

HATTERAS MAN IS SEEKING SHRIMP IN CHINCOTEAGUE

Gets Questions and Answers on Fishing Enterprise From Hardtimes Hunt

By HARDTIMES HUNT CHINCOTEAGUE

There might be shrimp, in quantities large enough for commercial handling and size large enough for anybody, in Eastern Shore inland bays. Two men of much experience and knowledge of the water discussed this today. One was Mack Turlington, king of Turlington's docks, charter and commercial boats, fisheries and allied interests, speaking from a mental file covering six decades—the other was first mate Edison Meekins of Hatteras of the dragger "Miss Peele," home port Manteo, N. C. but based here for as long as fishing is good.

Ed told how dredge boats in lower Chesapeake had brought up a lot of dead shrimp in their scrapes after the first hard freeze last winter and Mack said he heard the same thing happened on the seaside. This correspondent offered the suggestion that maybe, if they existed here, local shrimp traveled below surface and above bottom like some Gulf varieties—the idea brought no visible agreement.

Ed spoke of the possibility that shrimp might breed in these waters, from scattered large ones, and then migrate south while still in the growing stage. Mack said this was true of some species, like the late crop of spots that existed in millions and three-inch length at the close of fishing here—also jumping-mullet (fatbacks) that were spawned in the creeks in July and got to be six to eight inches long by late September; and then rode the first big northeaster south and grew to three pounds and up in Carolina.

This correspondent told how he used to gill-net for spots in Magothy Bay and frequently caught as many as a dozen large shrimp which'd tangled their feet in the webbing—and maybe thousands had gone through the 3-inch

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MANTEO PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Burgess and small daughter have returned from a week's trip to Florida and in Darien, Georgia, where they visited Mrs. Burgess' sister, Mrs. Forrest Sawyer. They were accompanied by Mrs. Beatrice Midgett of Manteo, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Midgett of Manns Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones, Jr., and son, Ray III, have returned to their home in Sanford after visiting Mr. Jones' parents.

Arvin Midgett returned last week end from the Marine Hospital, Norfolk, where he recently underwent an operation.

Miss Effie Read Westcott has returned to Hamlet, where she teaches, after visiting her sisters, Misses Holland and Hettie Westcott.

Mrs. Celdon Francis and daughter, Nelda of Manteo, and Mrs. Jimmie Umphlett and daughter, Ricky Lynn of Manns Harbor, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. David Guidry in Morgan City, La. Mrs. Francis and Mrs. Umphlett are sisters of Mrs. Guidry.

Mrs. Susie Malco visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Malco in Point Harbor Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Malco and son Jimmie had just returned from a trip to New York and Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts of Sanford arrived Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Meekins. On Tuesday the two couples visited Ocracoke.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rea had as their guests last week end Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson of Roper and the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Norman of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are parents of Mrs. Rea and Mrs. Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Westcott are expected home this week from Jamaica, where they have been vacationing. Mr. Westcott having won an all-expense-paid trip offered by General Electric, in connection with the Manteo Furniture Company.

Mrs. J. B. Peterson of Manteo and the Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Brown of Manteo and Maury have returned from Lake Junaluska, where they attended an evangelistic conference.

Mrs. Don Braswell and daughter, Laney, of Raleigh, are visiting Mrs. Braswell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Parker.

Mrs. Cora Barron left Thursday for her home in Washington, D. C., after visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. H. Ward, Sr., for two weeks.

Mrs. S. A. Walker and son, Sam, of Poplar Branch, were visitors in Manteo Tuesday.

Returning home last Saturday from summer school at UNC, Chapel Hill, were Mrs. Hal Ward, Miss Mary Blanche Meekins, Billy Midgett, Woodson Fearing, Jr. and William Neustadt.

meshes—and anyway, some days in fall all the creeks down that way were solid full of little inch-long shrimp!—the water was a-work and they jumped all over your deck, poling in, some days!

