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ONE MAN'S NERVE AND VISION CREATING UNIQUE SEAFOOD BUSINESS AT ENGELHARD

Shrimp, Crabs, Fish and Oysters, Clam Soup
Aid Remarkable Enterprise Created by a Former Barber and Fur Dealer Whose Abundance of Energy Has Provided Hyde's Biggest Payroll.

Growing like the proverbial bay tree, a unique and highly interesting industry has become the biggest single seafood business in Hyde County in barely more than a dozen years. Started when many people viewed with alarm the frightening decline of commercial fisheries, Harry J. Jarvis, closed his barbershop in Belhaven in 1945 and came to Engelhard buying shrimp.

Today Harry Jarvis employs 150 to 200 workers in season, including his regular staff of 20. Most of his helpers are pieceworkers, but this payroll contributes something like \$1,800 a week to the economy of the community.

Harry Jarvis is a remarkable man. He hasn't minded working 18 hours a day nor getting out at all hours of the night. He is 50 years old, and says he may stick around until he is 65. Right now he has launched out in the face of contrary advice from others with a 70 per cent increase in space. He is completing a new building for the processing of seafood, adding 5,500 more square feet to his sprawling plant on Fur Creek. Added to the capacity of the three other large buildings which have been built through the years, he will have some 13,000 feet of floor space.

Mr. Jarvis is a man who believes in making use of everything. He takes shrimp heads and scrap fish, cooks them and converts them into meal valuable for fertilizer and animal feed. A few years ago, a terrific stench in the shrimp season which greeted tourists along U. S. 264 near Engelhard came from decaying shrimp heads which had washed ashore. All this refuse is cooked now and not allowed to decay.

From buying shrimp and oysters, Mr. Jarvis got to handling fish, crabs, etc. He now expects to get into the clam chowder business. He is planning to process sea food by a vacuum pack method whereby it may be frozen for two or three years. He expects to whip the market situation which has always been master of the seafood industry. He is, sometimes told he is the only man in the state with his eyes ahead of the industry. In fact he See JARVIS, Page Eight

TWO MORE ABC STORES ASKED FOR THE BEACH

Although having been in office less than a month, the Dare County ABC Board this week were confronted with demands for opening two more ABC stores in Atlantic Township. First was a letter from the Kill Devil Hills Town Board which represented the town of Kill Devil Hills as a central point for a store and would serve a large area of people.

The second request came in the form of a petition signed by about 100 people in the upper end of Kitty Hawk Beach requesting a store be established in the Lowthrop building at the turn of U. S. 158. Commissioner Curtis Gray of the Board is reported as favoring this location.

Chairman Leigh Hassell said the requests had been taken under advisement and in the interests of fairness and investigation would be made whenever the Board could get to it. He pointed out that this Board has had no time yet to become familiar with the situation; that a number of things must first be worked out and policies established. He was definitely of the opinion that surely three stores could not be operated, and said that any consideration of a second store at this time would have to depend on results of a study of the probable profit and benefit to the system.

The stores have now abolished the Wednesday afternoon closing, about which there had been so much complaint.

It is of interest to note that the store sales were \$4,810.40 less during the past year than in 1957. With November 1958 having been \$875.39 less than November of 1958, nevertheless, store sales jumped in 1958 December by \$1,232.06 above Dec. 1957.

Total sales for the year 1957 \$326,355.84; total sales in 1958 \$321,545.45. Sixty per cent of the total business is done by the Nags Head store during the summer months. Sales in winter do not justify clerk hire, freight, and rent paid for the beach store, it is stated.

18 COUNTIES WOULD SUFFER IF HIKE IN INSURANCE RATES

Situation Critical For Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Tyrrell, Currituck and Others

A proposed hike in insurance rates charged in 18 coastal counties, being sought this week by insurance companies has posed an alarming threat to the economy of these counties, which include Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, Beaufort, Currituck and others.

