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ANOTHER SEASON LOOMS FOR TOURISTS WITH PROMISE OF GREAT THINGS AT HATTERAS

Hatteras Island Area Forecast As Site for Greatest Boom in Coastland History; Convention Hall, Golf Course, Yacht Club, Airport, Swimming Pools, Etc. Projected. Plans Drawn as Tourist Promotion Bureau Elects Officers.

The biggest boom in coastal history is believed to be headed for Hatteras Island and nearby Ocracoke right away, according to the belief of many people, not merely on the Outer Banks, but in central North Carolina and other parts of the Atlantic seaboard. Enthusiasm is rife this week with the announcement that blue prints have been worked up, calling for the outlay of millions to provide all the facilities needed to create a superior convention area at Hatteras.

As the Dare County Tourist Bureau closed its annual session Wednesday night with a dinner at Gibson's restaurant at Hatteras, came news that the first step to be undertaken is to provide an airstrip for tourists at Hatteras. For some two years engineers and architects, including some Florida interests, have been drawing plans for the proposed developments at Hatteras.

Such plans call for a large convention hotel, an 18-hole golf course, an assembly hall and auditorium, an airport, a yacht club and larger marinas, swimming pools and numerous other facilities to interest large groups of tourists. Hatteras business men already have knowledge of these plans, and are lending their cooperation as requirements shape up. Further announcement will be made in these columns about the developments.

This much may be said at this time, that what will be done at Hatteras will be really bigger than anything yet undertaken on the N. C. coast. Destiny has brought this fortune to Hatteras. It is the nearest place to the Gulf Stream, now foremost in the minds of sportsmen for its big game-fishing. It has superb climate, it has intriguing history, and it has fascinating scenery. These things have long ago attracted attention, and have been responsible for the selection of this area for a seashore national park where millions have been spent during the past few years with the result that the interest of hundreds of thousands of travellers have been attracted to the area, and whereby has resulted the development of many modern motels, stores, restaurants, bigger and better fishing boats, and many other accommodations for tourists.

Officers Elected

J. Gordon Kellogg, Manteo contractor was elected president of the Dare County Tourist Bureau at its meeting Wednesday afternoon. Wheeler Ballance of Hatteras Vice-President, and Archie Burrus of Manteo Secretary-Treasurer, succeeding Mrs. Elizabeth Baum of Kitty Hawk.

Alvah Ward Jr., retiring president, presided at the dinner meeting at 7 p.m. at the Gibson restaurant; expressed his appreciation for interest shown and confidence in the continued growth and value of the organization. The only speaker was Lawrence Swain of Manteo who was called on for an outline of the history of the Bureau, and which was presented clearly and in detail.

Some 20 people from Hatteras Island attended this meeting, and about a dozen from north of Oregon Inlet. The latter group consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Swain, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Ward, Mrs. Ralph Swain, Mr. and Mrs. Aycock Brown, J. Gordon Kellogg, Victor Meekins, Bill Meekins, all of Manteo and Hallett Perry of Kitty Hawk. W. W. Edwards of Waves; Raney Jennette of Buxton attended. From Hatteras were Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Styron, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Ballance, Fred Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Oden and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Midgett.

YDC GROUP IN DARE TO MEET THURS. SEPT. 25

The Young Democratic Club of Dare County has called a meeting to be held in the Dare County courthouse at 8 p.m. Thursday, September 25th, Mrs. Dottie Fry, the club secretary said this week. One item of business is to plan for a fund-raising dance to be held at Nags Head soon.

Another thing to be discussed is the election of officers for the club which is to take place in October. At present time Jack Tillett is President; Dr. W. W. Harvey Jr., Vice-president, and A. H. Ward, Jr., Treasurer.

SURPRISE RESIGNATION GIVES MANTEO A NEW MAYOR



MARTIN KELLOGG Jr.
Resigned



G. T. (Ras) WESTCOTT
New Mayor

IN A SURPRISE MOVE THIS week, Hon. Martin Kellogg Jr. offered his resignation as Mayor of Manteo, and G. T. (Ras) Westcott, a Board member for several years, was named to fill out the unexpired term which runs until June, 1959. Mr. Kellogg has served continuously as Mayor since his election in 1947, and prior to that time held the office after being elected in 1941 and resigned to enter the Navy in 1945. He has held the office of Mayor of Manteo longer than any other person.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Kellogg said the press of his law practice had grown until it had become impossible for him to give the required time to the town's business. For sometime it has been evident that Mayor Kellogg is a very busy man. In addition to his growing law practice, he is Attorney for Dare County, Prosecuting Attorney for Dare County, and Attorney for the Dare Beaches Sanitary District.

