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M. KEITH FEARING, BUSINESS LEADER IN MANTEO PASSES

Head of Many Enterprises Succumbs to Short Illness at Age of 61 Wednesday

Malcolm Keith Fearing, 61, President of Fearings Inc., and head of many business enterprises in Manteo, and a business leader here for the past 35 years, died Wednesday night at his home after a short illness. He had been in failing health for a long time. He was the husband of Mrs. Grizelle M. Fearing, and the son of the late Mrs. Janie Anderson and Dr. Woodson B. Fearing. He was born August 21, 1894.

Except for a few years in Norfolk where he engaged in business, Mr. Fearing had spent his lifetime in Manteo, having returned home some 35 years ago, and immediately entered business with his brother, W. B. Fearing. Together, they were the owners of numerous enterprises in Manteo, including one of the largest stores in the east, a cafe and hotel, a real estate and contracting business and the operation of the power system serving Roanoke Island. They were also interested in a bank at Norlina, and owners of the hotel in that town. For many years they were active in the ownership of the bank of Manteo, and their enterprises include a drug store, in Manteo, which is operated by M. K. Fearing Jr.

Mr. Fearing is survived by his wife, by three sons, M. K. Fearing Jr. and Woodson B. Fearing of Manteo and Daniel B. Fearing of Miami; a daughter, Mrs. Walter J. Andrews of Manteo; a brother, W. B. Fearing, a half-brother, Capt. J. M. Woodhouse of Norfolk; and several grandchildren. He was a member of Corinthian Lodge No. 266 A.F. & A.M., Norfolk, and of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, Manteo.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Methodist Church Friday at 2 p.m. by Rev. L. A. Aitken, the pastor, and Rev. H. V. Napier, the Baptist pastor. Burial will be in the Manteo cemetery.

In tribute to Mr. Fearing, business houses of Manteo will close for the hour of his funeral at 2 p.m. Friday, in keeping with custom on the death of a fellow merchant.

DARE RECORDER TRIES 22 CASES IN TUESDAY COURT

Twenty cases were heard or disposed of in Dare Recorders Court Tuesday by Judge W. F. Baum. Four defendants were fined for their part in disorderly conduct at the Nags Head Casino, while a fifth escaped from officers. They were charged variously with drunk and disorderly conduct, interfering with an officer, resisting arrest or aiding and abetting. All of Norfolk, and in addition to fines paid costs. J. L. Meekins paid \$25; C. L. McDonald, \$10; W. C. Lister Jr. and T. E. Liverman \$15 each, and costs. Willie Spencer of Manteo close behind another car, \$5 and costs. Willie Spntner of Manteo paid \$20 for reckless and careless driving, plus costs and a fine of \$5 for using a car with a defective muffler. Elmer Sanders, drunk on highway, \$10 and costs. Jethro Payne Jr. for being drunk on the highway, and for fighting T. G. Gaskill, each were fined \$10 and costs. For using improper license tags, George Norman and Elmo Gorham each paid \$5 and costs. Everett E. Liverman for ignoring stop signs, \$5 and costs; also for this offense, Anthony Casoli of Buxton paid the costs. Improper lights cost Lewis E. Bowling \$5 and court costs. No operator's license cost LeRoy See COURT, Page Eight

WRIGHT MEMORIAL VISITED BY 37,362 DURING JUNE

Kill Devil Hills.—More than twice as many people visited the Wright Brothers National Monument here at Kill Devil Hills this year than during the same month one year ago, according to the report of Superintendent Horace Dough. Last year in June there were 14,126 visitors and this year in June a total of 37,362 were recorded. This is an indication that the Dare Coast is having a banner vacation season so far for 1956. During the first six months of 1956 a total of 41,046 persons were counted as compared to 98,870 through June 30 in 1955. Dough explained that a more accurate count is possible this year because all visitors are now counted automatically, i.e., by an electronic device which counts the automobiles entering the area. An average of 3.5 persons are aboard each car.