The rate increases asked would double extended coverage, raising it from 20 to 40 cents, and double the deductible as far back as 50 to 60 miles inland against windstorm and hail. This would be jumped from \$50 to \$100 and would no longer cover loss to paint and waterproofing.

Among visitors to Raleigh protesting this rate sought by insurance companies was Mayor Thomas Cheers of Kill Devil Hills. Many other officials along the entire length of the coast attended this hearing before the State Insurance Department. It was pointed out that 11 insurance companies had withdrawn from writing business in this area, and not any of them are expected to come back.

The situation is expected to prove costly economically to the counties affected, since few buildings are erected on which loans are not carried, and first requisite in completing a loan is that adequate coverage be provided for the benefit of the lender.

MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT FOR TWO COUNTIES PROPOSED

The Dare County Commissioners this week heard a discussion of mosquito control problems, with several qualified persons giving opinions as to laws and regulations governing establishment of programs for this work. Sidney H. Usry, Walter H. Lackey, and Dewey Boseman, engineers for the State Board of Health, and District Health Officer Dr. W. W. Johnston discussed the situation, and agreed to outline some measures whereby the work might be resumed. Dr. Johnston was of the opinion that the methods of spraying and fogging as heretofore practiced had been merely a waste of money, worth no more than throwing it down the drain, since it only offered temporary relief and only then when done carefully and under most unfavorable conditions.

At one time there was a plan between Hyde and Dare for sharing the cost of a trained man to supervise a program for the two counties, and it was proposed that this situation be reviewed to see if it would be of value to ask Hyde to join in such a program.

The State Health men plan to submit proposals for some sort of program; either for temporary use, or for a long range plan. A long-range plan might not be in effect for two years. Such a plan is now being considered in Carteret County.

LATEST REPORT FROM DARE RECORDER COURT

Tuesday report of cases disposed of by Judge Wash Baum in Recorders Court discloses the following:

Daniel E. Moulson, throwing trash on the highway, \$5 and costs.
Ira B. Gibbs, Engelhard, careless and reckless driving \$25 and costs.

Guy Ward Daniels, Wanchese, reckless and careless driving, \$25 and costs.

Dorothy B. Gibbs, Manteo, improper license plates, \$5 and costs.
Ray H. Austin, no operators license, driving on wrong side of center line, \$5 and costs.

John T. Morrison, Jr., 65 mph; improper license plates, \$15 and costs.

Madison Scarborough, Avon, drunk on highway, \$25 and costs.

Ernest Ray Ballance, Hatteras, improper license plates, \$5 and costs.

Irving E. Rogers, driving on wrong side of center line, \$5 and costs.

Charles Thomas Gregory, Norfolk, Va., expired license tag, no operators license, \$25 and costs.

IN CONNECTICUT BOOSTING DARE COASTAL EVENT



FROM A BOOTH at the Hartford, Conn. Travel Show beginning this week end two Dare Coast "pirates" will tell the visitors there about the forthcoming April Jamboree and likewise the other attractions of the Outer Banks region with emphasis on Nags Head and the Carolinian Hotel. They are Julian and Lima Oneto shown here on Nags Head Beach as Dare Coast Pirates.

PIRATE JAMBOREE MEET SET FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 11 AT NAGS HEAD LODGE

Members of the steering committee and other persons interested will attend a meeting of Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree in the Nauticus Room of Beacon Motor Lodge on Nags Head at 2:30 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, January 11, it was announced today by L. L. Swain of Manteo.

Mr. Swain was recently selected chairman of the steering committee of the forthcoming Jamboree which this year will be presented during the week end of April 24-26.

In addition to discussion of events to be held in Dare County, additional steering committees for various localities of the area will be named at the meeting.

Already steering committees for the Northern Dare Beaches, George Crocker, Orville Baum and Julian Oneto have been selected. Since one of the biggest days of the Jamboree is held on Hatteras Island each year, Mr. Swain indicated that he was especially anxious that a good representation from the communities there be present on Sunday. "We will discuss Hatteras phases at the beginning of the meeting in order that persons from the island may easily catch one of the late ferries and not have to remain off the island overnight," Swain stated.

