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JAMBOREE PIRATES ON TV, CARAVANS, DINING, DANCING

Variety During Week's Program
of Events, More Travel
Next Week

Buccaneers of the Pirates Jamboree are now very busy with events that will lead up to the sixth annual vacation launching event on April 29-May 1.

Last week end the buccaneers were featured on TV shows in Washington N. C., at a banquet in Morehead City and then a cruise to the 18th century haunts of Blackbeard at Ocracoke.

On Wednesday and Thursday this week a group of 20 buccaneers invaded Richmond. There they were received at the Governor's office, appeared on television shows, were photographed for local and national newspapers, entertained at the swanky Tantilla Club and then visited the Federal Reserve Bank where they were photographed again with 51 thousand silver dollars as a backdrop. On Thursday after leaving Richmond the group visited the Mayor of Petersburg.

On Friday night all bearded men will enjoy a banquet at The Carolinian beginning at 6:30 o'clock. At the same time the beardless lady buccaneers will dine at Beacon Motor Lodge. After the banquets the groups will be guests of Ras Wescott for a dance at The Casino.

Young pirates, 70 from the Dare Coast including five couples from Hatteras Island will leave Manteo by bus or station wagons for Norfolk to be filmed for the "Let's Dance" program on WTAR. In Norfolk, the Dare group will be joined by pirate costumed members of Elizabeth City high school band. They will be featured on the Elizabeth City Coca-Cola Bottling Works-sponsored show on Saturday evening, April 23 at 6 o'clock for a full hour. The show will be filmed at 11 o'clock Saturday, April 9, in advance of its actual presentation. Mrs. Ollie Belle Swain and Mrs. Helen Baum will be in charge of the Dare County group of teenage buccaneers.

On Monday, April 11, costumed pirates will invade Washington, D. C., where nationally known state officials will help entertain the group and on Thursday, April 14, another overnight junket will take the group to Norfolk for more fun and publicity entertainment.

BELHAVEN SENIOR TO REPRESENT HIS SCHOOL

Stephen Thomas "Tommy" Jones of Belhaven will represent Beaufort County at the Youth Fitness Conference in Raleigh, April 9, 1960. Tommy, a senior at the John A. Wilkinson School, was chosen from a group of nominees from the various county schools and received an invitation from Governor Luther Hodges to attend the meeting.

The students attending the conference exemplify the qualities of all-round fitness for living in the world of today. Tommy has demonstrated his leadership ability by serving as president of his class two years in succession, president of the local Beta Club and the county Beta Clubs, and in various capacities in his church, the Trinity Methodist Church. Chief Marshal last year, he is at present one of the top students in his class. In a variety of other capacities, including dramatics, public speaking, and participation in three varsity sports, Tommy has demonstrated his all-round ability.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Jones of Belhaven. Tommy plans to attend college next year.

LIONS CLUB WILL SELL LIGHT BULBS TUESDAY

Residents of Roanoke Island will have another opportunity to buy light bulbs at their doorstep next Tuesday night, the 12th, as Manteo Lions conduct their annual bulb sale. Packages of five bulbs in various sizes are available, with prices in line with retail sales in the area.

On Tuesday night of this week the club was entertained by Game Protector W. S. White of Manns Harbor who presented a film on wildlife operations in North Carolina. He also answered questions regarding the motorboat safety laws which became effective April 1.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH GETS NEW RECTOR

The Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Angus Miller of Sweet Water, Texas, arrived in Belhaven Thursday. Mr. Miller is the new Rector of St. James Episcopal Church. He succeeds The Rt. Rev. John Broome who has accepted a call to Farmville.

