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TRAVEL STIRRING EARLY OPENING OF BEACH HOTELS

Warm Weater Results in Increased Travel on Dare Coast This Spring

By AYCOCK BROWN

Summer-like weather since early March has caused a big increase in travel to the Dare Coast region. One observer stated that more persons have visited the coast region during the past 15 days than during January and February combin-

National Park Service traffic counts indicate that in January and February a total of 15 949 persons visited the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Of the two months total. 7,139 were counted in February.

Proximately 5.000 persons visited the Wright Brothers National Monument during the two months, and less than 2,000 persons were counted at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site.

Warm weather has made the coast region more attractive to visitors and vacationists and the early opening of many of the hotels and motels, which closed for the winter, is expected. Only two of the larger motels were open during the winter months. They were Beacon Motor Lodge and Cavalier Motor Court. On Roanoke Island Manteo Motel remained open through the winter months and also Fort Raleigh Hotel at Manteo.

With a new addition now completed the Sea Oatel in lower Nags Head opened on March 15, and The Carolinian Hotel has announced its

On Nags Head there will be at

On Hatteras Island the General are doubling capacity for vacationists in current construction of addi-

STUMPY POINT CHANNEL TO BE DREDGED SOON

Tuesday for maintenance dredging 24 grandchildren, 63 great grand-at Stumpy Point to restore projects children and one great-great depth of seven feet by 75 feet wide in the entrance channel and seven grandchild. feet deep and 50 feet wide in the basin.

\$19,794.

There were two additional bidders: Cottrell Contracting Corp., \$22 600 and Norfolk Dredging Co. and Mrs. Ray Willis and children of \$37,380. Both are Norfolk firms. Okalahoma. An estimated 62.000 cubic yards of work is involved in the job.

Colonel Davidson said the contract will likely be awarded this week with the notice to proceed to follow within a few days. Based on PTA Group Hears Report From Mrs. this schedule, the dredging will probably begin during the first half of April in view of the fact that the contractor has 30 days to days to two weeks.

HUGH MORTON HELPS DARE PUBLICITY EFFORTS

Hugh Morton, Wilmington, head of the advertising committee, N. of the advertising committee, N.

C. Denartment of Conservation and ed that a previously-authorized tinuing for 60 hours. The lowest Development, who owns Grandfather Mountain, and who is one of the outstanding photographers of the nation has aided in the publicity efforts of the Dare Coast Outer

nuumber of 8x10 black and white reprints of significant historical and vacation scenes he shot last summer for his all-color post cards, which are distributed in northeastern North Carolina by Dick Jordan of The Snapshop on Nags Head. The scenes include Queen Elizabeth and Waterside Theatre, a day and night shot of Wright Brothers National Monument, Bodie Island, Ocracoke and Cape Hatteras lighthouses, Jockeys Ridge, Hatteras waterfront and Coquina Beach. The black and white pictures will be distributed to travel editors by Dare County Tourist Bureau.

DARE CO. SCIENCE FAIR

The annual Dare County Science Fair will be held March 17, in the Manteo Elementary School gym, with all Dare County Schools taking part. The gym will be open for public viewing from ten A.M. to three-thirty P.M. The winner will go to the District Science Fair to be held in Greenville. N. C., March

ENGELHARD'S OLDEST MAN PASSED ON LAST WEEK



formal opening for 1961 on March SO LONG HAD JOHN EDWARD each year. We hope developments 29. Several of the restaurants clos- ROSE been a symbol of rugged ed for the winter will be opening strength and inspiring self-reliduring early April, and by Pirate ance that he was the last person in Jamboree time on April 28, 29, all the Engelhard vicnity its people vacation facilities will be ready to expected to die, although he was 94 years old. But last Wednesday, he died from a heart attack, living least two new motels and one trail- alone to the last in his small farm eant is held. er court completed, ready for busi- home, where he cooked, kept house Hurricane Donna. Total cost of reand cut firewood for himself, and kept up with the world through the Mitchell "Motel and The Sea Gull news releases on his television set.

Last rites were held for him which he had been a faitful life the other funds came from primember. No man was held in higher esteem in the community. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs.

Eunice Spencer of Engelhard, WEATHER BUREAU three sons, Ira Rose of Belhaven, Bids were opened in Wilmington Theodore Rose of Elizabeth City. Johnnie Rose of Columbia and

tended his funeral:

Bern, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Powell Mrs. Chester Fornel and Children, sonth. Mrs. Beulah Rose of Norfolk, Mr.

