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HATTERAS PEOPLE VOICE DISAPPROVAL OF FERRY SERVICE

Loss in Tourist Trade Contended; Many State Officials Contacted

According to an Associated Press report this week citizens on Hatteras Island have made numerous complaints to North Carolina officials about state-operated ferry service to the island.

Businessmen in the area say that about 50 percent of the vacationists who want to visit Hatteras Island are actually getting there. They blame the tourist loss on poor planning by state officials. Further, the report states, many accidents have occurred. Governor Sanford is urging immediate action of the ferry situation. Some telegrams describe the situation as "deplorable, shameful, and disgrace to North Carolina".

Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners, David K. Met, met with local citizens regularly to study the problem.

One of the plans originating at the meeting is to have the state highway commission attend a fishery commission on Hatteras Island so they can have a first hand view of the situation.

One citizen, Wheeler Ballance, commented, "They'd better get a start if they plan to reach Hatteras before the fish get colder than that or take a plane. They'd get here in time by ferry."

Another observer reports to have seen a line of people waiting for the ferry much as seven hours.

In the past several weeks in the Hatteras area active ones for businessmen and local citizens with heavy influx of tourists following normally heavy fourth of July weekend.

One local business man said this has been the busiest summer he has ever spent in the area.

JENNINGS COTTAGE BURNS NAGS HEAD WED. NIGHT

Summer home of W. H. Jennings, of Chicago, burned at Nags Head Wednesday night despite efforts of the Dare Beach Sanitary District fire fighters.

The blaze reportedly was found at 9:00 p. m. on the front porch of the all juniper cottage. Firemen and passers-by called the fire department and then attempted to get furniture and belongings out of the house. Efforts were in vain, however, because the Jennings family locked the doors before leaving Elizabeth City earlier in the morning.

Jennings arrived at the scene at 10:00, but by then the cottage was gone except for a few timbers which still blazed. The cottage was partially covered by insurance. Jennings had just finished putting a roof on the cottage at a cost of about \$800. No estimates were available as to the total loss of the structure and furnishings.

Jennings, who is originally from Beth City, stated that he plans to build at Nags Head again in the future.

Jennings reported that a small fire started under the house about two years ago when an electrical cord corroded through. The blaze burned under control with no damage then. There have been no other blazes started but several byers speculated that it seemed to have started in the porch roof reports as to how Wednesday evening had been caused by faulty electrical fixtures.

Jennings and his wife and daughter will stay with friends on the island until insurance claims are settled. Then they plan to return to Chicago.

NEW PHYSICIAN LOCATES IN BELHAVEN

Monday of this week, Dr. Alan Reid opened his office above O'Neals Drug Store on Street in Belhaven.

The physician has long been known to help serve this territory. Dr. Reid is welcomed by one of the District Hospital.

Dr. Reid is a graduate of the University of N. C. Medical School. He has completed a year of internship at the University of Florida Teaching Hospital in Gainesville, Fla.

Dr. Reid is married to the former Woodard of Chapel Hill and has two children, Michael 6, and Stephen, 11 months. They will be in the Ziebell apartment on Front Street.

MANTEO NATIVE IN MAJOR ROLE



Having an unusually long comb to her unusually long hair is Mrs. Cora Mae Basnight of Manteo, who plays the faithful Indian squaw "Agona" in "The Lost Colony." A life-long resident of Roanoke Island this is her third season in the role. Mrs. Basnight presently has two children in the show, and her grand-daughter, Claudia Fry, frequently appears as the infant Virginia Dare, the first child born of English parents in America. She is the mother of seven children, all of whom have worked with "The Lost Colony."

CHARLES MURPHY WILL SPEAK AT LOST COLONY SAT.

Redhead Night Set for Monday; Ladies Night A Big Success

Tar Heel-born Charles Murphy, Under Secretary of Agriculture will be a guest speaker during intermission at the 1071st performance of The Lost Colony here Saturday night.

In addition to possibly talking about current agricultural matters, the Under Secretary is expected to laud Roanoke Island as the place from which England first learned of three important farm commodities, Maize, the Indian's corn, UPowoc, the Indian's tobacco and an edible root which was the potato.

Each of these products were taken back by the Sir Walter Raleigh explorers and introduced in England.

The Murphys will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrison at their Kill Devil Hills beachside cottage.

As a special attraction on Monday, July 31, at the 1072nd performance of the drama all red-heads will be admitted free.

This means that any man, woman or child with red hair, whether natural or dyed, will be admitted free. Greeting the red-heads at the box office will be Kenton R. Kyle who has distinguished himself in the role of "Old Tom" Harris. Kyle is not the only red-head in the cast, but he is the only red-headed and red-bearded person, so therefore the performance on Monday will be dedicated to Kyle—and of course, the red-headed persons who will attend the show free of charge.

