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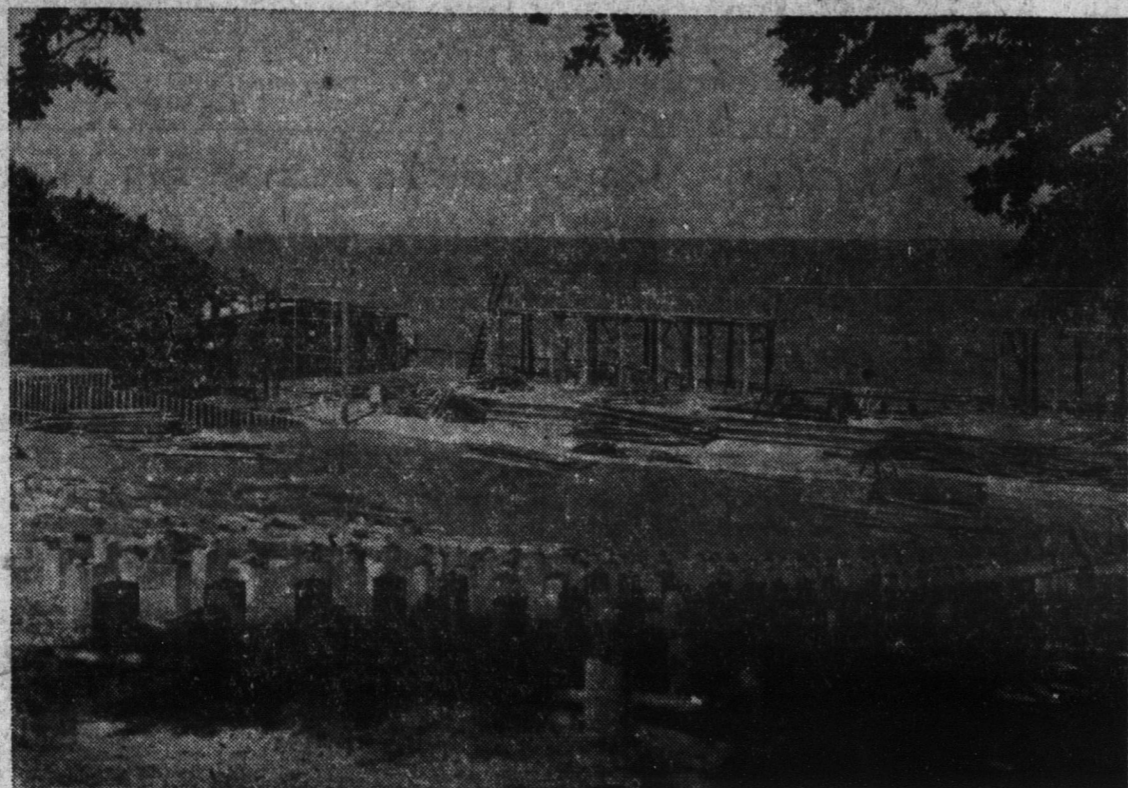
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NEW WATERSIDE THEATRE COSTING \$70,000 UNDER CONSTRUCTION



A NEW WATERSIDE THEATRE costing approximately \$70,000 is being built on the above site of the original constructed in 1937 for the annual presentation of Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony. The new theatre, designed and being built under the direction of Albert Q. Bell of Manteo, will be paid for by the National Park Service. The old theatre has already been torn down to make way for the new and the above scene shows how it looked within two weeks after Bell and his crew of NPS employees began work on the project.

COMPLETES COURSE



JAMES P. GARRISH, JR., a 1961 graduate of Ocracoke High School, has completed the twelve weeks training course at the Coast Guard Receiving Center at Cape May, New Jersey, where he was instructed in the fundamentals of the service: Marksmanship, military customs, courtesies and seamanship as well as navigation and Coast Guard history. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Garrish, Sr., of Ocracoke and grandson of the late James Henry Garrish. Both his father and grandfather retired from the Coast Guard, and had served at most of the stations on the Outer Banks.

