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AIR PIONEERS COMING OCT. 13 TO K. D. HILLS

Admiral R. E. Byrd Sponsoring Pilgrimage from Washington, D. C.

By AYCOCK BROWN

Aviation pioneers from throughout the world will make an airplane pilgrimage to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on October 13 to visit the birthplace of powered flight, Carl Goerch, chairman of the North Carolina Commission to Observe the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight, announced today. Landing place for the planes will be the modern Airport at Manteo.

The pilgrimage is being sponsored by the Air Force Association and will originate in Washington, D. C., where a three-day program, sponsored by Admiral Richard E. Byrd and a distinguished committee, and the National Aeronautics Association, will honor the pioneers and commemorate the 48th anniversary of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, world aviation organization.

At Kitty Hawk, the pioneers will retrace the footsteps of Wilbur and Orville Wright during the three years of experiments that led to their achievement, on December 17, 1903, of man's first successful flight in a powered heavier-than-air machine. The group will visit the site of the old residence of the late Capt. "Bill" Tate, where a small monument marks the spot on which Wilbur began the assembly of the Wrights' first glider. They will see the almost-forgotten camp site at the edge of the village here where the Wright Brothers conducted their glider experiments in 1900-01.

Highlight of the pioneers' tour will be their visit to Kill Devil Hill. A luncheon at The Carolinian in nearby Nags Head will conclude the Kitty Hawk tour.

The pioneers' pilgrimage is one of several events planned in conjunction with the four-day, December 14-17, celebration at Kitty and Kill Devil Hill, sponsored by the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society, National Park Service of the Department of the Interior, Air Force Association and the North Carolina 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight Commission. Cooperating in the celebration will be land and air units of the U. S. Coast Guard Service, of which members of Kill Devil Hills Station locally, assisted the Wrights at the time of their first flights on December 17, 1903, when it was the old U. S. Life Saving Service.

TO CONSIDER FORMING AVON RURITAN CLUB

Considerable Interest on the Outer Banks; To Meet Friday, October 9th at Avon School

Many citizens of Avon are interested in forming a local civic club, affiliated with Ruritan National, and a meeting is being called for Friday night, October 9th at the Avon School.

James W. Davis, Lieut. Governor of the Albemarle District will be present to outline the scope of Ruritan and the advantages of such a club to a community. Mr. Davis was recently active during the organization of a club at Hatteras, with 21 members and which is going strong. On the 8th of October, preceding the Avon meeting, Mr. Davis will visit the Hatteras Club.

The Albemarle district includes all clubs east of Chowan River and north of Albemarle Sound, and all of Dare County. Clubs exist in Dare also at Manns Harbor, Stump Point and Wanchese. W. R. Gregory of Elizabeth City RFD is District Governor.