On Wednesday night designated as "Ladies Night" 741 males paid admission to see the show while an estimated 500 or more females were admitted free. It was one of the biggest audiences to witness the drama in recent years.

E. C. C. NIGHT AT LOST COLONY

Saturday, August 5, 1961 is East Carolina College Night at the "Lost Colony." The schedule for the evening is: Fish Fry at the Manteo Masonic Temple from 5:00 to 7:00 p. m. Cost: \$1.00 per plate.

Tickets to the "Lost Colony" may be secured from the ticket office or Mrs. Beulah Gaylord, Manteo.

East Carolina College and friends will be recognized in a short program at intermission. President Leo W. Jenkins will be "guest performer" in the production, and the people are invited to meet the cast which includes several students and alumni.

All East Carolina Alumni are urged to bring their families and guests for this special occasion. For further information contact Mrs. Beulah W. Gaylord, Alumni District Director, at Manteo.

SHERIFF'S NOSE BROKEN; \$50 FINE FOR DEFENDANT

Eugene Stanton Shacklack received a 60 day suspended sentence in Dare County Recorders Court Tuesday as a result of charges growing out of his attack on Dare County Sheriff Frank Cahoon last week.

Shacklack's sentence was suspended on condition that he pay a \$50 fine and court costs and pay for Sheriff Cahoon's medical bills resulting from the attack.

According to court testimony Shacklack was brought to the Sheriff's office last week on charges of stealing ducks from a Kitty Hawk resident. He was released without charges and immediately engaged in an argument outside the Sheriff's office with Mr. Perry, the man from whom he allegedly took the ducks.

According to Sheriff Cahoon, Shacklack used loud and abusive language in the courthouse and when the Sheriff tried to stop him, Shacklack struck him in the face. The blow resulted in a broken nose and swollen eye for the Sheriff.

Shacklack was charged with creating a public disturbance and assault. At the trial he claimed to remember none of the incident and produced a letter from a Norfolk doctor which stated Shacklack suffers from epilepsy. Further testimony, however, indicated that he apparently remembered most of the events of the day.

Other cases coming before Judge W. F. Baum this week included the See COURT, Page Eight

WAHAB FIRST PARTICIPANT FROM OCRACOKE IN ASCS



R. STANLEY WAHAB of Ocracoke, well known businessman and civic leader, is the first participant from that island community in one of the programs of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. One of Mr. Wahab's recent business ventures was sheep raising which had to be abandoned because of animals of this nature have been ordered removed from Ocracoke.

A part of the Island is now included in the Cape Hatteras National Sea Shore recreational area and livestock grazing in this area is prohibited. Only a few prize banks remain.

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Program in which Mr. Wahab was a participant is the wool program. Due to a scarcity of wool, especially of good quality, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has a program to encourage increased production of good quality wool. The wool grower benefits through this program by government price support in form of Incentive Payments. The price of wool is supported by the government at 62 cents per pound. Payment is made direct to the farmer based on a percentage required to bring the national average sales price of wool up to 62 cents per pound.

For the 1960 wool marketing year which began April, 1960 and ending March 31, 1961 the sales price of wool was 47.6% less than the announced support price therefore wool growers who made application for price support under this program received incentive payment of 47.6% of the net amount received when they sold wool on the open market.

J. C. Williams, Jr., Office Man See WAHAB, Page Eight

WEEKEND WEATHER

Temperatures will be somewhat above normal averaging between 90-92 in the afternoons and 73-76 in the mornings. A few widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers are indicated otherwise the weather will be fair and hot with mostly light and variable winds. Fishing weather generally good.

TOURIST BUREAU CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT FOR YEAR

Summary of Activities Indicates Large Increase in Number of Inquiries

According to a report from the Dare County Tourist Bureau, only 83 of an estimated 500 businesses in this area have made contributions to the Bureau this fiscal year, which ends September 30.

The 83 contributions, ranging from \$1.00 to \$200.00, amount to \$2,716.00.

The total budget for the Bureau for the year 1960-61 was \$21,480. Of this amount the Board of Directors anticipated an income of \$5,000.00 from contributors to supplement a contemplated \$16,480 from the ABC fund set aside for the Tourist Bureau.

To date, the Bureau has received, in addition to the contributions from investors, \$9,977.77 from the ABC fund and \$84.39 from miscellaneous incomes. To supplement this during the winter the Board of Directors borrowed \$1,000, from the county, which has been repaid.

