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TOURIST BUREAU IN DARE MAKES PLANS FOR 1953

Directors Meet in Manteo Wednesday to Develop \$14,000 Budget

Directors of the Dare County Tourist Bureau meeting here on Wednesday discussed promotional plans which are expected to bring record breaking throngs of vacationists, sportsmen and visitors to the region during the coming year. Presided over by Lawrence L. Swain, chairman, a feature of the meeting was announcement that only a few hundred dollars were needed to complete the \$14,000 budget under which the Bureau will operate during its second year of operation.

Treasurer W. H. McCown explained that while the budget had not yet been reached, that several individuals and firms which invested in the promotional program last year had not yet been contacted and that it was quite likely that the budget's goal would be reached before the Spring meeting of the Bureau.

New Folder Planned
Bids for printing 75,000 new Dare County folders were studied by the directors and it was decided that in view of the fact that a Wilmington, N. C. firm had agreed to do the job at a lower cost than firms in New Bern, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Chapel Hill, and Manteo, that the Bureau Manager should complete negotiations for the printing job with the Wilmington firm.

A proof drawing of the new folder's cover was displayed to the directors. Cover pictures selected for the new folder will place emphasis on the Wright Brothers National Monument at Kill Devil Hills in recognition of Golden Anniversary of Aviation year, far-famed Cape Hatteras region which is becoming a national tourist mecca since the completion of the new Outer Banks paved highway, sports-fishing and the beaches always a major attraction, and The Lost Colony at Fort Raleigh.

"Last year only 30,000 folders were printed and we soon learned that the demand was greater than our supply. Even with an additional 10,000 folders purchased by the Lost Colony, the supply was not enough," Chairman Swain pointed out on behalf of the manager.

"This year the folders will be printed and placed at strategic locations on major highways leading from Florida with the thought in view of attracting northbound tourists from the south," said Tourist Bureau manager Aycock Brown, "And we also plan to have enough folders to keep information booths and bureaus in Washington, New York and other major cities, as well as the major highways' information headquarters in the north, supplied with Dare County information."

Financial Status
The Directors agreed that the See BUREAU, Page Eight

COAST GUARD NAMES READINESS CHIEF

NORFOLK—Capt. Hollis M. Warner, USCG, has been assigned chief of the Readiness Section, Fifth Coast Guard District, Rear Adm. Russell E. Wood, USCG, district commander, announced.

Captain Warner, who will have offices in the New Post Office Building, Norfolk, comes from the Ninth Coast Guard District office, Cleveland, Ohio, where he was chief of the Personnel Division.

A native of East Penfield, N. Y., he entered the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., at the age of 19. While there he was active in basketball, football and tennis.

Following graduation in 1932 as an ensign, his first assignment was aboard the Coast cutter Modoc at Wilmington, N. C. He has also served on the Great Lakes, St. Petersburg, Fla., and Portland, Me., and then as executive officer of the 827-foot cutter Taney at Honolulu. He has held many other posts of responsibility.

Command of the 255-foot cutter Klamath was given Captain Warner in 1946. With Seattle her home port, the cutter carried out weather patrol duties in the Pacific.

He remained aboard the Klamath until 1948, when he was made chief of the personnel Division at the Ninth District office.

The captain and his wife, the former Hannah J. Kendall of Lakewood, Ohio, have a son, Michael Kendall, II. They will make their home in Norfolk.

COHOON CONTINUES AS BRIDGE GROUP PRES'T



FLOYD E. COHOON of Columbia was reelected president of the Alligator-Croatan Bridge Association at a meeting attended by about 40 at River Forest Manor, Belhaven on Friday last. A joint committee with the Southern Albemarle Association seeks to get bridges built over the waters above named. The group ate a buffet luncheon prepared by the hotel. Other officers reelected were Mrs. Mae Carawan Secretary; Julian Swain, Treasurer; and County Vice Presidents as follows: Tyrrell, Harry P. Swain; Beaufort, Mrs. Scott Topping; Martin, Herbert L. Swain; Washington, R. F. Lowry; Hyde, Russell Swindell; Dare, Lawrence Swain. Jack Booker of Plymouth, Publicity Director; Dr. W. T. Ralph of Belhaven, liaison officer. County Directors are: Tyrrell, Lewis Combs and Charles Cahoon; Washington, W. J. Wollard and Bruce Bateman; Martin, John Edwards and Hugh Horton; Beaufort, John Winfield and A. D. Swindell; Hyde, Leon Balance and P. D. Midgett; Dare, Clyde Biggs and T. O. Sutton.