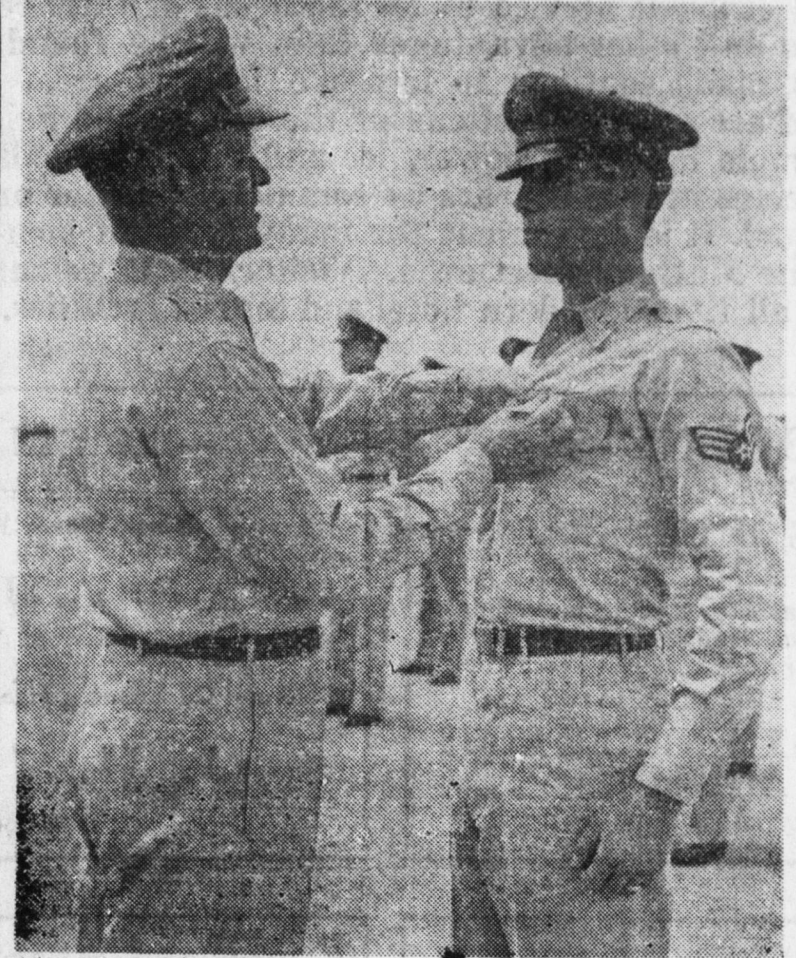
CHARLIE B. FOSTER OF HATTERAS DIES

Charlie Baker Foster, 79, a beloved citizen and lifelong resident of Hatteras died Sunday afternoon in a Norfolk hospital. He was the son of the late Charles Mitchell and Mrs. Charlotte Willis Foster, and the husband of Mrs. Susan Ballance Foster. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Johnnie Willis and Mrs. Myron Garrish, both of Norfolk, and Mrs. Ranzy Gaskins, of Hatteras; four sons, Ernal W. Foster, Hallas C. Foster and William W. Foster, all of Hatteras, and Gaston L. Foster, of South Norfolk; 11 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and one half sister, Mrs. Dorcas Owens, of Grandy, N. C.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 3 p. m. Burial was in the family plot.

HATTERAS BOY WINS AIR FORCE MEDAL IN KOREA



Fifth Air Force, Korea. — On August 14, 1953, the Air Medal was presented to Airman First Class Gilbert S. Burrus by Lt. Col. Carey J. Anderson, Jr., commanding officer of the 6167th Operations Squadron. Airman Burrus is currently assigned to the 6167th Air Base Group in Korea. He is serving at this forward Korean Air Base as a member of the Fifth Air Force.

Airman Burrus distinguished himself by participation in aerial flight in support of the Republic of Korea and the United Nations' effort in Korea, during the period of June 27, 1953 to July 25, 1953 inclusive. By his courage, ability and devotion to duty, Airman Burrus has brought credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

Airman Burrus' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Burrus, are living in Hatteras, where he is engaged in business.

COMMUNITY CENTER STATUS REVIEWED

Trustees Discuss Problems of Supporting Building in Manteo Which Has Been Expensive to Taxpayers

The Board of Trustees for Dare Community Center in session Tuesday afternoon had in attendance Melvin Daniels, chairman of the board, Mrs. O. J. Jones, Sec. and Treasurer, Miss Bessie Draper and Robert Ballance, members. After minutes were read of a meeting in February wherein act of the legislature was requested in order for the vacant lot of the Community Center property to be deeded to the County Health Department for a new building, Ballance commented that heretofore he had thought that the Community Center was owned by Dare County and supported by the tax payers of the county, and that since this was not true the public should be again and again informed that the Community Center is an incorporated organization with legal restrictions. Also it was created for community use and support. Its rentals to county departments is only for the purpose of support.

A survey of the urgent needs of the building was made. On a list made were the finding of a badly rotted baseboard in two rooms as a result of leaking plumbing. Six water faucets were too worn to make the replacements of washers useful in stopping leakage. Then thirty-six windows needed immediate painting and corking on the outside to prevent their holding water between the wood and plaster thus causing rot. A leaking roof over The Lost Colony offices requiring a coat of tar and a wood banister around the same roof section urgently demanding paint and carpentry repair. The furnace needing a complete overhauling before cold weather. Inside of the recreation room of the building paint and plaster put on two years ago was in need of repairs that would prevent plaster cracks and breaking. The need of a change in electric lighting was recognized as a means of reducing current bills. The board saw an early need of remodeling for Library and Welfare offices which would follow the moving of the Health Department.

Going over the bills paid for the past year the Board estimated a need of \$2100 a year for actual cost of heat, light, water, cleaning and the most urgent needs in upkeep of the Community Center.

Members of the Board expressed the opinion that the community of Manteo was fortunate in having such a building available. See CENTER, Page Eight

BASS FISHING PICKS UP AT KITTY HAWK

But New Law of 1953 Has Killed Off a Lot of Business

Kitty Hawk — Black bass fishing in Kitty Hawk Bay was never better than at present; yet only a few anglers are casting for this species here in fresh waters within a mile of the Ocean. Fresh water fishing has dropped off more than 75 percent in local and nearby areas since the Legislature of 1953 made the new law which no longer allows one to fish under the nearby Colington Island region where guiding bass fishermen gave employment to approximately all adult males on the island.

