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PROMISING CONDITIONS AS SURF-FISHERS GET STARTED IN COMPETITION THURSDAY

Women from New Jersey Take Early Lead in Tournament; Team Competition to Be Followed by Individual Sport; to Conclude with Banquet Saturday Night.

The Women's Surf Fishing Club of Merchantsville, New Jersey was winner in the first of our sessions of the 17th annual Nags Head Surf Fishing Club's surf tournament which began Thursday morning.

Casting at the ocean's edge in the Southern Shores area of Kitty Hawk, members of this team landed 16 kingfish counting 36 points during the morning session.

Cape Hatteras Anglers Club, which on November 2-4 will sponsor its annual surf tournament, came in second with eight fish, counting 30 points.

West Philadelphia Surf Anglers showed for third place during the first session with seven fish that scored 29 points, while the She Devils of Elizabeth City, N. C., with seven smaller fish scored 28 points.

Surside Six, first place winners in the Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament last year, caught six fish for 22 points. This team, the challengers this year, is from Kill Devil Hills.

There were 38 club teams starting in the tournament beginning Thursday. Team competition ends Friday afternoon.

On Saturday, open individual competition will mark the finale of the tournament, a surf classic that has lived longer than any similar fishing contest along the Atlantic.

Most of the fish taken during the first session which ended shortly before the Coastland Times went to press were kingfish, locally better known as whiting or sea mullet.

Other scoring fish include weakfish (sta-trout), croakers, bluefish, flounder, channel bass and striped bass.

Tournament Director Joe Hume pointed out that other game and food salt water fish listed as such by Wise's Fisherman's Encyclopedia will be scored as tournament fish as per the tournament rating schedule.

The sponsoring club was organized 17 years ago. Joe Hume is president of the club and also tournament director. Vice-president is Ted Wood and George McGaw is secretary-treasurer.

Directors of the sponsoring club are W. A. Williams, Charles Bailey, Sam Liverman Jr., Fritz Boyden and W. H. Smith Jr. Tournament headquarters is The Carolinian Hotel.

Gilbert Love to Speak at Tournay Award Banquet
Gilbert Love, an editorial executive of the Pittsburgh (Pa) Press will be master of ceremonies and make remarks at the Tournament Awards Banquet Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Love have already arrived at Nags Head and will remain here through the week end. His travel column in the Press has in recent years resulted in thousands of people visiting Nags Head-Outer Banks region where he attends meetings of the Honorary Tar Heels, on vacations with Mrs. Love. She is owner of a Pittsburgh Travel Agency.

POWER OUTAGE ON MONDAY AFFECTS BEACH, ROANOKE IS.

Power failure early Monday morning as result of a burned feeder line resulted in an outage of about three hours, affecting Roanoke Island and parts of Nags Head. A 13,000-volt line from the Nags Head sub-station, apparently salt-laden caught fire and burned, shortly before 6 a.m.

The burnout occurred at Lakeside Avenue and U. S. 158 Bypass. The outage affected Nags Head as far north as the Carolinian and all of Roanoke Island.

A feeder line of Oregon Inlet and Hatteras Island was not affected, thus there was no disruption of service in the REA-served areas.

NO SCHOOL IN DARE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Most popular with the students, a school holiday is set for Friday, October 20, in all Dare County school units. The holiday will permit teachers to attend the 45th Northeastern District Convention of NCEA in Rocky Mount.

STICK NAMED TO HEAD LIBRARY SUPPORT BODY



DAVID STICK, Kitty Hawk author and operator of a bookshop bearing his name, has been appointed chairman of the legislative commission to study library support by Governor Dan K. Moore. It was announced last week. He is author of "Graveyard of the Atlantic," "The Outer Banks of North Carolina," and wrote the text for "The Cape Hatteras Seashore" which is illustrated with photos by Bruce Roberts. The co-authored book was published in 1964.

Stick is head of the "North Carolinians for Better Libraries" statewide citizens group. He is also active in the real estate field, one of the principals in development of Southern Shores.

DEER AND BEAR HUNTING SEASON UNDERWAY FRIDAY

Big game hunting in coastal Dare county begins on Friday with advance reports that there will be good crop of deer in the big woods of the Dare mainland.

Reports indicate that there is either a scarcity of bear this year, or that these animals are feeding far back from the network of roads leading through the mainland woods.

The area on the mainland where hunting will be permitted is the North Carolina Woodlands Division of West

SHORT SEASON ON DEER, SOME AREAS IN DARE COUNTY

Atlantic and Hatteras Townships Get Open Season Oct. 13-Nov. 11

There is a short season in two areas of Dare County for the killing of deer this fall. Both areas are normally closed to that type of hunting—Atlantic and Hatteras townships.

There may be some confusion as result of the regulations as published by the Wildlife Resources Commission concerning the areas in question.

The Commission's booklet shows for Dare County a departure from the statewide regulations excepting the Outer Banks and Roanoke Island.