Ed said it would probably be worthwhile to experiment with set-trawls (winged beam-trawls set across) at varying depths to see what the channel tides brought into them. Mack said in some places they'd get together and do some pioneering. He referred to the pungent comparisons made by Bonnard Hurdle about Ocean City and Hatteras party boat methods versus local attitudes—Bonnard always ends such comparisons with... them people explore!

This correspondent volunteered that to wait and observe success before trying new methods was characteristic of the Eastern Shore of Virginia—like the times years ago, when the eel grass was here and alive with scallops which everybody said was pretty but that was all; and ole man G. Martin came over from Bull Island and started shucking the things and made a solid fortune, for awhile. Mate Edison said "... DID?" and Mack said that usually reporters asked questions and got answers—and it was right discouraging to be interviewed by somebody that seemed to want to do both.

SUMMER STORY HOURS AT LIBRARY TO CLOSE

Sessions For 6-9 Age Group To Be Resumed September 6

The Dare County Library will close for Labor Day. The end of summer brings also the close of the two story hours conducted weekly during June, July, and August. Friday of this week will be the last meeting of the first summer reading program in several years. So gratifying are the results to all concerned—children, parents, and librarians—that the library hopes to make this a regular feature of the summer activities.

The 9 to 12 age group, both boys and girls, gathered with their leaders, Jeanetta Overcash of the library staff, and Patty Gibbs, a volunteer assistant, around the kitchen table of the Community Building, since space in the library is limited. Here the group talked about books read during the week, recommended favorites, played games, and enjoyed refreshments. Gail Brown and Nevin Westcott added interest to the hour when they displayed their hobbies. Many of this group kept records and comments on the books read to show to their teachers when school reopens.

Marjorie Gray, clerical employee for the summer, held her story hour for the younger children, age 5 to 8, in the Children's Room. When temperatures soared, they obtained permission to meet on the Baptist Church lawn. This proved a delightful arrangement, and the Library staff is grateful for the cooperation of the church.

Children say the storyhour was fun; parents say that it filled a need, especially for the pre-school child; and the following statistics prove its popularity:

Total enrollment—68; average attendance—21; number of written reviews—109; circulation of juvenile books for the three months—3000.

Though this special reading program ends on Friday, the story hour for the 6-9 year olds which has been held regularly through the school year will reopen on Friday, September 26. More information about this children's activity will be given at a later date.

WANCHESE PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Daniels and son, Barry, of Smyrna were week end guests of Mr. Daniels' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daniels.

Mrs. Dan Davis and children and Mr. J. H. Daniels of Columbia visited here Tuesday.

Theoff Wescott is visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Forbes, in Norfolk.

Mrs. Sibyl Sawyer of Norfolk spent the week here with her mother, Mrs. Emma Daniels.

Bertha Harrison has returned to her home in Windsor after visiting here.

Misses Laura Daniels and Margaret Jean Tillet left Tuesday for Princess Ann County, where they will teach.

Mrs. Madalene Massengale of Nashville, Tenn., visited Mrs. Shirley Murray Tuesday.

Janet Stetson has returned to her home in Norfolk after visiting Mrs. Woodrow Stetson.

Cary Stetson and Victor Daniels, Jr., of Beaufort, S. C., visited their parents last week end.

Carol Tillet is visiting Irving Williams, Jr., in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Daniels and daughter, Deborah, of Green Cove Springs, Fla., visited here recently.

Alvah Williams and sons of Great Bridge, Va., were week end guests of A. J. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Daniels and children spent Sunday in Columbia with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Daniels.

Mrs. Vance Lewis has returned to Pinetops after visiting her niece, Mrs. Millard Crank.

Iran Midgett of Hampton, Va., is visiting her aunt, Miss Rowena Midgett, who also has as her guest Sunday Mrs. Louraina Midgett of Rodanthe.

Mrs. Ivey Evans and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ward in Norfolk.

Maria and Lee Daughtry are visiting their father, Morris Daughtry, in Norfolk.

