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AIRPLANE FIRST FLEW IN DARE 50 YEARS AGO

Epochal Air Events Took
Place at Kitty Hawk
Kill Devil Hill
And Hatteras

By AYCOCK BROWN

Kitty Hawk.—North Carolina's Dare coastland will be the mecca of many thousands during the golden anniversary year of aviation in 1953, and already preparations are being made for the reception of these visitors who will be coming to Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills and Hatteras, three communities which have featured in the saga of man's conquest over the air.

Most imposing reminder of the birth of flight is the magnificent monument atop Kill Devil Hills to commemorate the achievement of the Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, who successfully flew a heavier-than-air machine on December 17, 1903.

It was at Kitty Hawk that the Wrights first came in 1900 to begin experiments with gliders and then powered craft, all of which led to their first flight in 1903. A small granite marker, in the front yard of what is now the local parsonage marks the exact spot where the brothers had their first workshop. Close by at the base of a small dune topped with two storm-beaten oaks is where they, Wilbur and Orville, made their camp for further experiments, according to Elijah Baum, husband of the Kitty Hawk postmistress today. It was Baum who as a small lad met the sailboat which brought Wilbur Wright to Kitty Hawk back in 1900. "He wanted to know how to reach the home of the then postmistress, who was Mrs. W. J. Tate so I showed him how to get there," says Baum.

Kill Devil Hill

Although Kitty Hawk is remembered in the annals of aviation as the place where the Wrights conducted their first experiment, it is Kill Devil Hill and the national monument erected there which attracts more tourists today. Hundreds of thousands of tourists have visited the monument since it was constructed and opened during See AIRPLANE, Page Eight

TWO NEIGHBORS INVITED TO JOIN SOU. ALBEMARLE

Columbia Host to 18th Session of Four Group; Martin and Beaufort Invited

Neighbor counties of Beaufort and Martin were voted unanimously eligible for membership in the Southern Albemarle Association Thursday at the 18th Annual session in Columbia, where Governor Kerr Scott was guest speaker. He was introduced by Dr. Henry Jordan, State Highway Chairman.

When the Association was formed 18 years ago, it grew out of a community interest then existing between the four member counties. No other county in eastern North Carolina had less hard surfaced roads, nor more dirt roads, and many of these roads were often impassable during periods of bad winter weather.

It was felt that a program in behalf of these counties would be appropriate, and they would be bound by common ties. Meetings of the Association were often postponed in those days because roads over which the delegates must come were impassable.

Through the years, and particularly in the past three years, the road problems, other than the bridging of Alligator River and Croatan Sound have been overcome. It is easier for the members of six counties to meet now than it was for three or four counties to meet 18 years ago.

The business session in Columbia extended a vote of thanks to the Tyrrell County Board for the excellent dinner served and to the management of the Columbia Theatre for use of its building. Reports were heard from Dr. W. T. Ralph, Chairman of a Special committee, from E. O. Arnold of the Pettigrew Park committee, and D. W. Cutrell on an improved Bridge for the Northwest Fork of Alligator River on Route 64.

H. T. Davenport was named Vice President for Tyrrell County; Leon Ballance for Hyde, T. R. Spruill for Washington County; Melvin R. Daniels for Dare County. The presidency this year went to Dare County, and Lawrence Swain of Manteo was made President, succeeding C. W. Tatem. Victor Meekins of Manteo was named Secretary, succeeding Mrs. Margaret McCleese of Columbia, and M. A. Matthews was re-elected Treasurer.

NORTH CAROLINA'S NEXT GOVERNOR—UMSTEAD



NORTH CAROLINA'S NEXT GOVERNOR is an extremely popular man, and he will enter office in January surrounded with complete good will. North Carolinians may well expect a pleasant and prosperous four years under his administration.

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TYRRELL COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD PLANS MEETINGS

At the meeting of the Tyrrell County Library Board of Trustees on Thursday night, October 30, Mrs. C. P. Mitchell, Jr., who was selected as leader, and to take the training course at Chapel Hill, N. C., which is sponsored by the American Library Association, under the auspices of the Ford Foundation, on "American Heritage and Its Contemporary Application", met with the Board to outline the teachings learned while there, and to help formulate plans for carrying on the discussion groups. She reported there were 18 counties participating, with only two from the eastern part of the state, those of Dare and Tyrrell; that it was an interracial meeting, with four negro women and two negro men, each of whom held some educational degree; the white participants also were learned persons holding doctor's degrees; the lessons were very informative and interesting; giving an over-all picture of the foundations on which our form of Government were built and founded; also informed those participating of the causes of the un-American activities, and remedy for same. She stated that Miss Gladys Johnson recommended, in order for the discussions in each county to be more effective, that at least two or three negroes be allowed to join the discussion groups; he recommended visual education films to begin the meetings, and especially to use the pamphlet "Let's join the Human race." The theme that misbred communism, and to get rid of the cause rather than the effect; a revival of democracy; a crusade for freedom; each individual community needs and problems to be discussed and the President's report on human rights. Miss Johnson also recommended that in holding the discussion groups not more than 32 persons be allowed to join the class, smaller amount preferred, as too many will make the class

