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MANTEO, N. C., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1951

teo, a member of the Dare County

Board of Commissioners, was

named chairman of the newly or-

Kill Devil Hills, Secretary-Treas-

tributors.

each year.

Virginians and New Yorkers Spend Week

Commissioners.

Directors will serve for a two-

All pupils entering school for the

ing the first grade, must have birth

FIRST YEAR PUPILS MUST

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HALF MILLION DOLLAR INCOME DELOACHE LEAVES CHAIRMAN ADVERTISING W.G. ETHERIDGE CAMPAIGN FOR COUNTY OF COAST CHAP IN TWO MONTHS FOR PEOPLE FOR PORTSMOUTH OF ROANOKE ISLAND AREA

Lost Colony Activity Biggest Resource of The Community Closes on September 2, Having past two years has been operating the Manteo Airport, left Septem-Attendance of 53,850 or less than in 1949.

eral services will be conducted Sat-

Surviving relatives are four sis-

in Oakland Cemetery.

gee, of Phoebus, Va.

tertainment."

ing on Monday.

BIG FAIR BEGINS

Racing and Many Shows

seen here in a single display. Thirty booths erected last season

on the fairgrounds will be decor-

ated and readied for the fair open-

The fair will operate all week,

beginning Monday night and con-tinuing through Saturday night.

Lawrence Greater Shows, with

Lawrence shows feature 24 modern

Harness horse racing, which has

MRS. MAUDE DINWIDDIE

services. Floral offerings were

Pall bearers were Reggie Parker,

Marshall Tillett, S. J. Twine, Eddie

Nags Head cemetery.

teo Baptist Church.

An estimated half million dollars have been dropped in the laps of people of Roanoke Island and OF HEART ATTACK have won the friendship of all who vicinity by reason of Lost Colony activity. The show closed Sunday IN PHOEBUS WED. know them in Dare County and their departure was greatly regretnight, with a total attendance of 53,850 for the season. It has come to be the greatest asset of Roanoke Island, and its removal would constitute a terrific blow to the economy of our people.

There are signs of warning in the attendance figures for the three years it has played since the war. The actual fact is, the Lost Colony is not holding its own. Instead of increasing, its attendance has been declining after 1949. When the Lost Colony attendance in 1950 dropped 3,917 under 1949, the incident was explained away by reference to a rainy July. In 1949 the show had 56,412 visitors; in 1950 it had 52,495 visitors. The season just closed had an attendance of 53,850 which was 1,355 more than last year, but 2,562 less than in 1949.

Now it is obvious that in view of the rapidly increasing cost of production, the show must have an increase in attendance from year to year of not less than 10 per cent. It cannot remain static in attendance, because increased income and depreciation of properties will add up to a considerable loss. It is easily seen that the Lost Colony is on losing ground, and is going away from us. This is not pleasant thinking, but we might as well face the facts and do something tember 10 fror Five Days; about it.

It appears that the Lost Colony is being managed more soundly. It has able people at the head of it, and more conservative management during the past few years has resulted in payment off of a lot of debts. But something is seriously lacking in the promotion

of the show. We may call attention to the fact that in its second season, a more mediocre play, "Unto These Hills," which has just closed its second season in the mountains of Western North Carolina, had an attendance this summer of more than 150,000 people, or three times as many as saw the Lost Colony.

It is sure the hill play has the advantage of being in a great National Park Area, which we do not, but it is also true that the Dare Beaches this year have witnessed an enormous increase in visitors the finest midway in the country this summer an increase which has will provide the entertainment. been estimated as much as 50 per cent more than the previous year. riding devices and 15 up to date

The great increase in business shows. for the Dare Beaches may be attributed to the vast amount of long since become famous in the money and effort being expended to promote and advertise the afternoon on the fairway's race beaches Some mighty clever pubbeaches. Some mighty clever publicity goes forth the entire year, beamed at those who are interested in fishing and beach attractions. It has paid off

The same sort of thing has to be done by the people of Roanoke Island, in aiding the Lost Colony publicity, so as to carry on a more complete program. This and other things must be done to reach those people for whom the Lost Colony has first appeal.

