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ECU TO ASSIST SCHOOL BOARD WITH PROPOSAL

Tentative Plan Would Allow ECU Winter Use, 4-H During Summer

Educational groups in Dare County are cooperating to try to obtain a unique science camp for the area at the 4-H Camp on Roanoke Island.

Dr. W. Clayton Morrisette, director of East Carolina University's Continuing Education Division here, said the Dare County Board of Education is trying to obtain use of the land from the county commissioners. North Carolina State University sponsors the camp.

"The Superintendent wants to submit a proposal to utilize the 4-H camp," he said. "We're going to assist the board of education in writing the proposal and ask the commissioners for the right to lease or deed the land."

He said the board of education is interested in obtaining the land only for this purpose.

"Regardless of what happens, the 4-H camp will continue to open during the summer," Dr. Morrisette said.

He explained that ECU is not interested in the 4-H camp for themselves, but "only as advisors, and assistants and helping to staff the program if it does go through and is funded."

"It's going to be a pretty large program for a county like Dare to undertake," he said.

It will run from September to June, a week at a time, reaching almost 3,300 students.

"Primarily, the schools in northeastern North Carolina would be affected because it's a tremendous thing to come here and study science on a level that can't be achieved in an average school," he said.

He explained that the county commissioners are enthusiastic about the proposal as are 4-H officials.

"The 4-H facilities would be upgraded and it would be liveable in both the winter and the summer," Dr. Morrisette said. "Everyone will benefit from it."

Dr. Morrisette explained that all plans are just "in the talking stage" and there are many questions that will depend on the decision of the commissioners.

In addition, ECU is undergoing a "feasibility study" by EBS Corporation of Washington, D. C., which will make recommendations on programs for the center.

If the consulting agency recommends it, the center might be interested in using the facilities at the Manteo Airport.

"Right now, we're not pursuing either of these two facilities," he said. "We can't be sure we don't know what we'd do with them."

POWER SHORTAGE ATTRIBUTED TO POLE BEING HIT

The cause of a 43-minute power outage to Nags Head and Roanoke Island Friday night is unknown, although officials of Virginia Electric and Power Co. have a good idea.

"There was an automobile accident at the corner of one of our sub stations," said George Whitfield, manager of the Manteo office. "A truck hit one of the guy wires and caused it to hit another wire which blew the fuse, we think, but we couldn't prove it."

He said tire tracks had also been found leading up to another guy wire at the next post. Whitfield explained in this type of single outage that part of the current is off and part on.

"It causes two wires to keep on serving, but the third wire wouldn't have any current, except the feedback," he said. "That's why it was so dim."

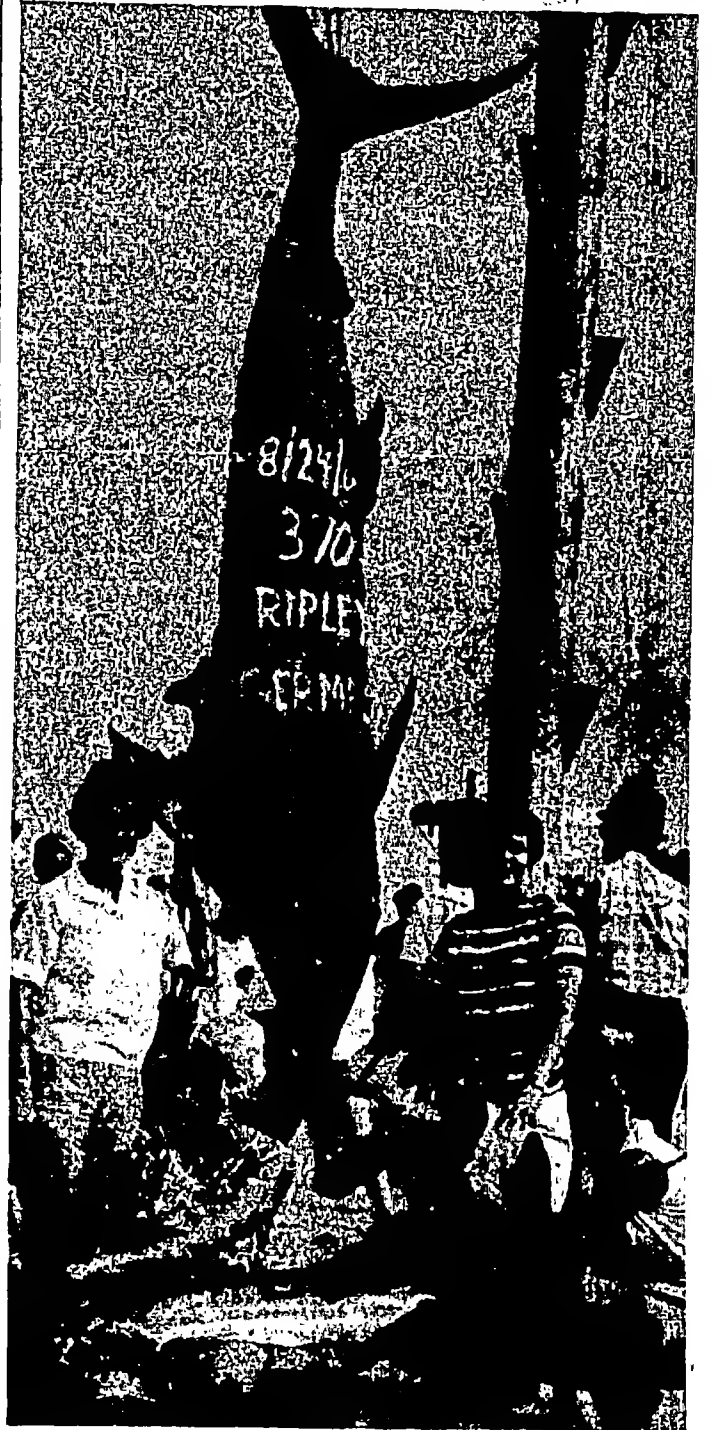
He said the outage caused damage to motors that "didn't have the proper protection." A protective device includes a relay arrangement where the motor will not come on if the voltage is not high enough.

