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## RURITA HOLD LADIES NIGHT AT WANCHESE

Will Hold Hill Billy Show December 28th in Manteo School Auditorium

Fifty two people enjoyed the Ladies night program Dec. 17 of the Wanchese Ruritan Club in the school auditorium. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jordan of Nags Head were club guests and piano music and group singing were led by Mr. Jordan. Melvin R. Daniels, who will again become president, succeeding James W. Davis in January, made a speech.

This club will sponsor a hill-billy program called the Grand Ole Opry, with 5 performers on December 28th at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium in Manteo. Admission will be 75 cents for adults and 35 cents for children under 12 years of age.

The club gained 12 members during the year ending.

## MANTEO REBEKAHS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Mrs. A. H. Ward New Noble Grand; Installation of Officers Jan. 3

Manteo Rebekah Lodge No. 52 held the regular meeting on Dec. 20, with Noble Grand, Mrs. Steve Basnight, presiding.

The new officers elected were: Noble Grand, Mrs. Tracy Ward; Vice Grand, Mrs. Salina Midgette; Recording Sec'y, Mrs. Anita Jensen; Financial Sec'y, Mrs. Marion Cochran; Treasurer, Mrs. Katherine Kennedy.

These and the appointed officers will be installed on January 3, 1955.

Preceding the meeting a delicious turkey supper was enjoyed by the 34 members present.

Following the meeting a Christmas party and exchange of gifts was held. Several of the members visited the Carther Liverman family after the meeting, carrying them boxes and baskets filled with food articles as a love gift from the Lodge and friends.

## NATOR SCOTT GIVES ADVICE ON FHA LOANS

Senator W. Kerr Scott has urged North Carolina farmers to put in their applications for necessary Farmers Home Administration emergency loans "just as soon as possible."

The Senator said farmers in 59 Tar Heel counties are eligible for emergency FHA loans as a result of damages by Hurricane Hazel and last summer's prolonged drought.

The FHA, Scott said will make emergency loans to farmers in the affected counties until December 31, 1955. However, he said it is "mighty important" to get applications in for such loans as soon as possible to insure needed funds for the 1955 crop year.

Under provisions of the FHA emergency loan program, farmers can obtain money for feed, seed, fertilizer, labor and repairs during the coming year. However, FHA loans are available only after private credit has exhausted.

"The law is designed," Scott said, "to enable farmers who have been hard hit by the drought and hurricane to make another crop. It's something to tide them over for another year."

Scott said in view of the tremendous losses farmers suffered in eastern and Piedmont counties due to the hurricane and drought, "there will undoubtedly be large numbers of farmers applying for these loans. For that reason, it's very important to get in applications immediately in order to have ready cash to start spring crops."

Applications for the loans, Scott said, can be made through county FHA offices.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. ANDREWS-BY-THE-SEA

On December 24th at 4:30 p.m. there will be a Sunday School program for all children and adults. This program will be under the direction of W. P. Gray the Sunday School Superintendent, of St. Andrews by the Sea, Nags Head.

At 11:30 p.m. December 24th there will be a celebration of The Holy Communion with sermon. This service is one of the most beautiful services of the church because it is timed so that just after midnight everyone will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ by partaking of his sacrament. A cordial invitation is extended to all persons to attend this service.

## MANTEO PARTICIPANTS IN AVIATION PROGRAM



MISSSES MARIE ETHERIDGE and MARGARET PEARCE of Manteo, grand-daughters of men who helped the Wright Brothers with their flights in 1903, took part in the ceremonies Friday observing the 51st anniversary. Miss Etheridge is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Etheridge; and Miss Pearce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis R. Pearce.—Photo by Aycock Brown.

## THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

A SERMON FOR THE SEASON, WRITTEN ESPECIALLY FOR OUR READERS

By REV. H. R. ASHMORE, Pastor Mt. Olivet Methodist Church of Manteo.

Text: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. John 1:14

Just as there is no other person who can be what Christ was and is for the world, there is no other time on the calendar like Christmas. This season commemorates the coming into the life and affairs of mankind divine life and power in a most impressive and significant manner. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We were confronted with God's provisions for all mankind.

