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DARE BUSES TO OPEN LINE TO ENGELHARD SOON

Local Company Gets Franchise To Serve Eastern Mainland

The Virginia Dare Transportation Co., Inc., expects to start passenger bus service from Manteo to Engelhard by early September, according to Sam Midgett, president of the line.

The state utilities commission recently granted Virginia Dare a franchise to furnish bus service from Manteo to Manns Harbor, Stumpy Point, and Engelhard. The company already operates mail service between Manteo and Stumpy Point.

Midgett said the bus service would start just as soon as the line could get the necessary equipment. He said a bus capable of carrying seven or eight passengers plus mail for Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point could be necessary. He predicted the equipment would be available early in September. The commission's approval of the line will permit its operation at any time.

Virginia Dare presently makes two mail trips daily to Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point. Midgett said it would be a simple matter to extend the line from Stumpy Point to Engelhard. He said the line undoubtedly would seek a contract from the post office department to carry mail to Engelhard.

Virginia Dare already operates passenger buses from Manteo to Elizabeth City and Norfolk, a one-way trip of 113 miles; and from Manteo to Hatteras, a one-way trip of 60 miles. The new line will cover 50 miles.

EXPANSION MAJOR GOAL OF CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The kick-off meeting for the 1967-68 Membership Drive of the Greater Nags Head Chamber of Commerce was held Monday, August 7 at 8 a.m. in the John Yancey.

The Dutch breakfast was attended by chairmen of the various committees connected with the chamber drive. G. W. (Bill) Jones, who is spearheading the membership campaign, was the keynote speaker for the event.

The members also heard from David Stick. Detailed plans for the drive as well as information and other material was distributed to those present.

Jones emphasized the importance of the chamber's need for professional management, maintenance and funding.

Expansion is the main theme of the chamber's current drive. This expansion can be obtained, according to Jones, through three major goals.

The first goal, paid professional leadership, will make possible the other two, as well as many other advantages. It is impossible to obtain systematic growth, Jones said, without organized, trained leadership at the helm.

For this reason, he further stated, the securing of a paid chamber director is prerequisite to the success of this area's business growth.

Through professional leadership, Jones feels many things would be possible that are not now attainable, among them, a longer period of tourist activity per year. More activities and services on the Dare Beaches and the neighboring islands are a necessity if off-season business and visitation is to be generated.

Only through this increased off-season business, Jones feels, will the area be able to attain a maximum, sustained growth.

The third major factor for which chamber leaders are striving in the current drive is improved utilities. It is reasonable to suppose, Jones insists, that utilities must be improved before the area can experience a channeled growth.

The chamber's support and enthusiasm for expansion of the tourist season to include parts of the fall and spring is not a new idea, but has long been an ultimate goal of the organization.

A paid chamber of commerce director would also give this area a central promotion agency, ready at all times to send out information, promote business and recreation and keep constant check on the fluctuations of the various phases of both business and governments. See EXPANSION, Page Seven

'MYFERS' OF KITTY HAWK GET MANY APPRECIATIVE WORDS



THE MYFERS, a group of young persons belonging to the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church, are members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship group, for which their initials stand. They have been touring the beach areas singing, as well as singing at the Wednesday night Christian movie showing at the Old Coast Guard Station.

Wednesday night was the last regularly-scheduled performance for the Myfers, who sang religious and folk songs every Wednesday evening following the showing of Christian movies on the beach. The Myfers, sang to some 500 persons on their last night.

According to Rev. Hank Wilkinson, pastor of Kitty Hawk Church, the Myfers will not disband as a performing group this winter, but will continue to tour the area upon request. Wilkinson said letters have been received from many parts of the country, as well as locally, praising the talents and the faith of these young people, and that their efforts have been enthusiastically received by all who have heard them.

