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OLD CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE IS FRIDAY AT 7:30

Rodanthe's Celebration One Day Late So Week End Travelers May Attend

Although the residents of Rodanthe observed Old Christmas on January 5, traditional date of the event, the festivities or celebrating was postponed until Friday night, January 6, in order that many former residents of Rodanthe now living in Norfolk or elsewhere could include the occasion in their week end plans.

The celebrating this year will be patterned very much like former festivities of the only place in the world today where Old Christmas comes on January 5, it was stated this week by Mrs. Nora Herbert who has an important role in preparing for the celebration each year.

In Manteo earlier this week she stated that the celebrating would begin in the Rodanthe community building (former schoolhouse) at 7:30 Friday night.

"We have new horns for Old Buck. Elvira (Miss Elvira Payne of Wanchese) has been practicing up on her drumming. Jazania O'Neal (Mrs. Herbert's daughter) will give a reading at our black and whiteface minstrel show and also serve as mistress of ceremonies. John Herbert will again lead Old Buck, and there will be square dancing," she said.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Edwards of Waves, Herbert Midgett, Levene Midgett, Mrs. Bethany R. Gray an Julian Gray and many other residents of the community have been busy this week making plans for the Friday night festivities. Mrs. Norma Cahoon will provide piano accompaniment for the occasion.

There will be the usual big oyster roast on the grounds of the community building following the minstrel and indoor activities.

"People can find accommodation at Chicamacomico Motel or people See RODANTHE, Page Four

GOVAN BOUND OVER FOR SUPERIOR COURT; TRAFFIC CASES TUESDAY

Edgar Govan, Jr., Manteo negro, charged with shooting his brother, George Willie Govan in the stomach during a Christmas season brawl was given a hearing in recorder's court Tuesday and bound over to May term of superior court for trial. His brother died in the Elizabeth City hospital shortly after the shooting.

Pearl Lewark Wise, Nags Head appealed to superior court and bond was set at \$200 after she was found guilty in recorder's court of driving 85 miles an hour in a 55 mile zone.

On a similar charge of fast driving, Silas B. Seymour, Belcross was found guilty of driving 65 miles an hour and bond was fixed at \$50 after he took an appeal.

A fine of \$18.70, including costs, was levied against Woodrow Best of Stumpy Point on charges of offering unculled oysters for sale.

The following persons paid fines and costs for violating speed laws: Edgar Govan, Jr., Manteo, \$18.70; Betty Skinner Mann, Manteo, \$17.70; Major Edward Curles, Kitty Hawk, \$18.70; Donald Sly Payne, Wanchese, \$21.70; Marvin Ellis Minton, Kitty Hawk, \$18.70; Pattie Clair Wescott, Manteo, \$17.70; Milla Louise Daniels, Wanchese, \$18.70; and Hatton Howard Midgett, Manteo, \$18.70.

Robert Curtis Etheridge, Manteo, paid fine and costs of \$18.70 for failing to observe stop sign.

Robert Wayne Hill, Columbia, for careless and reckless driving paid fine and costs of \$33.70; and Richard Wayne Gray, Wanchese, for driving with an improper exhaust with fined a total of \$18.70.

EMERSON RODGERS DIES IN DUCK HOME TUESDAY

Emerson M. Rodgers, 79, died Tuesday at 3:40 p.m. in the family home in Duck, after an illness of eight days.

