

DREDGING PROJECT MANTEO-WANCHESE ON AT BOTH ENDS

The Two Harbors Being Deepened Simultaneously To Depth of 12 Feet

This week, a big suction dredge completed the deepening of Manteo Harbor to a depth of 12 feet, and has turned outward from the harbor to work southward toward the Roanoke Sound Bridge and into the Oregon Inlet Channel. This week too, another dredge made its entrance into the Mill Landing harbor at Wanchese which will also be deepened to 12 feet. When the harbor has been deepened, the dredge will proceed northward up Broad Creek channel until it meets the southbound dredge.

This job is being done at a cost of some half million dollars by Atkinson Dredging Co., of Norfolk. While at Wanchese, the dredge will be permitted by D. D. Atkinson the contractor, to fill in the site for a public dock, for which citizens of Roanoke Island and friends elsewhere contributed \$2,200 in order that the community might not lose this harbor project which was threatened, if failure to meet government requirements had resulted.

U. S. Engineers expect to complete the entire job which calls for 12 feet of water on through Oregon Inlet by July 1, 1960. They expect to put a large hopper dredge on the job at Oregon Inlet bar in February of 1960. When this is completed more than a million dollars will have been spent, and for the first time in history, craft drawing 12 feet will be permitted to come into a North Carolina port in northeastern North Carolina. Great confidence is expressed that it will mean more for the economy of Roanoke Island and vicinity than anything ever planned for it, and boost tremendously, local income and development of commercial and industrial property as never before.

BIG FALL FESTIVAL IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOV. 20TH

There will be a Fall Festival in the Manteo Elementary School Gym on Friday, Nov. 20 from five until nine p.m.

A lot of effort is being made to give the students encouragement in their work, and the faculty and association hopes there will be a good attendance with the purpose in mind of inspiring and helping the students.

Entertainment for all ages is planned, a country store will provide a variety of items for Christmas shoppers, homemade sandwiches, pies, cakes, candy and bottle drinks will be on sale.

Cake walks, contest, fish pond, grab bags and a number of games will be in progress throughout the evening.

Each room will be sponsoring a boy and a girl as Prince and Princess and King and Queen of the Festival. The climax of the evening's festivities will be the crowning of the winners from the first through fourth grades as Prince and Princess, and from grade five through eighth a King and Queen.

The Manteo Elementary P. T. A. is sponsoring the Fall Festival and the proceeds will be used in the school for aids to teaching which are not provided for by other funds.

The public is invited. There will be a small admission charge, and the ticket stubs will be used in drawings for door prizes during the evening.

KITTY HAWK PEOPLE TO GET NEW POST OFFICE

Information has been received from the Regional Operations Director, Post Office Department, Atlanta, that a site has been selected for new post office facilities at Kitty Hawk, Mrs. Kathryn H. Perry, the postmaster announces.

The building planned for Kitty Hawk will be representative of modern facilities now being erected in other areas under the Post Office Department is granted an assignable land option on a piece of property and advertisement is posted inviting bids for the construction and lease to the Department of a post office building thereon. If satisfactory bids develop, the option is assigned by the Post Office Department to the successful bidder, who purchases the property and constructs the building for lease to the Department.

Note—The Postoffice Department is making effort generally to improve buildings used for post-offices. Another community in

MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL'S HOMECOMING QUEEN



From a field of 20 popular girls of Manteo High School, teenager Beverly Beavers, shown here with her bouquet, was selected as queen of the Homecoming Football Game between Manteo and Columbia on Friday night. Queen Beverly's team won the game with a score of 46 to nothing over the visiting team. (Aycock Brown Photo)

BROWN IN BAHAMAS PRAISES OUR FISHING

The growth of the Cape Hatteras, N. C. area as a sports fisherman's paradise was described Tuesday in Nassau.