E.S.E.A. AWARDS PLANNING GRANT TO DARE SCHOOLS

Plans for 1968 Marine Institute to Start Immediately

Dare County Superintendent of Schools Seth Henderson and Mrs. Thelma Wilkie, director of E.S.E.A. for the county, have jointly announced the awarding by the U. S. Office of Education of a planning grant to the Dare County Board of Education which will allow a Summer Marine Institute to be incorporated into the school system here.

The program, intended for students involved in secondary education, should be in operation by the summer of 1968, according to Mrs. Wilkie.

The grant is awarded under Title 3 of the Elementary-Secondary Education Act. The purpose of the project is to plan for the incorporation of an innovative marine program which will increase the knowledge of high school students in the areas of fisheries research and special research in sound and ocean farming.

The main concern of the program in the area of fishery research would be an attack on the problems directly connected with those fish which form the chief supplies of food from the sea. This would also include shellfish.

Students will be actively involved in improving methods of fishing as well. In the area of sound and ocean farming, students and counselors would explore the possibilities of developing and farming vegetation for human consumption. See GRANT, Page Seven

KILL DEVIL HILLS GARBAGE TRUCK FINALLY ARRIVES

Mayor Pro Tom Theodore R. Wood presided over the Kill Devil Hills town board meeting August 8 in the absence of Mayor Thomas Briggs, who was unable to attend because of illness.

Commissioner C. T. Griffin moved that the town employ Lawrence Noyes, a CPA from Edenton, for the purpose of auditing the town books. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Diane St. Clair.

E. V. Melson was appointed by the board to study and make recommendations concerning the purchase and erection of additional street lights for Kill Devil Hills, especially in the area back of 158-By-Pass. It was agreed by the board that the amount of illumination in the town should be increased.

It was reported that the new garbage truck, ordered in June, had been delivered August 5, and that the truck was put into operation by afternoon on August 6.

Commissioners present in addition to Wood were Mrs. Diane St. Clair, E. V. Melson, C. T. Griffin and Ernest E. Rogers.

JUDGE BAUM HONORED WITH DINNER AS HE REACHES AGE OF 91

Judge Washington F. Baum was honored on August 3 with a dinner party given at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Balfour Baum, at Coquina Beach, hosts being Mr. and Mrs. Baum and Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Wescott of Manteo, son-in-law and daughter.

The birthday cake was iced in white and topped with a large "91" and nine pink candles.

Attending the dinner in addition to the hosts and the honoree were Mrs. Bessie Love of Wanchese, another daughter of Mr. Baum; his grand-

PUBLIC INVITED TO DANIELS 24TH FAMILY REUNION

Melvin R. Daniels, Dare County Register of Deeds, program chairman for the annual Daniels family reunion has said that the family wishes to invite all persons of the area to attend the event, whether members of or connected with the Daniels family or not.

Daniels says there will be free ice cream for all, and that the family will furnish ice water and picnic tables and benches for all attending. He urges any interested members of the community to bring a picnic basket and join the

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THREE MAGIC SEA HORSES AND AN INGENUE



DELMARLENE LIPE, SUSAN PALMER, MARTHA BROWN and Nancy Kenestrick, (left to right) rehearse their roles in the first public production of the Lost Colony Players' current season. The play, an original children's fantasy with music, was written by Pat Kelly Gilbreath, Greensboro, who portrays Eleanor Dare in the Roanoke Island drama. Mrs. Kenestrick, who is from Greensboro also, will enact the leading role of Rodanthe in the show, "A Song Is A Blue Fish." Misses Lipe, Palmer and Brown are from Glen Allen, Va., Washington, D. C. and Miami, Fla., respectively.

"A Song Is A Blue Fish" a play with music for children, will be presented August 12 by the Lost Colony Players. The production will be staged in the Lost Colony Activity Center at 10:30 a.m. A repeat performance will be given August 19.

The play is directed by Jay Brooks, Salisbury, who is company manager of the Lost Colony, as well as assistant to the general manager.