Mrs. Bulah Williams has returned to St. Petersburg, Fla., after visiting her sister, Mrs. Missouri Williams and brother, LeRoy Midgett.

Miss Joan Daniels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Daniels, is visiting relatives in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Mrs. Llewellyn Daniels and daughters, Myra, Mrs. Ward Daniels and son Georgia were in Norfolk Tuesday.

BUS SCHEDULE BETWEEN MANTEO AND HATTERAS Effective April 1, 1958

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WATER

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you believe. "The Sanitary District was formed by you, the voters so that we could have a better and safer place for our families and tourists to reside. The commissioners were elected by you to investigate the feasibility of a water system and fire protection.

"The present commissioners of the town of Kill Devil Hills passed a resolution that we do not need a water system or additional fire protection. A formal complaint was made to the Local Government Commission in Raleigh where a date was set by Mr. Easterling, Secretary to the Commission. Attending this meeting from the town of Kill Devil Hills were the mayor, Tom Cheers, R. H. Cook, and Leo Murphy. From the Sanitary District were P. J. M. Bayne, Orville Baum, W. H. Smith, and Martin Kellogg, attorney for the Sanitary District. The Health Department was represented by Mr. McKimmon, Chief, Engineering Section, Sanitary Engineering Division of the State Board of Health, Mr. Walter Lackey and Mrs. O. N. Rich of the Health Department. The Southern Mapping and Engineering Company of Greensboro, the Sanitary District engineers were represented by R. D. Stout and his associate, Mrs. Dorothy Dugger.

"As we have quoted before, Mr. Easterling said that the complaint made by the officials of the town of Kill Devil Hills was without foundation, and Mr. Easterling considered the water bond issue sound and feasible. The Health Department, whose only interest is the welfare of our community, is one hundred percent in favor of the water system. They consider our present system of shallow pumps, due to the ever increasing population, a definite health hazard.

"Who is better qualified to say whether we need a water system,—the Health Department or a few citizens in the community who are selfishly opposed to this water system or any other means of progress. Analyze your own needs and the needs of your neighbors and go to the polls on September 6, 1958 and vote for the water bond issue and make the Dare Beaches a safer and better place to live for you, your families, and our main means of support, the tourist.

"If the bond issue is voted on favorably, the Housing & Home Finance Agency, an agency of the U. S. Government, will have an engineer here as will the N. C. Department of Health, who will inspect and pass on all work. In addition the agency will control attorney and engineering fees in connection with the project. They will insure the quality and cost of materials from start to finish of the system. All of this is without cost to the taxpayer. In addition, we will have our own engineers from the Southern Mapping & Engineering Company of Greensboro, N. C.

"The town of Kill Devil Hills now enjoys a reduction in fire rates under endorsement B on frame buildings. Their rate is now .60¢ per \$100 on the building and .60¢ per \$100 on contents. Under class 8 the rate will be .26¢ per \$100 on frame buildings and .29¢ per \$100 on contents. A concrete-block building is now .45¢ per \$100 on building and .45¢ per \$100 on contents. Under Class 8 the rate will be .1¢ per \$100 on building and .20¢ per \$100 on contents. On Brick veneer and Asbestos siding the rate is .60¢ per \$100 on building and .60¢ per \$100 on contents. Under class 8 the rate will be .26¢ per \$100 on building and .29¢ per \$100 on contents. In all cases, the saving will be at least one-half of the present rate.

EAST LAKE (Continued from Page One)

church, and it never costs anything to get work done for it. He says this week Chester Holmes is back from Norfolk mowing the grass. George Ambrose, carpenter in Elizabeth City comes back to work on the church. Other churches pay for janitors, but this work is done free by Mr. Twiddy, and others when needed.

Preaching is held at the church every second and fourth Sunday nights in the month. There is a church school service every Sunday, and no others. The church owes no money.