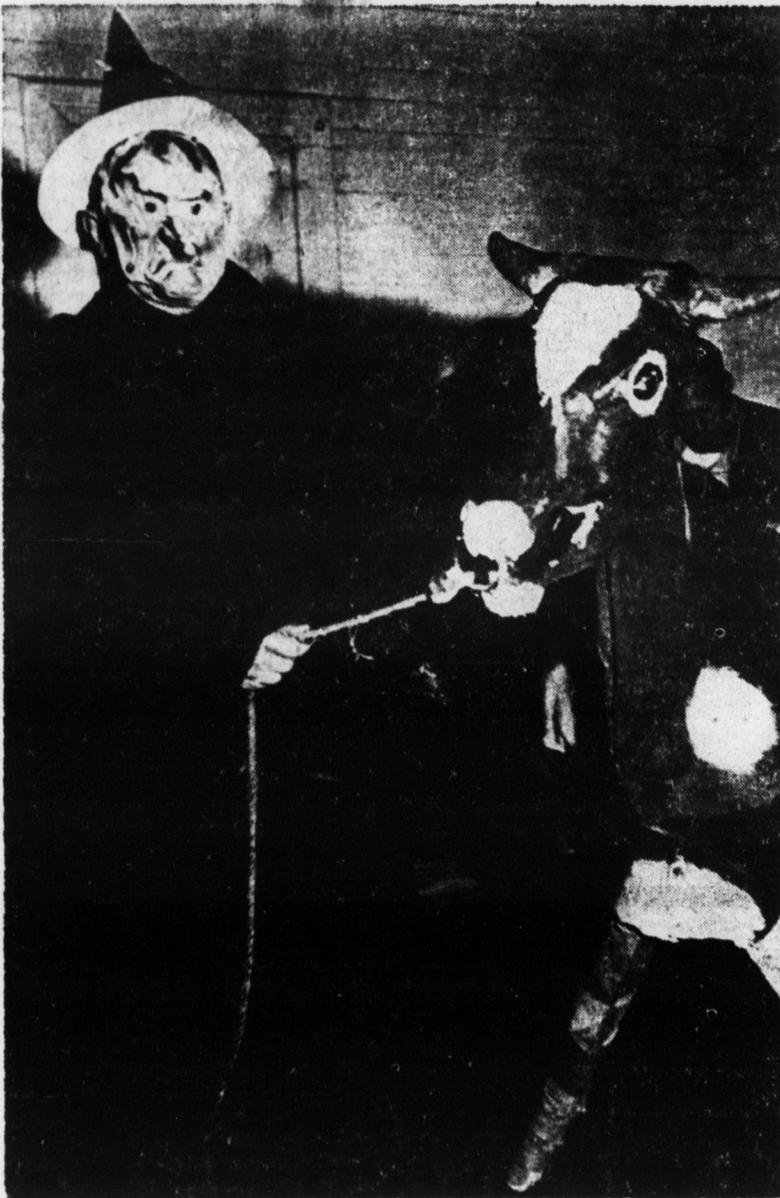
He was a native of Coinjock and lived in Duck 37 years.

He was a son of Jim and Mrs. Harriett Walker Rodgers and was a retired carpenter. He was a member of Assembly of God Church at Poplar Branch.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillie Meekins Rodgers; a stepson, G. W. Salde of Norfolk, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Jennie Waterfield of Ayldett; a brother, Ned Rodgers of Wanchese and seven step-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be conducted in his home Friday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. Woody Barnes. Burial will be in the family cemetery at Duck. The body will be taken from Twiford Funeral Home to Duck Friday morning.

OLD CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT RODANTHE FRIDAY



TWO OF THE PRINCIPALS of Rodanthe's "Old Christmas" celebration are shown here, much as they will appear Friday night when the community's celebration begins at 7:30. Behind the mask of the number is John Herbert, a long-time promoter of the affair; the other character is Old Buck, the mythical bull which adds life to the performance.

TO BE DARE SPONSOR FOR INAUGURAL BALL



MISS NANCY COLES BASNIGHT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Basnight of Manteo, was chosen as Dare County's sponsor for the Inaugural Ball in Raleigh on Wednesday night. Each county in the state was asked to send one sponsor. Miss Basnight's escort was Billy Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Davis of Kitty Hawk, and a student at N. C. State College, Raleigh. The sponsors and their escorts took part in the figure at the ball. On Wednesday afternoon they were entertained at a coffee hour at the Carolina Country Club, Raleigh. Miss Basnight accompanied Dare Representative and Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Jr., of Manteo, to Raleigh for the inauguration.