BUNDY TO SPEAK AT MASONIC DINNER

W. J. Bundy, of Greenville, Past Grand Master of North Carolina Masons will be guest speaker Saturday night at a joint dinner meeting of Wanchese and Manteo Lodges for members and their wives at the Shrine Home at Nags Head.

Group singing will be directed by Robert Midgett, Dick Jordan, at the piano, Melvin R. Daniels master of ceremonies.

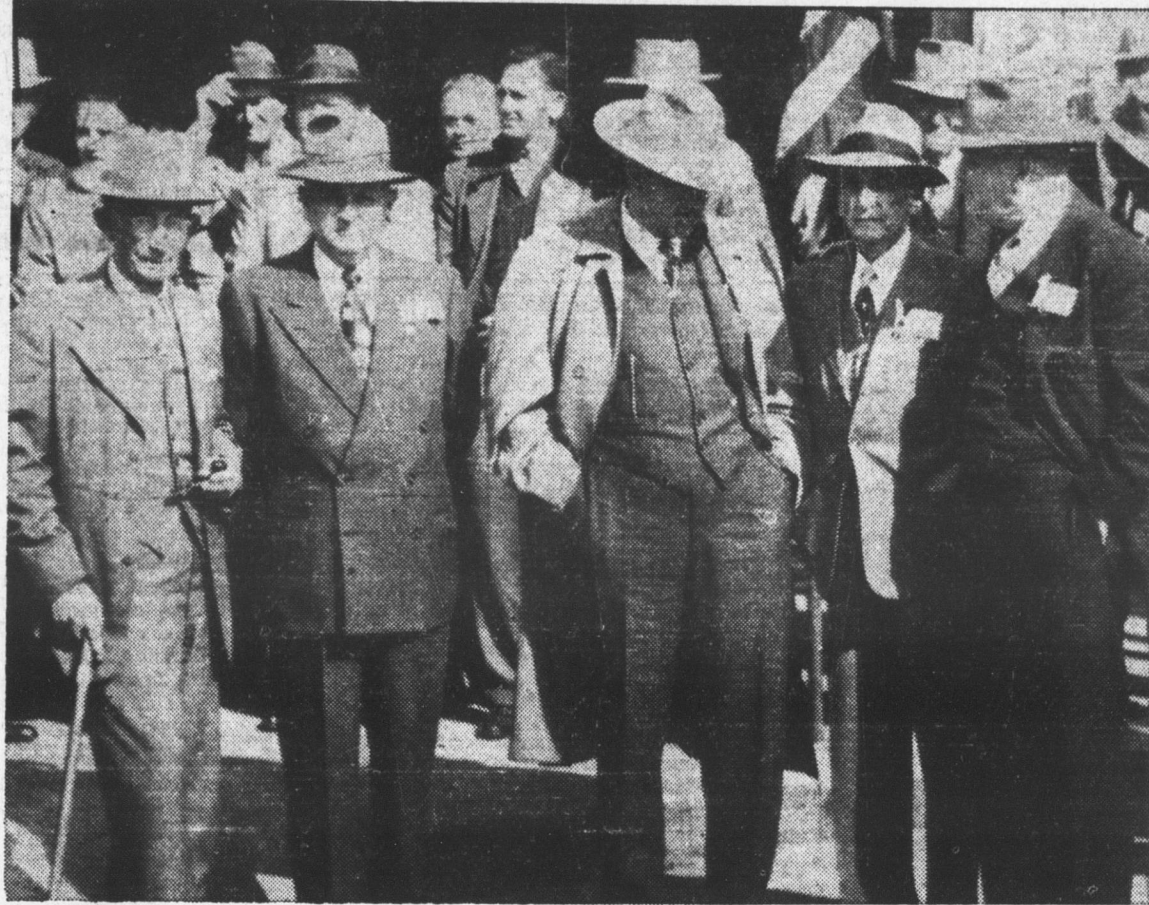
unwieldy, securing representatives from all intelligence levels. The Agriculture Building was selected by the Board for place of meetings, the date and time to be announced when and as readiness is completed. Mrs. C. P. Mitchell Jr., Mrs. L. L. Gibbs, and E. E. Chesson, Jr., were appointed to the planning board. A motion was carried that from three to five negroes be invited to attend discussion groups: It was also brought out that should any member of the Library Board of Trustees attend, they must attend as individuals only, and not as representatives of any Civic Organization. Ten persons have already signed up with the Librarian for attendance to said discussion groups.

