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FROM MOUNTAINS TO SEA NORTH CAROLINA OFFERS GREAT VACATION VALUES

Pirates Jamboree Launches Coastal Tourist Season Officially, But Its Fine Fishing Has Already Been Bringing Visitors For Several Weeks; This State, With Its Many Attractions, Truly a Variety Vacationland.

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State Travel Bureau

North Carolina's "Variety Vacationland" has important new vacation attractions opening from seacoast to mountains in 1959. Up in the Great Smokies, May signals the opening of a new link of the Blue Ridge Parkway between U. S. 19 and the North Carolina entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. With completion of this section of the famous vacation thoroughfare, the "Variety Vacationland" State has over 180 miles of Parkway skimming along the Blue Ridge Divide and across the lofty Balsam Mountains at an average elevation of over 3,000 feet.

Down on the coast, a new alternate routing of Highway 158, is being completed to give faster access to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Along the Seashore's 70 miles of oceanfront, day use and camping areas have been expanded and improved. The State of North Carolina has stepped up its toll-free automobile ferry service to Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands in the Seashore Park, and more accommodations have been added at beach resorts on the Outer Banks Islands.

Across the Piedmont, new links of Interstate highways facilitate travel from mountains to coast, and to the vacation attractions and resorts between. These new roads are toll-free, like all other roads, bridges and ferries in the State highway system. New highway signs, both regulatory and informational, have been installed throughout North Carolina.

Headlining the list of new tourist attractions is Tryon Park Restoration at the former Colonial capital of New Bern near the beach resorts and fishing centers of the central coast. The original Palace, completed in 1770 as "residence of the Royal Governor and meeting place of the General Assembly" became North Carolina's first State Capitol before its destruction by fire in 1798. The Restoration stands on the original foundations and is filled with costly pre-1770 furnishings and works of art. Opening date is April 10. Long known as "Golf State, U.S.A." because of its more than 100 year-around courses, North Carolina offers new courses in the mountains and Piedmont this year. At Asheville, largest city in North Carolina's mountain vacationlands, the Thomas Wolfe Memorial VACATIONS, Page Three

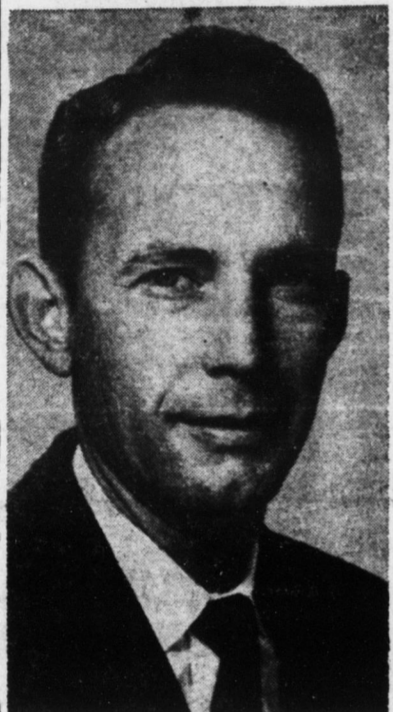
FIVE NABBED FOR THEFT OF MIRRORS FROM A CAR

Case Continued to Next Week; Other Cases Heard Tuesday By Dare Recorder

Quick action on the part of James D. Groce who watched five young punks from Portsmouth, Va. take the side mirrors off his car at Kill Devil Hills Sunday, caused the arrest of the following who were caught in Currituck by Patrolman O. L. Wise, and turned over to Sheriff Frank Cahoon in Dare who brought charges against them: Larry Ellis Moorefield, 16, Freddy Lee Jolly, Larry Lee Lewis, 17, John Carlton Christenbury, and Wm. Thos. Morris, 16. Groce, who is employed at Kill Devil Hills, while keeping an eye on the gang stripping his own car, when they ran he got their car license number, reported it to Chief of Police George Frank of Kill Devil Hills, whose prompt action alerted the highway patrolman who got the lads as they were homeward bound, and found the loot in the car. The mirrors were valued at \$15. A hearing in the case has been continued to next week.

