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## MANTEO AIRPORT CONSIDERED ONE OF GREATEST ASSETS OF WALTER RALEIGH COASTLAND

### New Yorker Says More Publicity Should Be Given Advantages of This Modern Utility and Its Value to the Flying Public in Order to Serve Greater Tourist Business.

The Manteo Airport, located on Croatan Sound four miles from town is more completely appreciated away from home than by many of those who live near it. In view of the great amount of money invested here by the Federal Government, and then given free to the people of Dare County, there is comparatively little promotion of the airport to make known its advantages to outsiders.

However its true value is greatly appreciated by Jim Morton a newspaper man in New York City who is on the staff of the Journal-American, and this interest is ably expressed in a letter to the editor this week. Mr. Morton, who is a regular commuter to Dare County in season, writes as follows:

"In all the ballyhoo designed to establish the Dare coast a big business resort in place of the remote, unspoiled retreat it used to be, the splendid facilities of Manteo Airport have been largely overlooked. From the business standpoint, this has been a mistake. To remedy the situation would assuredly serve the best interests of Dare County as a resort.

In all the 500 miles of coastland between New York and Morehead City there are only three resort airports comparable to Manteo's, and any pilot familiar with them all will agree that Manteo Airport is the best. It provides the best all-around service and facilities, and remains open 24 hours a day the year around. Considering there is additionally a beach laning strip at Kill Devil Hills, it would not exaggeration to describe the resort airport facilities on the Middle Atlantic Coast.

There simply aren't any conveniently situated airports at Virginia Beach or Ocean View, and such outstanding resorts as Chincoteague, Ocean City, Maryland, and most of the Jersey shore are without airports. If any of those localities had a first-class field like Manteo's with hard-surface runways, lights for night landing, a steel hangar, overnight accommodations, major repairs, and a near-by restaurant, they would publicize it to high heaven.

As a pilot familiar with most air facilities between Montreal and Key West, let me say Manteo Airport is the most unpublishized in my 15 years' experience in flying. I might add that long lean Bill Henderson is the most competent, courteous, and conscientious airport manager you'll find anywhere, a real asset to any community. His rates, too, are the most reasonable on the entire coast.

It would seem only fair to him, and just plain good business for the whole area, to focus more attention on the air facilities of Dare County. Not only are pilots able and apt to make week end visits during the off-season—its a brief hop from Richmond, Washington, Philadelphia, and New York for a week end at the beach—but they will spread the word to many of their flying friends upon their return, and to those who don't fly as well.

When you start attracting pilots and air travellers, that's "found money." Every fisherman, thanks to Aycock Brown, knows all about Nags Head, Kitty Hawk, Collington, and Oregon Inlet. Most sun-bathers recognize that the sands are clean-swept and the water clear blue on the Dare Beaches. It is seem productive, therefore, to develop some of these assets of publicity. And I for one, as a newspaperman of some experience, cannot understand why such a leading attraction as Manteo Airport has been so long ignored.

As a personal aside, its fine facilities and service enabled me to spend every week end at our Bodie Island cottage from the middle of June to the present. It was a simple matter to commute the 400-mile distance from New York in my Bellanca four-place airplane, requiring less than three hours in transit. And my

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## HUNTING DATA ANNOUNCED ON W. VA. LANDS

### Deer and Bear Season Begins October 15th On Dare Mainland

By AYCOCK BROWN

West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company officials announced this week that hunting privileges on their vast acreage in Dare County would be the same this year as in previous seasons. The big game hunting season this year begins on October 15, for deer and bear.

"Our Company will issue permits to all hunters who have purchased their local, state or non-resident licenses," said William Ernst, general manager of the paper company's holdings here in northeastern North Carolina. "The permits will be sold at \$1 each and they will be available at East Lake, Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point, the three communities at the approach to our Dare woodlands."

In issuing the permits representatives of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company will caution all hunters to be careful of fires and printed instructions on how to prevent forest fires will be given with each permit. Prospects are very good for big game hunters in the great woodlands of this coastal county this season. That is because there have been no disastrous forest fires.