THE LOST COLONY OPENS SEASON IN WATERSIDE THEATRE

New Actors in Several Roles, Including Eleanor Dare and Old Tom; Director Clifton Britton Puts on Excellent Production

By CATHERINE D. MEEKINS
Opening its sixteenth season in Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island, Paul Green's symphonic drama "The Lost Colony" got underway Saturday evening, June 30. With Jan Saxon playing the role of Eleanor Dare for the first time, the part was given the best and most sincere interpretation since Barbara Griffith left the show several years ago. Miss Saxon gave an excellent opening night performance, and bids fair to continue to excel in the role during the remainder of the season. Phil Bruns, also new in the show, gave the tragi-comic role of Old Tom Harris a good start. He played the comedy scenes much to the liking of the audience and he received a tremendous applause at his first exit. The serious scenes were also well played, and promise to become better as the show moves along. Martin Gerrish, in his second season with the drama, was well received in his part as John Borden, which he played in a strong manner and in even better character than last year.

Mary Wood Long, long a favorite with Lost Colony audiences, played a dynamic Queen Elizabeth. Mrs. Long was one of the cast members chosen to represent the Lost Colony last spring in the Oratory Finals of the New York Journal-American in the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, and it is understood that her performance at that time was outstanding.

Oliver Link, another second sea- See PAGEANT, Page Five

ARMY FACILITY TO TAKE NAGS HEAD COAST GUARD STA.

Long Established Unit Abandoned at Nags Head, Following Survey Made in January

After several suggestions since World War II it might do so, the Coast Guard has abandoned Nags Head Coast Guard Station, sent its crew to enlarge that at Kill Devil Hills, and has turned the Nags Head property over to the Army for its Radar Coverage program.

The commandant of the United States Coast Guard, Vice Admiral A. C. Richmond, USCG, has ordered the disestablishment of the Coast Guard Lifeboat Station at Nags Head.

This action has resulted from the findings of the Coast Guard Board of Survey, headed by Rear Admiral H. C. Perkins, USCG. The survey was conducted last January.

The board was ordered to convene for the purpose of surveying Coast Guard facilities and recommending for disestablishment those which do not contribute significantly to Coast Guard functions, or for change in status such as reduction, consolidation, or relocation were appropriate.

The board held a public hearing in the courthouse at Manteo, on January 11, 1956, and also conducted an on-site survey of the Nags Head station to determine whether or not that station was comparatively inactive as far as Coast Guard statutory responsibilities were concerned.

As a result of the Nags Head Station being disestablished, the Life Boat station at Kill Devil Hills will be increased by six (6) men. Two additional men will be assigned to Oregon Inlet Lifeboat Station.

In addition, a new lookout tower will be constructed on the roof of the Kill Devil Hills station where a continuous lookout will be maintained.

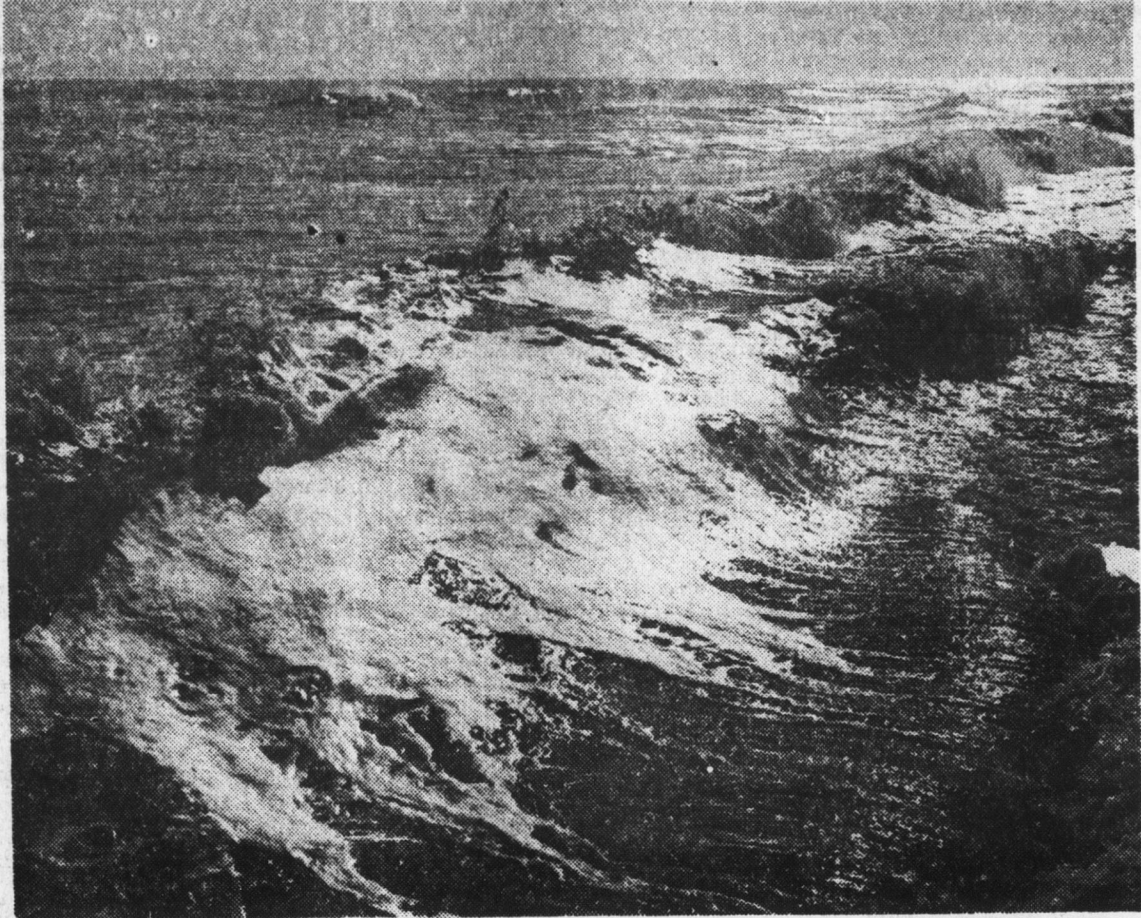
Kill Devil Hills station will receive an increase in its boat and vehicle allowance. Two additional vehicles will be sent, as well as an additional motor surfboat.