Also attending the inauguration ceremonies in Raleigh on Thursday and other festivities taking place as the Honorable Terry Sanford became Governor of North Carolina. See SPONSOR, Page Four

DREDGE "FRIENDSHIP" SINKS IN OCRACOE HARBOR

OCRACOE, Jan. 3. — The dredge "Friendship" sank in the entrance to Ocracoke harbor, early Monday morning. It is owned by the Hodges Dredging Company of New Bern and Mr. Hodges and a salvage company representative flew in on Monday to look over the situation and arrange for salvage. The dredge had completed its work on the entrance to the harbor, and was just about to leave for Wallace Channel for dredging work there. It has previously dredged Wainwright Slue. Fortunately it sank on one edge of the harbor entrance, where the water was comparatively shallow, so that at this time small fishing boats can get in and out of the harbor. Cause of the sinking is said to be unknown; there has been some leakage; the dredge had taken on a good deal of fuel oil for its Wallace Channel work on Saturday. Two-thirds of the superstructure is above water level.

TOURIST BUREAU HAS PROGRAM SET FOR 1961 SEASON

Meeting Last Friday Outlines Many Possibilities for Future

Fifteen members of the board of directors of Dare County Tourist Bureau met Friday at a luncheon meeting in the Community Building at Manteo to review activities of the past year and to make plans for a bigger and better vacation season in the Outer Banks region during 1961.

Mrs. Burwell Evans, new chairman of the board presided and one of the first orders of business was presentation of a distinguished service plaque to Ralph Swain, retiring president of the board. The plaque presentation was made by Lawrence Swain, who had served as first president of the bureau when organized 10 years ago.

It was agreed by the board that when a new supply of area brochures are printed that the color scheme and possibly some of text be changed. A folder committee has been appointed to work on this phase of promotion for the area. The manager gave a detailed report of folder distribution.

A planned program to obtain investment from vacation operators was discussed. This matter will be taken care of by board members in the areas where they reside. An investor's committee was named with Fatio Gray as chairman, Donald Oden, Tom Briggs, Mrs. Elnora Preston, Mrs. Leland Wise, Mrs. Ina Evans and Hallet Perry as members.

Amendments to the by-laws were discussed and W. H. McCown was named head of a committee including Mrs. Lucille Winslow, Alvah Ward, Jr., L. L. Swain, J. Gordon Kellogg and Ralph Swain, each of them a former president of the Bureau to See BUREAU, Page Four

WANCHESE HARBOR GETS MUCH USE IN STORMY WEATHER

Trawler Fleet With Estimated Value of \$2,000,000 Finds Improvement Valuable

The million and a half dollar improvement program for deepening the Roanoke Island-Oregon Inlet channel and the harbors of the island was paying off in a big way this week, as more than 50 big ocean trawlers sought refuge at Wanchese during rough weather and rough seas offshore.

Weather conditions had made it impossible to fish off the Outer Banks. But instead of making a trip of more than 100 miles to ports previously used by the fleet, the trawlers were able to reach safe waters at Wanchese through Oregon Inlet, only a few miles from where the boats were operating when stormy weather started.

One observer estimated that the some 60 trawlers in port would have an average of between \$35,000 and \$50,000 each. On that basis Wanchese harbor provided a safe place of refuge for a fleet valued at more than \$2,000,000.

In addition to serving as a harbor of refuge, Wanchese is also providing a place for trawlers to discharge their catches of fish quickly and return to the fishing grounds offshore, it was stated.

ANDY GRIFFITHS LEAVE MANTEO FOR CALIFORNIA



ANDY GRIFFITH, with his wife, Barbara and their children, Sam and Dixie Nann, left Thursday for Pacific Palisades, California, after spending the holidays at their home on Roanoke Island near Manteo. They were flown to Baltimore by W. M. Henderson, operator of the Manteo Flying Service, and from Baltimore completed the trip by jet.

Enjoying the holidays with the Griffiths were Mr. Griffith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Griffith of Mount Airy; Mrs. Griffith's mother, brother-in-law and sister, Mrs. J. S. Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. See GRIFFITH, Page Four

MOSQUITO CONTROL TALKED AT LENGTH BY BOARD TUESDAY

Meeting Next Monday to Discuss Tax Problems; Garbage Committee Named

An improved mosquito control program is under consideration by the Dare County Board of Commissioners. The Board discussed the matter at some length during their meeting Tuesday.

Dr. W. W. Johnston, district health officer, accompanied by representatives of the State Board of Health and Pamlico County's sanitarian gave many facts and suggestions about improving the present control system used in Dare.

