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## STICK OUTLINES WRIGHT MUSEUM PLANS PROGRESS

By AYCOCK BROWN  
Kill Devil Hills, N. C.—A museum to depict the life and accomplishments of Wilbur and Orville Wright is the plan of the committee headed by David Stick of Kill Devil Hills under the sponsorship of Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society. The museum planned will be built here at the spot where the Wrights first flew a heavier than air, powered aircraft, on December 17, 1903.

Main discussion at a meeting of the committee held in the offices of National Park Service at Washington last week was to study plans for the museum which have been drawn up by government officials of the Department of the Interior. In attendance from Dare County was Horace Dough, superintendent of the Wright Memorial National Monument here who accompanied Stick. D. V. Meekins, Manteo publisher, also a member of the committee, who has played a major role in developing plans for the project over a long period, was unable to attend the meeting.

Ronald Lee, assistant director of the Department of Interior and a member of the committee was represented at the meeting by Elbert Cox of the National Park Service. Fred Kelly, authorized biographer of the Wright brothers and a member of the committee, went to Washington from his Kensington, Md., home and he represented Roy Miller of Dayton, Ohio, another member and co-executor of the Orville Wright estate. Other committee members at the meeting included Paul Garber, curator of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air Museum and C. C. Crittenden, director of the N. C. History and Archives Commission. Charles J. Parker, director of the State Advertising Division in Raleigh was there as personal representative of Governor W. Kerr Scott and Ralph Whitener, who has played an important role in planning for the museum and organizing the Kill Devil Hill Society on a national scale, represented the Air Force Association.

## WRECKERS BUSY AS SHIP DECLARED A DERELICT

By AYCOCK BROWN  
Hatteras.—Best fed birds along the coast today are those growing fat off the cargo of unsalvageable wheat aboard the M/V Midget which broke in two during a recent storm off Cape Hatteras. The little ship, flying a Panamanian flag, finally fetched up on the Outer Reef of Portsmouth Island after her crew had abandoned her when it seemed evident that she would sink.

Not only the birds but wreckers too have been busy removing anything possible from the craft. It was reported here that Hatteras fishermen among the first to board the vessel returned with a general cargo of articles including paint, hawsers and cigarettes. Much cargo has also been removed by residents of nearby Ocracoke, according to reports.

The master of the ship reportedly went back aboard the Midget briefly following her stranding to drop the anchor which according to maritime law made the vessel still the property of the owners. If the first wreckers aboard had thought of dropping the anchor, the derelict would likewise have become their property.

Wreckers are after usable supplies mainly and not the cargo of wheat which was aboard, it was stated by a person who had visited in the vicinity of the ship. As the wheat washes ashore, birds, by the See SHIP, Page Eight

## DARE COUNTY FOLDER BEING PRINTED FOR '52

By AYCOCK BROWN  
Under the sponsorship of the Dare County Tourist Bureau a new brochure advertising the vacation attractions of the area's coastland is now being printed.

The folder in two colors will have six pages. In addition to an up-to-date map designating every community of Dare, the new 1952 brochure will carry 25 photographs from various areas of the county. Featured primarily will be the sportsfishing, beaches, historical sites and the Lost Colony. This is the first all-county brochure published for Dare in a number of years. It advertises no particular establishment or locality on the Dare Coastland but stresses the climate, and vacation advantages of the area as a whole.

Other brochures now being distributed by Dare County Tourist Bureau include North Carolina's eastern vacation map, Outer Banks brochures and fishing information pamphlets.

## TWIRLING TEACHER



With the ocean's surf as a backdrop, Sara Page Jackson of Elizabeth City will conduct her first twirling classes of the 1952 season here on Nags Head in June, it was announced this week. And then, throughout the summer she will be teaching young majorettes the art of baton twirling for one week classes in this and other states. She is nationally famous as a baton twirler and has been featured in magazines and press releases throughout the nation. This year will mark her finale at Wake Forest College where she has been chief majorette of the Demon Deacons' Band during her college career. She learned to twirl in Elizabeth City while chief majorette of that city's famous high school band, and for many summers has conducted twirling classes on the beach here and in towns and cities of the State where there are high school bands. Already she has booked several groups of majorettes for her summer classes. (Aycock Brown Photo)

## WARREN URGES CLOSER CHECK ON SPENDING

Economy in Government Essential to Economic Survival

Statesville.—Belief that "affirmative and aggressive action should be taken to impress upon those who spend the people's money that it is NOT their money," is asserted by Hon. Lindsay C. Warren, Comptroller General of the United States, in an article written for publication in a special number of The North Carolina Economy Advocate to be issued by State Secretary Paul Leonard of Statesville in connection with the Fair Tax Association's campaign to promote public sentiment favoring nomination and election of economy-minded candidates to membership in our State and national legislative bodies. A "full-time course on the subject of 'The American Taxpayer' wherever the United States bears the cost of educating or training officers and employees of the Government" is strongly advocated by Mr. Warren in his communication.

