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## BIG CELEBRATION PLANNED IN MANTEO ON OPENING OF NEW ROANOKE SOUND BRIDGE

One of the Biggest Celebrations In Many a Day on Roanoke Island; Governor and Many Other Officials Will Be Invited About November 10; Speaking Will Be At Court-house.

Celebrations come and celebrations go, but they mostly come all around Roanoke Island, or some distance from it. Along about November 10th, Roanoke Island looks forward to a big celebration to note the completion of the new concrete bridge over Roanoke Sound, which is now in the last stages of construction.

The Dare County Board of Commissioners and the Dare County Chamber of Commerce have both endorsed plans for a celebration, and Melvin Daniels is working out some of the details already. The program will call for music and speeches at the courthouse, and a general invitation will be extended to the people of the neighboring counties.

Governor Scott and other prominent State officials will be invited to this program.

The old and rickety bridge which is being discarded was built by Dare County 25 years ago. Although it has capacity yet for taking tremendous punishment, the noise made by its loose boards frighten away a lot of tourists. When built, it cost about \$150,000, exclusive of the approaches which cost \$100,000 more. It began business as a toll bridge, was bought by the state and made free in 1945 during the Ehringhaus administration along with the Currituck Sound Bridge.

### BAPTIST MISSIONARY AT NAGS HEAD CHAPEL

Rev. Jas. F. Burks Assisting Pastor Frank Dinwiddie in Revival Ending September 26th

Revival services which are in progress at the Nags Head Baptist mission will continue through Wednesday, September 26, according to the pastor, the Rev. Frank B. Dinwiddie. Meetings are each weekday morning at 10 o'clock, and each evening at 7:30 o'clock, except Sunday. The only Sunday service will be at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Principal speaker for the series is the Rev. James F. Burke, pastor of Woodville Baptist Church at Woodville, and Riverside Baptist Church in Elizabeth City. Mr. Burke received his ministerial training at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and has served in various pastorates before coming to the Albemarle section.

Special speakers on Monday night, Sept. 24, will be the Rev. and Mrs. Irwin Steele, Presbyterian missionaries to Chile, who will illustrate their work with the showing of color slides. Mr. Steele, a master musician, will further enrich the program with his musical interpretations.

The public is cordially invited to these services.

### METHODISTS TO HEAR DISTRICT SUPT. SUNDAY

Dr. F. S. Love, District Superintendent of the Elizabeth City District, will preach this Sunday evening at Mount Olivet Methodist Church, Manteo. Dr. Love is completing his first year as District Superintendent of this district. The evening service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Following the church service the members of the Quarterly Conference and other interested persons will stay for the fourth Quarterly Conference Meeting.

"Jesus' Description of Us" is the title of a series of sermons to be delivered by Rev. David S. Willis, Jr., at the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church. The first of this series "You Are Blessed" will be based on The Beatitudes. It will be a part of the September 23 Sunday Morning Service.

### MANNS HARBOR MEN VISIT WASHINGTON BALL GAMES

Six men from Manns Harbor made a motor trip last week end to attend baseball games between Washington and the Cleveland Indians, and Detroit, Saturday and Sunday. A fine time was reported by this jolly bunch, Cleveland Gard, Melvin and Edward White, Larry Midgett, Hugh Craddock and Allen Burras. The party returned home Monday morning.

### SCHOOL PROGRAM IN DARE SUBJECT TO MATERIALS SHORTAGE

Some delay has been caused in the progress of school building program in Dare County because of obtaining materials which are considered critical, according to County Supt. Mary L. Evans. Several buildings are undergoing expansion, while others are getting much needed repairs. Among these latter are Kitty Hawk, Wanchese and Avon, Hatteras and Buxton. Drinking fountains are being provided for all schools.

A new Negro school building is to be built near Manteo. A tract of land has been bought, which will make a valuable addition to the present site.

### SURFSIDE BINGO GIVING SPECIALS FRIDAY, SAT.

Announcement is made by Al Mater of Surfside Bingo that hams, bacon, and turkeys will top the list of prizes to be given this week end. Friday night these big awards will be given away on every other game. At 10:30 a Westinghouse radio will be given away.

Saturday night, hams, bacon, and turkeys will be given away on every game. In addition to these awards a General Electric toaster, which can be used for various kinds of cooking, will be awarded at 11:00 p.m.

