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## MEMORIAL DAY BRINGS SPORTS FISHERMEN IN NUMBERS TO BEACHES

### Good Catches Reported; Cabio Appear in Oregon and Hatteras Inlets; Blues Still Running Strong; Dolphin and Abacore Caught in Gulf Stream Waters Offshore

Brilliant sunshine and summery warmth brought a record number of sports fishermen to the Dare County beaches on Memorial Day. Catches generally were reported good, with bluefish and sea mullets predominating.

To the delight of anglers, Cabio, one of the fightingest fish that frequents our inshore coastal areas, showed up in Hatteras and Oregon Inlets during the week. Fair catches of cabio in both inlets were reported. Included was a 38½ pounder taken by Mrs. W. W. Connell while fishing from Judge Robert S. Wahab's cruiser Recces. Both Mrs. Connell and Judge Wahab live at Virginia Beach.

Also some good catches of king mackerel were brought in during the week, and blue fishing was holding up very well in Outer Banks waters.

### Blues Still Running

Blues are being caught daily in Oregon and Hatteras Inlets, as well as by surf and from ocean piers.

Perhaps the top catch of blues of the week was reported by Rany Jennette of Buxton as caught in the surf off Cape Hatteras. These weighed up to two and three-quarter pounds. Also, some fair catches of black drum were reported.

While anglers aboard cruisers based on Oregon Inlet have brought in no billfish lately, dolphin and abacore have been up to par in Gulf Stream waters offshore.

All boats out Sunday from the inlet brought in dolphin ranging from small fish and fair catches to large fish and excellent catches.

Dolphin is among the most popular of offshore fishes. They are also among the fastest and most colorful when they head offshore.

### Striped Bass Caught

W. S. White of Manns Harbor reports striped bass fishing near the William B. Umstead Memorial Bridge spanning Croatan Sound is still a good bet for anglers who want to go trolling with bucktails.

White's son Stan, Jr., and Iris Ralph caught 16 strippers Saturday near the bridge. Next day Ralph and his father Charles Ralph, make another good haul. Other anglers using the area had similar luck, they said. The strippers ranged from one to two pounds each.

Fresh water fishing on the Dare County mainland also was good during the week. In Spencer's Creek and numerous roadside canals, as well as in East and South Lakes, anglers made good catches of bream, robin and white perch, as well as large mouth black bass. Shrimp, worms and artificial lures proved successful.

### Turtle Expires

On the novelty side, a leather-See MEMORIAL, Page Six

## NAGS HEAD SUPERMARKET ROBBED; YOUTHS SOUGHT

The Nags Head Supermarket was entered sometime Saturday night after closing time and robbed of \$50 to \$60 in cash. The culprit or culprits got away leaving few clues, but the nature of the robbery led John M. Bell, proprietor, to suspect that it was the work of teenagers. Nags Head Chief of Police Donnie Twyne and State Highway Patrolman Harry Pridgeon are investigating, with the assistance of Dare County Sheriff Frank Cohoon.

Entry was gained by prying open a warehouse door at the back of the supermarket. The invaders then easily got into the store itself through a door in which the glass had been broken by accident Saturday afternoon.

The thieves took only part of the money in the cash drawer, leaving behind two \$20 bills and a substantial amount of change. This led investigators to believe that professionals were not involved.

The robbery took place prior to a heavy rainstorm that washed out any tracks the thieves might have left. Beside the jammed door lay an old, rusty rasp evidently used in the break-in. Apparently no merchandise was taken.

## IS GC GRADUATE



MISS HELEN CHRISTINE BAUM will graduate June 3 from Greensboro College in Greensboro, with a double major in voice and in speech therapy. Miss Baum, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Baum of Manteo, has been active in dramatic circles while in college, and has been a director of the dramatic club. Last summer she was a member of the Lost Colony choir, and plans to return to the same position this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Baum will attend their daughter's graduation.