Aycock Brown of Manteo, in an address at the fourth annual Game Fish Conference of the International Oceanographic Foundation, said:

"Unless the Gulf Stream changes its course, there is, in my mind, little likelihood that Hatteras waters will ever fail to produce big game fish. Any area where almost 400 billfish can be boated in one season is not likely to see any of its nearby game fishing communities become ghost towns."

Between May 9 and Nov. 7, Brown said, billfish catches off the Hatteras area included 160 blue marlin, 138 white marlin, 67 sailfish, 8 broadbills and 1 spearfish.

The location of the Gulf Stream, just 10 miles off the coast, permits 10 hours of daylight fishing at the hundred fathom curve, he said.

Yet, Brown pointed out, there are only five cruisers based at Hatteras which regularly engage in big game fishing. This presents an opportunity for considerable expansion of the sports fishing industry there and steps have been taken in that direction.

Brown described a meeting between Gov. Luther Hodges and Charles F. Johnson, out of which came plans for organizing the Hatteras Marlin Club. The club sponsored a challenge match against the San Juan Club Nautico of Puerto Rico which resulted in eight marlin being caught off Hatteras and three off San Juan in the return match.

The Hatteras club also will sponsor an international blue marlin tournament off North Carolina next June, Brown added.

FAREWELL TO FOOTBALL SOCK HOP IN MANTEO

On Friday, November 13, at 10 to 12 p.m., there will be a "Farewell to Football" Sock Hop at the Manteo High School Gym. The admission is fifty cents for stag and seventy-cents for couples. The proceeds will go to the Junior Class fund. There will be a brief floorshow honoring the cheerleaders and the football players for your entertainment.

An added attraction at the Manteo-Plymouth football game at Manteo on Friday, November 13, at 8 p.m., will be the Plymouth band playing at halftime.

Dare County whose citizens are clamoring for a better looking postoffice is Hatteras. In some instances, local political activity is used for selfish interests to defeat projects for new postoffices, where by a community is denied the facility it ought to get.

TYRRELL CAPTAIN LOST WHEN SHIP EXPLODES SUNDAY

Capt. Raymond Combs of Gum Neck and Kill Devil Hills Killed in Houston, Texas

Capt. Raymond D. Combs, 50, a native of Gum Neck, son of John Combs, and six of his crewmen on the ill-fated Amoco tanker were reported lost in the explosion which damaged the ship Sunday in Houston, Texas. Of the 41-man crew, 18 others went to the hospital for treatment. The ship, lay aground in the Houston ship channel with 90,000 barrels of high test gasoline in its hold.

Three heavy explosions took place immediately after 12:10 a.m. Sunday morning. The tanker, a 12,000-ton vessel is 540 feet long. It was loading cargo from barges.

Capt. Combs had a brother, Felton C. Combs living at Kill Devil Hills.

The fire started in in the bow of the ship, and it was feared should it spread, it would be worse than that in nearby Texas City a few years ago, when following a ship explosion, 540 persons lost their lives.

The body of Raymond R. Combs 50, Captain of the Amoco Virginia who died in the Texas boat fire Sunday was identified Monday by a Masonic ring, according to news in Columbia by his father, John C. Combs. It was met in Raleigh Wednesday morning and removed to Walker Funeral Home.

Besides his father of Route 3, Columbia, he is survived by one brother, Felton T. Combs of Kill Devil Hills.

The Captain was a native of Tyrrell County, graduated from Columbia High School; attended Wake Forest College; member of Providence Lodge AF & AM No. 678; Scottish Rite Consistory; Shriner and member of O.E.S. No. 281.

He joined the Merchant Marine in 1930; served in the Mediterranean Area during World War II; served with Pocahontas Fuel Company for four years and went with Pan American Refinery Co. in 1935, and received Captain's License in 1935.

Funeral services were held at the Gum Neck Baptist Church, Thursday at 2:30 p.m. by the Rev. Gordon B. Shaw and the Rev. H. Worth Pearce. Burial was in the church cemetery. Masonic Rites were held at the grave side.

