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## AIRCRAFT CARRIER BEARS THE NAME OF KITTY HAWK

Congressman Herbert Bonner's Efforts Succeed and His Remarks to Navy Secretary

**Reasons For Naming An Aircraft Carrier "Kitty Hawk"**  
From the standpoint of historical interest it is appropriate that an aircraft carrier, symbolic of the far-reaching force of United States aid power, be identified with the historical site at which the "air age" was launched. Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, bears distinction as the site of the first successful flight of a power-driven, heavier-than-air machine by the Wright Brothers on December 17, 1903. Since that date the name "Kitty Hawk" has been identified by the American public with the air age and with air power.

The word "Kitty Hawk" not only has a sound historical basis for being appropriate as the name of an aircraft carrier but the name has a euphonic and auditory appeal.

It may be that under the present nomenclature policy of the United States Navy the use of the name "Kitty Hawk" for a large aircraft carrier would not be permissible since the name is not that of a famous former warship, or a battle, operation or engagement. Smaller type carriers are named after islands, bays and sounds or battles in World War II. Moreover, it is recognized that under present Navy policy the names for historical places for aviation are given to aircraft auxiliary vessels and that one such vessel has been named the "Kitty Hawk."

Notwithstanding the general customs governing the naming of aircraft carriers, the great historical significance of Kitty Hawk together with the public association of the name with air power suggests that "Kitty Hawk" would be a highly appropriate name for an aircraft carrier.

Moreover, there have been departures from the general practice in naming carriers. Examples are "Shangri-la" and "Forrestal." Since the general practice in naming aircraft carriers is not a rigid one, "Kitty Hawk," for reasons already mentioned, would be a very suitable name for such a vessel.

## NAME NAVY CARRIER THE USS KITTY HAWK URGES GOV. UMSTEAD

Governor Umstead made a quick trip to Washington Tuesday to urge Navy Secretary Charles F. Thomas to have a new aircraft carrier named the "USS Kitty Hawk."

Umstead told Secretary Thomas that the name "Kitty Hawk" would symbolize aviation and air power more than any other name. The name, he stated, would give greater recognition to the Wright Brothers, who made man's first powered flight at Kitty Hawk.

Ed Rankin, personal secretary to the Governor and Highway Commission chairman, A. H. Graham went with the governor.

Also attending the 40-minute conference with Secretary Thomas were both of North Carolina's senators and all Tar Heel Congressmen or their aids. Senator Burke (Democrat, Ohio) and the administrative assistant to Senator Bricker (Republican, Ohio) were present.

Of the four Forrestal-type carriers the Navy is now building, one is unnamed. Umstead would like to see it named the Kitty Hawk. The carriers are listed as weighing 60,000 tons each, by far the biggest craft of their kind in the world.

## FOUR MORE SERVICES SCHEDULED AT FORT

The Rev. Thomas White, host minister, will preach at the Lost Colony worship services at Waterside Theatre next Sunday. Mr. White preached the first Waterside Theatre service this year on June 27. He introduces guest ministers each week at the services.

Three ministers have been scheduled for the remaining Sunday services of the season. Alpheus Potts from Roanoke, Va. will be guest minister August 22. The Rev. Stuart Gast of the Church of St. Stephens and the Incarnation of Washington, D. C. has been scheduled for August 29. The final service of the season will be conducted by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Wright, Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern North Carolina, on September 5.

## MANNS HARBOR SEAMAN RETURNS FROM EUROPE



**CLARENCE JOSEPH HASSELL, S. N. U. S. N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence U. Hassell and husband of the former Miss Shirley Tillet of Manns Harbor, returned home recently after two months in European waters on board the U. S. S. Missouri.**  
The ship visited such ports as Lisbon, Portugal, Cherbourg, Huly, France, and others.

## HIGHEST RECORD OF 1954 SEASON SET LAST WEEK

Last week for the first time since the show opened June 26 Lost Colony attendance showed an increase over the same week in 1953. 1317 persons seeing the show Saturday night formed the largest audience this season.

A total of 5,139 persons attending last week showed an increase of 82 over last year. During the previous week attendance failed by 712 to reach the record for the same week in 1953.

According to manager Dick Jordan, attendance so far this season is 25,707, considerably less than was recorded by the first week in August last year.

