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HOUSING AID FOR DEC. 17 OFFERED BY NAGS HEADERS

Chamber of Commerce To Assist In Getting Rooms For Visitors

By AYCOCK BROWN

Persons wishing to make reservations in Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk hotels, inns or motor courts should make application for same to the Wright Brothers Celebration Committee, care: Nags Head Chamber of Commerce, at Nags Head, it is announced by Miles L. Clark, chairman of the celebration committee.

Demand for accommodations has resulted in sell-outs at the largest hotel and the largest motor court on the beach, it was stated. But there will be plenty of extra accommodations, either in hotels, motor courts or cottages.

If all local accommodations are taken, persons applying for reservations will be advised of the nearest rooms available in the Roanoke Island, Elizabeth City or Norfolk area.

The celebration this year is expected to bring the largest number of persons to ever visit the Dare coastal region during the winter months. Most of the persons applying for reservations are planning to spend the entire four days here. Program of the celebration follows:

Monday, December 14: 10:15 A. M. to 4 P. M.—Memorial ceremony, wreath placing, memorial flight, dedication of reconstructed site of the Wrights hanger, workshop and living quarters at Kill Devil Hills, glider salute, luncheon (by invitation) followed by press reception and briefing. First day of the celebration will be Pioneers and Private Flyers' Day.

Tuesday, December 15 will be Aviation Industry Day with the program beginning at 10:15 A. M. including the memorial ceremony, wreath placing, memorial flight, world flag raising, tour of reconstructed site, luncheon with press reception and briefing.

Defense Day on December 16 will bring in the first review of air power, following the memorial ceremony and wreath placing. A tour of the reconstructed site, luncheon and press reception and briefing will conclude the day's program.

Biggest day of the celebration will be on December 17, with the program beginning at 9:45 A. M. with the anniversary ceremony, followed by a wreath drop, taps and memorial flight, re-enactment of the first flight, span-of-flight demonstration, introduction of guests, airpower review, anniversary luncheon, glider soaring, air rescue, utility flying and sunset patrol.

Some of the biggest names in aviation will be on the various programs, including General Doolittle of "flight over Tokyo fame."

A. W. Drinkwater and Aycock Brown are co-chairmen of the press committee.

The celebration here at Kill Devil Hills this year will conclude the golden anniversary of aviation year. Sponsors of the celebration are Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society, the Air Force Association, National Park Service and the N. C. Commission to observe the 50th anniversary of powered flight.

PLEASE HELP US WITH WELL-WRITTEN COPY

No matter how much we beg our correspondents to stop numbering news items; to writing on both sides of the paper; no matter how much we beg them to use "and" and not "&" in place of and; no matter how much we ask them to double space their typing, there will be some who just do it, and when there is not one with the time in the office to do it all over again, it gets thrown away, and doesn't get printed. Notes come written on the opposite side of a piece of news. We have to cut the note off and put on the office hook. Therefore the news doesn't get set up, it's lost.

We love to print the news, but words must be spelled out. When such symbols as "sect." or "sec." "nite" "&" and many other things are used, we have to leave out the whole thing, for there is nobody to write all over again, what might have as easily been done in the first place.

BOARDING HOMES RENDER DISTINCT AID TO NEEDY

Manteo Has One, Widely Recognized As Sanctuary for Aged White People

By GOLDIE H. MEEKINS
Superintendent of Public Welfare
Dare County has one of the 209 licensed boarding homes for adults in North Carolina which are providing congenial surroundings and a sense of independence for over 2,100 older citizens of our State.

Here as in every one of the 100 counties over the State these licensed boarding homes are supervised by the county departments of public welfare. Residents in these 209 homes include persons from nearly every walk of life. Some are paying their own way; others are aided by relatives and friends; and still others, who have no resources of their own, are receiving public assistance which permits them to pay their way in the home.

These boarding homes are a logical result of the outstanding efforts being made in North Carolina to provide for the ever increasing number of older people. Since 1947 the number of homes has steadily increased each year. The changes in the economy and standards of living in North Carolina, as well as in other states, have resulted in smaller homes in which it frequently becomes impossible to provide room for any persons except the immediate family of parents and children. In addition, the advances of medical science have extended the life span of many more people to the older years, thus increasing the size of this segment of citizens of the State and nation.

Many types of boarding homes are included in the 209 over the State; about 80 per cent are for white persons, 20 per cent for Negroes.

