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## TEACHERS RALLY TO BE SATURDAY, NOV. 17, MANTEO

State School Officials to Attend Meeting and Return for Inspection Monday

Two state school officials will attend the county-wide rally of teachers in Manteo Saturday, Nov. 17. Mrs. Mary L. Evans, Superintendent, announces that A. B. Combs, Assistant Director of Instructional Service, and Homer Lassiter, State Elementary Supervisor, will attend this meeting in the Manteo school. They will return Monday and visit several of the schools of the county to make inspections.

The board of education this week took official note of these forthcoming teachers meetings, and said that in future those who teach in Dare County will expect all teachers to attend. During the past few years, considerable difference on the part of some teachers has been manifested toward these meetings, which are intended to aid teachers in the work, and to make for better schools.

## R. H. BALLANCE, MERCHANT OF HATTERAS, DIES

Was Highly Regarded Citizen; Ill for Several Months.

Reuben H. Ballance, 61, merchant and highly regarded citizen and lifelong resident of Hatteras died early Thursday morning at his home after an illness of several months. He was the son of the late Bascom and Dorcas Gaskins Ballance, and the husband of Charlotte Oden Ballance.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Roy Gray and Mrs. Harold Midgett of Hatteras; two sisters, Mrs. Willie Austin of Oriental and Mrs. Nelson Stowe of Hatteras and two brothers Cecil and Victor Ballance.

He had been engaged in the fish and mercantile business all of his life. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 Friday morning. Burial will be in the family plot.

## COUNCIL SESSION NOVEMBER 28 WITH AVON YOUTH CLUB

State Recreation Specialist To Attend Session; To Outline Plans for Recreation

How can I keep the kids occupied? What am I going to do with them around the house all day? Why do our teen-agers always have to be going somewhere and never want to stay around home? Quite possibly some of these questions and problems will be solved for those parents who attend the Recreation Workshop to be held in Dare County this month.

Miss Virginia Gregory, Recreation specialist with the State Recreation Commission will conduct sessions in Avon during the afternoon and evening of November 26th, with the Avon Youth Club acting as host for the Workshop; and in Manteo in the Community Building during the afternoons and evenings of November 27 and 28. She will bring to teachers, parents, youth leaders and young people interested, ways and means to have good wholesome fun at home, at school and in clubs.

"This is a rare opportunity for Dare County; and every parent who is interested in her children; every teacher who wants to do a better job of all-round education in the classroom, every youth leader who needs fresh ideas and help in promotion, should take advantage of having an expert here give us practical help, inspiration and answers to problems that are confronting us all." So says Mrs. David Stick, President of the Dare County Council for Youth which is sponsoring the Workshop with the help of the Home and County Agents. Any who attended the one session Miss Gregory held last February in Manteo, can vouch for the fact that a good time was had by all, and since the sessions are open to everyone, don't stay away even if you don't have any use for the ideas you will get, right away."

A session for the Negro community is being planned and Mrs. Stick hopes arrangements can be made for Miss Gregory to conduct a session on Wednesday morning, Feb. 28 there. Mrs. Lillian Boone organized youth activities last year and had made great strides in trying to provide the right kind of recreation for the young people. See COUNCIL, Page Eight

## MANTEO DELIGHTED WITH FRIENDS VISIT

Rev. Jesse T. Draper Who Served Methodists Here 37 Years Ago and Son Leon Visit Former Acquaintances

Rev. Jesse T. Draper, now 86 and retired, living in Warrenton, visited Manteo and spent the night this week, renewing acquaintances with old friends he met when he served the Methodist Churches of Roanoke Island 37 years ago.

He was accompanied by his son, Dr. Leon Draper of Corpus Christi, Texas, and his son-in-law, W. A. Miles of Warrenton. They stopped at the Fort Raleigh Hotel. Mrs. Draper is living and in good health at Warrenton.

Dr. Leon Draper, who was remembered with great pleasure by his schoolmates of 37 years ago when they attended the first Manteo High School in a building then occupying the site of the home of George Creef, was about the most apt student in his class. After leaving Manteo he got his A.B. at Duke, and medical education at the University of Maryland. He then attended the University of Oklahoma Medical School where he graduated and took his internship. He set up a large hospital in Amarilla, Texas, for the Continental Oil Company and ran it several years. In 1942 he entered the Navy, served through the war with rank of Commander in the Naval Air Service, and has since been engaged in private practice in Corpus Christi, his office being at 207 Wilson Building.

The Drapers were greatly impressed with the many changes that have taken place since their residence here. Rev. Mr. Draper is a remarkable man for his age, and last year flew to Texas to visit his son.

## ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT SATURDAY AT KITTY HAWK

Usual Event Planned for School Improvement Fund; An Interesting Event Planned

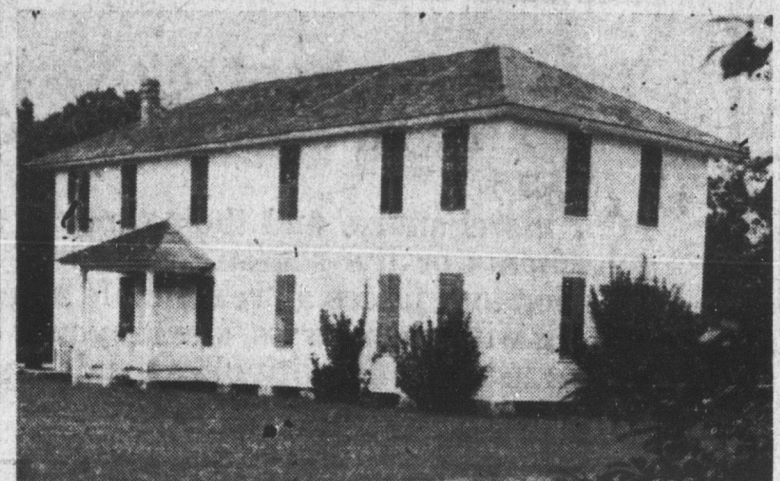
The annual Thanksgiving turkey shoot of the Kitty Hawk Civic Club will be held this Saturday, November 17. Shooting will begin at noon and continue until all of the turkeys have been given away.

The turkey shoot will be held opposite the Kitty Hawk School, and rifles and ammunition will be provided for the contestants. Members of the Kitty Hawk Parent Teachers Association will be on hand to sell coffee and sandwiches throughout the afternoon. Proceeds will go toward the school improvement fund.

Last year a number of residents of other communities purchased tickets for the turkey shoot, with the best shots in Kitty Hawk doing their shooting for them. Melvin Daniels, Register of Deeds, was one of those who won a turkey without firing a shot.

Cost for contestants will be three shots for a dollar, and visitors are invited to participate.

## CROW HILL ACADEMY AFTER 48 YEARS HOUSES ONE OF REGION'S STRONGEST MASONIC LODGES



WANCHESE LODGE, No. 581 A. F. & A. M. has become justly famed as one of the most active and largest rural lodges in all eastern North Carolina. In January next it will be 49 years old. Because so many of its members include sea-faring men of the North Carolina coast, its membership is now scattered all over the globe. It has had good financial management, owns its own Lodge hall, which is among the best in the region, and it has money in the bank. At our request, Melvin R. Daniels, lodge orator and historian, has furnished us with the following sketch of the history of this famous lodge.

By MELVIN R. DANIELS

On January 13th, 1903, a small group of men met at Wanchese and organized what is known as Wanchese Lodge No. 521, A. F. & A. M., with the following officers: William St. Clair Pugh, Master; C. R. Taylor, Senior Warden; E. R. Daniels, Junior Warden; W. J. Griffin, Secretary. The other members were: Chas. Bailey Daniels, W. P. Lennon, U. G. Johnston, Robert W. Smith, Jeff D. and Matthias Hayman, (brothers), Major C. and L. John Pugh, (father and son), Peter G. Gallop and Willis Tillet. Of these only two are now living—W. J. Griffin of Manteo and J. D. Hayman of Wanchese.

Wanchese Lodge has steadily grown from this small group to a membership of nearly 300. The lodge hall was and still is, on the upper floor of what was known as Crow Hill Academy, now Wanchese Lodge Hall (the Masons having purchased the building). The members have spent quite a lot of money on the building. They have enlarged it by the addition of 20 feet on the west end of the building, and it now has a modern kitchen, equipped with a gas cook stove, it has gas heaters, both in the kitchen and lodge hall. The building has a very large dining room and is often used for District meetings of the lodges of North-eastern North Carolina.

The members of Wanchese Lodge are justly proud of their lodge and the lasting good it has done for the community and for other parts of the county (about one-third of the membership is between Oregon Inlet and Hatteras Inlet) and the lodge is proud of the brethren on the "Banks" for, in all things, they are loyal to the lodge.

Since the beginning of the lodge, the following, to name a few, have been masters: W. P. Lennon, U. G. Johnston, William S. Baum, Marcus L. Midgett, Leo E. Midgett, Wilton M. Joliff, Russell I. Leake, William St. C. Pugh, Frank M. Cahoon, Robert H. Midgett and Chas. R. Taylor.