## PHOSPHATE LEASE FUTURE UNKNOWN IN BEAUFORT CO.

### Commissioners Expected To Draft Requirements For River Mining

The bitter controversy over attempts by Texas Gulf Sulphur Co. to lease the bottom of Pamlico River for phosphate mining, has not been settled. More than 200 spectators jammed their way into Beaufort County courthouse on Monday to witness a three hour battle featuring Conservation and Development personnel and company officials who were opposed by local interests, who feel that the phosphate mining will bring ruin to fishing interests by destruction of plant life on the river bottom.

The meeting was called to follow a similar public discussion on the problem held a week ago. At its conclusion, the county commissioners were asked to study the problem and determine certain stipulations to be included in the lease of the river-bottom acres. The terms are expected to require joint mining of both land and river acres with a provision that the phosphate must also be refined in Beaufort County.

In an effort to convince opposing citizens of the benefits which the industry would bring to Beaufort, Roy Wilder, assistant director of the Conservation and Development Department, called attention to the economic rank of the county.

"Your family income is 81 out of 100 counties in the state, with an average income of only \$2,400 a year. All figures show that people will be forced from your farms, and that the latest figures show that the average weekly earning of this county is \$57.05 for all types of employment," he said.

"You have 3,875 people available for jobs in your county and you can expect further economic and population decline unless you develop your opportunities."

Turner Battle, an official with the N. C. Wildlife Federation objected to the lease proposed by the state which, he said, was not adequate to preserve wildlife. Dr. Leo Miller of Texas Gulf Sulphur Co. noted that his company felt that the fish and wildlife would be protected by the lease.

State Senator Lindsay Warren, who lead the opposition to proposed river mining by Texas Gulf, stated that future generations will rise up and protest against the people who "de-

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## SECOND PRIMARY FOR HOUSE RACE DANIELS LEADS

### Dare Democrats Mostly Re-Elect; Vannote Gets Judgeship, In May Primary

A mere 37 votes separated the two leading candidates for Dare County's seat in the General Assembly as final returns were officially announced by the Dare County Elections board after the May 26 Primary. The official vote gave Moncie Daniels, Jr. 987 votes and his opponent, incumbent M. K. Fearing, Jr., a total of 950. Wallace Gray, the third candidate for the house seat, polled 429 votes.

Fearing has called for a runoff vote and a second primary will be held on June 23, according to Jack Tillett, Election Board Chairman. Tillett stated that Fearing informed him of his desire to have a second primary on Tuesday.

The legislative race ran true to form for pre-primary pundits who prophesied one of the closest contests ever waged in Dare. Fearing, who is now serving his first term in the General Assembly, suffered his most severe defeat in the Manteo precinct where returns listed M. L. Daniels Jr. with 350 votes as compared with 274 for the incumbent.

P. D. Midgett, Jr., of Engelhard and Edgar Gurganus of Williamston, both won the Democratic nominations to the State Senate. Midgett led the voting with 10,928 votes in the seven county district, while Mr. Gurganus polled 8,690 votes. See ELECTION, Page Six

## INQUIRIES SHOW WIDE INTEREST IN COAST AREAS

### Nags Head Chamber Reports Largest Number of Queries on Record

More than 7,500 inquiries about the North Carolina coast country have been received by the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce in recent months, according to Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, secretary. These are taken as a harbinger of a successful summer season by those in the know in such matters. Information bulletins and brochures on the beaches were sent in response to them.

The chamber has completed its annual membership drive, and has added a number of new establishments to its rolls. Those added are the Cabana East Motel, Nags Head; the Fantasy, a motel-type business, Kill Devil Hills; By the Sea Cottage, Kitty Hawk; Mrs. J. P. Eyes, South Nags Head; Seaport Fishing Pier, South Nags Head; Bender's Beach Service, fishing guides and equipment, Kill Devil Hills; Shirey's Beauty Shop, Nags Head; Outer Banks Trading Post No. 2, Nags Head; the Galleon, sports wear shop, Nags Head; and Roland E. Ballance, general contractor, Kill Devil Hills.

Most of the new members are businesses newly opened this year, or opened last year after conclusion of the 1961 membership drive. Mrs. Smith said. Membership plaques are being distributed.

More inquiries about the beaches have been received this year than ever before, Mrs. Smith reported. These came from all parts of the country, reflecting the steadily growing interest in North Carolina's summer playground supreme.