Already many persons driving over routes 264 and 64 which pass through the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company woodlands have reported seeing deer and bear and only Sunday a large buck was accidentally killed by a motorist between East Lake and Manns Harbor. The motorist claimed that he was driving at the legal limit or less when the buck plunged in front of the car. The deer was turned over to Game Protector W. S. White at Manns Harbor whose duty it will be to see that it reaches an eastern prison camp or some public institution.

## LINDSAY WARREN PRESENTS ROTARY CLUB TWO PICTURES

Lindsay C. Warren, one time representative of the First Congressional District, and who recently retired as comptroller general of the United States, has presented the Manteo Rotary Club with two Dare coastal scenes, on condition that they would be displayed in Manteo Community Building where the Rotary group meets each week.

Rotarian Victor Meekins presented the pictures, a large photograph of Wright Brothers National Memorial and a smaller picture to the Rotarians on Monday night, in behalf of Mr. Warren. The pictures will be placed on display in the banquet hall of the Community Building. Both of the pictures are works of art, and they not only show two outstanding sites in the area, but they also have other historical significance, in that the pictures once adorned the private offices of the comptroller general of the United States.

## WILDFOWL SHOWING UP ON DARE COUNTY COAST

Kitty Hawk—Migratory wildfowl is beginning to arrive on the coast of northeastern North Carolina. There have been reports of several flocks of teal and in the Currituck Sound region a few Canada wild geese have shown up during the past few days.

This would indicate that the 1954 migratory wildfowl season will be up to par in Northeastern Carolina waters. The migratory wildfowl season this year begins on November 10. Already some of the hotels and guides in the Nags Head, Kitty Hawk and Wanchese area have booked hunting parties for the coming season.

## THEY'RE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR INTEREST IN CIVIC AFFAIRS



THERE ARE hotel and motel operators in the Dare Coastal region but none are better liked or more interested in civic affairs and the development of the area than Captain and Mrs. Cornelius P. Midgett, owners-operators of Nags Head's popular First Colony Inn. Here they are shown with Governor William B. Umstead of North Carolina who on his recent visit to Dare could have had his pick of any place of accommodations between Southern Shores and Hatteras, but he chose to stay with his long-time friends, Cap'n 'Neil and Miz' Daisy at The First Colony, while touring the county's islands and Outer Banks, by which his administration is doing very well. Following a meeting of the board of directors of Dare County Tourist Bureau a few days ago, it was First Colony's Captain and Mrs. Midgett who called together all operators of hotels and motels in the Dare region to discuss launching promotional activities prior to the current drive for funds to keep the organization going forward.

## DEMONSTRATION FIRE FIGHTING METHODS TUES.

### Chamber of Commerce Sponsored Operation To Take Place at Kitty Hawk

A demonstration of the latest methods for fire fighting is scheduled for next Tuesday at 2 p.m., at Kitty Hawk just north of the village road. The equipment will be shown by Fire Chief Early of the Tanner's Creek district of Norfolk. Modern equipment for fire fighting, ambulance service, and drowning cases are scheduled to be demonstrated during the afternoon.

Chief Early has stated that such an operation could be done on a yearly basis for around \$40,000, should the public be interested enough in getting a station established. This figure would include all equipment, supplies, labor and anything else necessary for proper operation.

A chamber of commerce spokesman stated on Wednesday that \$40,000 would amount to approximately one-half of one percent of the county taxes now levied for that area. A great saving should be realized through reduced rates in fire insurance, and over a period of time amount to substantial savings, plus the safety of having a nearby station. If the station is put into operation, it is planned for the center of the beach, to serve all calls quickly.

To establish the station would require that a petition be drawn up and signed by a representative number of property owners in the Nags Head-Kitty Hawk-Kill Devil Hills area, and the petition turned over to Dare County. The county would levy the necessary taxes and pay the bill.

