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FISHING TOURNEY ATTRACTING MANY DURING NEXT WEEK

Tenth Annual Event for Nags Head Getting Underway Next Thursday

By AYCOCK BROWN
NAGS HEAD. — Thirty eight teams along the Atlantic Coast which are affiliated with the Association of Surf Anglers Club have been entered for the 10th annual Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament scheduled for October 13-15, it was stated today by Bob Preston, president of Nags Head Surf Fishing Club, sponsors of the annual event.

"In addition to the teams that have entered we are expecting up to 200 or more fishermen to compete on Saturday, final day of the tournament, in the individual event," said Preston.

Since surf and pier fishing has shown considerable improvement along the Dare Coast as well as the entire Atlantic Coast during recent weeks the 10th annual tournament is expected to be one of the best ever held. Already the fame of the local tournament has become nationally known, especially among persons who enjoy and participate in surf fishing events.

Willard Shaner of Margate City, N. J., and Abie Williams of Nags Head will be co-directors of the Nags Head tournament again this year.

In addition to daytime fishing along the surf of the Dare beaches communities of Nags Head, Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills there will be social activities at the Carolinian, tournament headquarters, each evening, with the annual banquet scheduled for Saturday night at which time trophies and prizes to teams and individuals making winning catches will be awarded.

Teams that have won top honors in the tournaments during the first nine years of the surf classic have been; New Jersey Beach Buggy Association, 1959; Merchantsville, N. J. Fishing Club, 1958; Cape Hatteras Anglers Club, 1957; Merchantsville Club, 1956; South Jersey Anglers Association, 1955; Elizabeth City Surf Fishing Club, 1954; Elizabeth City Surf Fishing Club, 1953; Lover Fishing Club of Philadelphia, 1952 and the Margate City N. J. Casting Club, 1951. Information about entering teams or individuals may be obtained from Robert B. Preston, president, Nags Head Surf Fishing Club, Nags Head. Officials of the sponsoring club are Preston, Peter J. Biller, vice president; Jewel Scarborough, secretary and Elnora Preston, treasurer.

CALENDAR SALE IS BEING CONDUCTED BY MANTEO LIONS

Manteo Lions Club members are going to be busy during the next two weeks completing their annual "Community Birthday Calendar," a project of several years standing. It has been termed a successful campaign since its inception, being widely accepted by Roanoke Island residents.

Each member is assigned certain sections of the island for solicitation among the families, while a committee has been selected to collect advertising material from merchants. Anyone wishing to participate with family birthday, anniversary or other listings will have the opportunity when the Lions representative calls. Should anyone fail to be contacted before October 17 and desires recognition, he is urged to contact Melvin Jackson, chairman of calendar committee.

In other matters discussed at Tuesday night's meeting, it was stated that a profit of approximately \$1500 had been realized from operation of the concession stand at Fort Raleigh this summer. This was in addition to \$750 which the Lions Club paid Roanoke Island Historical Association for lease of facility.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH AT DUCK TO CELEBRATE

Grace Methodist Church in the small community of Duck in the north end of Dare County again plans its annual homecoming on Sunday, the 9th, with Sunday School at 10 a. m.; preaching service at 11; a picnic dinner on the grounds at 12:30; a hymnfest at 1:30. Rev. W. B. Gregory of Bath, a former pastor will be the speaker; the Nags Head Baptist Church, Rev. Frank Dinwiddie, pastor, has been invited to bring the singers. The affair is expected to be concluded at 3:30 p. m. Colington, Kitty Hawk, and other neighbor churches are expected to participate.

WESTVACO INTRODUCES NEW TOOL FOR FOREST FIRE CONTROL — WATER BOMBING



The light plane shown above equipped for precision water bombing of forest fires has been acquired by West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company it was announced today by D. Y. Lenhart, manager of the company's Timberlands Division, in his New York office. The photo by Brantley Brown shows Pilot Bill Henderson at the controls at the Manteo Airport.

