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NEW FACILITIES FOR VACATIONISTS ON DARE COAST

Newer and Finer Motels Being Completed at Nags Head and Hatteras Island

Two new places of accommodation are now being completed at Nags Head while several other establishments are completing expansion programs or adding such attractions as swimming pools to the facilities already offered.

On Hatteras Island at Hatteras village two vacation establishments are undergoing expansion programs. They are the Sea Gull Motel owned by Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Burrus, and the General Mitchell Motel owned and operated by Shanklin Austin.

The Viviana, new this year, is a nine unit efficiency apartment oceanfront establishment owned by Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Parker. A similar type establishment is the 18-unit Outer Banks Motor Lodge owned by the John Bells, also owners of Nags Head Supermarket and Gift Shop. The latter place features a new swimming pool. Both places will be ready for occupancy by early June.

Swimming pools have been added at the Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright Motor Lodge and Hotel owned by Mrs. Dianne Voliver, and also the Beachcomber Lodge. Additional rooms have been built at The Sea Ranch in Southern Shores, owned and operated by Mrs. Alice Sykes.

Two of the motor court or cottage court type of places have gone under new ownership recently. They are Dolphin Motor Court and the Ocean View Cottage Court.

Plans are underway to build a convention hall here on Nags Head and it is expected to be completed by summer of 1962.

Hurricane Donna damaged some of the places of business here in the Nags Head sector last year. All places damaged have been completely renovated or rebuilt. Two such places are The Oasis Restaurant and The Reef Dining Room on the Nags Head-Roanoke Island Causeway.

On Roanoke Island where more than \$40,000 Donna-damage occurred at Fort Raleigh and Waterside Theatre, all dressing rooms have been rebuilt and will be ready for opening the show (The Lost Colony) on July 1, this year for the drama's 21st season.

1961 USHERS IN NEW ERA FOR SEEKERS OF GOOD FOOD ON OUTER BANKS

By AYCOCK BROWN

The coast of Dare here on the Outer Banks of North Carolina has long been famous for its history, its unexcelled sports-fishing, ranging from fresh water bass to giant blue marlin, and for the natural surroundings and scenes, climate and hospitality in general that one discovers here.

In recent years, however, the Outer Banks region has not won much acclaim for the food that was served in restaurants and the dining rooms of American Plan hotels.

This season, during Outer Banks Vacation Year 1961, the operators of restaurants and dining rooms, are definitely doing something about the situation . . . As a result, the Outer Banks may in time become just as famous for the good food that visitors will find being served by the restaurants and hotel dining rooms as they became for its history, sportsfishing, scenery and climate.

How will the vacationing public learn that improvements definitely are on the up grade in eating circles? Most of the vacationers will make the discovery when they stop for a breakfast, dinner or supper in some of the restaurants and hotels that have determined to change the food picture and make the area famous for its good eating.

Here is an example: Archie Burrus owner of the Sea Oat is the founder of a restaurant on Nags Head named The Dareolina. It is operated in conjunction with his motel. Ultra-modern in design, The Dareolina is one of the most unusual looking restaurant buildings along the Mid-Atlantic Coast. During its first two years of operation, however, the restaurant received unfavorable publicity due to prices, the food served and the service the patron received.

This year with new management and close supervision of owner Burrus the patron of Dareolina notes an immediate change. The food is better and so is the service . . . To prove that his Dareolina was on an up-swing in food and service, Burrus, a member of the Manteo Rotary Club, invited the 26-member organization to dine as his guests this week. The Rotarians were served: clam chowder, vegetable salad and a 9 ounce steak, plus vegetables. See FOOD, Page Six

NEW HIGHWAY CHAIRMAN BEGAN AS TRUCK DRIVER



The new chairman of the State Highway Commission isn't a newcomer to the road-building business. Merrill Evans of Ahoskie began his highway work some 35 years ago as a truck driver.

His appointment was made early this year by Governor Terry Sanford. Evans fills the unexpired term of J. Melville Broughton, Jr., of Raleigh, who resigned after more than three years as chairman of the Highway Commission.

