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HATTERAS CALLED U. S. PLAYGROUND BY MIKE KIRWAN

Ohio Representative Enthusiastic About Opportunities For the Region; Helped Before

Ohio Representative Mike Kirwan, who played a large part as a member of the appropriations committee in bringing to success the Oregon Inlet channel project, following his visits on fishing trips to Mirlo Lodge in Rodanthe, has given the area another big boost. He now urges that the National Park Service give priority to developing the Cape Hatteras National Seashore as a recreational playground for millions of Amer-

A close friend of Hon. Lindsay Warren and Congressman Bonner, he has several times come to the area with them, along with Speakteras for better accessibility.

ture of "a million dollars down there than \$25 on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Monu-

Action Is Urged

He urged that the Hatteras Recreational area "be developed properly and developed right now, not taking it at the rate of a couple hundred thousand a year."
"We should be developing that

as America's playground and not spending a lot of money on these little places," Kirkan said. National Parks Director Conrad

Wirth did not share Kirwan's enthusiasm. He said the Park Service year for the Hatteras Seashore could not use \$1 million in one

Wirth did say that more money Fort Raleigh on Roanoke Island. could be used for dune stabilization and sand fixation. A sum of \$100,000 has been requested for this work.

Wirth also said that Hatteras "is one of the finest beaches in the world."

Sand Dune Work

September, these dunes held and others that were not built up were Additional terrace furnishings co, charged with drunken driving,

washed over by the ocean. need at Hatteras was better ac- already decorating the garden. The cessibility.

"The way you can get in a plane be a fine place to go."

side and the ocean on the other."

Speaking at Tarboro Wednesday Gov. Terry Sanford said one of the prime needs for development of Northeast North Carolina is adequate airline service.

Sanford suggested that the major cities of the area - Rocky Mount, Wilson, Greenville, Goldsboro and Kinston-need a consolidated airport obtained by a joint

HATTERAS GROUP VISITS

A group of Hatteras Island citithey wish it opened, so that boats a veteran of World War I. may return to their former schedules, and cut the trip in half. They want night trips across the inlet cause they have felt consistent opposition on the local level from officials in charge of the ferries, who are opposed to night trips. They say the State should employ men to operate these boats who are competent to make night trips.

In pursuance of these and other objectives, the citizens recently formed the Hatteras Island Betterment Association. Attorney Wallace Gray, a Buxton native was spokesman for the group in Ral-

BISHOP WRIGHT DUE IN HYDE COUNTY SUNDAY



er Sam Rayburn and other leaders BISHOP T. H. WRIGHT of Wilmin Congress. He heads a subcom- ington will visit Hyde County this mittee on Dept. of Interior Af- Sunday April 9th. He will conduct fairs, and he spoke glowingly of morning worship, preach and conthe possibilities of the Cape Hat-firm, at St. George's Episcopal teras Seashore in recent hearings Church, Lake Landing at eleven of his committee on budget re- o'clock, followed by a covered dish quests for the area. He would like dinner in the parish house. At to see air passenger service to the three o'clock in the same, afternoon area, for he felt the need of Hat- he will preach and confirm at All Saint's, Fairfield. Sunday night at The subcommittee chairman said he would rather see the expendiand conduct evening worship at Calvary, Swan Quarter. While in Hyde the bishop will be guest of the Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Harris at the rectory. The public is cordially invited to all services.

THE ELIZABETHAN GARDEN IS NOW COMING TO BLOOM

New Flowers, Shrubs; Gifts of Furnishings

popular attractions on the Dare ped out, hid temporarily in a Coast at this time is the Garden broom closet and later headed for area because such an amount could not be spent properly.

Club of Norh Carolina-sponsored temporary freedom, by strolling out of town to the westward.

