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## WELFARE CLIENTS EXPECT'D TO EARN SOMETHING ALSO

Welfare Officer Says Able Recipients of Tax Funds Expected to Work Also

"Members of families receiving aid to dependent children (ADC) are expected to work if they are able when suitable work is available," said Mrs. Goldie H. Meekins, county superintendent of public welfare, in discussing the ADC program in Dare County.

"We regularly review every ADC case each six months or oftener in accordance with State-wide policies," Mrs. Meekins said. "We carefully consider such factors as continuing need and the availability of the mother or older children for suitable work."

Mrs. Meekins pointed out that ADC case each six months or oftener in accordance with State-wide policies, is considered in establishing need and determining payments in ADC," Mrs. Meekins said. "A child over 18 in an ADC home, or over 16 if not in school) must be working or registered with the employment office if he is able to work. 50 per cent of the earnings of a child (or \$75 per month, whichever is the smaller amount) is considered a resource for the ADC home in figuring the strict budget upon which the aid is given. We keep in touch with the local employment office and with the county farm agency concerning availability of jobs.

"The ADC program is intended to help people in need and we expect members of families receiving aid to work as much as they are able. If a recipient refuses to work he is able to perform when it is available, payments will be terminated. Each case is considered on its own merits by the county welfare board which has legal responsibility for passing on all cases. The welfare of the children is given paramount consideration. "While the county welfare board is responsible for the administration of ADC in Dare county, it is the responsibility of all citizens to help the board carry out these policies fairly and equitably and with due regard for human as well as material values. We believe that our citizens want this aid to be available for children who are in need so they can grow up into responsible adults and good citizens. Many fine young men and women in Dare county today were given this aid as children when their families were in dire straits," Mrs. Meekins concluded.

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## BABY CONTEST WILL END THURS., APRIL 30

Operetta by Primary Children to Follow Crowning of Baby King and Queen

The baby contest which is being sponsored by the Manteo Parent-Teacher Association will conclude Thursday, April 30, with a program in the Manteo school auditorium, beginning at 7:30. A very small admission will be charged, and it is expected that a large crowd will be in attendance.

The evening's entertainment will begin with a parade of all the babies entered in the contest. This will be followed by the crowning of the king and queen, who will each have two attendants. Silver loving cups are being presented to the boy and girl winners by an anonymous donor. A silver fork and spoon set will go to the second high boy and second high girl. These are being given by Selig's of Elizabeth City. Following the parade and crowning, a short operetta "The Wedding of the Painted Doll" will be put on by pupils of the Manteo first, second and third grades.

## PRESCHOOL CLINIC

The Manteo preschool clinic will be held in the Community Building by the health department on April 29, 1953 at 2:00 p.m.

All parents with children starting school next year are requested to bring them to this clinic for their check-ups and immunizations.

## HERMAN SMITH WITH HIS BIG FISH



HERMAN SMITH is getting to be a champion fisherman. This shows him with his big catch of rockfish made several days ago in Manteo Bay. Herman knows where to find them. He is the son of Mrs. Pattie Smith of Manteo and the late Capt. H. C. Smith.

## POTATO FESTIVAL BAGS AVAILABLE FROM H. D. AGENT

Clothing and Recipe Contests Must Be Entered Not Later Than May 1

Miss Mary Kirby, home agent, announces that she has 50 official Potato Festival bags in her office which may be purchased at 50¢ each for the potato bag costume contest to be held in Elizabeth City during the Potato Festival, May 29-30.

There will be two contests, one for girls up to 18 and another for women over 18. An elimination contest will be held in Manteo May 6 at 2:30 p.m. at the community building. Costume may be street-wear, sportswear and housewear to include aprons, smocks, etc.

Costumes will be judged according to the following: originality, 35%; construction, 15%; suitability, 15%; attractiveness, 35%.

Another contest for potato recipes will be held at the same time. Entrants should present their recipes and dish at the elimination contest May 6. Classes of dishes are breads, desserts, vegetables, main dish, soup, salad and party refreshment. These will be judged according to attractiveness, 25%; tastefulness and flavor 35%; quality 15%; usefulness, 25%.

Anyone wishing to enter either contest should notify Miss Kirby not later than May 1.