In Dare County Recorders court this week, the following actions were taken. Scott Ferebee, Shawboro, and Clyde Chesson of Elizabeth City were fined \$5 each for driving on the wrong side of the road. Robert E. Scarborough, 16, of Wanchese was arrested by Deputy Sheriff, Clarence Hassell and fined \$25 and costs for speeding. Clarence Jennett, Jr., 16 of Buxton was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Raymond Bassnett and fined \$25 and costs for speeding. Jerome E. McCarthy, Buxton was fined \$5 for improper license plates. Tony D. Tillet, Nags Head, speeding, \$10 and costs.

TO BE MOST LOOKED-FOR MAN ON ROANOKE ISLAND



ELLSWORTH MIDGETT, Jr. of Manteo, who is the mail carrier selection to begin the new RFD service out of Manteo postoffice Saturday morning, April 18. As the new service gets to be looked for and appreciated, the daily rounds of Mr. Midgett will make him the most looked for man on Roanoke Island.

MAIL DELIVERY TO BEGIN SATURDAY ON ROANOKE ID.

Ellsworth Midgett, Jr. of Manteo has been given a temporary appointment as the first rural mail carrier on Roanoke Island, and the service is scheduled to be inaugurated this week, Saturday the 18th. It will serve all the patrons of the Manteo postoffice, living on Roanoke Island without the Manteo corporate limits, including the Skyco area. Mr. Midgett is 35, and his parents are well-known Manteo residents, Rodanthe natives, and his father is a retired Coast Guard veteran. The new mail carrier served three years in the Coast Guard during World War II, worked seven years with Kellogg Supply Co. and for the past three years has been employed by the M. L. Daniels Oil Co. in Manteo. He has been active in civic affairs, was recently made the "whip" of the local Young Democratic Club. Mrs. Midgett is the former Helen Meekins; they have two sons and a daughter.

Petitions for the establishment of the route were circulated last fall, with Mrs. Nancy Beals working among the white patrons, and Lonnie C. Gray the colored patrons of the Manteo postoffice. With 100 percent support, the petitions were sent to Congressman Herbert Bonner who made the request of the postoffice department for this service. In order to benefit by it, the patrons must erect mail boxes, and this has been done by most of them.

ELECTIONS IN TWO DARE COUNTY TOWNS ON MAY 5

Kill Devil Hills Has Contest For Mayor; Mayor in Manteo Without Opposition

The two incorporated towns in Dare County, Manteo and Kill Devil Hills, will have elections on Tuesday, May 5th. Manteo's filing date closed on the 15th, with no opposition offered to Mayor G. T. Westcott. One incumbent alderman did not seek re-election: S. L. Barnett. In his place two filed: Woodie Fearing and Glenn Bonner. Sam Midgett and Allen Lee Mann, Jr., incumbent aldermen, both filed for re-election. Three may be elected. In Kill Devil Hills, Mayor Thos. Cheers, Jr. is opposed by R. H. Cook, one of the town aldermen. Another member of the board, Mrs. Emily Mustian, did not seek re-election. Bob Young and Tom Briggs have filed for these places. R. E. Parker, incumbent, has filed for re-election. Three may be elected. Ira Partridge filed yesterday for alderman.

As of Wednesday, Mrs. Wade Register had filed for re-election as treasurer and she was opposed by Mrs. Edith Harlow. The last date for filing in Kill Devil Hills will be April 25th.

MANY TRAVEL MEN COMING TO COAST DURING NEXT WEEK

First Stop at Wright Memorial Saturday Morning; Leaving Hatteras Thursday Morning

One of the most important groups that may visit the Dare Coast this summer, (if not the most important one, travelwise) will be a party planning to arrive at Kitty Hawk on Tuesday morning, April 28th, touring the entire coast.

