

### OUR SEASHORE NEWS

Doings of the Communities of the Dare County Coast, Duck, Kitty Hawk, Caffey's Inlet, Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head, Colington, Whalebone, Oregon Inlet, and Corolla in Currituck.

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### MURPHY HEADS NEW TOWN'S GOVERNMENT

#### Dare Commissioners Appoint Governing Body for Kill Devil Hills

Maj. J. L. Murphy, retired from the Marine Corps, was appointed mayor of Kill Devil Hills Tuesday by the Dare county commissioners, who named the town board for the municipality recently created by the legislature.

The board named as aldermen Frank Dean, Herbert Morrison, and Robert A. Young. Mrs. Millie Miller Osmond was named town treasurer. Under the law which creates the town, the officers appointed this week will serve two years until the next town election, in May 1955.

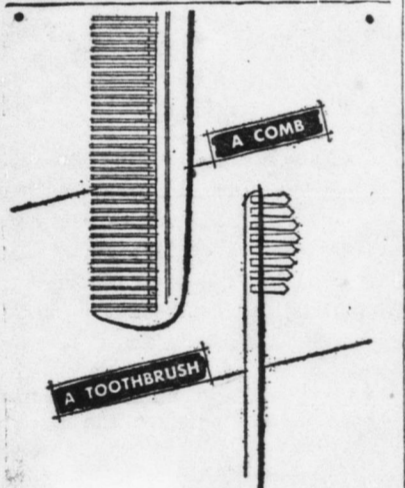
### BAPTIST PUPILS HUNT FOR EGGS EASTER MONDAY

Nags Head.—Pupils of Nags Head Baptist Sunday school had an Easter egg hunt Monday afternoon, under direction of the minister, the Rev. Frank Dinwiddie, and some of the teachers. The children were divided into three groups, according to age, with prizes given in each group.

In the primary class, Eddie Brown received a prize for finding the most eggs and Iris Parker a prize for finding the fewest. Lois Mann and Ruth Ann Porter received the high and low prizes in the junior group, while the intermediate winners were Betty Tillett and Becky Winslow. Prizes were big chocolate Easter eggs.

The affair was held in the church yard and the adjoining neighborhood. Besides the prize winners, those attending included Sheila Reber, Linda Mann, Barbara Twiford, Elizabeth Perry, Pat Culppeper, Ella Porter, Richard Bennett, Jean Bennett, Jane Porter, Sherry Johnston, Tom Bennett, Robert Molden, Shirley Porter, Carson Lee Beasley, Muriel Copeland and Gayle Brown.

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### TEACHER'S FATHER IS CRITICALLY ILL

Kitty Hawk.—William Miller, who teaches the eighth and ninth grades in the local school, resumed his classwork Tuesday after being in Climax, Ga., more than a week. He was called there by the serious illness of his father, who had a cerebral hemorrhage. After Mr. Miller returned to Kitty Hawk he received word that it had been necessary to take his father back to a hospital.

### TILLETT QUILTS CIVIC CLUB JOB FOR C. G. DUTY

#### Kitty Hawk Group Will Elect Successor at Session on April 30

Kitty Hawk.—Due to the resignation of P. A. Tillett, the Civic club, which met Thursday night of last week, will have to elect another secretary-treasurer. Mr. Tillett has been recalled by the Coast Guard and assigned to Baltimore, Md. Before he went out on temporary retirement about two years ago, he had served nearly 34 years in the Coast Guard.

The election will be held at the next meeting of the club, probably April 30.

A committee headed by B. A. Tillett was not ready to report on its investigation into the possibility of getting a school gymnasium for Kitty Hawk, which could also serve as a community center. This project has been discussed in the club several months and the committee was appointed at a session April 2.

### TOMAHAWK WILL OPEN ON MAY 1 FOR NEW SEASON

#### Parker Adds Row of Room-and-Bath Units to Cottage Accommodations

Kill Devil Hills.—Among motor court owners busy in preparation for the May 1 opening are Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Parker, Jr., who operate the Tomahawk motel.

