

### Aviation Safety Seminar Topic

RALEIGH — As part of a continuing program to make flying safer for the general aviation pilot, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the North Carolina Division of Aeronautics will sponsor an Aviation Safety Seminar for area pilots. The seminar will be held Thursday, September 7, at 7:30 P.M. in the Highway Building Auditorium on the corner of Wilmington Street and New Bern Avenue in Raleigh.

Calvin Pitts, Aviation Safety Specialist with the National Aviation and Space Administration's (NASA) Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, California, will present a program featuring slides, films, aircraft models, and other devices explaining the advance research and recent developments of the NASA. Pilots will be given the opportunity to view various aircraft model designs and study new accident prevention concepts.

"Aviation is a vital part of the whole transportation system," said Transportation Secretary Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr. "This year special meetings were held to solicit public comment and assistance in developing long range plans for aviation and public transportation systems. Seminars of this type certainly enhance our objective to seek public participation and the safe operation of aircraft in our state."

Will Plentl, Director of Aeronautics, commented, "This is a rare opportunity for pilots and members of the Aviation Community to hear what NASA is doing in the field of aviation research. We feel that aviation is one of the safest modes of transportation in the world. Through NASA's efforts, we will be seeing increases in aircraft safety and operating efficiency, thus increasing the desirability of air travel."

The seminar is open to the public. All members of the aviation community — from students to air transport pilots — are encouraged to attend.

There is no admission charge and free parking will be available in the lot adjacent to the Highway Building.

Further details may be obtained by contacting Ed King, Chief of FAA's General Aviation District Office, at (919) 755-4240, or Buddy Brooks, Safety Specialist for the Division of Aeronautics, at (919) 733-2911.

### Centenarian Buried Thursday

The funeral was held Thursday (Aug. 17) afternoon at 3:00 P.M. for Mrs. Ruth Morgan age 100, at Macedonia Baptist Church Rev. George Cooke officiating.

Mrs. Morgan was a native of Chowan County. She had been a member of Macedonia Church for 86 years. Earlier in life she had been a member of W.M.U. She had two daughters Mrs. C.W. (Arrie) Perry of Edenton and Mrs. Harold (Mattie) Bowles of Chesapeake, Va., also 7 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. Interment was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandchildren and great grandchildren: Donald Forehand, William A. Ross, Jimmy Forehand, Thomas Harrell Bowles, James Morgan, Gary Jordan and Lynn Perry.

Willford-Barham Funeral Home was in charge. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent as love for the deceased.



**SURROUNDED** — Dr. J. Parker Chesson, Jr., president of College of The Albemarle, is surrounded by 1978-79 recipients of the college's President's Scholarship. The two-year scholarship, which pays for tuition and fees, is awarded annually to honor graduates of each high school in the community college's seven-county service area. Shown above, from left are: Eva Smithson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smithson, Route 3, Albemarle Academy; Nancy Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Powell, South Mills, Camden County High School; Janet Riddick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie C. Riddick, Bevidere, Perquimans County High School; Dr. Chesson; Kafen Swain, daughter of Mrs. Genieve Swain, Columbia, Columbia High School; Lynn Stiles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stiles, Elizabeth City, Northeastern High School; and Laurie A. White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duke White, South Mills, Albemarle Academy. (COA Photo).

### Dismal Swamp 'Last Frontier'

CAPE CHARLES, Va. — It may not sound like it, but the Dismal Swamp of Virginia and North Carolina is a nice place to visit. Admired by George Washington, and figuring in ancient Native American legends and in early American history, this magnificent "forest primeval" is today one of nature's last frontiers.

A wonderland for campers, fishermen, hunters, and nature-lovers, the Dismal Swamp is a largely untouched and unexplored 210,000-acre block of forested peat between Elizabeth City, N.C. and Portsmouth, Va. It lies just off U.S. 13 about ten miles from Norfolk, Va. and 25 miles below the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, which connects the highway between Virginia Beach and the scenic Delmarva (Delaware - Maryland - Virginia) Peninsula.

A 49,000-acre portion of the Dismal Swamp is national wildlife refuge, one of the last true wooded wetlands along the mid-Atlantic region. With its unique mixture of northern, southern and rare plant and animal species, the preserve is an outdoor laboratory for botanists, ecologists, and other researchers.

