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AMONG OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

WRIGHT PLANE REPLICA TO BE ON DISPLAY THIS YEAR

Further improvements underway and planned at the National Park Service's installations in the area were noted last Friday night, at "Park Service Night" at The Lost Colony.

Conrad L. Wirth, director of NPS, was principal speaker at intermission ceremonies, and cited projects underway at this time for the Wright Bros. Monument at Kill Devil Hills, including construction of a landing strip, and the replica of the Wright's famous plane, to be on display at Kill Devil Hills later this year.

Mr. Wirth, who was introduced by Mrs. Fred Morrison, chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, made the following brief speech at intermission:

"Thank you very much, Mrs. Morrison, for those kind words about me and the Park Service, but really I think that any success we have had in North Carolina is due to the interest and sincerity of a lot of people. I know I run a chance in getting into difficulty by naming people because I am liable to overlook some; however, I am talking from memory without prepared script, so I hope that those who I do not mention will forgive me. However, I do want to mention such people as Frank Stick, Horace Douch, Clark Stratton, Bob Atkinson, Bob Gibbs, and, of course, the present superintendent, James Myers, Elbert Cox, our Regional Director, and an awful lot of North Carolinians who have been here a long time—such as Victor Meekins, the county Commissioners, Bruce Etheridge, and, of course, Lindsay Warren, who introduced the legislation on Cape Hatteras and has been a strong support down through the years, and your present Congressman, Herbert Bonner, who has done more than any other to make our work a success; then your senators and governors and especially Governors Scott, Luther Hodges, and Terry Sanford. Then your friends from out of the state who have helped contribute to land acquisition, such as Huntington Cairnes and the Old Dominion and Avalon Foundations; foundations established by members of the Mellon families. And now we have the Fred Morrisons, who also have contributed their energy and monetary resources, especially in connection with the Fort Raleigh National Historic Site. The State of North Carolina, foundations, and individuals contributed close to two million dollars for the purchase of land for Cape Hatteras, the Wright Brothers Memorial, and Fort Raleigh and we, in the park service, have had the pleasure to work with them in carrying out

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FISHING FAIR TO GOOD ON OUTER BANKS

By AYCOCK BROWN
Despite finicky weather, the inshore fishing along the Outer Banks during the past week has maintained its fair to good status from Kitty Hawk to Hatteras.

One of the best inshore bets during the week was speckled trout from lower Roanoke Sound, and in the vicinity of the Little Bridge between Manteo and Nags Head.

Anglers fished from skiffs near the pilings of the Roanoke Sound bridge. At the Little Bridge they fished from the span's rail-protected sidewalks.

From Wachese, anglers brought in several varieties of bottom fishes, trout, flounder, croaker and sea mullet.

The ocean piers had fair patronage and fair catches during the week.

Charter boats at Oregon Inlet operating in the inlet or sounds caught bluefish, and some Spanish mackerel.

BEACH PATROL MAY GET OFF TO A LATE START

Maybe. Perhaps. The New Service Will Aid Swimmers In The Fall

John Long, Dare County Accountant, announced this week that he has placed an order for a surplus four wheel drive vehicle to be used by the proposed Beach Patrol in the county.

Long said, however, "If a jeep is available we may have it here within a week, if there are no jeeps available we may have to settle for something else—a weapons carrier or a truck." He did add a note of optimism, though, saying, "my experience with Jeeps this year has been good, so we might just get a good one. I don't know. It depends on what they have on hand."

The order was placed this week after a two week wait following a recent \$500 appropriation by the Dare County Board of Commissioners to be used for a Beach Patrol. The wait, apparently, was caused by unanswered questions concerning the jurisdiction, operation, and financing of the Patrol. Long has said that it is his understanding the Jeep will be turned over to the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Frank Cahoon said this week that no radio equipment was presently available for the vehicle through his office. He said it would take about six weeks to get radio equipment from the factory. He said, though, that it might be possible to equip the Beach Patrol vehicle with used radio equipment—faster and cheaper if some could be located.

Sheriff Cahoon noted that a Deputy Sheriff would be assigned to the vehicle if it operated out of his office. He said his office could not be responsible for it and then turn it over to somebody else. The Sheriff added that he had no appropriations for an additional deputy at this time and that he would assign one of his present deputies.

