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## A JUDGE RULES BUXTON SHOULD BE SCHOOL SITE

Judge Burney in Superior Court Holds State Board Was in Its Rights in Denying Avon the School

In the school battle of Buxton versus Avon, Judge John J. Burney cast his vote for Buxton last Thursday.

The State Board of Education was exactly right, he ruled in Wake Superior Court, when it refused to approve the use of State money for a school on what it considered an unsafe location at Avon. The judge ordered dismissal of a suit brought against the State Board by Dare County's Board of Education.

The Dare County Board first settled on Buxton as it debated a site for a \$200,000 consolidated school for Hatteras Island. The State Board promptly approved use of State building money for the Buxton school.

Many Avon citizens joined hands in financing a strenuous fight to have this school built in their village. They made many trips to Manteo and Raleigh, appearing before County and State Boards. They hired able legal talent to assist them.

Then the Dare officials changed their minds and swung to Avon. But the State Board balked. Its engineers said that the exposed, seaside location at Avon was unsafe as a school site. The State Board thus had a moral and legal right, its members felt, to withhold use of taxpayers' money for a building on what they called an unsuitable site.

Assistant Attorney General Claude Love spread that argument before Judge Burney last week. The State Board, he said, did not challenge the right of the local board to pick a school site. Nevertheless, the board has the right to withhold funds when a school site is deemed unsafe.

The Outer Banks school was intended to replace three present schools and including the Buxton school. All Hatteras Island pupils from grades one through 12 will attend it. These are the pupils of the seven villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon, Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras on Hatteras Island.

## DARE REPRESENTED AT FARM AND HOME WEEK

Miss Mary Kirby, Home Agent, and Mrs. Cecil Midgett of Waves, Delegates from County's Clubs

Miss Mary Kirby, Dare County home demonstration agent, and Mrs. Cecil Midgett of Waves, attended the state Farm and Home week in Raleigh last week. While there they attended classes Tuesday on Clothing, Crafts, and House Furnishings. On Tuesday night they were present for the group singing led by Arnold E. Hoffman, and heard a talk by D. S. Weaver, director of agricultural extension service.

Family life discussions filled Wednesday morning. The speaker for Wednesday evening was J. Earl Coke, assistant secretary of agriculture, Washington, D. C. The address at the women's meeting on Thursday morning was made by Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, treasurer of the United States. The State Council meeting was held on Thursday afternoon, and both of the Dare delegates were present for it.

The highlight in the entertainment was the show put on by the Echo Inn Collogers from near Fontana Village. Another interesting feature was the Home Demonstration Club chorus, made up of 57 clubs throughout the state.

## LOST COLONY SCENES ARE SHOT FOR TIME MAGAZINE

An area story of the Cape Hatteras and Dare coast region is scheduled for an early edition of the magazine TIME. Among the pictures shot in full color by Vic Jorgenson while he was on the coast recently to cover the story for the internationally circulated magazine, were new 1953 scenes of Paul Green's symphonic drama, The Lost Colony, which is scheduled to open here in Waterside Theatre on Saturday, June 27, for its 13th season. The scenes he shot of the famed drama included Sir Walter Raleigh, Queen Elizabeth, milkmaid dancers, Eleanor Dare and Old Tom Harris with his spouse, the Indian squaw Agona.

## TO SERVE HYDE, DARE COUNTIES THIS SUMMER



The Reverend Charles E. Owens, a senior at Duke Divinity School, will spend the summer doing work in Hyde and Dare counties with the Methodist churches of the Mattamuskeet and Stumpy Point circuits. He will be working under Duke Endowment.

Mr. Owens will be doing the preaching in the churches of the Mattamuskeet charge until July 18, while the pastor, Rev. William O. Connor, is away in summer school at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

From the Mattamuskeet circuit he will serve on the Stumpy Point work until Aug. 15, with the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, pastor of the charge.

The Rev. Owens is a graduate of Texas A. & M. College. He came to North Carolina State College on a fellowship for six months, and spent several weeks in 1950 in Hyde County on an agriculture survey for State College, before deciding to go into the ministry. When looking around for a good theological school to complete his preparation for the ministry he chose Duke. His experience in this state has been varied because of his summer work under the Duke Endowment in the extreme western part of our state in 1951 and 1952. This year makes his second summer in Eastern North Carolina. He has preached in and around Durham during the years of study at Duke.

Upon his graduation at the Divinity School, Mr. Owens plans to enter the Chaplain's Corps in June 1954. Thereafter his plans are to serve the Methodist Church in the mission field. Before coming to North Carolina, Mr. Owens lived in Brookston, Texas, where he attended public school.

