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## FULL ATTENDANCE SHAPING FOR SAA MANTEO MEETING

### Large Group From Six Counties Coming to 19th Annual Convention

It looks like a full attendance of the 300 delegates from six counties, to the Southern Albemarle Convention in Manteo, Wednesday of next week, judging from the replies that are coming in to the Secretary's office in Manteo, Victor Meekins, the Association Secretary said this week.

Dare, Hyde, Martin, Beaufort, Tyrrell and Washington Counties are members of the Association. The list of delegates appointed by the county commissioners, and who are expected to attend is as follows:

**BEAUFORT COUNTY:** Washington: Mr. and Mrs. J. Irving Hodges, Wayland Sermons, J. D. Grimes, Sr., Ashley Futrell, C. F. Cowell, Dave Milligan, J. A. Hackney, Sr., Ben B. Winfield, W. W. Cratch, Harvey Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. L. Carmer Allgood. Bath: B. A. Brooks, W. B. Midyette, Jr., Charlie Bowen, and Mrs. Wilton Smith. Pantego: Zeno Ratcliff, L. R. Pilley, Mrs. Scott Topping. Belhaven: Dr. W. T. Ralph, Axon Smith, Fred P. Latham, Pungo: D. R. Paul, Blounts Creek: W. J. Smithwick. Aurora: Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Redditt, H. W. Hudnell, Mrs. M. A. Paul, Jr., Pinetown: Mrs. John H. Oden, Ernest Cullifer, Cleveland Harris, Chocowinity: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mills, Mark A. Taylor, Lee Parramore, Edward: R. H. Paul, Jr., Blounts Creek: Mrs. Daffey Manning.

**HYDE COUNTY:** Scranton: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Swindell, Jack Watson, Gilbert Richards, Mrs. Joshua McKinney, Harvey Credle, Mrs. Jeff Credle, Mrs. Thelma Dunbar Leechville, Mr. and Mrs. Harris. Ponzer: Mrs. M. Thwick, Swan Quarter: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. W. Mrs. W. G. Joyner, Charlie Cahoon, Mrs. Geo. T. Davis, N. W. Shelton, Elmo Swindell, Mrs. Metrah Swindell, Earl Topping, Russell Swindell, Seth Credle, Fairfield: Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Swindell, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Baynes, C. M. Swindell, Roland Jones, P. C. Simmons, Mrs. Murray Mann, Mrs. Edward Murray, Dallas Cutrell, Mrs. Mary Simmons, Engelhard: P. D. Midgett, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jarvis, Warren Harris, Mrs. M. A. Matthews, Mrs. R. L. Patrick, Mrs. Harry Jarvis, Lake Landing: L. A. Dudley, Mrs. Sallie D. Fisher, W. W. Watson, Mrs. Ella Mae Moore.

**TYRRELL COUNTY:** C. W. Tatem, Gerald Selby, Lem Cohoon, Harry Swain, John Pritchett, W. A. Mayo, M. L. Basnight, O. B. Cohoon, Charles Cohoon, Harvey Davis, H. S. Swain, Miss Sarah L. Taft, C. R. Chaplin, B. Ray Cohoon, Floyd Cohoon, H. S. Harris, Mrs. Polly Leary, W. J. White, Julian Swain, Bertie Swain, Mrs. Effie Brickhouse, Mrs. Sue Brickhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Borden McCleese, Mrs. Blanche Cohoon, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Morris, J. W. Hamilton, Mrs. Alma Spencer, Mrs. Rose Pritchett, Alva Basnight, Morris Pritchett, Alfred Hollis, Mrs. W. A. Howett, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman, Lewis Combs, B. B. Combs, Herman Cohoon, Shelburn Williams, Milton Cohoon, Mrs. C. W. Spruill, Julius Armstrong, Weston Walker, Stewart West, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brinn, Mr. and Mrs. Sam S. Woodley, Mrs. H. Davenport.