"It would have been better if the truck had knocked the whole thing out because we wouldn't have had this low voltage," Whitfield said.

Whitfield said the situation does not occur often and that record time was employed in finding and correcting the problem.

"We were extremely lucky in finding and fixing it so quickly," he said. "We have had some such problems take two to three hours to find."

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, MISS RIPLEY CAUGHT THESE MARLIN



MISS BETTY RIPLEY of Virginia Beach caught the 370-pound blue marlin and also the white marlin in photo when she and the other four anglers in photo fished from the cruiser Gernel off Oregon Inlet last Saturday. Miss Patricia A. Williams also in group, hooked and brought another white marlin alongside the cruiser but it was released while still alive. Each of the successful anglers are employed by John Wood, Princess Ann, Va., who was their host for the outing aboard the Capt. Dan Lewark-skipped Gernel. Others in party, Mary Hamilton of Virginia Beach, and Ann Berry and Dinny Guterink of Richmond shared in catching some dolphin and bonita. The blue marlin was one of a dozen or more taken off Oregon Inlet during the past 10 days, and her's was the largest taken by a woman angler. (Ayecock Brown photo)

SCHOOL STARTS EARLY TUESDAY FOR HALF-DAY

Special Fees and Staff Changes Listed; First Full Day Wednesday

Students attending Manteo schools will attend first sessions, Tuesday morning at 8:30 until around noon, according to information from the principals' offices.

On Wednesday, September 4, regular full-day sessions begin. Lunches will be served at a cost of twenty-five cents per plate for students in all grades. A ham plate will be served at the high school the first day.

At the elementary school, with Grady Gaskill as principal, the regular day will start at 8:20, and end at 3:15. There are no new staff members in the school which includes grades one through six.

Fees at the elementary school are \$2 for supplies with \$2 for insurance and 70 cents for charity optional.

Due to the fact that the same buses transport students to both school, Manteo High School's full day will end at 3:08. Classes begin at 8:20.

On Tuesday high school students will meet in the auditorium then disperse to home rooms for roll check and other routine matters before running through a six period schedule check.

Required fees for all students attending Manteo High are \$2 for supplies and 60 cents library fee. Students taking the following courses will be assessed: home economics, \$3.50; science, \$1.50; bookkeeping, \$1.50; physical education, \$1; industrial arts, \$4.50; typing, \$8. County assistance was given for the reduction of this fee to one half of previous years. As in the other school, \$2 for insurance and 70 cents for charity are optional.

Principal John L. Roberson released the following staff changes from last year: Jerry Caboon, assistant principal and athletic director; Mrs. M. K. See SCHOOL, Page Six

OKLAHOMA FIRM LOW BIDDER ON BRIDGE PAINTING

Among bids opened Tuesday by State Highway Commission engineers was one for cleaning and painting on the Herbert C. Renner bridge spanning Oregon Inlet.

An Oklahoma firm, Randall H. Sharpe of Oklahoma City, submitted the apparent low bid for cleaning and painting of structural steel and castings on the five-year-old span, \$43,333.00.

The Dare County project was the only listed for northeastern N. C. in the August call for bids. Contracts will be awarded following review, at a subsequent meeting.

YOUTHS CHARGED WITH STEALING "WAVES" SIGN

Four Virginia youths were charged with larceny of highway signs after they admitted taking the "Waves" sign near the community of Waves Saturday afternoon.