HUNTING SEASON BEGINS MONDAY FOR DEER, BEAR

Big game hunting season begins throughout the coastland Monday, October 16, and indications are that deer and bear are more plentiful this year than ever before. Seasons also open in most other areas throughout North Carolina on the same date for big game also. Most of the deer and bear killed in this area is bagged on properties of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. In addition to the county, state or non-resident licenses required for hunting on these properties in the area of East Lake, Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point in Dare County, and the areas in Tyrrell, Hyde and Washington counties in which the company has holdings, a special permit must be obtained from Westvaco for these privileges. A nominal charge is made for the permit after the applicant has displayed the licenses regularly required.

During bow hunting season, which started two weeks before regular schedule, there have been reports of several deer being killed by resident hunters of coastland counties.

PLENTY OF PUPPIES BUT NO BIG CHANNEL BASS

HATTERAS — Except for one 39 pounder taken near the new Fishing Pier three miles northeast of Hatteras, large channel bass have been scarce during the past week. The largest taken to date was the 39 pounder, insofar as the autumn run is concerned. Many small channel bass, in the five to 10 pound class, a variety best known as "puppy drum" or yearlings, have been caught from the surf recently.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR HYDE AND TYRRELL FROM BOND ISSUE

Forestry Shop and Warehouse at Fairfield, Pettigrew Park Facilities Planned

Both Hyde and Tyrrell have funds earmarked for improvements in these counties from the Bond issue to be voted on November 7th. In Hyde County, it is planned to erect a district office building for the forestry service. This would cost a total of \$48,500, including a shop and warehouse, equipment shed, deep well, etc.

The Pettigrew State Park in Tyrrell would get \$16,500 for enlargement of its maintenance and service area facilities. All counties, of course would share in benefits from improvements to numerous educational and other facilities in the state. Large sums are to be earmarked for colleges, schools, hospitals, etc. The new College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City would get more than \$20,000. The Elizabeth City State Teachers college would get three quarters of a million dollars for building and ground improvements. East Carolina College in Greenville would get \$3,406,750.

ROCKFISH BEGIN THEIR VISIT TO SOUND WATERS

MANNS HARBOR — The autumn rockfish run has started in the waters of upper Croatan and Albemarle Sounds and while catches in the vicinity of William B. Umstead Bridge between Roanoke Island and Manns Harbor have not been too good to date, anglers trolling in the area have been taking some fish.

In Albemarle Sound catches of rock, or striped bass as may call them, have been up to late Autumn par.

Capt. Chick Craddock, skipper of the Lollypop, has reported the best catch of the season to date. "Raynolds Williams and party of Elm City, using white and yellow bucktails, boated 61 stripers on Sunday," said Capt. Craddock. They caught them in Albemarle Sound between the mouths of Alligator River on the south and North River on the north shore while trolling," he added. The Williams' party stripers ranged from two to four and half pounds.

In the meantime, Carl Mann of Manns Harbor reported that parties on the week end fishing in the vicinity of the bridge and to the northward averaged catching two or three rock per boat. A few speckled trout were also landed. Rockfishing usually reaches a peak during late October and continues good until around Christmas.

FALSE ALBACORE IN SURF

OREGON INLET — False albacore have been very plentiful in the surf here at Oregon Inlet and elsewhere along the beaches of the Outer Banks recently.

This is unusual as the false albacore is normally a warm water fish and is seldom caught by anglers except in the vicinity of the Gulf Stream. Francis Nixon of Elizabeth City caught a 15 1/2 pound false albacore from Avalon Pier a few days ago — one of the largest ever taken so close inshore.

CURRITUCK FOLK MOVE TO SAVE KNAPP MANSION

Oppose Destruction of Home of County's Benefactor; Should Save It For Museum

The residence on Mackey Island of the late Joseph P. Knapp, whose liberal contributions of money and influence did so much to provide Currituck County with a model school system back in the 20's has become of much concern to patriotic-minded citizens of the county who view with alarm, the prospect of the property being sold and torn down.

Mackey Island, formerly the home of the late Thomas Dixon, a celebrated North Carolinian, was bought by his friend, Joseph P. Knapp after Dixon got in financial troubles through real estate investments in the N. C. Mountains. Mr. Knapp built a beautiful mansion and made it his home. Some years after his death, the property was bought by a timberman in Virginia who wrecked the woods after taking the trees off it. The home was allowed to fall into poor condition. Later it was sold to the U. S. Wildlife Service for a game refuge.