## LONG ILLNESS CLAIMS MRS. ALETHIA WESCOTT

Mrs. Alethia Ward Wescott, 82, a lifelong resident of Roanoke Island died Wednesday night, Sept. 30, at 1 a.m. after a long illness, at her home. She had been seriously ill since May. She was the daughter of the late John W. and Bethany Etheridge Ward, and the wife of the late O. Jennings Wescott, all of Roanoke Island, and the mother of five daughters and four sons, now living as follows: Mrs. W. R. Hale of Rocky Mount, Mrs. Henry L. Johnson of Raleigh, George R. and Carlyle G. Wescott of Norfolk; and Mrs. Lena Pearsall, Mrs. Guy Lennon, Miss Ione Wescott, Robert L. Wescott, William G. Wescott, all of Manteo. She has one brother, Otho G. Ward of Manteo, and a sister, Mrs. Lovis Taylor of Belhaven. Also 12 grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

She was a life long member of the Baptist Church, and funeral services are to be conducted at the home Friday afternoon at 3:30 by Rev. H. V. Napier, the pastor, with burial in the Manteo Cemetery.

## KITTY HAWK BOYS IN AIR FORCE IN TEXAS



SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas—A 1/3c Thomas W. Sanderlin, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Sanderlin and A/3c Dennis A. Perry Jr., 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis A. Perry, Sr., both of Kitty Hawk, have entered the USAF Technical School for Aircraft Mechanics at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, the largest school of this type in the world.

During their specialized training as students at Sheppard they will receive intensive training designed to provide them with the thorough knowledge and basic skills required in servicing, inspecting and maintaining aircraft currently used by the United States Air Force.

Upon graduation they will be awarded the rating of Airplane and Engine Mechanic. Along with the majority of graduates in their class, they will enter a course for advanced training or will be assigned to one of the major Air Force commands for on-the-job experience with first-line operational aircraft after completion of their schooling here.

Prior to their enlistment June 7, 1954, airman Sanderlin and airman Perry attended and graduated from Kitty Hawk High School.

## CHANNEL BASS STILL BIGGEST SURF NEWS ALONG DARE COAST

Nags Head Sept. 30.—A rugged fighting copper warrior of the surf which natives call "drumfish," but which visiting anglers from many parts of the nation call channel bass, was still the biggest surf news along the Dare Coast between Kitty Hawk and Hatteras during the past week.

With cut bait and artificial lures, anglers from many states were pitting their skill against these fish which range in sizes from six pounds, (the average puppy drum size), to yearlings of 15 pounds on an average to the old dum or big channel bass which may weigh anywhere from 25 pounds upwards. Largest taken with rod and reel so far this season along the Dare coast was a 62 1/2 pounder reeled in by an angler named Quidley, who was fishing at Hatteras Inlet Point of Beach.

Largest of the copper fighters taken during the past week was a 43 1/2-pounder landed near Rodanthe on Hatteras Island by George Wayne of Detroit, Mich. His big fish took first place in the first annual Rodanthe-Waves Civic Club-sponsored Fishing Tourney during the week end. A sour note to anglers was See FISHING, Page Four

## RODANTHE - WAVES' FIRST FISHING CONTEST BRINGS AREA'S SPORT TO FRONT

### Top Honors Go to George Wayne of Detroit With 44 1/2 lb. Channel Bass as 75 Compete in Three-Day Fishing Festival on Chicamacomico Banks Over Week End.

Rodanthe-Waves. — A 44 1/2-pound channel bass, landed from the surf by George Wayne of Nags Head and Detroit, Mich., took top honors in the first annual Rodanthe-Waves Civic Club-sponsored fishing tournament which ended here on the Outer Banks Saturday evening. More than 75 persons had registered with Capt. Zeke Midgett of Rodanthe, Asa Gray of Waves and R. D. Owens who operates a motel named Chicamacomico, located half way between these two fabulous twin-villages of far-famed Hatteras Island. The registrars also served as judges of the contest.

A rod and reel outfit valued at \$50 was the prize Wayne won for taking the largest fish landed during the three day tourney. He hooked and beached the big copper fighter in a slough of the surf about one mile south of old Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge. In the same waters and shortly before he landed the big fish, Wayne had caught another which scaled at 41 pounds and four ounces.

In addition to the grand prize won by Wayne, daily awards were given persons catching the greatest number of fish, regardless of what variety they happened to be.

On Thursday, Mrs. Donald Dye of Detroit landed a variety of 27 fish. She was awarded a pair of surf waders. Captain Bernice Ballance, widely known sportsfisherman of Buxton who for many years held the world's record for the largest channel bass taken with rod and reel, won a surf rod for hooking and landing a total of 11 fish, the greatest number taken on that day by any one person.