Characters are Rodanthe, played by Nancy Kenestrick; Captain Waves, Richard Parks; Blackbeard, the Pirate, Steve Preshnell and "Old Dear", a talking horse who dances, played by Thomas Hull.

No seats will be reserved and admission may be paid at the door. Cost for children will be \$.50; adults, \$.75.

ART SHOW SET NEXT WEEK ON ROANOKE ISLAND

Copies of John White Drawings To Be On Exhibit at Event Bearing His Name

Excellent watercolor copies of Governor John White's paintings, on loan from the North Carolina Collection at the University Library in Chapel Hill, will be the featured exhibit in this summer's John White Art Show, held on Roanoke Island on August 18, 19, and 20. Painted by the first Anglo-American artist, who was also the governor of the famed "Lost Colony" and grandfather of Virginia Dare, the John White watercolors are rare copies of the originals, which are now in the British Museum in London. These paintings are of great historical and local interest, for most of the drawings were done on and around Roanoke Island in the 1680's.

All area professional and non-professional artists who would like to exhibit any four of their works—in any medium—should contact Bill Long, Jr., for registration; phone 473-2501. Artists should bring their works to the Lost Colony Building, next to the Elizabethan Garden, after 9:00 on August 18, and should pick up their works there on August 20 or 21. There will be no prizes given, but there is no commission charged on the sale of the works.

The John White Art Show, now in its fifth season, will be open from 1:00 until 6:00 each afternoon, Friday through Sunday; and all local residents and visitors are encouraged to attend.

'MAD' YOUTH WHO KICKED OFFICER FINED HEAVILY

Judge Also Showed Little Sympathy For Speeders, Drinkers

Edward Bascom Hawks, a Chesapeake, Va., youth who objected violently to legal restraint the night of July 28, paid heavily in District Court Friday at the stern insistence of Judge Fentress Horner.

Hawks, who said he had worked all summer in the shipyards and needed a vacation before the football season started, got into trouble by driving a motorcycle without lights at a high rate of speed along the center line of the beach road. He said he had consumed "a few beers" at the Nags Head Casino before he began his unlighted trek along the highway.

S. H. Lassiter of the highway patrol arrested Hawks for reckless driving and took him to the Dare County sheriff's office in Manteo. There he encountered Magistrate Ralph Swain who signed the warrant charging Hawks. Hawks objected, swung at Lassiter, kicked his shins, broke his glasses, and then lunged at Swain who shoved a chair in front of the husky youth.

By this time Lassiter had his slapsack in action and with the third blow knocked Hawks to the floor, wrecking the youth's desire to fight.

Hawk pled guilty to reckless driving and to destruction of Lassiter's glasses and to damage to furniture in the sheriff's office.

Hawk's father interceded for the defendant, said the youth was on y 17, announced his belief that Lassiter and Swain "had been very kind" to the boy, and asked for a reduction in the charge.