The wildlife service having no use for the mansion reported to be ready to let it go. General John E. Wood, of Currituck, a distinguished citizen, has risen strongly in objection to its disposal as surplus property, and thinks it should be maintained as a historical attraction. He has called for the Congressman's intercession with the Department of the Interior to stop this desecration.

Representative Walton Griggs of Currituck County says he has found a rising tide of indignation in his county over the prospect of losing the home. He agrees with General Wood that it might be well converted into an Albemarle Historical Museum.

CHANNEL BASS FROM KILL DEVIL HILLS SURF

KILL DEVIL HILLS — Mrs. Madeline Mayer, president of the Neptune's Daughters fishing club of Beach Haven, N. J. caught a six and half pound channel bass in the surf here at Kill Devil Hills on Sunday. It was the first channel bass reported along the Dare Beaches coast this fall.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT COLINGTON BEGIN SUNDAY



REV. ALVIN W. PRICE, pastor of Manteo Assembly of God, will be the speaker at a revival meeting beginning October 15 at the new Colington Assembly of God church. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m., and the public is cordially invited. Mrs. Brooks Stetson of Wanchese is pastor of the church.

MANTEO MAN PRESIDENT NAGS HEAD C OF C



LAWRENCE L. SWAIN, (right) Manteo businessman here receives congratulations from Thomas S. Briggs, of Kill Devil Hills, outgoing president of the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce. Swain was installed as president for 1961-62 at a dinner meeting last Friday night held at the Carolinian Hotel, Nags Head. Serving in other posts are the following: Vice-president, Curtis Curling, Kitty Hawk; Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Kitty Hawk; Treasurer, Mrs. George McGaw, Kill Devil Hills; directors: Horace Parker, Nags Head; Joseph Mathias, Kill Devil Hills; and Miss Sarah Halliburton, Kill Devil Hills, outgoing executive secretary.

CANCER FUNDS UNREPORTED; MORE CAPTAINS LISTED

No financial account of the current Cancer Crusade for funds is available this week, as reports from the communities are incomplete, according to Mrs. Raymond Wescott of Manteo, co-chairman for Dare County with Mrs. Nellie Farrow of Waves. It is urged that reports be submitted early next week, so that accounting may be completed.

Community captains south of Oregon Inlet are: Rodanthe, Mrs. Bethany Gray; Waves, Mrs. Aletha Meekins; Salvo, Mrs. Dorothy Austin; Avon, Mrs. Velma Barnett; Buxton, Mrs. Blanche Midgett; Frisco, Mrs. John Austin; and Hatteras, Mrs. Hazel Foster.

BUXTON TEAM FISHES IN NAGS HEAD TOURNEY

Cape Hatteras Anglers Club of Buxton, being represented by Bill Dillion, president, and members Capt. Bernice Ballance, Edgar Hooper, Rany Jennette, Mrs. Ormond Fuller and Bill Osborne, is entered in Nags Head's tournament currently in progress, and are putting the finishing touches on arrangements for their tourney.

The fourth annual affair for the Cape Hatteras group will begin Thursday, November 2, ending with a banquet Saturday night at Cape Hatteras High School. Like Nags Head, it will feature two days of team competition and one day open individual fishing.

11TH NAGS HEAD TOURNAMENT FOR SURF FISHERS UNDERWAY; THIRTY-FIVE TEAMS ENTERED

Real Indian Summer with Moderate Seas Precedes Sporting Event; Hundreds of Anglers from Many Northern States, Along With Area Clubs; Test Their Skills in Team Competition; Individual Tourney Begins Saturday.

CURRITUCK H. D. MEMBER FALL FEDERATION SPEAKER



MRS. J. P. MORGAN, active Currituck Home Demonstration member, will be the speaker at the Dare County Home Demonstration Fall Federation meeting which will be held at Stumpy Point on Tuesday, October 17. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. with the program starting at 10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Morgan has been an outstanding home demonstration club member not only in her county but in district and state. Among her activities are: State Recording Secretary; First and Second Vice Chairman of State organization; winner of A & P award in 1958; district chairman; Currituck County Council President for 4 years; assisted in organizing one club; and 4-H leader with Community Club.

