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VETERANS URGED TO PREPARE FOR GRATER ACTIVITY

Service Officer in Dare Calls Attention to Rally Planned for Next Week

Veterans of Dare County are urged to rally to the support of their organization which is now planning a new membership drive, and J. M. Vannote, Dare County Service Officer, has issued a letter to all members of these organizations, reminding them of the rally planned for next Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 in the community building in Manteo.

Nash D. McKee, State Adjutant, North Carolina Department of the American Legion, is to be the principal speaker at the meeting in Manteo, Mr. Vannote stated this week. Other visitors will be Stephen H. Ross, District Service Officer, and Howard Winstead, commander of the Seth Perry Post of Elizabeth City, who will be accompanied by several legionnaires from that town.

Veterans are urged to come prepared to pay their dues. Mr. Vannote in his statement says in part: "Since 1946 the membership in the various organizations has been declining and the benefits payable to our disabled comrades and their survivors have been declining proportionately. For instance; since May 1941, the cost of living has increased 80 per cent. Of the six categories of pension and compensation payable to disabled veterans and their dependents, only one has been increased as much as the cost of living. The other categories have had increases ranging from 20 to 67 per cent.

"Other veterans' rights have experienced similar fates. Every Service Officer is well-aware of the increasing difficulty in securing hospitalization for even our service-connected cases, caused by the fact that the hospital building program, and the procurement of medical staffs has not kept pace with the growing number of veterans.

"Last April, Congress took away from more than 18,000,000 veterans their right to obtain new Government Insurance. Six years after World War II, there still are no adequate provisions for the widows and orphans of veterans of that war. A year and a half after the start of the "Korean Incident," there are no provisions for transition from military to civilian life as was provided for veterans of World War II. Indeed, some rights and benefits earned by Korean Veterans (by virtue of their service during World War II) have not as yet been protected for them.

There is a great task facing our veterans' organizations, and to do the job as it should be done, they need the support of ALL veterans. It is time for all veterans to pitch in and help the 4,000,000 veterans who have been carrying the load."

60 ATTEND BIBLE CLASS DINNER WANCHESE FRI.

Outstanding Class of Methodist Church Celebrates; Women Raise Large Gift for Pastor

Sixty attended the turkey dinner Friday night in the Wanchese School, when the Men's Bible Class, one of the biggest Sunday School classes in the coastland put on its annual celebration. Melvin R. Daniels, Class President, was master of ceremonies, and speakers were: Rev. C. W. Guthrie, the pastor; Rev. H. R. Ashmore, pastor of the Manteo church; C. S. Meekins, Wanchese Sunday School Supt., who gave great praise to the cooperation of the class and the teacher, V. G. Williams.

Others who were recognized for their good work in connection with the class were Peter Tillett, Secretary-Treasurer; Ralph Meekins, assistant teacher; Steve Tillett, treasurer of the "Jug Fund;" and Mrs. Bob Green and her assistants, who not only arranged the dinner, but it was her class who worked up a genuine "pounding" for Mr. Guthrie, who was presented with three large baskets of groceries. Mrs. Green's See DINNER, Page Eight

Z. F. PERRY IN HOSPITAL

Zenith F. Perry, well known merchant of Kitty Hawk is in Alhambra Hospital in Elizabeth City, where he was taken last week for an operation. His condition the first of the week was reported good.

LEGION ADJUTANT TO SPEAK IN MANTEO



NASH D. McKee of Raleigh is adjutant of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion. He will speak in Manteo Dec. 12. Mr. McKee, World War II veteran, served overseas with the 100th Division, and following his discharge from the Army, served a term on the Charlotte City Council and was the youngest person See ADJUTANT, Page Eight

DOOR DECORATION CONTEST SCHEDULED

Home Demonstration Clubs to Award Ribbons for Most Beautiful Arrangements

Beautification of homes for the Christmas season is to be stressed again this year by the Home Demonstration Clubs of Dare County. Door decorations will be judged in Manteo, Wanchese and Stumpy Point the week before Christmas, and ribbons will be awarded winners of first, second and third places.

Arrangements will be judged on simplicity, originality and inexpensiveness.

W. O. BARNETT HOST TO MANN'S HARBOR RURITANS

The Directors of the Manns Harbor Ruritan Club held their regular meeting at the home of W. O. Barnett Monday night Dec. 3rd, with nine members present. In the absence of the president, T. O. Sutton acted as chairman for the meeting. After a short discussion of old and new business the meeting was turned over to that genial host, W. O. Barnett, who supervised the entire group by serving a complete course of fresh hogs feet, baked corn bread and hot coffee. "Uncle Bill" thinks this is a fitting conclusion to large Oyster stew, crackers and hot coffee. Those present were T. O. Sutton, C. W. Mann, Thelbert Tillett, Edward White, Wallace Taylor, Wilbur Pinner, John Midgett, Will Mann and W. O. Barnett.