Wildlife Protector Foster Forbes, Jr. has the feeling that some hunting enthusiasts may misinterpret what the Commission should have spelled out more clearly.

In Forbes' language, the only area of Dare County governed by the general state regulations is the mainland. That provides for open season on males from October 13 through January 1. There is no open season for females (does) in this area.

For Atlantic and Hatteras Townships, the season opens October 13 and closes Nov. 11. That includes: Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk, Colington and Duck areas in the former, and Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras in the latter.

Forbes is concerned that through misinterpretation that some hunters may wind up with citations and face court action and fines.

TOWN HIRES NEW POLICEMAN, WILL GET CHIEF SOON

Whittington Takes On Dual Role for \$75; Burrus Withdraws

Ken Whittington was sworn in as policeman of the town of Manteo Thursday, succeeding C. C. Duvall who resigned Sept. 26 to go to sea.

Whittington, 28, was hired by the town board Wednesday night for the jobs of assistant police chief and assistant to the water superintendent. His primary duty, however, will be to fulfill the police job until the board hires a chief. When that occurs, Whittington will divide his time with the new chief and Water Supt. Seldon Midgette.

The board agreed to pay Whittington \$75 a week for his dual jobs.

Woodson B. Fearing II, street commissioner, said the new chief probably will be chosen from a list of applicants on file with the town clerk.

Those who have applied include Melvin G. Owens, Coinjock, a former sheriff of Perquimans county; Anson Knowles, Norfolk, now a policeman there; E. W. Farr, Jr., Norfolk, a policeman there and former member of the Georgia highway patrol; Richard L. Santorno, Manteo, former member of the Colorado state patrol; Roger Shannon, Manteo; and Samuel Pledger, Wanchese.

Mrs. Juanita Parker, town clerk, said Jack Burrus, Manteo, withdrew his application for the police post.

The three-member town board approved unanimously Whittington's selection.

Dare County Sheriff Frank Cahoon assumed responsibility for policing the town during the interim between Duvall's departure and Whittington's employment.

Whittington was the town policeman for seven months during 1965. He said he quit at that time for "money reason only." In taking on the dual jobs, Whittington said he would forgo his taxi business.

FALL SEASON'S FIRST FROM SURF ON OUTER BANKS



JUDGE JAMES C. GODWIN, Suffolk, Va., caught the first large channel bass from the Outer Banks surf during the recent Fall season. He landed the 43-pounder on 15-pound test line on the beach of the north side of Oregon Inlet Saturday. Mrs. Godwin (left) displays a couple of many bluefish they also caught. Saturday was the second day the Godwins had fished the surf, and in addition to the big channel bass, several blues and speckled trout caught on spinning tackle they had also on Friday reeled in several puppy drum, or baby channel bass. (Aycock Brown photo)

HOMECOMING AT M.H.S. TO BEGIN FRIDAY AT 4:30

Parade Through Town; Queens; New Field Dedication; Dance After Game

The Manteo Redskins homecoming game this Friday, October 13, when they take on arch-rival Camden Rebels at 8 p.m. at the Manteo High ball field will be preceded, inter-related and followed with many festive activities.

Proceeding the game will be a parade. Beginning at 4:30 Friday with departure from the high school, the procession with police escort will make a right turn at County Street going all the way to the waterfront, making a U-turn at the court-house and come up Lodge (Highway). Street and back to the school.

Included in the parade will be floats by each of the four grades of the high school, six candidates for homecoming queen and their escorts, a truck from the Roanoke Island fire department, a bombardier HD11 tractor and Smokey T. (he) Bear from the Forestry Service and a color guard from the MHS band.

Sponsored by the freshman class with homeroom teacher John Bone as chairman, the parade offers much in school spirit and participation. The best of the floats designed and made by class members will be awarded a cash prize of \$20 (each class paid \$5 entry fee). While candidates for queen were nominated by their senior class members, the final selection was determined by secret ballot of

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MASHOES SHARES TOO WANCHESE, MANTEO, DUCK GET SECONDARY ALLOTMENT

With many areas of the county crying for paved roads, some heavily traveled at that, three lightly-traveled public avenues in Dare County have been blessed to get the lion's share of secondary road funds. The fourth project is Bay Street in (or out of) Manteo which has been slated for paving for some time. The fact that part of the road lay in town, another portion outside the town limits, has delayed that work.

Slated to receive almost half the allocation of \$40,835.53 is a stretch of one mile on Rt. 1200, north of Duck, to be "graded, drained and stabilized" for \$20,000.

S.R. 1137, two-tenths of a mile at Wanchese, the Owens shipyard road, is pegged at \$6,000 for "grading, draining and paving." Another \$6,000 is allocated for "three barge loads" of stabilizing material on S.R. 1113.

Patrick, speaking for Highway Commissioner Don Matthews who was unable to attend, outlined the allocation available to Dare County as follows: regular secondary road funds \$10,545; road bonds \$29,300; those figures were added to by unallocated balance from last year of \$2,272.25 for a total of \$42,117.25. However, there was deducted 10% which is retained as contingency and emergency funds.