Still fishing here is good, even if there is a shortage of anglers, according to Allen Tillet, a local guide. He stated that on the past week end in less than a half day, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones of Winston Salem, whom he had taken fishing, landed a total of 14 large-mouths the biggest one that scaled at three and a half pounds being landed by Mrs. Jones.

FINED FOR ASSAULT ON ROAD IN DUCK

J. H. Spruill, elderly citizen of the Duck Community of Dare County was fined \$15 and costs by the Dare Recorder Tuesday for assault with a deadly weapon. The evidence showed that three Navy men were attempting to fill a hole in the public road near Mr. Spruill's property, and he ran them away, with his gun. The men are Wilson Woodhouse, W. H. Smith and James H. Holloway. The spot on the road is a bad one where most cars get stuck. The sailors were doing their good deed for the day and got run off. Mr. Spruill, who has been much opposed to recent road surveys in this area, contended that the piece of road in question was not a public road. Evidence was offered by three citizens of the community that it was a public road. These witnesses are T. J. King, Woodson Midgett and Sol Whitson.

The court continued the case against R. Celdon Francis charged with driving while intoxicated. Case against Alfred C. Armstrong charged with reckless driving was dismissed.

LEGION POST TO HOLD MEETING IN KITTY HAWK

A special meeting of Fort Raleigh Post, American Legion is to be held at 7 p. m. in the Kitty Hawk school, according to Commander Jas. W. Davis of Wanchese. There is to be important business before the post, and a special attendance is urged.

DANCE PROCEEDS SAT. NIGHT FOR BALL PARK FUND

Over \$600 Now in Hand For Lighting Park at Manteo; Casino Dance Planned

A dance Saturday night to be given at the Nags Head Casino, through the courtesy of Ras Westcott, will yield all its proceeds to the fund for lighting the ball park at Manteo.

Chairman Robert O. Ballance of this drive says the fund now has more than \$600 on hand, including more than \$450 raised by Mrs. Doris Walker.

The campaign is to raise some \$2,000 for this project, and some of the material has already been purchased.

When completed it will make possible the playing of night baseball games in a new park adjacent to the town of Manteo's waterworks.

DUFFELL OPENS PLUMBING AND ELECTRIC SHOP

Henderson Man Establishes Branch Near Manteo; Buys Lone Cedar

A new plumbing and electrical firm to serve the Dare Coast is being established near Manteo. Ralph Duffell, state licensed electrician and operator of a similar business in Henderson has opened a place on the Nags Head causeway, having this year bought the Lone Cedar Club property where he plans to make his home.

Mr. Duffell, announces plans to carry a complete stock of plumbing supplies, electrical merchandise, radios, television sets, and promises day or night service if required.

Mrs. Duffell, a Henderson girl, is a relative of Mrs. Ruby Smith, wife of the Dare County farm agent, he says, and their interest in the area has been growing a long time, until they decided to buy a home and locate here.

MAHLON B. MIDGETT DIES IN NORFOLK WED.

Mahlon B. Midgett, son of the late Apollon D. and Mary D. Midgett of Manteo, and husband of Mrs. Lizzie Johnson Midgett died in a Norfolk Hospital Wednesday night at 11 o'clock, following a short illness, having been admitted to the hospital the day before.

Other survivors include three sons, Joseph B. Midgett, Carl L. Midgett and Vance M. Midgett, all of the U. S. Navy; one daughter, Mrs. Norma Feeney of Los Angeles, Calif.; six grandchildren; one brother, Lance L. Midgett of Hingham, Mass.; four sisters, Mrs. Annie L. Arey and Mrs. Mary E. Maginnis of Brookline, Mass.; Mrs. Edna Layden of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Bernice Dowdy of Manteo; and two aunts, Mrs. Gertie Meekins and Mrs. Eliza Twyne of Manteo.

SECRETARY TO TOWN BOARD OF K. D. HILLS



MRS. MILLICENT M. OSMON, a daughter of Cape Hatteras who is Secretary of the new Dare County municipality of Kill Devil Hills where she now resides. She is also secretary to Martin Kellogg, Jr., Mayor of Manteo, and a bright young business woman. She is the daughter of the late Frank Miller and Mrs. Miller of Kill Devil Hills. Frank Miller is well-remembered as one of the most popular Coast Guardsmen, and at the time of his death was in charge of Caffey's Inlet Station.

