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AA MEETING IN WILLIAMSTON ON 3RD OF NOVEMBER

County Betterment Organization Observing 26th Year of Operation

The Southern Albemarle Association's 26th annual meeting will be held next Friday, November 3rd at the Roanoke Country Club, Williamston, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sam J. Ervin, Senior Senator from North Carolina, will make the principal address, following an introduction by Hon. Herbert C. Bonner, Representative of the First Congressional District.

Presiding will be John G. Gurganus of Williamston, who was elected last year as vice-president. He moved up to the presidency following the appointment of Robert J. Cowen to U. S. District Attorney for Eastern N. C. Mr. Cowen, however, is expected to be present.

The morning program will be opened with invocation by Rev. Sidney Boone, pastor of First Methodist Church, Williamston, followed by welcome address from Williamston Mayor N. C. Green. Responses will be heard from the county vice-presidents as follows: Dr. W. T. Alph, Beaufort County; Pennell A. Illett, Dare County; W. J. Lupton, Hyde; John H. Gurganus, Martin; Mrs. Effie A. Brickhouse, Tyrrell; E. Harrell, Washington.

Mr. Bonner and Mr. Ervin will be heard following the responses. A buffet luncheon will be held prior to the evening session, at which time business action of the organization will take place, and new officers elected.

The Southern Albemarle Association was formed on October 30, 1935, in Columbia, by a large gathering of representatives of the counties of Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington. In 1953 Beaufort and Martin counties were admitted to the Association. The group's principal objectives have been to work effectively in getting necessary roads, bridges and other improvements for the area which, ununited and with small population, voiced little power.

Many projects have seen completion, and another — the Alligator River Bridge — is expected to be open to traffic around the first of the year. An appropriate celebration is in the planning stages now by SAA officials, probably to be held in the spring.

ROCKFISHING SAID IMPROVING RAPIDLY IN SOUND WATERS

With weather conditions much improved following a stormy week and rockfishing in the waters of upper Croatan Sound and in the waters of the Albemarle was destined to show much improvement.

Before the week end blow some fair catches had been reported. Reported by Capt. Chick Craddock was 51 strippers taken on Saturday immediately prior to rough weather, by Carris Lucas and party of Wilton.

Peak season for rockfishing usually comes on or about November 1. During the big run several vessels of the Oregon Inlet deep sea and gulf stream fleet, base at Manns Harbor or Roanoke Island.

MAINTENANCE DREDGING AT OREGON INLET; NEW DOCK FOR SOUTH SIDE

Cottrell Construction Company of Norfolk is presently dredging the ferry basins at Oregon Inlet on the north side, primarily maintenance work, and as soon as feasible will begin work on an additional ferry slip on the south side.

Following dredging work, the State highway forces will begin construction of new docking facilities at the southern shore, to replace the existing dock and ramp properties which are suffering from erosion. The new dock is expected to be in operation before the 1962.

New ferry schedules will become effective next week at Oregon Inlet, as well as other coastal ferry operations, and will be published in his paper next week.

LARGE MOUTH BASS FISHING FAIR ON COAST

NAGS HEAD — Large mouth bass are still taking a variety of artificial lures in the waters of Colington and Kitty Hawk Bay. It's the same story in the eastern reaches of East Lake and at South Lake on the mainland of Dare.

On the mainland many anglers are not only pitting their skill against large mouth bass and other fresh water fishes, but also hunting deer or bear on the same day, and in the same general area.

MOUNTAIN HUNTERS BAG DEER AND BEAR ON DARE HUNTING TRIP



ROY WISEMAN and a large group of mountaineers who enjoy their big game hunting spent the first week of the season on the Dare Coast with the results shown above — five bucks and one 250 pound bear. The group based at Manns Harbor and their chief guide was Lloyd Midgett. The group brought their own hounds, which with the Midgett pack routed the big game within range of the nimrods.

