

TO GO ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE AIR FORCE

Second Lieutenant Roger Meekins, USAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Meekins of Manteo, this week received orders to report to active duty with the Air Force June 10. He will report to Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, for two weeks processing, and from there will be stationed at Ellington AFB in Houston, Texas, where he will receive training in navigation, bombardment, and radar. The training period will be in excess of 20 weeks.

Lt. Meekins was graduated from the University of North Carolina in January, and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Air Force Reserve at that time. He is scheduled to serve 36 months active duty under the present system.

MANTEO PERSONALS

Miss Elizabeth Sawyer recently returned from Florida, where she spent her vacation visiting her sister in Bradenton.

Mrs. F. W. Meekins and daughter, Susan, spent several days this week in Ahoskie with Mrs. Meekins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Holloman, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hines and son, of Hobucken, are visiting in Manteo and Kitty Hawk.

Miss Betty Rae Rogers has returned to WCUNC, Greensboro, after spending the spring holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and son, D. A., accompanied her to Greensboro, where they visited friends.

Mrs. C. F. Harris has returned from the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, and is recuperating at her home at the Tranquil House.

East Carolina College students returning this week to classes after spending the spring vacation at their homes in Manteo were Marie Etheridge, Helen Mann, Jack Cahoon, Ray Jones, Jr., Steve Basnight, Jr.

Miss Ann Krider who attends business school in Norfolk, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Krider, last week end.

MANTEO PTA TO INSTALL OFFICERS APRIL 13

New officers will be installed at the meeting of the Manteo Parent Teacher Association on Tuesday, April 13, when the regular monthly meeting will be held. Officers to be installed are as follows: Mrs. Lawrence Swain, president; Mrs. John Ward, vice-president; Mrs. W. R. Pearce, secretary; Mrs. J. O. Basnight, treasurer.

THIS IS OSPREY EYRIE BUILDING SEASON IN DARE

By Aycock Brown

There are scores of construction jobs underway on the beaches and islands of the Dare coast at the present time. Just about everything from cottages and clubs to motels and restaurants are being rushed to completion before the summer season, but the busiest builders are a pair of ospreys, destined to set up housekeeping in the top of a dead pine between Wanchese and Manteo.

This pair of osprey decided to build their eyrie almost within a stone's throw of the state highway in the upper crotches of a pine skeleton that is not hidden from view by surrounding pines still alive and green. The construction activities have attracted more than usual attention of persons making the trip between the island communities.

Bird watchers and amateur ornithologists have expressed the opinion that they are young osprey, setting up for their first venture in housekeeping. These opinions are based on the fact that their eyrie was started this year and is yet not completed.

"If they were old birds, they would be returning to their old eyrie, and conducting an expansion program, rather than building a new nest," said an angler from New York State whose conversation changed from fish to fish-hawks after seeing the pair of osprey at work. Their eyrie is already a hundred times larger than the nest of a robin or mocking bird. As the nests receive additional material every year, many in time become huge affairs, weighing from one thousand to 1,500 pounds. There are many osprey nests, large and small, on Roanoke Island.

Most of them are built well away from habitation in marshes or woodlands. The nest south of Manteo on the Wanchese road is an exception. The tenants of these eyries are birds of prey, but usually feed only on fish or eels they catch by plunging foremost from altitudes of 40 to 80 feet into waters of sounds and creeks. Their prey is held with needle-sharp talons until they reach their eyrie or a suitable place to enjoy their lunch.

SUDAN TEMPLE SHRINERS SEEK NEW CANDIDATES

Warrenton. — An all-expense trip to Atlantic City has been offered by Potentate J. Edward Rooker, Jr., to the Shriner who secures the most candidates for the Spring Ceremonial of Sudan Temple at Greenville, N. C., May 25-26. The Atlantic City trip will be in conjunction with the Imperial Council Meeting in June.

Two other prizes have been offered by the Sudan Potentate personally. They include a wrist watch with diamond studded Shrine emblem in center and genuine diamond Shrine lapel pin to second and third place winners.

Rooker hopes the contest will boost the number of candidates at the Greenville Ceremonial to 500 or more, and Sudan's membership to more than 6,400. Shriners, whose principal aim is "to help a crippled child." The Shrine of North America operates 17 hospitals where more than 200,000 crippled children have been treated.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED IN DARE COUNTY

The following marriage licenses were issued in Dare County during the past week:

Charlie O. Basnight, 42, of Colington, and Ruby Beasley, 28, of Kill Devil Hills.

Thomas W. Wood, 24, of Raleigh, and Barbara A. Dowdy, 18, of Manteo.

Burl Stephen Brinn, 34, Manteo, and Dora Leona Saunders, 24, of Portsmouth, Va.

SCHOOL PLAY AT BUXTON

A Hillbilly play, "Coming Round The Mountain" given by the junior and senior classes of Cape Hatteras High School, Buxton, will be held Friday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone invited.

"A gentleman farmer is one who has more hay in the bank than in the barn."—The Four Lads.

BUXTON PERSONALS

Dr. Robert Gilbert, Miss Pat Laquier and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fuller of Kinston were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Fuller, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Barnett and son and Mrs. Lula Fulcher of Norfolk spent the week end with Mrs. Lonie Barnett.