A tasty recipe for potato rolls: 1 yeast cake dissolved in 1/2 cup warm water. Let stand while you mix 1 cup cooked mashed Irish potatoes, 2/3 cup shortening, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 beaten eggs, 1 cup scalded milk. Add yeast mixture and enough flour (plain) to make stiff dough—about 5 1/2 cups. Knead lightly, pinch off pieces 3 to a muffin ring. Let rise. Bake at 425 degrees 12-14 minutes. Remainder may be kept in refrigerator 1 week—yield 2 dozen.

## PIER PROPOSED AT OCRACOKE ISLAND

W. T. Boos, Ocracoke, North Carolina, has made application for permit for construction of a pier in Pamlico Sound at Ocracoke, N. C.

An open pile timber structure is planned, 3 feet wide and 690 feet long with a 30-foot ell at the end. The pier will not extend closer than 60 feet to the channel leading to Silver Lake Harbor.

Plans showing the proposed work may be seen at the post office at Ocracoke, or the office of Colonel R. C. Brown, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer, Wilmington, N. C.

Please advise Col. Brown if you have any objections to this work from the standpoint of navigation or if you know of any person, firm, or association who may be opposed to such work.

Objections to the proposed work, if any, will be received at the Wilmington office until May 18, 1953.

## APPLICATION APPROVED

The Bank of Manteo has been notified that on Wednesday of this week the state banking commission granted them permission to open a branch bank in the Nags Head area. W. R. Pearce, cashier, stated Thursday that plans are indefinite, but that they will open the new branch as soon as details can be arranged.

## OYSTER SHELL DREDGE PLAN IS WITHDRAWN

Murphy, Williams Among Those Presenting Objections to Proposal

Kill Devil Hills.—Maj. J. L. Murphy of Kill Devil Hills, vice president of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, was among those who spoke at a hearing last week on a proposal to dredge dead oyster shells from Currituck and Albemarle sounds. The hearing resulted in the firm withdrawing its proposal.

A corporation with headquarters in Mobile, Ala., had asked the state for authority to dredge the dead oyster shells at the rate of 10 cents a cubic yard and the firm's representative said at a meeting that there was a strong possibility that a lime or cement plant would be located in the Albemarle area. It was estimated that the pay for the shells would net the state approximately \$300,000 over a 10-year period.

Opponents claimed that the dredging would destroy aquatic life essential to game and commercial fish and to wildfowl and thus would eliminate hunting and fishing in the sounds. These now attract many tourists, who are estimated to spend at least \$10 a day each. Last year, licenses in Currituck county amounted to \$41,000, which, over a 10-year period would total more than the amount the state would receive for the shells. Opponents of the project said that as far as the suggested lime plant went, they were unwilling to trade the sportsmen's business, the value of which they knew, for an industry of unknown economic importance.

The full board of the Department of Conservation and Development attended the hearing in Elizabeth City. Those speaking against the dredging proposal were Ira T. Quinn of Richmond, Va., director of the Virginia Fish and Game Commission; William Newsom, president of the Virginia Wildlife Federation; Roland McClamrock, director of the National Wildlife Federation; Dal H. Williams of Elizabeth City, president of the Nags Head Surf Fishing club; and Major Murphy.

Among the 300 attending the hearing were Congressmen Herbert Bonner and Thurman Chatman, and Dr. Clarence Cottam of Washington, assistant director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Besides some 250 from Currituck county, at least 50 from Princess Anne county and Tidewater Virginia sat in on the hearing.

## WIDOW, DAUGHTER AND MOTHER OF FAMOUS COAST GUARDS DIES

Mrs. Josephine Gray Miller, 78, the widow and daughter of two of the most famed of the old time life-savers of the Outer Banks, herself a mother of several sons with long honorable records in the service, passed away at her home at Buxton Saturday night at eight o'clock after an illness of four years.

She was the widow of the late Capt. Baxter B. Miller, long a keeper of Coast Guard stations, and the daughter of the late A. T. and Elizabeth Gray. She was born at Avon, but had lived at Buxton for nearly 50 years.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Retta Miller Jones of Biloxi, Miss; five sons, Cantwell T., Edson and Olin Miller of Buxton; Mahlon S. Miller of Norfolk and See WIDOW, Page Eight

## FUNERAL MRS. MATILDA BAU

The funeral of Mrs. Matilda Etheridge Baum, 88, who died Wednesday night of last week, was conducted at 3 p.m. Friday at the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. W. J. Freeman.