Mr. Lenhart said the plane, which can fly close to the ground at low air speeds, supplements other modern fire fighting equipment on the company's 300,000 acres of woodlands in Dare and Tyrrell counties in North Carolina.

"Keys to the effectiveness of our new fire control tool," Mr. Lenhart pointed out, "are early detection and precision bombing. With the new plane, water bombing can be used to drench a drop area 125 feet long by 50 feet wide and leave surrounding air moist to the point of saturation."

The plane is a Stearman Trainer, a type used by the government in World War II, which has been completely rebuilt for fire fighting. The engine has 600 HP, almost triple its former horsepower, and the wings have been redesigned to provide greater life and maneuverability. A water tank occupies the front cockpit space. The AAA Flying Service of Clinton, N. C., handled the conversion.

Under a contract arrangement with William Henderson, of Manteo Flying Service, the plane is kept on a 24-hour alert ready to go into action as soon as smoke is sighted. Carrying a 250 gallon ppy load of water mixed with a chemical wetting agent precision bombing puts out small fires and keeps bigger blazes from spreading and running out of control.

"From the standpoint of initial expense and low operating cost, our plane is a practical application of the water bombing technique for Eastern woodlands," said William J. Crumpacker in Manteo, manager of the company's North Carolina woodlands. "The big planes with greater payloads that have been used in the West and Canada are not as practical for the precision bombing we feel is needed on our woodlands," he commented.

Two-way radio communications between the plane and fire fighters on the ground are used to coordinate the company's fire fighting efforts. Based on reports from the pilot as to the direction, intensity and characteristics of the fire, effective measures can be developed for control and containment.

BELHAVEN'S OLDEST MAN CELEBRATED 93RD BIRTHDAY

On September 16th, James Nathaniel Edwards of Belhaven celebrated his 93rd birthday at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Wahab in Ocracoke.

His many relatives who make it an annual event to be with him on his big day were prevented from being present this year due to disrupted transportation caused by hurricane Donna. However, he received phone calls from each of his sons, R. B. Edwards of Belhaven being the first to call. M. B. Edwards, Sr., of Ontario, California and E. W. Edwards of Rocky Mount also called and wished him many returns. Besides his sons, he received calls from other relatives in North Carolina and Virginia, as well as numerous messages and cards.

During the afternoon and evening many Ocracoke friends called to see him and to enjoy birthday cake and ice cream with him. All declared they would be back next year to greet him and to make his 94th birthday a festive occasion.

LARGE ATTENDANCE MOVED THURSDAY TO WILLIAMSTON RALLY

One of Largest in Many Years Indicates Lively Interest of Democrats

Judging from the attendance that shaped up early from the 14 counties roundabout, in the First Congressional District Thursday for the rally at Williamston, there can be no doubt of the interest of Democrats in this fall's campaign. Headlining the speakers was Dr. I. Beverly Lake, the brilliant runner-up in the contest in the primary for Governor this year.

Nat Johnson, Martin County Democratic chairman called the meeting to order; the invocation was by Rev. Gordon Conklin; welcome by Mayor Cortez Green of Williamston; responses by Russell Twiford, head of the Pasquotank Co. Young Democrats, by Hon. Thad Eure, Secretary of State, and Hon. Herbert Bonner, Congressman.

State chairman Bert Bennett introduced distinguished guests. Dr. Lake was introduced by Judge Malcolm Paul of Washington. Terry Sanford was presented by Weldon Hollowell of Edenton and Terry Sanford also spoke. Edmund Harding, the famed humorist also spoke. Grace was said by Rev. A. B. Ayers of Bear Grass. The meeting was followed by a barbecue dinner. In all, it seemed to bear out the prediction last week by Mr. Bonner, that this would be the biggest of rallies yet held in the First District. Hyde, Dare, Tyrrell and Beaufort Counties sent large delegations.