WANCHESE SOLDIER TO-RECEIVE HONOR AWARD

Sgt. Elman T. Tillett was one of 13 men chosen from the student body of the Signal School, Fort Monmouth, N. J., to receive the Honor Award for the month of August. He will be presented with an honor certificate by the commandant and will have his name placed on the school honor roll board, erected in front of the school headquarters. As an added reward he is to receive a three-day pass in September, which is usualprofuse. ly not given the students.

Sgt. Tillett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Tillett of Wanchese.

GEN. MACON AND FAMILY WEEK-END VISITORS IN DARE

Major General Robert C. Macon and Mrs. Macon of Fort Monroe, Va., spent the week end at their cottage on Roanoke Island. They KITTY HAWK CIVIC CLUB were accompanied by their brother, Dr. Edward B. Macon of Washington, with his wife and daughter General Macon with Roger Meek- meeting of Kitty Hawk Civic Club offered a portable typewriter for appreciate their wit so much. ins flew to Waves, where they visited Newcomb Midgett and looked September 10, beginning at eight at Camp Lee, and his wife lived in on Sunday, they probably were

MANTEO AIRPORT

Manteo Airport Now Operated by Bill Henderson With Full Service to Pianes

Walter DeLoatche, who for the ber 1 for Portsmouth, Va., where he has taken over the management of the Roosevelt Airport. The De-MRS. DRISKILL Dies Loaches, with their two children know them in Dare County and

William M. Henderson of Corol-Mrs. Bessie Mingee Driskill, 58, widow of the late air pilot Dave la, N. C., an experienced commer-Driskill who died two years ago, cial pilot of more than 23 years, and operator of airports at Washdied at 11:45 Wednesday in the ington, D. C. for 17 years, is now Dixie Hospital in Hampton, Va., managing the Manteo airport, and following a heart attack. The funcontinuing the service without in- LAWRENCE W. SWAIN, of Manterruption. urday afternoon at 2:30 in the

Mr. Henderson is a licensed air-Phoebus Baptist Church and she craft mechanic; licensed motor mewill be interred beside her husband chanic, and is enabled to render Mrs. Driskill made her home here in Manteo for several years, removing to Phoebus after the death of her husband in October native of Macon County, N. C., but 1 949. He was killed while testing resided in Washington 32 years. helicopters in Philadelphia. The Driskills were very popular during at his beach home at Corolla in pledged \$1,500.00 toward the goal nett of Southport. ing the stay here, anl leave a host Currituck County.

in Northeastern North Carolina, in program, providing the Bureau The Manteo airport is the finest fact the only modern airport, and could raise the additional \$8.500. ters, Mrs. C. E. Hatton, Mrs. C. J. Hagan, Mrs. I. W. Brooks, and Mrs. W. D. Hunter, and four than the Coast Guard Airbase in Charles of Company of Charles of Charles of Company of Charles of Company of Charles of Company of Charles of Charles of Company of Charles of Company of Charles of Company of Charles of Charles of Company of Charles of Company of Charles of Company of Charles of Charles of Charles of Company of Charles o brothers, W. S. Mingee, R. E. Mingee, F. V. Mingee, O. E. Min-Elizabeth City having seaplane ramp.

300 N. C. HIGHWAY MONDAY NIGHT IN EMPLOYES in DARE ELIZABETH CITY For 3-DAY MEETING

Headquarters At Kill Devil Hills: Dinner Thursday Night at 4-H Camps

The Albemarle's greatest fair More than 300 members of the and carnival ever to be staged in Elizabeth City, will get into full N. C. State Highway Employes Association are spending the week swing next Monday, Sept. 10, as end in Dare County, and with them Norman Y. Chambliss brings this section of the State "big time en- as invited guests are several prominent state officials. R. E. Thomas of Manteo, Supervisor for this Seven counties in the Albemarle area with R. E. Speight, Supt. of -Pasquotank, Camden, Perquimthe Ahoskie District are working ans, Chowan, Gates, Currituck and hard to make a success of the first time this year, that is enter-Dare will take part in the biggest party. array of agricultural exhibits ever

Headquarters is the Wilbur certificates according to Mrs. Mary Wright Hotel at Kill Devil Hills. L. Evans, County Supt. of schools. A big fish fry was served at te Mrs. Evans also cites the law 4-H Camps at the Manteo Airport which requires that before a child Thursday night.