STATE'S SEAFOOD CROP IS VALUED AT \$16,000,000

Conservation Department Reports Gains in All Branches of Industry

Raleigh.—The combined value of fin fish and shellfish taken from North Carolina waters during the two-year period ending last June 30 has been placed at more than \$16,000,000, according to a report received by George R. Ross, director of the State Department of Conservation and Development.

C. D. Kirkpatrick of Morehead City, State fisheries commissioner and head of the department's division of commercial fisheries, submitted the report. He set the valuation of all catches at \$16,367,632.

The catch of food for the biennium was 41, 715,000 pounds, with a value of \$4,020,150 to the catchers Kirkpatrick said. Catches of spotted and gray trout and flounders showed a decrease of about 50 per cent from the preceding biennium, but the take of shad and pompano was about double. He put the valuation of the menhaden catch for the period at \$7,000,000.

Weather conditions during the See SEAFOOD, Page Eight

MAN HUNT ENDS WITH CAPTURE OF 3 CONVICTS

Caught Cooking Breakfast in Beach Cottage in Dare County Sunday

A man hunt for three escaped convicts from Currituck County prison camp at Maple, which lasted several days came to an end Monday when Highway patrolmen and other officers captured the men while cooking breakfast in one of the cottages on Southern Shores, Dare County.

Melbert Rice of Asheville, Billy Gene Tetterton of Martin County, and Warren Haislip of Marion Kansas were three who for eight days led officers a merry chase. Apparently they came to the beach at the outset, for it was soon reported that beach cottages were being broken into. The officers continued a search of the cottages and found that more than 50 had been entered.

B. U. Evans of Grandy, Superintendent of the Camp, Lonnie Dail, Leo Needham, and numerous patrolmen and county officers of Currituck and Dare joined in the eight-day search.

The men apparently had little trouble in finding good on the beaches. Most cottage owners leave their cottages equipped for use the year around, and not a few of them leave food in readiness for frequent week-end visitors.

FORMER OFFICIAL OF DARE COUNTY DIES

John A. Meekins of Rodanthe, Retired Coasts Guardsman; Was County Commissioner 12 years

In the passing of John Alexander Meekins of Rodanthe, the outer Banks lost one of its best known citizens. The member of a prominent family of his section, Mr. Meekins had retired honorably after 30 years service in the Coast Guard. He had served in numerous public capacities, his local school board, and for 12 years he was a member of the Dare County Board of Commissioners. He was a man devoted to his family.

Since his retirement from the Coast Guard some 15 years ago, he devoted most of his time to public affairs, and began to enjoy some of the life that was denied him while he was bound to the service. He had made trips to New England, to the West Coast and to Florida, and many other sections of the country.

Mr. Meekins, was 76. He died Saturday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock at the family residence in Rodanthe, following an illness of three months. He was the son of the late, Luke and Emily Douglas Meekins, a member of the Fair Haven Methodist Church, Wanchese Red Men; American Legion Post at Manteo.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma D. Meekins of Rodanthe. One daughter, Mrs. Rae M. Gregory of Rodanthe, one son, Lt. Alton W. Meekins of Edgartown, Mass. Three sisters, Mrs. Mollie Midgett, Mrs. Margaret Midgett and Mrs. Viola Midgett all of Rodanthe. Three brothers, Theodore S. Meekins of Manteo, J. Frank Meekins and Ara E. Meekins both of Rodanthe. Four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Fair Haven Methodist Church, Rev. P. M. Porter, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the See OFFICIAL, Page Eight