Mater also announces that much new stock has arrived recently, and now is well stocked with nationally famous brands.

AIRPORT MEN FROM SEVEN STATES TO VISIT THIS SITE OCTOBER 4



On October 4, the majestic granite memorial to the founding of aviation at Kill Devil Hills, N. C., will be visited by airport managers of seven states who are coming for a three-day convention at Nags Head. An interesting program is being planned for the entertainment of visitors.

## SO'EASTERN AIRPORT MGRS. COMING TO DARE COAST FOR 3-DAY CONVENTION OCT. 4

Pilgrimage to Shrine of Aviation by Representatives of Seven Southern States, Begins for First Time, Thursday, October 4, and Continues Through Saturday. Many Notables Will Attend.

### MRS. HURDLE, 90, OLDEST WOMAN ON KITTY HAWK

Birthday Celebrated Sunday at Sea View Inn, Nags Head; Oldest Man Present

The weather was gloomy Sunday, but not Mrs. Nancy Taylor Hurdle of Kitty Hawk, whose 90th birthday was celebrated by a number of relatives and friends who gathered at Perry's Sea View Inn, Nags Head. Mrs. Hurdle is the oldest resident of Kitty Hawk, and is still a handsome woman, and very active. Kitty Hawk's oldest man, W. A. Perry, who will be 90 October 25 was one of the guests. Mr. Perry had been out alone, fishing nets from a boat the night before.

Mrs. Hurdle came to Dare County in 1903, from Harrellsville in Hertford County. Noah Hurdle, her husband, taught for many years in the schools of Dare County. He died in 1917. She is an aunt of Lieut.-Governor Pat Taylor of North Carolina.

Two of her daughters, Mrs. Z. F. Perry and Mrs. Eva White attended the dinner. Nine attended the table, which was heaped with a great variety of good food. A bottle of champagne was opened in her honor.

Among the guests were Mrs. Doll Beacham, Mrs. Lizzie Hines, and Sam Perry of Kitty Hawk, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bolton of Rich Square. Many of Mrs. Hurdle's grandchildren attended.

For the first time, the South-eastern Airport Managers Association will bring its annual convention to Dare County, where aviation had its birth in 1903. The convention will open at Nags Head, Thursday afternoon, October 4, and will continue through Saturday. Most of the visitors will arrive by plane at the Manteo Airport.

Among guests noted in the world of aviation, will be Wayne Parrish, Magazine Editor of Washington, Bill Raymond, Public Relations Director for Eastern Air Lines, and many others. Honor guests will be Miles Clark of Elizabeth City, President of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association; Alpheus W. Drinkwater of Manteo, and Capt. W. J. Tate of Coinjock.

Headquarters for the Convention will be the Carolinian at Nags Head. Activities will begin with the cocktail hour at five o'clock. Dancing at the Casino. On Friday, business meetings will be held, with the afternoon devoted to fishing, a banquet at night, and a dance in honor of the visitors.

Saturday morning will be devoted to fishing and sightseeing.

Members of the Association are from the two Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. Managers of nearby airports in Virginia have been invited as special guests. The meeting is open to all airport managers, whether members of the Association or not; all are welcomed to the convention.

In addition, there will be many officials of the CAA present to take part in the discussions and assist in solving airport problems.

The convention is coming to Dare County as the result of an invitation extended by Victor Meekins when he and A. H. Ward, President of the Manteo Chamber of Commerce attended a meeting of the Association in Goldsboro in May.

The Committee in charge of the celebration is Truman Miller of Raleigh, Earl Jourdain of Goldsboro, E. A. Anthony of Mirts Beach and Victor Meekins of Man-

## DARE COUNTY CHAMBER MEET SEPTEMBER 26

A meeting of the Dare County Chamber of Commerce has been called by President A. H. Ward, to be held in the community building, Wednesday night, September 26, at 8 o'clock. This is the annual meeting for the election of officers, and much other business will come up, including a discussion of the participation of the chamber in the newly organized Dare County Tourist Bureau.

The Dare County Chamber of Commerce under its present set-up stems from a meeting held on May 3, this year, when Ward was elected president, with H. Travis Sykes, vice-president. Archie Burrus was elected treasurer of the organization at the time with the following persons serving as members of the board of directors: David Stick, and J. L. Murphy, Kill Devil Hills; E. E. Meekins, Gordon Kellogg, Z. V. Brinkley and Guy H. Lennon, Manteo.

