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500 EXPECTED IN HYDE THURSDAY TO SAA MEETING

Engelhard Host to 17th Annual Session of Southern Albemarle Association

Five hundred people are expected to attend the 17th annual meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association in Engelhard next Thursday, P. D. Midgett, Jr., President of the Association, is making plans for the entertainment of the visitors from the four counties of Hyde, Dare, Tyrrell and Washington.

Robert H. Midgett of Manteo will lead the group singing, and former senator W. B. Umstead of Durham will be principal speaker. The Association is looking forward to the visit to Hyde, well remembering the hospitality that has prevailed on other visits.

The last annual meeting of the Association held in Hyde County was in 1948 when W. W. Watson closed his term as President of the Association.

By precedent, the presidency this year will return to Tyrrell County. This office has been held by C. W. Tatem and W. J. White of Tyrrell, E. O. Arnold and W. L. Whitley of Washington, M. R. Daniels and D. V. Meekins of Dare. W. W. Watson and P. D. Midgett of Hyde.

The meeting will start at 10 Thursday morning, in the Engelhard high school auditorium. Former Senator Umstead's address will occupy the place of honor on the morning program.

At noon, a basket dinner will be served. Every family is asked to bring a basket.

The afternoon meeting will be devoted to business, including plans to push the Croatan Sound and Alligator River bridge proposals.

Following is a list of delegates from Dare County to the meeting: Melvin R. Daniels, Wanchese; Mrs. Melvin R. Daniels, Wanchese; C. P. Midgett, Nags Head; Mrs. Daisy Midgett, Nags Head; Dewey L. Hayman, Nags Head; Mrs. Dewey L. Hayman, Nags Head; Lawrence L. Swain, Manteo; M. L. Daniels, Jr., Manteo; Mrs. M. L. Daniels, Jr., Manteo; Z. V. Brinkley, Manteo; L. D. Tarkington, Manteo; Frank Cahoon, Manteo; C. S. Meekins, Manteo; A. W. Drinkwater, Manteo; D. Victor Meekins, Manteo; Walter Perry, Kill Devil Hills; Willis Daniels, Wanchese; Hallett F. Perry, Kitty Hawk; C. C. Duvall, East Lake; J. W. Scarbrother, Avon; Robert Austin, Hatteras; M. L. Burrus, Hatteras; Levene W. Midgett, Rodanthe; Asa H. Gray, Waves; William A. Gray, Buxton; Mrs. William A. Gray, Buxton; W. S. White, Manns Harbor; W. O. Barnett, Manns Harbor; C. W. Mann, Manns Harbor; C. L. Midgett, Manns Harbor; George M. Wise, Stumpy Point; Mrs. D. L. Meekins, Stumpy Point; Calvin E. Payne, Stumpy Point; Tom A. Basnight, Manteo; Russell Perry, Kitty Hawk; Edgar Perry, Kitty Hawk; Mrs. Ernest Haywood, Colington; Mrs. Lewis Meekins, Colington; H. O. Bridges, Wanchese; Ralph Meekins, Wanchese; John W. Midgett, Mashoes; John D. Meekins, Rodanthe; Mrs. Mary L. Evans, Manteo; Rudolph Midgett, Rodanthe; Warren Jennette, Nags Head; Pat Bayne, Nags Head; Mrs. Grace Mann, Manns Harbor; M. K. Fearing, Manteo; Martin Kellogg, Jr., Manteo; George Ambrose, East Lake; Ralph Davis, Manteo; Bob Smith, Manteo; David Stick, Kill Devil Hills; Helen Duvall, Manns Harbor; J. W. Davison, Wanchese; C. W. Guthrie, Wanchese; John Wilson, Manteo; Mrs. John Wilson, Manteo; Sam Liverman, Colington; Elton C. Twiford, Kill Devil Hills; Mrs. Elton Twiford, Kill Devil Hills; W. L. Lewark, Kill Devil Hills; W. S. Gregory, Kill Devil Hills; W. R. Pearce, Manteo; C. C. Smith, East Lake; Dan Q. Oden, Hatteras; J. H. Austin, Frisco; Preston Bassette, Frisco; Ralph Swain, Manteo.