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR IS VISITING IN MANTEO



DR. WILLIAM C. ETHERIDGE, a distinguished son of Roanoke Island who is head of the Agronomy Department of the University of Missouri, is in Manteo for a few days visiting his brother, Ned Etheridge, and his sister, Mrs. J. D. O'Neal. With him are their brother, H. N. Etheridge, Lt. USCG Retired of Virginia Beach. Dr. Etheridge, who is the son of the late D. W. Etheridge of Manteo, strangely enough, coming from a land of fishermen, majored in agriculture. After a season of shad fishing at Duck Island, he saved money to enter State College, Raleigh, and followed in a career of agricultural research and teaching that has made him nationally famous. He is the author of many text books on agriculture and agronomy. He was for several years at Cornell University, New York, before going to Columbia, Missouri.

SCOTT'S SECOND VISIT TO HYDE IN TWO WEEKS

Speaking at Sladessville Friday; to Hunt With Stotesbury at New Holland

Governor W. Kerr Scott's visit to Hyde County Thursday to speak at the Road Celebration at Sladessville was his second visit in about two weeks. He is planning some goose shooting as the guest of Bennett Stotesbury of New Holland today.

Two weeks ago, he hunted with County Judge Joe Simmons at Fairfield. He was accompanied by Ben Roney, his Secretary and Harry Wescott of the State Utilities Commission. The day before, he had spoken at Currituck and had hunted with Wescott and his brother G. T. in Dare.

Yesterday he was introduced by County Representative Russell Swindell. The Rutian Club sponsored this celebration which concluded with a barbecue dinner, about six p. m. The Plymouth High School band will play. Highway Chairman Henry Jordan, and other highway officials attended with Herbert Bonner, Carl Goerch and other notables.

MRS. EVANS CHAIRMAN CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM

December 8-15 has been designated as "Crusade for Freedom Week" in North Carolina. The state chairman of this campaign, Dr. Gordon Gray, President of the Greater University of North Carolina, has appointed Mrs. Mary L. Evans, Superintendent of Dare County Schools, as chairman of the Dare County campaign.

Besides the financing and promotion of the powerful radio programs to people behind the Iron Curtain, the Crusade for Freedom has shown its effectiveness in many other ways. Last year the Crusade for Freedom launched the famous "Winds of Freedom" balloons which dropped millions of leaflets with messages of friendship on Poland and Czechoslovakia.

This year, millions of "Freedomgrams" will be sent to people behind the Iron Curtain. In the languages of the people to whom the "Freedomgrams" are dropped, will be this message:

"Do you listen to Radio Free Europe? I hope you do, for I am one of millions of American citizens who has voluntarily contributed to build these stations, which bring truth to you who are deprived of it.

In America millions regularly pray for an understanding between our peoples. Please add your prayers to ours. Surely our common faith in God is the place where hope for freedom begins."

The Dare County campaign got underway on Thursday of this See CRUSADE, Page Eight

ROTARIANS HEAR NEIGHBOR SPEAK ABOUT OYSTERS

P. D. Midgett of Engelhard Guest Speaker at Pantego Tuesday Night

P. D. Midgett of Engelhard was guest speaker Tuesday night before the Rotary Club at Pantego. Although from a neighboring district, he was introduced by Dr. W. T. Ralph, program chairman, as a man Rotarians everywhere should welcome in the role of District Governor.

Mr. Midgett was not appearing in his capacity as a candidate for the Governorship of the 289th District, for which so many of his friends are advocating him. He came to talk about the oyster industry and its importance to all the people of this whole area. Mr. Midgett served as chairman of a special committee under Governor Cherry which made a survey of all phases of the industry.

He outlined the progress of the oyster industry in N. C. for the past 50 years, from a time when Maryland and Virginia buyers depleted our oyster grounds, and thrilled local oystermen with a new prosperity which no one then believed was frittering away the birthright of our people. He cited the gains that have been made in the industry in South Carolina during the past ten years which resulted from protective measures.