Since last year, according to Manager and Publicity Director, Aycock Brown, the work-load and activities of the office have increased approximately 25 percent.

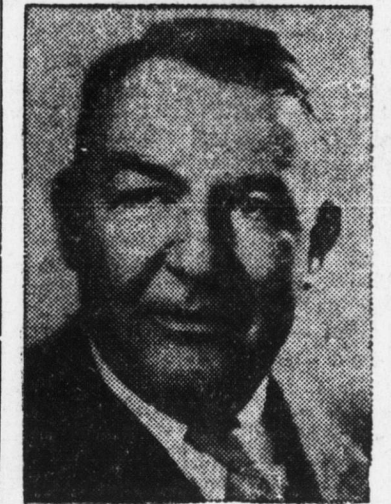
According to Director Brown the Bureau has received an increase in the number of inquiries this year which total over 30,000 since October of 1960. In addition, he reports the Bureau has had an increase in the number of news stories, releases, and photographs mailed to news media this year.

In a report to the Board of Directors in late June Brown noted, "We are ahead of any previous year in newspaper, magazine, radio and television publicity. Stories by mail, wire, and telephone have been sent out almost daily... the manager has broadcast, via telephoned tape recordings, regular stories about the sportfishing and general vacation information."

Concerning distribution of brochures he added, "Using our system of sending one each of folders or brochures available from the Dare County Tourist Bureau, we have mailed out hundreds of letters with our label and format for requesting additional folders. From Maine to Florida, from all of Chamber of Commerce agencies in North Carolina and from travel sources throughout the country we have received requests for specific numbers of folders via this system."

He went on to point out that the Bureau has cooperated with the See BUREAU, Page Eight

SENATOR SAM ERVIN IS CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION



SENATOR SAM J. ERVIN, JR. who spent last week end in Dare County as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrison at Kill Devil Hills let it be known at the time that he will be a candidate for re-election to the Senate, and this week made formal announcement to the public. Senator Ervin has been a regular visitor to the Dare County coast for nearly 30 years, and has become one of its strongest champions and friends. He was appointed by the late Governor Umstead on the death of Senator Clyde R. Hoey in 1954.

In his announcement this week he cited a promise made to Governor Umstead at the time, as the main reason for running again:

"At that time," Ervin said in a 600-word statement announcing his intention, "Gov. Umstead required of me this promise and this promise only: that I should be willing to serve North Carolina in the Senate as long as my faculties remained substantially unimpaired. He gave me this reason for requiring this promise of me: 'Experience is the most efficient teacher of all, and in consequence the ability of a senator to serve grows as his service in the Senate lengthens.'"

Ervin entered the Senate after public service which included three terms as Burke County Representative in the General Assembly, a term as 10th Dist. Representative in Congress, and judicial experience on the bench of Burke County Criminal Court, Superior Court and the State Supreme Court.

Ervin received the Silver Star for heroism in World War I in France. He was twice wounded in battle and holds the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the French Fourragere, and the Distinguished Service Cross.

Ervin was born Sept. 29, 1896, in Morganton. He married the former Margaret Bruce Bell of Concord, N. C., and they had three children.

4-H Groups Find Busy Days Scheduled While Visiting Dare Camp in Summer

By TOM JACKSON

Just off U. S. 264 about two miles west of Manteo the remains of a World War II naval base lie in a broad grassy field under a hot morning sun. At first glance the unassuming observer would think the barracks were deserted and the camp closed except for the few automobiles seen from the road.

If, however, this casual observer happened to look at just the right moment he would see the dark screen doors burst open on the first note of a loud bugle call and could watch the scene suddenly take on all the activity of a busy ant hill.

With all the scheduled organization of a military base this former site of war time effort is now a training ground for future leaders and a fun providing area for 1500 4-H club members each year.

Supervising the summer camp, which has been in operation since 1948, is Lewis Cayton, Principal of Kitty Hawk School. A man who grew up in a small city and was never a member of a 4-H club, he has caught more enthusiasm over the project in his three year's work in the camp than many of the young 4-H members have.

Under Mr. Cayton's supervision, from 100 to 150 4-H members from two to four North Carolina counties pile into the camp each Monday for a week of study, training and recreation. The campers come from counties as far away as Swain County in the western part of the state to as close as neighboring Hyde County, only a few miles away. Most of them are from 10-14 years old, but a few are in the 14-19 age group.

Their week begins Monday evening with a flag lowering ceremony at which all the campers and staff are present. Following this comes supper in the cafeteria which is famous in 4-H circles for its good food. Then the campers have the rest of the evening to rest and get ready for the following five days

of activity.