Those serving as Secretary have been: W. J. Griffin, Chas. W. Pugh, See ACADREMY, Page Eight

## DARE SHERIFF MASTER WANCHESE MASONS



SHERIFF FRANK M. CAHOON, the present Master of Wanchese Lodge No. 521 A. F. & A. M. took office Dec. 1948. Sheriff Cahoon, who is the son of Mrs. Sarah Cahoon and the late A. M. Cahoon of East Lake, has lived on Roanoke Island since 1932. He is Sunday School Superintendent and Deacon of the Baptist Church in Manteo, member of the Lions Club, and is active in business, being a partner in the Miramar Tourist Court at Nags Head, the Manteo Boat-building Co. and other enterprises. He is a generous community worker and always friendly. He was elected Sheriff in 1946 and is now serving his second term which runs to 1954. He married Miss Charles See SHERIFF, Page Eight

## TWIFORDS FUNERAL HOME OPENS NORFOLK BRANCH

Twifords Funeral Home which has been operating in Elizabeth City for 15 years, and has branches in Manteo, Hatteras and Hertford, announces the opening of a new funeral home in Norfolk, Va. The Norfolk branch is located at 34th and Granby Streets, the telephone is 41048.

## 'FRIENDLY SUIT' IS PLAN TO SETTLE SCHOOL DISPUTE

Boards in Joint Session Hopeful that Court Ruling Will Solve Hatteras High School Problem

The final say about who has the right to choose the site for the Cape Hatteras Island High School is to be left to the Supreme Court, and a "friendly suit" is to be brought, according to action taken by the Dare County Board of Education this week. On motion of Ellis Gray of Avon, the Board agreed with him that it appeared the only way to learn who had the power, the county school board, or the state school board, to determine the location of the school. The county board has been holding out for the Avon site; the state board for the Buxton site.

On motion of Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Lawrence Swain, the Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to support the Board of Education in obtaining an interpretation of the law as applying to power to locate school buildings.

This appears the only way the boards can find to enable the children of the Outer Banks to get the benefit of the money that has been available for two years to build them a school but which has been held up because the dispute over the location between Buxton and Avon proponents has not been settled.

The joint meeting of the commissioners and board of education this week was a harmonious effort to work out problems for the progress of the county, and its schools.

## NORFOLK PLANS INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SHOW

Manteo People Invited to Attend Three-Day Event Opening Nov. 24

The South's first International Motor Show, a three-day event featuring some of Europe's finest and fastest automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles, will open in a gala ceremony at the Norfolk, Va. Municipal Auditorium at noon, Saturday, November 24, the Norfolk Port Authority said today in extending a special invitation to the people of the Manteo area.

This unique event, to be attended by ranking British and European automotive industrialists, as well as Government and naval officials, is designed to focus world attention on the advantages and potential of the Virginia-Carolina regional port-industry-commerce complex.

The International Motor Show will boast a wider variety of types and models than were displayed at the recent London, England, Auto Show according to trade sources who pointed to the many "export" models scheduled for showing and to such unusual motor cars as the Jaguar XK-120, world's fastest sports car, whose guaranteed top speed is indicated by the designation, "120." See NORFOLK, Page Eight

## BIG GAME HUNTERS FINDING RARE SPORT THESE DAYS ON DARE COUNTY'S MAINLAND

Mountaineers from Bear Land Come to the Coast to Kill Bruin in Swamps of Dare; "Swan Thick as Tadpoles" Reported from Currituck Sound, Indicating Prospects of Good Wildfowl Season.

## ROAD PROSPECTS CAUSE BUILDING ON OUTER BANKS

Citizens Make Considerable Investment in Providing More Tourist Accommodations

Hope for early completion of the last link in the highway to Hatteras has given encouragement to a large investment on the part of far-seeing citizens in construction of tourist courts, apartments and hotels. One of the larger projects is a 20-room hotel now being constructed by Charles T. Williams of Avon. This hotel is located at the principal entrance to the town.

A. S. Austin of Hatteras is building tourist cottages on the ocean front. Mr. Austin also owns a number of modern apartments in town, built three years ago. Dan Oden of Hatteras is erecting a tourist accommodation near the harbor.

George Fuller of Buxton is also erecting an up to date group of cottages for tourists at Cape Hatteras. Henry Earl Tandy of Frisco is completing a large recreation center, it being one of the largest buildings on the entire island, and located on the open beach shortly west of Frisco.

Many new homes have been built in the past two years, with others under construction, indicating a renewed interest among the people in remaining on the outer banks. During the many years of discouragement, when it seemed that the people of Hatteras Island had been completely forgotten by the highway people, there was a large migration of citizens, who located in other communities, seeking better schools, better roads and better opportunities of earning a living.

## ELIZABETH CITY TO HEAR SMITH AT HOMECOMING

North Carolina Senator to Attend Sesquicentennial Dinner

Senator Willis Smith, who spent his boyhood in Elizabeth City, will come back home for the sesquicentennial homecoming dinner Wednesday night, November 21, as one of the speakers, it is announced by S. Wade Marr, overall chairman of sesquicentennial arrangement.