P.A. SYSTEM PURCHASED

Gibbs on United Forces for Education Meeting in Raleigh

begin work after the notice to pro- PTA, meeting Monday night, heard ceed is issued. With weather per- a report from Mrs. Robert Gibbs, mitting, the job will take from 10 who with R. O. Ballance of the county school board attended a Cape Hatteras, and the various inmeeting in Raleigh of the United struments and facilities of the im-Forces for Education on the B-bud-get. The group met with the rep-which is in his charge. resentative and senators and Mrs. Gibbs gave information on the de-

> public address system has been barometer was noted during the purchased by the PTA for the ele-hurricane of 1944 when a reading mentary school, and that it will be of below 28 inches was recorded. installed at an early date.

sie Mann of Nags Head; and Mrs. a few hours. Larry Ballance of Wanchese. Of surprising

PTA to re-charter and sponsor the port that the highest temperature a maximum of \$30 for the year, depending on the number of Cub ly have only 13 days of below free-Scouts. The PTA agreed to do this, zing weather at Cape Hatteras dents remember her as a handsome and the following sponsoring comduring a one year period, although woman grown to dignified middle then and there tore her clothing to and the following sponsoring com-mittee was named: Raymond Wes- more days than that were recorded cott, chairman; Burwell Evans, during the past winter," he said.
Willis Wise and Ellsworth Midgett,

THREE DAY OUTLOOK

The following weather outlook has been released by the U.S. Weather Bureau at Hatteras:

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, temperatures will be average, near normal. The normal high will be 60, the low 47. A few scattered showers expected for Saturday and Sunday. Total rainfall about one half inch. Tem-peratures will be cool Friday and Sunday; warmer Saturday.

RECOGNITION, STATE AND NATIONAL FOR OLD FORT RALEIGH

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, representing North Carolina's 1st District, Monday introduced a bill in the House of Representatives, revising the boundaries of the Fort Raleigh National Historic Shrine on Roanoke Island.

"I have always felt the need for the expansion of this historical site", Congressman Bonner stated.

"The present 181/2 acres do not adequately represent the historical land that was utilized by the colonists. With an expanded acreage the area can be made more attractive and give adequate space for the proper development of this National Shrine. It will also give archeologists more room for historical research, discovery and development."

toric Shrine is well known. The site preserves the scene of Sir Walter Raleigh's ill-fated attempts to establish an English colony in the New World. It was here that the agents of Sir Walter Raleigh and Burrus of Engelhard was promoted subjects of Queen Elizabeth, suffered or died in the effort to begin the conquest of the North American Continent. The hardships of the first colony (1585-86) and the tragic disappearance of the "Lost by enlisting in October of that Colony" of 1587 gave forewarning of the many practical difficulties to be overcome before conquest of the new Continent could become a ers in Tokyo, Japan prior to re-

Bonner concluded, "We are all of this type encourage more people

Assembly in Raleigh Monday night enacted a bill appropirating 10,000 toward the cost of rebuilding the Outer Banks theater where "The Lost Colony" outdoor pag-

The theater was destroyed by building it was put at \$50,000, but Rep. M. Keith Fearing of Dare and Sens. Lindsay Warren of Beaufort Saturday at the Christian church of the and P. D. Midgett Jr. of Hyde said

CHIEF IS SPEAKER TO ROTARY CLUB

Ben Williams, Texaslborn obserer in charge of the U.S. Weather In addition to his children, the and Storm Warning station at Buxfollowing out of town people atton on Cape Hatteras said here The bids were opened by Col. R.
P. Davidson, District Engineer, who announced that the Atkinson Dred-Rose and little daughter of New Rose and Rose a Monday night that movement of terly cold winters that sometimes Gordon Kellogg. and children of Belhaven, Mr. and are considered unusual in the

"Likewise the movement of the course has to do with early springs such as experienced this year and referred to in long range forecasts FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL by the U. S. Weather Bureau several weeks ago," he said.