TWO OLD TIMERS GREET HEAD OF JAMBOREE FESTIVAL



Reading from left to right, James Nathaniel Edwards of Belhaven and Ocracoke, and for many years a resident of Sladesville in Hyde County; L. L. Swain of Manteo, co-chairman of the current Pirate's Jamboree festival; and Capt. Maultby Taylor of Sea Level, the father of the four Taylor Brothers who have been generous in their giving for Carteret County. Capt. Taylor well up in his eighties and Mr. Edwards, well up in his nineties, have long been acquainted, for Capt. Taylor has spent a lot of time at Belhaven and for many years captained a freight boat into this port. Capt. Taylor went over on the new ferry last Thursday along with Mr. Swain with his group of pirates bent on an advertising mission, and at Ocracoke met Mr. Edwards, who is now living there with his daughter, Mrs. R. S. Wahab.—Aycok Brown photo.

NEW OCEAN PIER AT KDH OPENING THIS WEEK END

KILL DEVIL HILLS.—Completion is being made to the new Avalon Pier at Kill Devil Hills, and according to announcement from officials of the corporation it will be opened to the public this week end on "no admission charged" basis until fish begin to bite. C. A. York, president of Avalon Pier Corporation, and Parson L. Powell, vice-president, will be on hand most of the time during beginning operations. Neither are newcomers to the area, York having been active for several years in real estate, building supply and other ventures along the beach. Powell formerly owned Ocean View Cottage Court at Kill Devil Hills, but disposed of this interest some time ago.

Waters of the ocean where the new Avalon Pier is located are in the vicinity of two submerged shipwrecks, the Paraguay and the Carl Gerhard, which foundered about 35 years ago. Marine growth on the wrecks have proven a big attraction for fish which use the area as one of their favorite feeding grounds, and some excellent catches have been made in the surf there through the years. It was near the location of the new pier in Kill Devil Hills that Art Clark of Fox Chase Manor, Pa., brought in a world record 61½ pound channel bass on 12 pound test line in 1954—a record that is yet unbroken.

Whiting (sea mullet), croaker, bluefish, and a variety of other fishes are plentiful in the Dare Beaches surf and are taken in great numbers by pier anglers each year.

Finishing touches have yet to be See PIER, Page Six

FRIENDS OF BONNER TO DONATE CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Robert Farish, manager of Hoell-Farish Motor company in Washington, is chairman of a finance committee which seeks to raise funds for the campaign to renominate Herbert Bonner as First District congressman.

In Dare County, Alvah Ward, Jr., of Manteo is receiving contributions to help finance the cost of the campaign for Mr. Bonner, and said yesterday he already has some funds in hand received this week. He said Dare County is greatly indebted to Mr. Bonner, and it hopes it will respond generously.

The announcement of Mr. Farish's appointment and acceptance was made by Nelson Banks, Bonner campaign manager.

Mr. Farish said this week: "Within the next few days we'll name sub-chairmen of our committee, and they'll come from all areas of Beaufort county. We must raise a campaign fund to fight the battle for Mr. Bonner's renomination, and we hope many citizens who know Mr. Bonner and who appreciate his service in congress will answer the call for funds."

Those wishing to contribute to the Bonner campaign fund are asked to send their contributions to "Bonner campaign fund, in care of Bob Farish, Washington, N. C." in Dare County to Mr. Ward at Manteo.

"No donation is too small, and we'll accept the money and use it to help Mr. Bonner," they say.

SONNY BRIGGS, FORMER RESIDENT OF DARE COUNTY AND LOST COLONY PLAYER, MAKES TELEVISION HIT



JAMES "SONNY" BRIGGS a popular young man who grew up in Manteo and at Kill Devil Hills, who played in the Lost Colony during his school and college days, has made a big hit in television, and many people waited up Thursday night to watch with great interest, the picture in which he appeared on CBS. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Briggs of Kill Devil Hills, the operators of the Croatan Hotel. The following is a detailed account of his career as published Sunday:

By MARY HOPKINS
(In The Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch)

"There's a shortage in Hollywood of big, red-headed guys who can die with conviction, and I manage to keep quite busy," the big, red-headed fellow said. "I probably die with greater frequency than anyone in the business."