WOMEN'S CLUBS OF 16TH DISTRICT TO MEET AT NAGS HEAD

The Manteo Woman's Club will be host to the 16th District Meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs on October 12 at The Carolinian Hotel, Nags Head.

There will be about 150 women from the 16 clubs in the district. At this time awards are presented to the club which win on the district level. Reports will be given on achievements during the year.

Mrs. C. Gordon Madrey of Ahoakie, president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will address the clubs together with two other state officers. 16th district president, Mrs. Julian Porter of Severn will preside.

The local club officers are: President, Mrs. Jack Tillett; vice-president, Mrs. W. W. Harvey, Jr.; recording secretary, Mrs. Peggy Dunagan; treasurer, Mrs. Gus Etheridge; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. V. Owens, Jr., and member-at-large, Mrs. G. L. Cuthrell.

BOY SCOUTS WILL SELL LIGHT BULBS SATURDAY

On Saturday morning, October 8, the Boy Scouts of Troop 165, Manteo, will sell light bulbs from door to door. The bulbs are donated by the Manteo Lions Club. The proceeds from the sale will be used to buy camping equipment for the Scouts. Camping is an essential and important part of Scouting, so let's all help the boys. Besides, we'll get something for our money that all of us can use. The boys will meet at the Methodist Educational Building at 9:30 a. m., Saturday, to start the sales campaign.

SMALL BUSINESS OFFICE LEFT BEFORE IT ARRIVED

The office of the small (with small letters) Business Administration seems to have been a flop, so far as service to the Coastland disaster area is considered, and seems to have departed before it got here. The long distance to New Bern imposes a costly hardship on persons already destitute. One visit was made to Manteo. Very poor publicity was given its work. The following announcement is made this week:

"C. R. Shaw, Manager of the Disaster Office of the Small Business Administration, announces that since October 3, the visits to Belhaven, Manteo and Beaufort, N. C., on regular scheduled days as in the past will be discontinued. After this week, persons should contact the main Disaster Office located in the Chamber of Commerce Bldg., 608 Broad Street, New Bern, N. C., Telephone—MEL-rose—7-5009.

"The New Bern Office is expected to remain open for several weeks, and the anticipated closing date will be announced when the workload slows down to warrant this office being discontinued." And this is no joke, or is it?

SENATOR LYNDON JOHNSON SPEAKING NINE TIMES IN N. C.



THE DEMOCRATIC VICE-PRESIDENTIAL Nominee will make nine speeches in N. C. and six in Virginia during the current campaign in two days next week. The 10-car campaign special will leave Washington at 7 a. m. next Monday and follow the main line of the Southern Railway into South Carolina. From there the campaign party will embark on side trips by car, helicopter and plane in Florida and Alabama before rejoining the train at Meridian, Miss.

Stops Scheduled

Stops ranging from 10 to 20 minutes each on the first leg of the trip across Virginia are slated at Culpeper, Orange, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, and Danville.

Once in North Carolina the texan plans rear-platform talks at Reidsville, Greensboro—with a halt for a downtown rally—, Thomasville, Lexington, Salisbury and Kannapolis before an overnight stop in Charlotte.

SENSELESS WRECK SLAYS THREE IN GORY SATURDAY

Horrible End For Three in Columbia and Injuries For Another Near Bridge

COLUMBIA. — The most gory and horrible wreck in the memory of the citizens of Columbia happened Saturday at 2:12 a. m. in the town of Columbia on the U. S. 64 By-Pass just east of the new Suppernoon River Bridge. Three negroes were killed and another seriously injured when the 1951 Ford in which they were returning home from a night of revelry at a Pea Ridge juke box joint, ploughed into the back of a parked truck.

Patrolman J. H. Withers said the driver of the car James Bryant 26 was being retained in the Tyrrell County jail charged with manslaughter, driving without license, and careless and reckless driving.