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CAMPING FLOURISHES AS TRAVELERS FLOCK TO SEASHORE



BUSINESS HAS BEEN GOOD at the several campsites operated by the National Park Service, and particularly so this year. Records released by NPS indicate that the current season is far ahead of any prior year, and indications are that the trend will continue upward.

Campers, despite facts which should be considered, are frequently thought of as unimportant to the area economy, but this misconception may be relieved somewhat by digestion of the following article.

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The restaurant owner was unhappy: they had marched into his restaurant, six of them, used his bathroom one at a time, had a glass of water each, taken a few toothpicks, bought one pack of cigarettes and left.

"Humph," he said, "these damn campers are doing us more harm than they are good, tramping in, and making a mess. They grab anything that's free and they spend a few nickels and dimes. If that campground wasn't here, with its free facilities, they'd stay in a motel and eat in a restaurant like the rest of the tourists. We might make some money then."

This disgruntled Dare County businessman was one of the

FORMER FIRST LADIES WILL BE ON COAST

To Attend Lost Colony Friday Night Seven-Strong; Guests at Kill Devil Hills

Five of the seven living former "first ladies" of North Carolina will hold an informal get-together here this week end and will be honored during intermission ceremonies of the Friday night (July 19) performance of "The Lost Colony."

Those who will attend, and the years their husbands were Governor, are: Mrs. O. Max Gardner (1929-33), Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus (1933-37), Mrs. J. Melville Broughton (1941-45), Mrs. William B. Umstead (1953-54), and Mrs. Luther H. Hodges (1954-61).

They will be guests in the cottage of Dr. and Mrs. Fred W. Morrison at Kill Devil Hills. Mrs. Morrison is chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association which produces "The Lost Colony."

Mrs. R. Gregg Cherry (1945-49) and Mrs. W. Kerr Scott (1949-53) were unable to attend the former "First Ladies" Outer Banks cavalcade this year which has become an annual affair.

Edwin Gill, State Treasurer, will introduce the group during the intermission program of "Former First Ladies Night" at the Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island.

Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Hodges are members of the Board of Directors of the Roanoke Island Historical Association. See LADIES, Page Five

WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS TO BE SPECIAL GUESTS OF LOST COLONY JULY 26

Friday, July 26 is Federation of Women's Club Night at The Lost Colony. Mrs. James Harper, State President, will be introduced at intermission. The Manteo Woman's Club will entertain the State Federation members and their guests at an after the show party to be held in Fearing's Restaurant Building.

Elanor Dare, Old Tom, John Borden, Queen Elizabeth and 2 colonist children, Nancy Midgett and Dean Fearing, will be on hand to welcome the club members.

SPECIAL PROGRAM SUNDAY WILL HONOR BRITTON



CLIFTON BRITTON, late director of The Lost Colony, will be honored with a special performance Sunday night, July 21, at which time the entire staff of the show will provide its services on an unpaid voluntary basis.

Gate receipts from the memorial performance will go to the Clifton Britton Memorial Scholarship Fund, a special fund for deserving students. Tickets will be sold on a general admission basis at \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Britton, who died with muscular atrophy last February, had been connected with "The Lost Colony" since 1948, when he became stage manager. The Goldsboro high school drama teacher succeeded Samuel Selden as director of the outdoor drama in 1955, a position which he filled with distinction until his death.

As a special program preceding "The Lost Colony" Sunday night, The Lost Colony Chorus will perform "The Creation" Special guest speaker for the evening will be Ray Armstrong, former superintendent of Goldsboro schools.

Britton, a native of Millsboro, in Northampton County, was succeeded as director this year by William I. Long, who is also a Northampton native.

MASONS' FISH FRY

The Masons will have a fish fry at the Manteo Lodge Hall, Saturday, July 20 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Fish, potato salad and hush puppies will be served. All you can eat for \$1.

MORE SPECIAL NIGHTS HONOR VARIOUS GROUPS

Three special nights are scheduled during regular performances of "The Lost Colony" the week of July 22-27 and will bring to the Dare Coast and the Outer Banks leaders in higher education and the women's clubs of North Carolina, and distinguished governmental officials of the United States and Australia.

A memorial performance in honor of the late Clifton Britton will be an added feature of the drama's season on Sunday night, July 21.

Sat. Night Guests
On Saturday night, members of the Carolina Emergency Network Radio Hams will be in attendance, and a number of this organization's participants from all along the N. C. coast is expected. This is the agency which renders invaluable aid during hurricanes and other emergency situations.