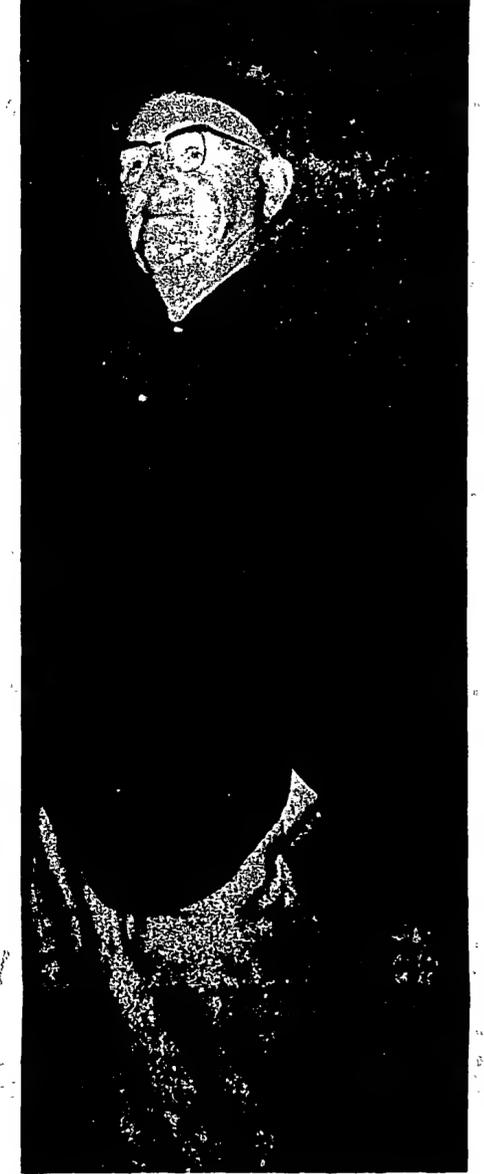
The judge heard the boy say he swung at Lassiter because he was "mad at myself," and that he drove an unlighted vehicle down the center of a busy highway at 10:30 p.m. "because I was scared."

Horne let the original charge stand and fined him \$100 and costs and ordered him to pay Lassiter \$50 for repair of the glasses and \$10 for damage to the sheriff's furniture.

Vickie Leon Glover, 18, Margaretsville, showed up a week late to answer a charge of stealing 24 bottles of soft drink from a beach fishing pier. He said his lateness stemmed from the fact his wife had a baby and he wanted to be with her. The sockless boy also commented on his worry over the effect his action would have on his use of a scholarship to Chowan College.

The judge said he should have been thinking about possible repercussions when he and Jimmy Wayne Collier of Conway swiped. See COURT, Page Four

CEREMONIES WILL HONOR THE LATE 'SKIPPER' BELL



ALBERT Q. "SKIPPER" BELL, whose memory will be honored at the unveiling of a bronze plaque in Waterside Theatre Sunday, August 20. Bell died September 11, 1964, after serving as theatre manager during most of the 24 years "The Lost Colony" was presented between July 4, 1937 and the time of his death.

Bell supervised the building of the theatre on the Fort Raleigh National Historic Site in 1936 and 1937, he rebuilt and refurbished it in 1946 when the play resumed after four years of darkness during World War II, he rebuilt it again after a fire in 1947, and redesigned and rebuilt it in its present form after the ravages of Hurricane Donna in 1960.

The brief ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. and are being arranged by a committee composed of Mrs. Marjlene Thomas, chairman; Mrs. J. Emmett Winslow, Mrs. Burwell Evans, Mrs. Mabel Evans Jones, Thomas W. Morse and John W. Fox.

Mrs. Fred W. Morrison, chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, and Morse, acting superintendent of the National Park Service facilities in this area, have invited the public, and especially friends of Mr. Bell, to attend. Morse announced that the admission fee to the Fort Raleigh National Historic Site will be waived for those who identify the purpose of their visit at the Park Service entrance station.

Attention of those attending the memorial ceremonies is also called to the fifth annual John White Art Show, started by "Skipper" Bell, which will be held August 18, 19, and 20 in the Lost Colony Building next to the Elizabethan Garden on the Fort Raleigh site. Admission to this also will be free. The show will be open from 1 until 6 p.m.

DARE A.B.C. SALES IN JULY NEAR \$100,000

Sales of alcoholic beverages during July indicate a continuing influx of tourists some five percent above last year. Total sales through both stores during last month were \$94,086.00, up \$3,791.40 from the gross last July.

FISH FRY SATURDAY

A fish fry will be sponsored by the Roanoke Island Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star Saturday afternoon at five o'clock at the Masonic Hall in Manteo. Plates will be \$1 each. The public is invited to attend.