Otis Bryant 17, brother of the driver, died in the brothers arms just after the arrival of the town officers J. L. Poston and W. W. Sawyer, Jr. according to Poston. Virgie Sykes 24, and General McArthur Perkins 14, both died instantly. Lonnie Spruill, Jr. 17, with serious facial injuries was taken to Beaufort County Hospital in Washington.

The truck belonging to Marvin Hassell was parked in front of Broad Street Garage in a zone marked by the State Highway Dept. for parking vehicles. The car ran under the body of the truck knocking the double rear wheels loose, and veered to the left side of the highway where it came to rest. It was demolished. All of the passengers in the car lived in Alligator township.

Another wreck Willard Cahoon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seaton Cahoon of Gum Neck who lives in the Paul Liverman home in Columbia, and Rex Cahoon son of Mrs. Hattie Cahoon were both injured about 2 a. m. Saturday in Gum Neck near the home of B. B. Combs, when the 1952 Chevrolet in which they were riding hit a tree and wound up in the road side canal, according to Patrolman J. H. Withers, Investigating Officer.

The officer told that Willard was the worst hurt and was sent to Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk. He is married to the former Margaret Brickhouse and has four children. Rex, the officer said was the driver of the car, and had been charged with reckless driving and driving drunk. The car was demolished.

COASTLAND WILL BE FORCED TO ADOPT UNIFORM BUILDING CODE OR GO OUT OF BUSINESS

Flimsy Structures Erected in Hurricane Areas Have Proved Costly Hardship to General Public; Insurance Rates Have Soared; Loans Have Tightened; Property Values Have Been Depressed And Development Delayed.

By VICTOR MEEKINS

There is a mighty good old saying: "anything worth doing at all is worth doing well," but it seems to have been disregarded when it comes to putting up buildings on our beaches. And so the time has come when pressure must be brought to establish and enforce a uniform building code for the protection and safety of the public in general, both financially and physically.

Year after year we have seen insurance companies apply for and be permitted higher rates for extended coverage, so that beach areas are now paying double the rate paid by nearby areas. With each succeeding hurricane, we have seen new property blown to pieces while old houses, some of them having weathered the storms of a half century, and even longer, continue to stand firm. This circumstance has been often a subject of much speculation. Nothing strange about it; old timers knew they had to build for a lifetime and they built solidly and well. This might surely be the only home they'd ever get.

In recent years, we have seen people with more money than discretion, turn their building jobs over to fly-by-night contractors, or mechanics with no reputation for craftsmanship. So long as there was no "weather," all went well after a fashion. These houses being built for warm-weather occupancy, no heed was paid the cracks. The use of concrete blocks because they were cheaper has grown rapidly. Contractors often put them up by contract at a few cents each. With no inspection at hand, some contractors use a minimum of mortar. Many people use blocks only six inches thick.

It saves money also, not to tie down the roof with bolts reaching to the foundation. The first heavy gust of wind, or strong vacuum lifts the roof off, and away it sails through the air, leaving the walls to collapse under the wind pressure. The roof may fly into a neighbor's house and wreck it too.

Many of these houses are not built even by mechanics with experience. Some people buy "do it yourself" books and come down on week ends, holidays and Sundays, and are no doubt proud of their handwork. But they are guilty indeed of a grave offense. They have not only wasted their substance, but they have caused to be taken from their neighbor what he should not have lost.

Now there is the reason underlying the need of a building code which will require all persons to put commonsense into practice. It is one thing bad enough, for a man to throw away his own money, but another to damage the public. Let us consider these things:

A large number of all structures built in this country, on the beach or elsewhere are built with money borrowed from banks, building loan associations, etc. These agencies are lending the money of various people who have entrusted it to them for lending purposes.

Lending agencies cannot let persons have money, no matter how worthy they are, without adequate insurance on the property. Insurance companies are completely within their rights to refuse to insure property which is a hazardous risk. They, also, are handling other people's money.