University of North Carolina Night will be observed at the Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island Monday night, July 22. President William C. Friday will head a group of faculty and staff members, and alumni, of all three branches of the University who will attend.

On Friday, July 26, "Women's Club Night" will be held at "The Colony" and Mrs. James M. Harper, president of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs will be honor guest.

Winding up the week at Pau. Green's symphonic drama will be a visit from Sir Edward Beale, Australian ambassador to the United States, and Lady See GROUPS, Page Five

MANN'S HARBOR MAN DIES SUDDENLY IN LOUISIANA

Morris Burfoot (Bob) Midgett, merchant seaman, died suddenly in New Orleans, La., on Wednesday, July 17, at the age of 53.

Mr. Midgett, who was last home on a visit about three months ago, was the son of Mrs. Nancy Twiford Midgett and the late Joe Tom Midgett. Surviving besides his mother are one brother, Cecil Midgett, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Midgett Dickerson, both of Manns Harbor.

Mr. Midgett, a former fisherman, was a member of Mount Carmel Methodist Church, Manns Harbor. Funeral plans were incomplete at press time.

OLD-TIMEY CARS MAKE A BIG HIT

An Unusual Spectacle Presented All For Free, As Motorcade Appears

Most of the citizens of Columbia turned out Tuesday when a motorcade of antique cars, dating from 1901 to 1915, rolled to a stop on the town's Main Street.

The autos, travelling under the auspices of the North Carolina Horseless Carriage Club and the Horseless Carriage Club of America, passed for refreshments at the invitation of the Columbia Rotary Club, while enroute to Manteo. The motorcade drew rapt attention during the week as it traveled about, enroute to Washington, D. C.

The lady occupants were costumed in the riding habit fashion of the year of the cars in which they rode.

Receiving the most attention was a 1901 White Steamer owned by R. A. and Margie Gibbs of Greensboro, weighing 1,200 lbs. and propelled by steam. This car without windshield or dash was steered by a stick. It was brought in by trailer, unloaded and pumped up with a small hand pump. When pressure built up sufficient to exhaust steam to the ground beneath the car, it was ready for driving.

Mr. Gibbs stated the car was found in 1956 in Bonneton, after Hurricane Hazel had flattened an old neglected barn. Mr. Gibbs used information from the Smithsonian, Washington, D. C., in restoring the vehicle. The price for the auto in 1901 was \$1,200. Forty miles per hour can be held for a few city blocks, but mostly 15 or 20 miles per hour is the speed it will maintain.

A 1908 Stearns bearing Nevada Horseless Carriage tag No. 8, reflected the grandeur of living following the treasure store of the Comstock Lode, and See CARS, Page Three

FEDERAL COURT TO CONVENE IN DARE AUGUST 19

A three week special term of federal court has been announced for Dare County next month. The special court term, to convene August 19, will be presided over by Federal Judge John Larkins.

The court will convene to settle a number of land suits which are pending between the United States and individuals owning land in certain areas of Hatteras Island.

The suits have come about as the result of condemnation proceedings brought by the federal government to obtain further land for the Department of Interior's National Park Service operations in the area.

The lands in question include several tracts in Kinnakeet and Hatteras townships as well as small islands in Pamlico Sound.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR AND COLONY KIN



MRS. HOMER A. GREENE of Tutwiler, Miss., national president of the Home Demonstration Council (center) visited the Dare Coast-Outer Banks last week end to participate in the annual Home Demonstration Club Night of The Lost Colony. She is shown with Countess Grubbs, her daughter, who is a dancer and columnist woman in the drama, and her son-in-law Bob Grubbs, of Pfeiffer College faculty, who plays Sir Walter Raleigh. HDC Night at the Lost Colony was one of the best attended performances of the drama to date this year. (Aycock Brown photo)

BOARD ENDORSES DERBY; DELAYS ACTION ON TAKING OF SPONGE CRABS IN N. C.

Conservation and Development Group Concludes Meeting Tuesday Morning; Promote Crab Derby. But Fail to Take Action on Wasteful Practice Allowing Taking of Spawning Crabs Until January 1; Other Matters Considered.

HEAVY DOCKET FOR RECORDER'S COURT IN DARE

Cases Pile Up Over Two Weeks—Traffic Violations Lead Offender's List

Following postponement of last week's docket because of illness, Judge James M. Vannote presided over 53 cases in Dare County Recorder's Court Tuesday. All but 14 of the cases had previously submitted to judgment.