Referring to the report made by the committee he headed, Mr. Midgett mentioned that some phases of it had been enacted in the law of the state, and observed there are other things yet to be done before the industry can be brought into its own. He paid tribute to features of the law which were insisted upon by Elijah Edwards of Belhaven, who was a member of the committee headed by Mr. Midgett. Few talks made recently before this club have excited more interest or inspired more questions, since oystering is a vital industry in the community of Belhaven, and of Hyde County.

EXCITING AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS TO THRILL SPECTATORS AT KILL DEVIL HILLS DEC. 17

Sonic Boom to Highlight Wright Brothers Observance; Barbecued Chicken to Feature Luncheon at First Colony Inn

HARRY MOORE TO VISIT DARE NEXT WEEK

Norfolk Reporter who "Scooped" World on First Flight; Will Attend Celebration December 17

Kill Devil Hills.—The man who "scooped" the world on the story of the Wright Brothers' first flight at Kill Devil Hills, near Kitty Hawk, it was announced yesterday by Miles L. Clark, chairman of the board of directors of Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society.

The observance is being sponsored jointly by the Air Force Association and the Society in tribute to the world-famous brothers and their contribution to aviation. Ceremonies will begin at the base of Wright Brothers National Monument atop Kill Devil Hills at 10:30 o'clock and conclude with a luncheon, limited to 150 persons in the dining room of First Colony Inn on Nags Head, where one of the previous December 17th luncheons was presented several years ago.

Melvin R. Daniels, chairman of the Luncheon committee, stated today that arrangements had been made to have a hot barbecued chicken plate luncheon. He praised Capt. and Mrs. Cornelius P. Midgett, owners of the popular Nags Head hostelry, for their interest and cooperation in allowing the use of their dining room for the luncheon when only a few days ago it seemed improbable that arrangements could be made elsewhere and thus keep within the luncheon budget. Daniels urged all persons having luncheon reservation tickets and others planning to attend to make arrangements immediately with Treasurer C. S. Meekins for their tickets which cost \$2.50 each. A. W. Drinkwater will head reception committee at the luncheon.

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More than 40 Air Force, Army, and Coast Guard planes will participate in the aerial demonstration depicting the progress made in aviation development. Many of the types of planes now fighting in Korea will take part in the demonstration.

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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY IN COLUMBIA

Columbia.—Strands of multi-colored lights and Spanish moss have been stretched across the business section of the town, the shop windows are beautifully decorated, to usher in the gala Christmas season.

Preparations and practice for the Columbia High School basketball club is underway.

The High School Glee Club is very busy these days preparing for appearances in five programs: The Columbia Christian Church at 11 o'clock, Dec. 14; the P.T.A. at 7:30 in the school auditorium Dec. 19; Chapel Programs at School, 10:30 a. m. Dec. 19; and for the Outdoor Christmas Pageant on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 5:45 p. m. to be held at the intersection of Main and Broad Streets. The eighth grade glee club will assist the high school glee club in the outdoor pageant.

The Beta Club of the Columbia School met at the School in the Home Economics Dept. Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 7:30. Miss Katie Swain was elected secretary. The President, James Henry Reynolds, announced that the Beta Club Convention would meet in Asheville next Spring, that funds were needed to meet expenses to the convention, and would like ideas to raise the necessary money. The plans adopted were: a basketball game between the Beta Club vs. the town team. Other plans discussed were a Valentine party, box picnic dinner, and a basketball game with the teachers of Columbia High School. The hostess, Miss Gay Spencer, served ice cream and cake. The next meeting will be Jan. 14 at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Miss Peggy Griffin.

DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS

Columbia.—The American Heritage Discussion Group met Thursday in the Tyrrell County Library Building, with 20 members present. Two new members were added to the list, Mrs. Julian H. Swain and Mrs. W. V. Reynolds. The discussions are entered in with much enthusiasm, and much is being learned through the exchange of ideas about the book "This American People" by Gerald W. Johnson, which is the guide literature now being used.

CIVIL CASES BEING TRIED IN TYRRELL

Columbia.—A special term of Superior Court for civil action is being held in Tyrrell County this week, presided over by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn.