## BROWN NAMED TO NEW FLIGHT COMMISSION

Aycock Brown, manager and news director of Dare County Tourist Bureau has been named on the State Flight Commission, of which Carl Goerch, widely known Raleigh magazine publisher will be chairman. Governor Umstead has officially informed Brown of the appointment. The commission which was authorized during the last General Assembly will have as its objective the promotion of North Carolina's share of the Golden Anniversary of Aviation this year which will conclude on December 17th the 50th anniversary of the first flight, at Kill Devil Hills.

Chairman Goerch stated that the Commission would not only work with the national organizations having to do with the Golden Anniversary, but also the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association of which Miles Clark, Elizabeth City is president. Brown and Clark will attend a meeting of the commission in the Governor's office on Monday. Other members are: Col. Max Washburn, Shelby, Tom Davis, Winston-Salem, Hugh, Morton Wilmington, Henry Vann, Clinton, Congressman H. C. Bonner, Washington; Frank Thompson, Raleigh, and Dr. Christopher C. Crittenden, Raleigh.

## LIONS ELECT OFFICERS

The Manteo Lions Club has elected the following officers for the coming year: president, Jack Wilson; first vice-president, Roy Wescott; second vice-president, Earl Green; third vice-president, Fred Wescott; secretary, Ralph Umphlett; treasurer, M. K. Fearling, Jr.; taitwister, Gordon Ridick; lion tamer, Willett Tillet.

## HAYMAN CLAN OF NORTH CAROLINA TO MEET JULY 17th

Wanchese To Be Scene of Annual Reunion on July 17th

The fourth reunion of the Hayman Clan of North Carolina will be held in the community of Wanchese, on Roanoke Island, July 17th for 1953. Rev. L. D. Hayman, President of the Clan, announces this date after conferring with the Board of Directors, who in turn have ascertained the general consensus of opinion of the more than 200 members of the Clan. This date was suggested at the annual meeting in 1952, and the president has confirmed this decision for 1953. General notices will go out shortly to as many members of the Clan, whose addresses are available or by telephone and other means of communication; from the office of the Secretary, Miss Oma Pearl Midgett of Manns Harbor.

Mrs. Ethel Hayman Tillet of Wanchese will be acting chairman of local arrangements, which in general will be as follows: Through the kindness of the pastor, Rev. Charlie Guthrie, and the official board of Wanchese Methodist Church, the gathering will take place at this church. Devotional and other indoor activity will take place within the historic old church, where forty-six years ago, Louis D. Hayman—the Clan's President—preached his first sermon as a Methodist preacher. Three years later, he entered upon studies which made him a member of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, where he has been active since that date. The dinner hour at about 12:30 will take place as provided and arranged by the local committee of which Mrs. Ethel Tillet is chairman.

This is the first time the Clan has met on a week-end basis, and while the main features of the occasion will be on Friday, July 17th, the final part of the program will end with a sermon by the President, Rev. L. D. Hayman, in Wanchese Church on Sunday at either the morning or evening hour—which will be announced. Saturday will be given over to visiting and sightseeing by members of the Clan returning to the old home surroundings as they may desire. Indications now point to one of the largest—if not the largest—gathering in the Clan's history.

## DRINKWATER FILMED BY UNITED AIRCRAFT

Alpheus W. Drinkwater and his copies of press messages filed by newsmen covering the 1908 experiments of Wilbur and Orville Wright were filmed on Tuesday by William Fox of United Aircraft Corporation, Bridgeport, Conn. Also filmed were the copies of pictures Drinkwater has had in his possession for many years showing Orville Wright and Lord Olgiwie assembling a glider at Kill Devil Hills in 1911 were filmed for aviation posterity. The photographs, now very rare, were shot by the late Van Ness Harwood.

The movie Fox is making will touch all phases of the Wright Brothers activities in the Kitty Hawk-Kill Devil Hill, or the phases available today. He will return to the Dare coast in a few days to make a sound track for the film he is making. This sound track will include an interview with Drinkwater, possibly an interview with Elijah Baum of Kitty Hawk who happened to be on the dock in 1900 when Wilbur Wright first arrived there, and then showed him how to reach Postmaster Tate's house where the Wrights were to board, and an interview with Harry Moore of Norfolk who wrote the first story of the first flight.

## SMALLEST SAILFISH CAME WITH LARGE DOLPHIN

Nags Head. — The smallest sailfish ever landed with rod and reel was brought aboard the Chee Chee off Oregon Inlet on Sunday. As matter of fact the tiny sailfish was smaller than the hook which caught the dolphin which disgorged the tiny fish as it hit the deck of the cruiser.

The sailfish measured exactly two inches from tip to tip. The same dolphin which threw the sailfish up also disgorged a sargassum fish, and each were in perfect condition and undigested in anyway.

The sailfish specimen was forwarded to the American Museum of Natural History in New York with the idea of proving to ichthyologists that these billfishes, numerous off North Carolina during the summer, spawn off Dare.