> Final planting of flowers asd Inocenti and Webel, the architects Court.

that during Hurricane Donna last flowering almond, two fruiting fined \$30 and costs.

additions include:

today and travel, if you had an of Mrs. John Kellenberger; two Manteo. airstrip down there, millions of pedestals, gift of Miss Elizabeth Annie Pierce Daniels was fined people would go there. It would Rosenthal Cone and Mrs. Olin \$10 and costs for failing to stop Sykes; a pair of antique lead urns, at a highway stop sign. Kirwan said Hatteras "is about as a memorial to E. W. Reineke, the only place left in America builder of the garden; one bench where you have a sound on one a gift of Andy Griffith, former Sir Walter Raleigh of The Lost Hatteras has a newly construct- Colony, who is now a famous teleed airstrip, Billy Mitchell Field, but vision actor with "The Andy Grifis not served by commercial air, fith Show"; and three other Italian stone benches.

FORMER DARE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT DIES

Russell I. Leake, 65, of Rich Square, died Tuesday night. Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the Rich Square Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Vance Lewis, assisted by the Rev. R. Lee King, GOVERNOR ABOUT FERRIES Cemetery. He is survived by his the premises when his appearance wife, Mrs. Clara Lassiter Leake, and one brother, William B. Leake zens went to Raleigh Thursday to of Stillwater, Okla. A graduate of visit with Governor Sanford, and Duke University, he was past presappeal to him to help alleviate ident of the Rotary Club and past what they call intolerable ferry worshipful master of the Wanconditions at Oregon Inet before chese Masonic Lodge, former printhe Tourist Season begins. They cipal of the Manteo High School fear a great economic loss, due to and later Dare County Superinthe long schedules required by the tendent of Schools. He was prior present route across the inlet. The to that principal of the Robersondirect channel has silted in, and ville School for 13 years. He was

FISH FRY SATURDAY

A fish fry, with \$1.00 buying all

WEEKEND WEATHER

A cool week-end is indicated with lowest temperatures averaging between 43-45 degrees and highest 56-58 degrees. Occasional rain Friday and Sunday according to repert from the Cape Hatteras weather station.

A NEGRO FORGER FIGHTS IN JAIL: APPEALS SENTENCE

Set Fire in Cell and Assaulted Officers; Gets Eight Months Sentence

Within 24 hours from the time he had departed for Currituck to begin an 8-months sentence for damage to public property, to-wit: the Dare County jail, and assault on Policeman Russell Sears with a deadly weapon, to wit: a razor blade and fork, and Deputy Sheriff D. F. Twyne with deadly weapon, to wit: a paint can or cornbeef jar, James Perkins, Jr., was back in the county jail again.

The negro, who was being held on charges of forging some 18 or more checks in denominations ranging from \$8 to \$15, is said to be from Indiana, but more recently from Currituck and then Manteo. He claimed, after the Currituck prison camp for felons wouldn't take him (due to his convictions on misdemeanors) and after he had spent the night in the Currituck County jail that he would appeal from the sentences on which he was convicted in Manteo Tuesday.

to complete his appeal, which he hadn't made when sentenced, and also that he is subject to indict-

ment on other charges.

One of the other charges is breaking jail. Prior to setting fire inside his cell, which resulted in Officers Sears and Twyne going to the jail and subsequently being assaulted by Perkins, the Negro had walked out to temporary freedom when the main door to the cell block was left open by the Spring Planting Completed; Many jail attendant. Perkins had clever-ly jammed the door to his cell with paper or cardboard which prevented it from being locked, so when the attendant was in another sec-MANTEO - One of the most tion of the block, the Negro slipbroom closet and later headed for

On the charges of forgery, a felony, Perkins was scheduled to be shrubs according to the plans of tried in May term of Superior

who designed the Garden, is now Other cases in court in Manteo underway.

Under the direction of Louis Tuesday included charges against Leland Erskine Gibbs of Barco Midgett, the Elizabethan Gardener, for operating an auto with no in-Spring or current planting has in- surance, without having auto prop-Wirth said that in the past sand dunes were built up and stabilized osthmanthus, 15 Magnolia soulan- and for improper use of a dealer's with grass on Ocracoke Island and geous, six Virburnum carlessi, one license tag. Found guilty, he was

ashed over by the ocean.

Additional terrace remarks that were arrested with drunker driving, was found guilty and fined \$100 and costs of court.