There is great loyalty from all former East Laker toward their old home community, wherever you find them. This community has been traditionally famed for hospitality, and stranger always found a ready welcome, and free food and lodging at every house, until the days of good roads took everyone through in a hurry.

Good roads brought some disadvantages to East Lake. For the roadside canals dug to make a roadbed, brought in an excess of water which ruined most of the fields. Periodic high tides came and damaged crops and brought about the abandonment of many acres.

Good roads encourage more and more people to move out to other neighborhoods which have the advantage of electric lights and telephones.

And finally good roads caused their school to be taken away. a

MANY CALLS KEEP COAST GUARD ON THE GO WEEK ENDS

A Lot of False Alarms, As Well as No Need For Aid When They Get There

Norfolk.—One tragic drowning-two close calls, and one apparent false alarm last week end, marred what was otherwise a relatively safe period on Fifth Coast Guard District waters, for the week ending Aug. 17.

The drowning occurred on Sunday, when a 20-year old male fell overboard from an outboard motorboat in Maryland's Severn River.

Just eight hours before, there was a report of a man in danger in the water off Ocean City, Maryland. In this case, a Coast Guard DUKW sped to the scene and found, fortunately, that the swimmer had already been saved by local lifeguards.

In another close call—this one in the vicinity of Oak Island, N. C., a 14-foot outboard with three occupants capsized Saturday. Within 90 minutes, a Coast Guard 30-foot patrol boat had safely recovered the trio and moored the craft at Southport.

Early Sunday morning, four people were marooned on Maryland's isolated Sharps Island,

short time after a new building had been erected. It also brought about the consolidation of the Buffalo City postoffice with that of East Lake.

To those who love East Lake it has come as a tough blow to see its population shrink from 374 to 87.

But so long as East Lake lasts, there will be those who love it and who will treasure its childhood memories, and who will return to visit it, and to view again the old shrines of days of long ago.

For East Lake has a long history as a land where the milk of human kindness flowed freely. It was a land of toil and some troubles, but of tolerance and of forgiveness, and where always when emergency exacted, revealed the Christian spirit predominating.

Before the Methodist Church became established in East Lake, the community was predominantly united under the Primitive Baptist Faith, and numerous citizens of Kitty Hawk became preachers in this church. Due to the death of many old members, and removal of numerous church leaders to other communities, the church has practically finished its day, although its building is kept in fair repair, and once in a long while others come from afar to lead services in it.

Within the past 20 years the Pentecostal faith has gained a large following in East Lake, and a church has been built. At the present time its pastor is Ed F. Hooper of Salvo, who holds preaching services monthly.

when their 14-foot outboard broke loose and drifted into the Chesapeake Bay during a sudden squall. A 40-footer was dispatched from Tilgham Island, and the wayward boat was returned to its owners within a half an hour.

That same afternoon, an 18-foot sailboat was in double-trouble between the Virginia Capes; the winds were unfavorable, and her outboard motor was inoperative. The Coast Guard Harbor Entrance Patrol boat stood by the stranded craft until a 30-footer arrived from Little Creek to give her a tow. Shortly thereafter, the winds improved and the sailboat went the rest of the way in on her own.

In ten other cases over the week end, the Coast Guard had to tow disabled boats to the dock, but this figure—like the week end assistance case total of 32—was comparatively low for the summer. And there was encouragement in the fact that, for once, a week end was free of boats aground or out of fuel.

ROANOKE ACRES CHRISTIAN CHURCH REVIVAL SEPT. 3

Announcement is made that a revival will begin at Roanoke Acres Church of Christ near Manteo, Wednesday, September 3, and it will continue through the following Wednesday, Sept. 10th. The preaching will be by Harold Turner, minister, formerly of Elizabeth City. The pastor of this congregation is Cecil Davis of Elizabeth City. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

QUARTERLY SONG FESTIVAL

The quarterly Song Festival held at the Manns Harbor Methodist Church will take place Sunday evening, August 31, and all church members and any others who enjoy singing are invited to be present.

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