HALLOWE'EN CARNIVAL PLANNED FOR MANTEO

The annual Hallowe'en carnival put on by the Manteo Parent-Teacher Association is scheduled for Wednesday night, October 31, at 7:30, in the gymnasium. Many kinds of entertainment have been planned for the evening, and it is expected that the public will attend in large numbers.

Among attractions for the occasion will be a house of horrors, grab bag, cake walk, bobbing for apples, fishing ponds, dart throwing, throwing balls at heels in holes, and a bingo game.

Plenty of candy, cookies, hot dogs and drinks will be on sale. There will be a costume contest and a door prize.

ACCEPTS POSITION IN HIGH POINT



MISS MIRIAM FEREBEE of Manteo has accepted a position, with the Welfare Department in High Point, N. C., and started to work last week. Miss Ferebee, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ferebee of Manteo, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, with a major in sociology. In High Point, she is working with the child adoption branch of the welfare service.

MACHINE AGE STRETCHES TO BODIE ISLAND

Operation of Lighthouse Made Automatic; Eliminates Need for Keeper

By AYOCK BROWN
Bodie Island. — The keeper's house at the lighthouse here has been abandoned which adds to the loneliness one feels while driving over the crooked sand road (marked "Private Property—Keep Off") that leads from the new paved highway between Nags Head and Oregon Inlet. The keeper's residence is abandoned because Bodie Island Lighthouse like most of those along the coast today has been made automatic.

Upkeep of the beacon and power plant which cuts the light in the tower off and on at dawn and twilight is now the job of the Coast Guard at Nags Head station several miles up the beach. What will happen to the well built keeper's house is anybody's guess. Sometimes the government (owner of such properties) offers same for sale to become club houses, summer cottages or permanent residences. Maybe that has already been done with the keeper's house at Bodie Island, but the new owner, if there is one, is surely not taking very good care of the property. The doors are unlocked and inside the rooms are vacant. The grass has grown high in the yard and the fence which once surrounded the house and light tower is now partially down or hidden from view by the white and red myrtles which form a sort of jungle around the properties.

Bodie Island Lighthouse is one of six along the 320 miles of ocean front on the North Carolina coast today. Each of the lights have their own individuality. Corolla on Currituck Beach is the site of a brick structure, dull red or natural in color. The tower here when seen by mariners during daylight is distinguished by its white and black horizontal stripes. Cape Hatteras, some 40 miles south of Bodie Island, is identified by its black and white spiral stripes. Ocracoke, where the tower is now having its face lifted, is a 75 foot high solid white tower. Cape Lookout at the lower tip of Core Banks has black and white diamonds and Cape Fear is a skeleton-steel structure.

The present tower, 163 feet high, is not the original Bodie Island lighthouse. The first, a brick structure, was built 2,800 feet south of the present tower in 1848—the same year a great storm opened an Inlet that was to be named Oregon. The original tower, like many others along the coast, was destroyed during the Civil War. At about the same time the original structure here was destroyed Fort Oregon had been established at the Inlet for the duration of the war.

The present lighthouse was erected in 1872. Its beacon, 160,000 candlepower, can be seen 19 miles seaward on a clear night. While the present Bodie Island lighthouse was under construction, five sailing vessels were wrecked nearby. Since that time there have been few shipwrecks close by Bodie Island, which speaks well for the warning service the beacon has given. The new highway passes about 1/4 miles east of the structure, but now motorists visiting Oregon Inlet can get a closeup view of the 163-foot tower.

CLUB WOMEN OF DISTRICT MEET IN DARE

Manns Harbor and Manteo Clubs Hostesses to More Than 100 Members

The 16th district of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs met in the Methodist Church in Manteo on October 10, with the Manteo and Manns Harbor clubs as hostesses. One hundred and fourteen were present, and heard Mrs. J. W. Bunn, of Raleigh, State Federation president, deliver an address on active community work and world peace programs.

Mrs. Keith Fearing, Jr., president of the Manteo club, and Mrs. Forrest Sawyer, president of the Manns Harbor club, extended welcome to the visitors. Mrs. Leo Midgett brought greetings from the Dare County Home Demonstration Clubs. Response was made by Mrs. David Q. Holton of Edenton.