Mrs. Dina Dailey has returned home after a visit in Elizabeth City with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Williams of Norfolk were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harpe Fulcher and Mrs. Malessia Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rollinson and children have returned home after spending the past year in Norfolk, where he was employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Wilmouth and daughter of Richmond, Va., have been spending some time here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Guy Quidley.

Mrs. Nettie Peele has returned home after a visit in Norfolk with her daughter, who has been ill.

Kenneth Dickerson is spending a few days with his mother Mrs. Gladys Dickerson. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Catherine Davenport of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Loran Midgett made a trip to Norfolk and Elizabeth City Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. A. C. Hassell, Elvin and Merion Dixon of Suffolk, were called home because of the illness of their mother, Mrs. Bertie Dixon. Mrs. Hassell spent five days here before her husband came for her.

Mrs. Arvilla Barnette of Norfolk is spending this week here with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Fulcher and son Dalton are leaving for Norfolk to be with their children this week end.

CAPE HATTERAS PTA MEETS AT BUXTON

The Cape Hatteras Parent Teacher Association of Buxton had their regular meeting April 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Nellie Farrow of Waves, vice president. With Mrs. Pearl Midgett at the piano, songs "America The Beautiful" and "Onward Christian Soldiers" were sung. Rev. Thomas, pastor of Assembly of God Church, Hatteras, led the devotions.

At the business session plans were made for a luncheon for the Dare County Teachers, to be given by the P.T.A., Saturday April 10, in the school auditorium, Buxton.

The new officers for the coming year were installed by Mrs. Nellie Farrow, are as follows: president, Mrs. Joyce Gray, Buxton; vice-president, Mrs. Laura Scarborough, Rodanthe; secretary, Mrs. Violet Austin, Hatteras; treasurer, Mrs. Vivian Frontis, Buxton.

After the meeting was adjourned refreshments of sandwiches, cup cakes and hot tea were served in the school lunch room by the ladies of Hatteras. A large group from Rodanthe and Hatteras attended.

GOOD RANGE ESSENTIAL TO VIGOROUS LAYERS

Good range can cut poultry feed costs as much as 15 per cent, according to R. S. Dearstyn, head of the State College poultry science department.

Dearstyn says the first requirement of a range is cleanliness. The land should neither have been occupied, nor poultry manure spread on it, for at least a year. The land should be rolling and the soil porous to assure good drainage. The range should be free of deep depressions where stagnant water can accumulate.

Legumes are often the best grazing crop; clovers and alfalfa are considered excellent by Dearstyn. Once the birds are moved to range, careful management is a must, since the ranging period is a critical one. Start your range shelters at the bottom of a slope and gradually move them uphill, each move 50 feet from the previous location.

Dearstyn says there will be a bumper crop of pullets in North Carolina this year. "The success we obtain from these birds will depend largely on how carefully the poultryman has planned to grow them out."

MANNS HARBOR WOMAN'S CLUB INSTALLS OFFICERS

Manns Harbor Woman's Club installed new officers Thursday night, April 1 at the community building by Mrs. Richard Mann an ex-president, and attended by all members and guests except two.

A dinner of ham, potato salad, candied yams, lima beans, lettuce, sliced tomatoes and hot biscuits, pineapple short cake and coffee was served. Blessings were asked by Mrs. Sherman Twiford. After dinner "Freedoms Pledge" was read by Mrs. Richard Mann and installation followed. New officers are as follows:

President, Mrs. Guy Mann; vice-president, Stanford White; secretary, Wilbur Pinner; treasurer, Inez Gibbs; reporter, Mrs. Sherman Twiford.

A short talk by the new president and then she appointed committee chairmen. They are: Midgett; Membership, Mrs. Tom Sutton; Year Book, Mrs. Pearl Daniels; Music, Mrs. Stanford White; Flowers, Mrs. Sherman Twiford; Public Welfare, Mrs. Wallace Taylor. Others will be announced later.

Gifts were given four members for outstanding work in club and community. All joined in singing clubs adopted Hymn "Help Somebody Today". Lucky door prize winners were Mrs. Wilbur Pinner and Richard Mann. The meeting closed by repeating club collect.

ENGELHARD NAVY MAN INSTRUCTOR IN MD.



ROY S. COX, Jr., chief gunner's mate, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Cox Sr., and husband of the former Miss Mary R. Gibbs, all of Engelhard, N. C., is an instructor at the Recruit Training Center at Bainbridge, Md. The Training Command has the task of guiding men and women, new to Navy life, through a period of transition from civilian to military life. It further introduces them to Naval customs, traditions and discipline; and through intensive training and schooling, prepares them for Naval service. (Official U. S. Navy Photograph)

There were 48.2 million less hogs in the United States on January 1, 1954, than on the same date a year earlier.

There comes a time when a nation, as well as its people, must make the choice between tightening its belt or run the risk of losing its pants.

Prospective planting reports from North Carolina farmers indicate a 3 per cent net increase over last year in acreage to be utilized by 10 major crops.

PIONEER THEATRE MANTEO, N. C. SATURDAY, APRIL 10 "WAR ARROW" with JEFF CHANDLER SUNDAY: MONDAY "MOGAMBO" with CLARK GABLE TUESDAY: WEDNESDAY "MASTER OF BALLANTRA" with ERROL FLYNN THURSDAY: FRIDAY "MAN ON A TIGHT ROPE" with FREDRIC MARCH

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