Since last season they have added six rooms and private baths. Last year, their first in the business, they had three apartments of two bedrooms each.

The new units face the cottages across a wide concrete parking space, at the end of which stands the office and cottage occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Parker. All the buildings are of concrete block construction with flat roofs. They are painted white.

To give the whole a unified appearance, the Parkers have a concrete block wall extending on either side, the rear of their home.

The Parkers have spent the winter on the beach, as he is in the contracting business and has been occupied with construction for other owners as well as for himself.

One of the improvements Mr. Parker hopes to see on the beach before too long is the opening of streets from the highway to the beach. The street locations have been reserved, but they have not been improved. The time is not far in the future, Mr. Parker believes, when the land side of the highway will be so built up that the streets will be needed for vacationists staying on that side to reach the beach, without trespassing on private land. Besides that, the beach draws many Sunday visitors, who have no place to park their cars and no entrance to the beach.

### DAWN TILLET WINS CONTEST FOR SPEAKERS

#### Kitty Hawk Girl to Represent School in District Event at Rocky Mount

Kitty Hawk.—Dawn Tillett, as first place winner in a local high school public speaking contest, will represent Kitty Hawk in a district contest at Rocky Mount Saturday. The elimination competition took place Wednesday night at the local school, with eight contestants.

Norma Spruill placed second and Kaye Whitfield third. Other participants were Phyllis Sawyer, Minnie Spruill, Judy Perry, Jean Hines and Viola Rogers.

Each of them had written an essay on the achievements and prospects of the United Nations' efforts to build world peace. As they delivered the addresses they were judged by Mrs. Walker Raeburn, Mrs. Dewey Foster and Wilbur Woodhouse of Currituck county. Since the Kitty Hawk Parent-Teacher unit sponsored the contest here, Mrs. G. A. Whitfield of that group presided. Miss Alyce Sumrell was the teacher in charge.

In addition to going to Rocky Mount, the winner received a world peace key medal, a public speaking award and \$5 in cash. Second and third place winners received \$1 each.

### FIRST TWO GRADES PRESENT PROGRAM

#### Mrs. Atkins' Room Wins Picture in Good Housekeeping Campaign

Kitty Hawk.—Because Monday was a holiday, the weekly chapel program at Kitty Hawk school was postponed until Thursday morning. Given by Mrs. Elizabeth Atkins' first and second grade pupils, it was devoted to spring.

The program opened with the singing of "Welcome, Sweet Springtime," by the entire group. This was followed by poems, "April," recited by Rachel Perry, and "Spring Today," recited by Donald Twiford. Charlotte Perry and Corinne Sanderlin played a duet, "A Child's Dreamland," after which a short play, "Porch Box Neighbors," was presented by Jene Utz, Marion York, Gloria O'Neal, Corinne Sanderlin, Linda Mann, Gloria Perry and Sylvia Beacham.

The program closed with a poem, "Golden Tacks," recited by Sylvia Scarborough and one given by Ben Hedrick, and a solo, "Under the Old Apple Tree," sung by Gloria Perry. Mrs. G. A. Whitfield served as accompanist.

Announcement was made that a roving picture, supplied by the Emerson club as the prize in a weekly cleanup campaign, was won by Mrs. Atkins' room. The contest, started two months ago, has served to improve housekeeping in classrooms and to get some improvements made. The latest improvement consisted of draperies for R. B. Cobb's 11th and 12th grade home room.

### FUNLAND'S CAFE OPEN WEEK ENDS

#### Winslow Family Back on Nags Head Beach After Winter in Florida

Nags Head.—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Winslow have opened their cafe on the beach, but Funland, which they also operate, will not start until the middle of May.

The restaurant will be open only week ends until more people are on the beach. It has been repainted, with everything snowy white.

