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WRIGHT RELICS DISCOVERED ON ROANOKE ISLAND

Mrs. Amanda Daniels to Lend
Orville Wright's Bicycle
to Museum

Thirty years of patient searching by the National Air Museum of the Smithsonian Institution for an authentic Wright bicycle ended here this week when Mrs. John T. Daniels, widow of the late Capt. John T. Daniels, made available the bicycle manufactured by the Wrights, brought to Dare County when they came down in 1903 and given to Captain Daniels, who was one of the U. S. Coast Guardsmen who helped them bring the air age into reality.

Mrs. Daniels, in agreeing to let the prized relic go to the Smithsonian stipulated that it would be returned to Dare County when an aeronautics museum is established at Kill Devil Hill and that it be permanently displayed here at home as a memorial to her husband. Paul N. Garber, curator of the National Air Museum, has acquiesced in the reservation.

Other effects of the Wrights, which include the oil lamp by which they studied by night, the oil stove upon which they cooked and the shaving mug which they shared jointly, will be included in the exhibit, under the same stipulation that they will be returned to the county when place had been provided for their preservation.

In determining upon the Smithsonian as the proper custodian of the mementos of the beginning of the air age Mrs. Daniels rejected substantial offers to purchase urgently made by the Ford Foundation Museum at Dearborn, Michigan, and by a number of private individuals.

FIRST CANADA GEESE AT PEA ISLAND REFUGE

Wild Ducks Also Showing Up in
Many Places Along Coast
of Dare County

By **AYCOCK BROWN**
Ten hundred Canada wild geese, the first of many thousands scheduled to spend the winter at Pea Island on the northern tip of Hatteras Outer Banks, arrived at the national wildlife refuge last week, it was announced today by L. P. Turner, superintendent of the area.

"Approximately 2,000 wild ducks have also arrived at the refuge as winter feeding grounds during the next few months, it was stated. In addition to the Canada geese, a migratory flight of several thousand snow geese will also use the refuge this year.

The ducks that have arrived to date include pintails, widgeons and black ducks. Already at the refuge were a number of gadwals which did not migrate northward.

"By actual count, 719 young gadwals were hatched out by ducks which did not migrate northward during the past Spring and Summer," said Turner. "We also counted 288 black duck that were hatched in the area.

With a modern paved highway extending from Oregon Inlet southward to Hatteras, the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge is likely to become one of the top tourist attractions along the Dare Coast. Already in recent years the area, especially during the short period the greater snow geese take up residence in the Pea Island region, has attracted tourists from all parts of the country.

In order to keep the public from molesting the wildfowl at the Pea Island refuge now that a paved highway leads through the area, the government has recently built a 3-wire fence along the property.

BIG GAME HUNTING GUIDES ARE READY ON DARE MAINLAND

Manns Harbor. — Big game guides are ready for deer hunters who will be coming to this area with the opening of the season on October 15. Among the guides who cater to big game hunters are Horace Hooper and Clarence Hassell of Manns Harbor; George, Teco and Elwood Ambrose of East Lake; Ken Ward of Manteo (who has hunting facilities on mainland) and Alton Best of Stumpy Point. Information about big game hunting in Dare, the permits necessary from West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company and other data is available from Game Protector W. S. White of Manns Harbor, and others as recently announced in this paper.

STONE MARKS WHERE THE WRIGHTS ONCE LIVED AT KITTY HAWK



Virginian-Pilot Photo by Mays

The stone in center foreground commemorates the site of the home of Capt. W. J. Tait, where the Wright Brothers stayed during their Kitty Hawk experiments leading to the first flight of a heavier-than-air machine December 17, 1903. A group of aviation pioneers from 10 countries visited this and other historic spots Tuesday, then returned to Washington to finish a three-day visit.

BIDS ASKED ON BOAT CONCESSION AT OREGON INLET

Park Service Offers Ten
Years Proposition Catering
to Sportsmen

The National Park Service has announced that the business formerly operated by W. A. Worth on the north side of Oregon Inlet, and which is situated on property now owned by the Federal Government and included in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, is to be continued after December 31, 1953, under a concession contract.

It is the desire of the Department of the Interior, through the National Park Service, to give responsible persons and firms the opportunity to study the operation and, if interested, to submit proposals for the conduct of the business for 10 years from about January 1, 1954. Such factors as the background and personal experience of the bidders in the operation of businesses of this type, the franchise fee payments proposed by them and their financial resources, personal attributes and business records in general, will be carefully considered in making the award.