A number of counties in the State have assigned special case workers to work with older people. In Dare County, special case-work services are rendered to our aged population residing in the "Beacon Boarding Home".

Rates for accommodations in the licensed homes over the State range from about \$50 per month to more than \$150, depending on the service rendered. Persons 65 to 85 years of age form by far the largest segment of the population of the homes throughout the State though there are some residents in these homes under 40 and even some over 95 years of age. Counseling with the aged person himself or with his family permits placement in a boarding home which meets the special needs of the individual.

Licensing by the State Board of Public Welfare, as provided by State law, assures the careful supervision of these homes as to health and welfare factors and the maintenance of fire safety standards. The State Board encourages the establishment of these homes and works with the operators as they seek to attain licensing standards. From time to time the State Board holds workshop meetings especially for the operators of the boarding homes as an aid to maintaining high standards of service to the aged.

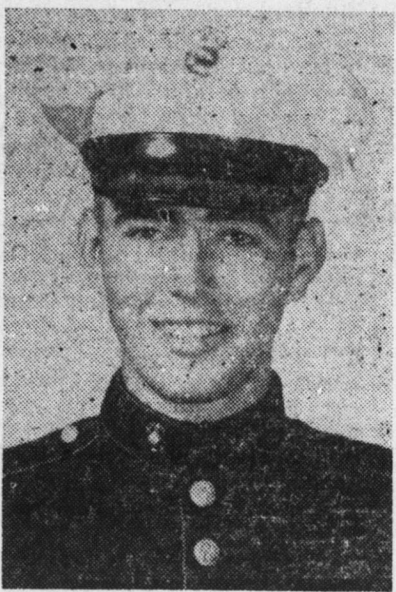
Typical situations over the State which have been aided by the boarding home plan included these: family stress and strain was resolved for one of North Carolina's families recently when counseling and placement service helped the mother to a personally satisfying life of independence from her children's lives; an elderly gentleman whose reactions to the controls and criticisms of his own family were bringing about symptoms of poor mental and physical health was placed in a boarding home suited to his needs and became relaxed and happy; a woman long a patient in a State Hospital but no longer needing treatment was placed in a boarding home in familiar surroundings which included a few well-loved personal belongings and made a most satisfactory adjustment.

In Dare County our greatest need in the matter of boarding homes for adults is the licensing of two additional homes.

MANTEO PTA WILL MEET MONDAY NIGHT, NOV. 23

The Manteo Parent Teacher Association will meet Monday night, November 23, at eight o'clock in the school auditorium. Mrs. Lawrence Swain urges all parents to attend. A special program has been arranged.

LANDS IN U. S. AFTER TWO YEARS IN KOREA



WALTER C. O'NEAL, JR., of Ocracoke has landed in California after two years in Korea. He has written his parents he expects to be home for Christmas. He is a corporal in the Marine Corp.

TURKEY SHOOT BEING HELD TOMORROW

Birds Being Given Away in Time for Thanksgiving Dinner

Manteo Post 9959, Veterans of Foreign Wars, are staging their annual turkey shoot tomorrow, Saturday, the 19th. The shoot is to be at the Manteo waterfront, at 1 p. m.

Twelve birds in all will be given away, and the price for shots will be \$1.00 for men, and 50¢ for the ladies. Guns may be brought, but shells will be furnished. Twelve gauge guns only are to be used.

STRIPED BASS CATCHES ON UPGRADE AFTER STORM

Wanchese. — Striped bass catches which made such sensational news in the Wanchese area during November 1952 seems to be picking up now following several days of rough waters and stormy weather generally, it was reported Monday by Mack Etheridge, operator of Mack's Fishing Center here.

All boats out from here on the week end brought back fish, but none in great numbers.

"Capt. J. F. Turner's party landed 19, the top catch of the day on Sunday," said Etheridge. "All during November last year the parties were bringing in good catches everytime they went after striped bass," said Etheridge.

Last year in November, striped bass fishing was so good at times, that parties chartering boats caught so many fish that they would often sell enough to local fish houses for enough to pay their boat charter fee and still have enough left over for their own use.

MRS. ALICE R. HAYMAN

Mrs. Alice Rodgers Hayman, 57, a native of Duck, Dare County and a resident of Grandy for the past two years, died Monday afternoon in Elizabeth City.

She was the daughter of the late Stephen and Elizabeth Bunch Rodgers and a member of the Baptist Church.