Warren, a native of North Carolina and an ardent economy advocate, served as a member of the General Assembly of his home State and as a member of Congress from the first district of North Carolina for 16 years before being appointed Comptroller General eleven years ago. Leonard, who has frequently quoted Warren in speeches, said he asked him to write the special article "because as head of the General Accounting Office there is no man in Washington who has rendered more distinctive service to American taxpayers."

The Warren article reads in part as follows: "With the national debt standing at over a quarter of a trillion dollars, it is essential to our economic survival that the operation of our government be as effective and as economical as possible in the terms of expenditures. One of the prime factors in achieving this objective is the re-establishment of the principle that Congress itself must exercise complete control over public expenditures. The leg-

## ROANOKE ISLAND GARDEN CLUB PLANS CAMPAIGN

Model Mile Along Highway To Be Developed; Dumping of Waste on Roadside Deplored

The Roanoke Island Garden Club, holding its February meeting at Seatons, spent most of its business session in a discussion of its two big projects, the Elizabethan Garden and the Model Mile, both of which are to be carried on for a period of several years. A letter from Mrs. J. M. Tyler, Editor of the North Carolina Gardener, was read to the club. Mrs. Tyler told of the interest the Elizabethan Garden project was developing, not only in the state of North Carolina, but throughout the United States, and in parts of England. The letter was written to all of the clubs in North Carolina, but was of special interest to the local club. News that the garden clubs throughout the state had gone forward generously toward raising \$10,000 dollars for the development of the garden, raised the question in the Roanoke Island Club as to what could be done locally toward starting the clean up of the proposed site. State garden club members will be visiting The Lost Colony all summer with a side interest in the site for the Elizabethan Garden.

The Model Mile project got its beginning through the appointing of a Survey Committee, by the club president, Mrs. A. W. Drinkwater. See CAMPAIGN, Page Five

## OCRACOKE PTA PRESENTS COMEDY

Youngsters Learn Something of Old-Time Mischief of Grandfather's Day

Members of the Ocracoke P.T.A. presented a play on Friday night—the Village School—proving that many of the participants have real dramatic talent. Marvin Howard as the schoolmaster, Mr. Fuzzy-Wuzzy, and Theodore Rothaler, singing teacher, Mr. Horse-Gruntle, exhibited professional dignity only sometimes diminished by the antics of their thirty adult school children. The dunce stool and the paddle were in quite constant use, and doubtless present-day school children in the audience learned from their parents several new ways to annoy their teachers. Appropriate recitations, songs, and costumes added to the success of the presentation.

The visit of the local school committee—Capt. Ike O'Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Tolson, Mrs. W. Y. Stewart, and Mrs. Ruby Garrish—brought out old-fashioned costumes long since forgotten. Mothers of three first graders—Mrs. Selma Spencer, Mrs. Calvin O'Neal, and Mrs. Harvey Wahab—bringing their reluctant little ones to school for the time, made a big hit. Scholars were: first graders—Kermit Robinson, Bertha O'Neal, Elizabeth G. Howard, Calvin O'Neal, Virginia Esham, Rebecca Spencer, and Howard Wahab; third grade—Monford Garrish, Eph Esham, Ellen Robinson; fourth grade—Thurston Gaskill, Irvin Garrish, Elizabeth O'Neal Howard, Harvey Wahab, Iva Garrish; fifth grade—Nora Gaskill, Janice Taylor, Lorena Williams, Virginia Austin, Lucile Garrish, Ben Spencer, and Jesse Garrish.

Following the presentation of the play, the group enjoyed an old-time square dance. Proceeds of the play go to the P. T. A. treasury.

## VANNOTE ANNOUNCES LEGION FUND DRIVE

J. M. Vannote, active Legionnaire of Manteo, N. C., has been named chairman for the Legion Rehabilitation Fund campaign of Dare County, it is announced by Louis Parker, Elizabethtown, Department Commander and Chairman for the fund drive.

The Legion Rehabilitation Fund is appealing for funds in Dare County to support the activity of the American Legion's rehabilitation and service work in North Carolina.