The casket was covered by a pall of red roses, Easter lilies and fern.

Mrs. Inez Parker, Vernon Parker and Mrs. Shirley Lynn, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Jesse Baum, sang "Good Night and Morning," "Will The Circle Be Unbroken?" and "The Last Mile of the Way" at the graveside, in the Austin cemetery.

Pallbearers were Aubrey Harris, J. P. Harris, Avery Tillett, Lionel Shannon, Theron Corbell and Alonzo Harris.

Mrs. Baum, the widow of the late George Baum, was a lifelong resident of Kitty Hawk, the daughter of the late Truxton and Emmeline Gard Etheridge. Besides her daughter, Miss Nora Baum, and her son, Elijah Baum, she is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Dencie Partridge of Norfolk, Mrs. F. H. Midgett and Mrs. W. R. Perry and a half-brother, Edward N. Baum, all of Kitty Hawk.

## TV PROGRAM FEATURES 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WRIGHT BROS. FLIGHT

By AYCOCK BROWN

Kitty Hawk.—The 50th anniversary of powered flight will be celebrated by Dave Garraway on his "Today" program each morning during the week of April 27, through May 1, it was announced here today by Miles L. Clark, president of Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association which was formed and operates to commemorate the achievement of Wilbur and Orville Wright and their first flight on December 17, 1903. The special featured program will be seen over WTAR-TV and other stations televising Garraway's early morning news and special feature programs, it was announced.

The five-day series will touch on every facet of aviation in the United States, beginning with the first attempts to fly, both dramatic and humorous, including the Wright Brothers experiments here which began in 1900 and led to their successful (and the first powered flight) three years later at nearby Kill Devil Hills, and ending with the latest achievements of the supersonic age.

During the week outstanding personalities, both civilian and military, will be interviewed. Among the air leaders who are anticipated are Eddie Rickenbacker, president of Eastern Airlines, General Jimmy Doolittle, chairman of the anniversary committee, and Admiral Richard E. Byrd of Antarctic expedition fame. Also probable, on the program will be Harry P. Moore, noted Norfolk newspaperman who reported the first story about the first flight, (a story which carried an 8-column streamer on page 1 of Virginian-Pilot, December 17, 1903, and A. W. Drinkwater, famous Coast Guard communication officer who helped relay the first message of the first flight when the noted brothers wired relatives back in Dayton that their powered flight had been successful and that they would be home for Christmas.

On the program Byrd will show films and discuss his flights to the South Pole; Doolittle will describe his daring 30-second raid on Tokyo during the last war and Rickenbacker will be seen in remote control from Smithsonian Institution where he will present Eastern Airlines Douglas DC-3 to the collection of historic craft.

Other aircraft to be shown from Smithsonian Institution on the Garraway program will be the original Wright Brothers' plane, the "Kitty Hawk" and General Billy Mitchell's World War I Spad and its German adversary, the Fokker. It was General Mitchell who, after World War I, proved that ocean going surface craft were vulnerable to attacks by bombing planes and he conducted his experiments off Cape Hatteras in 1923 where on the 30th anniversary of his achievement this year near Hatteras village, his landing field for the famous operations will be commemorated by the erection of a State Archives and Historical Division marker. The more modern but already obsolete Bell XS-1, first plane to break through the sonic barrier will also be featured on See PROGRAM, Page Eight

## MRS. HOLLAND PAYNE, 84, FROM MASHOES IS DEAD

Levissa Holland Midgett Payne, 84, widow of the late Worth J. Payne of Mashoes, a lifelong resident of the area, a member of the Methodist Church, died Thursday at 7:15 p.m. at the Beacon Nursing Home in Manteo where she had lived for the past four years, being the first patient to enter the home when it was opened, by Mrs. Lotta Midgett.

Her father and mother were the late Thomas and Sally Caroon Midgett of Mashoes. Her only immediate relatives living are J. T. and A. C. Gard of Elizabeth City, nephews; and a niece, Mrs. E. O. Hooper of Norfolk, Va.

Funeral services were conducted at one o'clock Saturday at Twiford's Funeral Home in Manteo by Rev. H. V. Napier, Baptist pastor. The body was taken to Mashoes for burial in the family plot.

## DARE COUNTY SEAMEN RETURN FROM KOREA

Long Beach, Calif. April 20 (FHTNC)—The USS Missouri returned to the United States today after six months in Korean waters.