**DARE COUNTY:** Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Daniels, Jr., R. Bruce Etheridge, Mrs. Frank White, L. D. Tarkington, Frank Cahoon, C. S. Meekins, A. W. Drinkwater, Mrs. L. L. Swain, Mrs. Victor Meekins, and Mrs. Wallace McCrillis Daniels, Walter P. Duvall, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Scarborough, J. W. Scarborough, M. L. Burrus, Levene Midgett, Asa Gray, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Gray, W. S. White, Tom Sutton, C. W. Mann, Clarence Midgett, Geo. M. Wise, Mrs. D. L. Meekins, Calvin Payne, Harvey Best, Russell Perry, Edgard Perry, Mrs. Ernest Haywood, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Basnight, Mrs. Lewis Meekins, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Bridges, Ralph Meekins, John W. Midgett, Mrs. McCoy Tillett, Mrs. Mary Langston Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jordan, Pat Bayne, Mrs. Grace S. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Martin Kel-

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## WALTER WILKINS BLUE MARLIN OFF HATTERAS TUESDAY

Walter Wilkins, Norfolk automobile dealer, landed the third blue marlin of the 1953 season off Hatteras on Tuesday. His fish a 246-pounder was taken south of Diamond Lightship while he trolled from his private sportsfishing cruiser Amelia Sue which has been berthed at the new Blue Marlin fishing docks in Hatteras for the past several months.

Skipper of the Amelia Sue was Capt. Dan Quinn and guiding the party, which included Bill Wilkins, son of the auto dealer, was Capt. Edgar Styron, owner-skipper of The Twins. The marlin, smallest of three taken off Hatteras this season measured 10 feet and seven inches from tip to tip, 50 inches around the girth and the tails spread was 42 inches. Thirty-six thread line on a 12/0 Penn Reel was the tackle used.

First blue marlin of the season this year, one that weighed almost 400 pounds was landed by Bill Wilkins, and the second a 570½ pounder was landed a few weeks ago by Dr. Jesse C. Overby, a Norfolk dentist.

## MRS MARY P. TILLET PASSES TUES. MORNING

### Was Prominent Woman and Mother of Large Family

Mrs. Mary P. Tillett, 72, native of Rodanthe and a resident of Wanchese for the past 55 years, died Tuesday morning at 3:15 o'clock in the Leigh Memorial Hospital, Norfolk, following an illness of six weeks.

She was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Bethany Midgett Payne and wife of the late Titus S. Tillett. She was a member of the Bethany Methodist Church at Wanchese.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Gage Williams of Wanchese, Mrs. Mildred Gray of Norfolk and Mrs. Arnold Wool of Oakland, Calif.; three sons, Felix C. Tillett of Fairhaven, Mass., Andrew R. Tillett of Manteo and William F. Tillett of Engelhard; two sisters, Mrs. E. R. Gallop and Miss Elva Payne both of Wanchese; four brothers, Z. S. Payne of Norfolk, Bradford, Folger and Dameron Payne all of Wanchese, 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 3 o'clock in the Wanchese Methodist Church by the Rev. C. W. Guthrie, pastor. Burial followed in the Cudworth Cemetery at Wanchese.

## MANTEO P.T.A. MEETS

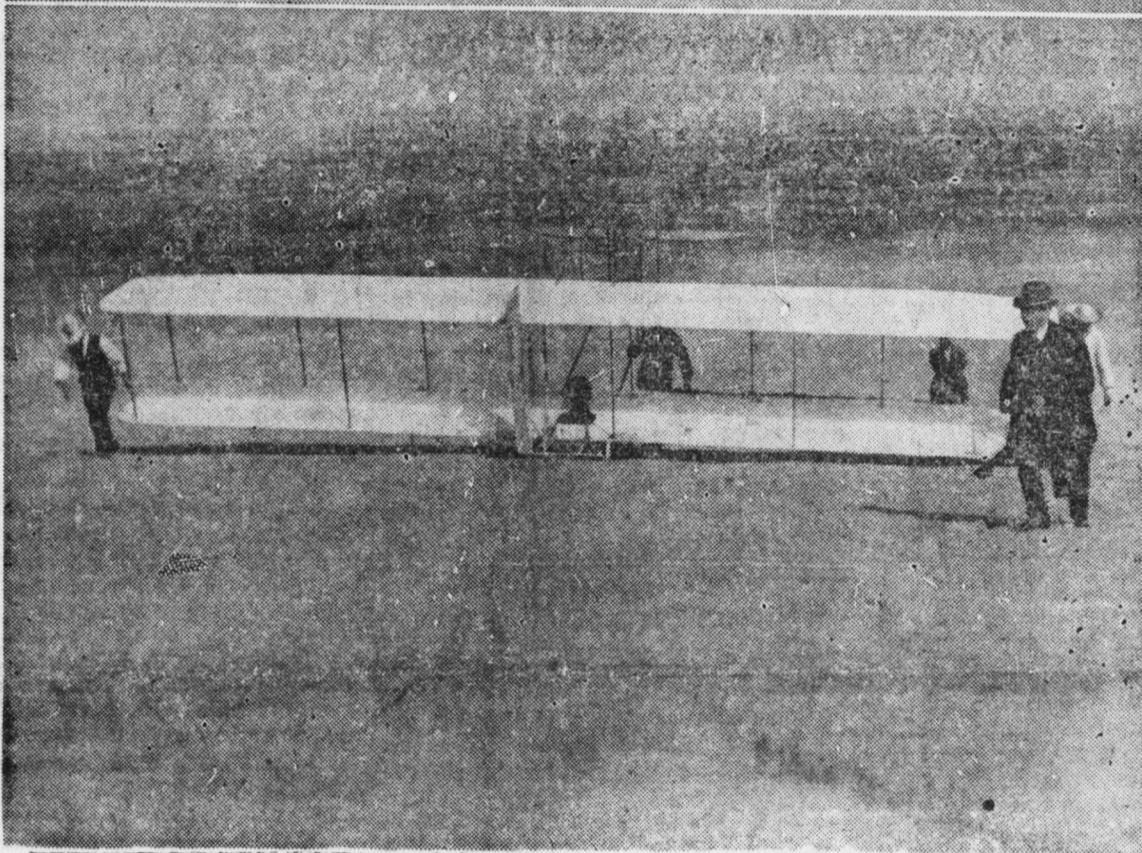
The October meeting of the Manteo P.T.A. was held on Monday, October 26, at 8 p. m., and was called to order by Mrs. Lawrence Swain, President.