This party, which will start from Raleigh and return via Morehead City after a seven-day journey on the coast, consists of editors, writers, photographers and AAA travel executives who will view the many improvements that have been made, and so report to interested tourists throughout the country, who are awaiting word about places for summer vacationing.

The party will visit historic Edenton, stop in Elizabeth City and vicinity, be entertained at the Sea Ranch at Kitty Hawk, the Beacon Motor Lodge, the Carolinian at Nags Head. In this locality they will visit all points of See TRAVEL, Page Four

WARD MAKES FIRST CONTRIBUTION FOR AID OF INLET JOB

Son of Man Who Began Project 14 Years Ago Has Given It Dedicated Service

The first contribution to a fund now being raised for the Wanchese Harbor project was for \$100 and was made by Alvah H. Ward, Jr. of Manteo, son of the man who energized the drive for the channel some 14 years ago, according to Wayland W. Baum of Wanchese, treasurer of the campaign which is being led by the Dare County Waterways Improvement Association, of which Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr. is President.

The younger Mr. Ward ever since his return home from the Army shortly after his father's death, has until recently been head of this Association, and has dedicated himself to the completion of this project.

"I never knew anything that seemed so in keeping with the spirit of the whole thing," Mr. Baum said. "We are grateful for Alvah's fine spirit and generosity."

Dr. Harvey said a total of \$2,000 has to be raised by the end of this week, to guarantee the provision of a free landing, without which the Corps of Engineers cannot allow the project to be built under Federal law.

The entire project with a 12-foot channel all the way out Oregon Inlet and up Broad Creek channel will cost close to one and a half million dollars. Fears that the channel may not be kept open appear unfounded, as Engineers say once a project is established, the Engineers Corps will be required to keep it open.

The funds will have to be raised by private subscription, and several \$100 pledges have been made from those most directly concerned with benefits from the project, Mr. Baum said.

PLANTING OYSTER SHELLS BEGUN IN DARE WATERS

An oyster planting project has been begun in several areas of North Carolina, and of local interest this project may mean the disbursement of upwards of \$6,000 to citizens of Dare County engaged in the work. Shells will be taken from the poorer areas and transplanted in locations more suitable for rapid development, whereby it is hoped the oyster industry will greatly improve. This will also be a big help in creating income for fishermen at the end of an unusually poor season in inland waters.

The fleet of oyster boats is based at the public harbor in Stumpy Point on U. S. 264.

DARE COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LOST COLONY MEET SUN.

On Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., at the Carolinian Hotel The Dare County Friends of The Lost Colony will meet for a discussion of the Fund Drive underway this week for raising the minimum opening expenses for the 1959 production of The Lost Colony. Other aspects of the cooperative effort being put forth by interested citizens to assist the Roanoke Island Historical Association in continued improvement of the Lost Colony operations will be reported to the meeting by the various chairmen previously appointed. All interested citizens and business men and women, in addition to the steering committee are invited to attend.

NEW JAMBOREE KING AND QUEEN SELECTED SATURDAY



JULIAN ONETO of Nags Head and Mrs. Wenona Gray of Hatteras were selected from a large field of contestants at the Jolly Roger Ball in the Casino on Saturday night as the Pirates' Jamboree king and queen for 1959-60. They succeed King Linwood Tillet, Kitty Hawk and Queen Mary Burrus, Hatteras. (Aycock Brown photo)

TEENAGE ROYALTY OF PIRATES' JAMBOREE CHOSEN



RAYMOND WHITE of Manteo and Joanne Midgett of Hatteras were chosen as 1959-60 prince and princess of the Pirates' Jamboree at the teenagers Dagger Dance in the Casino on Friday night. They succeed Princess Pattie Long and Johnny B. Etheridge of the U. S. Army who was not present but had Gus Etheridge on hand as his stand-in for the occasion. (Aycock Brown photo)