The Coast Guard will vacate the Lifeboat Station prior to July 15, 1956.

The commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, Rear Admiral H. C. Moore, USCG, has issued a revocable permit to Colonel H. G. Smigelow, U. S. Army, commandant of the 3rd Antiaircraft Artillery Group, to occupy the station.

The 3rd Antiaircraft Artillery group plans to erect a radar site at this facility which will increase the radar coverage of the Norfolk antiaircraft artillery defense area. It is planned that the initial Army personnel will move into the facility on July 16, 1956.

HERE IT IS FOLKS, COME AND GET IT



THE SEA GIVES AND IT TAKES, but it is the one perennial friend of the Walter Raleigh Coastland. We may be run over by obnoxious multitudes, we may suffer from heat and cold, from high winds or burning suns, but our one faithful business partner forever guards our front door, and sheds its blessings impartially the year round. We may worry because facilities become obsolete or amusements become outlawed, or highways move away from one's door, but this we know and can bank on, and can allow it to influence our investments, and assist us with our plans for the future. Next year, the year after, and 100 years from now, old Atlantic Ocean is going to be our business partner, demanding no dividends, asking no rake-off, but always the greater partner in bringing about the pay-off. There are cool breezes along this ocean for you folks back in the burning inland towns. There are cool, and healing waters in its depths. It has songs to soothe you by day, and to help you sleep at night. Our one dependable ally. You'll always find it here; come and get it.

OCRACOKE ISLAND FILLED UP WITH VISITORS JULY 4

Pony Penning at Berkley Manor Ranch; Big Day Ends With Old Time Square Dance

Ocracoke, July 4.—It is reported that Ocracoke saw the biggest crowd yet for their July 4 celebration, with visitors crowding in from all directions, and many asking for rooms in homes because all vacancies were filled. The ferry ran all day on July 3 and many of the people coming in by car and not knowing the terrain found themselves having to be towed out of the sandy beach and helped on their way. Many planes brought visitors from Raleigh and places nearby and all joined with the visitors, a number of Hatteras folk and the residents in enjoying the day's program.

At the pony penning held at the Berkley Manor Ranch in the morning, only three or four colts were sold as the residents were loath to part with their stock. Sam Jones, owner of the Berkley Manor Ranch, held a square dance at 3 p.m. and gave many prizes to the best dancers, besides serving refreshments to all comers.

The evening closed with the big square dance, leaving everyone with the memory of a great day.

OCRACOKE PONY PENNING ATTRACTED MANY VISITORS

Ocracoke's annual banker pony penning attracted a record number of vacationists to the island this week.