The group sang two verses of America followed by a scripture reading and prayers by Mrs. Elmer Midgett. The minutes were read and the treasurer reported a balance of \$365.64. The district meeting will be at Central on Oct. 29. All members are urged to attend.

The subject on the program was "Paper—Pacemaker of Progress" and was most interesting, revealing many facts relevant to that commonly accepted commodity that are unknown to the ordinary layman.

The attendance prize went to the seventh grade.

## NEGATIVES OF RARE WRIGHT PICTURES GIVEN SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION



Two rare pictures from a set of 22 rare negatives of the Wright Brothers' glider experiments at Kill Devil Hills in May 1911, are shown above. In the top photo Orville Wright is shown aboard an Elizabeth City-bound boat after the experiments. He is surrounded by Lord Ogilvie of England, Lorin Wright, his younger brother and others. In bottom photo the glider in which Orville set a soaring record that was unbeaten for 10 years is shown. The 22 negatives from pictures shot by Van Ness Harwood, a writer-biographer assigned to cover the 1911 experiments by his paper, the New York World, fill a gap in the Smithsonian Institution's collection of Wright Brothers pictures. Mrs. Harwood, widow of V. N. Harwood, now Dare County Librarian, presented the negatives to the Smithsonian's National Air Museum this week.

(Photos by Van Ness Harwood in 1911—From Aycock Brown)

## CANCER CLINIC NOV. 6

The Northeastern Cancer Clinic will be held Friday, November 6, in Elizabeth City, at the health center with registration beginning at 12:45. A free chest x-ray will be given anyone who wishes it along with the examination of the five areas of the body where cancer is most easily found and cured.

There are no limitations as to sex, race, physical or economic status at the center; however, there are age requirements. Women should be 35 or more; men should be 40 or over unless referred by your doctor, or unless you have one of the "Seven Danger Signals" or "Symptoms". No appointment is necessary, but a priority may be secured by writing the Cancer Center for one. Please bring a robe or house coat with you.

## RARE NEGATIVES OF WRIGHT BROS. FINAL EXPERIMENTS ON COAST ARE GIVEN TO SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

By AYCOCK BROWN

Manteo. — Rare negatives of the Wright Brothers final experiments at Kill Devil Hills included some pictures of the only shot made of their glider in flight have been presented to National Air Museum of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C., by Mrs. Georgia Harwood, widow of the New York World writer and photographer who covered the events of 1911.

Van Ness Harwood was assigned to the 1911 glider experiments by his newspaper and the pictures he made happen to be a link in the history of flight which Smithsonian Institution's air museum did not have, although Robert C. Strobel, assistant curator recently stated that the museum had collected about 1,000 pictures for its Wright collections.

Mrs. Harwood is the Dare County librarian. Under her leadership the Dare library has become one of the outstanding America. She had moved to Manteo small community libraries of tea to make her home in 1933, shortly after her husband's death that year.