Williams was the principal speaker at the weekly meeting of the Manteo Rotary Club. His remarks and a question and answer The Manteo Elementary School period was proceded by a short movie prepared by the National Park Service which showed cloud formations and the coastal area of

Giving the history of some of the famous storms in years gone by he said that the August hurricane of 1899 was one of the worst, con-The wind velocity of Hurricane

The president, Mrs. Ambrose, ap- Donna was as great or greater He has forwarded at no cost to Dare County Tourist Bureau, a nuumber of \$x10 black and white

Of surprising interest to many tious days of long ago. Robert S. Smith requested the of his listeners was Williams' re-

EASTER CANTATA IS TO BE SUNG IN MANTEO SUNDAY

An Easter cantata, "Pentience Pardon and Peace" by J. H. Maun-der, will be presented at the morn-ing services of Mount Oilvet Methodist Church in Manteo next Sunday, March 19. The cantata will take the place of the usual pastoral sermon. Mrs. John Bell will direct the group and Mrs. Rennie Wilhamson will be organist. Soloists will be Mrs. Raymond Wescott, Mrs. Burwell Evans, John H. Long and Thomas Jordan.

TO CAPTAIN IN ARMY

The Fort Raleigh National His-

CAPTAIN WILLIAM S. BURRUS. son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pell to his present rank Feb. 27. Capt. Burrus was graduated from the Engelhard High School in June, 1948 and began his Army Career year. He served with the Communiturning to the states in 1950. He

proud of the attraction Eastern North Carolina holds for tourists to visit our colorful coast."

FUND STARTED TO BUY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BUS There is a great need for an ac-

Career Course.

tivities bus in the Manteo Schools for students participation in supervised activities, which lend them-selves, to contribute to the over all educational program. A fund is being started to apply to the purchase of an activities bus for this purpose.

was appointed to the United States

Military Academy by Congressman

Herbert C. Bonner in 1951 and was

commissioned a Second Lieutenant

Capt. Murrus is married to the

former Miss Dorinda Berry of En-

gelhard. They have three sons. Carl

and Craig, twins age 2 years, and

Billie, 9, months. They are pre-

rently making their home at Fort

Benning, Ga. where Capt. Burrus is attending the Infantry Officers

Upon completion of this course

in June, they will leave for a three year tour of duty in Germany.

following graduation in 1955.

The "kick off' for the campaign will be a subscription card party at Fearings Restaurant on Friday, was Conchita Tillett of Wanchese,

ENGELHARD MAN PROMOTED CHANNEL BASS IN HATTERAS WATERS HAVE SHOWN UP

Three weeks ahead of 1960, the first channel bass of the 1961 season were boated at Hatteras Sunday by local anglers casting from boats in Hatteras Inlet. Six anglers, some of them professional charter boat skippers, caught a total of 11 fish ranging from 33 to 47 pounds each. Credited with hooking and land-

ing the season's first was State Highway Patrolman D. S. Skiles, who was transferred to du'y on Hatteras Island from Jackson N. C. last year. Skiles also caught the second. From there on out, Capt Edgar

Styron, from whose cruiser Twins, the 11 fish were reported taken, Lee and Nacie Peele, Donald Oden and Capt. Clam Stowe shared in the catches, according to Oden who first reported the catch.

The anglers were using hunks of shad and squid for bait. They cast into the school from the Twins which was allowed to drift with the

Location of the catches was not far from the spot where the brothers, Lawrence and Perry Austin, commercial fishermen here, had caught two bass on Saturday.

"We could have loaded the boat if there had not been any limit law for the fish," said Styron, add-ing, "And there's plenty more."

WINS SPELLING CONTEST



MISS GLORIA LINDA PARENT, a student in the sixth grade at

Miss Parent will take part in the spelling contest to be held at Wil-During the week of March 20 liam and Mary College in Norfolk, Juan, P. R., winning first honors in was in the shrimping business. He through 25 there will be a door to April 29. The winner there will go door canvas, soliciting contribu- to the National Spelling Bee to be jet stream back to its normal tions for the fund. On Saturday held in Washington, D. C., May 29. night, March 25 there will be a Participating in the contests are all year. dance at the Dare County Shrine schools in Eastern North Carolina Club at 9:00 p.m. Admission "one and Virginia, and "The Ledger dollar" per person. Star" is sponsoring them.

Strange Legend A Half Century Old -

Polly, the Witch of Sandy Ridge, Is Dead At 105 She Sat Down With Her Back to the Wall and Died.

Reprinted from the Elizabeth City Independent, Sept. 2, 1909

Polly Sanderlin is dead. No more Smith, a septagenarian who still through the forests of Dare by night; no more will she hold strange orgies with the owls and snakes and meerly before retiring the connected with this visit.