Mrs. Roy Summrel of Harbinger, 25th District chairman, will install the new County Council officers at the afternoon session. Also appearing on the program will be Rev. Charles Olson, Methodist minister of the Dare County charge who will have the meditations for the day.

Mrs. Irma Lange of Buxton, County Council President, will preside and conduct the business session. The outstanding club woman and outstanding club of the county will be announced at this time. The point sheets which have been used during the year are being turned in at the October club meetings and are being tabulated. All point sheets must be in the home agent's office not later than Friday, October 13, if credit is to be received. Lunch will be served by the Stumpy Point club.

BODIES OF BELHAVEN MEN RECOVERED FROM SOUND

The bodies of two missing fishermen were recovered from Pamlico Sound Monday after the wreckage of their boat was sighted by a Coast Guard search plane.

The dead men were identified as Vernon Guthrie of Belhaven and Lonny Guthrie of Pamlico Beach. Their bodies were picked up by a private fishing boat and brought to Belhaven Monday night.

The recovery was made 12 miles northwest of the Ocracoke Lifeboat Station.

The men, first cousins, both about 25, had been shrimping from a boat owned by Belhaven Fish & Oyster Co.

The 55-foot trawler, Thomas J., left Belhaven Oct. 2 and was expected back last Thursday. It was located sunk in 30 feet of water, in the area where the bodies were located. Apparently the vessel went down during a severe wind storm last Tuesday night.

Beaufort County Coroner J. Bonner Paul ruled the deaths drownings. The shrimp boat which picked up the dead men had in its crew Lonnie Guthrie, the father of Ted Guthrie.

Vernon Guthrie of Belhaven was born July 8, 1938, son of Fred and Neva Wallace Guthrie of Pamlico. See TRAGEDY, Page Seven

MRS. WESCOTT HEADS DARE CANCER CRUSADE

The Dare County Chapter of the American Cancer Society fund-raising crusade is headed by Mrs. Raymond Wescott and not Mr. Wescott as stated in an article in last week's paper. We regret the error.

Albemarle Anglers Club of Elizabeth City with 24 fish counting 70 points took an early lead in the first session of the 11th annual Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament, Thursday morning.

Tri State Anglers Club made up of Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina anglers placed for second during the first of four sessions scheduled in team competition with 11 fish counting 44 points.

Anchor Surf Fishing Club of Nags Head came in third with seven fish counting 39 points and the Merchantsville (N.J.) had fourth place with four fish and 33 points.

Nags Head's new Sea Hags Club team lead the four women's teams competing in the tournament with four fish counting 24 points.

Four small channel bass were taken during the morning session, but of the total of more than 150 fish caught by members of 30 teams in first session competition, there were more flounder, bluefish and spot than any other species.

Fishing weather was perfect for surfcasting and according to Bob Preston, president of the tourney's sponsoring Nags Head Surf Fishing Club, should remain so throughout the week end.

"Everyone may fish in the open individual competition on Saturday afternoon and compete for the handsome prizes and trophies offered," said Preston.

Trophies to winning teams and individuals will be awarded during the Tournament Banquet on Saturday night.

Members of the sponsoring club were busy early this week establishing station designations along the Dare Beaches. Station No. 1 is at Kitty Hawk and teams are assigned locations at frequent intervals southward to the old Nags Head Coast Guard Station which is now an Army Radar unit.

Thursday and Friday will mark four sessions of team competition and on Saturday the open individual events will be held. Headquarters of the Tournament will again be The Carolinian Hotel where social events which will include the annual banquet and the award of trophies and prizes.

Thirty five or more teams are expected to be in the competition during the tournament this year.

CUB SCOUT REACTIVATION BEGINS ON ROANOKE IS.

Recactivating the Cub Scout program was begun with a meeting of the committeemen at the home of the chairman, Raymond Wescott, on Wednesday night. Selection of a Cub Master was the main business which was not completed. Dens 1 and 4 will meet next week for beginning the winter activities. The first Pack meeting will be on October 24 at which time new Cubs will be invited and introduced to the entire program.

Boys 8 to 11 years are eligible and the activities are a joint program with the parents. Those attending the initial meeting were Willis Wise, Ellsworth Midgett, Jr., Burwell Evans, R. S. Smith and den mothers Mrs. Ben Creef and Mrs. Raymond Wescott.