Mr. Westcott, owner and opera-

tor of the Nags Head Casino has served on the board since 1939 for one term of two years, a total of 17 years.

In his letter of resignation submitted to the Board, Mr. Kellogg said:

"I regret very much that I must hereby submit my resignation... to take effect immediately. I have given this decision considerable thought and consideration and I find I have no alternative." "The demands of my law practice are now such that I find, particularly in recent months, that I have been unable to give the matters of the Town the attention that they should have from the Mayor and that is a situation that I cannot allow to exist.

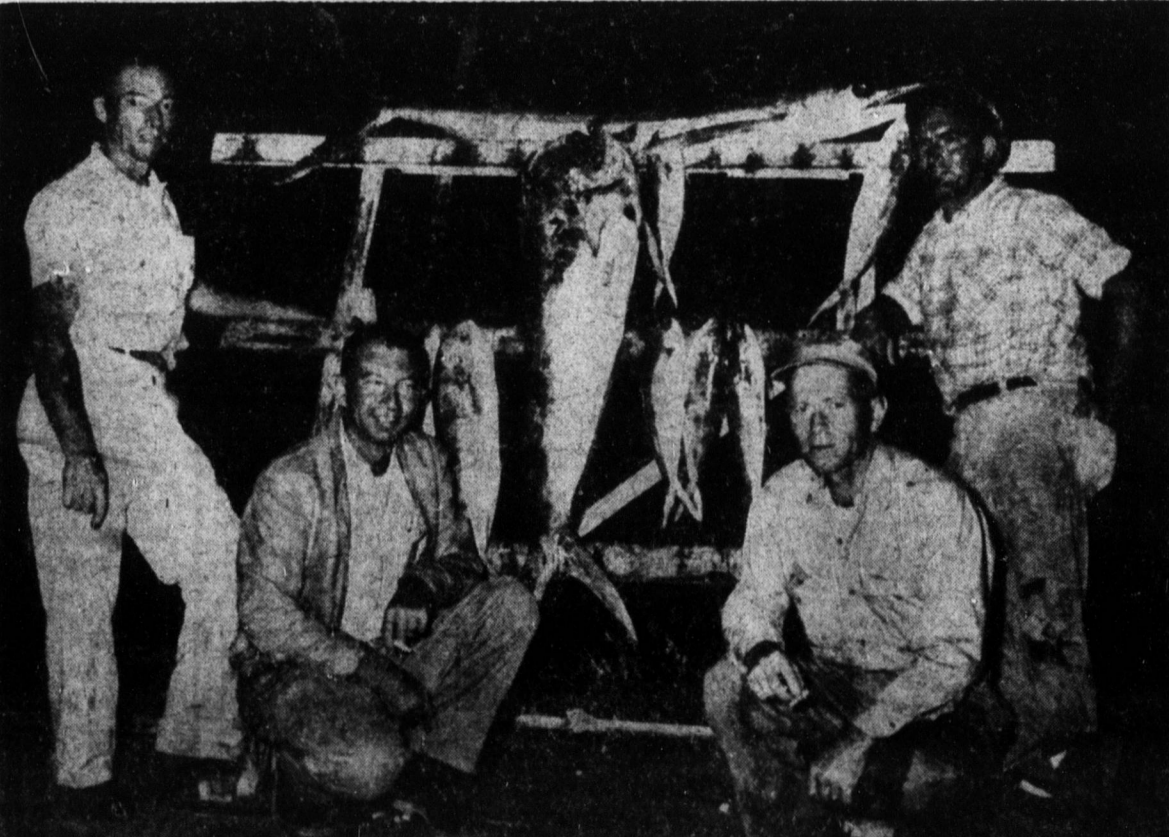
"It has been an extreme pleasure to have been associated and worked with the present employees of the Town and due to the efficiency of most of these employees, I have been relieved of most of the details involved in connection with the office and but for that fact I would have resigned long ago.

"One of the most rewarding features of my long term as Mayor, has been my association with a group of commissioners and employees who had the courage and integrity to take action where the interest of the town was concerned, without regard for the consequence thereof at the polls or abuse from the individuals involved." "I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the help and cooperation that has been given me by these officials and employees." "Under the circumstances, I would appreciate your acceptance of this resignation as of today."

BABY IS ILL IN EUROPE

Fields Lee Scarborough, two and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Scarborough of Manteo and Wanchese, is ill in a hospital in Athens, Greece, according to word received here by relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Scarborough have been living in Rhodes, Greece, for several years, and are expected to arrive home about December 1.

