

**INTERIOR OFFICIAL'S PREDICTIONS FAVORABLE TO CAROLINA COAST**

Remarks of Assistant Secretary of The Interior Roger Ernst at The Dedication of Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area on April 24.

The occasion today is particularly happy, since we have met to celebrate acquisition of the first National Seashore. Its rescue for the people of the Nation was due to a remarkably cooperative effort between Governments and individuals. Members of this audience can be credited with a major role in winning this shore for the entire country's use. Your foresight and magnificent determination were important contributions toward the preservation of these sunny sands. Our shoreline is disappearing quickly into private development, and the entire country is indebted to the persons and agencies who fought together to save Cape Hatteras.

I do not want to take your time to single out again those persons who worked so unselfishly to preserve these grounds. However, I must pay tribute to the memory of the late Senator Scott. I join with all of you in mourning his passing. His leadership as governor in 1950 was vitally helpful in the work climaxed here today.

These storied Outer Banks were particularly desirable because of their great potentials for public use. Actually, they are just beginning to come into their own as a recreational site.

As our population soars and as available seashore dwindles, we should be increasingly grateful for the wisdom of the far-sighted persons who recognized the need to save the barrier islands from the attack of tides and winds.

Cape Hatteras has been a familiar phrase in the romance of the seas for centuries. It is remarkable that it remained so secluded for so long. Perhaps it is also fortunate. Commercial development has swallowed up mile after mile of the Carolina coasts. But here we have a broad doorstep to the ocean available to all. It requires no crystal ball to predict that within a very few years visitation will climb to new records here. By 1966, when the National Park Service celebrates its 50th anniversary, this area will be teeming with summer visitors. There is still much work to be done to insure that the area is kept to its highest standard of service. Now that we have this new member of the park areas, we must keep it in fine repair. The sea will see to it that we do not lack for work.

In a few minutes we will mix the waters of the Cape, the first National Seashore, with water from Yellowstone, the first National Park. It is very fitting that we have this mingling of the oldest and newest park areas. Both are devoted to the same primary goals—the fullest enjoyment and appreciation of the natural and human values.

In a sense it is paradoxical to refer to Cape Hatteras as the junior to Yellowstone. These blue sounds and their outer bastion were in use long before white men adventured into Yellowstone and discovered its wonders.

Mariners noted its treacherous shoals early in the days of trans-oceanic shipping. Shipping commerce recognized it as an entrance to a raw and rich continent. Pirates pounced on it as a convenient base for their plunder. Yet it went along for years as a sort of out-of-the-way piece of real estate. Those times are past.

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**MAY DAY OBSERVED AT MANTEO SCHOOL**



MISS MARGARET PEARCE of Manteo, who reigned as May Queen Thursday afternoon at May Day exercises on the lawn of the Manteo High School. Miss Pearce, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pearce of Manteo, was Miss Dare County of 1957 and in 1956 represented the Manteo Lions Club at the International Cup Regatta in Elizabeth City.

Guy Daniels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Daniels of Wanchese, was Lord of May. Sandra Beavers Robinson was maid of honor, Lynn Green and Johnnie Wescott, mascots, served as flower girl and crown bearer.

The colorful May Day program was put on by the Manteo Seniors, who combined May Day with Senior Day. The theme was "Maytime," and between dances Sandra Beavers Robinson sang "Maytime." 12 Seniors, six boys and six girls, danced the Virginia Reel, and 14 Senior girls wound the Maypole.

All of the 35 class members who were not principals in the performance were members of the Queen's court.

**MANTEO PARTY CONSIDERS TRIP TO ENGLAND AND EUROPE WORTH WHILE**

Mrs. Grizelle Fearing of Manteo, who has just returned from a several weeks trip to England and Europe considers it well worth while to see the many interesting places covered on this trip. She was accompanied by her son, Brady Fearing of Miami, and her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Andrews of Manteo.

Mr. Fearing is employed by Pan American Airways in Miami, and joined them in New York where they departed by Pan-Am for the 13-hour flight to London on April 5th. On April 19th the son returned from Paris while they prolonged their visit by a return trip to England.

Mrs. Fearing says she never walked so much in her life, but despite it gained weight, due to the custom of eating about five times a day which prevails in places she visited.

In London, they were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Yeates, former Manteo residents who returned to England two years ago.

Most impressive of many castles visited was that of the Hapsburgs, their former summer home with 4,000 rooms, golden tables, etc. Many of the old castles in England and Europe are now museums and art galleries and mainly visitor attractions.

All travel was by air. They visited Milan and Rome in Italy, witnessed Pope Pius give his morning blessing to the assembled populace, travelled to Vienna and Paris, crossed the Alps and saw the magnificence of these mountains under the sunlight.