Wiseman, who has hunted in the Big Woods of Dare for more than 35 years, is owner of a felspar mine in Spruce Pine. He often visits to Manns Harbor on bear and deer hunting trips during the winter and during the remainder of the year he and members of his family come to the Dare Mainland for fresh water fishing or to vacation.

The party he headed last week included: Donald, Jerry, and Roger Wiseman, Thomas, B. R., Charles and James Wright, W. O. Buchanan, N. W. Newland and Elwood Singletary of Spruce Pines; and, Junior, Bob and Steve Earwood, Raymond Owensby and Alan Jones, of Asheville.

ENGELHARD PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS HAD RECORD OF SERVICE

A Few People Have Developed Noteworthy Community Asset; Has Over 1,000 Books

The Engelhard Public Library is showing a Family Life Film program once a month in the Community Building which is proving interesting for grown ups as well as children.

The library was organized about 1940. Mrs. Clara Gibbs (O'Neal) a former resident was so anxious to see a library started that she went to Raleigh and brought home books in her car from the State Library Commission before the bookmobile came into the county. Shelves were built in the Old Lodge building in the Amity neighborhood and books were donated by interested patrons. During the W.P.A. program a librarian was engaged, Mrs. Arpha Berry Wilkinson a former Engelhard girl served until the W.P.A. project was ended, then it was moved to the Engelhard community Building which was finished in 1940.

N. W. Shelton a former county superintendent of Hyde schools, Mrs. Clara Gibbs O'Neal and Mrs. S. S. Neal were appointed on the Hyde Committee to get it started and going, shelves were put up by then Mrs. Clara Gibbs assisted by Mrs. Neal and some equipment added to make it comfortable. The bookmobile started regular trips filling the shelves and collecting the books that had been read; Mrs. Virginia Miller was the first librarian followed by Mrs. S. S. Neal taking care of it for several years.

The late Prof. and Mrs. Carroll Mann of Raleigh were interested patrons of the library while spending vacations in their summer home here and were great contributors — Mrs. Mann's request was to donate to the library here instead of giving flowers at her journeys' end. Many valuable books were given, Mr. Mann had a lovely hand made book case to keep them in which included a set of The Encyclopedia Americana and the Books of Faith. Recently a book on the Life of Christ in masterpieces and art was given by a friend in memory of the late Mr. Mann.

A beautiful hand painted likeness of Mrs. Mann given by a friend hangs over the Book Case.

Donations are always welcome. The American Legion Auxiliary members furnished a shelf, other donations have been made by interested readers. Mrs. Janice Spencer the present librarian reports more than 1000 books on the shelves kept in circulation by the bookmobile each month.

During vacation a story hour is See LIBRARY, Page Four

BENEFIT DINNER AT ANDREW'S PARISH HOUSE

The Churchwomen of St. Andrew's by-the-Sea are sponsoring a spaghetti dinner and the admission is \$1.25 for adults, 75 cents for children 12 and under. This will be a monthly affair to help raise funds for their new Parish House. Other members and friends of St. Andrew's are asked to come and bring friends. Time 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, November 1, 1961.

OUTSTANDING DARE HOME CLUB MEMBER



MRS. D. S. (SARA ELLEN) SKILES of Hatteras was recognized last week at the Fall Federation meeting in Stumpy Point as the outstanding Home Demonstration Club member in Dare County for the year. Mrs. Skiles is shown holding the pottery bowl she received as an award.

CHANNEL BASS FISHING GETTING BETTER DAILY

W. J. White, Columbia merchant, fishing from the Seaport Pier in lower Nags Head Wednesday hooked and landed a 46 1/2 pound channel bass, the largest of this species of fish taken anywhere along the Dare Coast during the current autumn the season's first from this pier, surf fishing season.

He used cut bait and since it was White was given a season's pass.

E. L. Schinke of Hatteras reported that three large channel bass were taken Thursday morning at Hatteras as follows: 42 1/2 pounder by Bob Taylor; 37 1/2 pounder by Jack Douglas and a 39 1/2 pounder by Perce Douglas. The anglers were fishing with a party from Cape May Court House, N. J., their hometown. They were fishing with Capt. Earnal Foster in Hatteras Inlet.