NORTH CAROLINA SINGER IN SCHOOL FOR LOVERS



David Witherspoon, tenor, will sing the role of Ferrando on December 8 when the Manteo P.T.A. will present the Grass Roots Opera Company's production of SCHOOL FOR LOVERS. Mr. Witherspoon is well known throughout the South as a fine concert and radio artist, and his large repertoire of oratorio roles makes him one of the state's most sought-after oratorio soloists. SCHOOL FOR LOVERS will be sung in English according to the policy of the Grass Roots Opera Company.

ASKED TO SPEND \$100,000 TO RUN THE LOST COLONY

Directors Meet Wednesday; Bruce Etheridge Named Chairman of Board

The adoption of revised by-laws, the election of directors, and the presentation of reports featured the luncheon business session of the Roanoke Island Historical Association at the Sir Walter in Raleigh Wednesday.

R. Bruce Etheridge of Manteo, former director of the State Department of Conservation and Development, was elected temporary chairman by the directors. Retiring Chairman Bill Sharpe of Raleigh presided at the session, which was held in conjunction with the annual meetings of five other of the state's cultural organizations to be held in Raleigh this week.

Those elected directors for two-year terms were: Gertrude Carraway of New Bern; Dr. C. Sylvester Green, Chapel Hill; Guy H. Lennon, Manteo; T. S. Meekins, Manteo; Mrs. Betty Smith, Chapel Hill; Mrs. Charles A. Cannon, Concord; Bishop T. H. Wright, Wilmington; I. P. Davis, Winton; Russell A. Gruman, Chapel Hill; Ralph Nicholson, Charlotte; R. Bruce Etheridge, Manteo; Melvin Daniels, M. K. Fearing, and C. S. Meekins, all of Manteo; Chester S. Davis, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Ingles Fletcher, Edenton; Carl Goerch and Jonathan Daniels, both of Raleigh; and John W. Parker of Chapel Hill.

General Manager William Hardy of "The Lost Colony" reported a preliminary budget estimate for next season totaling \$100,300.

Hardy also told the group that, under recent Congressional legislation, there is a possibility that "The Lost Colony" will be exempted from paying the 20 per cent Federal amusement tax which may mean a saving of between \$16,000 and \$17,000 last year.

Hardy characterized last season as the best in recent years, with attendance—53,500—slightly higher than the previous year, and a total revenue, including money received from the State's contingency fund, amounting to \$101,461. The season ended with an operating profit of \$13,370 he reported.

Overlooked was contributions given the Lost Colony, otherwise it would show in the red as in all other years.

Jonathan Daniels reminded the group that December 1953, will mark the 50th anniversary of the first airplane flight, and the board of directors authorized the temporary chairman to appoint a committee to cooperate with the Kill Devil Hill Society in preparing a suitable celebration.

90-DAY SENTENCE FOR NON-SUPPORT

Crack Down Begins on Deserters; Possession of Doe Deer Draws Down \$50 Fine

The first case of what may be a crack down on deserters who will not support their families, (a great problem of the Dare County Welfare Department) began Tuesday when William (Bill) Midgett, colored, was given a 90 day road sentence in Dare Recorder's court, suspended on condition that he pay his family, wife and five children \$15 a week, provide firewood and an ax at the woodpile, and replace the windows in the home in which they live. This is a long-standing, aggravated case, and there are a number of others soon to call for attention.

Birdie Hudson was brought into court for having a doe deer in his possession and was fined \$50 and costs, but he appealed the case to superior court. Game Protector Moseley of Tyrrell County brought the case to court.

United Laboratories brought a suit against Frank Stick for a three year old account for materials which the defense contended were inferior and not as represented, and for which he pleaded adequate payment had been tendered with an offer to return the materials. The case was non-suited on the plea of the statute of limitations.

GRASS ROOTS OPERA COMING TO MANTEO

Large Crowd Expected to Attend School for Lovers

On Saturday, December 8, the Manteo PTA will present the Grass Roots Opera Company at the Manteo school auditorium in a performance of Mozart's delightful comic opera SCHOOL FOR LOVERS in English.

SCHOOL FOR LOVERS tells the story of Don Alfonso, an elderly bachelor, who tries to convince two young soldiers, Ferrando and Gratiano, that their sweethearts Leonora and Dorabella, if given a fair chance will prove disloyal to them. The young lovers deny this and wager a of \$100 is laid that, if the men will follow Don Alfonso's instructions, the girls will accept other lovers and husbands within forty-eight hours.