From the beginning of recorded history the individual human being was called upon to discern and interpret the character and purpose of the Divine Presence. Moses, we are told, was afraid to look upon God. For him God was shrouded in clouds and lightning and thunder. Saint Paul states that prior to the coming of Christ men saw God as "through a glass darkly." Always men have seen God through their own background and qualifications. Jesus said to his disciples, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now!" Christmas and the presence of Christ in the world confronts us with the individual responsibility of discerning for ourselves his truth, grace and power toward us by our response to him through faith.

Invaluable assistance in our own proper and necessary response to Christ may be found in the Scriptural accounts of the responses and evaluations of the persons immediately associated with Christ in his life on earth. Here nothing is to be gained for us in ill-considered and false assumptions. Our minds and hearts must be open, eager and alert. Magic or any unreality can but disappoint and impoverish us. We want only that truth which is as pertinent as that by which the scientist demonstrates his television, strato-cruiser or atomic power. We will discover the necessity of understanding the difference between poetry and prose, between drama and unadorned facts. We will certainly discover that poetry, drama and music have their own distinctive and enriching part to play, but they must not be assigned a part that does not belong to them. It is not surprising that Christ should stir the hearts and the creative imaginations of people. The greatest poetry ever written, and the greatest prose of all the ages, and the greatest sculpture and archi-

ture men have produced, and the most inspiring music man has ever heard, all were produced by persons Christ had inspired. The knowledge that the impact Christ made upon his followers produced the lovely Christmas stories of the wise men and the shepherds, and that these stories played no part in determining the course of his life, should be of assistance to us. What more likely response could anyone make to a soul-stirring experience with Christ than to wax poetic or turn to beautiful drama? A modern poet, Lew Saret, stirred by a flaming sunset among the hills expressed his ecstatic experience in these words:

"God is at the anvil beating out the sun;

Where the molten metal spills At his forging among the hills, He has hammered out the glory of a day that's done."

For anyone to undertake to literalize his beautiful words would of course be absurd, but See SERMON, Page Ten

## CHRISTMAS, '54

Someday, as far as you can find,  
Every man will love mankind.  
Everyone will prove his worth  
In all the lands throughout the earth.  
Hate and evil war will cease,  
And all the world will dwell in peace.  
No unkind deed, nor harmful word,  
Will then be done, or ever heard.  
Man will then his life employ  
Doing good and living joy.  
Heaven, descended from above,  
Will fill both earth and man with love.

Life will then be safe for man.  
Lovely works will be his plan;  
Grandeur built within the hour  
By common wealth and common power.  
Forests full of nuts and fruit  
Will gloomy prophets all refute;  
Abundance free for all to take  
Gladly made for brother's sake.  
Everyone will do his part,  
And all will share both goods and heart.  
Splendid homes will then arise  
For all in earthly paradise.

Happiness is our fate  
If we will love, and never hate.  
May we enter this bright door  
Now, this Christmas, '54.

—Vernon Ward

"Breezy Banks"  
Ransomville, N. C.

## FLIGHT HISTORY FOR 51 YEARS IN DARE RECALLED

Twenty seven years ago, Herbert Hoover was Secretary of the U. S. Department of Commerce, at a time when Lindsay Warren was trying to get Congress to recognize aviation history that began at Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills some 24 years before 1927. Mr. Hoover came to Kill Devil Hills to look over the site of the first successful flights. He passed opinion unfavorable to any large appropriation for a costly memorial at this place on the grounds that so few people could ever get to see it.

Ten thousand people came last year to join in the ceremonies in observance of the 50th anniversary of the first flight by the Wrights, on December 17, 1903. This year last Friday, there was a smaller crowd, but many of them came and they saw.

So even so great a man as Mr. Hoover, soon to be President, was rated in those days could be mistaken. There were no good roads in the entire area. No bridge had been built across Currituck Sound. But there were men of vision, including Mr. Warren who knew a bridge would come, and they pursued their dream of building the Wright memorial until it became an accomplished fact in a few years.

In Washington, D. C. also, as every year the anniversary was appropriately observed last Friday with a program featuring many men high in the aviation world.

In Dare County some 16 jet planes joined in the observance, and men high in military circles took part in a program that concluded with a dinner at the Carolinian Hotel.