The penning which may be the last roundup for the picturesque animals which had long ranged the dunelands of Ocracoke was held at Berkley Manor Ranch, the magnificent island estate of Sam Jones, Norfolk capitalist.

Following the pony penning which was filmed for television and attracted many news photographers to the island, there was a matinee and evening square dance in the ranch house of the Ranchero. Some observers said it was all like the Ocracoke of olden days.

ARRIVE FROM HONOLULU

Miss Mary Jolliff and her brother, Wilton Jolliff, Jr., arrived Monday to visit their aunt, Mrs. Marvin Rogers, until their mother, Mrs. John Lee, arrives next week end. Mr. and Mrs. Lee, their son, Johnny, and Mary and Wilton, arrived in San Francisco by steamer from Honolulu, where they had made their home for several years, while Mr. Lee was stationed there with the U. S. Coast Guard. Mary and Wilton flew from San Francisco to Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Lee and Johnny are coming by automobile, stopping enroute to visit Mrs. Lee's nephew, Capt. Aubrey Rogers, USAF, in Denver, Colorado.

OLD DARE COUNTY JAIL PROVED STRUCTURALLY STRONG, TOUGH BUILDING

After a week of rugged effort, beaten by a heavy steel hammer wielded by a big dragline, the old Dare County Jail, 50 years old, has been leveled to the ground. They didn't bother to take out the windows, some thirty pieces of sash, some of it as good as new, which might have been given away to some poor fellow. Sash, glass and all were smashed to pieces and along with the bricks are being hauled away and dumped into the marsh.

The building, which could not be replaced for \$25,000 is said by local builders to have been the strongest one in Dare County. It would have been good for another 50 years. The outlay of a few thousand dollars would have made it an up to date jail.

The old steel cage which constituted the cell-block on the second floor has been saved, such of it as is needed may be sent to Buxton to create a hand-me-down jail to satisfy those citizens who crave a lock-up for the people down there.

PROMISED TAX CUT FOR DARE DOESN'T MATERIALIZE

The substantial cut in taxes that some people had been expecting as the result of promises made last year by the Dare County Commission doesn't appear in sight upon examination of the tentative budget advertised this week. It appears now that the citizens will have a tax rate in the coming year of \$1 instead of the old rate of .90, despite the wiping off of the \$40,000 set up last year to buy school sites, and which we were told was the cause of the \$1.15 rate during the past year.

Instead of getting the benefit of the .22 cent reduction due us, we will get a 15 cent reduction, and this despite a considerable increase in property values this year.

In the course of events, there will be another valuation next year. In preparation for this the Board has increased the appropriation for tax supervisor to \$10,350 for the year. It is planned to spend \$238,973.80 to run the county this year as compared with the \$211,369.97 proposed last year, but which was later increased.

LARGEST WHITE MARLIN TAKEN THIS YEAR, SUN.

Nags Head.—Largest white marlin reported from the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet this season was a 61 pounder caught last Sunday by W. R. Griffin, Norfolk. His big white marlin measured seven and half feet from tip to tip.

The catch brought the total for this species off Oregon Inlet this year to four. A fifth one has been taken off Hatteras where a blue marlin and sailfish have also been taken.

IDEAS ADVANCED FOR STRUCTURES AT OLD FORT RALEIGH

Robert Humber Would Have Tudor Village and 16th Century Arts and Crafts

Some new ideas for structures commemorating the First English settlements on Roanoke Island were advanced Saturday night at chairman of the Roanoke Island opening of the show, by Robert Lee Humber of Greenville, the Historical Association. Speaking at the Waterside Theatre, Mr. Humber declared "The Lost Colony" is the unfinished symphony of American history." His address follows:

You are assembled here tonight on consecrated ground—the spiritual birthplace of the greatest nation on this earth. He reminded his audience "that Lane's colony was 22 years before Jamestown and 35 before the Pilgrim Fathers landed at Plymouth in Massachusetts, these are sovereign facts of history too little publicized but vital to a true understanding of the origin of our country. North Carolina's modesty has been too often the passport to the assumption of priority by others."

"Nowhere on the North American continent can one behold a drama of such historical significance—or stand on a spot whose light has cast such prophetic beams across so many fateful centuries of history.

