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SHRINERS PLAN PILGRIMAGE TO OUTER BANKS

Two Nights at Hatteras and Ocracoke for Shrine and Journey to Ocracoke Scheduled April 17-19

A pilgrimage to Hatteras and Ocracoke for Shriners and their wives is planned for April 17-19, according to Bob Smith, secretary of the Dare County Shrine Club. The Atlantic View Hotel at Hatteras has been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. On Saturday the party, after breakfast at the Hatteras hotel, will take a boat to the shore of Ocracoke, and will journey down the sands to the village for a sightseeing trip.

After leaving Ocracoke village at 11:30 Saturday, the party will meet for picnic lunch on wreckage of Ghost Ship, and at 2:30 board the boat at Hatteras Inlet for return trip to Hatteras.

Potentate Lester Gillikin will address the shriners, following a dinner at the hotel at Hatteras. Following the breakfast Sunday morning, the party will depart for home. Everything is Dutch. Mr. Smith wants immediate notice if reservations are desired.

STUMPY POINT LOSES OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Mrs. Aldine Twiford Meekins Succumbs Saturday Night at Midnight; Burial Monday at 3 P. M.

Mrs. Aldine Twiford Meekins, 46, died Saturday night at the family residence in Stumpy Point following a short illness. She was a lifelong resident of Stumpy Point. She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club, of the Shiloh Methodist Church, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and served as church organist. She was installed as worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, Hyde Chapter No. 213 on the Friday before her death. She was the daughter of Augustus T. and Lula O'Neal Twiford.

Besides her parents, she is survived by her husband, Garland E. Meekins, one daughter, Mrs. Janne Meekins Butler, of Wiesbaden, many two sons, Philip E. Meekins, principal of the Camden High School at Camden, and James G. Meekins, United States Navy, stationed in Norfolk, Va., four sisters, Mrs. Lillian T. Midgett, Mrs. Norma T. Gregory, both of Norfolk, Mrs. Anne Michelson of Denver, Col., and Mrs. Claudia T. Dail, of Williamsburg, Va.; one brother, William Glenn Twiford, of Norfolk; one grandchild.

Mrs. Meekins' sudden death occurred while her husband was in Elizabeth City at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Molly Meekins who has been critically ill for a long time.

The body was taken to Twiford Funeral Home in Elizabeth City and was returned to the home at Stumpy Point Sunday night. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Monday at Stumpy Point, from the Methodist Church.

Funeral services for Mrs. Meekins were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Shiloh Methodist Church at Stumpy Point by the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, pastor.

The church was filled with friends from several counties, and the floral offerings were the greatest recalled in her community.

Members of the church choir sang "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" and "I Would Be True" accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Gertrude Wise. At the grave the choir sang "God's Tomorrow."

The casket was covered with a See LOSS, Page Eight

KITTY HAWK NATIVE DIES IN NORFOLK SUN.

Mrs. Martha Ann Beals King, 60, wife of the late C. Clifton King, died Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Helen G. Beasley, Berkley, Va., after an illness of two years.

A native of Kitty Hawk, she has resided there for 39 years. At the time of her death she was living at Hughes Street.

She was the daughter of the late Morris H. and Sarah Ann Perry Beales.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Beasley, Mrs. Sally Ann Morse and Mrs. Lily Mae Beales, all of Norfolk; two sons, A. L. King, of Norfolk, and Paul J. King of Princess Anne; one brother, Adolphus Beales, of Williamsburg; three half-sisters, Mrs. Fielen Rainwater of Norfolk; Mrs. Minnie Lee Fletcher of Great Bridge, and Mrs. Sadie E. Saunders of Norfolk; one half-brother, T. B. Beales of Norfolk; 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Burial was in the Riverdale Memorial Park.

ALEC DANTRE WILL SING ROLES IN DON PASQUALE



ALEC DANTRE, a baritone well known to North Carolina opera audiences, alternates in the roles of Doctor Malatesta and Don Pasquale in the forthcoming Grass Roots Opera production of DON PASQUALE which will be given Friday evening, April 10, at the Manteo school auditorium at eight o'clock. A native of Texas now making his residence in Raleigh, Mr. Dantre first sang this opera with the Colony Opera Guild in New York. Grass Roots Opera goes will remember him for his role of Don Alfonso in SCHOOL FOR LOVERS.