It is possible that Dare may adopt a program similar to one said to be very effective which is now underway in Pamlico. That county's sanitarian, Charles McCotter, explained and showed slides of the control methods which involve larviciding by use of drainage of swamps. To accomplish such a program it is necessary to employ draglines for ditching and draining mosquito breeding areas.

In Pamlico, a county with terrain similar to Dare four draglines are now employed in an effective mosquito control program. It was suggested that perhaps Dare could start with one dragline to determine the effectiveness of such a program in this county.

Several routine matters came before the commissioners on Tuesday. By resolution the State Highway and Public Works Commission was asked to complete the paving of 1/10th of a mile of road in Hatteras village where difficulty had been experienced previously in obtaining a signed easement from the owner of the property.

The commissioners agreed to build 100 feet of bulkhead in the south end of Stumpy Point neighborhood on land to be donated by C. E. Payne.

A committee was appointed to meet with Leonard Midgett to discuss and work out a system that would give Roanoke Island better garbage collections. Named on the committee were J. W. Davis, Daniel C. Midgett and Rondal Tillet and they plan to meet on January 9. The area involved includes all parts of the island except within the corporate limits of Manteo.

Henry Lewis, assistant director and tax counselor of the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill is scheduled to meet with the Dare commissioners on January 9 to discuss methods and answer questions relative to tax problems. The thought behind this meeting will be to improve the tax structure of Dare County.

CAPT. TOM BASNIGHT RETIRES AS SKIPPER; DANIELS IS PROMOTED

Capt. Thomas Allen Basnight, after 38 years of service with the Division of Commercial Fisheries, N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, retired January 1 from his position as skipper of the "Croatan." Arnold Daniels of Wanchese, who has been employed as engineer and assistant to Capt. Basnight for some two years, has been promoted to the rank of captain.

"Capt. Tom" began his career in 1922 aboard the Gretchen as engineer under the late Theo. S. Meekins, then serving as captain, in addition to the post of assistant commissioner. Other vessels and more skippers followed, namely the Katie Ann, later known as the Albemarle; and under the late Capt. Ed Spencer of Swan Quarter and Capt. Levin Quidley of Hatteras.

He became captain of the Albemarle in 1935 and has held the post ever since. During the years following up to the time of retirement, the responsibilities of inspections, tax collections, law enforcements, net limits and advice to fishermen in general have been upon him. His services have been greatly appreciated by those engaged in commercial as well as sports fishing.

The present vessel, the Croatan, was put in service in 1939. The post he has held for so many years has at times carried him from the Virginia line to South Carolina carrying out his duties. In late years, though, the Division's operations have somewhat restricted the travel to the immediate sounds, since several other state-operated boats of this nature are based along the coast. Capt. Basnight stated this week that he had no immediate plans for activity in retirement, but his wife, Mary assured him that plenty of activity was available in the form of chores around the house. See BASNIGHT, Page Eight



MOUNTAIN HUNTERS KILL BEAR ON COAST

MANN'S HARBOR.—Two bear had been killed in the big woods of Dare County's mainland last week by a group of hunters headed by Roy Wiseman of Spruce Pines. A third bear, and the largest got away on Wednesday, but the hunters believe it was wounded and concentrated the hunt in the vicinity where it was last seen.

The hunters from the mountains of western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee brought their own packs of bear hounds which were being used with the pack of 15 owned by Lloyd Midgett, their guide. The first two bear bagged weighed about 75 and 125 pounds each while the one that got away was estimated to have scaled at 400 pounds.

Roger Wiseman, teen-ager who killed the largest bear of the season in the Manns Harbor section last year is hunting with the party. He is the son of Roy Wiseman. The biggest bear believed seriously wounded was never found. Total bag of bear for the mountain hunters on their coastal junket was only two, according to the Midgetts of Cavalier Motor Court in Manns Harbor where the hunters made their headquarters.

More Rare Ducks Killed
Since the accompanying story was released to newspapers and outdoor editors throughout the nation by the Tourist Bureau last week reports have come from National Park Service authorities at Bodie Island in lower Nags Head that at least six more Fulvous Tree Ducks were killed there. Their appearance on the Dare Coast, far from their native habitat has been of considerable interest to museum officials of this and other states.