Serving aboard the battleship are Clarence J. Hassell, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hassell and husband of Mrs. Shirley T. Hassell all of Manns Harbor, and Charlie W. Scarborough, steward, USN, husband of Mrs. Myrtle F. Scarborough of Manteo.

The "Mighty Mo" is the first U.S. battleship to complete a second tour of duty with United States forces in the Korean theater.

## ATTRACTIVE MISS IN PALM BEACH SHOW



SHARON ANNETTE MIDGETT, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard O. Midgett of West Palm Beach, Fla. She is a granddaughter of Ellis H. Midgett, U.S.C.G., retired, of Manteo. The picture shows her as she appeared in an Easter fashion parade at an exclusive Palm Beach hotel. This was an annual affair planned for TV and M.G.M. newsreel.

## TEACHERS PLAN HATTERAS EVENT NEXT SATURDAY

Hatteras.—At a county-wide teachers' meeting here Saturday, plans for the closing of school, May 29, will be outlined by Mrs. Mary Evans, county superintendent of schools. She will outline requirements for final reports and other details.

The meeting will be combined with a session of the Dare county unit of the North Carolina Educational association, when officers will be elected. L. G. Finch of Manteo, president this year, will report on a recent state convention he attended in Asheville.

In connection with the business and discussions, the Hatteras Parent-Teacher unit will serve lunch.

Teachers north of Oregon Inlet will go by car to the inlet, ride across on the 10 o'clock ferry and be met on this side by a bus, which will bring them to Hatteras. The meeting will be over in time for these teachers to return on the 2:30 ferry.

## MRS. MARY MEEKINS DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Mary Rebecca (Mollie) Mason Meekins, 80, died in Elizabeth City after an illness of more than three years, Wednesday night at 6:16. She was at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edith Hooper, 915 Pennsylvania Avenue. She had made her home for the greater part in Elizabeth City during the past 25 years.

She was the daughter of the late Samuel Warrenton and Mary Midgett Mason and widow of Davis Littleton Meekins. She was a member of the City Road Methodist Church.

Mrs. Meekins is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Claude Wise of Manteo, and Mrs. Edith Hooper of Elizabeth City; six sons, Franklin T. Meekins, Samuel Warrenton Meekins and William H. Meekins, all of Norfolk; the Rev. Earl R. Meekins, of Columbia; Garland E. Meekins and D. Littleton Meekins, both of Stumpy Point; 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by a brother, W. M. Mason of Manteo, two sisters, Mrs. A. W. Hooper and Mrs. Frances Hooper of Stumpy Point, and many nephews and nieces.

She was long a member of the Stumpy Point Methodist Church and the funeral will be conducted at 2:30 Friday from the church by Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, the pastor. Interment will be in the family plot.

## SHRINERS VISIT POINTS OF INTEREST IN DARE

Hatteras and Ocracoke Hosts to Visitors Last Week End

Ocracoke.—On Saturday, April 18, between 50 and 60 Shriners enjoyed a day at Ocracoke, as part of their caravan down the Outer Banks of North Carolina. This group represented the Sudan Temple east of Greensboro. Many of the Shriners brought their wives on the trip. Arriving by boat across Hatteras Inlet, they were met by several Ocracokers, some of whom belong to the Masonic Order, and brought down the 16 mile strip of reef by automobile, stopping to see various shipwrecks and especially the Ghost Ship wreck about seven miles north of Ocracoke.

They were taken on a tour of the island, visiting the U. S. Coast Guard station, the Cunningham (British) Graveyard, the Ocracoke lighthouse, and the legendary hideout of the Pirate Blackbeard. At noon they were served lunch at the Ocracoke school library—crab stew, slaw, hushpuppies, and cold drinks. Shriner W. T. Boos and Mrs. Boos were in charge of the plans for the tour and luncheon. At the school they enjoyed the extensive shell collection of the elementary grades, on display in the library.

Though several here belong to the Masonic Order, Ocracoke is a "one man Shrine Club", that Shriner being W. T. Boos, formerly of Wilson, but now residing here and operating Sound Front Inn. It is possible that Ocracoke is the only one-man Shrine Club in the United States See SHRINERS, Page Eight

## CHARLES B. GREGORY

Funeral services for Charles Burrows Gregory, who died at his residence in Rodanthe Wednesday night of last week were conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home, Manteo, by the Rev. P. M. Porter, pastor of the Fairhaven Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. H. V. Napier, pastor of the Manteo Baptist Church.