If we don't get down to some basic, sensible system of building, we are going to find ourselves unable to borrow any money because we can't buy insurance to protect our lender.

When lenders and insurance companies stop dealing with us, we are going to have a depression in property values so terrific that we can't sell land or houses.

We will find that employment for merchants will cease, and that tax revenues will decline and there won't be money on which to run our towns and counties, and the loss to schools and other public agencies will be tragic.

We have got to have a law with teeth in it, that will make every person put up any house so designed as to offer the maximum resistance to the highest occasional winds that come our way. We can let things go as they are, letting every fellow build as he pleases, until we are forced into penury and bankruptcy. Or we can have backbone enough to stand up for our welfare one time, at least.

SENATOR JORDAN TO SPEAK FRIDAY AT MANTEO 8 P.M.

It's been a long time since a U. S. Senator came to the Manteo courthouse to make a political speech, but tonight at 8 o'clock, Senator B. Everett Jordan, who loves this coastland, and Dare County (where he led some five to one in the primary), will talk to the people of the area.

Senator Jordan will arrive at Nags Head this afternoon, where County Chairman Walter Perry has arranged for the County Executive Committee to give the Senator a dinner. Many other notables will attend. Perhaps Terry Sanford, but anyway, Congressman Warren, and others.

Tomorrow, the District Rally of Young Democrats of the First District will be held at the Carolinian. Keith Moore of Manteo is District President. Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., of Manteo is the Dare County President.

Dr. Harvey announced this week that Congressman Herbert C. Bonner and Sen. Everett Jordan are scheduled to attend the rally Saturday night, and will make short talks.

WHITE MARLIN, SAILFISH TAKE TOP HONORS IN THE TOURNAMENT OFF HATTERAS

HATTERAS. — An 82 pound white marlin was top winning fish taken during the three day invitational tournament sponsored by Cape Hatteras Billfish club off Hatteras last week end. Harry Dundore caught the marlin on Sunday as the fishing classic, second to be held in Cape Hatteras waters this year, was coming to a close on Sunday. Dundore, a resident of Sparks, Maryland, was skipping bait from his cruiser Had-To. When the marlin goner of the largest boated off the North Carolina coast this year, was taken. It measured seven foot and nine inches from tip to tip.

Runnerup to Dundore's white marlin was a 54 pound sailfish measuring seven foot and five inches. It was caught by Ross Walker, a native of Currituck County now living in Richmond, where he is in the brokerage business. Walker and his wife, two of the 22 anglers taking part in the tournament competition, were fishing from Ernal Foster's Albattross II, skippered by Capt. Bill Foster.

Third place winner was Tony Wivchar of Diverhead, N. Y., who landed a 41 pound sail, one of three sailfish taken during the three days. He was fishing from the cruiser Mako II.

There were 10 cruisers taking part in the tournament, most of them from ports out of State.

In addition to Had-To and Mako II, both from out of state, and the Albattross of Hatteras, anglers were fishing from cruisers named Amy How, Bill Jim, Ocean Fancy, Snapper II, Rendezvous and Marsharka. The last boat to enter, Fighting Lady, of Miami, Fla., skippered by Capt. Harold Abbott is owned by members of the Phipps Family, once large property owners on Hatteras Island before they gave their property to the government to become part of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Mr. and Mrs. Newell Ward, Jr., of Middleburg, Va., were fishing in the tourney from aboard this cruiser.

On Sunday night handsome trophies were awarded the winning anglers at a banquet held in Channel Bass Restaurant. While no blue marlin, principal objective of the anglers, were boated, several were sighted or raised to bait during the event.

BARBECUE SUPPER

The Seniors of West Hyde High School are sponsoring a "Barbecue Supper" in the school lunch room, Friday, October 7, 5:00 to 7:30 p. m. Plates sell for 50¢ and \$1.00. Everyone is invited to bring the family to supper and help the seniors, or plates will be delivered to you. The money will go toward their trip to Washington, D. C.