It had been announced previously that Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., vice president of the Welch Candy Company, of Cambridge, Mass., See HOMECOMING, Page Eight

By AYCOCK BROWN  
Stumpy Point.—Two bear, the largest a 300-pounder, have been killed in Gum Swamp between Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point during the past week end. Farther west in the East Lake area of Dare County's mainland, more than 30 deer have been killed during the current big game hunting season, according to Stanford White, game protector of the area.

The big bears were killed on the past week end. The first and largest was chased from deep in the adjacent swamp on Saturday morning to the vicinity of U. S. Highway 264. The hunters were waiting for the animal but even after it was shot he almost got away by swimming the roadside canal. Another bullet did the job as he was clammoring up the bank of the canal.

The second bear, a 250-pounder, was shot on Monday morning.

The bear hunters, headed by C. W. Wiseman of Altamont, in the western North Carolina mountains and guided by Alton Best of Stumpy Point had brought almost 100 hounds to the coast for the current big hunt of the biggest game remaining wild in this state. The dogs, one-eighth Plott, with a mixture of airedale and red-bone hounds, are husky animals trained especially for bear hunting.

The Wiseman party arrived here last Friday. They have rented a local house in which to live during their big hunt. About 15 mountaineers and a number of local residents are taking part in the hunt. Following the first two kills, the hunters were of the opinion that at least two more bear are in the area of Gum Swamp where the hunt is taking place.

To the westward in the 200,000 acre wooded tract that covers most of the Dare mainland are more bears. So rugged is the terrain that hunting the animals in most of the forest land is extremely difficult.

In the East Lake, Stumpy Point and Manns Harbor sector are plenty of deer this year. The State Wildlife Resources Commission estimates the deer population on the Dare mainland at more than 2,000, according to information received on the coast a few days ago from Clyde Patton, head of the commission.

Only 30 deer have been reported killed so far this season. Heavy rains recently have been a break for the bear and deer. It is impossible due to swampy conditions for dogs to train big game. Sportsmen who go in for big game hunting seem to be well satisfied with their results on the Dare mainland this season.

Swan Are As Thick as Tadpoles  
Old timers in the Kitty Hawk and Duck regions of the eastern bays of Albemarle Sound and the lower reaches of Currituck Sound are saying that swan are more See HUNTERS, Page Eight

## WANCHESE MASONS HEAR OF ORPHANAGE

A DeLeon Gray Tells of Work Done at Oxford and Needs of Institution; Collection of \$62.25 Taken Up

Some 60 Masons attending an oyster supper at Wanchese Lodge A. F. & A. M. Monday night were pleased and impressed with the masterful address of A. DeLeon Gray, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, which cares for many destitute children. The work of the orphanage was outlined, and it was shown that more than \$800 per year per child is spent at the orphanage.

Nine members from Rodanthe and Waves came to Wanchese for the night. They were, from Waves, Asa Gray, Sr. and Asa Gray, Jr., Newcomb Midgett, Horatio Midgett, Nelson Midgett, all but four of the member living in that area; and from Rodanthe, Alexander Minkins, Rudolph Midgett, Levene Midgett, Herbert Midgett.

Several attended from Kitty Hawk including Russell Perry, Coulter Tillet, Colon Perry, Carlos Dowdy, Pennell Tillet, Herman Tillet.

The hat was passed and \$62.25 was contributed for the orphanage. Melvin Daniels presented the speaker. Ladies of the Eastern Star served the supper—Hyde County oysters from Engelhard.

## DARE COUNTY HOME CLUBS HELD ONE OF BIGGEST DISTRICT MEETINGS AT RODANTHE



RODANTHE recently was host to one of the biggest and most thoroughly enjoyed district home club meetings ever held in this part of the state, and the above picture by Aycock Brown gives some idea

of the size of the gathering, which met in the Rodanthe School. In the background will be seen the famed Coast Guard Station of Chicomicomico. We do not have the names of all those in the picture, but are able to recognize a

few. We leave it to the readers to figure out the rest. In the group will be seen Mrs. Susie Payne, Rodanthe; Miss Mary Kirby, Home Agent; Mrs. Emma Bassett, Frisco; Mrs. Mag Tillet, Kitty Hawk; Mrs. Florine Williams,

Wanchese; Mrs. Nora Herbert, Rodanthe; Mrs. Carrie Daniels, Wanchese; Mrs. Nellie Farrow, Waves; Mrs. Leola Rollinson, Buxton; Mrs. A. W. Drinkwater and Mrs. Tom Etheridge, Manteo; Mrs. Kathryn Perry, Kitty Hawk;

Mrs. Minnie Lee Toler, Kitty Hawk; Miss Ruth Current, State Home Agent, Raleigh; Mrs. Laura Beck, Rodanthe; Mrs. Mattie Midgett, Waves; Mrs. Leo Midgett, Manteo. Mrs. Verona Langford, District Home Agent.