Friday night, following a big child must be six years old on or See MEETING, Page Four | before October 1, 1951.

Refreshing Friendship at Nags Head Petersburg Lawyer and Wife Entertain Jean and Sipora Van Praag at Chamblee Cottage.

during the last week of August mer, ever since. Albemarle, will be featured each were the Philip Freemans and the Jean Van Praags of Petersburg, Mrs. Maude H. Dinwiddie, 80, died Saturday morning at 12:56 brought proceedings against it as third language. Dutch is her nao'clock at the residence at Nags ging beyond the bounds of human tive tongue, and she next learned runways. The landing of airplanes yellow dye marker. It was good to Labor Day. But many come not for Head. She was a native of Ne- probabilities. There's not a doubt French. She has written in forms requires a clear right of way, see those planes circling above me relaxation during early September braska but had been living at Nags Head for three years. She was the wife of the late Howard B. Dinguing such a case—he'd be likely most recent experiment. "The tranees to the airport, which has the first raft widdie and a member of the Man- to enjoy losing such a case more be released, is about "the rise and made possible reckless use of it by was lost. It was not inflated and

Rev. Frank B. Dinwiddie of Nags Head, say. Head, and one daughter, Mrs. Mr. Freeman and his wife, who The body was moved to Twi- had as their guests for the week Mrs. Dinwiddie's funeral was New York. Mr. Van Praag is an finished by mid-October. conducted from the Nags Head importer and diamond broker; Mrs. Baptist Chapel Monday afternoon Van Praag is a writer. Her first

memory, together with Rev. Gilbert this fall. Mister, conducted the funeral The Van Praags were born in War II and, in one of the pleasant-Reber, Jethroe Midgett, Jr., and er phases of his service, met Si-

married in June, 1944.

Four of Nags Head's visitors winter and Virginia in the sum-

Va., and New York. If any party will be listed Sipora Van Praag When stopped, he asked for peron the whole coast had more fun in the card catalogues in the li- mission to drive his family over last week than these four, the braries, although born in The them for awhile. He was a stranger lawyer in the foursome, Philip Netherlands, is of Spanish descent. seriousness of driving cars on the Freeman, would undoubtedly have She writes in English, which is her to Roanoke Island. in the world that the humorous as variant as opera-librettos and Federal authorities have stressed and know that they were interested than a more forbidding sort of Grinding of the Wheels," soon to the public. She is survived by one son, the lawyer could enjoy a week at Nags fall of a cabdriver," she says. It is based upon her own experiences DARE COMMISSIONERS VOTE as a cabdriver in New York during George R. Warn of Jacksonville, is supervisor of elementary educa- the early part of the war. She is tion in Sussex county, Virginia, now at work on a second novel, to be called "The Rainbow Is Not For ford's Funeral Home in Manteo. Mr. and Mrs. Jean Van Praag of Sale," which she hopes to have by Commissioner Austin, that the