Aycock Brown Photo

A BELHAVEN WOMAN IN BUSINESS IN MANTEO



MRS. CLARA TARKINGTON of Manteo, is the dynamo that keeps Tarkington's Grocery going. She is a woman with boundless energy, a big heart for the needy, and a faithful Baptist. Mrs. Tarkington, nee White, tells how her courtship started when she attended a New Year's party and discovered Mr. Tarkington in her home town of Belhaven, where Mr. Tarkington spent some time with his brother in the grocery business. Mr. Tarkington landed in Dare County shortly before the Wright Brothers came to fly their plane, and the name Tarkington has flown high in popularity ever since. Lindsay came to Manteo to work for some of the older merchants long since out of business. The Tarkingtons are interested, among other things, in the successful Miramar Motor Court at Nags Head. They have one son, Billy, who, with Mrs. Tarkington's brother, Frank White, is in business with them. Mr. Tarkington has for many years been a director of the Bank of Manteo, a former Mayor, member of the County Board of Education, and many other civic and public places of distinction.

WCS LEADERS MEET IN FALL SEMINAR

Women of Elizabeth City Methodist District Plan Study Courses for Year

The fall Seminar of the Elizabeth City District of The Methodist Womens Society of Christian Service met in Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, Manteo Monday.

The meeting was called to order by the District President, Mrs. M. L. Nixon, of Washington. Mrs. Arnold Daniels of Wanchese presented an outline on Childrens Work and new materials that are available.

Mrs. E. R. Meekins, of Columbia, presented the Study Course "The Prophet Jeremiah". Mrs. Esther Earnhardt, of Washington presented the course "Spanish Speaking Americans In The U.S.A." The third course "Alcohol and The Christians Responsibility" was presented by Mrs. Emma Fletcher, of Washington.

Lunch was spread in the Educational Building of the Church and literature was sold to the various local church leaders who will present the courses to their societies.

Following the lunch period, Mrs. Jimmie Davis, of Wanchese, presented the fourth and final Study Course "The Life And Task of The Church Around The World".

In previous years Zone meetings and Seminars were combined. This year, however, they are separate and have been accepted with wide approval according to Mrs. Wilford Wise, District Secretary of Missionary Education, with 222 leaders of the W.S.C.S. attending the three seminars in the Elizabeth City District.

The Sub District meeting for the Dare area will be held in Manteo Oct. 20, 1953.

CALEB WESLEY TOLER BURIED SAT. AT KITTY HAWK

Caleb Wesley Toler, 67, was buried Saturday afternoon at Kitty Hawk in the Austin Cemetery, graveside services being conducted by Rev. W. J. Freeman, pastor of the Methodist Church of Kitty Hawk. He died Thursday night in the Elizabeth City Hospital after a long illness. He was a lifelong resident of Kitty Hawk, and a commercial fisherman. His parents were the late Caleb Hobbs and Mrs. Sidney Hines Toler. He was highly regarded, and remembered by many for his friendly ocean-side filling station and store.

Two sisters, Mrs. S. D. Guard of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Mrs. S. B. Perry of Annandale, Va., and three brothers, Albert L. Toler, W. Roosevelt Toler and Curtis Toler all of Kitty Hawk survive.

MORE EDUCATION IN POORER AREAS HODGES URGES

October 3 Election For 50 Millions For Schools Will Do It.

Raleigh. — Better educational facilities in the under-developed sections of North Carolina is the quickest and surest way of lifting these areas from this unfavorable position to one nearer on par with some of the wealthier counties, Brandon Hodges told a group of Wake County workers interested in the October 3 bond election.

Addressing the meeting here today Mr. Hodges, former State Treasurer and Legislator, now an official of Champion Paper and Fiber Company and co-chairman of the current bond effort, discussed the problem of low per capita income in North Carolina. He said: "The under-developed areas of the State are not wards of the State by choice."

He added that new industries would help the poorer counties, but these industries will not go there unless adequate schools are available. He said passage of the bond issue would put new payrolls in these areas.

The people of North Carolina will vote October 3 on 50 million dollars in bonds for public schools and 22 million for mental hospitals.

"For more than fifty years North Carolina has endeavored to equalize educational opportunity," Mr. Hodges continued. "In 1901 the state recognized that county lines were political lines and did not represent economic lines and that if we followed the political sub-division alone there would always be a wide variance in the ability of the several counties to provide educational opportunity."

"It should be taken into consideration also that as we have developed commercial activity in the centers of population the metropolitan areas have been enriched through the trade and commerce with the rural and under-developed areas, represented to a large degree by the so-called 'poor counties.'"