At the Smith home Polly acted meerly before retiring the connected with this visit. haunts of men.

she was 105 years old. Oldest resi- swoon. age when they were but children.

skull. A phrenologist of the olden no trace of her, and then she was days predicted insanity for her. And in 1844 she began to act queerly. Her father had been murdered and this helped to unsettle her mind. Ridge and put under lock and key. She told neighbors she was turning It is told that she would take to soot and ashes. Other strange neither food nor drink for 18 days. hallucinations troubled her. All at But fasting tamed her and she was

will her shrill cry "blood" re-echo lives at East Lake and who remem-

orgies with the owls and snakes and brew strange teas by the light of the moon; no more will she paddle her crude canoe in isolated places and prowl naked far from the haunts of men.

queerly before retiring. She arose, dressed, called the family and asked for prayers. She had them send for a pious old man who lived far down the road. He came and he prayed. And even as he prayed the The death of Polly Sanlerlin thread snapped and Polly was a marks the passing of the maddest raving lunatic. She cursed those who \$27.70; total \$116.70. human being that ever lived in prayed. She struck down a powerful this country, and we read of her man who attempted to hold her. A Hooper of Stumpy Point; Mrs. Les- ricane velocity continuing for only like only among the folk lore of Negro slave was asked to hold her. Hawk School \$11.60; total \$85.88. witches in the black and supersti- She became more violent. Pointing her finger at the black, she shriek-Polly Sanderlin was born and ed: "It is written, it is written, it raised and lived her hideous life is written. No Negro shall touch Cub Scouts for another year, the ever recorded at the Hatteras wea-cost to be at a minimum of \$25 and ther station was only 97 and the in Dare County. She lived to the lowest eight degrees. "We normal- age of 95 it is certain. some say paralyzed with fright and fell in a

shreds and cast it aside,, Naked as Polly was marked at birth by a when she was born, she plunged in-queer bump at the base of her to the woods. For days there was

COLUMBIA GIRL IS A CAMPBELL CHOIR MEMBER

Among the sopranos of the 45voice Touring Choir of Campbell College, visiting schools and churches in Virginia and West Virginia this week (March 13-17) is Gloria Faye Hopkins of Columbia.

Campbell is this year in transition from junior to senior college status. Miss Hopkins, now a sophomore preparing to be a primary teacher, plans to be one of its first

graduating seniors in 1963.

She is the daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Roy Stafford Hopkins of
Route 2, Columbia.

PLANS MADE FOR INTERNATIONAL

HATTERAS - Duke Doucet of West Palm Beach, Fla., will be director of the second annual Hata Beaufort-Mon head City and Carteras Marlin Club-sponsored Inter- teret coast sector already has such national Blue Marlin Tournament a plan in operation, and a similar here on June 17-27, it has been program is underway in the Buggs announced by Earl Phillips of High Island resort area. Point, N. C., vice president of the local club.

Palm Beach earlier this year, and tend have been requested to notify he is also staging the big tourna- George Crocker by Thursday evement at West End in the Bahamas ning, March 23, so arrangements starting March 20," said Phillips, for housing and feeding the group "He is very capable."

Lansdale "Bounce" Anderson a

Manteo Elementary School, was former resident of Palm Beach now the winner in the spelling contest living here and engaged in writing, staged the first international tournament sponsored by Hatteras Marlin Club last year.

team competition.
A total of 19 blue marlin were

in 1960," he added.

The 1961 Heart Fund campaign in Dare County had netted a total of \$673.43 as of March 15, the figures broken down as follows: Manteo: Mrs. Naomi Shannon, chairman, \$175.56; Manteo Elementary School 43.27; Manteo High School \$30.75; total \$249.58. Manteo Colored. Mrs. Quimilla

Roanoke School \$9.49; total \$61.18. Stumpy Point: Mrs. Melba Hooper. chairman, \$17.07.

Bethany Gray, chairman, \$20.00. Hatteras: Mrs. Rose Gray, chair-

Kitty Hawk: Mrs. Evelyn Forbes, chairman, \$74.28; Kitty fairs Department. Nags Head: Mrs. Sally Nunemaker, chairman, \$61.15. Avon: Mrs. Velma W. Barnett, chairman, \$14.17.

Kill Devil Hills: Mrs. Judy York, chairman, \$47.70. Mrs. Carolyn Etheridge of Manteo is county chairman.