The new roads chairman began work with the Highway Department shortly after graduation from college in 1925. His first job, which paid \$60 per month, was driving a truck on a construction project. During this time, he worked with Resident Engineer Tom Wilson, in constructing the 30 mile long road from the Currituck County Courthouse to Point Harbor. Evans later served as a bridge inspector and rodman and his salary was increased to \$85 a month.

Although Evans left the Highway Department later, he retained a strong interest in road-building. Under Governor Gregg Cherry's administration, he served a four year term, from 1945 until 1949, as a member of the Highway Commission, when the roads body numbered 10 persons. It was during this time that Evans saw improvements made to a number of secondary roads in his native northeast corner of the State, even though the Secondary Roads bond issue money was not yet available. As a highway commissioner, Evans also saw the paving of the Hatteras Road to Avon, providing better transportation facilities for outer banks residents and visitors.

The new Commission chairman grew up on the family farm at Grandy in Currituck County and received his education in the Currituck County schools and at William and Mary College, where he graduated with a liberal arts degree in 1925.

After working for the Highway Department, he moved to Ahoskie during the depression and served as a liquidating agent for fertilizer accounts. In addition to his farm supply and fertilizer business, he operates a life insurance agency and public relations business out of his Ahoskie home.

In addition to his term on the Highway Commission, he has served three terms in the Legislature—two in the Senate and one in the House, during the early forties. He served as a member of the Hertford County Board of Commissioners for six years, but did not seek reelection this year. He was active in the recent campaign of Governor Terry Sanford, serving as an official area manager in 10 northeastern counties of the State.

Evans was an early booster for a rural bond issue in 1949. He suggested such an issue to Charles Johnston, Kerr Scott's opponent for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Although Johnston did not advocate the idea, Scott picked it up and made it the number one program of his administration.

Evans is married to the former Margaret Smith of Natchez, Miss., and they have two sons, Andre J. Evans, an attorney at Virginia Beach and Merrill, Jr., a second year law student at Wake Forest College. An active member of the Baptist Church, Evans has taught the Men's Bible Class at Ahoskie's First Baptist Church for the past 20 years, a service which is broadcast over the local radio station.

MRS KRIDER DIES

Mrs. Ellen Krider, the widow of the late Ransom Krider died early Wednesday morning at her home in Concord, in the 78th year of her age, after a long illness. She was a native and lifelong resident of the area. Her surviving children are John A. Krider of Manteo, Mrs. Irene Shimcock of Mooresville, and Mrs. Elizabeth Barnhardt of Concord. She was a member of the Baptist Church in Concord. Funeral services will be conducted Friday and burial will be in the family plot in Concord.

TUESDAY IS BIG DAY IN DARE CO. RECORDER'S COURT

Many Cases Stemming From Jamboree Week End Escapades Heard with Others

Twenty-four more cases, majority of them stemming from the Jamboree activities during the launching of the 1961 vacation season, were on the docket of Recorder's Court Tuesday. Some of the cases were continued or will be tried in Superior Court and there are still others due to come up in recorder's court.

Those on the docket, the charges against them and fines and costs or other dispositions follow: Donald L. Austin, Hatteras, public drunkenness, \$33.70.

Cranel Eugene Benson, Norfolk, forfeited \$200 bond which goes into school fund when he failed to appear on charges of driving drunk. Jack Rayburn Burrus, Manteo, reckless driving, \$33.70.

Stanton Bruce Crabb, Norfolk, speeding 60 in 45 mph zone, \$23.70.

David Ryan Crabtree, Buxton, drunk and disorderly, \$33.70.

John Langston Daniels, Manteo, \$58.70, for having no state license plates, no liability insurance and no operator's license.

Frank William Duvall, Norfolk, drunk and disorderly, \$33.70.

L. P. Ezell, Rocky Mount, driving drunk, \$108.70, and James R. Wood, Rocky Mount, \$58.70, charged with aiding and abetting Uzzell by allowing him to drive while drunk.

Bobby Ray Harrell, Ahoskie, driving drunk charge. He requested jury trial and was bound over to higher court under bond of \$150.