Funland, at the rear of the restaurant, has two rides and some games for children. In the past three seasons, it has proved a popular gathering place for the younger set.

When the season is at its height, Mr. and Mrs. Winslow employ eight helpers. Not all of these have yet been lined up for the coming season.

The Winslows, whose home is in Elizabeth City, spent the winter in Florida, living in their trailer, as they do here at the beach. They said Florida had more chilly weather than usual this winter, but even so their fuel bill for the winter did not exceed \$10.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lenehan and three children of Arlington, Va., are guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bayne at Jockey Ridge restaurant.

### SIGHTSEERS AT MONUMENT REFLECT BEACH BUSINESS

Kill Devil Hills.—Sharp increases in the number of visitors at the Wright memorial monument reflects the spring popularity of the beach.

Easter Sunday brought 1532 sightseers up the winding pathway to climb the monument and gaze out over the entire area. This number was estimated on the basis of an average of four persons to each of the 383 automobiles that stopped.

The number who actually visit the monument always is much higher than the number who sign the register inside the monument. For the three-day Easter holiday, 213 registered on Saturday, 578 on Easter and 279 on the following Monday, making a total of 1070.

Visitors from Norway, Australia, South Rhodesia, South Africa, Israel, Canada, England, 29 states and the District of Columbia. Most of those from other countries were exchange students attending U. S. colleges. They especially admired the architectural beauty of the monument and the view from its top.

The holiday attendance, though larger than through the winter, did not break any records. Attendance has averaged as high as 600 a day over a three-month period at the height of the tourist season. In 1952, approximately 147,000 climbed to the top of the dune to pay tribute to Orville and Wilbur Wright, their airplane flight and a nation in which two young men with no special wealth or advantages could follow their determination to conquer the skies.

As every year, lights were turned on the monument the night of April 1. It will continue to be illuminated until midnight each night through September.

With floodlights on all sides, supplied with 500 watt bulbs, throwing their beams on the white monument, it can be seen 30 miles away.

Supt. Horace A. Dough is in charge of the monument and grounds. Seven other members of the National Park Service are also employed.

### W. S. C. S. TURNS GATHERING INTO PRAYER MEETING

Kitty Hawk.—Instead of having a study program, the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service, meeting Tuesday night with Mrs. Manie Haywood at Kill Devil Hills, devoted the time to preparation for a revival to start at the church April 19.

After devotions led by Mrs. Elizabeth Sanderlin, each of the 20 members present offered sentence prayers. This served as one in a series of cottage prayer meetings. Another was held at the church Thursday night of this week and next Tuesday similar sessions will be at the homes of Mrs. Adolphus Hines and Zeke Midgett.

### PRIMITIVE BAPTIST MINISTER RETURNS

Kitty Hawk.—After being in ill health most of the winter and unable to fill his appointment at the Baptist church here, the Rev. J. P. Tingle of Grantsboro was in the pulpit Saturday and Sunday mornings, where services were conducted. The Rev. Mr. Tingle is in his latter 80's.

The Rev. G. Travathean of Pine-top, who has substituted for the pastor this winter, was also present. In addition, a guest minister, the Rev. J. B. Barnes, participated in the services.

Among those from away who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Will Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Melson, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Minton and Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers, all of Elizabeth City.

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### SHARK'S TAIL CUT OFF TO FREE NET

Nags Head.—A whiptail shark weighing between 200 and 300 pounds became entangled in a net set by Jethro Midgett, Jr., Sunday and when the net was pulled today he had to cut off the shark's tail to unsnarl the net.

The tail measured 5 feet 4 inches and was about the same length as the shark's body.

An 18-pound sturgeon was caught in the net, but another one larger, got away.

Portsmouth with the Coast Guard, will arrive Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Beacham.

The sixth grade in Kitty Hawk school, taught by Mrs. Irene Midgett, lost a pupil Thursday when Elsie Hines of Duck moved to Virginia Beach with her parents.

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