Mrs. Julian Oneto of Nags Head sang "The Holy City." She was accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Raymond Wescott of Manteo, who also rendered an organ solo.

Mrs. Dennis Evans of Manteo, as a past district president, was honored by a memorial gift, as were other past district presidents. A luncheon was served in the educational building of the church. At the close of the afternoon session, visitors were taken on a tour of Fort Raleigh, including the museum.

MANTEO ROTARIANS ATTEND GATHERING

Dr. M. O. Fletcher of Washington Is Speaker for Engelhard Club Meeting

ENGELHARD.—Dr. Maynard O. Fletcher of Washington was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Engelhard Rotary club, Thursday night of last week at the Engelhard hotel. Nine guests from the Manteo Rotary club attended. This was their first inter-club meeting since completion of the hard surfaced road connecting Hyde and Dare Counties.

Dr. Fletcher's talk was on "Rotary Speaks to a Troubled and Confused World." He advised Rotarians to start thinking of living for their country instead of dying for it.

Dr. Fletcher was introduced by Thomas E. Spencer of Washington, formerly of Engelhard. Leon Ballance was program chairman and Harold Jarvis, Jr., presided. Members of the clubs introduced themselves and told their occupations.

Guests were Harold White of Baltimore, Md., Bob Smith, Z. V. Brinkley, Dr. W. W. Johnston, Wally McCown, Ernest Meekins, C. S. Meekins, Edward Wescott, Dick Jordan and L. L. Swain.

DARE SHRINERS PLAN HALLOWE'EN DANCE

Winning Costume Will Receive 32-Piece Set of China

Saturday, October 27 at 8:30 p. m. at the Recreation Center on Nags Head Beach, the Shriners will hold their annual Hallowe'en festival and dance. The most original costume made from old clothes, etc. will count the highest points in selecting the winner. There are expected to be many witches, clowns, cowboys, flappers, ballerinas, rich men, poor men, beggar men, thieves, bums, English gentlemen, Kentucky Colonels, Southern Belles, barbers, policemen of the gay '90s, grandmas, grandpas, Indians, zoot suits, sailors, cigarette girls and many others. The judging will be by applause from the audience.

This is expected to be an outstanding and colorful dance, and fun for everyone.

WRECK VICTIM HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Irene Brooks Gaskill Suffering from Bruises and Other Minor Injuries

Mrs. Irene Brooks Gaskill of Manteo has returned to her home from the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, after receiving treatment for several days for injuries received when the car she was driving last Thursday night ran off the highway into the canal near the Roanoke Sound bridge. She suffered a slight cerebral concussion and painful bruises. David Caswell Tillett, of Greenville, who was also riding in the car, was released from the hospital the following day.

Mrs. Gaskill told the investigating highway patrolman that she swerved the car to avoid hitting a dog that ran across the road. The car was submerged in the canal, and the passengers consider themselves lucky to have avoided drowning.

PIONEER THEATRE SPEARHEADS MOVIE TIME

Full cooperation between the Pioneer Theatre and the state and national committees for "Movietime, U.S.A.," gigantic nationwide film jubilee, is underway, as manager George Creef announced recently.

The greatest films in the history of Hollywood from every studio will open, starting in October, the most lavish screen season in the history of film-making.

"Movietime, U.S.A." marks the fiftieth celebration of the American movie theatre. Manager Creef explained, "Just half a century ago Talley's Theatre in downtown Los Angeles was built for the specific purpose of showing films. So this celebration is really a salute to theatre audiences all over the country."

WRIGHT CAMP RESTORATION IS PROPOSED

Visitor at Kill Devil Hills Reiterates Suggestion for Historical Spot

By AYOCK BROWN
Kill Devil Hills.—William Courtenay, aeronautical and war correspondent for the London Daily Graphic with R. K. T. Larson, executive editor of the Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk paid a visit to the birthplace of aviation at Kill Devil Hills a few days ago. Courtenay, recently back from Korea, considered his first view of the Wright Memorial and the place where the Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, flew their heavier than air power driven plane a "visit of pilgrimage," according to an interview with the Pilot's Robert Mason.