Henry S. Hassell, Manns Harbor, speeding, \$21.20.

Thos. Scarborough, Avon, drunk on streets of Manteo, \$33.70.

Rodney Wayne Sprull, Norfolk, public drunkenness, \$33.70.

Thomas Ruffin Isley, Greensboro, reckless driving and improper equipment, \$46.20.

W. A. Keene, Durham, operating motor boat with expired operator's license, \$18.70.

Wesley Hodges McElroy, Norfolk, three charges, public drunkenness, resisting arrest and assault on officer, \$78.70.

Matt Nosisch, Norfolk, charged with assaulting officer, Deputy Sheriff D. Twyne, with a bottle, \$43.70.

Emmett E. Parker, Jr., Sunbury, reckless driving, \$59.60.

Maxton Peele, Hatteras, using commercial fishing equipment without proper license, \$18.70.

James A. Perkinson, Virginia Beach, Va., charged with driving drunk gave notice of appeal to superior court and bond was set at \$150.00.

Charles Clifford Price, Elizabeth City, driving on wrong side of highway, \$18.70.

Larry Gene Reeves, Buxton, for interfering with officer who was making arrest, \$23.70.

Richard W. Thompson, Punxsutawney, Pa., driving drunk, \$108.70.

Roy Wescott, Jr., Manteo, failing to stop at stop sign, \$18.70.

John Ivey Wells, Ocracoke, public drunkenness, \$33.70.

Charged with breaking and entering a cottage owned by Sallie Pugh at Kill Devil Hills, Kenneth Fairfax Wilson, John W. Council, Charles H. Baker, Jon C. Pascora and Howard Gibbs, Jr., of Norfolk were each bound over to superior court under bonds of \$500 each.

JAMBOREE MEETING IN DARE ON MAY 18

Business leaders of the area, and especially those having to do with staging the seventh annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree, will meet at The Carolinian Hotel in Nags Head on May 18 to hear final reports of the vacation season opener this year and also discuss whether Pirates Jamboree will be held again on the Dare Coast. Ted Wood of Kill Devil Hill, finance chairman of the Jamboree this year, has indicated that many have a feeling that the Jamboree should be discontinued, while some areas believe the event should be continued. The matter may be decided on May 18, at which time all business interests have been extended an invitation to be present and participate in the discussion.

4-H CLUBS SPONSOR DANCE AT ENGELHARD SATURDAY

The Hyde County 4-H Clubs are sponsoring a dance Saturday night, May 13th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Engelhard Community Building. Prices: Stag 50¢; couple 75¢. Round and Square dancing, games, cake walks, drinks and candy sold, all 4-H members, young and old are urged to attend. We guarantee that you will have an enjoyable evening.

SWAN QUARTER WOMAN WITH MACMILLAN CO.



MISS PAGE SPENCER of Swan Quarter, has recently been appointed head of advertising for Technical and Business books at The Macmillan Company.

Miss Spencer came to Macmillan after fifteen years' experience in book publishing. She was in the publicity department of H. M. Snyder and W. H. Hall companies from 1945 to 1947, after which she went to Rutgers University Press where she served as senior editor and, later, advertising and promotion manager for 13 years.

A graduate of East Carolina College, Miss Spencer did post-graduate work under Professor Frederick H. Koch and Samuel Selden at the University of North Carolina. Two of her plays were produced by the Carolina Playmakers and she won the Henry Holt Prize for playwriting and the Joseph Feldman Award for Radio Writing while she was at Chapel Hill. Miss Spencer is the daughter of Mrs. B. W. Williams and the late Captain E. O. Spencer of Swan Quarter.

SUPERIOR COURT TERM IN DARE CO. MAY 29TH

A term of Superior Court will be held in Manteo the week of May 29th, with Judge Joseph W. Parker of Windsor presiding. Judge Parker, a popular judge, presided at the January term of Civil Court held in Dare County.