Fifth Annual Dare Coast PIRATES' JAMBOREE

Hatteras Island — Dare Beaches
Roanoke Island

April 24, 25, 26, 1959

SCHEDULE OF PRE-JAMBOREE EVENTS
Saturday, April 18—Coronation Ball (Crowning of King & Queen)
Thursday, April 23—Bearded Men and Women's Dance Party

JAMBOREE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 — ON HATTERAS ISLAND
NEAR HATTERAS VILLAGE

11:00 A.M. On the beach—U.S.C.G. Life Saving Drill and Events for Children
12:00 Noon Free Salt Water Fish Fry—1:30 P.M. Ocracoke B.S. and Banker Ponies
3:00 P.M. Beach Buggy Races
8:00 P.M. Hatteras Buccaneer Ball and Prize Awards at Community Building

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 — DARE BEACHES AREAS

10-11:30 a.m. Kitty Hawk Bay at Avalon Beach F and WL Boat Landing—Colorful Pirate Battle and landing with musical program by E.C.H.S. Pirate Band and Majorettes
1:00 P.M. At Wright Memorial—Treasure Hunt for Children and Frog Jumping Contest
3:30 P.M. Nags Head Recreation Center—Open Air Dance; Dory Fishing Exhibition.
8:30 P.M. Grand Pirates Ball (Costume—Nags Head Casino)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

11:00 A.M. Many of the Dare County Churches will sponsor a Spring Festival Service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
2:00 P.M. Manteo Harbor—Boat races sponsored by Dare Power Boat Association in Shallowbag Bay. Family Runabouts Only. Competing for East Coast Championship.

CROWNING PIRATE ROYALTY SATURDAY NIGHT APRIL 18 AT THE NAGS HEAD CASINO

Life and Color Will Prevail as Jamboree Thrones Are Handed to Julian Oneto of Nags Head and Wenona Gray of Hatteras; Joan Midgett, of Hatteras is Princess, and Raymond White III of Manteo the Prince; Selections Made On Last Week End.

JAMBOREE NEXT WEEK-END PROMISES TO BE GREATEST

In colorful coronation ceremonies at Nags Head Casino on Saturday night, April 18, Julian Oneto of Nags Head and Mrs. Wenona Gray of Hatteras will be crowned king and queen of the Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree for 1959-60. They succeed King Linwood Tillet of Kitty Hawk and Queen Mary Burrus of Hatteras who have reigned over buccaneer festivities during the past year.

Dr. John Messick, president of East Carolina College, Greenville, whose athletic teams are called pirates, will place the crown and coronet on the new royalty and Elton Aydtlett, Elizabeth City, will be master of ceremonies of the event.

A week from today the first and greatest features of the Jamboree will take place at Hatteras where unusual preparations have been made. Here a fish-fry will be prepared on Friday the 24th, to which the world is invited, and the people of this area have gone all out with generous hospitality.

Two days packed solid full of fun have been planned and the complete program is reprinted elsewhere on this page. Those who come to the Dare Coast next week end will never forget the hospitality, entertainment and the thrilling scenes of this colorful program.

The new King of the Pirates is resident manager of the Carolinian hotel. He has been active in many civic endeavors of the Dare Coast and one of the leaders each year in presenting the annual Pirates Jamboree. He is a member of the Rotary Club's famous quartet of Manteo and the president-elect of the club.

Mrs. Gray is the former Wenona Peele of Hatteras who with her husband Harold Gray, has taken an active part in promoting the Pirates Jamboree each year, each being on the social activities committee of the Hatteras phase of the festivities this year. Mrs. Gray was a former beauty queen of the Dare Coast, being chosen as Miss Outer Banks of 1952. Her photos in publicity pictures were widely published during the early years of Dare County Tourist Bureau.