Members of the choir sang "Abide With Me", "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Now the Day is Over" accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Rennie Williamson.

The casket was covered with a pall of red roses and Easter lilies. Frank Cahoon, Frank Ausband, D. C. Dungan, Elmer Midgett, Jr., Louis Midgett and Rudolph Midgett served as pallbearers.

Burial followed in the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk.

## OCRACOKE SCHOOL GROUP VISITS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Students See White House, Capitol and Other Points of Interest

By ALICE K. RONDTHALER

Ocracoke.—All aboard for Washington, D. C.! And this didn't mean a train or bus or plane to the eight students from the American history class of Ocracoke High School who enjoyed four days of schooling in Washington, D. C., last week. It meant getting up at 4:30 a.m. and being ready to climb into Charlie McWilliams' truck at 5:15 a.m., riding up Ocracoke Reef in the cold morning hours, crossing Hatteras Inlet by boat, and then boarding the 7:45 a.m. bus for Manteo, thence northward by bus through Norfolk, Williamsburg, Richmond—arriving in Washington, D. C. at 8:55 p.m. that night. Located at the Sandridge Tourist Home on East Capitol Street, we were within walking distance of the Capitol and other government buildings, and no sooner had we settled our baggage than we were two and a half blocks down the street getting our first near sight of the beautiful Capitol dome. And for some of us our first sight of a trolley car, for though Ocracokers are familiar with jets and bombers and helicopters and pleasure planes and automobiles, thus far no clanging trolley car has invaded the Island's isolation.

But during our four days there, we found the trolley a very useful medium of travel, especially good old No. 40 Lincoln Park, which always got us finally to and from home bases. And we found the conductors and the bus drivers particularly helpful in telling us how to get here and there, not only to the various government buildings, but to the shopping and theater districts. Rainy weather one day, cold the next, fair and cool the other two, made no impression on us Ocracokers, accustomed as we are to squalls and hurricanes. We got between the drops to the House Office Building and down to No. 1015 to pay our respects to our Representative Herbert C. Bonner. He was down home in "Little Washington," but his secretaries did all the honors—supplying us with passes for the Senate and House galleries for use during our visit.

Then off we went in the rain to the Bureau of Federal Investigation, so interesting, especially to the boys of the group, that we forgot all about the weather discomforts. Then after lunch at Scholl's, back to the Senate and House of Representatives, and the Supreme Court Building, where our guide not only told us all about the Justices, present and past, but showed us the beautiful marble staircase, the golden doors, the very, very long Venetian blinds, and the "longest zippers in the world" on the beautiful red curtains.

Tuesday we were guests for the day of Ocracoke enthusiasts—Mr. and Mrs. Runyon, Mr. and Mrs. Owsley, and Mr. and Mrs. Meeker—all wanting to show nine Ocracokers (oh yes, there were eight students and one teacher!) the sights of Mount Vernon, Alexandria, Arlington, the airport, the Pentagon, historic Georgetown, and Washington Cathedral. Three cars and a well-planned itinerary by Mr. Runyon keep the group happily on the go from about 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with time out from historic shrines for souvenir buying, lunch at the airport, shooting in the game room there, twenty-three kinds of ice cream at a Howard Johnson, and many other incidents See GROUP, Page Eight

## NEW PAINTINGS HUNG IN FORT RALEIGH MUSEUM

Museum To Be Closed for Repairs April 27 Through May 2

Visitors to the museum at Fort Raleigh National Park on Roanoke Island will be able to enjoy a group of 19 new paintings in oil, all copies of John White's drawings of the New World as he saw it in the 16th century. The pictures were installed this week by Paul Hudson of the Richmond office of the National Park Service. Mr. Hudson spent three days on Roanoke Island this week, attending to this matter. The pictures were painted by Sidney King of Tynor, Va., and were bought and given to the museum by the Eastern National Park and Monument Association and the National Park Service. A large oil painting, also done by Mr. King, of the baptism of Chief Manteo, has also been hung in the museum.

Robert H. Atkinson, superintendent of Fort Raleigh, announces that the museum will be closed from April 27 through May 2 for internal repairs and painting.