YIELD INCREASED IN FHA INSURED LOANS

Farmers Home Administration County Supervisor Daniel B. Willis today announced that the return to lenders who invest in Farmers Home Administration loans has been increased from 4 to 4 1/2 per cent. Farmer will continue to pay 5 per cent interest on these insured real estate loans made by Farmers Home Administration.

In addition, the insurance endorsement on insured notes will carry a 3-year repurchase agreement. Previously the ledger had to hold the note at least five years before he could exercise the option to sell it back to the Government.

Through the insured loan program carried on by Farmers Home Administration, private lenders can advance funds to eligible farmers for certain types of loans. The insured farm loan program makes available to farmers a supplemental source of credit, and encourages use of private capital.

CONGRESSMAN TO MEET WITH CITIZENS OF HATTERAS OCT. 24

Committee of Various Agencies To Discuss Problems of Interest at Public Meeting

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has been invited, and has accepted an invitation to meet with citizens of Hatteras Island on the evening of October 24, following a luncheon tendered by a committee of local civic leaders at Peele's Restaurant according to Frazier Peele of Hatteras, who said Wednesday, a meeting of the committee will be held at Hatteras Monday night to make plans for the occasion. Mr. Peele said Bonner will be accompanied by Edmund Harding, the well-known Washington entertainer.

This meeting will follow a similar meet at Ocracoke to be attended by Mr. Bonner and Mr. Harding on Monday night, the 23rd. Mr. Peele says he has called together a committee of some 30 people comprised of leaders of the association, The Cape Hatteras following Hatteras Island organizations: The Hatteras Fire Department, the Cape Hatteras Electric Membership Corporation, the Buxton Lions Club, the Hatteras Island Health Center, The Navy and the Coast Guard, all of which have been interested in projects which Mr. Bonner has sponsored in Congress for the benefit of the Island and its people.

Mr. Peele says the general public of the entire island will be urged to attend the public meeting to be held in the Hatteras Community building to give all an opportunity to present to their Congressman the various projects in which they are interested, and will expect his cooperation in solving and to discuss improvements considered needed in the course of progress for the area. Mr. Peele is calling his committee together for a general meeting Monday night, October 16, to make arrangements for the mass meeting on the 24th.

OCRACOKE ISLAND WILL GET D. D. D. SERVICE OCT. 26

First Outer Banks Area to Get Long-Distance Speed-up Connection

OCRACOKE — Telephone subscribers on Ocracoke are scheduled to have an exciting new service at their fingertips beginning October 16 when Direct Distance Dialing is inaugurated.

The announcement was made this week by Carolina Telephone's manager for this area, L. A. Daniels.

He said that with this new service, telephone subscribers on the island will soon be able to dial many of their own long distance calls to points all over the country. For the first time, these telephone users will be able to span the nation with a few spins of their dials.

The establishment of a standardized, nationwide telephone numbering system and development of intricate new equipment has made D. D. D. possible and marks an important milestone in communications progress, the manager pointed out.

Initially, telephone users at Ocracoke will be able to dial most of their own station-to-station calls to hundreds of points in North Carolina and the nation. Later, as telephone exchanges in other places are equipped to receive subscriber-dialled calls, they will be added to the list of places subscribers can dial.

An information program will be conducted by Carolina Telephone prior to the D.D.D. conversion to inform telephone users of the new procedure for making long distance See D. D. D., Page Twelve

MRS. MATTHEWS, ENGELHARD POSTMASTER RETIRING SOON

Mrs. Trixie M. Matthews, who was appointed postmaster at Engelhard by Congressman Lindsay Warren Nov. 1, 1938, plans to retire on November 30th. At that time the office was a fourth class one, and it has steadily advanced, and is now third class. In 1949 Mrs. Matthews built for the department a new postoffice, providing a comfortable workroom, and new equipment to serve her community. Mrs. Matthews is a Methodist and has been active in numerous civic endeavors. She helped to organize the Hyde Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, and was its first Worthy Matron. She has been a member of the order for 34 years. During the war she conducted War Bond drives in Hyde County. The wife of M. A. Matthews, prominent Banker of Hyde and Tyrrell Counties, she is the mother of two married daughters, and has several grandchildren.