All funds contributed through this drive will be used exclusively in rendering the services required by disabled veterans, dependent children, widows, orphans and veterans needing assistance in handling claims with the Veteran's Administration, Parker said. Under the Legion's Rehabilitation Program trained men and women devote full time to handling veterans' problems pertaining to compensation, pension, hospitalization, education and training, home and business loans, burial allowances, insurance and other allowable benefits. Assistance to

## 83 YEARS OLD



JOHN H. MEEKINS of Colington, celebrated his 83rd birthday at his home on Wednesday, February 13, with his family and friends. He has three children, Mrs. Evelyn Haywood, Mrs. Robanna Toler and John O. Meekins, all of Colington, 12 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren. His family and friends wish him many more Happy Birthdays.

## MRS. EVANS PRESIDENT MANTEO WOMAN'S CLUB

The Manteo Woman's Club met Tuesday, February 12, at the Community Building. The meeting was called to order by the president and the group gave pledge to the flag, sang the Clubwoman's Hymn and repeated the club collect. Mrs. Rennie Williamson presented the hymn of the month, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is." Mrs. Elmer V. Midget reported from the North Carolina Clubwoman. The following officers were voted on to serve for 1952-53 being installed at the June meeting: President, Mrs. Dennis Evans; Vice President, Mrs. Francis Meekins; Recording Sec., Miss Bessie Draper; Corresponding Sec., Miss Norma Basnight; Treasurer, Miss Mollie Fearing.

Mrs. Wallace McCowan, chairman of the Woman's Club Scholarship Fund urged all high school seniors who wished to apply for the fund to enter their applications before March 1. Those serving with Mrs. McCowan are Mrs. R. S. Smith, Miss Mollie Fearing, Mrs. Rennie Williamson, and Miss Bonnyhill Evans. Applications can be made to any of the committee members. Mrs. L. S. Meekins, Jr., presented Rev. H. R. Ashmore, who spoke on "Spiritual Foundations of Human Welfare." During the social hour, Mrs. R. S. Smith and Mrs. O. J. Jones served cake and coffee.

## NEWMAN'S TRIP INCLUDES MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Newman of Nags Head have returned from a five-week motor trip to the West Coast and other points. Returning last Wednesday from their trip, they reported visiting states of Nevada, California, Arizona, and other states on their route. A highlight of the trip was a trip down the west peninsula of Mexico, seeing much beautiful scenery, and collecting many sea shells and growths. After returning from the trip down the peninsula, they traveled deep into Mexico proper, and found road conditions poor, at one time spending two days to travel twelve miles, building a road as they went. Poor living conditions were evident, and laborers work for 36 cents a day. On their return east, they passed through Dallas and Fort Worth, Tex., Louisiana, Mississippi, and down into Florida for a few days. "It was cold in Florida," said Jess. "I took some pictures of Mary collecting shells, while wearing a heavy coat."

## MANTEO GIRLS WINNERS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Manteo girls' basketball team won first place in the final game of the tournament last Saturday night, as a good part of the population of Roanoke Island stood by in Central gym to watch them. The final game was played between Manteo and Griggs, the score being 48-34. The Manteo girls' team has been mentioned by certain sports reporters as one of the best teams in the state. Outstanding teamwork between Betty Rae Rogers, Marie Etheridge and Carolyn Gaskill, and the defensive play of Carollee O'Neal, Betty Alice Skinner and Jane Midgett was praised during the entire basketball season. The tournament trophy was awarded at the end of the Saturday night game. The sportsmanship trophy for the season was won by the Kitty Hawk girls' team.

## VEPCO BEGINS A NEW PROGRAM OF HUGE EXPANSION

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Electric and Power Company held in Richmond, a construction budget of approved for the current year. Expenditures under this budget will approximate \$50,000,000 was approved approximately \$9,650,000 for the new 90,000 kw. addition to the Chesterfield station now under construction for completion in August of this year, and \$10,568,000 for the new 90,000 Kw. Portsmouth station at Portsmouth, Va., scheduled for completion in February, 1953, at a cost of approximately \$20,000,000. Improvements and extensions to the transmission network will amount to approximately \$10,645,000, of which approximately \$5,200,000 will be spent in the Newport News area where construction work will include a 110 Kv. line from Chesterfield station to Langley Field. Three other new 110 Kv. lines will require the expenditure of approximately \$2,300,000, one of which will be built to connect service to the cities of Greenville and Washington, N. C.; a second will run from Occoquan to Middleburg in the Potomac District of the system, and the third will run from the new Portsmouth station to a substation near Norfolk.