She has had the negatives in her possession for the past 30 years but for their safekeeping, and for posterity, she was anxious to have them in Smithsonian Institution where they will be kept in special air conditioned rooms for use, only as needed when prints are desired.

"My husband Van Ness made the only pictures of the glider in flight," Mrs. Harwood recalls. "There was another photographer present scheduled to make some pictures, it was a younger brother of Orville Wright I believe, but in the excitement of it all he forgot to shoot the picture."

"Van Ness almost lost his films," continued Mrs. Harwood. "They got jammed in the camera and when he came back to Manteo that day he started looking around for a darkroom where the camera could be unloaded. He found such to serve his purpose in the blacksmith shop of the late Albert Evans."

Some of the pictures were later published in London and by the National Geographic Society, and in late years a picture of the glider in flight has been used by some of the picture syndicates.

Smithsonian Institution's Air Museum plans to print a set of the pictures for display during the finale of the current Golden Anniversary of Flight year, according to Strobel.

It was during the 1911 experiments that Orville Wright made a glider soaring record at Kill Devil Hills that was unbeaten for a decade or more. The record was finally beaten by a German glider flyer.

The glider flights of 1911, conducted in May of that year, were primarily for the purpose of experimenting with stabilizing inventions.

Later in the early Twenties Van Ness Harwood, who like many others became sold on the Dare Coast and Roanoke Island in particular, spent about one year in Manteo and was associated with A. W. Drinkwater and Nathan Hirsh in a fig industry known as the Gulf Stream Fig Corporation. Their fig orchard was at the present location of Dr. Barach's "Mountain Hill Farm" here.

Because her husband liked this area so well was the reason, why after his death, Mrs. Harwood came here to make her home. Except for some blemishes caused by age of the negatives, most of them, a total of 22, are in fair condition and will reproduce perfectly.

## MANY THOUGHT DEAD MAN NEAR FISHING BRIDGE WAS ASLEEP

Fishing was good at the Little Bridge between Roanoke Island and Nags Head Wednesday afternoon, so good in fact that dozens of people passing that way thought the man lying along the highway just west of the Oasis was just resting or asleep. Close by on the famous little fishing bridge scores of anglers continued to pull in trout, paying no attention to one of the persons fishing there, who about 3:30 o'clock had strolled past the Oasis building and then stumbled forward on his face clutching a bottle of pills.

Bear Thomas of the Highway forces came by, stopped to investigate. He immediately discovered that the man was dead. The Coroner, Sheriff and Funeral Home in Manteo were notified.

The dead man was DeWitt Alexander Hopkins of 19 Pine Street, Concord, age 55. The party of anglers had arrived in Manteo on the week end and registered at the Fort Raleigh Hotel as "Sam Foil and party of three". The pills the man clutched as he died were for a heart ailment. The body was taken to the funeral home to prepare for burial. The death certificate showed that Hopkins' wife was named Sarah Ellen, that four surviving sons were named Robert L., John DeWitt, Donald Ray and Thomas Young and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy E. Widenhour. Officials investigating the angler's death did not know the name of the son, a Korean veteran, who was fishing with his father. He was one of the four listed above. The body was taken to Concord on Thursday for burial.

## DARE HD CLUBS MEET IN SPITE OF BAD WEATHER

In spite of a 25 mile gale on the beach and a sea tide on the lower banks, 80 women attended the Fall Federation meeting of Dare County Home Demonstration clubs, at the Nags Head Casino, on Thursday, October 22, according to Mary Kirby, home agent.

The women from the Lower Banks were worried about getting to the meeting when they heard the ferry was unable to dock on the south side, but two trucks and a jeep decided to try it anyway. Mrs. Edgar Hooper, county council president, drove her jeep and brought six others with her.

At the beginning of the meeting lunch was served by the Nags Head Home Demonstration Club. After lunch the women listened to the Farm and Home broadcast from W.G.A.I. in which Mrs. Leo Midgett, Manteo, talked on "Attitudes are Important." This program will be discussed by Family Life leaders during November in all of the home demonstration clubs.

Mrs. Edgar Hooper, county council president, presided at the meeting. Mrs. Woodrow Best, Stumpy Point, Secretary, Mrs. Alston Meekins, Kitty Hawk, gave the devotional after the group sang "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" accompanied by Mrs. Carlos Dowdy, Kitty Hawk.