A Linguist at three o'clock. Her son is pastor novel, "The Grinding of the Van Praag, with her command of of the chapel, and the family re- Wheels," is to be released by Simon three languages, would be con-Van Praag, with her command of site for a proposed school at Avon sided nearby. Her son in loving & Schuster, New York publishers, sidered a thorough linguist. Not Board of Education in July. Three by the Van Praag standard, however; for Jean is fluent in French, tion, with members Swain and the Netherlands; both are now Dutch, English, German, Italian Perry abstaining from voting. The American citizens. Jean came to and Flemish. He travels abroad resolution of the commissioners Funeral services were conducted this country in 1939; Sipora, his frequently in his business and was forwarded to Raleigh this Monday morning at 11 o'clock. wife, came in 1940. Van Praag was speaks in a most interesting way week. Chairman Duvall said he was in the U. S. Army during World of conditions in Europe, particularly of socialized England, of which brought to an early conclusion and he is intensely critical - but he Wynne Dough. Burial was in the pora, who was employed by the didn't have much chance to get up given the advantages that are due having him fly again so long as he be those varieties found in the army as a translator. They were on a soap box (even were he so inclined) at Nags Head and lec- tied up. The friendship between the ture on the "evils of socialism." Freemans and the Van Praags de- for he had the constant company TO RESUME FALL MEETINGS veloped out of the negotiations in of three of the most expert heckwhich they became involved when lers to be found in New York and Announcement is made by David Sipora answered an advertisement Virginia. They could hardly have May. On Sunday Dr. Macon and Stick, President, that the fall in which Freeman's law partner found anyone to heckle who could

the vicinity. The party plans to return later in the fall. General and Mrs. Macon are considering additional buildings on Roanoke Island.

The pilot went back to his flying months is the reduction in rates at the various hotels and motor that Nags Head could use many freshments will be served and the public is invited, advise C. J. He had no jitters about getting visitors like the Freemans and the public is invited, advise C. J. He had no jitters about getting into another plane.

Sept. 12, 8 P. M. at The Edgewater the discussion, a dinner together a few times, and more of Nags Head": certain it is the various hotels and motor duty with the reserve unit Sunday. Courts which cater to those who visitors like the Freemans and the public is invited, advise C. J. He had no jitters about getting visitors like the Freemans and the various hotels and motor duty with the reserve unit Sunday. Van Praags.

Townley, Secretary.

OF COAST GUARD FAME DIES WED.

Was Son of Noted Station Keeper of Cape Hatteras; Funeral to Be Conducted Friday

Lt. Commander Walter G. Etheridge, USCG retired, age 61, died Wednesday morning in the Marine Hospital, Norfolk, following an illness of several weeks. His wife and other members of his family were with him when he died. He was a resident of Roanoke Island.

borough Etheridge of Dare Coun- by a Coast Guard helicopter Tuesty, and his father before him was day morning and brought into the by the Coast Guard. There are beth City. many stories of his bravery in time of shipwreck.

the war, he was instructor of pilots Burrus of Hatteras was named ficer in 1922 for spectacular work rescue. for the Army in Texas. He is a Vice-Chairman and David Stick of at a shipwreck, along with four His F8F Grumman "Bearcat" other officers in charge. Of the For the past year he has been liv- urer. The Board of Commissioners Ballance of Buxton, and Will Bar- some 30 miles off Kitty Hawk.

of \$10,000.00 for the first year's the only airport in the state, other Of this balance the Lost Colony of great popularity, he had a host help. Several times he swallowed phonograph will be given away be-

Chamber of Commerce \$1,000.00, He is survived by his wife, the rolled over his head. the Nags Head Chamber of Com- former Syble Dowe, by one son, He was rescued by a Coast Guard write letters to all groups men- Mrs. Josephine Etheridge, Mrs. Leo Guard's Elizabeth City station. tioned in brochure as possible con- Midgett, and Mrs. T. D. Etheridge of Manteo, and Mrs. Moody Chap-

It was decided that all checks pel of Tyner. Funeral services will be conwould be signed by Secretarytreasurer and Chairman of County ducted Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Twiford's Funeral Home, Manteo, and interment will be in the Manteo the Naval Air Station, he is on year term, one-half to be replaced cemetery. Palll bearers will be selected from former members of the crew of Nags Head Coast Guard Station which he commanded for many years. Wanchese Lodge, No. rites at the grave. Rev. Gilbert Mister, a Roanoke Islander and former neighbor will conduct the

MOTOR TRAFFIC HALTED ON MANTEO AIRPORT RUNWAYS

may enter school for this term, the entrance for motor traffic into the airport is by the highway, which out. also connects with the ferry landbecome quite popular with some of out of the plane. the hot-rods to race on the runways, and a number of people use them for joyriding at night and at a man with a pick-up loaded with his family entered the airport, and Mrs. Van Praag, whose name had started to tour the runways.