MRS. MAY L. BRINKLEY, 76 MANTEO BUSINESSWOMEN DIES IN CHAPEL HILL

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Twiford Funeral Chapel in Manteo for Mrs. May L. Brinkley, 76, who died in the night of Nov. 8th in Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill following a two-weeks illness. She died on her birthday.

Mrs. Brinkley was born in New York, the daughter of the late Edward V. and Hulda Andrews Roe, and was the widow of the late Zeb Vance Brinkley of Manteo. At the time of her death, she was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Manteo, which post she had held for several years. She and her daughters were majority stockholders in the bank. During her active life she had taken part in civic and educational affairs in the community. During the early years of her married life Mrs. Brinkley lived 12 years in England and Europe where her husband represented a large American manufacturing firm, a position he held for many years in America, until his retirement shortly before his death in 1952. Both their daughters were born in England.

Mrs. Brinkley is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Frank B. Turner of Raleigh, and Mrs. Arnold Schiffman of Greensboro; by seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. C. D. Noe of Bath, a former Rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church of which Mrs. Brinkley was a member. Pall bearers were Tom Basnight, Maynard Mangum, George Powell, J. A. Kridler, Victor Meekins, and Wayland Baum.

The floral offerings were exceptionally beautiful and abundant, and the impressive Episcopal funeral service by Mr. Noe was witnessed by a large attendance, as was the graveside concluding services.

Interment was in Manteo Cemetery.

BENEFIT TURKEY DINNER THURSDAY NIGHT, NOV. 19

A turkey dinner will be served on Thursday evening, November 19, from six until eight o'clock by the WSCS of Manteo's Mount Olivet Methodist Church, in the educational building. Plates to take out will be ready at 5:30. Adult plates will be \$1.00 and children's plates 50¢. This dinner is an annual affair for the benefit of the WSCS projects.

APPROVED BY ROTARIANS FOR DEFENSE DIRECTOR



CAPT. LINWOOD CUTHRELL, Manteo contractor was given unanimous endorsement by the Manteo Rotary Club Monday night for the post of Director of Civil Defense for Dare County, and this endorsement will be forwarded to the State Director at an early date. It is significant that every director of Civil Defense in Dare County has come from the membership of the Manteo Rotary Club and none of them have been natives of Dare County. In fact only four members of the club are Dare County natives: C. S. Meekins, R. D. Sawyer, E. E. Meekins and Victor Meekins. Capt. Cuthrell will succeed Col. F. Gibbs of Manteo who recently resigned. He is a native of Engelhard.

Earlier, the club's program was a talk by Sgt. James R. Hairfield, a native of Rocky Mount, Va., who is in command of the Army Radar Unit at Nags Head, which is under the 34d Army Group of Air Defense. Sgt. Hairfield explained the importance of this unit, and invited visitors to stop in at the station during visiting hours.

INGLIS FLETCHER AND CAPT. JOHN, WEEKENDERS

Distinguished weekenders at Kill Devil Hills were Capt. John Fletcher and his wife Inglis the much famed novelist whose books about historical Albemarle have brought to its coastland counties many benefits. The Fletchers were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Morrison, and both Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Morrison have long served the area in the additional capacity of prime boosters of the Lost Colony.

Mrs. Fletcher has published two books during the year, one being "Cormorants Brood", the latest in that successful series of novels about Carolina from earliest days.

No less interesting however, is a different book, which is called "Pay, Pack and Follow," an extremely interesting autobiography of Mrs. Fletcher's writing career. It begins with reference to her ancestors in Tyrrell County, her years of travel in mining camps during the career of her husband, her decision to purchase historic old Bandon Plantation near Edenton and to return from California to make it her permanent home. Bandon has become one of the showplaces of Carolina, and many pilgrimages are made to see it, as well as to see the Fletchers who have continued to grow in the endearment of their neighbors because of their unselfish interest in many causes of worth to all of us.

