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BEACH PATROL VEHICLE WRECKED BY CONFUSION AND MULTIPLE REPAIRS

Three Repair Stops Between Manteo And Nags Head, No Organization; Little Responsibility Mark Progress, Or Lack Of It, Made By Beach Patrol This Summer.

After a long series of almost ludicrous events and a history of multiple confusions, a proposed motorized and radio-equipped Beach Patrol for Dare County's beaches appeared doomed to failure this week.

The idea for such a patrol organized to assist in emergency situations on the Dare beaches was conceived sometime during the summer of 1962. Since the Beach Patrol at that time was more of an idea than a plan, no funds were made available to implement the operation.

A used jeep was borrowed, however, and was manned by volunteers to patrol the beaches on a part-time basis. During the course of the summer this almost unequipped vehicle assisted in several "rescue" operations. At the end of the summer it was thought that a better organized and better equipped patrol would be made available this summer.

In the late spring of this year, however, when no steps had been taken to initiate such a patrol, the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce put forth efforts to get a Beach Patrol established. Since the chamber had no money available to provide equipment for the patrol, it was suggested that the county and the beach towns, Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills, sponsor the patrol and that interested citizens cooperate to get it organized.

Nothing concrete was done, despite a great deal of talk, until the last of June when the Dare County Board of Commissioners pledged \$500 for the purchase and maintenance of a jeep to be used by the patrol. The beach towns made no money available.

Following the \$500 county allotment, no immediate order was placed for a jeep because the county purchasing agent, John Long was waiting for authorization from the Chairman of the County Commissioners, Lawrence Swain, who in turn, said he was waiting until he could meet with the mayors of the towns on the beach and discuss the matter with them.

At that time Swain said, "I can think of no area that needs a rescue organization any more than we do. However, I think we need a good one, a dynamic one, that will be prepared." He said it might be better to spend "a little more time" setting up the organization, than to act too fast and not be well prepared.

Then, in late July, the money pledged by the County Commissioners was officially made available when the proposed county budget was approved. But no jeep was purchased. A jeep already in possession of the county was transferred from the Health Department's mosquito control program to be made available for a beach patrol vehicle. No money was made available to equip the jeep with radios or other equipment.

At this point a question of jurisdiction arose. It has not been answered yet. The county, at first, said it would assign the jeep to the Sheriff's department. Sheriff Frank Cahoon, at this, reported that a deputy would be required to operate the jeep if it was assigned to his department because, sensibly enough, he did not want the responsibility of the jeep unless he had control over it. No money was available to hire an additional deputy and no deputies were available on the staff for full-time Beach Patrol duty.

It was later decided, apparently, that the jeep would be turned over jointly to the towns of Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head. See PATROL, Page Four.

BILL WILL HELP HATTERAS DRIVE FOR MEDICAL AID

Legislation Introduced by Rep. Bonner Allowing Transfer of Federal Property in Hatteras

A bill which would pave the way for transfer of Federally-owned property in Hatteras to Dare County has been introduced by Congressman H. C. Bonner this week, and early passage is anticipated. The parcel of land in question is dubbed G.S. adm. excess property, N. C. 444, and comprises one and a half acres in the village. The property was formerly occupied by the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Mr. Bonner stated that the bill carried a reversionary clause, providing that so long as the property is used for medical purposes it remains the property of Dare County. Mr. Bonner stated that this is the customary provision of transactions of this nature, where Federally-owned land is transferred to local public bodies. Mr. Bonner further stated that with the completion of the Oregon Inlet bridge that tremendous demand for medical facilities in the Buxton and Hatteras areas will develop, and that he is interested in cooperating in every way possible with local citizens in establishing medical facilities.

He stated that he would use every means possible to expedite the passage of the bill.

It is understood that there is a permit available in such cases as the Hatteras property, but under this special legislation a more binding agreement would be effective, and therefore more desirable than a year-to-year or time-limit permit.

PARK SITE AT AVON REQUESTED AT MONDAY MEET

Superintendent James B. Myers Meets With Board, Matter Under Consideration

At a meeting of the Dare County Board of Commissioners Monday, James Myers, Director of the National Park Service on the Outer Banks, met with the board of commissioners to discuss problems of mutual interest to the Park Service and to the county.

Discussion was held relating to a request that a National Park camp site be established near the town of Avon on Hatteras Island and, after explaining the procedures for such an establishment, Myers said the Park Service would take the request into consideration.