Some of the males of the coastland are now growing beards for the Jamboree.

MRS. EVA LEWARK, NATIVE OF NAGS HEAD IS DEAD

Mrs. Eva Tillett Lewark, 74, died in a Norfolk hospital Thursday, Jan. 1, after a long illness. She was a native of Nags Head, N. C., and had lived in South Norfolk for 15 years. She was a daughter of the late Willis and Mrs. Martha Russell Tillett and the widow of Lewis L. Lewark.

She was a member of Nags Head Methodist Church. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Edith Bowden, Mrs. Leatha Ferguson and Mrs. Amandel Payne, all of Norfolk, and Mrs. Essie Webster of Great Bridge; two sons, Roy Lewark of Harbinger, and Claude Lewark of Norfolk; one sister, Mrs. Callie Johnson, and one brother, Mack R. Tillett, both of Nags Head.

Funeral services were conducted at the Powells Point Christian Church, Sunday at 2:30 p.m., by the Rev. Jerry Hurt, pastor.

HATTERAS FISHING FAME IS PUBLICISED IN MEXICO

HATTERAS—The fame of fishing off Hatteras is being publicized in Mexico City, according to a clipping from the News sent to M. L. Burrus here by J. D. Massoletti who is now sojourning in Mexico. Mr. Massoletti, who owns a home here, writes of pleasant days and cool nights in Mexico at an altitude of 7,300 feet. The picture referred to in the Mexican paper is of John Twachtman of Ardmore, Pa. with his 62-lb. channel bass recently caught here.

SEVERAL AUTO MISHAPS OCCUR IN DARE COUNTY

A series of auto mishaps in Dare County occurred during the past week end. Near Manns Harbor, Francis Eugene Gellico, Coast Guardsman, returning to the Dare beaches Friday morning after a visit to Engelhard, got his 1949 Chevrolet damaged about \$300 worth when it went off the road. The driver was not injured.

Gus Etheridge, Jr. 16 suffered minor injuries when the 1957 Mercury he was driving Thursday afternoon north of Manteo had a flat tire and went into a ditch. On this same highway, 264 north of Manteo, Mrs. D. Ludwig suffered considerable injury and her car a total loss Friday when it went out of control and onto the lawn of the Manteo Motel, tore down a sign and wound up in a drainage ditch.

UNCLE DOCK FROM DUCK WRITES:

Don't Be Afraid of Your Job If You
Have To Keep Whistling in the Dark

Dear Mr. Editor:

Up country when I was a boy this was a time of great unrest among some folks who were not so well off as others. The roads were full of carts and wagons moving people from one farm to another. Some people would be going a long way to other counties. The tenant farmer had a tougher life in those days. When the new year began, it was often a period of uncertainty with him; sometimes he had hopes for the better; sometimes he was driven to a new home because the farm had been sold and he had been let off by the new owner.

We don't see so much of this thing these days, now that farms are run by machinery and so many of the operators ride long miles daily, to and from their work. Actually, some of our farm workers live in towns.

We had another class of people who were always troubled as to what the new year had in store for them. They were people who worked by the month. Fishermen hired their help in January; farmers also made deals for extra help then. Men who had no regular jobs were out looking for something to do that would give them the security of a regular monthly wage.

Often through the year a fellow would feel a lot of concern about getting his old job back. Some clerks at Christmas time would be afraid the merchant might let them go if business had been bad. I have seen 'em come and go, but I always noticed that the really good men were always kept on, or were able to get as good a job the next day. You can always bet a man who is really doing a good job never considers he must rely on the help of relatives or politicians to keep him drawing a pay check. The smart guy has no worries, and never has to whistle in the dark to keep his courage up at Christmas time.