Chamber officers, besides Mrs. Smith, are: Lawrence Swain, Manteo, president; Curtis Curling, Kitty Hawk, vice president, and Mrs. George McGaw, Kill Devil Hills, treasurer.

## MIDGETT AND GURGANUS ARE SENATE NOMINEES FROM COASTAL AREA

P. D. Midgett, Jr. of Engelhard and Edgar Gurganus of Williamston are the Democratic nominees for the North Carolina State Senate. Midgett led the seven county district with 10,928 votes, while Gurganus polled 8,690 votes. Edward L. Owens of Plymouth ran third with 6,055 votes.

Midgett rolled up a heavy majority in five of the seven counties. Gurganus led in his home county of Martin, while Mr. Owens led in his home county of Washington.

Midgett has served one term in the Senate, while Mr. Gurganus is a newcomer to state politics. Owens, the defeated candidate, had previously served two terms in the senate.

## BUSINESS SCHOOL GRAD



MISS BETTY RUTH FLOWERS, daughter of Mrs. A. T. Martin of Manteo and James P. Flowers of Stonington, Connecticut, graduated from Norfolk College, Norfolk, Virginia, on May 28, having completed a one-year secretarial course. While there, she maintained a 95 average in all her courses and was invited into the National Alpha Iota Society. Formal graduation exercises will take place in August.

After a two weeks vacation in Connecticut and Maine, she will return to Manteo to work as secretary to the manager of the Lost Colony. In the fall, she plans to go to Washington, D. C. with the Central Intelligence Agency.

## HONOR STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT CHAPEL PROGRAM

### Three Manteo Seniors Receive Scholarships For Study at College

Teddy DeFebio, Colin Westcott, and Nancy Coles Basnight, three outstanding seniors at Manteo High School, were awarded scholarships to the college of their choice at a chapel program on Wednesday morning as a prelude to graduation exercises which were held on Wednesday evening.

Ted De Febio, son of Mrs. Frank De Febio of Kitty Hawk, was presented with the \$150 Manteo Womens Club Scholarship by Mrs. Jack Tillett. The young student was selected on the basis of scholarship, college interest and need. Ted plans to study horticulture at the University of Maryland and will attend the school at College Park next fall. He was president of his freshman class; bus driver during his junior and senior years; Junior Beta Club President; a 4-H Club member, and served on the annual staff during his junior and senior years.

Nancy Coles Basnight, valedictorian for the Class of 1962, was awarded the John D. Earle Scholarship by Rev. Harold Leatherman. Miss Midgett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Basnight of Manteo. Nancy Coles intends to use the \$100 award for tuition at Cornell University, where she will enter as a freshman this fall. Miss Basnight's accomplishments apart from her selection as class valedictorian, include editorship of the school annual and participation in the glee club, monogram club and math club. A star basketball forward for the Redskins, she received All-Conference status in 1961.

Colin Wayne Westcott was awarded the \$100 Fearing Scholarship by Principal Clarence Butler. Colin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Westcott of Manteo. Colin is the president of his graduating class and served as Math Club president during his sophomore year. He is a member of the science and 4-H clubs at Manteo High School. The class president intends to enter East Carolina College in the fall where he will begin preliminary work for an engineering degree which he hopes to obtain at N. C. State College.

Manteo High School students, whose performance in extracurricular activities and course subjects were found to be of the highest caliber, were awarded medals symbolizing their achievements. Medal winners, announced by Principal Clarence Butler, were as follows: Dionne Tillett, most athletic girl; Jerry Simpson, Jr., most athletic boy; Nancy Leatherman, outstanding cheer leader; Judy Perry, home economics; Mary Faye Rogers, shorthand; Nancy Lynn Midgett, commercial; Fred Roush, science; Charles Evans, French; See STUDENTS, Page Six

## BUXTON'S INLET WILL BE CLOSED —ENGINEERS SAY

### Ash Wednesday Inlet To Be Closed By October McDuffie Vows

The Army Corps of Engineers announced Wednesday that it definitely plans to close the new Buxton Inlet by the end of October. The announcement came from L. C. McDuffie, Jr., Chief of the Engineering Division of the Corps office in Wilmington.