Fishing is excellent on the Dismal Swamp Canal, believed to be the oldest canal in America still in service. Traveled by oil barges and lumber boats,

plus canoes, yachts, and tour boats, the canal water is populated by perch, catfish, pickerel, pike and sole.

From the Canal, visitors can proceed to Lake Drummond, in the Swamp's center, to angle for pan fish or picnic and camp along the banks. Birdwatchers and photographers on foot, bicycle or boat may spot some 75 species of bird, including blue heron, eagles, buzzards, quail, hawks, and horned owls. Hunters headquartered at lodges around the lake can go after bear and deer as well as smaller game.

It was Col. William Byrd who gave this "vast body of nastiness" its name in 1730, while establishing a dividing line between North Carolina and Virginia. In 1763, however, George Washington called the Dismal Swamp "a glorious abundance in wildfowl, and game", and acquired large tracts of its land.

Later, Washington's dream of cutting an inland route through the Swamp became a reality, and in the early 1800's the 22-mile Dismal Swamp Canal provided a transportation shortcut between Norfolk and the North Carolina sounds.

#### Legends Of Ghosts And Magical Waters

Even with the busy canal, the depths of Dismal Swamp remained inaccessible, wild, and forbidding. An impenetrable tangle of Spanish moss, vines, quicksand,

cauldrons of burning peat, and flooded juniper and cypress forests, the Swamp hid beasts and snakes, runaway slaves, criminals, and hermits. Hunting parties entered, never to emerge. Weird legends and reports of ghosts, some originated by Indians who hunted there before the colonists arrived, augmented Dismal's aura of mysterious terrors and haunting beauty.

Dismal Swamp water is also legendary. Early settlers discovered that the acidic brown water of Lake Drummond inhibited bacteria growth. Before refrigeration, ships carried the murky fluid for use as drinking water that remained fresh indefinitely. Local residents claimed the water could cure agues and prevent malaria.

Today it's just a short trip from the preserved wilds of Dismal to the preserved civilization of the Jamestown - Yorktown - Williamsburg historic triangle, or to the elaborate naval establishment of Portsmouth, Newport News, and Norfolk. Virginia Beach and the 17.6-mile drive across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel to Delmarva provide expanses of clean beaches and clusters of quaint fishing villages, phenomena almost as rare as the Swamp itself.

For travel information on the Dismal Swamp and nearby attractions, write Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Dept. IP, Cape Charles, Va., 23310.

### Christian Schools Lodge Protest

RALEIGH—The wait is almost over for the 11 Christian schools protesting the state's efforts to require certain minimum standards for all schools in N.C. whether public or private. State officials, school supporters, and over 40 witnesses crowded a Raleigh courtroom during the heat of July to hear testimony in the state's civil suit against the Christian, basically fundamentalist, schools.

The 11 schools are part of over 60 private schools who have disobeyed a state edict to send in annual reports certifying minimum requirements to the state

Department of Public Instruction.

The supporters of the Christian schools generally object to state applied standards of education on the grounds of constitutional separation of church and state. The schools fear the setting of state standards for education is a stepping stone for more extensive control of church matters by the government.

The schools also feel the parents of children should have the final judgment in the process of education for their children. The state is basing its case on the theory that all schools should meet minimum

requirements for quality education and that constitutional questions are not necessarily involved.

Issues such as certification of instructors, specific courses, fire safety requirements, and first aid were cited by the state.

William B. Ball, a Harrisburg, Pa. attorney, is representing the Christian schools. It was Ball, a renowned constitutional lawyer, who won the right for the Pennsylvania Amish not to send their children to high school. Witnesses for the Christian schools included Dr. Donald Erickson, a San Francisco education expert. Dr. Erickson testified that he believed it was a mistake for N.C. to require private schools to be substantially the same as public schools.

Another witness, Rev. Kent Kelly, head of Calvary Christian School in Southern Pines and head of Organized Christian Schools, said he had objections to the state trying to regulate any aspect of fundamentalist-affiliated schools. He said parents place their children in church schools because the children are in an environment conducive to their faith.

Mr. Kelly also said that he and his church members are prepared to move to another state or country if forced to comply with state regulations.

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