DARE OFFICIALS VOTE \$8,750 FOR CITY WATERFRONT

Board Feels Manteo Deserves Help-In Harbor Improvement

The Dare County board of commissioners appropriated \$8,750 for improvement and development of the harbor at Manteo at its regular meeting early this week.

The money will be used to carry on a joint project by their board and the town, and aided by local interests and civic organizations, specifically the Lions Club.

Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., former mayor of Manteo, said the town has appropriated \$17,666.40 during the past five years for harbor development and improvement. He said the town budget contains a \$1,700 item each year for the same purpose. He noted that during the past 15 years the county has contributed only minimal aid to the town in furtherance of the project.

Harvey, now vice chairman of the county board, said the commissioners felt that the town by its actions in spending for improvement and development of its harbor facilities had earned support from the county. He said that in the past the county had contributed funds many times the amount awarded to Manteo for improvement of harbors at Hatteras and Stumpy Point, other Dare County ports.

Harvey noted that Manteo harbor handles more tonnage than any other port in the county while lacking the excellent facilities of Hatteras and Stumpy Point.

Manteo's current mayor, Sam Midgett, said waterfront improvement "is something we've seen FUNDS, Page Four

NAGS HEAD BOARD VOTES ON PAVING OF PLOVER STREET

The Board of Commissioners of Nags Head held their regular meeting August 7 at 9 a.m. in the town hall.

The group passed on several tax releases, heard reports of standing committees and transacted other routine town business.

Mayor W. A. Williams heard a motion from Commissioner Dewey Hayman that the town pave Plover Street from 158 Business to 158 By-Pass if the State Highway Commission will alter the existing traffic island on the by-pass.

This motion was seconded by C. G. Brickle and unanimously passed.

Other business included a decision to sell a dump body from a town dump truck and a tractor belonging to the town. These articles will be sold at public auction, the date of which will be set and publicized later.

Commissioners J. L. Newman and C. P. Nunemaker were also present.

FORMER FIRST LADIES OF NORTH CAROLINA TO VISIT LOST COLONY

The annual visit of Former First Ladies of North Carolina to "The Lost Colony" outdoor drama will take place this week end. Mrs. Fred W. Morrison, producer of Paul Green's play and chairman of the sponsoring Roanoke Island Historical Association, announced that five of the wives of former Tar Heel Governors have definitely accepted invitations to attend and a sixth may also be present.

"We will present these gracious ladies on the stage of the Waterside Theatre before the Friday night performance, if the weather is favorable," Mrs. Morrison said, "but their attendance may be delayed until Saturday night."

Those who have definitely said they will attend are: Mrs. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus of Edenton, Mrs. J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh, Mrs. William B. Unstead of Durham, and Mrs. Luther H. Hodges of Chapel Hill. Also, hopefully, Mrs. W. Kerr Scott of Haw River, will be with the group.

Mrs. Terry Sanford of Fayetteville will be out of the country and Mrs. R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia was a visitor to "The Lost Colony" earlier this summer.

The Former First Ladies will be guests of Mrs. Morrison and her husband, Dr. Fred W. Morrison, at their cottage in Kill Devil Hills.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT AT CAPE HATTERAS



KITTRIDGE A. WING, 54, will become superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Aug. 26, according to George B. Hartzog, Jr., director of the National Park Service.

Wing will succeed Karl Gilbert who was transferred to the Park Service headquarters at Washington early this year. In the interim, Thomas W. Morse was acting superintendent at the Cape Hatteras facility. Morse has been named superintendent of the Cape Lookout Seashore.

Wing, a native of Cambridge, Mass., is a career employee of NPS. He is a graduate of Harvard University with a degree in literature.

Wing began working for NPS in 1952 as a park ranger at Banderier National Monument, New Mexico. Subsequently he served as superintendent of Fort Union National Monument, New Mexico; superintendent of San Juan National Historic Site, Puerto Rico; assistant National Park, Virginia; superintendent of Gettysburg National Battlefield, Pennsylvania. See WING, Page Four