The decision on the controversial inlet, created by the Ash Wednesday Storm, follows several petitions submitted by Outer Bankers, some favoring and others violently opposed to the closure of the 600-foot gash across Hatteras Island.

McDuffie stated on Wednesday that his office plans to advertise in June for bids on closing the inlet. The engineer chief indicated that he expects to open bids on the work in July and hopes dredging can start in August. Present plans call for the closing of the inlet by the end of October, at an estimated cost of \$225,000.

McDuffie noted that his office was proceeding on instructions to close the inlet and did not plan to make a study on whether it should be left open or closed. He stated that the low bidder will have to dredge a three mile channel through the shallow, sound water to get to the inlet. The dredging operation is expected to take about six weeks, he stated.

Representative Herbert Bonner had announced that the inlet would be closed about two months ago. The announcement was followed by a swarm of controversy when a petition from residents of Buxton, Avon, Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo containing more than 300 names, was sent to Bonner and other state and national officials on April 19 asking that the inlet be left open.

The petition, circulated by O. See INLET, Page Six

## ZONING MEASURE FOR NAGS HEAD GIVEN HEARING

### Commissioners Hope to Reduce Future Damage From Severe Storms

A proposed zoning ordinance for the new town of Nags Head was the subject of a public hearing held Thursday morning at the Town Hall, with Mayor Julian Oneto presiding.

The ordinance would set up two residential and three business classifications designed to promote the orderly growth of Nags Head. Various phases of construction would be covered, and limitations would be placed on such items as the size of a lot on which a dwelling could be erected, the size and location of signboards, and other matters.

Earlier, the Nags Head Board of Commissioners had amended the existing building code of Nags Head in the hope of reducing property damage from future hurricanes, severe storms and unusually high water. This action was a direct result of the heavy losses suffered in the Ash Wednesday storm.

### Eight Feet Deep

The new regulations specify, among other things, that any building erected within 150 feet of the high water mark of the ocean must have a pile type foundation of wood, reinforced concrete or steel, sunk to a depth of not less than eight feet. Timber piles must be at least six inches in diameter at the building level or building end. Wood piles must be spaced not more than eight feet apart under weight bearing sills. For two-story or larger buildings or where the load bearing requirements make it needful, closer spacing may be required in the discretion of the building inspector. Also, wood piles must be bolted and braced "in an approved manner" and when wood braces are used, the recommended size is four by four inches.

Wooden piles must be treated with tar creosote except when in the opinion of the building inspector the wood is of a type that does not require treatment. In masonry construction, the top of the outside foundation wall footing must be at least 24 inches below the level of U. S. Highway 158 Business, the main thoroughfare through the settled area of the beach.

Nails, clips and other devices for attaching roofs must be See ZONING, Page Six

## GRADUATE OF SACRED HEART JUNIOR COLLEGE



MISS NANCY HELEN GLYNN who will graduate Sunday afternoon from Sacred Heart Junior College in Belmont, has been named salutatorian of her class. In addition to excellence in her studies, Miss Glynn has been secretary of the student council. Attending the graduation will be her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Glynn of Manteo; and Mrs. Elma Wood of Manteo.

## HYDE COMMISSIONERS LOST RENOMINATION IN SATURDAY VOTE

P. D. Midgett, Jr. of Engelhard carried every precinct in Hyde to amass a whopping 1,218 votes and lead the ticket in Hyde County's Democratic Primary of last Saturday.

Four of the six Hyde County officials challenged in the primary won renomination easily, but two powers on the Board of County Commissioners failed to win. Long-time chairman H. L. Sadler was defeated by more than a 2 to 1 vote by political novice Leon Ballance of Nebraska, for the Lake Landing district seat on the board. Mr. Ballance polled 1,004 votes to 496 for Sadler. Sadler had been on the board for more than a decade.

Charlie Carawan of Sladesville also lost in an unsuccessful air for renomination. Young Tommy Jones of Fairfield defeated Carawan 841 to 614 for the Fairfield-Currituck district seat. The win marked Jones' first bid for public office.