REDDEN SADLER DIES

Redden Sadler, 53, of Swan Quarter, lied early Monday morning. Born in Hyde County, he was married to the former Carrie Tate. At the close of the program, re-Surviviors, beside his wife, are one freshments were served by the son, Edward Sadler of Maysville; Hostesses. Mrs. Dennis McGinnis one daughter, Mrs. Rolland Stotesberry of Swan Quarter; four to soot and ashes. Other strange hallucinations troubled her. All at once she took an unusual liking to animals. Putting on her best black silk, she would go into the fields and sit for hours with the cattle and pretend to converse with them.

And then one night she went the home of a neighbor. The neighbor was the father of Sam D.

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BIG FISH FRY

Charlie and Murl, both of Swan Quarter, and W. D. Sadler of Eliabeth City; two sisters, Mrs. Virginia Brinn of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. Janie Jarvis of Belhav-son Belhavgrandchildren; three

DEVELOPMENT OF DARE'S RESORTS TO BE PLANNED

All-County Seminar To Be Held at Nags Head Beginning Monday, March 27

Robert D. Barbour, head of the division of community planning, N. C. Department of Conservation and Development and Robert E. Stite, assistant director of the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill will conduct opening discussions at a two-day Dare County Planning Seminar starting March 27, it has been announced by Ted Wood of the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce.

The all-county seminar will be held at Beacon Motor Lodge, Nags Head, where rooms and meals will be provided those in attendance free of charge by George Crocker, official of the Chamber of Commerce. Invitations to attend the seminar which has as its objective the future development of this resort area, has been limited to less than 100 persons. Leaders in the vacation and travel industries of the region are included on the in-

vitation list.

Following the opening session at 10 o'clock on Monday, March 27, luncheon will be served at 12:15 followed by study groups of from five to eight people each who will draw up detailed lists of longrange needs. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and a general seminar will begin at 7 o'clock to consolidate the information compiled in the afternoon study groups.

On Tuesday morning following an early breakfast, study groups concerned with different types of long-range problems will meet to MADE FOR
ERNATIONAL
MARLIN EVENT

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The idea for such seminars designed to draw up plans for developing resort areas is not new. The

Invitations to the seminar with details of the purposes involved "Doucet handled the Internation- and planned are now being mailed al Light Tackle Tournament at and individuals planning to atmay be completed.

FITZ ETHERIDGE DIES

Fitz Etheridge, 63, died Sunday. He was a native of Wanchese and had been residing at Port Isabelle. cess with Club Nautico of San Texas for the past 19 years. He was the son of Mrs. Martha Gallop and the late J. Albert Etheridge of boated during the tournament last Wanchese, and husband of Mrs. Nina Midgett Etheridge. Besides "We are expecting many more his mother and wife, he is survived teams and individuals to take part by one daughter June Etheridge of in the tournament this year than Overseas, four sisters, Mrs. Alma Cudworth of Wanchese, Mrs. Lillie Midgett of Manteo, Mrs. Sylvia Culpepper of Nags Head and DARE COUNTY HEART FUND Mrs. Cammie Dicks of Newport REACHES TOTAL OF \$673.43 News, Va.; three brothers, Theodore Etheridge of Wanchese, Jess Willard Etheridge and Henry Burr Etheridge, both of Texas.

PARK SUPERINTENDENT SPEAKS TO WOMAN'S CLUB

The Manteo Woman's club met Tuesday night, March 14 at the Community Building. Amendments Scarborough, Chairman, \$51.69; to the Constitution and By-laws were voted on and carried by the members. The club voted to send \$5 to CARE which comes under Rodanthe - Salvo - Waves: Mrs. the International Affairs Department. The President announ that the District President, Mrs. man, \$89.00. Cape Hatteras School Julian Porter wanted one member \$27.70; total \$116.70. from the Club to serve as District Chairman of the International Af-

The Club voted to contribute \$5 to the Dare County Tourist Bureau

for public relations purposes.

After the business session, Mrs. Linwood Cuthrell, program chairman, introduced Robert F. Gibbs to the members. Mr. Gibbs gave a most interesting and informative picture-slide talk on the Conserva-tion of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park. All memb were interested in what the Park Service has done to stabilize the sand dunes on our shores thus preventing erosion.

and Mrs. H. A. Creef, Jr.

BIG FISH FRY