MANTEO ANGLERS WITH THEIR GULF STREAM CATCH



Manteo anglers Robert Shannon, Carroll Berry, and Gordon Kellogg with their guide and skipper Capt. Rudolph Peele of the cruiser Martha Ann are shown with one of several Gulf Stream catches made off Oregon Inlet on Sunday when a total of 15 white marlin and many dolphin were boated. Berry caught the dolphin shown here, believed to be the largest taken off Oregon Inlet this year as it weighed 48 pounds. Each of the anglers got the feel of boating a billfish after the white marlin hit the bait. Since Sunday several more white marlin have been landed off Oregon Inlet to push the total for the season by anglers from Dare Coast ports to 149 through Tuesday of this week. The first white marlin of the season was taken on May 19 off Hatteras on the same date that the first blue marlin was boated. Since then a total of 74 blue marlin have been caught, probably more fish than have been taken from all other sections where these billfish provide sport for anglers on the U. S. Coast and in the islands of the Caribbean.

FIGHTING CASES CALL FOR FINES FROM WOMEN

Decline of Beach Season and Withdrawal of Patrolmen Makes Light Court

The regular Tuesday term of Recorder Court in Dare County grows shorter week by week as the docket shrinks to a mere handful of cases. The decline of the beach season, and the withdrawal of several highway patrolmen at the close of the Lost Colony results in very few persons coming before the court. Some courts have yielded up to \$1,000 in fines for the benefit of the school fund.

Some of this week's cases are the outgrowth of what comes naturally, to wit: fighting between negro women. Esther Burton was fined \$5, got a 30-day suspended sentence because she attacked Lola Lee Spencer with a knife, resulting in serious injuries. A similar charge was heard against the Spencer woman, and she was fined \$5.

Dorn M. Washington, was charged with beating his sister, Eina Marie Washington, and he paid a \$15 fine.

Charlie Alexander and Otis Sawyer each paid \$25 fines and costs for being publicly drunk. Clarence W. Beasley paid \$10 for speeding; Bobby O. Pinner of Columbia paid \$5 for his defective muffler, and Jean A. Player of Norfolk made good a bad check of \$79.43 given Mrs. Ruby Smith, and paid court costs.

The judge dismissed a charge brought by Arthur Williams of Wanchese that Charlie Crank had stolen 300 yards of his net, valued at \$40.

MANTEO ROTARIANS HEAR DIST. GOVERNOR MONDAY

Manteo Rotary Club's honor guest Monday night was Hobart T. Steele of Burlington, Governor of District 771 comprising 39 clubs in northeastern N. C. Mr. Steele appeared before the Elizabeth City Club at noon, and on Tuesday visited Hertford.

In his talk at Manteo he called attention to the 10,000 clubs of Rotary with more than 460,000 members in over 100 countries of the world.

CURTAINED SCHEDULE ON HATTERAS INLET FERRY

Raleigh, N. C.—The State Highway Commission has discontinued the last daily run of the ferry boats across Hatteras Inlet, effective after the final run on Monday, September 15. The cancelled runs are the ones leaving Hatteras at 5:30 p.m. and Ocracoke at 6:30 p.m.

In announcing the cancellation, First Highway Division Engineer W. M. Spruill of Ahoskie said these schedules are being discontinued because of the decreasing daylight hours. The Commission does not schedule ferry boat runs after sunset hours. The fall and winter schedule of all ferry boat service in eastern North Carolina will be issued on October 1.

SOIL CONSERVATION MEN OF 17 COUNTIES TO TOUR HYDE AND TYRRELL THIS WEEK END

Pumping Stations at Various Places in Two Counties to Be Studied By Supervisors of the Roanoke-Chowan, Coastal Plain and Pamlico District; Simmons of Hyde to lead Party Friday.

AVON MAN COMPLETES C. G. BASIC TRAINING



Cape May, New Jersey.—Eugene W. Gray, Seaman apprentice, USCG, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erving T. Gray, of Avon, has completed 13 weeks of basic training at the U. S. Coast Guard Receiving Center, Cape May, New Jersey. Gray entered the Coast Guard last June. He will report to Coast Guard District 5, Norfolk, Va., for further duty. Gray graduated from Cape Hatteras High School.

WHITE CANE DRIVE IN DARE COUNTY STARTS ON 21st; LIONS EFFORT

The annual White Cane Drive sponsored by the North Carolina State Association for the Blind and Lions Clubs throughout North Carolina gets underway on Sunday, and runs until October 5. During this period, the Manteo Lions Club will conduct its campaign, with local efforts beginning September 21, continuing through September 28.

Lions William W. Tarkington and Wayland Fry have been selected to head the Dare County effort.

The North Carolina Association was organized in 1934 by Lions and other civic-minded citizens. The Association's sole purpose is to help the blind on a statewide basis. It has no paid staff, as all work is on a voluntary basis. Its membership is open to anyone interested in the welfare of the blind and the prevention of unnecessary blindness.