The Audubon Bird Book has this to say about the tree duck: "The bird is so nocturnal that it is seldom seen . . . they appear to do most of their feeding while walking around on land . . . The curious, discontinuous distribution of this bird suggests either a decadent species of which only a few relics survive, or an aggressive species which is spreading and colonizing new areas . . . This duck now occurs in 5 widely separated parts of the world: coastal Louisiana and Texas; California south to Mexico; northern South America; southern Brazil and northern Argentina; eastern Africa and India." The duck is reddish brown and black in color.

A duck killed earlier this season by Allen Lee Mann of Manteo tentatively identified as a Cinnamon Duck was probably Fulvous Tree Duck. Pilot Brown's kill was definitely identified as a Fulvous Tree Duck and NPS Rangers in sighting two on one of the ponds near the Buxton area have reported at the lighthouse. Mann is having his duck mounted. Brown has his on deep freeze awaiting an offer. See HUNTING, Page Four

WILDFOWL HUNTING GOOD AS SEASON NEARS END

With weather conditions more favorable for shooting the wildfowl hunting on the Dare Coast was showing much improvement as the current season nears its end in early January.

There has been a scarcity of duck kills this season but goose hunters have been having average luck in the Nags Head flats. The hunting in the Nags Head or Bodie Island flats on land controlled by National Park Service depends much on which blind a hunter draws. Drawing for blinds takes place each morning at the Ranger station on the Nags Head-Oregon Inlet highway.

BEARD GROWING TIME BEGINS FOR DARE MALES



KING DICK WARD and QUEEN INA EVANS, royalty of the 1960 Pirates Jamboree, shown here at their crowning in April during festivities of the annual affair, issued some words in connection with the event this week. A series of planning meetings for the Jamboree is in session, the next being at Nags Head on Sunday. The proclamation follows:

BE IT HEREBY proclaimed this first day of January, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred, sixty one:

THAT THE LAST week end of April be set aside and declared as the time for the Seventh Annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree and Spring Festival throughout Dare County;

THAT THE PURPOSE of said Jamboree is to provide a series of events of such unusual and colorful character as to attract attention of all news media including newspapers, radio, television and magazines throughout the land;

THAT THE EVENTS leading up to the Jamboree include the encouragement and a spirit of competition and imagination toward producing unusual effects combining beards, costumes and jewelry; among women by arrangement of costumes and jewelry; by planning and conducting caravans, to include radio and television appearances; and planning suitable and See JAMBOREE, Page Four

PIRATE JAMBOREE MEET TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY

All interested persons of Dare are invited to attend a meeting at Beacon Motor Lodge on Sunday afternoon, January 8, at 1 o'clock to discuss plans for the sixth annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree, it was announced today by Herbert Van Vleck of Kitty Hawk, chairman of the event this year.

While an announcement of the meeting has gone to a specified list of Dare residents who have had roles in the previous Jamborees, Van Vleck emphasized that everyone interested, and especially those who wished to help make the spring festival event bigger and better than ever before, were urged to attend the meeting.

The meeting is being held at 1 o'clock in order that residents of Hatteras Island attending may return to their homes on the last ferry.

Van Vleck stated that arrangements had been made for a luncheon and refreshments to be served those who attend.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AT SWAN QUARTER

The Swan Quarter Christian Church has begun a membership drive for the Sunday School and Church entitled "From the Cradle To The Cross" (From The Birth of Christ To The Crucifixion), or stated more plainly from Christmas to Easter, says Garland C. Bland, minister.

Since Nov. 1 the church has been having worship service every Sunday and the people of the western part of Hyde County who do not have a church are invited to join.

The membership of the church and the public are urged to be on time in 1961. Sermon subjects for Jan. 8th follow: 11:00 a.m. "What God Does For A Sinner" 7:00 p.m. "The Signs Of The Time."

NEW HOURS ANNOUNCED BY DR. C. F. HARRIS

Of interest to the patients and friends of Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Harris, will be the announcement this week regarding office hours which will be found elsewhere in this paper. Dr. Harris, who for the past two years has maintained long hours at his Nags Head office, will limit daily practice to two hours each day, beginning next Monday. Appointments may be made for afternoons at the residence in Wanchese.

This schedule has become necessary due to temporary illness of Mrs. Harris, who must lighten her duties for several weeks.