The following 60 persons were recently chosen by the County Commissioners to serve as jurors at the term this month:

Manteo: David E. Bulluck, Mary E. Basnight, Arretta M. O'Neal, Jasper Simpson, Clyde W. Biggs, Mildred G. Midgett, Wallace Shannon, George Hale Quidley, Hattie Olson, Elizabeth Parkerson, Virginia D. Wescott, Zora Midgett, Sam Burrus, Louise Meekins, Ernie D. McCrease, Mary White, Thos. E. Dough, Chesley C. Midgett, Jr., Carrie King, Cecil L. Berry, Henry McCleese; Wanchese: Mrs. Basil Daniels, Charles K. Tillett, Roscoe Gallop, Roscoe Tillett, R. H. Gray, Kitty Hawk: Mrs. Odell Tillett, Josephine Twiford, Arnold Perry, Selma Beasley, Edward L. Rogers, Clara Haywood, F. W. Marks. Kill Devil Hills: Helen S. Briggs, Allen W. Beasley. Avon: Virginia Scarborough, Percy Williams, Mary E. Meekins. Hatteras: Hallis Foster, Fulton Scarborough, Ivey Batten, Mrs. Leonard Gillikin, Robert H. Gray, Luther D. Burrus, Viola Peele, Milan O'Neal. East Lake: Mrs. Turner Twiford. Manns Harbor: Huff Mann, Wilbur Pinner, Flay Kemp, Iris Ralph, Nina Midgett. Buxton: Richard Lourie, Roger Farrow, Joe Barnett, William H. Hehl, Mrs. Leona Jennette. Nags Head: Eva Atkins, Edward L. Rogers. Rodanthe: Donald C. Todd. Mashoes: Clyde Twiford.

MELVIN JACKSON IS NEW HEAD OF EL. P.T.A.

The Manteo Elementary P.T.A., meeting Monday night in the school auditorium, voted to retain \$125.00 in the treasury for incurred expenses. The balance will be added to cash contributions, which totaled \$62.05 Tuesday morning, and paid at the close of school on the interim system debt of \$447.00.

Donations are badly needed and may be made to Mrs. Harold Leatherman, Manteo; Mrs. Larry Balance, Wanchese; Mrs. Grace Hooper, Stumpy Point. Mrs. Stanford White, Manns Harbor; Mrs. Reginald Parker, Nags Head.

New officers installed for the new year are Melvin Jackson of Manteo, president; Mrs. Ralph O'Neal of Stumpy Point, vice president; Mrs. Harry Baum of Wanchese, secretary; and Mrs. Reginald Parker of Nags Head, treasurer.

After the business session refreshments were served in the library. The approximately fifty persons present enjoyed visiting the teachers in their classrooms, where they saw class work and many colorful displays of art.

NEW POSTOFFICE FOR FAIRFIELD PLANS AVAILABLE

In accordance with President Kennedy's order for an immediate increase in the rate of the Post Office Department's building program, Postmaster General Day announced today that readvertisement has been posted to secure new Post Office facilities at Fairfield, North Carolina, on a monthly rental basis for a fixed term of five years with two two-year renewal options. Specifications call for the new quarters to contain approximately 700 square feet of floor space, 80 square feet of platform space, and 2,500 square feet of driveway, parking and maneuvering area.

According to the Postmaster, Mrs. Isabelle M. Howard, interested bidders may obtain Bidder's Kits and more detailed information from Carl Bolt, Assistant Regional Real Estate Manager, Post Office Department, 428 Federal Annex, Atlanta 4, Georgia. Bids should be submitted to Mr. Bolt not later than May 25, 1961.

The Fairfield Post Office will be a part of the President's plan to put \$269 million into our economy at a crucial time, including \$10 million in existing postal facilities. The Administration thus recognizes the vital part which the Postal Service—one of the world's largest businesses, handling more than \$18 billion annually—plays in our national welfare.

This Post Office, and the many others being constructed, will be new links in the postal system which provides better service for you.

NEW NATURALIST FOR THE CAPE HATTERAS SEASHORE

Vernon C. ("Tommy") Gilbert, Jr., has accepted a promotion and transfer to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, Manteo, North Carolina where he will be the Chief Park Naturalist, Superintendent Robert F. Gibbs announced today at Headquarters, Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Mr. Gilbert will be in charge of interpretation at both Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, replacing W. Verde Watson who was recently transferred to Mt. McKinley National Park, Alaska.