Now Mr. Editor, I wish I could get it in to every young fellow's

LOST COLONY IN CRITICAL STATE; MEETING SUNDAY

Paul Green and Robert Humber
Called to Manteo for Meeting in Shrine Club

Ways and means of financing The Lost Colony during its forthcoming season scheduled to begin on June 27 will be discussed at a meeting of Roanoke Island and Dare Coast business leaders Sunday, January 18, it was announced here today by General Manager R. E. Jordan. The meeting will be held in Dare County Shrine Club at 2 o'clock.

Robert Lee Humber, president of Roanoke Island Historical Association and Paul Green, author of the play which has run longer than any other outdoor production, will attend. Also Clifton Britton, director of the show.

"The Lost Colony suffered severe financial losses during the past two seasons and at the present time approximately \$11,000 in accounts payable is outstanding," said Jordan. "The sponsoring association has applied to the State of North Carolina for an allotment See LOST COLONY, Page Eight

HATTERAS ISLAND WOULD BUILD NEW \$40,000 CLINIC

William Gibson, treasurer of the Cape Hatteras Health Center this week said a study is being made of plans for ways and means to raise funds to build a small clinic to cost \$40,000 or more to serve the area. He appeared before the County Board of Commissioners seeking information on legal steps to be taken, in event the citizens wish to vote a tax for construction. The health center is now housed in a former Navy building which was given to Dare County. A regular doctor is subsidized by the Government, and the County contributes \$3,500 a year to the support of the project, which has been operated some ten years. The health center had its origin, due to some preliminary work done by A. W. Drinkwater, Victor Meekins and the late Walter G. Etheridge of Manteo when by interceding with the Coast Guard, two well equipped infirmaries were given the county for hospital purposes, at the end of World War II. The one at Kill Devil Hills was allowed to come to nothing through local political maneuvering, but at Cape Hatteras there was developed the present facility which renders a considerable service.

VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS HAD SPENT IN RED \$14,000 WHEN NEW BOARD MET DECEMBER 1

Commissioners Take Steps to Begin Collecting Taxes From Delinquents; Review of County Offices to Be Made With View to Eliminating Useless Employees; Hurricane Repair Application for \$35,500 Filed.

WANCHESE SPEAKER



MRS. LOUISE EGGLESTON, of Norfolk, Virginia, a nationally known speaker and writer on prayer will be guest speaker at the two worship services of the Wanchese Methodist Church on Sunday, Jan. 11. She will speak at both the eleven a.m. and the seven-thirty p.m. services. On Monday, Jan. 12, she will hold a Day Apart speaking on the subject of prayer. The Day Apart will begin at ten-thirty a.m. There will be a morning session closing at twelve noon and an afternoon session beginning at one p.m. and closing at two-thirty. The public is most cordially invited to attend the services on Sunday and for the day apart on Monday, the twelfth. Those coming to the day apart are asked to bring a small picnic lunch. Coffee will be provided by the Wanchese Church. The hour of twelve until one will be set apart for lunch and for fellowship.

LAST TERM THIS YEAR FOR WANCHESE SCHOOL

The closing of the current school term will mark the end of Wanchese elementary school according to a resolution passed this week by the Dare County Board of Education, following an inspection of the building. The Board found that the school does not have sufficient students to warrant allotment of more than four elementary teachers for grades one through eight; that the building and equipment are inadequate, obsolete and insufficient for the educational requirements of the students; while at Manteo there is ample room, equipment and facilities. Hence the entire Wanchese school will be assigned to Manteo next fall.

Resolutions were passed by the Board praising the work and interest in the schools manifested by Lloyd Scarborough of Buxton, and Ellis Gray of Avon, who did not seek reappointment on the Board of Education. Appointments to the Dare County unit of the North Carolina Citizens Committee for better schools were given to Mrs. Carlos Oden and Mrs. Donald Oden of Hatteras and Julian Oneto of Nags Head.

The Board announces the Manns Harbor school is to be offered for sale to the highest bidder on Tuesday, February 3, and the Stumpy Point school on Monday, February 9th. The sales will be at the courthouse door.