An expenditure of \$9,950,000 has been approved for improvements to the distribution system and for extensions to new customers. Approximately \$1,150,000 will be spent for new rural lines to serve approximately 27,000 new rural customers. It is estimated by Vepco that as of January first 95% of the active farms in the Vepco service territory were either being served, or had electric power available to them. Vepco is now serving approximately 140,000 rural customers including farms and non-farms.

In Norfolk and Newport News, where the company provides Gas service also, approximately \$600,000 will be spent for Gas improvements and extensions to serve new customers.

Other items include over \$1,000,000 on the new addition to the general offices in Richmond and numerous smaller construction projects throughout the system.

While the construction budget totals about \$50,000,000 Jack G. Holtzclaw, president of Vepco, feels that due to the present restrictions on critical materials the amount which will actually be spent this year will undoubtedly be substantially below the budget authorization.

While the work on the proposed hydro electric development on the Roanoke River will continue, Mr. Holtzclaw said that the Board of Directors has authorized no specific amount set aside for this construction during the current year due to the uncertainty of the construction program.

With the completion of the new addition to Chesterfield station during the summer and the construction of the new Portsmouth station in 1953, the Vepco system will have an installed capacity of nearly 1,000,000 Kw. as compared with 432,000 Kw. at the close of the war.

## MUSIC CLUB MEETS TUESDAY AT NAGS HEAD

Mrs. Julian Oneto Hostess to Group at Her Ocean-side Home

Mrs. Julian Oneto entertained the Roanoke Island Music Club Tuesday evening at her oceanside home at Nags Head, with Mrs. T. D. Etheridge of Manteo as associate hostess. The Hymn of the Month, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," was featured on the program, and the origin of both words and music was told by Mrs. Rennie Williamson. Julian Oneto accompanied the members of the club on his guitar in an old-fashioned "sing." During the social hour the hostesses served cherry pie a la mode, coffee and nuts. Guests of the club were Mr. Oneto, Mrs. Raymond Wescott, Miss Helen Mann and little Miss Jo Ann Ballance.

## CHICAGO VISITORS AT KILL DEVIL HILLS

Mrs. George Frank and twin sons, George and Michael, of The Edgewater at Kill Devil Hills, have returned from a visit to Chicago. They were accompanied by Mrs. Frank's father, George Brier, and her aunt, Miss Anna Bengston, both of Chicago. Mr. Frank is recuperating from an attack of virus pneumonia which confined him to his home for several days.

## STUMPY PT. SOLDIER GETS 1ST CLASS RANK



Marine Private First Class Roger V. Best, 17, son of Mr. Guy V. Best of Stumpy Point, N. C., was promoted to his present rank when he was graduated from "Boot Camp" Feb. 12. He climaxed his recruit training by winning the marksman medal on the rifle range when he fired a score of 211 out of a possible 250 during his weapons training.

During the past eight weeks of recruit training, as a result of field experience and classroom lectures, the new Marine has become versed in such military subjects as precision drill, first aid, hygiene, and field tactics. In addition to firing the famed Garand rifle for qualification, he fired other infantry weapons such as the .45 calibre pistol, carbine and Browning Automatic Rifle. He also witnessed demonstration firing of the machine gun, mortar and flame thrower.

He entered the Marine Corps on Dec. 5, 1951. He was a recent employe of Cahoon's Esso Service Station as a lubricator. The last school he attended was Stumpy Point.

## FLYING METEOR SEEN PLAINLY IN COASTLAND

Seemed Very Near to Everyone Who Saw It; Phenomena Not Unusual in Region.

The meteor which streaked across the sky Monday like a ball of fire, and widely reported in Eastern North Carolina and Virginia, was witnessed by several people in Hyde and Beaufort Counties.

Mrs. George Riddick of Belhaven and Mrs. Clyde Piley of Terra Ceia were among those who saw this strange phenomena plunging toward earth. The glowing object, believed a meteor, flashed through a blue noonday sky over Eastern Virginia and North Carolina and the Coast Guard said it probably burned itself out over the Great Dismal Swamp.

A search, started when residents at Suffolk, Va., reported an "exploding noise" and whooshing sound, was called off as the Coast Guard said any further search efforts would be useless.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration at Raleigh discounted nearly a dozen reports of plane crashes in North Carolina alone and said the object "probably was a meteor."

Coast Guard and weather bureau officials said if any pieces did fall they probably were buried in the muck of the swamp.