"We expect things to pick up from now on," Mr. Jordan said. "We have been receiving more reservations by mail and more checks for tickets are being mailed in. When you can't find a parking place in down town Manteo that can be considered a definite good trend. Parking places were not available several days last week."

"Certainly we stand to have an increase in attendance this week over 1953," he said on Tuesday. "When the hurricane Barbara struck on August 14, 1953, our attendance went down to zero. We managed to give the show on the following night using our emergency power generator but attendance was still very light."

## DECREASE IS SHOWN IN VISITORS AT FORT

The only decrease in travel on the Dare Coast this year was noted at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site on Roanoke Island where beginning July 1 an admission charge of 25 cents was made for day visitors. This charge is in keeping with a new policy adopted by the National Park Service as result of Congressional action.

In 1954 a total of 33,742 persons visited the historic site compared to 53,475 in July of 1953. Of the total number 15,248 paid day admission. No admission is charged during the evenings and on Sunday during the Sunday worship periods. According to figures released by Allyn Hanks, National Park Service superintendent in the area, a total of 20,754 visitors in 1953 were Lost Colony visitors and in 1954, 18,499 were visitors to the drama.

A 5 per cent increase was noted at the Wright Brothers at Kill Devil Hills during July of 1954, when 48,652 visited the site as compared to 40,646 during July of 1953.

## GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA FISHES FROM HATTERAS

Governor Thomas R. Stanley of Virginia fished at Hatteras last Friday with Captain Ernal Foster. With a party from Suffolk down for the day, the governor caught 186 bluefish, 67 Spanish mackerel, six false albacore and two dolphin.

Also in the party were Jesse W. Dillon, Virginia State Treasurer, and Shirley T. Holland, State Senator.

## BLACK BEAR IS PLAYFUL PET

Tourists and Children Like To Feed Susie Soft Drinks, Cookies and Watermelon

"Susie loves everybody and everybody loves Susie." Who is Susie and where does she live? Why Susie Quidley, of course. She lives down at George Hale Quidley's filling station two miles south of Manteo. Isn't that an odd place for a nice young lady to live? Susie doesn't think so. Well what kind of a girl is this Susie anyway? Susie is a honey of a black bear cub.

The six months old, 50 pound cub that Mr. Quidley describes as "loving everyone" came from the woods somewhere in the vicinity of Edenton. She was caught in a trap and brought to Mr. Quidley by his son, Phillip Hale Quidley, who is minister of churches in Elizabeth City, Edenton and Hertford.

Coming from the wilds five weeks ago, Susie has quickly become a contented dweller in sugar lump land. Scorning the roasting ears that most bears are stripping nightly from the fields, her favorite foods are soft drinks, cookies and watermelon. Her special yen is for fig newtons. Although her owner tries valiantly to keep her on a more well balanced diet he fights a losing battle. Susie, in conspiracy with children and tourists who like to see her drink soda pop, manages to keep her sweet tooth satisfied.

In view of her taste for sweets, Susie would make a nutritionist tear his hair. She is round and rolly with thick brown-black fur

and tumbles and plays with all the verve of a human child.

Susie's favorite toy is a stool on rollers that she rides when anyone is available to push. When no one will ride her, Susie places her front feet on the stool and pushes herself. She also exercises her talent for gymnastics on a nearby cinder block wall. She is described as climbing like a cat and likes to sit astride the wall and play with the top of a small cedar tree. Susie "beats the heat" under her private shower bath. Rigged by her owner, it consists of a constantly dripping hose and an automobile hub cap.

Susie is one of a series of wild pets that Mr. Quidley has had, opossums, racoons, a bob cat and another bear. The first bear, that used to catch fish along the shores of Roanoke Sound, escaped to the woods. The wild cat, which never tamed, died in captivity. But as her owner says "Susie is the best one of all".

Susie may soon have to leave her idyllic existence with its never ending supply of soft drinks and fig newtons and return to the native. North Carolina State law requires that a bear in captivity have, in addition to a house, sufficient food and shade, an 18 foot concrete run and a pool with constantly running water. Mr. Quidley feels that these luxuries for Susie may be beyond the reach of his pocket book and Susie may soon have to go back to the woods and start fending for herself.