Don Alfonso soon thereafter visits the girls in the garden and, mock grief, tells them that their lovers have been called to active military duty. The girls are broken hearted and the boys come in and bid a sad and loving farewell and ostensibly leave for camp. The next day Don Alfonso brings the young lovers, now disguised, to visit the garden again, where they are introduced to their unsuspecting sweetheart as Albanian noblemen. Under their agreement with Don Alfonso, each is required to make love to the other's sweetheart.

Despina, the maid, who is not averse to promoting or engaging in affairs of the heart, is, for a consideration paid by Don Alfonso, an enthusiastic participant in the plot to have the two girls fall in love with the new lovers, but smart as she is, she does not recognize the Albanian noblemen as Ferrando and Gratiano—this is, not until the very last minutes of the opera.

How this plot develops and the outcome is best left for the audience to discover for itself. Suffice it to say, that all learn a lesson in the SCHOOL FOR LOVERS.

The cast is an experienced one, have given performances of this opera during the past year. A. J. Fletcher, National Opera Chairman for the National Federation of Music Clubs, plays Don Alfonso, David Witherspoon is Ferrando, Robert Bird is Gratiano, Nancy Findley plays Leonora, Anna Applewhite is Dorabella, and Marie Van Hoy is Despina. The performance is under the direction of Robert C. Bird, National Opera Director for the Federation, and Aileen Lynn is the accompanist.

R. O. BALLANCE, PRESIDENT DARE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

R. O. Ballance of Manteo this week was elected president of the Dare County Shrine Club and Raymond Wescott, vice-president. Bob Smith continues as secretary. A. H. Ward and R. B. Lennon were added to the Board of Directors. House committee for December is A. H. Ward, Billy Cox, assistant. The club is building a new home near Nags Head which will cost from 15 to 25 thousand dollars when completed.

MANTEO BOY IN TEXAS



EVERETT E. LIVERMAN, who is taking his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carther Liverman of Manteo. Everett joined the Air Force Nov. 18. Everett used to work for the Coastland Times.

JAMES TALKS FEATURE AT KITTY HAWK CLUB

Courthouse to Be Closed Dec. 24 and 25th; Reports Heard and Tax Adjustments Made

Three representatives of the Wildlife Resources Commission met with the Kitty Hawk Civic Club Monday night, for a general discussion of game laws, conservation and law enforcement. In addition to Jack Ballance, Dare County Game Protector, the Commission's supervisor, Leon K. Thomas of Edenton, and the District biologist, Ben H. James of Williamston, met with the Kitty Hawk group.

Considerable time was devoted to a discussion of the plan to release deer in the Kitty Hawk and Duck woods, the Commission representatives being especially anxious to learn whether the residents of the area felt it would be necessary to close the season on squirrel, racoon, rabbit and fox in order to protect the deer. The consensus seemed to be that this step would not be necessary.

Mr. James announced that three deer had already been released in the wooded area north of Kitty Hawk this year, and that others will probably be released in the future. There is no open season on deer in that section.

It was announced during the meeting that the annual election of officers would be held at the January meeting of the club. Following the meeting refreshments were served.

WILSON FARROW, AGED AVON RESIDENT DIES THURSDAY

Funeral services for Wilson Farrow who died Thursday night Nov. 29 in Avon at the home of his niece, Mrs. Dallas Miller, were conducted at the Methodist church Friday at 3:30 p. m. by the Rev. P. M. Porter and assisted by Rev. L. Sigsbee Miller and Tommie Wilson. Pallbearers were: S. M. Scarborough, Walter Smith, Blucher Scarborough, Luther Hooper and Branch Meekins. Burial was in the family cemetery. He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Farrow was a brother of the late Sheriff L. D. Farrow of Dare County. He was a lifelong resident of Avon.

FLOWERS OF MANY CITIES, FOODS OF MANY LANDS PART OF DEC. 17 PROGRAM

Celebration of Anniversary of Aviation at Kill Devil Hills Promises Highly Spectacular Event; Roses from Oregon; A Wreath from Dayton, and Many Army Fighter Planes Are Features.

MANTEO SCHOOL ADDITION FIRST BOND PROJECT

J. G. Kellogg Begins Construction This Week on \$36,290 Job for Dare County

The first project to be built from the proceeds of the school bond issue of the Scott administration in Dare County began this week when J. G. Kellogg broke ground for a four room primary school addition to the Manteo unit, to cost \$36,290.

After more than two years, machinery got in motion to begin spending the \$282,318.67 due Dare County from the statewide bond issue. Next week, work will begin toward construction of a four-room unit for the negro school at Manteo. Preliminary to the construction of this school the present building will be moved to one corner lot, and the pupils will be taught for the time being in the Negro Methodist church building. The new building for Negroes will cost \$41,928 and will have three class rooms and an all purpose room.