The bidder receiving the award will be granted the preferential right to lease pier space to charterboat operators, serve breakfasts, cold drinks and other refreshments, sell bait, tackle, sport fishing apparel, ice, gasoline and oil, rent tackle and, during the off-season, to service fishing craft. The bidder receiving the award will be required to operate an equitable system of charterboat bookings as an added service to the public. The National Park Service, in accordance with the bid, will be required to see BIDS, Page Four

SUCCESSFUL MAN AND WIFE TEAM GO TO FLORIDA



NAGS HEAD and adjoining beaches have many married couples operating successful businesses due to good team work plus ability and exceptional personality. Of this number are young Walter and Marion Olson Gray who are closing their big store this week and going to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to operate a new store they have just opened. "Gray's Gifts and Beach Accessories" has had several years of success at Nags Head, and a similar success may be expected in the Florida winter resort. Business ability comes naturally in this team, for Mr. Gray's mother, Mrs. Julia Culbreth Gray of Washington, Manteo, and Florida, is the originator of the highly successful Virginia Dare and other dolls. Mrs. Gray will establish a doll department in the new store. Young Gray received his education at Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., and at George Washington University, Washington, D. C. He served in the RAF for one year during World War II and for one year in the U. S. Air Force, making the transfer in England. Mrs. Gray, who is a native of Nebraska, worked with the Official Science Research and Development department in Washington during the war. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have three sons, Walter France, Larry Milton and Tony York Gray; and one daughter, Julie Gray.

A FIG FOR THE ADMIRAL



Virginian-Pilot Photo by Mays

Adm. Richard E. Byrd (left) is receiving a jar of fig preserves from A. W. Drinkwater, telegrapher during the Wright Brothers' flights at Kitty Hawk and the man who sent the message of the first successful flight. Admiral Byrd received some preserves from Drinkwater before a previous South Pole expedition and claims that they bring him luck. He is leaving for the South Pole again soon.

TWO SWEET POTATOES WEIGH 9 1/2 POUNDS

Largest sweet potatoes seen in Manteo in many a day were brought to the office of the Coastland Times by Marshall Smith, who reports many more like them in the patch of his mother's home, Mrs. H. C. Smith. The two potatoes weighed nine and one-half pounds. The larger of the two weighed five and three-fourths pounds, was 11 inches long and 15 inches around it. The potatoes are well-formed and sold. They are displayed in the window of the newspaper.

REBEKAHS WILL HAVE DISTRICT MEET TUESDAY

Manteo to Be Host to Lodges
from Elizabeth City and
Swan Quarter; State
Officers Will Be
Present

The district meeting of the Rebekahs will be held in Manteo next Tuesday, October 20, in the lodge over the fire station. A special meeting of the Manteo lodge was called Monday night by Mrs. W. W. Ballowe, Noble Grand, and plans were completed for the district meeting, at which the Manteo Rebekahs will be host to Elizabeth City and Swan Quarter, the other two lodges in the First District.

The honor guests will be Mrs. Marguerite Funk of Winston-Salem, state president; Mrs. Laura Johnson of Raleigh, state vice-president; Mrs. Helen Eason of Goldsboro, state secretary; and Mrs. Inez Ramsey of Greensboro, warden.

The meeting will open at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning and recess for luncheon at Fearing's Cafe, reconvening at two o'clock. All members are urged to attend all, or as much as possible, of the meeting.

The Manteo lodge will hold its regular meeting Monday night, at which time the state president will make her annual official visit. She will be accompanied by her staff of officials.

SENIOR JENKINS AND HOLLOMAN FIND FISH

Former State Senator Charles H. Jenkins and Red Holloman of Ahoskie, concluded a week end fishing trip Tuesday, with favorable results, the largest fish being a 41-pound drum taken by Mr. Holloman from Jennette's pier. They stopped at El Gay tourist court. Senator Jenkins, who is a member of the State Board of Conservation and Development is also widely known as a distributor of automobiles, owning agencies in various towns, is part owner of a radio station in Ahoskie, and is among many other activities, a trustee of Chowan College.

LAWYER'S FIRST CASE SUCCEEDS BEYOND HOPES

Wallace Gray Gets Client
Free and Prosecuting Witness
Convicted and Fined

Not every lawyer has the luck that attended young Wallace R. Gray of Buxton when he tried his first case Tuesday before Judge W. F. Baum. He not only got his client free when he turned daughter against mother, but the Judge fined the mother, who was the prosecuting witness.

Mrs. Thelma Thrash, colored, daughter of Lloyd Meekins, who is now charged with having assaulted Jerry Bell McCleave with a shotgun last year and which case resulted in a mistrial in Dare Superior court in May, swore out a warrant charging young McCleave with having assaulted and injured her daughter, Ella Mae Meekins, the girl whose interest in McCleave was the cause of the old trouble with the grandfather.

Success came for lawyer Gray, representing McCleave, when the girl went back on her mother. Love came to the surface, and she testified that she and McCleave had had a little tiff, and she had struck at him, losing her balance and causing her to fall.

