one area, it has remained static.

Not having time this week to give a better analysis of the terrific burden that may be imposed upon some taxpayers, we are printing the figures for five townships, showing the total real estate values. As we predicted some weeks ago, these figures bear out our belief that the County board is getting ready to sock it to the non-resident taxpayer who isn't able to vote, or where there are only a few of them able to vote. As we also predict, it will tend to drive out investors and the money they would spend to help Dare County's economy.

Another thing, such figures are being brought in by these imported appraisers, who knew nothing about Dare County before they came to pick up the \$22,000 the Commissioners are paying them, is going to force a lot of people to throw their property on the market with a tendency to bear down the value of land in Dare County.

Here are the valuations that have been put on the following townships in Dare County.

Township	Former	New Jer. Val.
Atlantic	\$6,100,000	\$15,260,000
Hatteras	970,619	2,022,130
Kennebeck	510,222	1,092,450
Croatan	654,503	834,800
East Lake	712,233	743,350

These valuations are supposed to see VALUATIONS, Page Four

TWO CANDIDATES FOR EACH PLACE ON DARE COMMISSIONER BOARD

There are two candidates who have filed for each of the five places on the Dare County Board of Commissioners. On Monday of this week, after repeated statements by Commissioner Lawrence Swain that he would not possibly run again, and after many people had endeavored for weeks to get some one to file from Nags Head township, but without success. Victor Meekins said he knew how to get a candidate out, so he went down and filed on Monday morning. The next day Lawrence Swain went down and filed, told friends his wife told him to do it. Previously he said she opposed it.

Chairman Claude Duvall, has filed, also Horace B. Hooper, of Stumpy Point, both from the Mainland District of Dare County.

From Atlantic Township, Hallett Perry the incumbent and David Stick have filed.

From Kennebeck Township, the incumbent, Newcomb Midgett and Woodrow Edwards of Waves have filed.

From Hatteras Township, George Fuller of Buxton, and Preston Bassnett of Frisco have filed. E. P. White, the incumbent, stepped down this year.

Up to Thursday, only two had filed for the Board of Education: Leland Wise of Stumpy Point, and R. O. Balance of Manteo, both incumbents.

R. Bruce Etheridge had filed for Representative; C. S. Meekins for Clerk of Court, and Frank Cahoon for Sheriff. Melvin R. Daniels had filed for Register of Deeds, opposed by Robert Lee Midgett of Manteo. Recorder's Judge W. F. Baum has filed.

From the Dare Beaches Sanitary District, the only person to file is Oscar Sanderlin of Kitty Hawk. The other members of this board are Pat Bayne and W. H. Smith.

SOPHOMORES RAISE \$75

A fried chicken supper, served by the sophomore class of Manteo High School last Thursday evening in the school cafeteria, netted \$75 for the class treasury. The sophomore class is very grateful to the mothers and other people who help them make a success of the affair. A large crowd was in attendance. The food was excellent, the service tops.

MUCH INTEREST IN GOLDEN WEDDING NEXT WEEK

Considerable interest attaches to the forthcoming observance of the Golden Wedding of Hon. and Mrs. R. Bruce Etheridge to be held at the Etheridge home near Manteo, on Tuesday, April 22.

Mrs. Etheridge came to Manteo as Miss Lizzie Webb, from Chowan County, and taught several years, and here met Mr. Etheridge who was then active in public affairs, cashier of the bank, and farmer. She became one of the community's greatest church workers and homemakers.

The Etheridges have not mailed any invitations but declare open house for the event, and a welcome to all their friends. "We are not after presents," said Mr. Etheridge, "and we will be greatly disappointed if all our friends don't call on us." The hours are four to seven p.m.

DARE BEACHES TO BE ALIVE WITH ENTERTAINMENT THREE FULL DAYS, BEGINNING APR. 27

Great Activity Planned For Hatteras Island Friday, 25th, with Fish Fry, Jeep and Pony Stunts; Pirate's Battle, Ball and Festival Near Nags Head on Saturday. Religious Services Sunday at Mann Harbor.