Chairman Lawrence Swain announced to the Board that he had received a temporary use permit from the federal government for use of federal property in Hatteras Village for a Hatteras medical facility. He further noted that it would be necessary for this to be signed and returned.

George Fuller, board member from Buxton on Hatteras Island then announced that citizens of the area were proceeding with their planning and were making progress on the medical project. He said that a doctor had promised to establish practice there as soon as the facilities permit.

Appointed to the Dare County Planning Board at the Monday meeting was Russell Perry of Kitty Hawk. Perry will fill the unexpired term of W. A. Williams.

LIBRARY BENEFIT SET FOR SATURDAY, AUG. 24

Saturday afternoon, August 24, a benefit entertainment with Elizabethan flavor of song, dance and spoken word will be presented by the Lost Colony cast for the Dare County Library building fund from 3:30 to 4:30 in the theatre at Fort Raleigh. Admission will be 50c. \$1.00.

HIS LIFE HAS BEEN ONE OF DOING GOOD FOR OTHERS IN THIS COASTLAND



MILES L. CLARK, DOER OF GOOD DEEDS FOR ALL

HE IS—THE WORDS ARE WANTING TO SAY WHAT; THINK WHAT A GOOD MAN SHOULD BE; HE IS THAT. And so, to paraphrase an ancient epiphany in one of the Core Sound Communities, we present Miles L. Clark of Elizabeth City, who ranks among the top few who have done most for the development and betterment of Coastal North Carolina.

Few people have been harder workers over a period of 50 years. When he was a boy of 20 and his father was running "ground saw mills" in the Virginia peninsula, Miles bought an old junk boat for \$20, when it was offered for sale, and making a connection with the Texas Oil Company, began transporting gas and oils by water. His old boat was christened "The Texas," and later was converted into a tug boat at Elizabeth City.

Mr. Clark's career brought him down to Elizabeth City, where he acquired a larger tanker, named the "Goat," and this boat was a familiar sight for many years in Manteo and other waters of the area. His successful enterprise attracted his father, the late C. C. Clark, who followed him down to Elizabeth City, and later, shortly after World War I was killed along with his two crew members when the boat exploded near the mouth of the Perquimans River. Later, one of his boats, the Waterlily, caught fire at the Manteo Dock, but a favorable wind caused it to drift away and do no damage.

But the Clark oil enterprise survived this ordeal and more boats were bought until he had a veritable fleet of big steel tankers, plying the waters of North Carolina and Virginia. So capable was this young man Clark, that he built numerous service stations to create outlets for his company's merchandise, and he soon became known as a very well-to-do man. Much of this came about because of his extreme generosity in cases of need; for there never was a worthy cause to which he did not respond. He was liberal in his work and contributions to civic causes, and it is doubtful that any man in the Albemarle region has given more liberally to worthy causes than Miles Clark.

He is the angel of the nationally-famous Elizabeth City High School Band, and through more than 25 years has been its principal support. He bought uniforms, instruments, and buses, and has thereby enabled hundreds of young musicians to travel all over the country. Friends of Mr. Clark say he has given more than a half million dollars to this band. See CLARK, Page Four.

OVER COURTHOUSE ROOMER COUNTY EMPLOYEES IRKED LIKE MOST OTHER FOLKS

Mrs. Theo DeFazio, who has been living in the Dare County Courthouse for several weeks, was found guilty of creating a public nuisance in Dare County Recorders Court Tuesday.

Following a warrant sworn out by County Commissioner Chairman Lawrence Swain, Mrs. DeFazio and several county officials appeared in court. According to court testimony Mrs. DeFazio has been sleeping in the courthouse, sitting on the floor with her legs in the way of passersby, and singing while county officials were attempting to conduct business. She has also accused the county officials of stealing and, threatened to "show them up."

M. R. Daniels, Registrar of Deeds, J. H. Long, county purchasing agent, and accountant Mrs. Mary Evans, Superintendent of Schools, Kaye Daniels, a tax office employee, Ted Seagrins, tax collector, Lawrence L. Swain, and Sheriff Frank Cahoon all testified that Mrs. DeFazio had engaged in activities which were annoying and disturbing to those carrying on business in the court house. They all admitted, however, that she left room on the floor for people to pass and Mrs. Evans testified that Mrs. DeFazio's singing, "didn't interfere, we just raised our voices at the meeting. I wouldn't say the volume was very loud, just loud enough to be annoying if you let it annoy you."