Judges making the regal selection on Saturday evening were Dick Cobb, woman's fashion editor of Virginian Pilot, Dr. A. Kan-See JAMBOREE, Page Four

WATERWAYS MEETING TO BE HELD AT WANCHESE SCHOOL SATURDAY NIGHT

A meeting of the members of the Dare County Waterways Committee is being called at the Wanchese Schoolhouse, Saturday night of this week at 7:30, according to Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., Chairman. All citizens of Wanchese who are interested in assisting the Waterways Association in raising funds to guarantee the harbor project at Mill Landing are urged to attend, along with all interested members of the committee. Dr. Harvey stated he would be prepared to give assurance Saturday night that funds had been raised by Manteo workers to match those raised in the Wanchese community, and said he was pleased at the promise of support given. He said fine cooperation had been manifested and believed the spirit of the people would be against losing the project from lack of local cooperation.

FAMILY RUNABOUT BOAT RACES ATTRACT INTEREST

The proposed East Coast Championship for family runabout boats scheduled as the finale of Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree on Sunday, April 26, is attracting wide attention. Already the world's leading picture magazine LIFE, has shown an interest in covering the story.

Bob Mason of the Atlanta Bureau of LIFE indicated his magazine may cover the story, the pirate battle at Kill Devil Hills Saturday morning April 25.

Some radio and television stations will cover the events. Already more greater pre-jamboree publicity than ever has gone out through all media of public information.

TO GRANT DEMANDS MAKING UP WOULD DOUBLE TAX RATE

County Faced With New Requirements While Still In the Red; Schools Starved Out

To accede to all the demands of schools, welfare, health, Sheriff's office and other departments that are shaping up for presentation to the Dare County Commissioners in June would mean that the present tax rate will have to almost be doubled in order to run the county next year. Schools alone, now getting \$60,000 this year, will want maybe \$50,000 more, and figures have been totted up all ready, showing some \$30,000 needed for the Roanoke Island school which serves the mainland, Nags Head, and Kitty Hawk high school students.

This year will be added Wanchese school, and it is going to take from \$5,000 to \$6,000 for two 75 passenger buses to bring the 130 pupils of that school to Manteo. At the same time the county doesn't have enough buses to do a good job of hauling the pupils already attending this school. The only hope of getting enough money to buy these buses is to use the proceeds from two empty buildings under process of sale on the See DEMANDS, Page Eight

TOWNSHIPS ADVISED TO EXPRESS WISHES ON ROADS NEEDED

Highway Officials to Meet With County Commissioners to Study Dare's Needs

Persons in the various townships of Dare County who are interested in improvement of neighborhood roads, should get in touch with their township commissioner at once if they expect to have their opinions heard in time to be of value in the sharing of secondary roads benefits during the next two years.

The Board of Commissioners were notified this week, that sometime within the month, highway officials and engineers will meet with the county board to explain what is on the book for the county during the next two years. If the projects set up by the highway people do not best meet the needs of the people of the county, it will be the job of the Commissioners to convince them some revisions are better.

Under the usual rule, citizens of each township would present these matters to the County Board through the Commissioner elected to represent their township. Courtesy demands that this procedure be followed, and other officials, expecting due courtesy, and having the proper sense of courtesy and decency will look to this man first for his opinion of affairs in his township. At the same time each Commissioner is elected by all the people, he is not there merely to represent his own community, it is his duty to view all areas carefully, ever on guard that something is not done that is detrimental to the greater number of people and against the best interests of another community or the county as a whole.

When the road subjects referred to have been approved, they will become a part of the program for the next two years, and very little change or deviation may be expected so that it is important that all citizens who have matters needing attention advise their commissioner. See ROADS, Page Eight

EFFORTS TOWARD A GREAT MEMORIAL AREA INCREASE

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner last week appeared before the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in behalf of H. R. 5488, a bill to revise the boundaries of the Wright Brothers National Memorial.

The bill would add 111 acres to the present acreage at no cost to the Government. The purchase price will be defrayed by the Avalon and Old Dominion Foundation and the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Bonner stated that he saw no reason why the bill should not pass the House unanimously and the Senate likewise.