Mr. Gilbert has been the Assistant Chief Park Naturalist at Everglades National Park since August 31, 1958. He began his career in the National Park Service in June of 1954 at Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee. Following this he was employed seasonally at Everglades National Park during the winters of 1954, 1955 and 1956 and at Great Smoky Mountains during the summers. In August 1956 he received his permanent appointment as Park Naturalist at Great Smoky Mountains National Park and transferred to Everglades the last day of August 1958.

Mr. Gilbert attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville where he received both his B. A. and M. S. degrees. He was selected as the Region One participant for the Tenth Departmental Training Program in Washington, D. C. This is given by the National Park Service and last for a period of six months.

Mr. Gilbert married Miss Helen Strong in 1950 in San Antonio, Texas, while he was serving in the United States Army.

He is well known in the area of Dare County for his talks and his work with the Audubon Societies. He is presently working with Dr. Frank C. Craighead on a study of the effects on Hurricane Donna on the vegetation in the Park.

"Tommy" and Mrs. Gilbert (Patsey) will leave Homestead on May 9 for their new assignment. They will live in Government quarters on Bodie Island when they arrive at Cape Hatteras.

FORD TIMES RECOGNIZES BEACH HOTEL RECIPES

In the current issue of Ford Times, monthly publication of the Ford Motor Company, the Carolinian Hotel at Nags Head is noted in the "favorite recipes" section. Outer Banks clam chowder and Carolinian griddle cakes are given note, along with a half-page color illustration of the hotel.

This is the second time Outer Banks recipes have been awarded this favor; some years ago the Old Station Restaurant at Kitty Hawk was publicized for "Crab Old Station" and "Beefsteak and Kidney Pie."

Many other coastal recipes are winning fame through distribution of such publications as the Manteo Woman's Club cook book, several thousand copies having been sold during the past five years. Other coastal recipes will be featured in another area cook book to be published early this summer.

GETS CARNEGIE MEDAL



BENJAMIN L. MIDGETT

WANCHESE YOUTH AWARDED A MEDAL FOR SAVING LIFE

Ben Midgett of Dare County, and Edwin Richardson of Hamlet Win Carnegie Medals

The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission in Pittsburgh Friday cited two teen-aged North Carolina schoolboys for performing heroic deeds in 1960.

Each will receive a bronze medal and \$500.

The young Tar Heels cited for heroic acts are Benjamin L. Midgett, 15, of Wanchese, and G. Edwin Richardson, 16, of Hamlet.

Midgett saved David E. and William A. Batten, aged 8 and 11, respectively, from drowning at Nags Head, June 6, 1960.

Richardson saved two Army infantrymen from being killed by a train at Hamlet, April 1, 1960.

Ben is the son of Mrs. Terrah Daniels Midgett and the late George Washington Midgett of Wanchese. His father was once a member of the Coast Guard. His maternal grandfather was the late Marcellus Daniels, and outstanding citizen of Wanchese.

In recounting Midgett's heroic act, the commission said the motorboat in which the Batten boys were riding was capsized by breakers in Oregon Inlet 1,200 feet from shore. David Batten was thrown clear, but William Batten, his parents, another man and a 4-year-old boy were trapped beneath the overturned craft. William soon rose to the surface.

David and William, neither of whom could swim, struggled to stay afloat but were submerged intermittently by breakers three or four feet high which carried them away from the boat.

A charter craft on which Midgett was a deck hand moved into the breakers, where the pilot idled the craft. Fully clothed except for shoes, Midgett dove into the water, swam 40 feet to David, and placed one arm around him. David put his arms around the neck of Midgett, who then towed him back to the charter boat. Treading water three feet from the craft's propeller, Midgett lifted David, and a man in the boat pulled him aboard. By then the other man who had been in the overturned boat had struggled from beneath it and with difficulty held William at the surface.