HIGH SEAS RESULT IN MINOR FLOODING

A combination of circumstances, observers say, resulted early this week in many coastal roads and other property being subjected to minor flooding of Atlantic Ocean waters.

The month of October, like April, with the changing seasons, bring about global tidal changes resulting in higher tides along our section of the coast. This coupled with full moon on Monday night, and rough weather conditions offshore resulting from recent storms, has brought water over the beach, and onto the highway and low-lying areas from Kitty Hawk through Ocracoke.

No major damage has been reported, although buildings located too close to the ocean's edge have threatened. Travelers sometimes have been hampered during high tide.

Sea conditions are expected to return to normal by the week end.

BONNER, HARDING ENTERTAINING ON THE OUTER BANKS

Hatteras and Ocracoke Citizens Serve Native Seafood, and Head Lively Programs

The fishing trip of Congressman Herbert Bonner, and the famed Washington, N. C. after-dinner speaker Edmund Harding turned into a happy exchange of entertainment this week, with meetings both at Ocracoke and Hatteras.

On Tuesday night, the business men of Hatteras village provided a dinner at Peele's restaurant for some 35 citizens, and the visitors were treated to a combination seafood platter of native products. Frazier Peele served as host for the occasion.

Immediately following the group met at the nearby Community house where all seats were filled by citizens who had come to hear Mr. Bonner speak, and who after hearing a strong speech on Americanism, and appeals for education, were treated to an extra dividend by hearing one of Mr. Harding's \$500 after dinner speeches, with group singing, and according accompaniment, all for free.

This meeting was presided over by Woodrow Edwards of Waves, who is prominent in the civic life of Hatteras Island. Another speaker was State Senator P. D. Midgett Jr. of Engelhard who offered a plea for support of a project to establish an automobile ferry between Hatteras and Engelhard, pointing out that on completion of the Lindsey Warren bridge over Alligator River this year, there will be three boats taken out of service.

A similar meeting was held at Ocracoke Monday night when the visitors were guests of the Ocracoke Civic Club, and projects of vital interest concerning area were discussed. During Mr. Bonner's career in Congress he has been successful in getting Government aid for the channels and harbors in both places, and among those of great local interest at Hatteras is the Harbor breakwater.

Both men were enthusiastically received and they received strong applause from the audience, most of them being long-time friends of the Congressman.

Mr. Harding's talk comprised the second part of his program. In the first he led group singing with Congressman Bonner, Senator Midgett and Ben O'Neal of Ocracoke participating. The speaker predicted a great and prosperous future for the Outer Banks. In fact he predicted it had the most promising future of any part of our state. Its degree of success he pointed out, can depend on the amount of work and advertising our people put into it. We need to tell the world about us, and be prepared to accommodate the visitors when they come here, he said.

HATTERAS ISLAND SURF TOURNAMENT BEGINS THURSDAY

The fourth annual Cape Hatteras Anglers Club-sponsored inter-club and open individual tournament gets underway next Thursday morning, November 2, and as in previous years, is expected to be thoroughly enjoyed by the participants. Upwards of 40 teams have entered, increase of seven or eight from last year, according to reports from Bill Dillon of Buxton, president of the sponsoring organization.

Each year the event has increased in popularity, attended largely by northern fishing clubs, members of the Association of Surf Angling Clubs. Two days of team competition will be followed on Saturday by individual sport, and the affair will close with a banquet Saturday night at which time awards will be presented ranking anglers.

Winners in 1960 were as follows: 1st place, Virginia Beach Anglers Club; 2nd place, Albemarle Anglers Club of Elizabeth City; and 3rd place, Merchantville (N. J.) Fishing Club. There were dozens of additional awards to other participants for unusual catches.