Of those cases heard in court, Claud Terry Stillman of Edenton drew the stiffest penalty. Stillman was found guilty of driving under the influence in a situation which led to a head-on collision in Kill Devil Hills last week. Stillman was fined \$100 and the cost of court and was ordered to surrender his operator's license for one year. The case was appealed to Superior Court and a \$200 cash bond posted.

In other court action, Bettie Cox Alexander of Fairchild, Va. requested a jury trial in a charge of driving without due caution and circumspection. The case was continued and a \$50 bond posted.

Henry Junior Bowser of Manteo was found guilty of assault and given a 90 day sentence which was suspended on payment of a \$10 fine and the court cost. He was also instructed to remain on good behavior and refrain from drinking intoxicating beverages.

Alfred Anderson Brickhouse of Columbia was found guilty and fined \$10 and cost for impeding the flow of traffic. The case was appealed to Superior Court and a \$25 bond posted.

A charge of assault against Bernie Daniels of Wachese was not prosed.

Roy W. Flamont of Nags Head was found guilty of non support as charged by his wife Edith Flamont. He was given See COURT, Page Five

By WADE LUCAS

The State Board of Conservation and Development ended its three-day summer meeting on the Outer Banks Tuesday after acting on several matters affecting commercial fishing and other State matters.

The board, with Dr. Motte Blaier of Siler City, first vice-chairman presiding, called a temporary halt to the argument about the taking of sponge or egg-bearing crabs by voting to allow unrestricted taking of such crabs until January 1, 1964.

Shortly after the first of 1961 the Commercial Fisheries Committee of the State Board of Conservation and Development will act on recommendations it has asked the Advisory Commercial Fisheries Board to make to it regarding what if any damage is being done to curtail hard crab production by the taking of sponge crabs.

Spokesmen for commercial fishermen and crab processors from Dare, Hyde and Pamlico counties urged the commercial fisheries committee at a meeting here last Saturday to reimpose the ban on the taking of sponge crabs that it lifted in May.

State Senator P. D. Midgett, Jr. and Dr. W. W. Harvey, mayor of Manteo, led the group urging a ban be placed on the taking of sponge crabs. T. A. Taylor, Sea Level processor and James Paul Lewis of Davis, operator of Carteret County's only crab processing plant, headed a group contending the taking of sponge crabs did not cause their production to be curtailed and that Carteret county fishermen would lose a badly-needed source of income if they could not take crabs during their spawning season.

The C&D board ordered a public hearing to be held in the Dare County Courthouse on the petitions of a group of Dare county fishermen who requested a regulation to prohibit the use of crab trawls in excess of 25 feet in length in certain See C & D, Page Three

MARLIN SCORE MOUNTS STEADILY; MORE RECORDS

By AYCOCK BROWN

More than 550 billfish, blue and white marlin and sailfish, have been taken by anglers aboard Oregon Inlet and Hatteras-based cruisers since mid-

May this year. Of the total, approximately 325 were blue marlin and this is without question, according to piscatorial experts, the largest number of blue marlin ever taken anywhere in the world during such a short period.

In contrast, throughout 1962, only 163 blue marlin were caught off both Oregon and Hatteras Inlets.

This year the white marlin score has passed 200 since early June. (Last week end by anglers aboard Oregon Inlet-based boats there were 30 taken in three days.)

Three blue marlin taken during the past week end were boated by Herman de Waard of Suffern, New York, 440 pounds, J. N. Nowicki, Nantux, N. Y., 160 pounds, and Gerit de Waard, Monsey, N. Y., 350 pounds. Each were taken aboard Capt. Bill Foster's cruiser Albatross II which attained international fame last year when Gary Stuker, Morrisston, N. J., skipping bait from the craft, hooked and landed the 810 pound world record blue marlin.

About one out of three of the blue marlin caught this season were tagged and released while still alive in a great conservation program initiated primarily by one man, Emile DuPont of Wilmington, Delaware, of the Hatteras Blue-Marlin Club.

Guides of Oregon Inlet have also encouraged the release of white marlin this year and about one out of four fish taken have been released while still alive by anglers aboard Inlet-based boats.

The white marlin peak is yet to come. Usually it arrives about August 1. In meantime, sailfish catches are beginning and about 30 have been taken by anglers off Hatteras and Oregon Inlet.