Restoration of the Wright camp of 1903 where they made their successful flight was suggested by Courtenay. "It should be a permanent shrine and ready on the first flight's 50th anniversary," he suggested. That would be on December 17, 1953.

Courtenay's suggestion was the third along this same line that has been made recently. Earlier this year Fred C. Kelly, the Wright's biographer, who now lives in Kensington, Md., said after a trip here in August that the small marker indicating the actual place of the flight, which is a granite boulder about 1000 feet north of the Memorial Monument, should receive more emphasis. The Kill Devil Hill Memorial to the Wrights, a national monument, is on top of the greatest of the dunes in the Kill Devil Hills region.

A few days prior to Courtenay's visit to Kill Devil Hills, while the Southeastern Airport Managers Association was in session at Nags Head, David Stick of the Dare County Tourist Bureau and Victor Meekins of the Dare County Chamber of Commerce had appeared before the group and suggested that the organization they represent, the one closest to commercial aviation, endorse plans for the creation of an international air museum at Kill Devil Hills. The airport managers looked with favor on the suggestion and allotted certain funds for drawing up an initial brief that may result in the building of a museum to be dedicated on the 50th anniversary of the first flight.

In Elizabeth City, Miles Clark, president of Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association and famous flyer Al Williams have long since favored a movement for the building of air strips at the birthplace of aviation. At the present time nearest airport to the site of the first flight is located on Roanoke Island, 15 miles by highway from the site.

"All of this goes to show," said Clark, commenting on the Courtes Wright, Page Eight

BELOVED SURFMAN GOES TO HIS LAST REST



CAPT. HERMAN CORNELIUS SMITH, 71, retired Coast Guard warrant officer and beloved citizen of Manteo, died Friday morning at the family residence in Manteo, following an illness of two days. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon in the Manteo Methodist Church. Rev. D. W. Willis, pastor of the church, officiating, assisted by Rev. H. V. Napier, pastor of the Manteo Baptist Church. The church choir sang "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me." The casket was draped with the American flag.

Masonic rites were conducted at the graveside in the Manteo cemetery by Lodge No. 521, of which Capt. Smith was a member. Military rites were also conducted at the graveside.

"Captain" Smith, as he was known to his friends, served in the Coast Guard for 30 years, and retired with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer while in command of Core Banks Station. He was for many years in command of Bodie Island Station. He was presented with a gold watch by the King of Sweden, following his courageous action at the time of the wreck of the Carl Gerhardt off the North Carolina Coast in 1922.

He was a member of Mount Olive Methodist Church in Manteo; the Masonic Lodge No. 521 of Wanchese, and the Wanchese Order of the Eastern Star. He was a member of the Dare County draft board and for a number of years served on the Manteo school board. He was a native of Currituck County but had been living in Manteo for the past 30 years. He was the son of the late Lovie Cowell and Cornelius Smith and the husband of Mrs. Polly O'Neal Smith.

Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Nick Sarppe of Manteo and Mrs. J. L. Newman of Nags Head; three sons, Walter Smith of Avon, Marshall Smith of Norfolk, and Herman Smith, Jr., of Manteo; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Crawley of Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Tris Savage of Norfolk; one brother, Ivey Smith of Philadelphia, Pa.; 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

TREASURE HUNTERS FIND THINGS IN UPPER DARE

Duck.—Indications that a long forgotten community existed just north of this upper Dare County village on the east shore of Currituck Sound has been proven again recently by amateur "beachcombing" archeologists.

Latest finds have included pieces of pottery and porcelain, an Indian type clay pipe, many bones (of animals or humans) perfectly preserved tusks, presumably from wild boars that may have once roamed the area, odd-shaped clay bricks and one coin, a copper piece bearing the date "1734."

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Wise and their children of Manteo made the find. Mrs. Wise, attending a convention of nurses in Washington D. C. last week took the coin along to show to government museum experts in efforts to identify it. Earlier this year, Walter Carroll of Durham, a frequent summer visitor in the Nags Head region of Dare, had also made some unusual finds at the site.