SEYMOUR SAWYER, NATIVE EAST LAKE DIES SUNDAY

Seymour Sawyer, 81, died Sunday morning in the Albemarle Hospital. He was a native of East Lake, Dare County, a retired merchant and a member of the City Road Methodist Church, of Elizabeth City. He was the husband of Mrs. Dakins Holmes Sawyer. Besides his wife he is survived by four daughters, Mrs. J. H. Fulton of Charleston, S. C., Mrs. Bill Tanton of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. Earl Hewitt and Mrs. Frank Williams, both of Elizabeth City; three sons, McKinley of Elizabeth City, Luttrell (Shirley) of Norfolk, Va., and Willard of Burlington; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home, Elizabeth City by Dr. L. Sigbee Miller. Burial was in Hollywood Cemetery.

The continued tendency of Dare County Departments to spend themselves into deficits was strikingly revealed this week in Auditor's figures showing that a total overspending of budgets in the first five months of the fiscal year ending on November 30, had amounted to \$14,711.59. Some departments were already overspent sufficient to run them in the red for the balance of the year to the total sum of \$1,912.86.

This tendency indicates, that without being checked, the county spending in the next seven months could run to a deficit as large as that revealed in last year's audit as being in excess of \$38,000.

Pursuant to a campaign statement of Commissioner Woodrow Edwards, the New Board on taking office on December 2, had arranged for an auditor to make a statement of the current-budget position as of November 30th. This report was completed this week, and reviewed by the Board.

Heaviest overspending was in welfare items, tax supervisor and sheriff's offices.

With these figures as a guidepost, the Commissioners now have before them the limitations of the budget, for the remaining seven months of the fiscal year, and to prevent running further in the red, it may be in order to let off some of the un-needed county employees.

The Board passed a resolution to begin at once on compiling a list of all unpaid taxes, the collection of which has been sadly neglected for many years, and the committee named to proceed with the work: David Stick, Victor Meekins and Woodrow Edwards.

The resolution to enforce tax collections was introduced by David Stick seconded by Woodrow Edwards and passed unanimously, and is as follows:

"WHEREAS at the present time more than \$50,000.00 in delinquent taxes is owed Dare County, of which more than \$35,000.00 is for the year 1956 and earlier.

"AND WHEREAS it is the obligation of each property owner to pay his proportionate share of county taxes, and thus bear his proportionate share of the expenses of the county.

"AND WHEREAS the failure to collect these delinquent taxes in past years has resulted in a large deficit for Dare County.

"AND WHEREAS by State law County Commissioners are authorized and directed to take possession of both real and personal property of those property owners who refuse to pay their taxes, and to sell the same in public manner.

"NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved by the Dare County Board of Commissioners that a program be instituted as of this date to collect all delinquent taxes owed the county, and in lieu of such delinquent tax collections to pursue all means within the power of the Board of Commissioners to acquire other security from the delinquent tax payers, including the attachment of personal property and the foreclosure of real property.

"It is further resolved that, in carrying out this program, the Delinquent Tax Collector be instructed to compile a list of all delinquent taxpayers, together with the amount each owes the county in delinquent taxes and penalties; and that the County Attorney be instructed to prepare a letter, to be mailed to each such delinquent taxpayer, setting forth the amount owed the county, requesting that payment in full be made immediately, and informing the delinquent taxpayer that failure to comply will result in the attachment of his personal property or the foreclosure of his real property, and the attendant public sale of such property as is required in this manner by Dare County."

David Stick reported that he had filed application for \$35,500 in Federal funds for repairs to erosion caused by Hurricane Helene See COUNTY, Page Eight

SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES IN MANTEO NEXT WEEK

The January term of Superior Court will convene in Manteo, Monday January 12th for the trial of civil cases only. Judge Malcolm Paul of Washington will preside. There will be no grand jury at this term of court. We recently published the list of jurors drawn for this term.