TYRRELL MEN SLAY 300 LB. BLACK BEAR

Columbia. — A Black Bear, weighing about 300 lbs., was killed by Thomas K. Yerby, Jr., Friday night in the Second Creek section of Tyrrell. Those on the hunt were, D. A. Simmons, W. F. Simmons, Creston Simmons, D. M. Alexander, Braxton Voliva and T. K. Yerby, Jr.

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GOVERNOR SCOTT IN A THOUGHTFUL POSE AT COLUMBIA



GOVERNOR W. KERR SCOTT made a rousing speech at Columbia last week, when he attended the 18th Annual Southern Albemarle Convention. He is shown here with a group of leaders of the area: From left to right: Fred Latham of Belhaven, W. J. White of Columbia; Governor Scott; Wallace Tatem of Columbia and Dr. Ralph of Belhaven.

DISTRICT MEET REBEKAHS HELD AT SWAN QTR.

First District Holds Successful Occasion Saturday in Hyde County

The First District of the Rebekahs comprising the Manteo, Elizabeth City and Swan Quarter Lodges met Saturday, November 1, at the Agriculture Building in Swan Quarter.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 o'clock, with Mrs. Lessie Davis of Manteo, district president, presiding. After an opening song Miss Lona Bonner gave an address of Welcome. Elizabeth City Lodge gave the response. The reports of the different lodges were given in detail, the minutes were read for approval. During the opening the following state officers were presented: Mrs. Olive Cahoon, president; Mrs. Marguerite Funk, vice-president; Mrs. Laura Johnson, Warden; Mrs. Mae P. Jennings, Treasurer. District officers: Mrs. Lessie Davis, president; Mrs. Katherine Kennedy, District Deputy President; Mrs. Lessie Meads, District Vice-President; Mrs. Mary Bonner, District Chaplain. One of the high lights of the morning session was a contest on "Unwritten Work" in which Mrs. Katie Cahoon, Mrs. Lillian Smith and Mrs. Gaston Sadler were participants. Mrs. Cahoon and Mrs. Smith were awarded certificates.

A delicious picnic dinner followed the morning session.

The afternoon session was filled with interesting experiences of the State President, Mrs. Olive Cahoon, as she gave the high lights of her trip to Texas to attend the

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IKE AND MAMIE, A WINNING TEAM



IKE and MAMIE, the next occupants of the White House, make up a genuine, wholesome American team.

ROANOKE ISLAND BOYS RETURN FROM GERMANY

Three Roanoke Island boys, who have been stationed in Germany with the army for the last 18 months, returned to their homes Saturday, after receiving their discharges at Fort Jackson, S. C. The boys are Pfc Jule Burrus of Manteo; S/Sgt. Dick Daniels of Wanchese; and Pfc Archie Tillett of Wanchese. Burrus and Daniels were together for a large part of their time overseas; Tillett was with another outfit. The boys, who

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ROAD BOND PROJECT FOR DUCK PLANNED

Announcement has been made from Raleigh by the Highway Commission that bid will be opened on Nov. 18 for 3.77 miles of roads under the Scott bond program, connecting the community of Duck, in Dare County, with the beach road, 1 miles north U. S. 158.

Reports have been made that the road known as the "Old Main Road," which parallels the state highway on Roanoke Island, and which goes through the Etheridge property via the Manteo Cemetery, is to be surfaced from a point on the Mother Vineyard road opposite the Albert Bell home to Archie Burrus' store in Manteo, about one and a half miles.

The road to Mother Vineyard, about 4 1/2 miles via the R. Bruce Etheridge home has been hard-surfaced. See PROJECT, Page Eight

DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO DROP BEHIND IN DARE

For lack of active party work by those who assume the leadership of the Democratic Party in Dare County, results in the general elections continue to decline. Tuesday showed a further heavy drop, which has been continuing for several years.

Of 11 counties in the Albemarle region, Dare County gave the highest percentage of its total vote to Eisenhower, who got more than 45 per cent of the total.