Many other road projects are on the priority list, including Trent Payne Road, California Street, Scarboroughtown Road, Poor Ridge Buffalo City, Burnside Loop plus numerous others. Problems in securing right-of-way agreements, in addition to limited funds, are cited as reasons for inability to proceed with those projects.

DARE A.B.C. SALES SHOW DIP DURING SEPTEMBER

For the first time in many months, A.B.C. sales in Dare County dipped below the corresponding period a year past. Total sales during September were \$51,316.10 through the stores at Manteo and Nags Head. The decrease amounts to \$3,345.35.

This week a check was drawn from the A.B.C. account, payable to Dare County general fund for \$23,111.48 representing profits during the quarter ended September 30.

KING SIZE KING MACKEREL TAKEN AT RODANTHE TUESDAY NIGHT



DIXIE COLEMAN, Richmond, and Rudy Gray of Rodanthe display three king mackerel landed from the pier Tuesday night—first of the species taken there this fall. Coleman's two kings weighed 20 and 23 pounds each; Gray's scaled at 16 pounds. While these were the first reported from the pier at Rodanthe, (where two channel bass along with hundreds of smaller species of fish have been taken during past week) reports of king mackerel catches have also come from the piers at Avon and Frisco. (Aycock Brown photo)

DREDGING OF OREGON INLET MAY BE OUT FOR WINTER FISHING SEASON

Tillett, Others Express View That Unless Work Gets Under Way Promptly, Area Economy Will Suffer Blockbuster Blow; Corps Says Will Do Best Possible.

Dare County Commissioner Rondal K. Tillett said Thursday there is a possibility there will be no deepwater dredging done in Oregon Inlet this winter.

Tillett told a reporter that "it doesn't look so now" that the big hopper dredge Lyman will be available to dig out the sand and form a 21-foot deep, 400-foot wide channel across the bar at the inlet joining the Atlantic Ocean and Pamlico Sound.

"We probably will have to wait for the dredge Hyde to get back from Vietnam in the middle of winter, probably about Jan. 1," Tillett said. "Even if it arrives by that time, the crew, which has been on duty for a year or more, will get some time off. This means the Hyde wouldn't be ready for work until about Feb. 1."

"By that time, the weather would be so bad that we probably would get no dredging done this winter."

Unless there is considerable dredging done, the channel across the bar deepened and widened, the channel from the inlet to Wanchese deepened and cleaned out, the Wanchese harbor basin extended, and the passage from Manteo to the Albemarle deepened, there is a possibility that big fishing trawlers will avoid the area during the lush winter fishing season. Such avoidance would be a blockbuster to the area's winter economy.

"Unless the channel is deepened and kept that way, boats can't get in," said Dan Midgette, assistant manager of the Wanchese Fish Co. "If they are in and the channel gets full of sand and they can't get out, they will lose money."

Midgette said this reasoning applied to boats of the 75-foot to 100-foot plus long class and costing in the neighborhood of \$100,000 or more. Midgette said he took a boat through the inlet Thursday and had no trouble in 10 feet of water. But he said a new boat based at Wanchese draws 12 feet. A 10-foot channel would tie up the new boat as well as trucks operated by Malcolm Daniels and the fish company he owns.

Tillett said the small dredge Merritt is at work now in the inlet. This dredge heretofore has been used to dig a pilot channel for the Hyde. Tillett said the Merritt was limited in what it could do, that it was not built for the heavy dredging necessary.

Tillett said Col. B. C. Snow, Jr., of the Wilmington district of the Corps of Engineers, would be here Oct. 18 on his annual inspection tour.

The commissioner said he hoped Snow at that time could supply some information on the Lyman.

The Lyman primarily is a Great Lakes dredge and has a crew from that area. Ordinarily it winters in its home area, and See DREDGING, Page Eight.

ANNUAL MEETING OF N. H. CHAMBER ON OCTOBER 28

Buffet Dinner to Precede Election of Directors; Other Business

Plans are being finalized for the annual meeting of Greater Nags Head Chamber of Commerce, set for October 28. It will begin at 7 p.m. at the Carolinian Hotel, Nags Head.

A buffet dinner is in store, preceding the business matters which include election of directors; voting on amendments to constitution and by-laws; reports on progress and accomplishments over the past 12 months; and recommendations.

Price for tickets is \$4 each. They may be secured from Fearing's Inc. in Manteo, Virginia Dare Hardware at Kitty Hawk, Outer Banks Trading Post, Kill Devil Hills, Miller's Pharmacy or the chamber office in Nags Head.

COASTLANDERS VISIT IN MANY DISTANT AREAS

Postmasters from at least four communities in the coastal country have been attending the National convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico during the past week. W. W. Tarkington, postmaster of Manteo, departed Baltimore via jet last Tuesday and was scheduled to return Thursday of this week. Others from the area attending were Mrs. Effie Brickhouse of Columbia, Mrs. Iva Hampton of Coinjock and Norris Austin of Corolla.

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