BAPTIST MEN GUESTS AT CHICKEN DINNER

The men of the Manteo Baptist Church were special guests of the Clara Tarkington Sunday School Class last Friday evening, when they were entertained at a fried chicken dinner in the church's recreational room. Chrysanthemums and fall foliage were used as decoration.

Men of the church present were L. D. Tarkington, W. W. Tarkington, Frank White, Frank Cahoon, Wayland Fry, Bill Swindell, Roy King, R. Bruce Theridge, Clyde Biggs, Dorian Quitley, Henry B. Parker, Rev. H. V. Napier, St. Clair Basnight, Donald Bliven and Frank White, Jr.

BIG CHANNEL BASS HIT SURF WATERS OF CAPE HATTERAS

Beautiful November weather has resulted in the biggest and best channel bass catches of the Autumn season during the past week end here at Cape Hatteras. Largest of the species landed was a 52-pounder taken by Leland W. Clodfelter of Winston-Salem.

Clodfelter was fishing in the surf at the Point of the Cape in company with H. Asa Snyder of Denton and Elmer Ball of Lexington. In addition to the big fish, a number of smaller channel bass were landed by this party.

Runnerup to the Clodfelter fish of 52 pounds was one that scaled at exactly 50 pounds landed by Mrs. Howard L. Valentine of Whiteville. Her big fish too, was caught in the surf at the Point of Cape Hatteras. She was fishing with her husband and with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dyer, Sr., of Whiteville. In all, this party shared in the catches of more than 20 channel bass weighing above 30 pounds each, were taken.

George Fuller, owner-operator of Cape Hatteras Cottage Court here stated that hundreds of channel bass ranging from puppy drum size, in the five to 15-pound class to the larger specimens going over 30 pounds each.

Fishing the surf has been productive in other areas of Hatteras Island from Hatteras northward to Waves and Rodanthe. Charles Williams, Jr., of the Cape Hatteras Hotel at Avon reported guests at his hotel during the past week end had brought in channel bass and also had fair luck with trout and flounder.

In the Nags Head region big channel bass were being caught on the week end from Jetties Pier southward to Oregon Inlet.

MANNS HARBOR LOSES A BELOVED CITIZEN

Avery Belove Tillett, 55, a lifelong resident of Manns Harbor, died of a heart attack Monday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at Lake Landing while hunting. He was the son of the late Avery and Mary Walker Tillett, and was a member of the Mt. Carmel Methodist Church. He was a commercial fisherman at Manns Harbor.

He was one of the most popular and helpful men of the community.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Pinner Tillett; one daughter, Miss Mary Tillett; two sons, Thelbert Tillett and Chester Tillett, all of Manns Harbor; two sisters, Mrs. Clark Mann, of Manteo, and Mrs. Frances Jones, of Baltimore, Md.; two brothers, Wilf Tillett, of Manns Harbor, and George Tillett, of Elizabeth City; five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Mount Carmel Methodist Church at Manns Harbor by the Rev. A. G. L. Stephenson. Burial was in the family cemetery.

BEAR HUNTING ON MAINLAND BELOW PAR

Big game hunting generally and bear hunting in particular has been below par during the recent big game hunting season. Reports of kills this year have not been as frequent as last year.

Ken Ward, who guides anglers on big game fish forays into the Gulf Stream during the summer months and big game hunters after deer and bear in the winter when the season is open, stated this week that in his opinion the bear hunting was below par due to lack of food for the animals.

Most of the bear in the big woods of Dare are killed in the Millcreek and South Lake regions while the are feeding on cypress and gum berries. This year there has been a shortage of berries and recently great flocks of robins in the woods have just about cleaned out the berry crops, according to Ward. This has resulted in the bear remaining deep in the woodlands and swamps and away from the easy to penetrate areas.

HEARD IN DARE COURT IN NON-SUPPORT CASE

Having failed to maintain his payments of \$20 per week for the support of his three children at Salvo, W. J. Midgett, Jr., was heard in Dare County Tuesday, and his payments reduced to \$60 per month on assurance of his father that he would see that payment is made on time hereafter.

This was the only case heard by Judge Baum Tuesday.

PARK SERVICE PASSES 18,000 ACRE LAND MARK

The Board of Commissioners of Dare County, at their August meeting, voted to transfer title of a large tract of county-owned land to the National Park Service for inclusion in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Area. The tract, located on lower Bodie Island about 2 miles north of Oregon Inlet, contains over 600 acres. The County was unwilling to make an outright donation of the land so the National Park Service has agreed to pay \$50,000.00 for the property.