In Tuesday election, Eisenhower got 727 votes as compared with only 888 for Stevenson.

Eight years ago in 1944, Roosevelt got 966 votes, and Dewey only 219. Total 1,229.

In 1948, Truman got 802 votes and Dewey 373. Total 1,175 votes. While as many as 1,800 votes have been cast in Dare in an election, this year saw a new recent total: 1,615 votes.

No active organized party work is done in the county, but rather individual work is done by candidates interested only in themselves.

RETURNS REVEAL DARE LEANS TO GOP CANDIDATE

Total Votes This Year Less Than Democratic Vote in 1948 Primary

The leaning of Dare County people toward the GOP candidate was clearly revealed in Tuesday's election. The total vote this week, —1,615 was less votes than cast in the first primary of June 1948 for the Democratic county candidates alone, when the vote totaled 1,726, exclusive of Republican primary votes.

The total vote for Eisenhower in Dare this week was 727 and for Stevenson 888, a majority of only 161. Both Republican and Democratic votes combined was less this week than the Democratic votes alone in 1948 primary.

Complete returns were not available from all precincts in Dare County at the time this newspaper went to press, but here are those that were readily at hand.

Precinct:	Eisenhower	Stevenson	Umstead	Seawell	Bonner	Parker
Manteo	186	298	375	—	—	—
Wanchese	78	65	—	—	—	—
Kitty Hwk.	68	76	—	—	—	—
K.D. Hills	28	39	—	—	—	—
Duck	13	14	—	—	—	—
Nags Head	25	49	—	—	—	—
Stumpy Pt.	13	96	107	0	107	104
E. Lake	15	27	24	10	24	24
Rodanthe	31	31	40	13	36	35
Avon	110	35	67	73	60	53
Buxton	51	36	47	26	40	40
Frisco	17	7	6	5	6	6
Hatteras	107	51	—	80	—	—

STRIPED BASS RUN HEAVY; FISHERS FLOCK TO DARE

Wayland Baum and Family Brought in 168 Fish Monday

By AYCOCK BROWN

Wanchese.—Sunday and Monday, November 2nd and 3rd, 1952, is likely to go down in history at this Roanoke Island fishing town, as the days on which the Croatan Sound waters in the vicinity of Roanoke Marshes lighthouse were literally alive with striped bass. Not hundreds but thousands of fish were taken by anglers during the two days and before the wind shifted to the north and blew half a gale on Monday night. By Tuesday the waters were so choppy that boats remained in port and whether the shift had chased the acres of striped bass away would not be known until the water became smooth again.

Many of the guides here in Wanchese and from nearby fishing centers of Manteo and Nags Head had no parties to charter their boats on Sunday and Monday. But these guides fished just the same and top catch of the day on Monday was brought in by veteran fishing and hunting guide Wayland Baum and family of Wanchese. They caught 168 fish.

Runnerup to this catch was Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Olds of Great Bridge, Va. Fishing with Capt. Omie Tillett aboard the Jerry, Jr., the Great Bridge anglers hooked and landed 163 stripers. The fish ranged from a few weighing about one pound to several that scaled at from six to 10 pounds. On Sunday a group of four Norfolk anglers trolling from the Jerry, Jr., had landed 133 stripers.

Capt. Jesse Etheridge, skipper of the cruiser Carewynn, had Sam Foil and DeWitt Hoppkins of Concord, N. C., in his party. They caught 133 stripers and so impressed were they with their fishing trip on Monday they made arrangements to return later this month to hunt migratory wildfowl when the weather was foul and fish for stripers again when the weather was fair and unfavorable for hunting.

"Never in the many years that I have been taking out fishing parties have I seen so many rockfish," said Capt. Etheridge, who still calls the fish by their local synonym.

Other outstanding catches reported for this story, which does not include all those who shared in the big catches were made by Woodson Fearing and John Midgett, fishing with Gilbert Tillett aboard the Bumbaloo, 114 in all; Willie Etheridge and his family aboard the Chee Chee accounted for 149; Dr. Arthur Taylor and party of Brownsburg, Va., fish- See FISHING, Page Eight

SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE DELEGATES AT COLUMBIA LAST WEEK



SHOWN IN This picture, reading from left to right are Dr. W. T. Ralph, Mayor of Belhaven, Mrs. Charles Cohoon, Mrs. Margaret McCleese, Mrs. H. T. Davenport of Columbia, Mrs. Scott Topping of Panteo, Miss Helen Tatem of Columbia, Mrs. John Winfield of Yeatesville and Alpheus W. Drinkwater of Manteo.