Reports of the bright, flashing object, visible only for a few seconds, were received from observers in three states. It was sighted over an area from the Atlantic coast of Virginia to Winston-Salem and Charlotte, N. C., and as far south as Charleston, S. C.

Two observers in the CAA tower at Raleigh-Durham airport were among hundreds who saw the strange object and described it. "My first impression was that some aircraft had fired a rocket, but it must have been a meteor," J. M. Bearden, a CAA observer, said.

(Phyllis McKeithan, seventh grade student at Raleigh's Thompson School, reported seeing the large meteor shortly before noon. Early last night, another meteor was reported as flashing across the eastern sky, travelling north to south over Longview Gardens.)

CAA Safety Inspector Hamilton Gowin of Richmond, Va., said he saw a "silvery, cigar-shaped object" hurtling toward the earth as he was flying over Hanover, Va., about 15 miles north of Richmond. He said he was too far away to determine what it was but said it was traveling at "tremendous speed" in an almost vertical line.

Highway Patrolman C. R. Kirkman of Salisbury, N. C., reported he chased a trail of smoke in the vicinity of High Rock Dam east of Salisbury thinking it was a burning plane. About 11:30 a. m., highway patrol See METEOR, Page Eight

## MARCH OF DIMES FUNDS INCREASED AS DRIVE ENDS

Several Communities Not Yet Heard From; Approximately \$700 Turned In

The 1952 March of Dimes came to a close on February 16, with a total of approximately \$70 turned in to Mrs. Balfour Baum, county chairman. Mrs. Baum stated the first of this week that Manteo and Wanchese returns were still incomplete, and that sums raised by members of the armed forces are yet to be included.

Amounts not included in previous reports are as follows: Kitty Hawk, \$94.94; Salvo, \$7.00; Marshes, \$12.70; Duck, \$8.00; Manns Harbor, \$80.00; Stumpy Point, \$13.00; Manteo colored district, \$38.55. Agatha Gray was head of the drive in the colored section.

House-to-house canvassing in Manteo last week end brought in approximately \$15.00. The drive has officially ended, but any contributions will still be welcomed.

## FLIERS FINDING ATTRACTIONS ON OUR COAST

Florida-Bound Air Travelers Offer New Business Prospects

There's a lot of new business available to many points on the North Carolina coast by catering to vacations traveling by private plane between New York and Florida, if we get on our toes, thinks Silvi Sponeri, New York businessman, who was a visitor at Manteo Airport Monday, and who with Charles Moebus, his friend and pilot, stopped over in Belhaven, at River Forest Manor for the night.

It was possible for them to stop in Belhaven because their See Bee amphibian plane could land in the river, and tie up on the shore in front of the hotel.

They left New York Monday at 10 o'clock. They stopped at Chincoteague, Va., before arriving at Manteo where they refueled the plane. They swung off their course to visit Manteo for gas because it had been recommended them by Carl Evers, operator of a small seaplane base in Pelham Bay, New York, who had been impressed with recent publicity for the Manteo Airport.

They too, said Manteo had a wonderful airport, and suggested that private fliers be informed about it. Everyone is looking for a new place to visit, and it would be possible to attract many of the North and Southbound private fliers to stop over for a day, even if they do have to swing off their usual course.

Monday's visitors have been visiting Florida by plane for the past six years.

## MANTEO PTA OBSERVES ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY

March Meeting To Be Held At Night; Attendance Prize For Room With Most Fathers Present

The Manteo Parent-Teacher Association observed Founders Day at its February meeting in the school auditorium. A program in observance of the occasion was presented by Mrs. H. K. Tugwell, those participating being Mrs. Sheldon O'Neal, Mrs. Wilford Wise, Mrs. Edwin Midgett, Mrs. Caleb Brickhouse, Mrs. G. G. Bonner and Mrs. Robert Ballance.

The group voted to hold the March meeting on the first Tuesday night of next month, which will be March 4, at eight o'clock, and an effort is to be made to get a large number of fathers to attend. The attendance prize will go to the room having the most fathers present. A social hour will be enjoyed after the meeting.

The social hour following the Founders Day program featured birthday cakes with candles, punch, mints and nuts, served from a table covered with a white linen cloth and centered with an arrangement of camellias and fern, with flanking candelabra holding lighted white candles. Hostesses were Mrs. A. Q. Bell, Mrs. D. A. Rogers, Mrs. Allen Mann and Mrs. Robert Ballance.

## THE SAM TILLETTS TAKE A VACATION IN FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tillett of Nags Head returned Sunday from a week's vacation in Florida, spending a good while in Miami. The trip consumed about 2500 miles of driving.