"This ground is sacred to the memory of a race of pioneers, who possessed in plenteous human frailties mingled with enough of human virtue to command the gratitude of endless generations.

"They bartered a bit with destiny and exchanged vital statistics for immortality. They finally joined the human race and left to posterity the enigma of discovering their identity.

"The Lost Colony is the unfinished symphony of American history.

"This episode warrants the creation of a memorial worthy of their heroic exploits and cherished dreams.

"These men and women were the contemporaries of Shakespeare, Spenser, Marlow, and Bacon—the foster children of Sir Walter Raleigh—the companion of Drake, Grenville, Gilbert Frobisher and Cavendish—unsurpassed knight errants of the sea—a race of Tudor giants that climbed out of the noonday meridian of man's potentialities for accomplishments.

"North Carolina is the only state of the Union with a Tudor history. Jamestown, Plymouth and all other colonies were either Stuart or Georgian. Roanoke is the only colony that Elizabeth ever planted or could claim as her own. It was America's first.

"Let us build for them on this spot a Tudor village recalling the days of their great exploits and serving as a veritable rendezvous for their congenial and undaunted See IDEAS, Page Five

SCHOOL BUDGET REQUEST REDUCED BY COUNTY BOARD

Broken Down Heating Plant at Manteo School and Buxton Water Supply May Go Unrelieved.

In the trimming of the budget for the current fiscal year this week, the sum requested by the Board of Education for operation of the county schools was reduced by about \$7,800. The sum allotted for the coming year is \$40,000 as compared with \$30,538.82 last year, not counting the \$40,000 appropriation to buy land for school sites at Kitty Hawk and Manteo.

Increases were granted several other county departments along with the schools. The Board of Education contended their needs were greater than last year. Among these needs is the replacement of the worn out 30-year-heating plant at the Manteo school, and installation of a decent water supply at the Buxton school. The Manteo heating plant breaks down every year, causing the schools to shut down. It also needs two extra \$300 sections added to it. At Cape Hatteras, no suitable water has yet been piped up to the school, and it will require drilling of wells to find it.

Despite the additional cost of operating the schools during the past seven years and while the total county budget has increased by \$107,835.30, the amount allotted the schools this year is only \$7,940 more than was allotted the schools in 1949. At the same time this year, Currituck County has appropriated \$106,000. Currituck is spending nearly twice as much per pupil as Dare County spends.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS AMONG METHODISTS FOR MANY PASTORS

Coastland People Get Several New Pastors; See Old Names Sent Far Away

Coastland people will be interested in the assignments of Methodist pastors made last week by the annual conference in Greenville. In Dare County, only two pastors returned to their charges. Rev. L. A. Aitken was returned to Manteo for his second year. Rev. C. Freeman Heath continues as District Superintendent in Elizabeth City.

Although me was assigned to Rocky Point in the Wilmington district, his assignment has been changed and the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson has been returned to Stump Point for his sixth year. Rev. C. W. Guthrie, who is retired and has established himself in a new home there is succeeded by Rev. C. L. Warren.

At Hatteras, Rev. L. R. Sparrow will succeed Rev. Dan Meadows, who has been sent to Bath. Rev. W. R. Hale returns to the Ocracoke charge which is in the New Bern district.

At Avon, Rev. B. E. Bingham succeeds Rev. A. G. Tyson who has been sent to the Tar River charge. At Kitty Hawk, Rev. W. H. Montgomery succeeds Rev. W. B. Gregory, who has been sent to Creswell.

Rev. Earl R. Meekins has been returned to the Perquimans charge; Rev. P. M. Porter to the Chowan Charge; Rev. A. H. Stone to the Swan Quarter charge; Rev. Wilford Wise, who formerly preached at Bath has been returned to the Middleburg charge.

Rev. W. A. Wentz Jr. returns to Belhaven; Rev. A. M. Cameron returns to Mattamuskeet in Hyde County. Rev. R. H. Eason goes to Columbia; Rev. Robert Frost to Currituck. Rev. J. D. Scott goes to Moyock.

Of interest is the assignment of many former pastors of our Coastland churches and their present assignments in other districts: In the Burlington District, Rev. M. W. Maness is pastor of the Webb Avenue Church in Burlington; Rev. J. B. Hurley is on the Burlington circuit; Rev. J. W. Goodwin preaches at Haw River; W. F. Meacham at Milton.