PARK SERVICE DIRECTOR ON PROGRAM THURSDAY



CONRAD L. WIRTH, Director of the National Park Service, no stranger in this locality, a career man with the Department of Interior who has worked his way steadily to the top place will be on the coast next week to assist in the dedication of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, a project which has had his sincere interest for many years. He will speak next Thursday at exercises dedicating the park.

NO SURRENDER IN FIGHT TO DEVELOP DARE WOODLANDS

West Virginia Co. Will Continue Battle to Improve Vast Forest Acreage

There is no inclination on the part of the owners to surrender yet in the struggle to develop the vast mainland acres of Dare County into a productive source of timber, despite the severe losses resulting from disastrous fires, according to William Ernst Jr., manager for the West Va. Pulp and Paper company's woodlands operation in Dare, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

Mr. Ernst's statement this week will be good news to many people who appreciate the value of the more than \$600,000 a year the company is pouring out in this area in its development and planting operations.

In the past five years the company has spent among the people of the area approximately two million dollars. These figures do not take into account the large sum See NO SURRENDER, Page Five

\$86,211.89 TAXES UNCOLLECTED TWO YEARS AGO IN DARE

Sum Probably Now Much Greater, Showing Lack of Effort By County Officials

Citizens of Dare County who have to scrimp and save, and figuratively sweat blood by denying themselves much-needed things in order to pay the high taxes which the county officers have been wasting, may be interested in knowing that a lot of other people don't have to pay, and owe the county over 86 thousand dollars in uncollected taxes.

Or at least \$86,211.89 was admitted as owing two years ago, according to the last audit that was made by R. O. Howard, and it is quite likely that the amount owing is now much larger. This total accumulated in only seven years, since 1949.

It is interesting to note these figures as an illustration of just how poorly the county officials are attending to their job. Instead of collecting the taxes, as efficiently as they might, they raise taxes every year to get what money they want to spend. Many special friends owe taxes; to make them pay up, might cost votes.

Don't you forget it, this is money \$86,888.27, that other folks haven't bothered about paying in only the seven years ending June 30, 1956. Some people don't think this is quite fair to the citizens who do pay. It looks like about all is done is accept the money of those who See TAXES, Page Five

UNCLE SAM FROM SYCAMORE WRITES:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

A story in the papers says folks has got to git acquainted with the new space vocabulary and pay more attention to space matters.

I'm pretty well trained in space matters. I was raised in a family of eight living in four rooms. We conquered the space problem when I was a boy. And as fer getting me a new space vocabulary, about all I need to know is that ICBM stands fer I Can Be Murdered by one of them long range shotguns.

I'm a heap more concerned over another kind of space right at this time. I see where the Senate voted the other day to pay \$965,000 fer parking space next to the new Senate office building. Considering that we ain't got but 96 Senators, that comes to \$10,052.0r fer each Senator to git parked each morning, or on such mornings as he comes to work. The piece states the lot will hold 285 automobiles. I reckon the other 189 spaces is fer stenographers and constituents. We bought the whole state of Florida from Spain fer not much more than we paid fer this parking space. Looks like this space business is getting to be a big problem, both up yonder and down here.

Newspapers is devoting more words to money matters and space matters these days than everything else put together. If it ain't a new space plan it's a new money plan. Fer instance, this feller was talking on television the other night and he said we could cure all our finance

troubles if everybody paid cash on the barrel-head. The pore feller don't seem to know that in 1958 the stores don't have no barrels and the customers ain't got no cash.

Even our preacher got to talking about money matters Sunday. He said folks was putting more nickels in the juke box than they was putting in the collection plate. It's evident that he ain't been around much lately. It takes a dime these days to git them hog-calling voices out of a juke box. Elvis Presley ain't about to give us his "Jail House Rock" fer a nickel.