Judge Baum fined the mother \$5 for bringing the prosecution. Three other cases were tried: Arthur Johnson, colored, pleaded guilty to giving a bad check to Meekins Texaco Service Station. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of a \$5 fine and costs of court and See CASE, Page Four

TIDEWATER TEAMS ENTERING TOURNEY

Nags Head. — Among the score or more surf fishing teams entering the second annual Nags Head Tournament here on October 16-18, will be three from the Tidewater, Va., area, it was stated today by Hal H. Williams, President of the local and sponsoring club. The five men teams from the Norfolk area include one each from Lynhaven Surf Fishing Club, Virginia Beach Surf Fishing Club and the Tidewater Anglers Club of Norfolk it was stated. Teams will also be entered from other Virginia and North Carolina clubs in addition to several from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania clubs, it was stated.

WORLD AVIATION NOTABLES PAY TRIBUTE TO WRIGHTS IN DARE COUNTY TUESDAY

Big Names in Aviation Land at Manteo Airport and Visit Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills; Admiral Byrd, Messerschmitt, Sikorski Among Visitors

NAGS HEAD C O F C ELECTS OFFICERS TUESDAY NIGHT

Will Ask Aid in Trash Problem and Mosquito Control

Nags Head. — Nags head Chamber of Commerce, meeting Tuesday night at the Carolinian, elected officers, considered a program of work for the winter and planned a dinner meeting at the Carolinian for Nov. 10.

Officers unanimously elected were: President, Julian Oneto, succeeding Dewey Hayman; vice president, W. H. Smith, succeeding B. M. Hedrick; treasurer, Mrs. William Jackson, re-elected; secretary, Miss Sarah Halliburton.

The dinner meeting set for Nov. 10 will serve as the annual membership session, with cocktails at 6 by courtesy of Pat Bayne and the dinner by courtesy of the Carolinian.

A representative of the Virginia Electric and Power Co. will be invited to this meeting. Members commented that Vecpo had carried out its promise to provide improved service on the beach, but that following the August hurricane service was slow to be restored to some parts of the beach, presumably due to lack of a large enough crew. The work of the repair crew serving the beach, however, was praised.

Members decided to offer the services of the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce to the Wright Memorial celebration committee to help in any way needed.

Two beach problems will be submitted to the board of county commissioners. The board will be asked to put a stop to the littering of the beach due to trash and garbage blowing out of the garbage truck. The board also will be asked to make provision in the county budget for a mosquito See CHAMBER, Page Four

By **ROBERT C. SMITH**
Virginian-Pilot Staff Writer

Some men and women who helped implement the bold dream of two Ohio Bicycle manufacturers gathered at Kitty Hawk Tuesday, in a year marking the 50th anniversary of man's conquest of the air.

Appropriately, for a visit to the Wright Brothers' Memorial, the aviation "pioneers" flew the nearly 200 air miles from Washington, where they were holding a 3-day get-together, to Manteo in modern DC-3 transport planes — to get to the spot where Orville Wright flew 120 feet in a machine driven by a 12-horsepower motor.

All planes landed at the Manteo Airport. With the party were many Washington newspapermen.

Present were many of the names bridging the half-century span between the brothers' first limping flight and today's jet propulsion — Sikorski, Messerschmitt, Roe, Schlichting. Also present was the man who realized the great exploratory potential of the airplane — Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

Near the conclusion of the tour, the distinguished guests, representing 10 countries, tramped to the top of Kill Devil Hill to view the National Memorial monument to the Wrights erected near the place where the historic flight of December 17, 1903, began.

They clustered to converse quietly or straggled up the hill alone as the wind whipped around them. Many wandered about the monument platform, gazing out at the sea land on which the brothers set up their camp site.

Each seemed occupied by his own thoughts at the site of the beginning of the history of aviation—to which each had given so much of his own life.

Great Men Impressed
"It is a beautiful monument," said Russian-born Igor Sikorski, the manufacturer of the helicopter which was used earlier in the wild country where the Wrights performed their 1901-02 glider experiments. "It is so simple, so dignified. I always love to see it."

Later Doctor Willy Messerschmitt, Germany's best-known designer and manufacturer of fighter aircraft, echoed Sikorski's sentiments. "It is one of the finest days of my life, seeing this memorial" he said.

But before the visit to the hill, the visitors—many of whom had never seen the area where Wilbur and Orville Wright cast their names into history—visited the site of the house of W. J. Tate where the brothers lived during the days of their experiments.

Then two helicopters carried them, four at a time, over the early camp site, newly marked by a tall American flag visible from the other points of historical significance. According to Capt. David MacDermott, in charge of the Coast Guard Air Station at Elizabeth City, Sikorski, himself, piloted the helicopter in which he was flying.

