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## DISTRICT MEET OF REBEKAHS IN MANTEO WED.

### State Officers Attend Session Followed by Dinner at Fearing's

The 67th session of Rebekahs of the First District was held in Manteo March 7 in the town hall as guests of Manteo Lodge No. 52 which opened the meeting, following which District President, Mrs. Anita Jessen presided, assisted by Mrs. Evelyn Sawyer, District Vice-President of Elizabeth City.

The District Conductress, Mrs. Lessie Davis, and Marshal, Mrs. Cora Gray seated the District Officers and presented each with a lovely corsage of camellias. Other District Officers are: Warden, Gertrude Lennon; Secretary, Nellie Owens; Treasurer, Margarette White; Chaplain, Virginia Warren; Past President, Estelle Temple; Right supporter to Warden, Dixie Bundy; Left supporter, Lois Midgette; Inside Guardian, Louise Williams; Outside Guardian, Eleanor Ward; Bearer, Kathryn Kennedy, Color Bearer, Sue Ballowe; Musician, Rosa Drinkwater.

Following the welcome song the conductor and marshal introduced the visitors and State officers: Mrs. Emma K. Boyd, State President, Mooresville; Mrs. Alba Albright, Raleigh; Mrs. Lennie O'Neal, Elizabeth City, past State Presidents; Mrs. Lessie Meads, Elizabeth City, district deputy president.

Mrs. Lucille Midgett gave the address of Welcome; the response by Mrs. Louisa Williams, both being very inspiring. Of two contestants for the unwritten work, Mrs. Midgett will receive the certificate. Reports given show considerable gains since the last meeting.

The State President, Mrs. Boyd gave an interesting talk on "Rebekahship," using as a topic, "Friendship, Love and Fraternity." She also discussed plans for the state assembly in Winston-Salem next May.

Gifts were presented to the officers and past presidents. New officers were elected and installed as follows:

District Deputy President, Mrs. Kathryn Kennedy; President, Mrs. Evelyn Sawyer; Vice-President, Mrs. Lessie Davis; Warden, Mrs. Bessie Guthrie; Secretary, Mrs. Nellie Owens; Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret White; Marshal, Peggy Armstrong; Conductor, Dixie Bundy; Chaplain, Miss Belle Midgett; Musician, Mrs. Rosa Drinkwater; Supporter to Warden, Mrs. Gertrude Lennon; Mrs. Mamie Garrett; Inside Guardian, Sue Ballowe; Outside Guardian, Pauline Holloman. Following a business session the Manteo Lodge closed in due form and seafood and chicken dinners were enjoyed at Fearing's Cafe.

## ONE JAILED, ONE HOSPITALIZED AFTER SUNDAY NIGHT BRAWL

Gene McKain, South Carolina Negro, is in Albemarle General Hospital in Elizabeth City in critical condition as a result of a gunshot wound he received in a brawl in the California section of Manteo about 8:00 p.m. Sunday. A fellow South Carolinian, Lee Payton, is in the Dare County jail awaiting trial for the shooting. Both men have been employed here with the crew working on the Roanoke Sound bridge.

McKain was shot with a .22 calibre rifle; the bullet pierced his stomach and came out at his shoulder. At the hospital on Sunday night surgeons gave McKain no more than one chance in a hundred of survival before he was operated upon. Since that time, he has rallied somewhat but his condition is still considered very grave, according to information from the hospital.

According to Sheriff Frank Cahoon, who arrested Payton shortly after McKain was shot, it was difficult to get any coherent statement from either the wounded man or Payton, as both were so drunk as to make their statements unintelligible. The sheriff said that Loretta Latham was at the small house, rented by Payton and jointly tenanted by Payton and McKain, when he made the arrest. Presumably she witnessed the gunplay. She is the wife of the late David Latham.

## LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

Figures provided by U. S. Govt. Meteorologist A. W. Drinkwater

	High	Low	Rain
March 1	65	44	
March 2	58	42	
March 3	60	47	
March 4	63	48	
March 5	57	42	
March 6	59	41	
March 7	63	42	

## COUNTY BOARD ACTS ON MINOR MATTERS

Ben Dixon MacNeill of Buxton appeared before the County Board of Commissioners Tuesday to express his thanks to the Board for its cooperation in the work done by the committee for re-opening Oregon Inlet. He presented the Board with a copy of the booklet on the Inlet, written by Mr. MacNeill and published here this week.

### Garbage Removal

The Commissioners acted upon a large number of motions at their Tuesday meeting, most important of which was probably its move to advertise for bids for garbage removal on the beach between Currituck Sound and Roanoke Sound. The schedule calls for garbage to be picked up once a week during the periods April 16 through May 21 and September 16 through October 29; daily pick-ups will be made from May 22 through September 15. Bids will be received in the office of the clerk of the board until noon on April 3.

Upon motion by J. W. Scarborough, the Board set up an emergency transportation fund for Welfare Department patients, which may be drawn upon for an amount not to exceed \$100. The department of welfare is heretofore to present County Accountant C. S. Meekins with a statement of its postage costs for the month, upon which the accountant has been authorized to advance the amount required.

### Zoning on the Beach

R. S. Jordan, representing the Dare Beaches Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board in the interest of instituting zoning regulations along the beach. He said that he had written to R. B. Etheridge, Dare representative in the General Assembly, and the state's attorney-general about the matter. Mr. Etheridge, he reported, has promised to try to get a law covering the matter through the legislature. The Board instructed Mr. Jordan to have a petition circulated among the persons who would be affected by the zoning regulations, if instituted, said petition to request the County Board to set up a zoning commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Albert Austin and unanimously agreed upon to donate \$50 for the reconditioning of two outdoor toilets built some time ago by the county at Mill Landing, Wanchese.

Comm. H. F. Perry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scarborough, that the Highway Commission be requested to hard-surface the road known as County Street Extended, in Manteo, which leads from the highway past the Roanoke School. The Highway Commission is also to be asked to take over a short stretch of road at Manns Harbor near the home of Clarence Holmes.

### Health Center

The Board agreed to ask the Cape Hatteras Health Center to make a report at the April meeting to the Commissioners of its activities, stating "just what has been spent on the building and what revenues are being derived from said building." Mr. Perry's motion to this effect was seconded by Mr. Austin.

The Board voted to list the Leo Midgett lot, near Manteo, at \$450 for 1951; W. L. Daniels, tax supervisor, was directed to look over the Tracy Ward Apartment, also owned by Leo Midgett, and report its taxable value.

John E. Ferebee, upon motion of Comm. Swain, was directed to be paid \$200 for moving a G. I. house for the welfare department. The sum was the same as the amount paid to the Board by Quint Dozier for a lot which had been bought formerly for the welfare department.

Floyd Hooper of Stumpy Point was named to succeed S. B. Tillett as Oyster Bed Inspector. Mr. Tillett had resigned.

Melvin Daniels, Board clerk, was instructed to write to Rep. Etheridge informing him that the Board endorsed the bill providing for listing personal property in the county in which same is located; also that the Board opposes the bill prohibiting governmental agencies in Dare county from spending for plans and engineers' fees for municipal improvement until funds have been provided or bonds authorized therefore.

On motion by Mr. Swain, it was agreed to allow Tax Supervisor Daniels \$20 per month for travel expenses.

Helium reserved owned or controlled by the United States in Texas and New Mexico alone total about 4.3 billion cubic feet, the Bureau of Mines Reports. At current consumption rates, these reserves would stretch for more than a half century.

## TWO BOYS, GIRL HURT IN MOTOR MISHAP AT CAPE

Two young lads and a girl were seriously hurt Saturday night when a 1949 Ford pick-up driven by Walton Fulcher upset while driving at high speed and ran off in the sand near Cape Hatteras. The driver was unhurt. Bobby Gaskins, 14, got a broken arm; Leo Jennette, 16, was badly cut on the head and may have sustained a fractured skull. They were taken to the Marine hospital, Norfolk, by Coast Guard plane from Elizabeth City. Miss Rae Syron of Hatteras who was riding with Fulcher on the seat, was also injured.