Others testified that so many people had entered their offices to ask what "was going on and who she was" that it has been disturbing to the ordinary transaction of business.

After being found guilty of the charge Mrs. DeFazio noted an appeal to Superior Court. No bond was set.

MARITIME HEADS TO VISIT DARE

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner Will Lead Group on Tour of Outer Banks

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner will head a party of maritime officials on a visit to the Dare coast on August 10th and 11th. Included are officials of several outstanding American transatlantic ship operators—United States Lines, American Presidents, Pacific Far East, Lykes Steamship and numerous other companies.

Included in the party will be Tom Arfel, vice-president, Lykes; Noah Brinson, vice-president American Presidents; Howard Adams, vice-president Pacific Far East; Nick Pasco, American Export; Ira Ewers, Moore-McGormack; and Ralph Casey, president of American Merchant Marine Institute of New York.

These officials will be present at the showing of the Lost Colony on the evening of August 17, at which time the nameplate of the ship Virginia Dare will be presented to be placed in the museum or some other suitable location at Fort Raleigh.

The Virginia Dare was built at Wilmington, N. C. and christened by Miss Matilda Etheridge (now Mrs. Matilda H. Hoge), daughter of R. Bruce Etheridge, long-time director of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development and represented Dare County in N. C. Legislature for several terms. The ship Virginia Dare played an outstanding part in the invasion of Africa during World War II as a troop and supply transport and was lost during one of the missions.

The nameplate was recovered by a salvage company and is being presented as other nameplates are to the area with which their names are associated.

DANIELS REUNION IS SET FOR AUGUST 19

The Daniels family reunion, which drew over 400 people last year, is scheduled to be held on Roanoke Island August 19.

Speaking at this year's reunion will be Jonathan Daniels, editor of the News and Observer and son of Josephus Daniels who organized the annual family reunion in 1941.

Each year, since it was first organized, the Daniels family reunion has drawn the family together from all across the country. Last year Lucy Daniels, author and daughter of this year's speaker, attended and spoke at the event.

Plans for the August 19 social event are not completed yet, but will be announced next week.

RECORD OF A SORT



THIS BLUE MARLIN isn't the largest, and it may be the smallest taken off the coast this season. It was boated on the 2nd of August by Bob French, Newport News, Va. anglers, from Lee Perry's cruiser "Deepwater."

CROWDS EXPECTED FOR "DARE DAY AND NIGHT" AT FORT RALEIGH AUG. 18

Invigorating Day Being Planned as Special Features Are Being Shaped for Observance of Virginia Dare's Birthday; Extra Showing of the Lost Colony Available to County Residents at Special Rates.

ANNOUNCES GRANT OF \$44,440 FOR KDH AIRSTRIP



REP. HERBERT C. BONNER notified The Times this week that the Federal Aviation Authority had approved a gift of \$44,440 toward the construction of an airstrip at Kill Devil Hills, scene of the first airplane flights by Wilbur and Orville Wright in 1903. This is a project long sought by the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association with the ardent backing of Mr. Bonner. Wade Marr of Elizabeth City is Vice President of the Association, and Miles Clark and Victor Meekins Vice Presidents with C. S. Meekins Treasurer. It is expected that the National Park Service which administers the property, and the State of North Carolina will add a like sum, and that the project will be completed by the annual celebration on December 17th, at which time an exact replica of the first airplane to fly under its own power will be dedicated at the scene of the Wright Memorial museum.

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HYDE TEACHERS ANNOUNCED FOR 1963-64 YEAR

Teachers for Hyde County schools have been selected, and the Hyde County Board of Education has released the following list. Four positions are yet to be filled:

East Hyde: Engelhard: Allen Bucklew, principal; Magdalene G. Ballance, principal E. Payne, W. Hayes Hurdle, Blanche T. Dudley, R. S. Spencer Jr., Jaunita Y. Miller, Helen G. Swindell, Carolyn B. Gibbs, Elizabeth M. Petersen, and Carma C. Gibbs. Payne, Spencer and Carolyn Gibbs are new.