Rev. John R. Poe, a former Hatteras preacher, and more recently of Burlington, has been assigned the job of District Secretary of Temperance and will preach at Fuquay Springs in Wake County in the Raleigh District. In this district is Rev. Wilford Wise, Rev. W. O. Connor who formerly preached in Hyde is now on the Warren charge; Rev. J. C. Harmon is also on the retired list. Rev. L. A. Tilley goes to the Centenary church at Smithfield.

In the Rocky Mount district we find Rev. Vance Lewis at Pinetops. He formerly preached at Wanchese. He is also the District secretary. See METHODISTS, Page Eight

HIGHWAY SERVICE AT PRICE OF TOLLS IS GOVERNOR'S PLAN

Hodges Suggests Future Bridges in Northeast Be Financed by Tolls.

Gas tax went up July 1 another cent, only owners of vehicles are paying for all the roads in the state. Consequently there will not be much enthusiasm among motorists for the suggestion this week that they pay additional money for the use of any more bridges and some roads in the east, as suggested by Governor Hodges. Neither will many people be able to see why the people in one section must pay an additional cost, while the rest of the state goes free.

In Morehead City the Governor was quoted as saying that a "tremendous growth in population and growing needs for service in the coastal areas "have changed his views about toll free roads in this state.

Well, the west and Piedmont have grown in population and demanded more service, and have gotten it without extra toll. In fact, they always got their needs filled first, while the east had to wait. The east suffered a lot while waiting; all through barren years they paid a heavy penalty. While not complaining about this, because everyone could not be served at once, it doesn't seem quite right now to tack an additional penalty on the east and its visitors.

Governor Hodges thinks the Alligator River bridge should be built, and the whole coast opened up down through Ocracoke and into Currituck County. This would call for expensive service across Pamlico Sound; enlarged ferry service across Hatteras Inlet, and a bridge across Oregon Inlet.

The Governor has recently visited Corolla and is aware of the well organized movement to get a road built, connecting Dare County with that area, and Virginia Beach.

He is also quoted as saying the people should bind themselves to not ask that any toll bridge that might be built, be made free until after it is paid for. There will be difficulty in finding exactly who has the authority to bind the citizens and travelers who are invited to our state, into any compact of this nature. No matter what public official takes it upon himself to make this pledge, he will only subject himself to criticism and make himself vulnerable to any candidate who pops up and attacks him on the ground that he has sold his people down the river.

ELIZABETH CITY PASTOR LOST COLONY SPEAKER

Rev. W. W. Finlator, First Baptist Pastor to Be at Waterside Theatre Sunday

The Rev. W. W. Finlator, pastor of First Baptist Church, Elizabeth City and J. Stillman Scott and Mrs. Scott, residents of the Pasquotank capital, will be featured in the second Sunday worship period during The Lost Colony season at Waterside Theatre here Sunday, July 8, it was announced today by Rev. Thomas L. White, host minister.

Musical aspects of the worship period beginning at 11 o'clock will include the famous Lost Colony Chorus under direction of Elwood Keister with Hedley Yost at the organ console.

During the prelude Mr. Scott will sing "I will Sing New Songs of Gladness," by Dvorak and Mrs. Scott will sing Bach's "Draw Near To Me" during the musical program.

The Rev. Mr. Finlator is a graduate of Wake Forest College and for the past 10 years a pastor of the Elizabeth City First Baptist Church. He is widely known throughout the Albemarle area for his activities in fields of religion and general welfare. Sunday will mark the 10th anniversary of his pastorate at the First Baptist Church in Elizabeth City.

JOHN M. WISE, NATIVE OF STUMPY POINT DIES SUNDAY

John M. Wise, a native of Stumpy Point, one who always loved his old home and his people, and who delighted in visiting it whenever he could, died Sunday in a New Bern hospital. He had suffered long from arthritis and rheumatism, and had recently lost a leg because of it. He was 71 years old and had been engaged in the mercantile business. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lila Bell Wise, two brothers, U. G. Wise of Stumpy Point and Will F. Wise of Lexington; a sister, Mrs. M. V. Hooper of Stumpy Point; a daughter, Mrs. Ronald Hyde of Chittenden, N. Y., a son, John Wise, Jr. of Shreveport, La.