Lt. David Oliver took off Sunday morning at 8:22 o'clock in the HRP (Flying Banana) helicopter for Buxton, but because of low ceiling, caused by heavy fog, he was delayed and arrived at Buxton around noon. He returned with the boys and Mrs. Junius Jennette, mother of the Jennette youth, at 2:21 o'clock.

## INFORMATION GIVEN ABOUT DARE COUNTY

### Chamber of Commerce Receiving Many Requests of Various Kinds

The Dare County Chamber of Commerce is being besieged with letters asking for information about places, people and things in the county from persons in many sections of the country. During the first 26 days of February, for example, Aycock Brown, the C of C's diligent correspondent, answered inquiries as various as these:

Inquiries for historical information from 197 school children in more than 40 communities of North and South Carolina and Virginia; a request for pamphlets to be distributed to travelers from the Gulf Tour Guide Bureau, Pittsburgh, Pa.; many requests for information about the area and its facilities for the entertainment of tourists from prospective visitors; a Wilmington, Delaware, newspaper wrote for information about resort hotels for its Travel and Resort Department; a number of inquiries were directed to the Chamber from persons who wished to rent summer vacation homes or to be put in touch with real estate men who would enable them to purchase properties for year-round or vacation homes.

One or two samples of the letters the Chamber receives will be of interest. A husband and wife in Port Orchard, Washington, write: "As we are planning to retire somewhere in your part of the country, would appreciate information and maps about Roanoke Island and vicinity. Also what is the local newspaper?"

A lady in Detroit writes: "Kindly send available tourist information, list of accommodations, points of interest, etc., for year-round. Would like post card views of outdoor theatre, porpoise, dolphin and lighthouse."

### Nags Head Chamber

The Nags Head Chamber of Commerce has prepared a list of hotel accommodations, beach cottages, tourist cabins, apartments and rooms for rent. The list is sent to those who write the Nags Head Chamber for information. Not included are facilities at Kill Devil Hill, Kitty Hawk, Roanoke Island, the Banks or the Dare Mainland.

## LEADERS

Some leaders lead too far ahead,  
High-visioned, unafraid;  
Yet, ages after they are dead,  
We tread upon the paths they made.

Some leaders lead too far behind,  
Nor seem to keep the track,  
Yet they bring on the deaf and blind,  
Who else would hold us back.

And some seem not to lead at all,  
Slow moving on the way,  
Yet help the weary feet and small  
Of those who else would stray.

Lead on, O leaders of the race!  
Your work is long and wide;  
We need your help in every place—  
Before, behind, beside.

—Anon.

## RED CROSS DRIVE MAKES PROGRESS

Chairman Wallace McCown reported that the volunteer Red Cross Drive workers in Dare County began their campaign for membership this week. All community chairman have received their supplies and are organizing their workers for a successful campaign. A new chairman was added this week to seek the support of the beach area of the county, particularly those residents adjacent to the highway from Currituck Bridge to Nags Head. Mrs. R. H. Taylor, resident of Southern Shores is in charge of this area of the county.

It is necessary that another chairman be appointed for the Nags Head community because the person appointed is unable to serve this year. Anyone who can assist in that area is asked to get in touch with Mr. McCown at once.

Mrs. Louise Meekins began her work in the Manteo residential section this week. She asks the hearty support of her fellow townspeople in that division. Mrs. Myrtle Tillett, chairman in Wanchese sent for more drive supplies for her area. Mrs. Jesse Baum, Kitty Hawk Chairman, brought the Red Cross appeal to the attention of the meeting of the Kitty Hawk Civic Club on Monday evening; and Chairman McCown asked those present to cooperate in every way with Mrs. Baum and her workers. The Colington Club meeting Monday evening also asked members' support of the drive in that area.