The fellow with whom I was talking was Charlie Briggs, who will be seen Thursday night in "Seed of Evil" on Zane Grey Theatre, 9 p.m., Channel 3. He plays the role of the retarded son of Malachi West, portrayed by Raymond Massey.

"I have played everything from a sadistic killer to a sympathetic policeman . . . I think I am the only man ever to put a shot into the Tightrope . . . from a laconic old Confederate sergeant to a crooked supply sergeant, but most of my appearances have been in Westerns," he said.

This conversation with Charlie was the first time I had heard his voice in some time.

A couple of decades ago, when I was a reporter for the Elizabeth City, N. C., Daily Advance, and Tom and Susie Briggs were operating the Virginia Dare Hotel there, Susie and I played golf together when she could temporarily dispose of her precocious little son Charlie.

It seems likely that the last time I heard him talk he was trying to con his mother into staying home and entertaining him, instead of playing golf. He would have See BRIGGS, Page Six

FISHING PIER FOR HATTERAS ISLAND NEAR RODANTHE

Work Begins on 700 Foot Structure to be Owned by R. D. Owens, Ferrell Brothers

Construction of a 700 foot ocean pier for fishing purposes near the village at Rodanthe has begun, according to R. D. Owens, motel operator who is associated with the Ferrell Brothers, lumber dealers of Moyock. Mr. Owens expects to open the pier for business in June. It will be 24 feet wide, the widest yet of the fishing piers on the Dare coast, and is the first to be built on Hatteras Island. It is located opposite Mr. Owens' Chicamacomico Motel established in 1954.

Near this spot are several shipwrecks, which are noted for good surf fishing locations. In fact, the Rodanthe area is considered tops for surf-casting. The village is famed for the many members of the Coast Guard service it has produced, and the many notable rescues they made of mariners imperiled by the sea. From the nearby Life Saving Station, Capt. John Allen Midgett led his crew to the rescue of the crew of the torpedoed and burning British SS Miro during World War I, and for this deed all the crew members and Capt. Midgett received great honors from both British and American governments. The Life Saving station is now being converted into a museum by the National Park Service.

DARE CO. BOARD TO MEET MONDAY AT CAPE HATTERAS

To Be at School at 1 P.M.;
Health Center Conference
in Morning

The Dare County Board of Commissioners has scheduled a special meeting of the Board at Cape Hatteras High School at 1 p.m. Monday, April 11th for the convenience of any citizens of Hatteras Island who wish to bring matters of special interest to attention of the Board and the public is invited to attend.

Among items which may be discussed is the complaint about the garbage situation at Hatteras, which is objected to on the ground that the garbage from two townships is all being brought to Hatteras and dumped, adding to unsightliness and makes for a health menace.

Another important matter is the proposal to vote on a bond issue whereby a special tax can be levied to maintain a modern Health Center in Hatteras township.

Prior to the meeting of the Commissioners, a conference will be held between Board members, the trustees of the Cape Hatteras Health Center and Wm. F. Henderson, Executive Secretary of the N. C. Medical Care Commission of Raleigh, relative to the proposal for the new health center.

The Board members plan to visit the air strip now under construction at Frisco, during the visit.

On issue which may be brought before the Board is the sentiment of the people of Hatteras Island toward paying a special tax to build a jail at Buxton which is now being urged by several people of the community as a necessity for law and order.

OYSTERMEN MEET AT MANN'S HARBOR; RESULTS IN DOUBT

Without Restrictions Against
Stripping Natural Beds A
Loss May Result

Some 30 people met at Manns Harbor Saturday afternoon, of whom not more than half were oystermen, and which had been called to express the views of the fishermen with respect to oyster planting in N. C. waters this year. The meeting was attended by Gehrman Holland of Beaufort, State Fisheries Commissioner, several members of his staff and by Lorimer W. Midgett, of Elizabeth City, a member of the Board of Conservation and Development.

A petition had been signed and sent to the Department, heavily opposing the planting of oysters in Dare County waters. The benefits that may come from this policy are doubtful, since the fishermen also wanted Dare County oysters left alone. But while no planting is granted, there was no assurance given that oysters won't be taken from the area and carried to other places, and this is a situation which brought about the objections in the first place.