Seth B. Credle of Swan Quarter was the only survivor of the board re-shuffle, as he defeated Alvah O'Neal, a fellow townsman by a 972-432 vote to retain his Swan Quarter-Ocracoke district seat.

Mrs. Evelyn Swindell, long-time Register of Deeds, scored the largest victory in Hyde by defeating Mrs. Eleanor Swindell 1,206 to 249. Charlie Cahoon, Hyde's Sheriff for many years, breezed to an easy victory over challenger Carrol Sadler of Fairfield. Cahoon collected 1,075 votes and Sadler 461. The incumbent carried every precinct except Fairfield.

In the race for representative, one-term W. J. Lupton of Swan Quarter withstood a determined bid by Joe Simmons of Fairfield to gain the renomination. Lupton amassed 862 votes as compared to 644 for Simmons. A wide majority at Lake Landing and Engelhard plus a 90 vote margin in his home box proved to be the margin of victory for Lupton. Mr. Simmons won easily in his home precinct and carried both Ocracoke and Ponzer precincts by a narrow majority.

P. D. Midgett, Jr. picked up more votes than the other two candidates combined, for his big Hyde victory in the State Senate race. Midgett's 1,218 votes See HYDE, Page Six

## BOY SCOUT PAPER DRIVE

A waste paper drive, to help fill the coffers of the Manteo Boy Scout troupe, will be conducted Saturday morning, June 2, from nine until 12 noon. Those who have paper they would like to donate (and at the same time speed spring house-cleaning) are asked to have it bound and out where it can be seen. Cooperation from the local citizenry will be appreciated by the Scouts.

## BATTEN BAGS BIG BASS

Ivey P. Batten of Hatteras has been credited with the catch of a 59 pound channel bass, which he snared in Hatteras Inlet on April 18, by "Field and Stream." The entry will compete with other catches for honors in the Field and Stream Annual Fishing Contest.

## BEACH FISHING PIERS FAST REPAIR DAMAGE FROM HEAVIEST STORM

### Those at Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills Back in Operation; Three Others Busily At Work and Hope to Be Back in Business Within Weeks; Fishermen Getting Break

The Dare County beaches are recovering rapidly from the Ash Wednesday storm, which left a trail of havoc estimated as high as \$20 million.

Everywhere along the 20 mile stretch of sand, the sounds of the saw and the hammer are being heard. Various sources figured the repair job as 90 percent complete, though any figure would be largely guesswork.

There is good news for fishermen in the fact that all five of the fishing piers along the Nags Head Banks from Kitty Hawk to Whalebone will be back in operation before the season is far advanced.

The Kitty Hawk Fishing Pier was the first to get back in business. It had \$5,000 to \$6,000 damage, and this had been repaired by Easter.

### Fishing Improved

The Avalon Fishing Pier at Kill Devil Hills was back in operation May 1, despite the fact that about 125 feet had been torn off the ocean end. All has been rebuilt, and the parking lot repaired. Actually, fishing off this pier was improved by the storm, according to P. L. Powell, owner and operator. This was due to the fact that a deep channel was cut there. Large sea mullets and plenty of large bluefish are being caught there, Powell said.

The Nags Head Fishing Pier, also damaged badly, probably will be open again by July 4, according to David Mizelle, manager. This pier is being extended 100 feet farther to sea, and will have a "T" at the end for the benefit of fishermen, the only one along the beach with this feature, he said.

The Nags Head pier had a physical inventory loss of \$62,000 from the series of tidal waves that swept the beach March 7-8, Mizelle said, explaining that this figure was arrived at on the basis of costs 15 years ago. Replacement costs will run much higher, he added.

### New Construction

Jennette's Fishing Pier and Motor Court at the south end of the Nags Head Beach, is not only undergoing extensive repairs, but much new construction also is under way. Work on the pier should be completed within 15 working days, Warren H. Jennette Jr., owner and operator, said Monday.

Already, fishermen are being permitted to use the pier, free of charge, with the condition that they are not to get in the way of workmen restoring it.