They were Townson Brown, Jr., 18, and his brother, Timothy, 16, of Virginia Beach, Va.; John Warren Ford, 16, and William Bradford Hume, 17, both of Norfolk, Va.

Park Ranger Jim Henning said several witnesses saw the theft and reported it to the sheriff's department. They in turn notified the Park Service.

He said the boys were apprehended by Park Rangers and Highway Patrolmen and released on \$100 bond each. Their trial is slated for today's session of court.

PLANNING BOARD TO MEET

The Dare County Planning Board will meet Tuesday, September 3, at 2:30 in the afternoon with the Dare County Board of Commissioners. After adjournment they will move to the court room, where plans will be presented for the erection of a Kitty Hawk fire district.

AUGUST TRADE IS BRISK; PROSPECTS FOR GOOD FALL

Labor Day Week Ushering In New Season of Fishing; Then Golf

With the Lost Colony having last week and closed its most successful season insofar as attendance, the coast can look back on the waning summer season as having been a record in many other ways. Those who have sought rooms at motels and hotels during recent weeks know best of all just what sort of season has been underway. Most accommodations have been booked far in advance, the result being that those who came without reservations often spent nights in automobiles or drove far inland.

Several factors have influenced August travel, probably the most significant being an upswing in travel on a nationwide scale. The August heat brought many from short distances as well as those from distant cities who came with benefit of reservation. Increased promotional effort by many agencies, including Dare County Tourist Bureau, Greater Nags Head Chamber of Commerce, the National Park Service, Travel and Promotional Division, N. C. Dept. of Conservation and Development, and other organizations have all played important parts in the drive to increase visitation along the coast. Individual operators, too, have boosted their spending for advertising and promotion in general in the past year.

It was not until the early part of the current week that a drop in visitation was noted partly due to a mild northeast which broke the long hot spell. By week's end, with the long Labor Day holiday upcoming, most accommodations are expected to be loaded again.

The Dare County A.B.C. outlets, considered most often a reasonable barometer of travel trends, continue to dispense about 10% gross sales higher than the comparable period for last year. July's sales were about 11% higher, while this far in August, an increase of about 9% has been noted, according to Robert H. Midgett, supervisor, August 1967 sales in Dare amounted to \$93,868.55.

The above percentages might sell short the actual increases of visitors, inasmuch as other beverage outlets have been established in nearby counties, or made more readily accessible on major travel routes.

The store in Currituck County located at Coinjock, dispensed in June of this year products priced at \$15,066.50; in July \$16,199.00. Figures are not read- See TRADE, Page Six

INDIAN MAIDENS UP A TREE



FIVE OF THE TALENTED LOST COLONY DANCERS who played roles of Indian maidens and were featured in the colorful totem pole scene of the drama were literally treed for this photo, shot one day last week when cast members were being color photographed in action poses for pictures that will be used for illustrating the souvenir program and brochures for 1969. (Ayecock Brown photo)

RECORDS BROKEN MANY WAYS FOR DRAMA IN 1968

Nearly 65,000 Persons Paid to See 54 Performances; In- crease About 19%

Almost every attendance and box office record of "The Lost Colony" has been broken during the 1968 season which ended last Sunday, but General Manager John W. Fox emphasized that "we may not have made much money—or perhaps we won't even break even."

"Don't forget," he said, "that production costs were considerably higher because of a larger cast, some salary raises, expenditures capital improvements such as the new education office record of "The Lost Colony" has ended and the 29th production period in 1969 will start on Friday, June 20, and end on Sunday, August 24.

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CHAMBER'S DRIVE WELL SUPPORTED IN SECOND WEEK

In its second week, the campaign for memberships being conducted by Greater Nags Head Chamber of Commerce is bringing in the necessary financial support. Through Tuesday a total of \$3688 had been paid by 47 member firms, six individuals and two boosters.

No solicitations other than mail have been made to date, and chamber officials are hopeful that those contacted by letter will respond readily. The campaign conducted last year netted \$14,168 toward a goal of \$15,000. Of the amount collected, \$9,786 was budgeted for general operating expenses of the chamber including printed matter, etc., while the balance amounting to \$4382 was pledged to a paid advertising campaign.

Subsequently the chamber retained Chesapeake Advertising Agency of Norfolk. Despite the limited budget with which the agency was faced, an interesting series of small advertisements strategically placed in metropolitan newspaper has produced a surprising number of inquiries.

While no target amount has been set for this year, chamber officials are confident that the goal will be met.

BOAT RACES HAMPERED BY WIND, ROUGH WATER

Glass-like seas on Croatan Sound which suddenly turned choppy under the impact of wind gusts up to 45 miles per hour put a severe crimp in the National Shark Catamaran Sailing Championship this week.

Two races were run Aug. 28, opening day of the championships. Both were completed despite high winds and choppy seas.