At the May 3 meeting, a summer program of operation, including the answering of inquiries, publicity and promotion, was launched. Financial aid for this work in the amount of \$915 was subscribed at the meeting. Additional financial aid was given by firms and individuals in various parts of the county. It was estimated that the summer program which would end on September 15 would cost approximately \$1,400. Aycock Brown was employed as manager of the organization, his duties consisting of answering mail, running the information facilities for summer vacationists, publicizing the area and doing general promotional work on a part-time basis in connection with his duties as news director of The Lost Colony.

The meeting on next Wednesday night will be of much importance and everyone, whether they have aided the Chamber of Commerce financially or otherwise are urged to be present, according to President Ward.

### No 'Damfool,' Says Mrs. Grice

## PROGRESS AT NAGS HEAD SADDENS SANDLAND POET

By GLENN SCOTT  
In the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot

There's a legend about how Nags Head was named, and Mrs. Alice Kramer Grice, part-time poetess and old-time resident of the beach, tells it this way:

"Along this chain of sand dunes, According to folklore, A land pirate rode his pony, To lure the ships ashore.

"He hung a lighted lantern Around the old nag's head; And that's how Nags Head got its name— The old folks always said."

Mrs. Grice, her soft dark hair streaked with softer tones of gray and white, has spent most of her Summers here. She has watched it change from a sparsely settled resort to a faster moving locale as the cars and cottages moved down the beach toward Manteo and Paul Green's "The Lost Colony."

All this progress has not met with her approval and she recorded this spirit in another poem entitled "Protest."

"I think when it was fashioned: This strip of wind-swept sand— 'Twas intended for a playground, A gift from nature's hand.

While it remained in isolation, 'Twas perfect, I would say, 'Til they spanned the sound with bridges, And built a new highway.

"Now it's in the throes of progress, And every day some sap, Pops up with his own idea, Of how to put it on the map.

"Perhaps I'm sentimental — old fashioned— Maybe silly; But I'm not the kind of damfool, That would try to gild a lily."

Mrs. Grice's feeling about Nags Head is as genuine as the red cedar shingles that shield her cottage from the elements. It's her second cottage since she began seeking pleasure on the island.

First Built in 1908  
"My husband and I first owned a cottage on the sound side. That was in 1908 and the house was built on a pier over the water. The place washed away in 1918 and we built this one here on the ocean." Mrs. Grice's husband died in 1923. After that she rented rooms to the occasional visitors to the beach because the cottage was large enough to furnish comfort to others and

provide her with a summertime income.

She recalls the 'twenties with a fond smile and remembers the time that Charley Perry, a well known Nags Head fisherman, brought the late Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell to the house and she refused him admittance.

"It was in 1927," she says regretfully. "I had been learning to drive my first automobile up and down the sand that day and had run it into the ocean—which wasn't unusual. In fact, the Coast Guard used to call from station to station and say, 'Here comes Mrs. Grice. Get ready to haul her out!'"

"In those days a lot of young people would come out to the house with Charley and there were a lot of parties. But I was tired, and when he told me that Gen. Billy Mitchell was outside, I said I didn't care if it was general merchandise—I was worn out. Besides, back then I didn't know who Billy Mitchell was.

Met the General

"I thought about how it sounded when I saw the hurt expression on Charley Perry's face. So, figuring how rude I was, I walked out and met General Mitchell and said it See PROGRESS, Page Eight

### MANTEO WOMAN'S CLUB MEET IN MANTEO OCT. 10

Manteo and Manns Harbor Clubs to be Joint Hosts; Manteo Club Met Sept. 11

The Manteo Woman's Club held its regular meeting at the Community Building Tuesday evening, Sept. 11. After a cover dish supper, the meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. M. Keith Fearing, Jr. She introduced and welcomed visitor Mrs. David Willis and a new member, Mrs. Roy Etheridge. She appointed committees for the year and outlined some of the work to be done by the club. The district meeting to be held at Manteo on Wednesday, October 10, to which the Manteo and Manns Harbor Women's Club are to be joint hostesses was discussed. Members present for the meeting were Mrs. M. Keith Fearing, Jr., Mrs. M. Keith Fearing, Sr., Mrs. McDonald Clark, Mrs. Elmer V. Midgett, Mrs. Isabell Warren, Mrs. Rennie Williamson, Mrs. Lucetta Willis, Mrs. R. S. Smith, Miss Bonnybel Evans, Miss Mary Kirby, Miss Norma Basnight, Mrs. Rosa Drinkwater and Mrs. Roy Etheridge.

### CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM TOUR COMING TO DARE

Delegation Due in Manteo at One O'Clock Saturday; Major Murphy Speaks to Rotary

Major J. L. Murphy of Kill Devil Hills, Chairman for Dare County for the Crusade for Freedom, spoke to the Manteo Rotary Club Monday night about the movement, and announced that the freedom caravan on tour from Murphy across the state would arrive in Manteo at one o'clock Saturday, and conduct a program at the courthouse.

Major Murphy will join the tour on its arrival in Dare County and Melvin R. Daniels was chosen to deliver the address of welcome. A committee, consisting of C. S. Meekins, A. W. Drinkwater, Wally McCown, Archie Burrus, Lawrence Swain, Ernest Meekins, and several others was named to meet the group.

A liberal contribution was given by the club for the movement.

The club discussed a forthcoming trip to Engelhard and decided to visit that club at a later date when a large representation from Manteo might make arrangements to attend.

### MEETING ANNOUNCED

FAIRFIELD.—A Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service zone meeting will be held at the church here Sept. 26.

## THE HISTORY AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

An Address by HON. LINDSAY C. WARREN, Comptroller-General, at the Dedication of the \$25,000,000 Building Housing the Nation's Accounting Division.

Mr. President, Ladies, and Gentlemen:

The General Accounting Office and its employees are deeply grateful for this splendid new building. It is the product of a great engineer, Mr. W. E. Reynolds, and his able staff; and a master builder, Mr. John McShain, and his workmen. Its dignified exterior and public reaches leave an impression of strength and soundness. Its functional work areas incorporate the advances of modern science. Ample provision has been made for the convenience and physical comfort of our people. While its construction entailed considerable cost, it is reassuring to know that the collections of the General Accounting Office during any five months would pay that cost. We are all expecting great dividends in terms of better management and morale from this first gathering under one roof of all of our Washington activities.

It was thirty years ago this summer that the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921 was passed. The title "General Accounting Office" was assigned to the office then created, but the genealogy of the Office is clearly traceable back to the very beginning of our Government. The story of its development is an interesting and im-

portant part of Federal financial history.

From the days of our early colonists up to the year 1921, the function of auditing Government expenditures took many forms and was administered in many different ways. But with the enactment of the Budget and Accounting Act there was brought into existence an audit and investigative agency in the legislative branch of the Government with real enforcement powers. Legislative control over financial matters was greatly strengthened. For the first time Congress had the means to secure necessary information concerning the financial transactions of our Government from a completely nonpolitical agent, independently of the executive branch.

As could be expected, that independence has not gone unchallenged. In the thirty years since 1921, there have been several abortive efforts to destroy the office. They have come not only from within the Government, but from the outside. Even some of your predecessors, Mr. President, have made the attempt. Their plans were rejected by the Congress. As late as last year, an ill-conceived attack was launched from outside the Government. The action of the Congress in repelling this last assault speaks for itself, for not a single vote, nor a single voice, was mustered in support of the proposal in either the Senate or the House of Representatives.

The General Accounting Office has emerged from this experience with new stature and increased importance as an agent of the Congress. Yet, neither the Congress nor the Office can afford to relax its vigilance. The controls placed by Congress on the expenditure of funds in the exercise of its constitutional power, over the purse and the enforcement of those controls by the General Accounting Office are integral parts of our system of checks and balances. It would be naive to think that there will never be another attempt, motivated by dislike of restraint or adherence to discarded theories, to water down legislative control of public funds or weaken the General Accounting Office. Both the Congress and the Office must keep ever alert to guard against any such eventualities with all the strength at our command.

I would not paint the picture. See HISTORY, Page Eight

### ENGELHARD MAN AND HIS FAMILY ASSEMBLY



JOE HARRIS, well known citizen of Engelhard and Middletown in Hyde County is looking fine and happy at a recent gathering of his family. From left to right may be seen Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Deal of Norfolk, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Deal and daughter of Albuquerque, N. M.