FIRST CHANNEL BASS OF '53 SEASON HIS SURFCASTER'S BAIT

First channel bass of the 1953 season to be landed by an angler on the coast of Dare County this year was a 56.5-pounder taken in the surf at Hatteras on Friday, March 27 by Charles A. Vollum of Philadelphia.

Fishing with Harry Stelwagon, president of the Anglers Club of America, Vollum got the strike on his first cast. He and Stelwagon were fishing at the north boundary line of Gooseville Club properties across the beach from lower Hatteras village.

Menhaden was used as bait. The angler was using a glass rod and 12-thread, 36-pound test line.

Vollum's channel bass was only three and half pounds short of the American record for the species in 1952. The largest channel bass taken last year anywhere along the coasts of America was a 60-pounder landed by E. P. White of Buxton on Cape Hatteras. His record fish was caught on November 11 near Cape Hatteras lighthouse.

While Vollum's fish was first of season, channel bass should be appearing in Oregon and Hatteras Inlet waters before the week has passed. Already scores of channel bass have been taken in pound, long haul and beach nets of commercial fishermen but angling for the species was retarded during the past week end due to a half gale which originated off Cape Hatteras for two or three days.

Striped bass are being caught in Roanoke and Croatan Sounds and large mouths and crappie are attracting fresh water anglers to the bays, lakes and ponds of Kitty Hawk, Nags Head and the Dare County mainland.

SHRINETTE MEET MONDAY

The Dare County Shrinettes will meet Monday night, April 6, at the Shrine Club at eight o'clock. All members are asked to be present.

GRASS ROOTS OPERA APR. 10 IN MANTEO

"Don Pasquale," Comic Opera, To Be Sponsored by PTA; Large Attendance Expected

Grass Roots Opera will appear in Manteo on April 10 in a performance of DON PASQUALE, it was announced today by Mrs. Raymond Westcott, president of the Manteo PTA. This unique traveling organization, formed in 1949 by A. J. Fletcher, Raleigh attorney, to give aspiring singers a chance to appear in operatic productions and at the same time give the public an opportunity to hear opera in English, was last heard here in the opera SCHOOL FOR LOVERS. As a result of the success of over one hundred performances in the past two seasons, the company has gained international fame, feature articles having appeared in eight national publications and one book. The State Department announced its intention of reprinting an article which appeared in Etude last December in a publication which will be distributed to all foreign countries.

Last season Grass Roots Opera, which is administered by the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina, presented seventy nine performances throughout the Tar Heel state and Virginia. For the first time a plan was worked out with the public schools whereby training in opera listening was integrated into the music appreciation courses. Approximately forty five thousand school children received this training, twenty eight thousand of which saw for the first time an actual opera performance. The idea of opera in English, performed in a logical manner, was soundly approved by the students, and their elders, as evidenced by countless letters written by the children.

The Manteo PTA, sponsors of the local performance, hope that the public will not miss the opportunity to see an entertaining, well staged musical performed by singing actors of professional caliber.

STATE PLANS BRIDGE ON NORTHWEST FORK

The present pontoon bridge over the Northwest Fork of Alligator River on Route 94 between Gum Neck and Kilkenny is to be replaced by a new fixed span bridge by the N. C. Highway Commission according to announcement made this week. Whereas the bridge now opens for large boats, the draw would be closed, having an opening only 14.5 wide and 4.5 feet high. Col. R. C. Brown of the Corps of Engineers has invited the attention of the public to the plans which may be seen at the postoffice in Columbia.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR BOB MIDGETT SAT.

Robert Midgett, merchant mariner of Manteo, had a close call late Saturday night when the car he was driving from Nags Head to Manteo got out of control at the Bridge Turn intersection, knocked down the stop sign in the middle of the road and tore down two gas pumps across the road at George H. Quiddle's service station. Midgett is booked by the highway patrolman with careless and reckless driving. He was unhurt.

Last year a motorist crossed the road at this same spot and went through the concrete wall of this service station.

GEN'RAL HERSHEY FINALS SPEAKER AT MANTEO H. S.

Major General Lewis B. Hershey, head of the Selective Service System for the United States Army, will make the commencement address at Manteo High School this year, it was announced this week by Mrs. Matilda Inge of the faculty.