It will be a rare treat to buy "Pay, Pack and Follow." It may also be obtained from the Manteo Library. It continues with more and more about the author's colorful and interesting career, her life in Africa and in Scotland, the last being the ancestral country of Capt. John, her husband. Having known this distinguished woman, it is amazing to read her books and marvel at her tireless energy, her exceptional genius, and her unwavering affection so magnificent combined to produce plots with so magical a capacity to thrill and delight those who read them.

WILLIAMSON PROVIDES MODERN UNDERTAKING SERVICE IN HYDE CO.

Pratt Williamson, of Swan Quarter who for many years has been associated with the Berry Co. funeral directors of Swan Quarter and the only licensed embalmer in Hyde County has recently opened a modern funeral service at Swan Quarter, since the Berry Company dissolved on the death of the late Dan Berry. Mr. Williamson has opened a larger opportunity for his profession. Mr. Williamson also operates the Beaufort-Hyde Burial Association which pays funeral benefits for its members.

WEATHER WORKS AGAINST GOOD FOWL HUNTING

While good shooting reports have come from occasional sectors, it appears the wildfowl season which opened Tuesday for the slaying of geese, (and will not open for ducks until the 20th,) has not yet been a good one, due largely to mild weather conditions, and a scarcity of hunters who prefer to wait until the 20th when all species may be killed. Few hunters wish to take an expensive journey in view of so many limitations on their activities.

It was estimated early in the week that 100,000 geese and ducks were in the Mattamuskeet area. Twelve hundred hunters were expected on opening day, but failed to materialize in entirety. Shooting in the Dare County section was not reported as profitable this week, and the same conditions prevailed here too.

On the Federal game refuge at Lake Maattamuskeet are 32 blinds, many times more in the nearby fields. The Lake is a 50,000-acre area. W. G. Cahoon is the U. S. Government manager, and L. B. Tunnell is manager for the State Concession for regulation of blinds.

ROANOKE ISLAND ENJOYS INVASION BY 500 SOLDIERS

Ft. Eustis Group Under Lt. Col. McNally Enliven Week End For Many Citizens

Roanoke Islanders responded nobly on the week end, and extended its traditional hospitality when it found its 500 soldier visitors to be men of fine caliber. In return, Lt. Col. Jos. D. McNally, in charge of the detail, held open house aboard his flagship Sunday afternoon, and many people were delighted with the opportunity to visit an interesting vessel and learn something about Army life first hand.

Many of the young soldiers said they wished they could spend another week; for they had never been treated more kindly at any place they had been. Some of them met girls in Dare County and said they were planning to come back on leave soon. Many of them visited Fort Raleigh and the Roanoke Island gardens, and upon hearing of the Lost Colony expressed an interest in attending the show next summer.

From this group, a large increase was noted in churches of all faiths in the area Sunday. On the week end, they took part in, and were greatly noticed in school festivals.

The 159th Transportation Battalion of Newport News is the unit which furnished this detachment, which arrived Wednesday night in some 35 vessels which were based at the Manteo airport, and participated in practice drills simulating the conditions of actual warfare. They made assault landings on the Roanoke Island beaches, and truly met with a surprise attack when they were repulsed by a huge swarm of mosquitos which they disturbed when the soldiers marched through the grass. Marvin Mann, Mosquito Control Supervisor sent out chemical reinforcements which made it possible for the soldiers to come out partially victorious.

At no time has any military group in the area won so much praise for their orderly conduct and fine manners than these men, who went away Monday leaving regrets upon their departure. They were liberally invited to return, and county and town officials sent letters to their Headquarters Commandant commending their spirit and conduct.

To make their visit more pleasant, County Agent Jim Rea opened the 4-H camps at the Airport for the benefit of the soldiers. The Virginia Electric & Power Co. furnished electricity, which provided showers much appreciated by the men who had to endure tent life and stormy weather almost the whole time of their visit. The Manteo Womens Club sponsored entertainment at the Community House through the aid of Mrs. Ralph Davis, Mrs. Mabel Jones and others.