## HOW'D YOU LIKE TO CALL HER TEACHER?



MISS SHIRLEY LEARY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Leary of Nags Head, this summer is teaching classes in baton twirling, strutting and dance steps for band majorettes. Miss Leary herself, a majorette for the Elizabeth City high school band, has won a number of honors in recognition of her skill in baton twirling and last summer attended a school taught by some of the best known instructors in that art.

## DARE COUNTY TEACHER ALLOTMENT FOR 53-54

On June 5 the State Board of Education allotted the following teachers for Dare County Schools for the 1953-1954 school term:

Manteo: 7 elementary teachers; 6 high school teachers.

Manns Harbor: 3 elementary teachers.

Kitty Hawk: 4 elementary teachers; 2 high school teachers.

Wanchese: 3 elementary teachers.

Stumpy Point: 1 elementary teacher.

Avon: 2 elementary teachers.

Buxton: 3 elementary teachers; 3 high school teachers.

Hatteras: 3 elementary teachers.

Roanoke Colored: 2 elementary teachers; 1 high school teacher.

On May 22 the State Board had failed to allot any high school teachers for Kitty Hawk or any elementary teachers for Stumpy Point. The original allotment also gave Buxton only three high school teachers instead of the four teachers allotted in previous years. The Dare County Board of Education immediately requested reconsideration of this allotment. As a result the State Board did re-instate the Kitty Hawk High School and the Stumpy Point School, but would not give the extra high school teacher to Buxton.

## ISLANDERS ORGANIZE HOUSING BUREAU

Roanoke Islanders meeting in Manteo last week, organized their own housing bureau and in the future all overnight visitors to The Lost Colony wishing accommodations will make arrangements for them through the new Bureau which will be operated for the benefit of almost 100 home owners of Roanoke Island, their patrons, who come to see the Lost Colony.

Robert Williams of Manteo will manage the Bureau's desk in the Community Building.

General Manager R. E. Jordan meeting with home owners, stated that the new Roanoke Island Housing Bureau will have offices in Dare County Community Building at Manteo, but will be operated as a separate unit. Mrs. A. E. Brown is chairman, Doreen Quiddle vice-chairman and Mrs. C. S. Meekins Secretary and treasurer.

The Lost Colony organization had operated the bureau each year. The Lost Colony had been presented, since 1937.

Persons coming to see The Lost Colony during the summer of 1953 will write the Roanoke Island Housing Bureau or contact the office of the new organization upon arrival at Manteo instead of applying to The Lost Colony, Mr. Jordan stated. "We believe this new plan will work advantageously not only to the almost 100 home owners who have guest rooms, but also to the multitudes of people coming to see the 1953 presentation of The Lost Colony," said Jordan.

## DAYTON NEWSMAN DEPLORES LOOKS OF KDH ENTRANCE

By AYCOCK BROWN  
Kill Devil Hills. — Dick Cull, Washington correspondent for the Dayton, Ohio NEWS spent the week end in this area doing stories about the Wright Memorial on Kill Devil Hill and the midway point in the Golden Anniversary of Aviation year. And, judging from the comments he made while here readers of the newspaper in the hometown of Wilber and Orville Wright will learn about the unkempt condition of the land on the way into the reservation where the inventors made their successful flights on December 17, 1903.

In the opinion of Cull, it is a shame that the right-of-way of U. S. 158 at the Memorial Entrance drive is littered with trash that ranges from empty beer cans and whisky bottles to waste paper and many kinds of rubbish. Cull feels that the real estate development which has been created between the memorial area and the main highway, is detrimental to aviation's greatest shrine.

Actually the real estate development is about a half mile from the monument although it adjoins the 341-acre Kill Devil Hill National Memorial land which embraces an area about six times the size of the famous hill.

At the monument Cull found the great granite pylon in need of paint in spots and initials and names of persons were found on the walls of the monument's interior, and also on the base of the triangular lens of a light which is not used at present.

Photographs of the highway right-of-ways where the road turns from U. S. Highway 158 to the monument and also shots of the real estate development in the region were photographed. At the monument some of the initialed walls were photographed.

Before he left the area Cull filed a special story to DAYTON NEWS on the death last week of Capt. W. J. Tate, close friend of the Wright brothers and at whose homes the inventors lived during See ENTRANCE, Page Four

## 5,000 BABY BASS PLACED IN FRESH PONDS AT HATTERAS

Five thousand fingerling large mouth bass were released in the fresh ponds of Cape Hatteras Thursday morning by State Wildlife and Resource Commission game protectors. The fish ranging from an inch and half to three inches in size were put in the Lighthouse Pond, the Big Pond west of Cape, and in one of the smaller canals. The 5,000 baby bass made a pickup truck load. They were in five gallon cans and came from the State Fish Hatchery at Fayetteville. Edward B. Bradley brought the fish to Dare waters, making a night trip from Fayetteville to assure that the fishes would remain alive. Only a half dozen or so had died enroute.