Bright and early Tuesday morning the campers are divided into four groups labeled Head, Hands, Heart, and Health in honor of the 4-H motto represented on the four points of the four leaf clover, the club symbol. Then classes begin.

The youngsters, boys and girls, have four classes each day. One area of instruction is swimming. This class includes introductory swimming, advanced swimming, artificial respiration, and water safety.

They also have classes in handicrafts with each camper working on a project to complete and take home.

Then comes the recreation class in which they learn games and dances of all kinds, excepting rock and roll. To take back to their own communities and local clubs.

A final class instructs them in electricity. In this course of study the boys study the basic fundamentals of electricity while the girls receive instruction in the practical side of "kitchen electricity." The classes are conducted free of charge by representatives of Virginia Electric Power Company.

In addition to these regular classes an added attraction is presented once a week when a wildlife expert comes in to give talks on wildlife.

After lunch the campers all retire to their dormitory rooms for an hour of rest and relaxation before beginning an afternoon of programs and field games. One highlight of the afternoon is an assembly for mail call when all the campers receive their mail from family and friends at home.

Each Friday, before the week's guests prepare to leave for home, the whole camp turns out a field day. The Head and Hands groups merge and become the "Manteo tribe" to compete with the Heart and Health groups who distinguish themselves as the "wanchesees" See 4-H'ERS, Page Eight

DITCHES DAMAGING CROPS AND WATER FIND OPPOSITION

Digging Deeper To Turn Salt Water Into the Land Damaging Garden and Drinking Water

Several citizens have called attention of this newspaper to some of the drainage projects now underway, which is viewed mostly as a bonanza to contractors, and a way of dispensing favors to please political supporters.

Complaint is made that in the past many thousands of dollars of the county's allotted money has been spent to virtually create boat harbors for private benefit. In some of these instances, contractors were not required to complete their jobs according to specifications, but were allowed to collect full pay, with later expenditures by the county in an attempt to correct the fault complained of.

One of the latest complaints comes from Cape Hatteras, where the County officials have persisted in digging out a ditch, despite warnings from the State Board of Health. The Board of Commissioners were completely aware of all this, yet sent a dragline in to dig more and deeper. Less someone complain that this article is awry, we reprint herewith correspondence bearing on this late example of the reckless waste of the people's money that seems to prevail.

NORTH CAROLINA
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
RALEIGH May 11, 1961.

Dare County Board of Commissioners
Manteo, North Carolina

Enclosed is a report by our District Engineer, Mr. M. O. Caton, of an investigation of possible pollution of water supply wells in Buxton by storm tide water in Jesse Ditch.

It was found that the flooding of the ditch by salt water would subject shallow wells in the vicinity to possible contamination. According to the information obtained, there is considerable evidence that the wells may already have been contaminated since removal of the flood gate several days ago.

If the original storm tide gate was effective either in excluding salt water from the ditch or in preventing overflow of the banks, it definitely should be replaced.

W. S. MCKIMMON, CHIEF,
ENGINEERING SECTION,
Sanitary Engineering Division.

More flooding than ever during hurricanes is now expected.

That this reckless lack of consideration of possible danger to health through pollution can be even more severe is borne out by the following survey.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
SANITARY ENGINEERING DIVISION

Raleigh, North Carolina.
Report of Investigation or Inspection of Possible Pollution of Water Supply Wells by Tide Water in Buxton, April 11, 1961.

REPORT: The purpose of this investigation was to attempt to determine if the reported flooding of Jesse Ditch, in Buxton, by salt water of storm tides has effected private water supplies in the vicinity. The investigation was requested by residents who own water supply wells near the ditch, and by the Dare County Board of Commissioners following receipt of a petition by 120 people of Buxton.

According to information obtained, the ditch was re-excavated about five years ago by the County with the financial assistance of the Federal Government through the Civil Defense disaster relief program. The flood tide gate, which was reported to have been installed See DITCHES, Page Eight

CLEAN UP DAY SPONSORED IN DARE COUNTY AUGUST 1

All property owners are advised that a clean-up drive will be conducted Tuesday, August 1, in the Town of Nags Head, the Town of Kill Devil Hills and the Kitty Hawk Beach-Southern Shores area. This event is sponsored by the growing bodies of the towns of Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head and the County of Dare.

Special trucks will tour the beach area throughout the day to pick up all types of refuse and trash. Personnel of the State Highway Department will at the same time thoroughly clean the highway right of way area.

Property owners are advised to place trash and refuse adjacent to their garbage cans as early in the day as possible. On this date only all refuse and trash will be picked up, in or out of containers.

It is hoped that all property owners will take advantage of this opportunity to join their neighbors and the local governing bodies in thoroughly cleaning the beach area.