The Civil cases on the court calendar are: Lem Ainsley vs. H. T. Davenport; S. M. Combs et al. vs. Albemarle Lumber Co.; Oressa Hill vs. William Hill; Mary Hill vs. Roger Hill; Monzora Lewis Hardy vs. Herman Hardy; C. C. Duval vs. Albemarle Lumber Co.; C. C. Duval et al. vs. Albemarle Lumber Co.; J. T. Ambrose vs. Albemarle Lumber Co.

TYRRELL MEN INDUCTED

Columbia.—The following men left Tyrrell County for induction last week: Thomas Julian Spencer, Woodrow Roosevelt Wilson, Arthur Etheridge Phelps, Franklin D. Smith, Judson Douglas Bowser, Colored, Albert Williams, Jr., colored, according to Mrs. Mittie Lee Hamilton, secretary to the Tyrrell County Selective Service Board. She also stated there would be no calls in January.

"LITTLE WOMEN" PRESENTED BY COLUMBIA JUNIORS

Columbia.—The Play "Little Women" taken from the book by Louisa May Alcott, was presented Friday night, Dec. 5 in the Columbia High School auditorium by the Junior Class, with Miss Stella Matthews directing.

Characters were: Miss Flo Davenport as "Joe", Clair E. Morris, Jr., as "Laurie", Peggy Griffin as "Marmie", Barbara Ann Davis as "Meg", Gay Spencer as "Amy", Mary Meekins as "Beth", Marie Spencer as "Aunt March", Jack Combs as "Mr. Brooks", Roger Armstrong as "Mr. Lawrence", J. Henry Reynolds as "Prof. Bhaer" and Vadis Brickhouse as "Hannah the maid."

MARY MEEKINS OF COLUMBIA WINS SPEAKING CONTEST

Columbia.—The Contest "I Speak for Democracy", which is being sponsored by the Jaycees, was won in Tyrrell by Miss Mary Meekins, of Columbia High School, with Miss Janie Alice Sykes of Tyrrell Training School winning second place. A recording has been made of these winning speeches. See COLUMBIA, Page Eight.

By AYCOCK BROWN
A sensational triple "sonic boom" by three U. S. Air Force F-86 Sabre Jets will dramatize 49 years of aviation progress on Wednesday, December 17, at the annual observance of the Wright Brothers first flight of the Wright Brothers first flight at Kill Devil Hills, near Kitty Hawk, it was announced yesterday by Miles L. Clark, chairman of the board of directors of Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society.

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CAROLINA MAN HEADS FOREST INDUSTRIES

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special)—A North Carolina man, William S. Edmunds, of Lake Waccamaw, has been named to head the industry division of American Forest Products Industries, Inc. Mr. Edmunds' appointment was announced early this month by AFPI's managing director, C. A. Gillett.

Prior to joining American Forest Products Industries for a special field assignment in South Carolina last January, Mr. Edmunds served as executive director of the North Carolina Forestry Association for a period of four years. In that capacity he organized and served as director of the industry-encouraged Keep North Carolina Green campaign in forest fire prevention education. He also administered the Tree Farm programs in that state.

Mr. Edmunds has had wide experience in forestry and public relations fields and during World War II served as a captain in the U. S. Air Force.

CHRISTMAS, '52

Hear our little Christmas verse:
Mankind doesn't want the hearse.
Mankind wishes wars to cease,
Wants the whole world ruled by peace.

Hear the songs from Heaven above
That sing a whole wide world of love,
That sing a brotherhood of friends
That class and race and creed transcends.
And over every clime ascends
Welding all the earth in one
Happy-tribe beneath the sun.

Hear our fated Christmas song:
Right inequity and wrong.
Build equal good for every man
According to the heavenly plan.
We can reach the happy frame

By loving man and self the same.
Hear our little Christmas verse.
In joy its bright refrain rehearse.
If ever you would Heaven find,
Under love unite mankind.

— VERNON WARD

"Bessy Banks" of Rossmore, N. C.