The Association provides many varied services but since 50% of blindness is preventable, the Association believes that an expanding Prevention Program is of major importance. The Association helps sponsor eye clinics over the State and has recently provided funds for the Visual Aids Clinic, which does not restore but may improve vision by the use of visual aids. The Association sponsors eye research.

Prevention of Blindness is a must. There are 334,000 blind persons in the United States and over 11,600 in North Carolina. The urgent need is for education and alertness to the symptoms of eye conditions and early diagnosis. When you join the White Cane Drive, you help Prevent Blindness.

During the drive—September 21 through October 5, 1958, Lions and Lionesses and other interested volunteers from all over the state will give you an opportunity to become a member of our organization that devotes all its funds to a better life for the Blind.

BIG DAY AT EAST LAKE CHURCH SUNDAY WEEK

It will be a big day at East Lake Methodist Church Sunday week, Sept. 28th, when the congregation will observe its 71st birthday with a homecoming, dinner on the grounds attended by hundreds of former residents, and many friends from other communities. Rev. Geo. M. Kelley is the pastor of the church.

John A. Twiddy, Sunday School Superintendent is chairman of the committee making arrangements. These celebrations have been featured for several years, and have been successful in bringing many visitors, and an enjoyable day, with a big picnic dinner following the morning sermon and a continuation of the program in the afternoon. The District Superintendent often attends the event.

The District Supervisors from the 17 counties comprising the Albemarle, Roanoke, Chowan, Coastal Plain and Pamlico Soil Conservation Districts will visit Hyde and Tyrrell Counties on Friday, September 19. They plan to observe soil and water conservation practices on several farms in these two counties.

Plans have been made to observe drainage pumps on the R. B. Stotesbury's farm and the group drainage pumps at "Last Chance" which drains about 1,500 acres in the Lake Landing and Slocum areas. Wildlife management practices and an automotive electric drainage pump will be observed at P. H. Darden's Middletown Ranch. Land clearing operations of the Pamlico Development Company of Engelhard will also be observed.

The party will be led by Hyde Supervisor Dennis Simmons of Swan Quarter. One of the areas to be visited is in the eastern part of Hyde near Engelhard where the Pamlico Development Company has undertaken to develop many thousands of its recently bought 73,000 acre tract into new farms.

The final stop in Hyde County will be at the Fairfield Pumping Station to see the operation of the largest pumping plant in North Carolina which drains over 10,000 acres of land and has a pumping capacity of over 100,000 gallons per minute.

In Tyrrell County the group will see conservation practices on one individual farm and the group pumping plant at Fort Landing.

RESIDENCE BURNS STUMPY MORNING AT STUMPY PT.

A residence in which Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Gray and their two children were sleeping at Stumpy Point burned early Sunday morning. It was the property of Mrs. George M. Wise, and was the former John Wise homestead, situated on the west end of the village. Fire had gained a stronghold in the attic before it was discovered. The property was worth about \$3,500 and no insurance was carried.

NAGS HEAD YOUTH MAKES GOOD BLUE FISH CATCH

Twenty four bluefish ranging up to one and three quarter pounds were landed Monday by Jan Oneto, age 13, after returning home from school, in the surf near the Carolinian where Jan's father is resident manager. His daddy, Julian Oneto of the Nags Head Fishing Club reported that more than 500 bluefish in the weight range of those taken by his son Jan were landed by anglers fishing the surf of Nags Head during three days prior to Tuesday.

MANTEO PTA MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL SEPT. 30

The Manteo PTA will have its first meeting of the year Tuesday, Sept. 30 at the new high school at 8:00 p.m. An open house for the entire community will be held at that time. Details of the open house will be announced in next week's paper.

This meeting was previously scheduled for September 23, but has been postponed for one week due to paving the driveway at the new school.

CENSUS BUREAU TO COLLECT FACTS ON POLIO SHOTS

The United States Public Health Service needs to know how much polio vaccine will be required for the 1959 season.

To assist the Health Service in estimating requirements, information on polio shots will be collected in the September Current Population Survey, Joseph R. Norwood, supervisor of the U. S. Census Bureau's regional office in Charlotte, N. C. reports.

The questions, to be asked of all persons under 60 years of age are: Have you had any polio injections or shots? How many shots have you already had? When did you get the latest shot?

These special questions on polio, immunization will be in addition to the usual inquiries on employment and unemployment which are asked each month of the 35,000 "sample" households covered in the Current Population Survey. This information will be collected locally during the week of Sept. 19 by Mrs. Virginia L. Davis of Wanchese.