The resolution adopted by the Dare Commissioners to transfer ownership of the land indicated that it was to be used in the development program of the National Seashore Project for the material and recreational benefit of all the people of Dare County and their visitors. It was under similar conditions that the county accepted the property as a gift from the late David L. Lindquist in 1942.

The addition of this acreage to that already acquired for the Seashore Project will bring the total to over 18,000 acres. The balance has been acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift from public spirited citizens, and by transfer from the State of North Carolina. When the acquisition program is completed, a total of approximately 28,500 acres will be included within the seashore boundary. These boundaries were set jointly by the North Carolina Cape Hatteras Seashore Commission and the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior last October.

The addition of the Dare County property will aid materially in the completion of the acquisition program for the National Seashore, which was authorized by Congress in 1937.

ROANOKE ID HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS DEC. 2

By AYCOCK BROWN
Roanoke Island Historical Association Inc., the state agency which sponsors Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony will hold its annual meeting in the Manteo Room of the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh on December 2, says R. E. Jordan, general manager.

Purpose of the meeting is to hear a report on the current year's season and to make plans for 1954 and the opening of the drama which is tentatively scheduled for June 26 with plans to run the show nightly except Mondays through September 5.

The drama, first of the outdoor type of symphonic dramas, had a successful year this season, according to the local management.

The Lost Colony has been seen by more than 600,000 persons.

DEER SEASON OPENS ON HATTERAS ISLAND

Hatteras. — It is open season for the "pigmy" or "toy" deer of the Cape Hatteras Woods but no reports of kills have been reported since November 2 when it became legal to hunt the little animals until November 30. The deer population of the woods here is estimated to be anywhere from 50 to 100 animals by local residents.

Most of the hunting for the animals is done by local and island residents. Instead of using large deer hounds to locate and chase the animals, beagle hounds are used. Only a few deer are killed in the area each year and a movement is underway to give them complete protection the year around.

MISS SANDFIDDLER TO BE ELECTED IN MANTEO

The staff of the 1954 Sandfiddler (the Manteo High School Annual) is sponsoring a contest to choose the Miss Sandfiddler of '54. The candidates were selected for talent and personality. The candidates are: Grade eight—Janice Scarborough; Grade 9 A—Ann Dowdy; Grade 9 B—Theresa Creef; Grade 10—Betsey Midgett; Grade 11—Bebe Daniels; Grade 12—Linda Gaskill.

The Annual staff is sponsoring this contest to raise money to publish their '54 Sandfiddler. Posters have been placed in all stores both in Manteo and Wanchese with boxes in which to place the money for voting.

TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION MONDAY ON REPLICA OF WRIGHTS' EARLY HANGAR

Park Service to Construct Rude Buildings to Simulate the Living Quarters Used by Wilbur and Orville Wright When They First Flew at Kill Devil Hills.

By AYCOCK BROWN

Monday of next week will make history again. It will be the day the Park Service begins the construction of two rude wooden buildings that will look just like those in which Orville and Wilbur Wright lived and housed their first plane back in 1902, and from where they flew in 1903 on December 17th for the first time.

The project is part of the plan of getting ready for four days of celebration next month.

The year-long, world-wide observance of the Golden Anniversary of Powered Flight will be climaxed by a four-day celebration, December 14-17 at Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills here on the North Carolina coast at the actual site of the Wright Brothers' conquest of the air on December 17, 1903.

With all phases of aviation participating, the four day celebration will include special tributes to pioneers and private Flyers Day; Tuesday, Industry Day; Wednesday, Defense Day; and Thursday, December 17, Golden Anniversary Day.

A feature event of the celebration will be the unveiling and dedication of the reconstructed site of the birthplace of Powered flight. Under the supervision of the National Park Service, one of the four sponsoring agencies, work was scheduled to begin on the building of the Wright Brothers' hanger and living quarters this week. These buildings will be refurbished as they appeared in 1903. The wooden mono-rail used to launch their rugged plane will also be constructed on the original site.

Airplane development will be demonstrated when a 1912 pusher-type plane re-enacts the first flight of 12 seconds at 10:37 o'clock on December 17 over the Wright Brothers' original course, at a speed of less than 50 miles per hour, followed by modern jet fighters breaking the sound barrier. Scores of the latest types of military planes will participate in the Air review.