Rev. Simms Again During the session of recorder's court on March 28, J. C. Simms, Norfolk, a negro preacher, was fined \$50 and costs and given a 60-day suspended sentence. He is scheduled for re-trial in May.

Simms was charged with engaging in rude and disorderly conduct Miss Lassiter is majoring in pripresence of the congregation of at East Carolina. Haven Creek Baptist Church near Miss Harris is first vice presi vine worship.

It is not the first time that the court some time ago to stay off of Columbia. there had disrupted the church membership.

For traveling 67 miles an hour in a 55-mile zone, Malcolm S. See COURT, Page Six

LARGE GAIN REPORTED IN

Sales by Dare County ABC stores during the month of March this year totaled \$21,383.70 as com- J. S. Nutt, and son R. Nutt and pared with March 1960 of \$15,805 .- Mrs. Langley. They accounted for 35. The gain in sales was \$5,578 35. three of the fish. A fourth was The ABC Board paid over to the caught by E. K. Sckenke of Hatcounty for March the sum of \$1,- teras. to better accommodate the heavy traffic, and to serve the needs of the citizens at night time. They beginning at five o'clock, on the bare appealed to the governor, here. grounds of the new Masonic Hall ial legislation which gives them in Manteo. Proceeds will go to help half of the profits, regardless of group to visit on Hatteras recentamount.

gain above March sales in 1959, his Embassy Secretary P. S. Rankand the rule has followed each ine flew to the Island for a visit First catch reported was by Nor-

ROANOKE ISLAND OES HAS INSTALLATION SERVICE



Deputy Sheriff Donis White stated that Perkins had 10 days Thursday night, March 30, in an open installation service in Wanchese Masonic Lodge hall Thursday night, March 30, in an open installation service in Wanchese Masonic Lodge hall.

A large crowd was present, including many from out of the state. Officers installed are shown in the above picture as follows:

Front row: Dorothy Garrison, Marshall; Elma Midgett, Inst. Chaplain; Estelle Wilson, Inst. Marshall: Lyna Harbour, Worthy Matron; Edwin Midgett, Worthy Patron; Margaret Tillett, Inst. Officer. Second row: Alma Finn, Asso. Cond.; Jackson Twiford, Assoc. Patron; Josephine Twiford, Assoc. Matron; Mildred Midgett, Ruth; Fannie Payne, Conductress; Hilda Ballance, organist. Third row: Lois Bridges, Secretary; Lucille Midgett, Treasurer; Mary Dowdy, Chaplain; Ethel Par-

Esther; Kathryn Perry, Martha; Eula Payne, Adah; Madge Barnett, Electa. Carlos Dowdy, Sentinel, is not shown in the picture. Because of illness, the Warder will be installed

at a later date. Norma Cahoon was installing organist.

COLUMBIA GIRL, ECC SENIOR, PIRATE JAMBOREE TO OMAHA CONVENTION



William Jackson Midgett of JACQUELINE HARRIS of Colum- officially christened by Mrs. Sarah Manteo was fined \$25 and costs bia, and Sue Lassiter of Rt. 3, Smith of Kitty Hawk immediately A pair of antique benches, gift for being drunk on the streets of Four Oaks, are official delegates before the vessel sailed. Mrs. representing the East Carolina College chapter of the Association for cently organized Sea Hag Fishing Childhood Education International Club of the Outer Banks area. at the 1961 national convention of the organization being held in Omaha, Nebraska, March 30- April

> Both seniors at the college, the took an appeal to Superior Court two delegates from East Carolina attention, the bold buccaneers of and bond was set at \$300, and he were elected by members of the campus ACEI to participate in the Omaha convention.

> on the premises of and in the mary education and library science Assembly on Friday morning. The

Manteo, while the congregation of dent of the college chapter of Pirate Queen Ina Evans were said church was assembled for di- ACEI. She is specializing in primary education at East Carolina She has served as a college mar-Negro preacher has had trouble shal and as a "Big Sister" counsewith the local Havens Creek lor to freshmen women. Her parpastor of the Rich Square Baptist Church. He was ordered by the ents are Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harris

CHANNEL BASS LANDED BY CANADIAN ANGLERS

Four channel bass were caught Canadian Embassy anglers during the Easter Holidays. They were DARE COUNTY ABC SALES fishing with Capt. Edgar Styron from aboard his cruiser Twins, using cut bait.