A special appeal was made to all business and professional people in Manteo and the response from those who have replied has been favorable. Those persons are urged to send their checks to the Fund Chairman this week.

All community representatives are urged to contact the Fund Chairman early next week so that a preliminary report of the progress toward the County quota can be published in next week's issue of The Times.

## SERVICES HELD FRIDAY FOR LESLIE R. TILLET

Funeral services for Leslie Roscoe (Billy) Tillett, who was killed in an automobile accident, were held at the Wanchese Methodist church, of which he was a member, Friday at 2:30 with Rev. C. W. Guthrie officiating.

Pallbearers were George Daniels, Arnold Daniels, Wayland Baum, Cage Hayman, Tom Basnigh and B. C. Spencer.

Interment was made in the Tillett cemetery.

Out-of-town people attending the funeral were: Charlie and Herman Midgett, Mrs. Marcellus Payne, Mrs. Jessie McIver, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baum, Wesley Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. LaSalle Johnson of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Box, Mrs. Florence Davis, Mrs. Virginia Edwards, and Mrs. Casper Meekins of Elizabeth City. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Basnigh of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Midgett and children of Manns Harbor, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Spencer of Engelhard and Cage Hayman of Edenton.

Skunks are often justly accused of raiding duck nests and of killing ducklings, but skunks also eat quantities of snapping turtle eggs—and snapping turtles kill large numbers of ducklings, the Fish and Wildlife Service points out.

## FIVE INDUCTED FROM DARE ON LAST WE'N'SDAY

The six a.m. bus from Manteo on Wednesday took five Dare men to Raleigh for the first stage of their new lives as members of the U.S. Army. The newest Dare servicemen were: Bertie B. Barnette, 22, and Murray L. Farrow, 23, of Frisco; and three Manteo Negroes, Major Scarborough Spencer, 20, Percy Leon Daniels, 20, and William B. Blackmond, 20.

## LIONS ENTERTAIN CAMDEN CHAPTER

The dining room of the Hotel Fort Raleigh was crowded to capacity Monday night when the Manteo Lions Club was host to the Camden Lions Club. The president of the Elizabeth City Club, Erwin Nixon, was also present. Members of both clubs enjoyed an excellent program arranged by L. W. Huggins of the Manteo chapter.

Safety Engineer George Tewksbury of the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. delivered a short talk on highway safety, which, despite its brevity, was an eye-opener. The engineer said that over 35,000 persons were killed in motor vehicle accidents in this country during the past year; that the number injured would outnumber the population of such cities as Berkeley, California, or Ann Arbor, Michigan. Fifteen per cent of highway accidents are due to the condition of the highways, fifteen per cent due to faulty automobiles and the remaining seventy per cent of accidents are caused through the fault of the human beings behind the wheel, Tewksbury said.

After his talk, the engineer showed a prize-winning safety film which illustrated in the most forceful way the need for increased attention to highway safety from communities and civic organizations.

The group was entertained by several musical selections by four young people from Manteo high school, Misses Millie Ward, Barbara Ann Dowdy, Imogene Finch and Jerry Cahoon. Moncie Daniels, Jr., Manteo student, read a paper on the effect upon international relations of the Korean War.

## THREE SENTENCED FOR FIVE OFFENSES TUESDAY

Judge W. F. Baum gave Ira V. Partridge of Kill Devil Hill a jail sentence of 60 days for two violations of the motor vehicle laws in recorder's court Tuesday, but suspended the sentence upon condition that Partridge pay \$50 and \$10 fines and the costs of the court. Partridge was charged with operating a motor vehicle after his driver's license had been revoked and with driving a car without 1951 license plates. Partridge pleaded not guilty to both counts, but did not offer a defense, throwing himself on the mercy of the court. Patrolman W. A. Rogers was the only witness in the case.