Mrs. Bruce Callis, Ahoskie, with 19 fish to her credit was the third daily winner and she was awarded a fishing reel. In addition to channel bass ranging in size from puppy drum and yearlings to the 44 1/2 pounder taken by Wayne, sea mullet, trout, bluefish and flounder were also taken during the contest according to Midgett's report.

## YELLOW FIN SPOTS IN DARE COAST WATERS

Manteo.—Yellow-fin spots were blitzing coastal Dare county waters this week with anglers catching them by the bushels from Dare Beaches fishing piers and commercial fishermen netting them in large quantities from the ocean's surf. The "yellow-fins" of the spot family are considered the tops in piscatorial sport by many anglers, and coastal residents declare they have the finest flavor of all spots.

## WANCHESE BOY GETS AIR FORCE TRANSFER



A/3C LOUIE B. PAYNE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Folger Payne, Wanchese, is assigned to Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas, as a student of Medium Bomber Mechanics, according to a recent announcement by Brig. Gen. Walter R. Agee, Base Commander.

Payne was transferred to Amarillo from Lackland Air Force Base. He attended Manteo High School. Often referred to as the Air Training Command's "model" the nation's only training center devoted exclusively to the training of jet fighter and bomber mechanics.

## SHOW DOWN ON SCHOOL JANITOR EXPECTED TUES.

### Jim Lamb Farrow's Case Before Dare County Board of Education

The meeting Tuesday of the Dare County Board of Education next week is expected to have an issue before it beside the letting of the contract for the Cape Hatteras High School, which is due to come up also.

Jim Lamb Farrow, the plodding janitor of the Manteo High School is expected to be the subject of excitement this time. Farrow was summarily fired off his job during the summer, following a disagreement with Robert O. Ballance, a member of the county Board of Education who lives at Manteo.

It seems that Ballance went to the school and found damage to floors resulting from rain having come in through a window left open during the night, and he took Farrow to task. Farrow's argument was that he had no way of knowing the window was left open, as the school had been freely used by members of the Lost Colony organization, and it may have been due to the oversight of someone in this group that the window was left open. Incidentally it might be added that the school is used freely by the Lost Colony group, who do not have to pay anything, not even for the lights.

Ballance is reported to have called Jim Lamb a black son of a bitch or words of similar standing, and Farrow began to talk back sassy. Ballance lost his temper more and told him he was fired.

Farrow apparently is highly regarded as a janitor, in fact many people say he has been doing a good job, and numerous people appealed direct to Walter Perry, the Board Chairman, who lives at Kill Devil Hills. Perry took the view that Ballance had no authority to fire Farrow in this manner, and he wrote a letter to Mrs. Evans, the county superintendent, directing her to put Farrow back to work until such time as the whole Board of Education might consider the matter.

Ballance and his friends are reported to be squaring away for making an issue of the case.

## ENTERTAINMENT BY HILLBILLY BAND SAT.

### Manteo School Athletic Association Sponsoring "Little Hank Williams"

A musical and joke session will be held at the Manteo High School Saturday night, Oct. 2, when the Manteo School Athletic Association will sponsor "The Pride of Alabama—Little Hank Williams". Williams is bringing his radio band along and promises an evening of good entertainment beginning at 8 p.m. Admission of 25¢ and 50¢ will be charged.

It is hoped that a good crowd will be on-hand, as the Athletic Association keeps a good percentage of the money taken in. Funds received by the association are to be used to buy insurance for ball players, and other necessary items.

## THREE AND FOUR POUND BLUES IN DARE WATERS

Nags Head.—Although anglers had not reported landing any of the big fish, three and four pound bluefish were being taken in commercial fish nets along the beach from Caffey's Inlet south ward to Hatteras Inlet here on the Dare coast during the past week. This is the largest blues reported so far this season, and in size they almost reach the proportions of the fabulous "Hatteras Blues" which invaded coastal waters during the mid-1930s, and then disappeared. Some anglers hearing of the big blues being caught in nets, are predicting that the "Hatteras blues" are back.