In a letter to Mrs. Inge he accepted the invitation to make the address, giving her the assurance that he would be here unless something of national importance came up which required his attention elsewhere. The commencement address will be delivered on Friday night, May 29, in the high school auditorium.

Members of the faculty and student body here were elated to learn that a person of such prominence as General Hershey, who is in demand by schools and universities in much larger towns and cities, had accepted the invitation.

General Hershey is no stranger to many persons in North Carolina. He is a close friend of Col. John D. Langston of Goldsboro, father of Mrs. Mary Langston Evans, Dare County Superintendent of Schools.

OCRACOKE NATIVE, 83, DIES IN CHESTER, PA.

Thaddeus W. Scarborough, native of Ocracoke, died on Friday, March 27th, at the home of his son, N. B. Scarborough, at Chester, Pa. His age was eighty-three. Funeral services were conducted at Ocracoke on Tuesday afternoon, with Rev. W. Y. Stewart officiating. His son, N. B. Scarborough and wife and children of Chester, Pa., and his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Foster and two daughters of Philadelphia, were here for the services. Other survivors are a brother, Charlie M. Scarborough, and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Williams, both of Ocracoke, and four other grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

SENIOR PLAY PRESENTED TWICE AT MANTEO HIGH

So successful was the performance of "I Remember Mama" by the senior class of Manteo High School last Friday night that a second performance was given Tuesday night, with a good attendance. Only standing room was available at the first showing, and the second performance took care of the overflow.

Many compliments have been heard on the fine staging of this drama, with Mrs. Hal Ward of the high school English department directing. The costumes and stage props, as well as the play itself, were taken care of by the students, under Mrs. Ward's supervision.

TOM SHALLINGTON IS NOW LIEUT. COLONEL



Bremerhaven, Germany.—Thomas B. Shallington, son of Tom B. Shallington (mother deceased) of Columbia, N. C., was recently promoted to Army lieutenant colonel at Bremerhaven, Germany.

Colonel Shallington, whose wife, the former Jackie Bisette of Spring Hope, and two children are with him in Germany, is officer in charge of the dependents processing section of the Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation.

He served with the Chinese Training Command for two years during World War II. After the war, Shallington was elected to the North Carolina State Legislature for the 1947-49 term. He re-entered the Army in January 1949.

He graduated from North Carolina State College in Raleigh with a bachelor of science degree in animal husbandry. His father is one of the most interesting and colorful men of his community.

HUGE BEAR SLAIN BY FISHERMAN IN STUMPY POINT

Raid on Fish House Interrupted by Alton Best; One Bear Escapes

Bears are getting bold in the Pamlico region. Alton Best's fish-house just across the road and the canal in front of his home was raided Sunday night by a bear which weighed in excess of 400 pounds. The bears were discovered by a motorist who turned his car around at this spot, and reflected in the lights was the bear standing in the doorway. The bear had been eating heavily from a box of discarded fish, and is believed to have been eating there all spring, because he was extremely fat. When Best shot the bear, he heard a heavy plunge in the canal, and it is believed a second bear got away.

Frank Faulk who lives on Sel-Mal Farms at New Lake near Leechville is disturbed by a bear which ranges on his farm and which he believes will weigh 500 pounds. Several efforts to capture him have failed.

SPORTSFISHING GUIDES ANNOUNCE 1953 RATES

Sportsfishing guides on the Dare Coast announced their new rate schedules for 1953 following a meeting this week.

For fishing at Oregon Inlet the rates this year will be \$35 to \$40 daily as compared to \$35 last year. This rate will prevail for sound fishing also it was stated.

Gulf Stream charters this year from Oregon Inlet will be \$70 daily as compared to \$60 and \$65 last season.

Fresh water fishing guides in the Colington, Kitty Hawk and Duck areas will charge \$8 for half day or \$15 daily.

At Hatteras the prices for inlet and sound fishing will be \$40 daily and for Gulf Stream fishing from \$60 to \$70 and up depending on the type of fishing an angler wishes to do and whether outriggers are used.

Anglers coming to the Dare Coast for the sportsfishing can make arrangements for charter through the operators of fishing centers at Manteo, in Wanchese, on Nags Head or at Oregon Inlet. Most of the hotel and motor court operators will also help anglers make arrangements for guide service and boat charters.