Few people stop to think of the

A motion was made by Com-Dare Board of Commissioners Tuesday endorse and recommend to By American standards, Mrs. the State Board of Education the as recommended by the Dare commissioners voted for the mohopeful the matter could be on his return late in the afternoon. the children of the lower banks love for planes and will not mind to waters of Dare will continue to them from the school funds so long doesn't mind.

ANNUAL MEETING SEPT. 12 OF DARE BEACHES CHAMBER aviation in 1942 and returned to sounds. Autumn also brings better

business, on Wednesday night, three.

FLIER RESCUED FROM OCEAN **BROUGHT FIRST TO MANTEO** AIRPORT IN HELICOPTER

Lt. Preston Springston, South Norfolk Navy flier, Jumped From Height of 12,000 Feet Into Ocean Off Kitty Hawk When Plane Caught Fire; Rescued by Helicopter From Eliz. City Air Base.

A Navy flier who had jumped He was the son of the late Pat- into the ocean from more than rick H. Etheridge and Anne Scar- two miles in the air, was rescued famous in the days of the Life Manteo Airport, where it took on Saving Service which was absorbed fuel before going back to Eliza-

The sea off Nags Head was so vast and lonely Tuesday about His son Walter, in turn made a 10:30 a.m. there wasn't even a gull notable career in the service, fol- in sight for a time after a single lowing a 4-year hitch in the Navy, parachute opened high above the he joined the Coast Guard as a water and a Norfolk Naval Re- Hawkins Day"-the day we give additional service at the airport. ganized Dare County Tourist Bur-surfman, in 1915 and retired in serve pilot drifted down from a everything way—as Wilse Leary, For three and a half years during eau, Tuesday of this week. M. L. 1946. He was made a warrant of height of 12,000 feet to await co-owner of the popular amuse-

> had caught fire in the air minutes old alike," says Leary, "from the five, two are now living. B. R. before and crashed into the water time the doors open until the time

> Lt. (jg) Preston S. Springston. He was long in command of USNR, 30, of 231 Hardy Avenue, er pop-up toaster, then there will the division at Elizabeth City and Berkley, floated on his "Mae West" during the war commanded a large and hung on to the idea of survival the day and night. Boys' and girls' unit at Galveston, Texas. A man for 50 minutes while he waited for bicycles and a combination radio-

merce \$1,000.00 and the Town of Lt. Com. Ralph Etheridge, USCG, helicopter after a 10-minute wait be given away on the last game. Manteo \$350.00. All pledges were of Elizabeth City, three daughters, in comparative comfort in a raft contingent on the balance of \$3,
Mrs. Ralph Davis, Mrs. W. M. dropped by the HRP Piasecki heli-150.00 being raised by the Bureau. Jolliff of Manteo, and Mrs. Luther copter piloted by Lt. J. W. Swan-The secretary was instructed to Daniels of Baltimore. Four sisters, son, USCG, based at the Coast The first season's award was an

> His Closest Call Those minutes in the sea were Springston's closest brush with disaster, an experience he doesn't want to repeat again. An aircraft instrument mechanic apprentice at two weeks' active duty with his

fighter squadron, VF-861 and was on a routine practice flight. His only injuries as a result of bailing out of the plane were a HAVE BIRTH CERTIFICATES 521 A. F. & A. M. will conduct bruised chin, a stiff upper lip and First Week in September bruised foot and leg.

He was hungry when he got home, a little shaky too, but mostly he was disturbed about the sudden publicity coming his way. He was adding a little throttle

when suddenly he heard a small Entrances to paths that have been broken into the Manteo airport have been closed, and the only other Pilots advising him to bail

ing. Trespassers on the runways beautiful blossoming out above al area for their last vacation are to be prosecuted in future if me," he said, explaining that he fling of the summer Labor Day persisting in the practice. It had ripped his left shoe while getting week end.