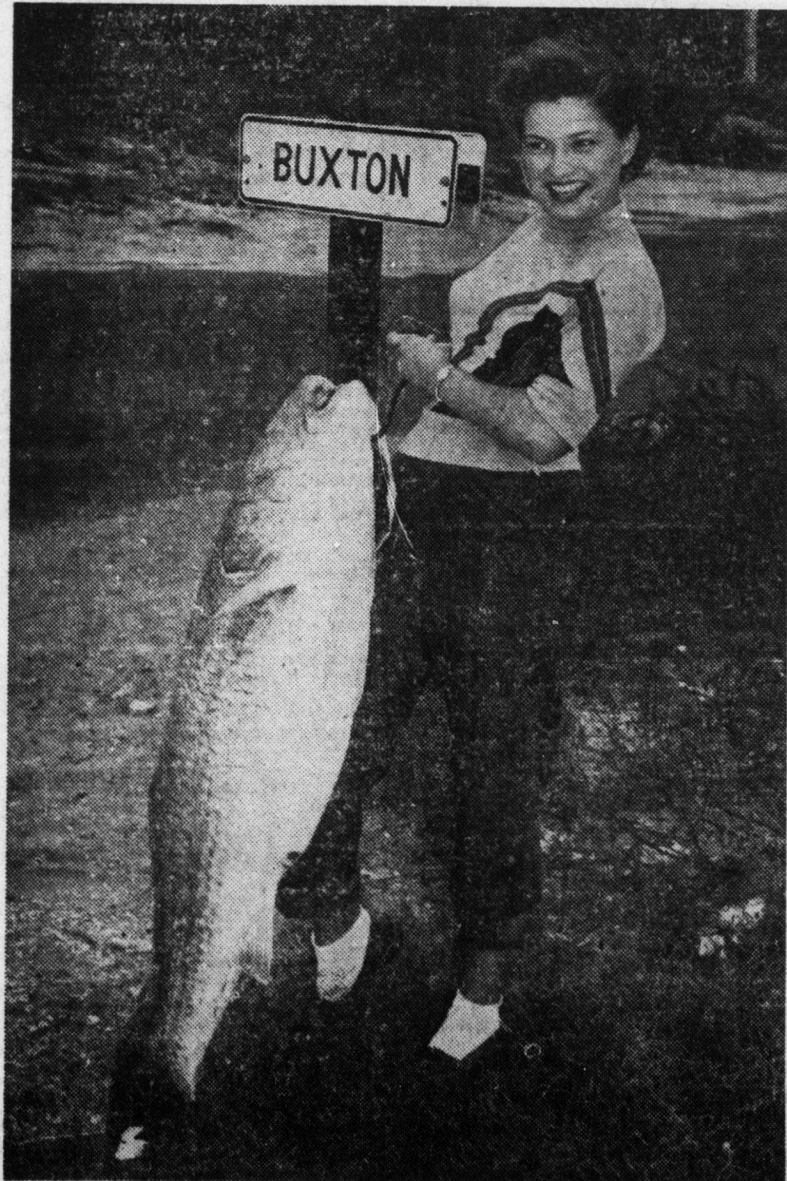
Sikorski at Controls
"He took over a little while after we got up," MacDermott said. The sharp-eyed Sikorski, with a smile, later commented that he believed it was Wilbur Wright who once told him that helicopters would never be successful.

The pioneers who were beginning a three-day meeting with their pilgrimage to Kitty Hawk took off for a return flight to Washington after a luncheon at the Carolinian Hotel. They lunched with President Eisenhower Wednesday.

Aviation leaders from Belgium, France, England, Brazil, Portugal, Canada, Mexico, and the United States made up the tour which was sponsored by the Air Force Association and the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society.

Ceremonies attending the tour were conducted with complete informality. Dr. John F. Victory, of the National Aeronautics Association, served as master of ceremonies at the various points of See NOTABLES, Page Four

PISCATORIAL PROWESS AND PULCHRITUDE



—Photo by Aycock Brown

AGNES FULCHER of Buxton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Fulcher displays the 60 pound and four ounce channel bass Mr. Fulcher caught in the surf about one mile north of Cape Hatteras Lighthouse on Thursday. The fish, four ounces heavier than the national record landed last year, measured 52 1/2 inches from tip to tip and 31 1/4 inches around its girth. Fulcher used "fat-back" or menhaden as bait on a small hook attached to 45 pound test nylon line loaded on a Penn Surfmaster reel attached to a calcutta rod.

Fulcher's big bass was caught in the surf about one mile north of the lighthouse, almost in the same location where E. P. White of Buxton had landed the 60-pounder and national record channel bass of 1952.