AVON SOLDIER NOW STATIONED IN FRANCE



PFC. CHARLES HAYWOOD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Haywood of Avon, who enlisted in the Army in 1950 has been stationed at Germersheim, Germany, since last May, now is somewhere in France. Haywood took his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. Young Haywood is fond of the many schools the Army has to offer and is now with the D.A.S. He has been with the 3rd ordnance since he enlisted.

PRESCHOOL CLINIC

The dates given for the preschool clinics for Hatteras, Avon, Buxton and Manteo by the Currituck-Dare District Health Department, are as follows:

Buxton — Wednesday, April 8, 1:30 p. m., school building.

Avon — Tuesday, April 14, 9:30 a. m., school building.

Hatteras — Tuesday, April 14, 1 p. m., school building.

Manteo — Wednesday, April 29, 2 p. m., community building.

These pre-fall term clinics have already been held at Kitty Hawk and Wanchese, the medical examinations being conducted by Dr. W. W. Johnston of Manteo, assisted by Miss Bessie Draper, county health nurse. The examinations are most helpful in view of the fact that they make it possible for a child to have any physical condition treated and corrected during the warmth of summer without loss of schooling which might arise should such physical defects not be discovered until the school term commenced.

CHIEF AVERY TILLET WINDS UP CAREER OF 28 EVENTFUL YEARS AS COAST GUARDSMAN

Kill Devil Hills.—Official records show that Nelson Avery Tillet, BMLC, had, up to Wednesday, been in the Coast Guard 27 years, 9 months and 17 days.

According to Mr. Tillet, who ought to know, he's been in some 39 years. That long ago, when he was 10 years old, his father, Alphonso D. Tillet, was sent to the Kill Devil Hills station and moved his family to a house nearby. The beach wasn't built up then as it is now, so that a boy didn't have many playmates. Besides, the men at the station fascinated young Tillet so much that he spent every minute he could there.

There was never much question of what his career would be. His grandfather, Benjamin Tillet, was in the old lifesaving service and his father in the Coast Guard some 30 years. Going to Dan Neck Mills as soon as he was old enough to enlist in the Coast Guard was the most natural thing in the world.

He's never regretted that July 17, when he began his official connection with the Coast Guard. In the nearly 28 years since that day, Chief Tillet had had many an exciting adventure and been in some tight places, when he wasn't sure that he'd be alive many more minutes, but through it all, he's been happy in a service of which he is deeply proud.

One of the most spectacularly dangerous situations in which he found himself occurred during World War II, after he had been sent to Caffey's Inlet station. A suspicious light had been reported off the coast and a boat from the station put out to investigate. As they neared, they saw something sticking up through the blackness of the night. It looked to the men exactly like a periscope. They could hear motors and decided that a submarine had surfaced. As they were wondering what to do, the other boat challenged them and they knew it was an American patrol boat. Answering, the Coast Guardsmen flashed a light on the side of the patrol boat and looked up into guns trained on them, with every man at battle station. The patrol boat's crew

was taking no chances in the inky darkness. Another time, the 25-foot boat in which Tillet and other Coast Guardsmen were out was almost cut down off Bodie Island by a convoy. It was during the war, too, that Tillet and others went 25 miles out to sea to rescue a boatload of survivors from the British ship, Empire Drum, which had been torpedoed. The men had been in a lifeboat seven days when picked up. They said that after the ship was torpedoed, the crew took to the lifeboats, but separated. Those that Tillet helped to rescue believed that their comrades had been machine gunned.

Once, during Prohibition days, Tillet was sent to Florida, near Fort Pierce, for a temporary four-month assignment. One night they had a tip that rum runners were near, but when they investigated the rumored rum runners turned out to be innocent fishermen in trawlers.