For there has been complaint from oystermen at Stumpy Point and Wanchese for several years that too many oysters are being dredged up and carried away to distant points, to the detriment of the industry in Hyde and Dare Counties.

Mr. Holland stated that no oyster planting this year will take place in Dare, Hyde, Pamlico and Carteret, but in some counties farther south planting will be done. He said some permits had been issued already to persons who wished to get oysters for planting.

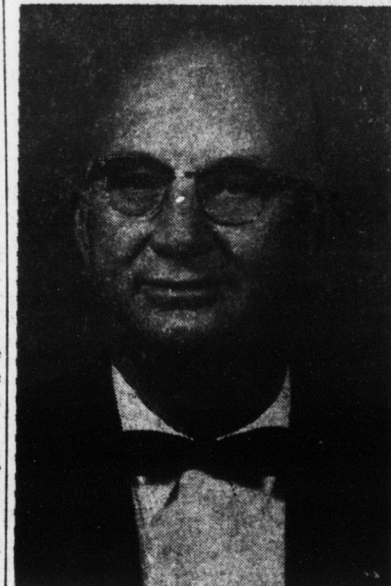
BID REJECTED FOR FERRY CHANNEL AT OREGON INLET

A bid of \$84,000 received by the State Highway Commission last week, submitted by Atkinson Dredging Co., of Norfolk was rejected as being in excess of engineers estimates. This bid was for the dredging of the ferry boat channel at Oregon Inlet where so much trouble has resulted since the first of December. It is estimated that the necessary work could have been done at that time for \$25,000 to \$30,000 while there were several dredges in the vicinity, but highway Engineers opposed doing the work, and when finally it was determined that the work had to be done, the dredges had been removed and the difficulty of bringing them back to the scene now entails heavy cost. The delay in correcting the bad situation at the people who fear a considerable loss in tourist business this season. The highway commission has revised its estimates in order to ask for new bids.

CURRITUCK COUNTY EFFORT TOWARD OCEAN BOULEVARD GETS WIDE ENCOURAGEMENT

Forty County and Town Officials at Princess Anne Courthouse Wednesday Witness Expressions of Unanimous Enthusiasm For Virginia Beach to Kitty Hawk Road; Future Meetings Planned.

SEEKING HOUSE SEAT FROM CURRITUCK CO.



WALTON GRIGGS of Point Harbor who represented Currituck County in the Legislature of 1957, filed this week again for this post, and promises a thorough campaign of the county to discuss with voters the important issues beneficial to the county which now face the people. Mr. Griggs, a former member of the Currituck County Board of Education and his wife Ruth, operate at the west end of the Currituck Sound bridge one of the most popular restaurants of the area. Mrs. Griggs is a native of Cape Hatteras, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Midgett, of Buxton and New Smyrna, Fla. They have two daughters.

LESSONS GAINED FROM INDUSTRIAL MEETING IN WAYNE

Eastern Carolina Considered
State's Most Promising Frontier For Development

The Eastern North Carolina Industrial Meeting in Goldsboro last week pointed up many sharp lessons to observers about the business of creating and attracting industries. Speakers declared Eastern North Carolina to be a real frontier for industry, with more to offer towards its substantial development than any other part of the state.

Speaker after speaker appeared on morning and afternoon sessions with solid information and suggestions. James A. Babcock, Westinghouse plant manager explained what industry look for in a community. A worthwhile industry does not look for handouts, but it expects to become a contributing member of the community, he explained. What industry does look for is responsible local government that will add up to a healthy climate for all citizens.

To make it a safe locality for industry, it must have a number of things beside a stable supply of labor, for labor will locate where there is a stable industry. The community must have adequate school facilities; an adequate health program, and law enforcement that is not a joke. In any community, where this has been required by its citizenship, there need be no fear that industry will not prosper and become increasingly useful and helpful.