There was an overnight change for the worse in the weather. The first race Thursday was abruptly canceled because of rough waters and heavy wind gusts. The second scheduled race during the afternoon was also called off. Activity was scheduled to be resumed Friday morning.

The championships are conducted under sponsorship of the Outer Banks Sailing Association of Nags Head. The commodore of the association is Dr. Lloyd Griffin of Elizabeth City. The secretary is Julian Oneto, manager of the Carolinian Hotel at Nags Head.

Oneto said 35 boats manned by 60 sailors have been entered in the championships. The participants hail from such diverse areas as California, Ohio, Florida, Massachusetts, and Canada. He said 25 of the sailors are registered at the hotel and the remainder at various other locations.

HORNER, BACK TO BENCH, TOUGH ON SPENDERS, DRUNKS

Weapon Packer Gets Time On Roads, Traffic Violators Pay Heavily

Judge Fentress T. Horner raced through almost two-score cases including a divorce Friday. He dealt harshly with persons charged with drunken driving, carrying concealed weapons, public drunkenness, speeding, and careless and reckless driving.

An account by a defendant charged with drunk driving that he had consumed one "one dose of cough syrup" amused the judge. The humor was not sufficient to prevent the defendant's conviction or keep him from being sentenced to 90 days in jail suspended on payment of a fine of \$100 and costs. The defendant also was ordered to surrender his driver's license for 12 months.

This was Horner's first appearance on the district court bench in three weeks. He had been assigned by the chief justice to hold court in the west-central part of the state in an effort to clear up clogged dockets and introduce there the sort of judicial proceedings familiar in the coastal region.

Horner started off the day's docket with severity. Harry Darman Thebold, Chesapeake, Va., pled guilty to charges of public drunkenness and carrying a concealed weapon. The weapon was a .25 caliber automatic pistol which Chief Donovan P. Twyne of the Nags Head police removed from Thebold's pocket.

The judge sentenced Thebold to not less than 30 days nor more six months on each charge. Thebold appealed to Superior Court and was ordered to put up \$200 bond.

John Alan Hancum of Franklin, Va., pled guilty to a charge of speeding 95 miles per hour in a 55-mile zone and not guilty to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Court attendants expressed amazement that the defendant's small, foreign-built vehicle could go that fast. State Trooper Larry Thames said it certainly did, and the judge accepted the statement. Hancum was fined \$100 and costs on the speeding charge and his driver's license was lifted for 12 months. He was found guilty of the concealed weapons charge because the arresting officer testified the gun could be seen when the car door was open.

Asher Hudson Scott, Nags Head, pled not guilty to charges of drunk driving, improper registration, driving without a liability insurance. Chief Twyne said Scott couldn't walk when ordered out of his jeep in Nags Head about 10:30 p.m. Aug. 4. Scott was sentenced to six months suspended on payment of a fine of \$200 and costs. His driver's license was lifted for 12 months. Horner said that if Scott appealed a bond of \$300 would be required.

James Anderson Meads of Elizabeth City said he was not guilty of drunk driving but that he was guilty of leaving the scene of an accident. Chief Twyne and Deputy Sheriff C. C. Duvall swore that in their opinion Meads was under the influence.

Meads admitted hitting a car driven by Anne Watts, 21, of Chesapeake, but said he thought he had only "touched the bumper." Miss Watts said Meads' car backed into the side of her small vehicle and caved it in.

Meads, who kept drumming the fingers of his right hand on his leg, said he had been driving a bread truck for eight years and never had received a traffic violation ticket before.

Horner consolidated the charges and sentenced him to six months suspended on payment of a fine of \$175 and costs and lifted his driver's license for 12 months. He set an appeal bond of \$200.

Vernon Ercell Parker of Spot said he was not guilty of drunk driving. But the currituck man did not dispute Chief Twyne's story that Parker's pickup truck with Parker at the wheel veered back and forth on the highway and ran off the road a couple of times. Nor did he offer to refute Twyne's statement that he was unsteady on his feet. Included in the evidence was an almost empty bottle of 100 proof corn whiskey.

Horner sentenced Parker to 90 days in jail suspended on payment of a fine of \$100 and costs and lifted his driver's license for 12 months. See COURT, Page Seven

LONG AWAITED GOLF SOON TO BE A REALITY AT KITTY HAWK



DUCK WOODS GOLF CLUB with its clubhouse, pro shop, and other related facilities will officially open on November 1. The championship Par-72, 18-hole course is nearing completion and so are the buildings of the club shown through the spraying-water of an underground system that has made the grass on the putting greens and fairways grow during the recent drought period. The drought problem has also plagued the nearby Sea Scape course being developed by East Coast Properties. Officials of that company indicate opening of the course in late October, thus two regulation 18-hole courses will be provided in the area. (Ayecock Brown photo)