## SAILFISH ARE TAKEN DURING EARLY FALL

Billfish from Six Inches to 65 Pounds Landed This Season in Outer Banks Area

Manteo—A guy named Tom Apple, hailing from Winston Salem, landed a sailfish off Morehead City while trolling from Bill Ballou's famous Gulf Stream charter boat the "Victory" a few years ago, and before the season had passed more than 70 of the billfishes had been landed off Cape Lookout with rod and reel and probably twice that number had been taken in the purse seines of menhaden fishermen who did not bother to keep count.

Capt. Ballou, now the biggest big-time restaurant operator on the Dare Coast recalled the season that the sails hit in off Cape Lookout in such great numbers this week. The year was 1947. One day the Victory with a party of High Point anglers returned to port with two sails, the best catch by any party boat during the fabulous run of 1947, which had not been equaled until recently off Wrightsville Beach, N. C.

"The only reason why more sailfish have not been landed off Morehead City each summer is because the anglers who go after them seem to be satisfied with dolphin and amberjack, which can always be taken with rod and reel by surface trollers, or sea bass, grouper and red snappers by the anglers who want to catch fish, and do when they fish over the numerous reefs or wrecks off Morehead City.

Last year more than 40 sailfish had been taken by anglers off Cape Hatteras and Oregon Inlet here on the Dare Coast, before charter boat skippers quit keeping count of the bill fishes in the sail class. They were more interested in even bigger game fish from blue water, white marlin and blue marlin.

Last year in the billfish class, in addition to the white marlin of which more than 20 were taken off Oregon and Hatteras Inlets, three blue marlin, the largest a 570 1/2-pounder landed by Dr. C. J. Overbey, Norfolk dentist, was boated. The doctor's blue was the International record for blue marlin taken with rod and reel last year according to the Field and Stream contest entries.

A few sails are taken each year in the Oregon Hatteras Inlet area during June and July. See SAILFISH, Page Four

## KIDS MAKE BIG CATCH ON NAGS HEAD OCEAN PIER

Nags Head—Jan Oneto, age 9 and Billy Chase, 12, spent one morning on the Nags Head Fishing pier this week and caught more than 100 spots each. They also landed a few other varieties.

This was the largest catch of the season to be made by children fishing from the ocean piers in the Nags Head-Kitty Hawk region.

Young Oneto is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Oneto of The Carolinian Hotel. Billy Chase is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chase of Chevy Chase, Md. To make their catches the youngsters used shrimp for bait.

All fishing piers in the area, that is the new Kitty Hawk pier, Jennette's and the Nags Head pier where the two youngsters made their big catch of spots, have been producing thousands of fish daily since August 1.

Many of the anglers coming to the piers bring their own portable refrigerating gear so the fish, as they catch them, can be cleaned and placed on ice for future consumption.

Pier fishing which has been unusually good since August began is scheduled to be even better before the month passes. Then with many varieties still taking lures of anglers, larger varieties, mostly channel bass are scheduled to make their appearance in the pier areas.

Jennette's Pier in lower Nags Head in recent years has recorded more than 700 channel bass, many weighing up to 45 pounds, being landed during the months of September and October.

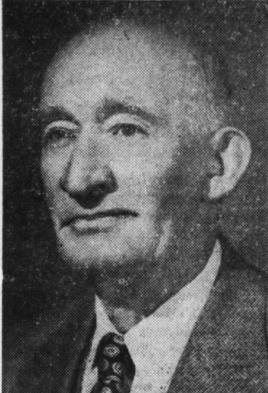
## CHANNEL BASS STILL HITTING ON DARE COAST

Buxton—Channel bass are still hitting cut bait and Hopkins lures in the surf of Hatteras Island during the past week end but far more blues and Spanish mackerel were taken by anglers than the copper fighters which had shown up in such great numbers in the surf and inlet during the last week end of July.

Largest of the week was a 47 1/2-pounder landed near Hatteras village. The angler's name was not reported. The biggest of the week was several pounds less than the weight of the season's largest channel bass so far this year.