In the party were J. C. Langley,

This was the second Embassy

SHIP "SEA HAG" IS CHRISTENED

The Pirate Jamboree ship "Sea Hag" was christened on Kitty Hawk Beach late Wednesday and the 28 foot craft mounted on an auto chassis shoved off for Raleigh on its maiden trip shortly afterwards with Buccaneers W. H. Smith. and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rose as crew members.

Thursday at noon many more costumed buccaneers of the Pirates Jamboree boarded the vessel in Raleigh at the State Capitol where they were joined by Governor Terry "The Pirate" Sanford who received an official invitation to attend the annual kickoff of the Outer Banks vacation season on April 28-29.

The "Sea Hag", a low-masted here about 12:15 p.m. but realistic looking vessel was Smith, age 74, is the oldest of more than 100 members of the re-

The vessel was built by W. H. "Smitty" Smith, Bud Rose and other promoters of the annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree. In Raleigh, where the "Sea Hag'

was due to attract considerable the Dare Coast had a heavy schedule of promotional activities, including the visit to the Governor on Thursday and to the General colorful group headed by King Blackbeard VI (Dick Ward) and scheduled for a luncheon appearance with the Raleigh Civitan Club Thursday, followed by visits to newspaper offices and press galleries and a television show with a dinner party later at Cameron Vil-

After visiting the Legislators on Friday morning the Pirates will stop over in Tarboro on their return trip home where Sam Clark, a summer resident of Dare Coast in Hatteras Inlet by a group of who lives there, will be their host while they take over the historic Town Common.

The current trip is one of two junkets planned. Next week, April 12, the costumed pirates shove off for Pittsburgh, Pa.

HARBOR SEALS CAUGHT IN DARE WATERS lico Beach.

Hawk Beach area recently. The years he still lacked toward a seals, far from their native habitat, degree. ly. A few days ago British Am- have been seen in greater numbers March sales in 1960 showed a bassador Sir Harry Caccia aand along the coast of Dare this year than ever before.

SEARCH CEASES FOR 2 DROWNED IN PUNGO RIVER

Tragedy Again Comes to Fisher men on River Near Belhaven Saturday

A daylong Coast Guard search Mount youths believed drowned 29,569 visitors counted. when their outboard motorboat over-turned in the Pungo River Saturday. The search was abandoned Monday by the Coast Guard.

Two companions, also from Rocky Mount, reached shore after cinging to the 15-foot boat about five hours, a Coast Guard spokes-

The accident happened some 300 yards from the shoreline of the Pungo River five miles south of

and Hugh M. Finch, both 20.

shore near Sandy Point.

ly after the mishap, but failed to Development commercial meeting see the youths. A 42-foot Coast Guard vessel

searched the area Saturday night without locating the youths.

found the outboard boat Sunday before halting the search because of darkness. Another Coast Guard took up

the search Monday. Cockrell, said the water was nor-

mal when the boat tipped. He said he and his companions cut off the boat's motor to light a cigarette just before a wave swamped the small craft. "After the boat tipped, the waves

really began to kick up and the water got cold. We were in it five or six hours," he explained. "We were pushing the boat to shore and area. in the process Coughlin and Finch couldn't make it."

Cockrell said both Couglin and Finch " were in pretty bad shape" when they let go.

Cockrell, a business senior at the University of North Carolina, and Carr, a junior in business at East Carolina College, were vacationing during the Easter recess. The four youngsters were staying at the Cockrell cottage at Pam-

Finch, a night clerk at a Rocky At least two harbor seals have Mount motel, had been planning to been caught and others have been go to Atlantic Christian College in sighted in the Oregon Inlet, Kitty the summer to complete the two

> Coughlin, who also had two BILLY MITCHELL AIRPORT years of college, was uncertain about his future plans.