After Mr. Tillet enlisted at Dan Neck Mills station, he served there two and a half years. After a short assignment at Cape Henry, he was transferred back to Dan Neck. His next assignment was at the Currituck Beach station at Corolla and it was from there he was sent to Florida. After four months looking for rum runners, he returned to Currituck Beach and from there was transferred to the Kill Devil Hill station, where he remained almost 10 years, from 1931 to 1940. For a time he served as a coach on the rifle range at Fort Macon, where Capt. W. H. Lewark of Kill Devil Hills was in charge. For five months he was loaned to the Navy at Norfolk, Va., leaving there just 20 days before Pearl Harbor. His next and last assignment was Caffey's Inlet station. Although the Coast Guard does not have as many rescue missions as it once had, because there are fewer shipwrecks, two stand out in his mind. One occurred off Caffey's Inlet when Tillet was a small boy. He saw his father help in the rescue of survivors of the See TILLET, Page Four

CITIZENS PREPARE TO DEFEND LAND COMPANY CLAIMS

West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company Sets Up Claims That Will Be Disputed

Claims being made by the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company will not go undisputed by a number of landowners in the East Lake and Croatan Townships in Dare County. In Stumpy Point, several citizens are preparing to defend claims to lands which they have occupied for many years, as well as ancestors before them and which they say the company is trying to assume the title thereof through its current Torrenization proceeding.

Some landowners in the East Lake area are also making similar protests, and will file their answers in court. Last week, the company brought a proceeding against upwards of 100 people who are parties in interest in a large area of the Twiford neighborhood settlement, and some of these are up in arms about the company's claims.

During 1952, the company sent out a group of young surveyors into the territory to run lines, all of whom were unfamiliar with the territory, and who relied largely on hurriedly gathered helpers and informants, some of whom knew little or nothing about the land in question. On the basis of these incomplete maps, the suits are now being brought by the company which may result in much trouble and expense to former claimants of the land, some of whom are unable financially to defend their titles.

During the past few months, the company has made purchases of land from a few prominent people in the area. It bought out the rights of the claimants of the old long-disputed 6666 acres near Long Shoal River, and for it paid some \$12,500. It bought 150 acres from Mrs. Sarah Cahoon of East Lake for \$2,000; a tract from Theo. S. Meekins for \$840; a tract near Mashores from H. R. Craddock for \$1,500; a tract of 153 acres from Carl Mann near Manns Harbor for \$1,250; a tract at East Lake from Ray Lewis of Manteo for \$1,100; some timber rights from Dalton Cohoon of Columbia, and about one and a half acres from C. W. Mann of Manns Harbor for \$1,000.

Old residents, who recall the long and losing battles with the Dare Lumber Company of 50 years ago, when so many people lost lands which they had claimed, through being worn out and financially exhausted year after year in the courts, foresee a tougher fight in this instance when they have to go up against a multimillion dollar corporation, well armed with a strong array of the leading legal lights of the region.

MRS. KATE W. HAYMAN, 82, DIES IN MANTEO

Funeral services for Mrs. Kate Wise Hayman, 82, who died Monday at her home in Manteo, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Twiford Funeral Home chapel in Manteo by the Rev. H. R. Ashmore, the Rev. H. V. Napier and the Rev. F. B. Dinwiddie. Burial was in the Manteo cemetery. Mrs. Hayman was a native and lifelong resident of Dare County, the daughter of Joe and Elizabeth Midgett Wise, the widow of John T. Hayman, a member of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, a member of the Woman's Missionary Society, and a member of the Home Demonstration Club. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Frances Kermidos of Durham, Mrs. Marcus Midgett of Skyeo, and Miss Mary Hayman of Manteo; one son, C. W. Hayman of Edenton; one sister, Mrs. Lillie Hassell of Manteo; one brother, John Wise of Nags Head; 10 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

DARE BEACHES C OF C TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY

The Dare Beaches Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting at eight o'clock next Tuesday evening, April 7, at the Hotel Kitty Hawk at Kill Devil Hills, according to announcement this week by secretary C. J. Townley. Ellwood Parker, president of the group, urges all interested to be present. Arrangements will be made at that time for opening the information booth.

SOCIAL SECURITY WORKER AT COMMUNITY BUILDING

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in the Dare County Community Building on April 15, 1953. Anyone wishing to see him is requested to come to the reception room of the Community Building between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 12 M.

EASTER

Rising above the false to the true evidence of Life, is the resurrection that takes hold of eternal Truth.

—Mary Baker Eddy

This is the wonder of the Resurrection — That things unvalued now reveal their worth.

—Lucy Larcom

I know I am deathless.

—Walt Whitman

There is a Resurrection Life That I must share A tomb that I must leave.

—Henry Park Schaffler

"We shall sleep," was the sigh of the midnight "We shall rise!" is the song of today.

—Francis L. Mace

But Easter Day breaks! But Christ rises! Mercy every way is infinite.

—Robert Browning