The largest of the species taken so far this year was a 67 1/2-pounder landed during early July by Linwood Quidley from See FISHING, Page Four

## PARTY HONORS HIM ON 80TH BIRTHDAY



L. D. TARKINGTON of Manteo last Friday celebrated his 80th birthday. Mr. Tarkington was guest of honor at Open House held in his home last Friday evening and many of his friends called to wish him well and congratulate him on the happy occasion.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Frank White and received in the living room by Mr. and Mrs. Tarkington and their son, W. W. Tarkington. Mrs. Elmer R. Midgette directed to "the dining room, where Mrs. Edward Wescott presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Clyde Biggs served cake. Assorted nuts and mints were also served. Others assisting in the dining room were Frank White, Jr., Mrs. Camille Podolski and Mrs. John Ward. The dining table was centered with a large white cake with decorations of red roses, and bearing the "Happy Birthday" legend. Arrangements of fern, roses and white candles in silver holders completed the table arrangements. The buffet held a large arrangement of summer flowers in pastel shades.

Mr. Tarkington was remembered with cards by numerous friends who were unable to attend the Open House.

## HODGES SPEAKS AT DANIELS DAY HELD NEXT WEEK

Luther Hodges, North Carolina Lieutenant Governor, will be at Daniels Day in Wachese on Wednesday, Melvin R. Daniels, chairman of the event, announced yesterday.

Mr. Daniels received confirmation from Mr. Hodges last week that he would be present and would speak on "Josephus Daniels—What He Has Meant to the State and Nation". Mr. Hodges will discuss the onetime Secretary of the Navy and ambassador to Mexico as the outstanding, number one citizen of North Carolina and the loss suffered by the nation on his death, Mr. Daniels reports.

Following his attendance of the Daniels Day reunion the Lieutenant Governor will appear as pre-curtain speaker at the Virginia Dare Day observance at the Lost Colony.

Accompanying Mr. Hodges and staying with him at the Carolinian Hotel will be State Senator Clarence Stone. Congressman Herbert C. Bonner is expected to attend the reunion.

Chairman Daniels has also received confirmation that 20 members of the Elizabeth City band will play at the celebration. He states that the event is not confined to Daniels. "Everyone is invited at four o'clock on August 18 in the Wachese Methodist Church," he says. "We will provide ice cream, ice water and tables. Everyone is requested to bring a picnic lunch."

## VIRGINIA DARE DAY OBSERVED AUGUST 18

The Lost Colony will observe Virginia Dare Day August 18 on the historically established birth-day of Virginia Dare. This observance was begun in 1886 by the Roanoke Colony Memorial Association, the first group to celebrate the original founders of Fort Raleigh.

Pre-curtain guest speaker will be Luther Hodges, North Carolina lieutenant governor. The Elizabeth City high school band will perform from 7:00 until 7:45.

Virginia Dare was born August 13, 1587, the first child of English parentage in the new world and was christened August 20. The Roanoke Colony Memorial Association erected a monument to her at Fort Raleigh. See OBSERVANCE, Page Four

## COASTAL STUDIES INSTITUTE TO STUDY CAPE HATTERAS SEASHORE AREA AT THIS TIME

Exhaustive Survey of Its Many Interesting Features To Be Begun This Summer and Continued Through Next Year; Will Develop Useful Geological and Botanical Data.

Studies of various aspects of the natural and cultural history of the famed Outer Banks region in and near Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, North Carolina, will be started this month, Acting Secretary of the Interior Ralph A. Tudor announced today.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area contains one of the few remaining extensive stretches of undeveloped seashore on the Atlantic Coast. Including approximately 28,600 acres, it extends from Whalebone Junction at the southern boundary of Nags Head on Bodie Island, down Hatteras Island, and then southwestwardly to the southern tip of Ocracoke Island. Members of the Coastal Studies Institute of Louisiana State University, working under the direction of Dr. Richard J. Russell, will conduct these scientific studies. Dr. William G. Haag plans to be in the national seashore recreation area until the end of August carrying on archaeological investigations and is scheduled to return there again next summer for additional work. Should particularly interesting problems develop, such as the finding of Indian sites requiring detailed excavation, these archeological investigations may be continued into the summer of 1956.

Investigation of the national seashore area from a natural history standpoint are scheduled to start next summer and continue for a two-year period. They will have as their main objective the reconstruction of the area's recent geological history. The Hatteras area is probably the most interesting part of the Atlantic Coast between New Jersey and Florida in that Cape Hatteras See INSTITUTE, Page Five

## TWICE AS MANY CARS CROSS INLET IN JULY AS DURING JULY 1953

Almost twice as many automobiles used Oregon Inlet ferries last month as in the same month in 1953, according to figures released by Emmett Winslow, First District Highway Commissioner in Hertford. Approximately 13,500 cars were hauled by the ferries, which means that about 50,000 persons crossed the inlet to and from Nags Head and Hatteras Island," he said.