Miss Marie Etheridge, a grand-daughter of the late Adam Etheridge, and Miss Margaret Pearce, a grand-daughter of the late John T. Daniels, who with William S. Dough, were three surfmen of Kill Devil Hills station who helped the Wright Brothers, brought a wreath to the base of the monument.

Another wreath was flown in a jet plane from Dayton, Ohio by Lt. Col. Geo. V. Lane.

The Elizabeth City High School Band took part in the ceremonies. See HISTORY, Page Ten

## DOOR DECORATION PRIZE WON BY MRS. TARKINGTON

Mrs. L. D. Tarkington of Manteo was awarded first place, winning a blue ribbon, in the annual door decoration contest sponsored by the Home Demonstration Clubs of Roanoke Island. Mrs. Arnold Daniels of Wanchese won second place, receiving a red ribbon; and Mrs. Henry B. Parker of Manteo took third place, getting the white ribbon.

Doors were judged on the evening of December 22 by Mrs. Clarence Butler, Mrs. Durwood Miller and Mrs. Herbert Morrison, all of Kill Devil Hills.

Prizes were awarded on door decorations only, not the general decorating effect. Points considered were originality, lighting effect, simplicity and Christmasy look.

## NATIVE OF HYDE MEMBER OF CREW OF MISSING SHIP

Walter Jennette of Sladesville Is Chief Engineer of Southern Districts

Walter Jennette, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Jennette of Sladesville, is the Chief Engineer aboard the missing freighter Southern Districts.

The 3,337-ton freighter, a converted LST, left Port Sulphur, La., on December 3, with a load of sulphur. It was due at Rockport, Me., on December 11, but it never arrived. The last contact with the ship was on December 5, two days after it left port.

The Jennettes were notified Wednesday of last week that a search was underway for the ship. The search was suspended last Friday, but was resumed Sunday only to be called off late Tuesday without any success.

However, Jennette's parents, as See MEMBER, Page Ten

## EASTERN STAR HOLDS PARTY AT RODANTHE

Following their regular meeting Monday night at Rodanthe, the members entertained their husbands at a Christmas party at the community building, the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Cedric Midgett, presided. About 40 attended. Coffee, cake, candies, fruit, etc were served. The chapter, formed over a year ago, prior to establishment of the Masonic Lodge at Buxton is composed of members in the villages of Hatteras Island.

## NEW SHRINE CLUB PRESIDENT FOR '55



BILLY COX of Manteo, who has been elected President of the Dare County Shrine Club for 1955, succeeding Belton B. Burrus. The new president will take over in January. Willett Tillet was named Vice-President and Bob Smith continues as Secretary-Treasurer.

Seldon Midgett succeeded as house committee chairman for December by P. J. M. Bayne. Sam Midgett was named chairman of a committee for the Christmas party held Dec. 18 for children of members.

Bill Cox has a lot of the genial personality of his noted grandfather, Alpheus Drinkwater. He is 28 years old, is married to the former Wanda Daniels of Wanchese, they have a young son 18 months old. Bill has been in the Coast Guard all of his adult life.

## A FAULTY WIRE CAUSES A FIRE IN GARD HOME

Damage to Roanoke Island Home Tuesday Night Estimated at \$500

A fire believed to have been set from a defective cord in an electric heater damaged the Alfred Gard home near Manteo Tuesday evening to the extent of \$500, according to Manteo Fire Chief Ivey Evans. The Manteo Fire Department went to the scene when called. They soon brought the fire under control.

The occupants of the home had gone down-town for the mail shortly after plugging in the heater to warm a bedroom. The home is a modern bungalow two miles from Manteo.

More fires of this type may be expected during the bitter cold weather, and particularly the Christmas season when more electrical lighting and heating appliances will be used. Many electrical cords long unused become dry and easily break when suddenly unrolled and put into service; when cold the danger of breaking insulation is even greater.

## LIONS HOLD SUCCESSFUL DANCE, LADIES NIGHT

Saturday's Shrine Club Affairs Nets \$125; Ladies Night Held Tuesday in Community Building

Two successful meetings in short order within the week have been held by the Manteo Lions Club. Saturday night at the Manteo school gymnasium the Lions held a dance and sold 190 admission tickets. The dance netted \$125 for the club fund for work among the needy. Aid to the blind is one of the principal programs of the Lions.