In addition to the Park Service the four day celebration is jointly sponsored by Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society, Air Force Association, and the North Carolina 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight Commission. Miles L. Clark, oil executive of Elizabeth City is chairman of the joint committee; Ralph V. Whitener, AFA, Washington is national coordinator and Carl Goerch is State coordinator. Aycock Brown is local coordinator of the celebration.

WILDFOWL GATHER BUT HUNTING NOT TOO GOOD

Nags Head. — Wildfowl is plentiful in Dare coastal waters and also in Currituck Sound, but hunting parties have not been having very good luck during recent days, primarily because the weather was too good for good hunting.

The coast of Dare is one place where a sportsman who cares to do so can usually get his limit of wildfowl in the morning and afternoon. In the Kitty Hawk area in recent years some hunters bring guns and tackle, fishing for large mouth bass when their bag limit of game has been obtained. Others try the salt water fishing after a morning in the blinds.

GOOD LUCK ON CROATAN

While fishing aboard the "Libby" in Croatan Sound this past week with ough and wife, Lee and Fanny Dough, Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Evans had extra special fishing luck. Trolling and with hand line the party made port with a catch of 71 rock, each weighing between five and eight pounds, in fact the fish were so anxious to join the party that they were coming in two at a time.

Mrs. Evans stated that the day was so enjoyable and exciting to her that she was still fishing in her sleep that night.

DOZEN WHITE MARLIN TAKEN WITH ROD-REEL OFF-DARE COAST—1953

By AYCOCK BROWN
Hatteras. — The big game bill-fishing season catches of 1953 have definitely put the Dare coast of North Carolina in the spotlight for those who are interested in blue and white marlin brought in and sailfish. Twelfth white marlin to be taken in waters of the Cape Hatteras region was brought in Saturday by Dr. Jesse C. Overbey, Norfolk, Va., dentist who made big game fishing news in a national way recently when he hooked and brought in a blue marlin that weighed almost 600 pounds.

Dr. Overbey had actually come to Hatteras on the week end to get his cruiser the Snapper II and take it back to Norfolk for overhauling. He arrived here in Spring-like November weather and decided to take one more trip offshore.

With Capt. Wheeler Ballance as his guide, he started trolling in Hatteras Bight, caught a few dolphin and bonita and decided to go on offshore and use the small fish he had taken as bait for a possible billfish catch.

No one expected to catch a white marlin so late in the season, but when one hit the bait-fish he started reeling and minutes later had boated a 71-pound white marlin, one of the largest of the species taken off the Dare Coast this season. His catch brought the total bill-fish catch of 1953 to 12 white marlin taken off Hatteras and Oregon Inlet; three blue marlin landed off Hatteras and approximately 35 sailfish landed by anglers fishing off Hatteras and Oregon Inlet.

RURITANS MEET

The Stumpy Point Ruritan Club met at the club room Wednesday night. Rev. A.G.L. Stephenson presided. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Rev. Stephenson, president; Melton Hooper, vice-president; Carvil Hooper, Sec.; Calvin Payne, treas.; Mrs. Tom Wise, pianist. The speaker for the evening was Leon Ballance of Engelhard. The subject was "The Weather Forecasts". Mr. Ballance explained the cause, the whys and wheres of weather conditions as he learned them while studying the subject while in the service. Slides were shown to further explain the atmospheric conditions.

Ladies of the WSCS served a chicken dinner to the 15 members and visitors present.

WOMAN'S CLUB HAS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Mrs. D. E. Evans, Dare County's superintendent of education, was speaker Tuesday evening at the meeting of the Manteo Woman's Club, when a program on education and public affairs was presented to the club. In addition to the talk she made, Mrs. Evans passed around a quiz which showed how many things parents do not know about the way the schools are run.

The project chairman was instructed to look into the matter of providing a special table for the new Dare County health center.

The hostesses, Mrs. Wayland Fry, Mrs. Fred Basnight, Mrs. W. L. Warren and Mrs. Theo. S. Meekins, Jr., served refreshments of cookies and sherbet. Mrs. Elizabeth Peterson was a guest of the club.

MISS IRENE SHEARIN 88 YEARS OLD SUNDAY

Miss Irene Shearin of Manteo celebrated her 88th birthday quietly last Sunday at her home in Manteo. Many friends called on her during the day, with good wishes and gifts. Miss Shearin, who is a member of Mount Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo, has not missed a Sunday morning service in three years.