Reasons for the increase in traffic are the completions of the road leading to Hatteras Island and the new Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park and the operation of three new and modern LSU-converted ferry craft. William B. Umstead, the "Lindsay C. Warren" and the brand new "Conrad Wirth."

The newest ferry in Oregon Inlet operation came early this week. It is named for the director of the National Park Service, who has been instrumental in the creation of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area attracting record breaking crowds to the Outer Banks this summer. Each of the present ferries have a 22 car capacity.

Ferry traffic figures during July, other than those operating in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park at Oregon Inlet showed approximately 9,500 autos using the Croatan Sound ferry and about 5,250 crossing on the Alligator ferry.

## COMMISSIONERS VOTE ROAD STREET SURVEY

The Manteo Town Board of Commissioners disposed of routine business of paying utilities and maintenance bills at their regular meeting on Monday.

A group of ladies appeared before the board to urge the straightening of Road Street. The board voted to have the street surveyed to determine the center so that the same amount could be taken from either side. Reorganization of the Manteo Volunteer fire department was also discussed. The town has been carrying liability insurance on firemen who are no longer active. The board voted to request the fire chief to reorganize the department so that an active list of firemen can be made.

## BANKS HISTORY TO BE WRITTEN BY DAVID STICK

"Graveyard of Atlantic" Author to Write Outer Banks History

David Stick, author of "Fabulous Dare" and "The Graveyard of the Atlantic" will write a history of "The Outer Banks of North Carolina" it was announced recently.

Stick, of Kitty Hawk, signed a contract to write the history with the University of North Carolina Press, publisher of his "Graveyard of the Atlantic", at the recent annual North Carolina Writers Conference at Hatteras. The book will contain the geography, the history, the customs of the people and the stories of the Outer Banks area. The tragedy of the Lost Colony, the romantic and isolated fishing villages of Avon and Buxton, the lighthouses of Hatteras and Ocracoke, the legends of Blackbeard and Theodosia Burr, the Old Christmas tradition at Rodanthe and the corraling of wild ponies will be part of the history.

Stick was born in Interlaken, N. J. and moved to Dare at the age of ten. He attended Elizabeth City High School and the University of North Carolina. The University of North Carolina will shortly bring out a third printing of his "Graveyard of the Atlantic", published in 1952.

Seven years of research have already been done on the history. This fall Stick will continue research in the University of North Carolina library and the Library of Congress.

"The Outer Banks of North Carolina" will include the history of the area from the Virginia to Beaufort with emphasis on Hatteras, Portsmouth, Ocracoke, and Roanoke Island, Kitty Hawk and Nags Head.

## HONORARY TAR HEELS VISIT OUTER BANKS ON RECENT HOLIDAY

Five Honorary Tar Heels and four of their wives left Wednesday after a vacation of several days at the Nags Head Carolinian Hotel as guests of Bill Sharp, editor of the "North Carolina State Magazine", and Mrs. Lucille Purser, hotel manager.

Honorary Tar Heel status is conferred upon out of state authors and editors who help to publicize North Carolina. Bill Sharp, then state public relations agent, originated the honor during Governor Cherry's administration.

The five Honorary Tar Heels who visited the Outer Banks this week were Joe Lowes, public relations counselor, from Stanford, Connecticut, Paul Harmon and Gilbert La Gorce of the "National Geographic Magazine", and Don Tracy, magazine editor from Sherwood Forest, Md. All five are original members of the Honorary Tar Heel group.

Don Tracy is author of the novel, "Chesapeake Cavalier", and several Outer Banks articles appearing in the "Saturday Evening Post". See TAR HEELS, Page Four

## DR. H. E. MYERS TO PREACH IN MANTEO

Dr. H. E. Myers of Duke University Divinity School will preach in Mount Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo August 15th and 22nd., at both morning and evening services. Dr. and Mrs. Myers will occupy the parsonage for two weeks while the pastor of the church and his wife are away on vacation. Dr. Myers was pastor of Duke Memorial Methodist Church in Durham when he was appointed by the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church as professor in the School of Religion at Duke. Mrs. Myers is an accomplished musician and will sing at the services. The Methodist of Manteo are happy to have this outstanding preacher and his wife. A cordial invitation is extended to the people of the community to attend these services.