Earl Green is now president of the club which has 25 members and is four years old. Other presidents have been Henry B. Parker, Jack Wilson, Ralph Davis, and Dallas Parker. The club meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

At Ladies Night in the community building in Manteo approximately 40 people were in attendance. The Christmas motif was used in decorations, and a chicken dinner was served. The evening's entertainment featured Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Daniels, who sang a group of songs.

## BETTER FIRE FIGHTING UNIT TO SERVE MANTEO AND VICINITY IS NEEDED

The rapid growth in the value of property in the area, the increased demand for fire protection, the scarcity of men able to afford the time to give free to operate an efficient volunteer fire department comprise a subject worth serious study.

Next week we wish to devote some space to the problems that confront efforts for good fire fighting service. In the meantime every person with valuable property at stake, should be careful with fire. With Christmas trees and home lighting on the increase, together with the rapidly growing uses of electric cord, a lot of caution is necessary to avoid fires. In the winter season, more fire is used for heating and cooking. Homes are worth more than ever, cost more to build. It is time to think about adequate fire protection.

## OYSTERMAN OVERCOME BY CARBON MONOXIDE

Sammie Harris of Swan Quarter was in Pungo District Hospital in Belhaven yesterday recovering from carbon monoxide poisoning. Mr. Harris was overcome by carbon monoxide fumes Tuesday afternoon while operating a boat out in Deep Bay, near Rose Bay.

Johnnie Hodges, another oysterman, is reported to have sighted Mr. Harris' boat, the Colerain, aground near the shore. He could not reach the Colerain because of the shallow water. So, Earnie Sawyer, in a smaller boat, went to the distressed vessel. He found the motor of the Colerain still running and still in gear. Mr. Harris on the floor in the cabin unconscious.

The victim was taken aboard Mr. Sawyer's boat and carried to C. B. Jennette's Oyster House at Rose Bay; from there he was rushed to Pungo District Hospital in Belhaven, where he was brought around by Dr. J. T. Wright.

## HEAVY, HEAVY, WHAT HANGS OVER THEE.



WHY ORANGES, of course, on Mrs. Loran Barnett's tree at Buxton on Cape Hatteras. This particular tree is not of recent planting, but sprouted from a seed thrown out in the yard about 20 years ago, and this fruitful tree, now about 25 feet tall, is the cause of numerous other citrus trees being planted and now bearing, on Cape Hatteras. The good looker is Miss Shirley Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Barnett of Buxton.—Photo by Aycock Brown.

## 43 VARIETIES OF FISH TAKEN FROM DARE WATERS

When Charles J. Parker Jr., head of the State Advertising Division, came to the Dare Coast last week to represent Governor Luther Hodges at the 51st Anniversary Celebration of the Wright Brothers famous first flights of December 17, 1903, he had another objective in view. While here he checked with Dare County Tourist Bureau to determine the number of varieties of fish taken from Dare Waters and the area in which they are caught.

The average for the State's coastal waters was 30 varieties, according to his preliminary survey. He learned that more than this number of varieties are taken from the waters of Dare County, and a final report mailed to Raleigh this week from Manteo indicated that this year at least 43 varieties of fishes had been landed with rod and reel.

## OFFICERS INSTALLED BY WANCHESE MASONS

Officers installed in Wanchese Lodge No. 521 A.F. and A. M. in December to serve during the ensuing year are Willett Tillet, W. M., R. S. Smith, S. W.; H. O. Bridges, J. W.; J. W. Davis, Secretary; Melvin Daniels, Treas.; Bill Twiford of K. D. Hills, Senior Deacon; Chas. Daniels, J. D.; S. B. Tillet, Tyler; Chesley Midgett and Hughes Tillet, Stewards.

The Lodge, organized June 13, 1903 has 225 members. At one time it had almost 400 members, but the organization of the Manteo Lodge a few years ago took more than 20 members and the greater part of the territory under its jurisdiction. Last year the organization of the Lodge at Buxton took another 20 or more members, and with it the entire territory of Hatteras Island from which Wanchese Lodge drew a large part of its new members.