Assisting in the planting of the bass were District Game Protector Leon Thomas, and Protectors W. S. White of Manns Harbor, Jack Balance, Kill Devil Hills and Tom Hines, federal game agent who lives at Kill Devil Hill. Photographs of the work which is expected to help bring fresh water fishing into popularity at Cape Hatteras were made by Tourist Bureau Manager Aycock Brown for national publicity purposes.

## MRS. CAROLINE G. MILLER IS BURIED IN AVON WED.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Caroline Gray Miller, 75, who died Monday at the Albemarle Hospital, were conducted Wednesday at 11 a. m. at the Pearl Street International Church by the Rev. Tommy Wilson, pastor of the Assembly of God Church at Avon.

Burial was in the family plot at Avon with graveside services at 4:30 p. m.

Mrs. Miller was a lifelong resident of Avon, the daughter of Banister and Rosa Meekins Gray and the wife of W. B. Miller. She was a member of the Pearl Street International Church, of Elizabeth City.

Surviving besides her husband are two daughters, Mrs. Cedric Midgett, of Waves, and Mrs. Retta Morgan, of Avon; five sons, the Rev. L. Sigsbee Miller, of Elizabeth City; T. Columbus Miller, of Norfolk; William T. Miller, of Avon; Dallas B. Miller and Fred A. Miller, of Isle City, N. J.; a sister, Mrs. Mary Midgett, of Morehead City; 21 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

## TITANIUM DEPOSIT ON OUTER BANKS NOT W'RTH MINING

Dupont and National Officials Don't Intend to Dig Up Sands in Search of Ilmenite

Officials of the E. I. duPont de Memours and Company in Wilmington, Delaware and the National Lead Company of 111 Broadway, New York City have spiked rumors that the Outer Banks of North Carolina where Cape Hatteras National Seashore is now in the process of being created, contains a great wealth of titanium minerals. Thomas H. Miller, acting director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines of the Department of the Interior also gave a negative report on the possibilities of heavy metal deposits in the area from a commercial standpoint.

The reports were made to Conrad L. Wirth, director of the National Park Service in Washington following published reports earlier this year that a potential wealth of titanium and kindred heavy metals would not be available in the future if the land was owned by the government. The information furnished Wirth was passed on to Clark Stratton, lands acquisition officer here for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore with office headquarters in Manteo.

The areas along the Outer Banks in Pamlico Sound and Roanoke Sound were prospected with thoroughness in 1945, and the entire Hatteras section, from Hatteras Inlet to Oregon Inlet, was visited again in 1951 by Company geologists, said J. L. Gillson, head geologist of the Wilmington firm.

"At no place in this section from Ocracoke Inlet to Nags Head was any deposit found that du Pont would consider commercial. In a few places there was a concentration of so-called heavy minerals, but the titanium oxide content of these heavy minerals was found to be very low in comparison with deposits further south that have been considered to be commercial," he added.

"Therefore, it is our considered judgement, after studying these areas, that no commercial production of titanium minerals will ever be profitable in that area," said Gillson.

Clyde M. Wiles, manager of the mining department of the National Lead Company, stated: "We have discussed the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Reclamation Project with Mr. Stratton, the project manager and during the interview, the question arose regarding the mineral value of the area bounded by Ocracoke Inlet to the South and Bodie Island to the North."

"The lands within these boundaries have no economic value to us at this time and furthermore, it is not our intention to acquire these lands," said Wiles.

"Heavy minerals have been reported at Cape Hatteras and in the general vicinity for many years, but we have never been able to locate any deposit that might warrant commercial exploitation," said Thomas H. Miller acting director of the Bureau of Mines in Washington.

"It appears that these reports from groups which have exploited the area, that titanium metals are not available in the Cape Hatteras Seashore area," said Stratton.

## RICHARD RIGBY, NATIVE OF ENGLAND DIES IN E. CITY

Richard Rigby, 69, died Thursday of last week in Elizabeth City where he had made his home for several years. He formerly lived in New York State where he retired from the Civil service and came to Elizabeth City to live near his daughter, Mrs. Cyrus Gray who now lives at Buxton. Mr. Rigby is survived also by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson Rigby. Mr. Rigby who for some years owned a summer home in Salvo, had lived in this country 48 years but was a native of Southport, Lancashire, England, the son of Richard and Mary Jane Snape Rigby. He was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, and of City Road Methodist Church in Elizabeth City.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Twiford Funeral Home by Rev. D. J. Reid, the pastor, and Rev. W. B. Gregory of Buxton. Burial was in New Hollywood Cemetery, Elizabeth City.