KITTY HAWK MAN NEW CHAIRMAN OF TOURIST BUREAU

BEN M. IVEY, for the past two seasons operator of a restaurant at Kitty Hawk, was last Saturday night elevated to chairmanship of the Dare County Tourist Bureau at the annual banquet of the organization. He is shown here with Mrs. Ina Evans of Manteo, also a restaurant and motel operator, who is outgoing chairman. Elected to serve as vice-presidents were Archie Burrus of Nags Head and Fatio Gray of Buxton. Mrs. Elnora Preston of Nags Head continues in the post of secretary-treasurer.



Mr. Ivey has been active in promotional circles during his residence, and already this year has been named to the County Planning Board and the Convention Center and Museum group now proposing to build a facility at Kill Devil Hills.

At the meeting Saturday night, Bureau Manager Aycock Brown submitted a report showing increased inquiries from persons seeking vacation information, and a summary of the promotional stories and photos being sent regularly to newspapers, radio and TV stations, magazines and other media throughout the nation.

A special guest at the meeting was Bill Shupe, publisher of the State magazine in Raleigh, who spoke briefly. Approximately 150 people were in attendance.

MRS. ELIZABETH LAWRENCE NEW DARE CO. CASE WORKER



MRS. ELIZABETH LAWRENCE is the new case worker with the Dare County Welfare Department, having assumed her duties the first of October. She is the wife of John Lawrence, Nags Head real estate man and they have two children, John S. III of Norfolk and Betsy, a freshman at East Carolina College, Greenville. Her duties will include public assistance and related services.

Mrs. Lawrence is the daughter of the late Rev. R. R. Grant, who was a Methodist minister served the Montecito church during the thirties. Her mother was the late Betty Carter Grant of Fairfield, Hyde County. Mrs. Lawrence was born in Onslow County, and moved about quite a bit during her early years, as her father changed pastorates.

Active in welfare work for many years, Mrs. Lawrence has held various posts in the counties of Camden, Hyde, Hertford, and most recently in Tyrrell County where she was case worker. She is a graduate of Duke University.

CHANNEL BASS IN OUTER BANKS SURF DURING PAST WEEK

Enjoyable Autumn Sport Showing Promise of A Successful Season

Channel bass ranging from "puppy drum" and "yearlings" to fish scaling up to 40 pounds have been reported from the Hatteras Island surf by anglers using bait and artificial lures during the past week. It has been the first good week off channel bass fishing of the mid-Autumn season and if the normal piscatorial pattern is followed again this year the peak surf casting would be underway by late October and early November.

In the past it has not been unusual for anglers fishing the surf to catch channel bass weighing 50 pounds or more and usually each season there are some real whoppers that scale above 60 pounds reeled in from the surf between Oregon and Hatteras Inlets.

Largest of the species taken this year was a 42 pounder taken by R. J. Bannister, Charlotte last Saturday from the fishing pier at Rodanthe. Rudy Gray, pier manager who reported the Bannister catch, stated that from the same school which Bannister caught his, Thomas Clark of Bloomville, N. J. caught one weighing 33 pounds.

Other reports of good channel bass fishing came from Buxton, Avon and Hatteras.

In addition to channel bass some excellent catches of speckled trout in the two to five pound range were taken from the surf during the week. Flounder, sea mullet and spot were also taken from the surf by anglers here for the October and mid-autumn surf casting.

ENGELHARD FALL FESTIVAL IS SET FOR NEXT FRIDAY

The annual Fall Festival of the East Hyde High School, Engelhard, N. C. will be held November 3, 1961. Activities in the Gym will be 3 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. This include games of all kinds and a food booth.

The variety show and crowning of king and queen, prince and princess will be in the auditorium at 8 p.m. The awarding of prizes will also be at this time.

The dance will begin at 9 until 12 music by Bob Jones. There will be door prizes and cake walks during this time.

Everyone is welcome.