REVIVAL PLANNED SUNDAY AT R. I. BAPTIST CHURCH

Announcement is made that revival services will be held each night November 15 through 21 at Roanoke Island Baptist Church near Manteo, preaching to begin at 7:30 p.m. by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Goodwin of Powells Point. The public is invited to attend these services. There will be no morning services.

WOMANS CLUB TO SPONSOR CONTEST AT CHRISTMASTIDE

Manteo Group Announces Events Shaping Up; Dance on Saturday Night

By SARA EVERETT, PRES.

The Manteo Woman's Club will sponsor a residential Christmas Lighting and Decoration Contest on Roanoke Island again this year, Mrs. Maynard Mangum, Chairman of the contest, announced this week. The contest, which begins on December 1, and ends on the 25, is being promoted to spread the spirit of Christmas by means of decoration with light. Winners will receive a variety of prizes. First place winner will be entered in the General Electric's \$5000.00 National Christmas Contest. Mrs. Mangum, in announcing the Christmas Decorating Contest stated that "our community will receive a great many benefitts from an all-out effort to decorate our home". This contest will provide pleasure for everyone participating, it will help beautify our community at this season of the year, and it will foster a friendlier community spirit. Entry blanks will be available and should be filled out and mailed to Mrs. Mangum by December 25.

Local Clubwomen competing for TRIP TO EUROPE . . . Participation in Third Annual Fashion Sewing Contest announced.

Pattern books and travel folders will make favored reading for many members of the Manteo Woman's Club starting today, Mrs. Woody Fearing, winner of the 16th District Contest, in 1958 has just announced the club's plans to enter the Third Annual Fashion Sewing Contest sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Vogue Pattern Service, in cooperation with the Woman's Club Service Bureau of New York City. First prize in this national contest is a trip to Europe, with other awards including trips to the Federation's Annual Convention in Washington, D. C., next spring. All contestants are required to make and model an outfit which they consider the "Ideal Costume for the Club-woman's Wardrobe". The winning entry will be selected on the basis of adaptability for various club occasions, over-all fashion effect, becomingness to wearer and workmanship. Prizes are on the local, District and State Level. So far 3 members of the Manteo Woman's Club have entered the contest . . . Mrs. Fearing, Chairman, Mrs. Maynard Mangum, and Mrs. H. A. Glynn. It is hoped that many more will enter. Please contact Mrs. Woody Fearing today!

Plan now to step out on Saturday night, November 14 at the Harvest Hoe Down Square Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Roanoke Inn. Buy your ticket at Swindell Dress Shop or at the door . . . 50¢ per person, good lively music. When you are hungry and thirsty visit the Snack Bar where refreshments will be on sale. Help a worthy cause by attending the Manteo Woman's Club Square Dance. Door prizes galore!!!

MENHADEN STEAMER GOES ASHORE AT OCRACOKE

The menhaden steamer Ensign went aground off Ocracoke on Nov. 4th, while fishing too close to shore. Since the Ensign was not equipped with radio telephone the Coast Guard was called to the rescue at 1:00 p.m. by the steamer Lynn Ann who was fishing close by.

On receiving the call, Chief Charles D. Stowe of the 83-footer, went immediately, with his crew to the assistance of the Ensign. Some difficulty was experienced in keeping a line aboard the disabled ship as a stiff breeze was blowing and she was aground in the shallow water of the off-break, this prevented help getting close enough to pass a line aboard, however, after several hawsers had been put aboard and chafed in two with the strain, a line was shot aboard, made fast and the work of getting her back to sea began. This was accomplished by keeping a tight line with steady and constant strain as the tide rose. Finally at 6:30 p.m. the Ensign was again afloat, but her purse boats were on the beach.

On Friday, the Coast Guard still to the rescue, one of the purse boats was refloated only to capsize and sink in the off-break. The other is still on Ocracoke beach awaiting the Great Swath, another memento of the might of the sea.

Every man is valued in this world as he shows by his conduct he wishes to be valued.

—Jean de la Bruyere