"The problem confronting all of North Carolina is the low per capita income and the way that individual income can be increased is through further diversification in agriculture and spreading manufacturing establishments to the rural under-developed areas. Proper agricultural training cannot be offered in the poorer counties unless we have proper school building facilities carrying out the consolidation program, and it is very difficult to attract a manufacturer and persuade him to make large capital investments in a community where adequate school facilities are not provided."

"The under-developed areas of the state are not wards of the state by choice and with the help of the state through providing better educational facilities it is thought that they may be lifted from their unfavorable position and their economy improved to the extent that they are no longer wards of the richer areas."

"Spectacular results have been obtained through the co-ordinated effort of all state agencies."

MANTEO PTA OPENS YEAR WITH 105 PRESENT

The Manteo Parent Teacher Association opened the 1953-54 year Monday night with a meeting in the school auditorium. 105 members were present.

Mrs. Lawrence Swain, president, announced that Mr. and Mrs. John D. Earle would be program leaders for the year, and Mrs. Earle gave a tentative outline of anticipated programs. Mrs. Charles Marshall and Mrs. Balfour Baum were named head of the recreation committee. Mrs. Baum gave a report of activities planned for the Teen-age center, which will offer classes in crafts to teen-agers who are interested. The classes, however, will not be compulsory, and those who do not wish to take part will find other entertainment provided.

Adrian O. Ayers, principal of the Manteo school, presented the Manteo teachers, who later received parents in the classrooms, and gave sample lessons so that the parents might become acquainted with subjects and methods used in the school.

The third grade won the attendance prize. During the social hour homemade ice cream and cake were served in the lunch room.

SO. ALBEMARLE ANNUAL MEET NOVEMBER 4TH

Association's 19th Meeting To Be Held in Manteo This Year

The 19th annual convention of the Southern Albemarle Association organized in Columbia in 1935, will be held in Manteo, Wednesday, November 4th, President Lawrence L. Swain announced this week.

At the first meetings of their boards in October (Monday), the Commissioners of the member counties will select 25 delegates and 25 alternates who will be privileged to attend the Manteo meeting, and participate in its business and enjoy the hospitality of Manteo, hometown of President Swain.

Member counties now are Dare, Tyrrell, Hyde, Washington, Beaufort and Martin, the two latter named having joined last year on the invitation of the Association.

CREATING GREAT INTEREST IN COAST HIGHWAY

Delegation in Raleigh Receives Promise of Commission's Consideration

More than 150 people from Manteo to Morehead City appeared in Raleigh Thursday of last week and appealed to the Highway Commission for the proposed all-coastal highway via Ocracoke Island. They came away pleased with the courtesy extended by the Commission and the promise of Chairman A. H. Graham to give the subject thoughtful consideration.

Alvah Hamilton, Sr., Morehead City attorney and chairman of the All-Coastal Highway Committee, presented the petition to the commission. He was backed by representatives from every county and most of the towns along the coast.

"We're delighted you came," Chairman A. H. Graham of the commission told the delegation. He didn't say the road would be built but the commissioners did promise to investigate the matter further.

Road by 1954

The committee's petition called for an "immediate linking of existing coastal highways in a manner which will permit two-way continuous vehicular traffic along the 300 miles of our matchless coast, from Virginia to South Carolina, by the spring of 1954."

The first step in the committee's proposal is to connect the "highway which runs south as far as Hatteras with US 70 on the mainland and connecting the lower Cape Fear with Southport."

This would involve 18 miles of highway on Ocracoke, a ferry from Ocracoke to Atlantic, improved ferry service from Hatteras to Ocracoke and a ferry across the Cape Fear River between Fort Fisher and Southport.

Everybody Supports

Joe DuBois, manager of the Morehead City Chamber of Commerce and one of the leaders of the highway campaign, told the commissioners that everybody in the coastal area was supporting the petition.

Other Delegations

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce was represented at the hearing and gave its support to the highway proposal. Aycock Brown of the Dare County Tourist Bureau spoke for his part of the coast; representatives of the small beaches south of Morehead City announced their support of the highway; and Stanley Wahab spoke for Ocracoke.

Mr. Hamilton told the commission that the highway would "be to the coastal counties what the Blue Ridge Parkway is to Western North Carolina." "We're not asking you to build 300 miles of highway," he continued, and said that nature had laid the foundation for the road. "All the Highway Commission will have to do is put a top on it," Mr. Hamilton commented.

"This is not going to be an expensive proposition in terms of highway building," he told the board, "and that's only part of it: It will make it easier for people inland to get along the coast. They can't get to us like we are. It will make it possible for people to see every single mile of this wonderful coastline of ours."