DARE CANCER FUND GROWS

Mrs. Raymond Wescott, chairman of the Dare County Cancer Fund, announces this week that a total of \$951 had been received by the treasurer. Mrs. Wescott also stated that collections of \$987 have been reported, but not received, and that about one-third of the county has not yet completed the crusade.

SUPERIOR COURT IN DARE HEARS A VARIETY OF CASES

Judge Chester Morris of Currituck Presiding; Many Cases Delayed

For engaging in an affray with a couple of summer vacationists on Hatteras Island in the Pea Island sector proved expensive in Superior Court here this week for Byrum and Tommy Veal of Buxton and Carroll Midgett of Great Bridge, Va. Each paid heavy fines and court costs in addition to receiving suspended sentences of 18 months for four years and also being placed on probation for four years.

Judge Chester Morris of Currituck, presiding over this October term of criminal court gave the three defendants reprimands and remarked that such actions by natives towards summer visitors was poor advertising for an area that has long been known for genial hospitality.

The guilty defendants had brought counter charges against Walter Hookes and Scott Mercer, the upstate vacationists from the Durham-Raleigh area. They were charged with assault with a deadly weapon, to-wit, a speargun, but the charges were changed to affray, and at trial the charges against Hookes was dismissed and Mercer was found not guilty.

The Veals and Midgett were likewise charged with assault, with deadly weapon. The prosecution claimed it was a gun, the defendants claimed it was a piece of pipe. The charges were reduced to affray and found guilty in addition to probation, the suspended sentences, and reprimand from Judge Morris.

Byrum Veal was fined \$100 and costs plus \$25 for a watch that had been destroyed in the affray; Tommy Veal was fined \$75 and costs and Midgett also was fined \$75 and costs.

Another case presented which was of considerable interest were the charges against Edwin Moore II. He was charged with unlawful burning and or attempting to burn the old Parkerson Hotel and adjacent properties. Motion to move the case to another county was not granted; however, it was continued to the next regular term of court in May, 1962 or possibly a special term in advance of that time. A Perquimans County jury will hear the case, instead of a Dare County jury.

Due to illness, Willie Spencer and Reuben Smith charged with assault with deadly weapon and now free, failed to show that they had been of good behavior since the last term of court.

On liquor possession charges, the Court ruled judgement absolute on \$300 bond against Walter E. Sharpe, Elizabeth City when he failed to appear in court.

Charges against hospitalized Pearl Lewark Wise, for speeding 80 miles an hour from which she had taken an appeal were continued.

J. A. Perkinson, Virginia Beach was found guilty of driving under the influence. The case in May had been a mistrial when tried.

William D. Midgett of Rodanthe was found not guilty of driving drunk.

Marvin Taylor of Elizabeth City was found guilty of traffic violations and improper licenses and paid fine of \$50 and costs.

John Franklin pleaded nolo contendere on charges of trespass and damage to personal property at Gaston Mann's place on beach. He was fined \$5 and costs.

An 18 months road sentence suspended for three years upon payment of \$50 and court costs, also \$16 to Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., was ordered against Marshall R. Gibbs on charges of assaulting a female with a deadly weapon.

William Cooke Griffin, Kill Devil Hills, and John Andrews Taylor, a vacation employee of the beach were fined \$50 and costs on charges of speed competition or racing on the highways.

Raynor L. Twiford was ordered to pay fine of \$250 and costs when found guilty of violating game law which involved charges of killing a deer at night and when the season was closed.

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FRUIT CAKES TO BE SOLD FOR 1962 MARCH OF DIMES

Fruit cakes are being sold to aid the 1962 March of Dimes, according to announcement this week by Mrs. B. J. Baum of Manteo, county chairman. The cakes, which weigh three pounds each, will sell for \$3.25, plus 10 cents sales tax, and can be secured from Fearning's Cafe in Manteo; Polly's Kitchen in Manns Harbor; and Mrs. Virgie Sobel in Wanchese. Also, the cakes can be reserved by calling any of these places, or Mrs. Baum. The cakes are light in color, pre-sliced and moist.