No person residing in the village of Duck today can give any information about a community at the spot where the "treasure-trove" is located. Early maps of the region show an Inlet near the site. On some of the early maps of 300 or more years ago, the inlet is identified as "Trinity Harbor" which was the place where the earliest English explorers sent to the New World by Sir Walter Raleigh during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. That was during the late 16th Century. The coin which Mrs. Wise found bore a date almost two centuries later.

NORTHEASTER TROUBLES FOLK ALONG COAST

Gales This Week Force Sea Tides Over Beach, Damaging Highway

Strong winds, prevailing Wednesday night and Thursday of this week, have resulted in considerable minor damage along the North Carolina Coast. High seas running across the beach in Dare County have done considerable damage to the new road north of Oregon Inlet, and the road south of Rodanthe.

High water at nine o'clock Thursday morning saw considerable water on the road at Nags Head Coast Guard station, where it has run across the beach. The Coast Guard station vicinity is one of the places sand fences were not built, and the beach remains relatively lower at this point. The sea ran over the beach at other places in Nags Head.

Damage to the road south of Nags Head was due principally to the reason that the fill for the road is comparatively new and easily displaced by action of wind or water. Also, no aprons were provided for the edges of asphalt left raw when the road was built.

Winds continued throughout the day at upwards of 40 miles per hour.

No local damage was reported other than damage to new road fills. A ship was reported adrift some 20 miles off Nags Head, and Coast Guard rescue boat Cherokee was standing by. The vessel endangered was a liberty ship, the Lucy Stone, being towed by a Moran Towing Co. tug.

DARE SHRINERS ARE BUILDING CLUBHOUSE

The Dare County Shrine Club has begun work on their new clubhouse. Location of the new place is at the south end of Nags Head. To be of frame construction, it will be 50 x 100 feet and in front it will be two-story for 16 feet. The Shriners plan to have it completed by the 1st of January, with much of the work being done in spare time by members. Sufficient funds have not as yet been raised for completion of the building, but the club has several fund-raising plans for the future.

GARDEN CLUB MAGAZINE FEATURES HATTERAS LIGHT

A photograph of the Cape Hatteras lighthouse at night is Manteo's contribution to the 1952 edition of The North Carolina Gardener Engagement Calendar which The Garden Club of North Carolina has just issued.

Resplendent in a color cover, showing Airlie Garden azaleas in bloom against a background of moss-laden trees, the booklet carries 55 photographs, including scenic views, homes and gardens, close-ups of flower specimens, and blue ribbon arrangements from flower shows.

The full page pictures are opposite weekly calendar pages, marked off for morning, afternoon and evening arrangements, with the extra pictures taking care of pages furnished for notes. Each calendar page is footnoted by gardening hints for the week.