First Jump of his 'chute Springston embarked other times. Saturday of last week, on his first parachute jump in Dare coast. After mid-week a new eight years of flying.

His self-inflating suit was a big help in keeping him up in the their coastal visit until after the water for almost an hour, but be- peak of the late summer season fore he got settled for the long wait he almost lost his "Mae

to see from the air so I put out the that an ocean resort can offer after

The first raft sent down to him could not be seen well. The second Lost Colony as an attraction for was inflated and had a temporary outsiders. Autumn sportsfishing is sea anchor and, Springston re- generally conceded to be even bet-FAVORABLE TO AVON SITE called, "was comfortable" after his ter than summer, although, the soaking. As soon as he got in, he summer of 1951 will go down in removed his shoes, which were piscatorial history along the Dare missioner Scarborough, seconded streaked with salt when dry, his coast as one of the best of all socks and the "Mae West."

> hovered over the raft for 10 minutes before it picked him up. It It was not unusual for parties to landed at Manteo, N. C., for fuel go to the Gulf Stream and return before going on to Elizabeth City with 100 or more dolphin, or amwhere Springston was examined and put aboard a patrol bomber sailfish were taken also and down which flew him back to Norfolk. at Hatteras, anglers had landed any news of the accident.

"It's a good thing our radio wasn't working all day," she said

: Dr pol

civilian life in 1946. He joined the fishing in the Fresh Ponds where The Dare Beaches Chamber of reserve unit in the Fall of 1948. | large mouth bass are the main at-Commerce will hold its annual. The Springstons were married in traction.

meeting, for the purpose of electSouth Norfolk five years ago and Another attraction for vacationmeeting, for the purpose of electional Norfolk five years ago and Another attraction for vacationing officers and discussing general have one son, Preston, Jr., aged ists and sportsmen planning trips

"SADIE HAWKINS DAY" SUNDAY AT ORIGINAL BINGO

Attraction of Summer Season Has Become Institution At Nags Head

The center of attraction Sunday on Nags Head will be Jones-Leary's Bingo. That is "Sadie ment place, puts it.

"There will be fun for young and we close." The first game of the evening will feature a Toastmastbe special awards all throughout tween six and seven o'clock. The event's biggest award will be a Hotpoint electric range, which will

It has become customary for a grand prize such as an electric range to be given on the last game. electric range, last year's was a dishwasher valued at something like \$300. Another big award last year was a Shetland pony. It all adds up to a big day at

Nags Head next Sunday, Septem-

TOURIST SEASON **GROWING LONGER** ON OUR COAST

Finds Many People Enjoy-ing Delayed Vacations

By AYCOCK BROWN

Manteo, N. C. - Overnight the picture has changed here on the coast of Dare County. One week ago the vacation and Lost Colony patronage on Roanoke Island and in the nearby Nags Head-Kitty Hawk and Cape Hatteras region "Boy, that parachute looked Great crowds flocked to this coast-

Then, came the temporary lull that all resorts feel immediately When he pulled the "T" handle after the first Monday of September, but not for long here on the type of vacationist was arriving, those who had purposely delayed which always comes at Labor Day.

Already this week many persons have come coastward to spend a "A bobbing head is kind of hard few days enjoying the relaxation and well into the Autumn season. They come for sportsfishing.

Sportsfishing on the Dare coast is considered a runner-up to The times.

The big banana-shaped helicopter . This year dozens of varieties of sportsfish were landed by anglers. berjack and king mackerel. A few He was the first to give his wife during the summer months, two great blue marlin, the only fish of this species taken north of Florida and Bimini this year.

The sportsfish that will attract She appreciates her husband's anglers for the next several weeks Gulf Stream, but Autumn is the "He's crazy about planes," she season when channel bass begin running in the surf and Strined Springston enlisted in the naval Bass are caught in the nearby

to Dare Coast during autur The pilot went back to his flying months is the reduction in rates