Sam Moore, George Albert McCleave and Willis Spencer, Manteo Negroes, were charged with assaulting Mrs. Sam Moore. All pleaded not guilty. Judge Baum dismissed the cases against McCleave and Spencer, and, after listening to the evidence in Moore's case, found him guilty as charged. Moore was sentenced to serve 60 days on the roads, suspended upon payment of \$20 fine and costs.

### Six Months On Roads

William Blackmond, Negro, was brought back into court on two counts. He was charged with assault on Ossie Meekins and with reckless driving. He pleaded guilty to both counts. He was given 60 days on the roads on the first count and six months on the second, the sentences to run concurrently.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR REDING JAMES SADLER

Reding James Sadler died at noon Tuesday of last week at his home. Mr. Sadler was born in Pamlico County on April 10, 1896, son of Joseph Reding Sadler and the late Lorena Williamson Sadler. He was a veteran of Army service in World War I and a veteran of Coast Guard service during World War II. Mr. Sadler was a fisherman by trade. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sarah Leary Sadler; one son, Milton Sadler, both of Washington; His father, Joseph Reding Sadler of Lowland; four sisters, Mrs. Carrie Lamm of Aurora, Mrs. Ethel McKinney of Lowland, Mrs. Clara Lupton of Lowland, Mrs. Ruth Willis of Bayboro; three brothers, W. I. Sadler of Merritt, Elie Sadler of Lowland and J. Stanley Sadler of Lake Landing. Funeral services were conducted from his home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial was in the Reelsboro Cemetery.

## EVERY COLINGTON RESIDENT SIGNS ROAD PETITION SENT TO HIGHWAY COMMISSION

### Petition Denies Rumor That People of Island Oppose Building Road As A Waste of Money.

### KITTY HAWK CIVIC CLUB DEFENDS RECORD SUNDAY

The unbeaten, untied and unscored on basketball team of the Kitty Hawk Civic Club received and accepted a challenge this week to meet the Kitty Hawk High School quint in the feature game of a sudden-death doubleheader Sunday afternoon.

The first game will be between the high school girl's team and the ladies of the club. Each of these teams is still looking for its first victory of the season, and the ladies, in fact, have yet to score their first goal, free or otherwise.

The game is being sponsored by the newly formed Kitty Hawk Youth Club, for the purpose of raising money to pay for lights for the outside playground. The games will be held on the outdoor court at Kitty Hawk, and the first contest will get underway at 2:30.

The Kitty Hawk boys, semi-finalists in the recent Albemarle Rural Conference Tournament, may have taken too big a bite this time, for the aggregation they face Sunday is composed largely of professional calibre players.

### All-Star Squad

Leading the offense will be Fonnev Tillett, known throughout this section in years past as "The Terror of the Sand Courts." He will receive able backing from Marvin "Swoosh" Midgett, Carlos "Point A Minute" Dowdy, and a newcomer to the local basketball scene, Bill Foreman (onetime and only one time) star of the famous Arkansas Ramblers.

Others on the squad include David Stick, one of the few men in basketball history who has successfully double dribbled with two hands and his head at the same time; Bill West, who customarily plays only half of each game (when his team is shooting for the west goal, naturally) and Russell Perry, 7 foot 8 inch (approximately) center.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR C. H. BALLANCE SUNDAY

Funeral services for Charlie H. Ballance, 63, who died Friday at the Marine Hospital in Norfolk, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. W. L. Gregory at his home at Hatteras. Burial was in the family cemetery at Hatteras. Mr. Ballance was the son of Maillard F. and Mary Willis Ballance and was the husband of Mrs. Linda Ballance.

Other survivors include two sons, Charlie Ballance, Jr., of Hatteras, and Millard Ballance of the U. S. Engineers; two daughters, Mrs. Hilda Ballance Brown of Marshallburg and Mrs. Melvin Basnigh of Lakehurst, N. J.; and several grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Donald Oden, Edgar Styron, Albert Austin, Denny Basnigh, Alma Burrus and Roy Gray.