And even when the newspapers do git off the subject of space and money, they keep us confused. Fer instance I was reading where some woman in Rhode Island has been weeping fer 11 straight days. That's all the piece said. It didn't tell why she was weeping, what she was weeping fer, or if she ever got what she was weeping about. I'll lay awake all night trying to figger out why she was weepin-g. I think I'll write that dad-burned editor a letter and ask him.

Up at the store Saturday night, Ed was telling about his boy gitting a raise in pay. Ed said that when they got through putting it through the wringer of deductions, withholdings, and social security, the boy was bringing home 86 cents less per week than before he got the raise. That's the way finances is going in the space age.

Yours truly
Uncle Sam

PIRATE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF 1958



John B. Etheridge and Pattie Long, each residents of Roanoke Island, were selected as pirate prince and princess of the 1958 Dare Coast Jamboree during a special costumed dance at the High School Auditorium in Manteo on Friday night, an event with music by Francis Meekins and his Sea Tones combo. The new junior royalty succeed Frankie White and Diane Tillett who were selected prince and princess last year. (Aycock Brown Photo)

By AYCOCK BROWN
Roger C. Ernst, assistant secretary, U. S. Department of the Interior will deliver the address at the Coquina Beach phase of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area dedication near Bodie Island light, on Thursday, April 24 at 2:30 o'clock, second event of the day marking the launching of the fourth annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree.

Governor Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina, Paul Mellon of the Avalon Foundation from which funds, matched by North Carolina, resulted in land acquisition for the National Seashore and former U. S. Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren of Washington, N. C., who as First District Congressman of N. C., introduced the bill creating this first oceanside recreational area of the Interior Department will deliver greetings. Conrad Wirth, director of the National Park Service will preside while music for the occasion will be provided by Elizabeth City High School's pirate band.

In addition to speaking at this spot, south of Nags Head, there will be two unique events. Mixing of waters from Old Faithful Geyser at Yellowstone, the first National Park, with the waters of Cape Hatteras, the first National Seashore will be a special ceremony in which Governor Hodges, Mr. Ernst and Rear Admiral H. C. Moore of the U. S. Coast Guard and the recreational area's Superintendent Robert F. Gibbs, will participate. And then, from the special dedication stage Governor Hodges will officially crown the 1958 Pirate King Linwood Tillett of Kitty Hawk and Pirate Queen Mary Burrus of Hatteras.

Special Cape Hatteras Program
The Coquina Beach dedication will follow a special program at famous Cape Hatteras Lighthouse at 11:30 o'clock, Thursday morning. Visiting dignitaries of the dedication will be airlifted from Nags Head to Cape Hatteras aboard helicopters to witness the unveiling of a plaque commemorating a gift of 2700 acres of land to the National Seashore by the family of Henry Phipps. Raymond R. Guest, a member of the Phipps family will unveil the plaque. A special picnic by invitation only, for the dignitaries will be served by the residents of Hatteras Island.

An evening feature of the dedication will be a preview of the new National Seashore movie, with the public invited to attend at no charge. This will take place in the Manteo High School Auditorium at 7:30 o'clock and a Coronation Ball will follow at Nags Head Casino.

Friday Phase of Jamboree
Highlight of the Hatteras Island phase of the Jamboree program Friday, April 25, will be the annual world's biggest free salt water fish fry. It will be held at the Point of Cape Hatteras where other morning phases of Hatteras Jamboree day will be held.

At 11 o'clock Friday morning, the Hatteras Coast Guard will stage a life saving drill followed by special events for children. After the mid-day fish fry there will be an exhibition of horsemanship by Ocracoke Island's mounted boy scout troop on their once wild banker ponies. The events through early afternoon will take place south of Cape Hatteras near the National Seashore parking area and the Point of the Cape.

A beach buggy race near Hatteras village, eight miles southwest of the Cape will be an afternoon attraction starting at 3 o'clock, with a gala fireworks display over the surf near the lighthouse at Buxton scheduled for 7:30 in the evening. This will be followed by an open air dance at the National Seashore parking area near Cape Point. During the See JAMBOREE, Page Five

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