Roll call by clubs was as follows: Buxton, Colington, Frisco, Kitty Hawk, Manteo, Nags Head, Rodanthe-Salvo-Waves, Stumpy Point and Wanchese.

Miss Pauline Gordon, extension specialist in housing and house furnishings, the speaker, was introduced by Mrs. Lafayette Midgett, Buxton. Mrs. Midgett gave a short quiz about Miss Gordon's background and mentioned that she had visited in her home during the time when Miss Sadie Henly was home agent in Dare County.

Miss Gordon gave a demonstration on "dried flower arrangements."

Greetings were given by Mrs. J. P. Morgan, President of the 25th District of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Mrs. Cecil Midgett, Waves, gave a short talk on the highlights of her trip to Washington and United Nations.

The business was omitted because of limited time and fear that the ferry would make less trips.

## RICHARD BAUM ILL HOSPITALIZED ALBE.

Richard Baum, 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Baum was seriously hurt Friday P.M. when hit by a base ball accidentally. He was taken to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City where he is suffering from a compound fracture. His parents are at his bed side.

## MUCH INTEREST IN COURT CASES TRIED THIS WEEK

### Bayne's and Jennette's Cases Draw Most Attention in Dare Superior Court

Several cases which have attracted considerable local attention in recent months have been disposed of during the October term of Superior Court this week. Judge Chester Morris of Currituck has been the presiding jurist and the session was still underway on Thursday.

The case of P.J.M. Bayne, Nags Head restaurant operator, attracted more attention than any other case tried during the week, with another against W. H. Jennette also being of much interest.

Bayne was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and inflicting serious bodily injuries on Frank Drake of Portsmouth. He was fined \$500 and court costs plus a 12 months suspended sentence continued on good behavior of the defendant for three years. This case originated last May.

Bayne, a cafe operator, had fired upon a group of boys who had trespassed on his restaurant parking facilities at Nags Head after ordering them to leave the premises. The boys claimed they had parked in the area in order to climb Jockey Ridge. It happened at night and in addition to Drake, Allan Wright, owner of the car, Charles Kelly, Theodore Hartung, Bobby Buchanan and Mart Keffer, all of Portsmouth, Va., were in the group at the time the car was parked. Testimony showed that some of the boys were in the car while others were on the high dune at the time Bayne ordered them to leave the property.

Prosecutors including District Attorney Walter Cahoon and Wayland Britton of Elizabeth City asked for a conviction of assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. Defense attorneys W. H. McCown and Henry LeRoy offered a number of witnesses including R. Bruce Etheridge, Sgt. Lane of the Highway Patrol, Neilus Midgett, Will Lewark, L. L. Swain, and Sheriff Cahoon who testified to the good character of Bayne who has been a successful business man on Nags Head and has aided materially in the development and promotion of the resort. In addition to the boys involved, prosecuting witnesses included the mother of Drake, the father of Kelly and a Virginia State Trooper.

Upon motion of the court, W. W. Jennette, owner of Jennette's Pier, charged with obstructing a road leading to the ocean side from the Hatteras highway, was ordered to remove the obstruction. See COURT, Page Two

## GRAND JURY REPORT

The Dare grand jury, in their report this week, found the schools of the county needing repairs, mostly minor; they found the court house in good condition with the exception of more filing space needed in register of deeds and clerks office, and other minor repairs. The jail was found in good condition, and records of JP's were found to be in order.

The school buses were not in such good shape, according to the report, there being only three buses in the county in proper condition. The Manteo school was dismissed Thursday, to allow time for repairs to be made to the faulty buses.

## SEVEN COUNTY FAIR ELIZABETH CITY

Miss Mary Kirby, home agent, Mrs. Leo Midgett, Manteo, Mrs. Curtis Toler, Kitty Hawk and Miss Hilda Lee, ass't home agent, Beaufort, were the official judges at the 7-County Fair in Elizabeth City, Tuesday.

Each of the judges was interviewed by Mrs. Vernon James, resident manager of the Fair, on a broadcast from the fair grounds.

The exhibits were unusually good according to the judges. Booths are set up for participating Albemarle counties in home demonstration clubs, 4-H clubs, vocational agriculture and home economics, and Negro home demonstration clubs. There are two booths of individual flowers and flower arrangements. Handicrafts, canned goods, and handicrafts also made a large contribution to the exhibits.

Swindell Lowery, farm agent from Pasquotank and John Artz, farm agent from Gates, judged the field crops, fruits and eggs.