British people were observed to be a hardy race; well wrapped up and apparently enjoying sitting in their parks even in the cold weather which prevailed.

It was a never-to-be-forgotten picture of beautiful countryside, great cathedrals, old castles and churches, gleaming mountains and galleries of statuary, paintings, tapestries, and ancient Roman ruins.

**FIRST BIRTHDAY IS OCCASION FOR PARTY**

R. V. Owens III of Manteo entertained a number of little friends at a party on April 25, his first birthday, on the lawn at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Cora Mae Basnight. Being held during the annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree, all the guests were attired in pirate costumes. The chocolate cake was decorated with a pirate's flag design, and was served with ice cream. Party favors were given.

Those present included Tommy and Krystin Fearing, Malcolm Fearing, Grizelle Andrews, Debra Daniels, Colleen Reynolds, Karen and John Etheridge, Wilton Wescott, Lynn and Jacqueline Tillet, Kimberly Mavrommatis, M. L. Daniels III, Karl Daniels, Della and Marc Basnight, Clara Mae Owens, Melody Cannady, April Trew, Jack Cahoon, Matilda Baum, Robin Rogers, Martha Peele and Holly Meekins.

zona we have an abiding respect for water values. It is somewhat breathtaking to contemplate the watery playground available here. If time permitted I would like to get a line into the water and try out some of the fantastic fishing I've heard so much about on this all too brief visit. I intend to return some day and see how generous the Gulf Stream will prove.

It is somewhat of an engineering marvel that we have a Cape Hatteras to dedicate. Nature is an insistent opponent and the persistent reinforcement of the Cape against the ocean is a masterpiece of Man's ingenuity. I would like a closer look at the measures taken to keep the Cape above water, and like any tourist, I want to learn more about the shipwrecks, wildlife, lighthouses, fort, Indians and geological phenomena. I haven't heard enough yet about the heroic rescue feats or the pirates.

**SPRINGTIME ON PARADE ART EXHIBIT MAY 17**

The Roanoke Island Garden Club is planning an art exhibit, sponsored by the Manteo Woman's Club, in connection with the flower show to be held on May 17 in the Community Building in Manteo. All artists in the area are asked to take part. Only wall space will determine the number of pictures used, but at least one from each entrant will be hung.

Chairman of the Art Exhibit of Springtime on Parade is Mrs. Mollie Fearing Andrews.

**BUXTON PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fulcher and children of Norfolk, Charles Fulcher from Groton, Conn., and A. B. Fulcher from Boston, Mass., were home to visit their parents Mr. and Mrs. Albin Fulcher over the week end.

Mrs. Charlotte Tolson came home to visit her children for a few days. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hendricks from Norfolk.

Mrs. Rena Kidd of Indiana visited Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Midgett. Mr. and Mrs. John Midgett and family of Norfolk spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Midgett.

Mr. McCurrey of the faculty of Cape Hatteras School spent the week end at his home in Blowing Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dobbs visited her brother Buren Scarborough in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Scarborough and daughter Joyce left Sunday for Norfolk. Their son Lloyd came home for the Jamboree.

Peter Finnigan son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Finnigan of Norfolk, visited his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hooper and children visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Jennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Payne, Mrs. Mable Shelton and Cindy, Mrs. Lorena Midgett, and Mrs. Hazel Whidbee and Mrs. W. H. Watson were down for the week end and to attend the Jamboree.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Welch and daughter Sharon of Boynton, Va., Letitia and George Perry and sons Woody and Brian of Hertford visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred I. Jones.

Miss Shirley Willis of New Orleans visited her aunt Mrs. Fred I. Jones over the week end.

Elvin Dixon, from Suffolk, Va., sent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Williams, of Portsmouth, Va., visited his grandmother Mrs. Melissa Williams, and stayed with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Fulcher while taking in the Jamboree.

Mr. and Mrs. Junius Jennett, Jr. and family were visiting his parents for a few days.

The Cape Hatteras P. T. A. meets in the Hatteras School Tuesday May 6th. at 8 p.m. where new officers will be installed.

**FRISCO PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Rollinson and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rollinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Willis of Beaufort and Mrs. Tom Meads and children from Elizabeth City visited Mr. and Mrs. Julian Austin recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sales of Richmond were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shafter Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Willis and son, are in Elizabeth City.

Albert Austin and son Albert Jr. and George Softly left Monday for Philadelphia, after several days with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Austin.

Albert Whedbee, and Hilton Gray visited Mr. and Mrs. George Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Tolson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Tolson have returned to Norfolk after visiting Mrs. H. C. Willis and Mrs. Edgar Tolson.

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