Midgett swam 60 feet through the breakers and took William from the man. After towing William 40 feet, Midgett became very tired and his progress slowed. From the charter craft a man hurled a rope. Midgett grabbed the end and, still supporting William, was drawn to the boat. By then he was too weak to raise William from the water. A man in the boat pulled William and then Midgett aboard. The parents of David and William escaped from beneath the capsized boat; and they and the other man were removed from the water. The 4-year-old boy drowned.

Young Richardson's deed had its setting at a railroad crossing at Hamlet where a small sedan containing the two infantrymen stalled on a track as a freight train approached at 25 miles an hour.

While the soldiers were attempting to re-start the sedan, the train rounded a curve, sounding horn and bell.

As the locomotive approached at undiminished speed, Richardson put his automobile into gear and knocked the stalled sedan clear. But Richardson's car stopped. Richardson put his engine in reverse, leaped from the car, and ran from the crossing. As he did so, the automobile move backward and just cleared the path of the passing train.

BLOODMOBILE TO VISIT DARE

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be on the Dare Coast for two days this week.

It will be at Hatteras Island at the Cape Hatteras High School in Buxton on Thursday, May 11, and in Manteo at the High School on Friday, May 12, according to announcement by Woody Fearing in charge of the bloodmobile publicity in this county for the area visits this week.

Plans for the bloodmobile visits this week to the Dare Coast, the second such visit ever made into this area, was planned by Glenn Brosier, field representative of the Southeastern area of the American Red Cross and the Dare committee which includes Dr. W. W. Harvey, Ralph Davis and Dr. W. W. Johnston of Manteo.

Plans have been made to contact the people who were such able workers during the first visit of the bloodmobile to Dare County and donor pledge campaigns have been underway in each of the communities of the area, it was stated.

200,000TH TELEPHONE IS INSTALLED BY CAROLINA TELEPHONE

The 200,000th telephone of Carolina and Telegraph Company was installed on Wednesday, May 3 in the new offices of Dr. Robert E. Sandy at 508 East Twelfth Street, Washington, N. C.

The first call on the newly installed telephone was made by Dr. Sandy who dialed North Carolina Utilities Commission Chairman Harry T. Westcott in Raleigh.

Chairman Westcott congratulated the telephone company and said, "It is particularly interesting to me that this 200,000th telephone should be installed in Washington—the location of the first direct distance dialing installation in North Carolina."

Carolina Telephone Vice President J. F. Havens, in Washington to witness the installation, said that event marked a significant milestone in the history of eastern North Carolina communications. He noted that fifty-two years were required for the company to attain its 100,000th telephone (installed at Rocky Mount in 1952); while only nine years were required for the company to gain its second 100,000 telephones.

Thus, in the past nine years, the number of telephones in our service area has more than doubled.

"This is indicative," Havens said "of the tremendous growth of eastern North Carolina in recent years and reflects the increased demand for telephone service which has accompanied this development."

Washington and the surrounding area have kept pace with the progress recorded recently throughout eastern North Carolina. This can be seen in the fact that at the end of 1940, there were about 1,600 telephones here. By 1950 these had increased to slightly more than 2,700; while today the Washington exchange provides service to about 4,550 telephones.

Guests of Dr. Sandy during the installation, in addition to Vice President Havens, were: Carolina Telephone Director John C. Rodman, Washington. District Commercial Manager W. E. Marshall. See PHONES, Page Six

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD SAT. FOR MRS. HASSELL

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Mann Hassell, former resident of East Lake, who died May 3, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Violet M. Kellam at Nags Head, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home at Manteo by the Rev. M. J. Davis, pastor of the Manteo Baptist Church.

"Crossing The Bar" and "The Last Mile of the Way" were sung by Johnny Long. Mrs. Jack Cohoon accompanied at the organ. The casket pall consisted of pink and white carnations and ferns.

Pallbearers were her nephews: Doc Twiford, Hazlett Twiford, Luther R. Davidson, Jr., and Frank Cahoon, Wilbur Cahoon and Edger Cahoon.

Burial followed in the Methodist Church cemetery at East Lake.