West Hyde: Swan Quarter: Ernest K. Mann, principal; Carolyn S. Harris, Frostie T. Lupton, Mary L. Burleson, Howard L. Burleson, Mabel S. Swindell, Marina J. Baum, Mary Etta J. McKinney, Mabel J. Crellie, Lona B. Carawan, Priscilla H. Cochran, and Nellie J. McKinney.

Ocracoke: Bobby R. Butts, principal; Orphie A. Gentry, Edwin M. Ricks Jr., Ruth M. Berry, and Frances L. Saunders. Davis School, Engelhard: Charles E. Bone, principal; Florence Wells, Louis C. Fleming, Docia T. Hawks, Reval B. Peole, Annie M. Bonner, Qillie F. Smith, Elizabeth B. Whitaker, Lillian H. Gibbs, Frederick D. Stallings, Alfie B. Slade, and Beulah M. Perry. (Three vacancies.)

O. A. Peay, Swan Quarter: Clinton R. Downing, principal; Mildred H. Thompson, Reuben M. Hunter, Marvin Rountree, Mrs. John Ora Stewart, Rosalie H. Peay, James H. Hardy, Jr., Phillip Greene Jr., Lillian A. Downing, Hortense S. Burrus, Desadre S. Hassell, Carrie S. Whitaker, Willie G. Greene, Marjorie T. Selby, Herbert Barrow, and LaVern L. Godette. (One vacancy remains.) Mrs. Stewart, Barrow and Godette are new. One vacancy remains.

County - Wide Guidance Counselor: Lois Jean Bucklew. August 26 has been set as opening date for all the schools.

"Dare County Day" at Fort Raleigh, and "Dare County Night" at The Lost Colony on Sunday, August 18, will include a tree-planting, flag-raising ceremony; an informal art show and incidental organ music at the Waterside Theatre plus other special ceremonies and attractions.

Special ticket prices to the Lost Colony of \$1 per person, regardless of age for Dare County residents and members of their families returning for the traditional Virginia Dare Birthday "homecoming" have been offered by the Roanoke Island Historical Association which has taken the lead in arranging the day and night program.

Mrs. J. E. Winslow, a member of the R. I. H. A. Board, has been placed in charge of the Committee on Arrangements by Mrs. Fred W. Morrison, Chairman of the Association. John W. Fox, General Manager, said in announcing the special ticket price for Dare Countians that James B. Myers, superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, has also offered to waive the usual 25-cent admission fee to Fort Raleigh for Dare County residents on August 18.

"Dare Countians need only to show a driver's license or other such identification to buy Lost Colony tickets for \$1, and to gain admittance to the Fort for themselves and their families on August 18 (only)"; Fox announced.

The Honorable George Laking, ambassador from New Zealand to the United States, will be honor guest and intermission speaker at the "Dare County Night" performance of "The Lost Colony". He will be introduced by U. S. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr.

Ambassador Laking and Senator Ervin will wield shovels in planting a tree at Fort Raleigh to symbolize the replacement of the "post on which Sir Walter Raleigh's lost colonists carved the letters 'CRO'" in their attempt to leave a message of their fate.

Also being invited to participate in these ceremonies at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 18 are Lawrence Swain, chairman of the Dare Commissioners; M. L. Daniels, Jr., Dare County representative in the N. C. General Assembly; and the Mayors of Manteo, Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills.

Another feature of these ceremonies will be presentation of lifetime passes to "The Lost Colony" to any new persons whose names contain the words "Virginia Dare." Lifetime passes have already been issued on this basis to Miss Virginia Dare White Davenport, Miss Virginia Dare Matthews, Miss Virginia Dare Powell, Miss Virginia Dare Shannon and Miss Virginia Dare Patrick Wescott.

Musical Director George Trautwein of "The Lost Colony" has arranged for the drama's organist, Susan Horton, and the assistant organist, Hunter Tillman, to provide incidental music in the theatre from 2 until 4 p.m., with an intermission during the ceremonies at the Fort.

The informal art show is being arranged under the leadership of Wilbur Dorsett and Albert O. "Skipper" Bell. It will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. under one of the rain shelters of the Waterside Theatre. Dorsett and Bell have invited any and all local or visiting artists to display their paintings, oil or water colors, sketches, carvings, sculpture and photographs. No charge will be made for this or any other feature of the daytime program.

ICE CREAM SALE

The Nannie Midgett Circle of the Mount Olivet Methodist Church, Manteo, will sponsor a homemade ice cream sale, Saturday, August 10, on the courthouse lawn from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.