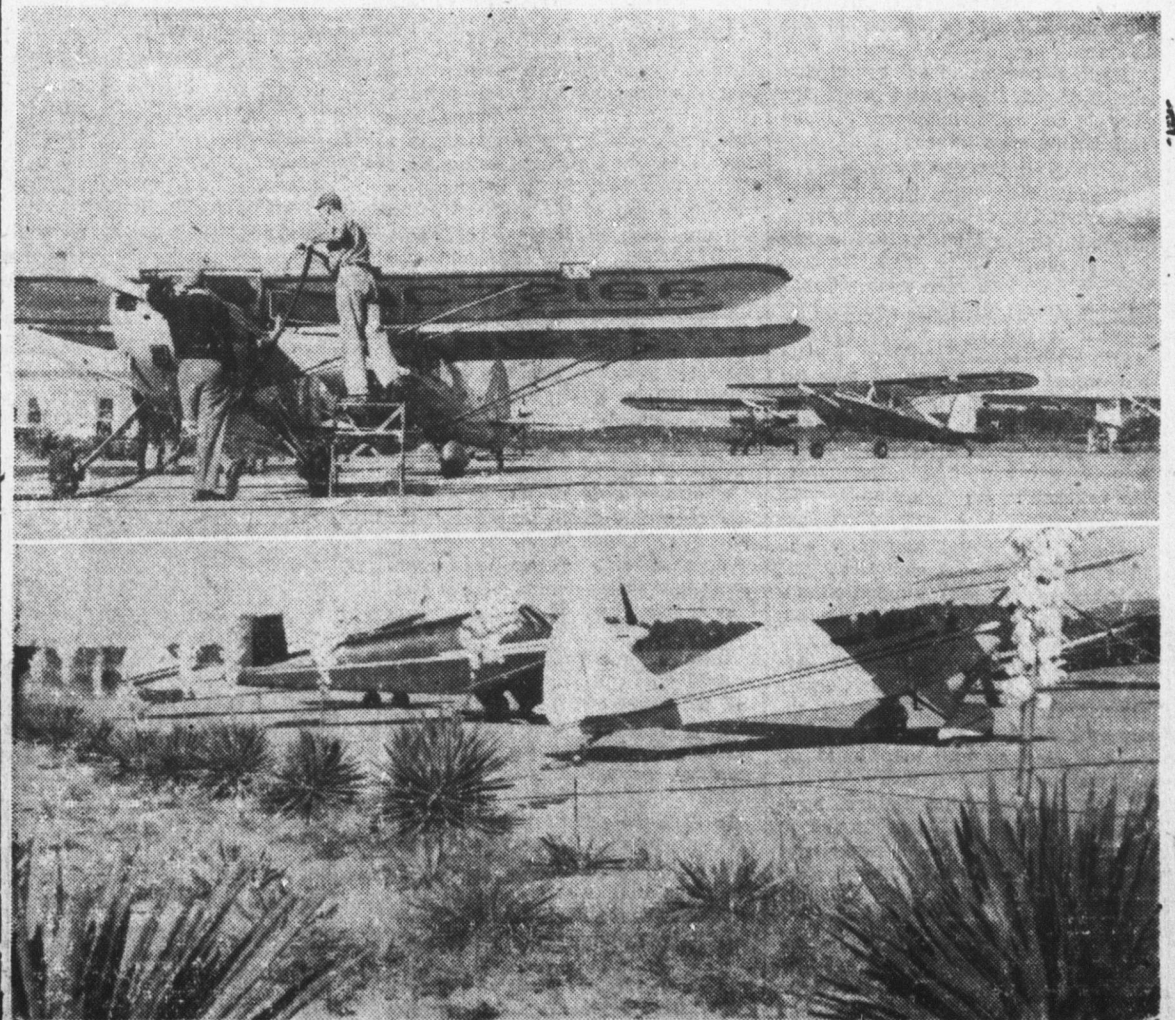
In addition, the full 1952 calendar is carried inside the front cover and the full 1953 calendar inside the back cover. These covers, incidentally, are waterproofed for the first time in the three year history of the Gardener engagement calendar. This edition marks a first, also, for the color cover.

Mrs. George J. Scarle, of Asheville, is chairman of the calendar committee. The first edition of 10,000 calendars is selling rapidly, and Mrs. Scarle is querying the clubs to see if it will be necessary to print another edition. Proceeds from the publication are divided between the scholarship fund of The Garden Club of North Carolina, which is given a student in landscape gardening at State College, and the individual clubs on the basis of their sales for assistance with their local projects.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

School committeemen and principals in Dare County are being urged by the Superintendent, Mrs. Mary L. Evans to attend a meeting of the N. C. School Board Association to be held in Chapel Hill, November 6. It is proposed that a special bus be chartered to leave from Manteo, leaving about 4:30 A. M., at a cost of \$6.96 each for a minimum of 25 people. Mrs. Evans urges a good attendance from Dare, since it would be the first time the county has been represented at such meeting.

MANTEO AIRPORT BECOMES MECCA FOR MANY PLANES



Under the management of Bill Henderson, the Manteo Airport has been the mecca for many planes during recent weeks. Sometimes they come singly and at other times many planes of various types use the airport facilities. Those in photos were at the airport this month on a week end when the Pegasus Flying Club of Glen Burnie, Md., came to the Dare coast on their annual autumn fishing flight. At that time the Maryland flyers were amazed to find the yucca (locally known as bear grass) in blossom. In upper photo Manager Henderson is shown gassing one of the cruisers. Henderson recently flew one of the world's smallest planes to the Manteo Airport, a self-made job, with a wing-spread of only 15 feet, which may be seen by visitors and which will be demonstrated in flights on the week end if flying weather is favorable. (Photos by Aycock Brown).