The Manteo unit, consisting of four class-rooms, like the Negro school, will be of block and brick construction. The general contract was awarded to Mr. Kellogg, but contracts for lighting, heating, etc., go to out of town bidders.

The remaining \$204,100 of the school bond issue money will be spent with various other schools of the county, the larger part of it due to build a large consolidated school on Hatteras Island if as and when the controversy over the site of the proposed building is resolved.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR SEASON

The basketball schedule for the Manteo High School, boys and girls, for the 1951-52 season is as follows:

- Fri., Dec. 7—Kitty Hawk at Manteo.
- Tues., Dec. 11—Central at Manteo.
- Fri., Dec. 14—Manteo at Griggs.
- Tues., Dec. 18—Weeksville at Manteo.
- Tues., Jan 8—Manteo at South Mills.
- Fri., Jan 11—Moyock at Manteo.
- Tues., Jan 15—Perquimans at Manteo.
- Fri., Jan 18—Manteo at Kitty Hawk (Manteo).
- Tues., Jan 22—Manteo at Central.
- Fri., Jan 25—Griggs at Manteo.
- Tues., Jan 29 — Manteo at Weeksville.
- Fri., Feb. 1—South Mills at Manteo.
- Tues., Feb. 5—Manteo at Moyock.
- Fri., Feb. 8—Manteo at Perquimans.

Five cities across the nation will cooperate in providing memorial flowers for the 48th anniversary observance of the Wright Brothers' flight at Kill Devil Hill, Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, December 17, 1951. The flowers will grace the 65-foot granite pylon atop Kill Devil Hill, erected in memory of Orville and Wilbur Wright.

The memorial observance will begin at 10:00 A.M., with the placing of two wreaths on the monument—one in memory of each of the two flyers—by representatives of the Cities of Elizabeth City and Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, birthplace of flight. A third wreath, given by the City of Dayton, Ohio, birthplace of the flyers, will be flown to Kill Devil Hill by the Ohio Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, transferred upon arrival to a US Coast Guard helicopter, and placed on the monument from the air, in memory of man's first powered flight.

Immediately following the placing of the wreaths, a formation of thirteen F-51 fighter planes will appear over the monument, flying the memorial or "lost buddy" formation. One position in each side of the "V" formation will be vacant, indicating that two airmen are missing. The planes for these two positions will fly behind and below the formation, and will escort a Fairchild C-119 cargo plane carrying rose petals sent by air by the City of Portland, Oregon, and the Tournament of Roses Association of Pasadena, California. As the cargo plane passes over the monument, its load of rose petals will float down over the monument, while "taps" is sounded.

The program at the monument will be climaxed by a flyover of conventional and jet fighters, bombers and transports from the US Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps. The planes will demonstrate the progress made in the development of aircraft.

The day-long program will be highlighted by a memorial luncheon at the Hotel Carolinian, Nags Head, a short distance down the highway from the monument. Major Alexander P. de Seversky, well-known airpower advocate and writer, will be the principal speaker. High-ranking air officers from the military services will attend.

This 48th anniversary program is being co-sponsored by the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society and the Air Force Association. The Memorial Society is headed by Miles L. Clark, Elizabeth City business man, and was formed to commemorate the first flight. The Air Force Association is an independent organization of former and present members of the Air Force. Harold C. Stuart, former Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, is president.

The two organizations recently announced plans for the observance of the 50th, Golden, anniversary of flight, December 17, 1953.

DARE COMMISSIONERS NAME 1952 LISTTAKERS

Other than routine reports, the Dare County Board of Commissioners had little business before them this week. The Board reapportioned the tax listers for 1952, same personnel as last year, and raised the pay from \$5 per day to \$8 and mileage.

Township list takers appointed as follows are: Croatan, Mrs. Blanche Mann; East Lake, Mrs. Emily Smith; Atlantic, Mrs. Beulah Perry; Kennekeet, Mrs. Rachel Austin; Nags Head, Mrs. Lucy Midgett; Hatteras, Mrs. Edna Gray.

The Board voted to give employees at the courthouse the day off Christmas eve as well as Christmas; the courthouse will be closed on the 24th and 25th.

A grant of \$35 per month for three months was made to Luther Midgett of Wanchese who recently suffered a broken leg in a highway mishap.

CANCER CLINIC FRI. DEC. 7

The Cancer Clinic of Elizabeth City will be open to the public at 12:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month and the next clinic will be held Friday, December 7, at the Health Department.

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With Season's Best Wishes:
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