It seems that a year can't pass with oil it had swum into some- delightful sport of the Pungo Riv-

TRAVEL FIGURES IN DARE SHOWN ON THE INCREASE

Ferries Make Special Runs To Accommodate Visitors To Outer Banks Region

Travel is on the increase in the Dare Coast-Outer Banks section of North Carolina's northeast vacation region.

Oregon Inlet ferries have had to add special runs in addition to the hourly schedules during daylight hours which now begin before dawn from the north shore. Even with the addition of ferries on the 45 minute crossing from the Nags Head region to Hatteras Island, many autos laden with vacationists have been delayed at times and some have reportedly missed completely the last schedules during the evening. During the peak rush of Easter holidays the ferries maintained service from the south shore until long after sunset, and no mishaps were reported in the night runs, schedules which have been sought by Hatteras residents, but which have not been granted or approved officially by the State as yet . . . Traffic was also reported very heavy on the Ocracoke-Hatteras ferry with more and more people visiting that section of the Outer Banks since island leaders have stepped up their advertising and promotion program this year.
Only official account of travel

figures are those released by the National Park Service units located within the limits of Dare County. The latest reports, covering the month of March, and not including the Easter peak visitation beginning Saturday, follows:

Wright Brothers National Memorial count for March, 6,205 entered visitors;

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, 2,370 entered visitors for March and 4,342 for the calendar year through March 31. (The Ft. Raleigh March count was 120 percent above March 1960)

Cape Hatteras National Seashore, for March 16,404 and for Sunday failed to locate two Rocky calendar year to date, a total of

IMPROVEMENT SOUGHT BY WATERWAYS GROUP FOR SEAFOOD INDUSTRY

At a meeting held in Wanchese on the 25th of March, called by Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., Chairman of Dare County Waterways Improvement Committee, and attended by commercial fishermen, charter boat fishermen, merchants and Missing were Patrick B. Couglin commercial fishing, sports fishing, and conservation along the Dare Two survivors, Arthur E. (Bud) Coast, also representatives of Cockrell Jr., 21, of 841 Sunset Ave., North Carolina Salt Water Sport and Robert Lee Carr, 21, of 1112 Fishing Association and the Dare Lafayette Ave., told searchers their County Charter Boat Guides Ascompanions held onto the boat unsociation, the following proposals til shortly before they reached were made as means of conserving the fishing industry in Dare A shrimp boat passed within 75 County, in preparation for presyards of the capsized boat short- entation at the Conservation and

Friday, April 7, in Morehead City. Along the line extending from Long Shoal to Oliver's Reef (this is a line of existence relative to A helicoper and several boats crab potting) be made and approved for the following conditions in order to promote conservation in this area:

1. Oyster dredging be limited to 25 tubs per boat, with a daily limit of 25 tubs. 2. No trawler be permitted to

shrimp in this area that is over fifty feet in length, according to its registry.
3. That all double-rigged trawl-

ers be prohibited from this area for shrimping.
4. To consider the possibility of prohibiting night shrimping in this

5. To consider the prohibiting of crab dredging because of its de-

structive effect upon the oyster

6. All crab and oyster dredges to be limited to 100 pounds. 7. That pier owners and oper-

ators mark the piers for fishing by buoys as is their present prerogative by law.

This composite group was in unanimous accord that there is a definite necessity for maintaining our conservation measures, but also it was realized that much further research may be necessary before definite measures should be See GROUP, Page Six

BOON TO FLYING ANGLERS

The new Billy Mitchell Airport month since early in 1959.

The reason given for last dent of Cape Hatteras National Hawk Beach. This one was covered month's increase is that increasing Seashore.

with Robert F. Gibbs, superinten- man and Philip Sawyer of Kitty without a drowning tragedy among fisherman who come to enjoy the Frisco and about half way between the pass of the new Billy Mitchell Airport of the new Billy Mitchell Airport of the pung River of the Pungs River of the month's increase is that increasing tourist business in Dare County is responsible. Another reason given is the increase in prices that have gone in effect during the past of the past of the rungo kive of the r