Masonic rites were conducted by Masonic Lodge No. 521 of Wanchese.

## HOURLY FOR PTA MEETING CHANGED TO 2:30 P.M.

The March meeting of the Manteo PTA will begin at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, March 13, instead of 3:15 as has been the case formerly, in the Manteo high school auditorium. Members are particularly urged to attend this meeting because important business is to come before the group, according to PTA officials.

The speaker of the day will be Atty. Wallace McCown of Manteo, who will discuss legislation pertaining to the schools which is now pending.

When buying or selling — Use the Classifieds.

## HIGHWAY DEATH TOLL, 1951

Killed March 2 through March 5.....	25
Injured March 2 through March 5.....	297
Killed through March 5 this year.....	180
Killed through March 5, 1950.....	151
Injured through March 5 this year.....	1,962
Injured through March 5, 1950.....	1,863

Rumors that an unidentified individual has told one or more members of the State Highway Commission that the proposed road to Colington was a waste of money and that the people of the island opposed it, brought immediate response from Colington this week in the form of a petition, signed by every citizen in the community, urging immediate construction of the road.

The petition, signed by 73 Colington residents, as well as a number of non-resident property owners, was forwarded this week to Mr. Henry Jordan, chairman of the State Highway Commission.

Contents of the petition, which was addressed to Mr. Jordan in the form of a letter, follow: "Dear Mr. Jordan:

"It has been rumored in our community that an individual whose name is unknown to the signers below, has expressed the personal opinion before one or more members of your illustrious Commission, that he was opposed to the construction of the contemplated road into Colington Island, Dare County.

"We are hopeful that this is only an idle rumor, unfounded in fact, for it is hard to understand any basis on which this sorely-needed project could be opposed either by residents or by non-resident property owners. The fact that a State school bus, loaded with children, must each day navigate the treacherous and uncertain sand tracks now serving as the only connection with Colington, seems in itself justification for construction of the short length of road (less than three miles) now planned.

"In order that the Commission may know the true feelings of the residents of Colington Island, every citizen residing on the island has signed this letter, which we would like to have the Commission consider as a petition urging construction of the road as soon as possible.

"In addition, a number of non-resident property owners have expressed the opinion that they, too, would like to refute the rumored statement of opposition mentioned above, and for that reason a second petition signed by non-resident property owners is also enclosed herewith."

## DRIVING DEMONSTRATION GIVEN HERE TUESDAY

Safe driving must be made a personal habit of every motorist if the slaughter on America's highways is to be curbed, George Tewksbury, safety engineer of the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, declared Tuesday as he spoke prior to conducting driving tests at Manteo High School.

"Excessive speed is the greatest single cause of automobile accidents," Tewksbury said. In the demonstration which followed, he pointed out the conditions under which even 20 or 30 miles per hour can be excessive and added:

"When drivers know the true facts and base their driving on those facts, highway accidents will drop sharply.

Students and teachers, Doty Alford, Mr. Finch and Mr. Fry, took part in the tests which were conducted in a specially equipped car. The test driver was signalled to stop by a red light mounted above the radiator. As the signal was flashed, the street was marked with a yellow paint bullet fired from one of three revolvers mounted on the front bumper. A second bullet was fired as brakes were applied and a third after the car came to a complete stop. Distances between the spots were carefully measured to determine in feet and inches how far the car traveled before the driver applied the brakes, or the reaction distance, and how far it traveled after the brakes were applied, or the braking distance.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Atlantic Township  
Curtis L. Jones, et al, to Obed W. Harrell, 1 lot, Avalon Beach, \$500.

Nags Head Township  
William J. Banks to Amos R. Daniels, 1/2 acre at Wanchese.

C. L. Ziegler, Jr., to Wesley Cullipher, 1 lot, Sound Side, Nags Head.

Wesley Cullipher to C. L. Ziegler and wife, 1 lot, Sound Side, Nags Head.