Motel rooms are open now at Jennette's Motor Court, though general repairs to the property are still in progress. Also, Jennette is building nine luxury cottages which he said will be open within a week. These feature handsome mahogany paneling and the latest in air conditioning and heating equipment.

### Pier Lengthened

Work is under way also at the Seaport Fishing Pier, farthest south of all along this stretch of the Banks. Fishermen are using it free of charge while repairs are being made. E. E. "Red" Mitchell, owner and operator, hopes to have it ready for business within a few weeks. He is lengthening the pier to 850 feet. Also, the Seaport Pier expects to reopen its tackle shop within two or three weeks.

Fishing piers at Chicamacomico and Frisco, on the Hatteras Banks south of Oregon Inlet, already are reported back in operation. The fury of the storm apparently was much less there than to the north, although a new inlet was cut across the Banks north of Buxton. This is crossed now by a temporary wooden bridge while controversy rages as to whether it is better to close the inlet or buttress it to keep it open.

Having learned a costly lesson, many owners of cottages along the Banks are jacking them up to permit free flow of the water under them in the event another similar storm hits the area. Many also are repairing or rebuilding cottages ravaged by the Ash Wednesday blow, and are repairing or replacing concrete driveways and parking areas that in many instances were damaged heavily.

All in all, business interests See PIERS, Page Six

## STEVENS ORDERS E. MOORE CASE TO PASQUOTANK

### Superior Court Judge's Decision Transfers Arson Trial From County

Judge Henry L. Stevens has ordered the case of State vs. Edwin G. Moore transferred to Pasquotank County for trial. Stevens announced his decisions on Monday morning to solicitor Walter Cahoon after reviewing the case. Cahoon has stated that the state will appeal the decision.

Moore, who had been charged with the unlawful burning of Parkerson's Hotel at Nags Head on April 25, 1961, had argued, through his attorneys, J. H. Leroy, Jr. and Jesse Jones, that it would be impossible to obtain a fair trial in Dare County.

The Moore case was slated for trial here on June 18, after the North Carolina Supreme Court had appointed a special term of Superior because of the crowded docket during the May Term which is now underway. A special venire of 60 prospective jurors from Perquimans County had been called for the trial here. The trial is now scheduled for a special term of the Superior Court of Pasquotank County which convenes on July 30.

The court order was based upon prejudice created against the defendant in connection with various civil cases pending in Dare County and discussion "which has appeared to assume that the defendant was involved in the setting of the said fires." The order also took note of the fact that the defendant is a native of Washington, D. C. and little known in the county.

The defendant, Moore faces four charges involving building See MOORE, Page Six

## MOORE GETS TERM IN STATE PRISON FOR SORDID CRIME

A castration case and a trespass offense were the two items which highlighted the May Term of Superior Court which began here on Monday under Judge Henry L. Stevens.

William Poole, a 48 year old colored resident of Nags Head pleaded guilty to the assault and disfiguration of Amanda Lee Meekins, the 32 year old victim of a forced hysterectomy on the afternoon of March 12. The assailant was sentenced to two years in the State Prison for his part in one of the most heinous and shocking crimes ever to appear before the courts of Dare County.

The Poole case had attracted widespread attention when testimony was heard on April 8, in a closed-door proceeding before Judge W. F. Baum, Dare County Judge of Recorders Court. Amanda Meekins explained at that time that she had been admitted to Pungo District Hospital and remained there for 13 days for treatment of "vulva and buttock lacerations" which she said, were inflicted by Poole.

Mrs. Theo De Febio of Kitty Hawk was convicted on two counts of trespass and ordered by the court to remove all her personal belongings from the Paul Gaimel Hill Coast Guard Station belonging to the Kitty Hawk Land Company.

Mrs. De Febio had pleaded not guilty to the trespass offense and acted as her own attorney during the lengthy trial. David Stick an officer of the Company testified on the stand that the defendant had refused to leave the company's property after being asked to remove herself and her family on several occasions. Officer George Frank testified that the defendant had been legally evicted on two occasions and had returned each time, even after the doors had been padlocked.

Judge Stevens has given the defendant until June 2 to remove all personal belongings from the building and has in- See COURT, Page Six