Governor Luther Hodges, who spoke at a luncheon which grew in attendance beyond first plans, had apparently done the state a fine service back in February when he said Eastern North Carolina was lagging in effort to establish industry. Governor Hodges had stirred up the people. If they are not prepared to establish industries, they surely are interested in finding out something about the business of getting them. John Davis, Burlington garment manufacturer, told how to develop an industry See LESSONS, Page Six

BAKE SALE SATURDAY

A bake sale will be put on by the WSCS of Mount Olivet Methodist Church Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. until three p.m., in the old Texaco service station in Manteo. A large assortment of baked goods will be for sale. All members of the WSCS are asked to take in their wares between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

The long-dreamed of scenic ocean boulevard some 40 miles along the ocean shore of Princess Anne, Currituck and Dare Counties, was viewed Tuesday at a meeting in Princess Anne, Va., as something that might easily be accomplished in three years. Some 40 officials attended.

Merrill Evans of Ahsokie, a former State Highway Commissioner and a Currituck native told the group that many difficulties which had delayed building of the road had been eliminated, and he believed its worth to North Carolina was now sufficiently apparent that its construction could result in three years as a result of the prevailing favorable sentiment at this time.

The Princess Anne County Board of Supervisors were hosts to delegation from the County Boards of Commissioners of Dare and Currituck Counties and the Virginia Beach Town Board. The meeting resulted from an invitation from the Currituck County board to the other Boards represented. Led by Chairman H. D. Newbern of Powells Point, and with Currituck County Attorney Wilton Walker, the entire Currituck Board attended.

Mr. Walker was named temporary chairman of a committee of 20 others,—five from each group, to be appointed later, to give further study to the proposition.

Attending from Dare County were Major J. L. Murphy of Kill Devil Hills, President of the All-Seashore Highway Association which has been advocating this boulevard for several years; George Crocker, Jr., President, and Walter Perry of Kill Devil Hills, represented the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce. A committee sent from the Dare Board of Commissioners consisted of Victor Meekins of Manteo and Woodrow Edwards of Waves.

Various members of the group were called upon for remarks about the project. Meekins told the group that Dare County was glad to join with a good neighbor Currituck in its worthy endeavors, and said the movement came more appropriately from Currituck, since Dare, having been so heavily favored during the past year in road projects, could not with good grace be in any demanding position. Only a very short stretch of the proposed road is in Dare, but most of it is in Currituck, and some 20 miles in Princess Anne County, Va.

Meekins and Walker said they were opposed to any toll road proposition in North Carolina, a position See HIGHWAY, Page Six

COLINGTON PRECINCT TO NOT BE DISCONTINUED

Colington voting precinct in Dare County, which had been scheduled to be consolidated with Kill Devil Hills has been granted a respite and will continue to function this year at least, Chairman Jack Tillett of the Dare County Board of elections said yesterday. Colington had been slated to go out, along with Mashoes and Duck, which last named have a small number of voters. A delegation of Colington citizens, consisting of Albert O'Neal, Sylvester Perry, Raymond Perry, Ernest Hayward with Walter Perry of Kill Devil Hills organized an appeal in behalf of the precinct of Colington, which normally casts about 50 votes.

The move to consolidate precincts came about, Mr. Tillett said, because of lack of interest among voters, in view of the insufficiency of funds budgeted for elections. It costs about \$2,400 for each election held in the county, and some \$150 to the precinct made it cost the some \$12 or more for each vote cast by Mashoes, which is now to be consolidated with Manns Harbor.

Duck casts about 18 votes, and these votes cost about \$8 apiece to service, and this box will be consolidated with Kitty Hawk, with voting at the nearer new Kitty Hawk school.

The precinct of Trent on Hatteras Island is the next smaller precinct to be considered later for consolidation. In the last primary it cast only 45 votes, and in some elections has cast as little as nine votes, same as Mashoes and Duck. Unless voters show more interest, other precincts may come under the scrutiny of the Board of Election for consolidation.