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WILDFOWL SEASON CLOSES AS FIRST WEATHER ARRIVES

Unusually Mild Weather More than Two Months Discouraging to Hunters

The wildfowl season came to an end Tuesday of this week and throughout the entire period beginning November 7, such unusually mild weather has prevailed as to have been extremely discouraging to hunters. Old timers, who must come a long way to hunt, have kept up with weather reports, and hunting results, and have hesitated to make long journeys at considerable expense with results in doubt.

The weather has been discouraging to fuel dealers, but a boon to homeowners in the saving in heating bills. There have been only a few days, maybe a half dozen in all during more than two months, which seasoned hunters could consider the rough type which encourages birds to fly. In some instances, some good hunting has resulted.

The finest hunting grounds of Currituck and Hyde, due to the mild weather, have not been at their best, although, their accessibility has permitted a great number of hunters, and on the whole, from the standpoint of business it has not been too bad a season, particularly in Hyde. Some good hunting has been done on Hatteras and Ocracoke islands, and it was getting real good at the end of the season.

The last day of the season, which appeared to be one of the best, was spoiled entirely for all the hunters in the Rodanthe section, due to the thoughtlessness of the managers of the Pea Island Wildlife Refuge just to the north, who went down and set the marsh afire, because they thought it would be a good day for burning. The smoke drove away all the fowl that might have been interesting to the hunters in the nearby bluffs.

Toward the last of the season, hunting improved greatly in the Hatteras area and brant moved in in great numbers. The many snow geese at Pea Island which are not legal game anyway, moved away promptly at Old Christmas time, according to tradition.

In Currituck Sound, world-famed for duck hunting, much discouragement prevailed throughout the season because of mild weather, and one veteran hunter, who has been coming to Currituck for many years said it was the first time he had been obliged to fight off butterflies while waiting in the blind.

"THE SECRET MARRIAGE" COMING TO MANTEO

Amusing Comedy Opera To Be Presented on February 14 by the Grass Roots Opera Company

An amusing comedy, "The Secret Marriage", will be presented in the Manteo school auditorium on the evening of February 14 by the Grass Roots Opera Company. The opera is being sponsored by civic clubs of Manteo and surrounding communities, spearheaded by the Roanoke Island Music Club, with Mrs. Thomas Cheers as chairman. Further information will be published at a later date.

The Grass Roots Opera Company has previously been well received in Manteo, by both students and adults, when "School For Lovers", "Don Pasquale" and "Carmen" have been presented. It is expected that a record audience will be in attendance this year.

MRS. MARGARET O. GRAY OF AVON DIES WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Margaret O'Neal Gray, 68, died in a Norfolk hospital, Tuesday evening following an illness of two years. She was a native of Avon, and had resided with her daughter, Mrs. Easter Cahoon, Route 3, Great Bridge, for the past four months. She was the widow of William (Billy) James Gray, and the daughter of George and Mrs. Sarah O'Neal. She was a member of the Avon Methodist Church.

She is survived by three sons, William Thomas Gray of Miami Beach, Fla., Roy Gray, of Hatteras and Donald Gray of Norfolk; five daughters, Mrs. Pearl Madrin of Florida, Mrs. Easter Cahoon of Great Bridge, Mrs. Lucy Ballance of Morehead City, Mrs. Mary Twells of Camden, N. J., and Mrs. Earl Scarborough of Cape May, N. J.; two brothers, L. P. O'Neal and George O. O'Neal, both of Avon; one sister, Mrs. Nola Chilton of Asheville; 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The body was taken to the Twiford Funeral Home, Hatteras, for funeral services and burial to be held in Avon.

MANTEO ROTARIANS TO OBSERVE 20TH BIRTHDAY MONDAY

Event Will Begin at 7 P.M. at The Carolinian; Ralph Swain President

The 20th anniversary of the Manteo Rotary Club will be appropriately observed Monday night, January 21st at 7 p.m. with a program and dinner at the Carolinian at Nags Head. This will also be a ladies night event. E. E. Meekins is chairman for the dinner.

The charter to the club was presented on January 11, 1937 at a special meeting, the club having been formed during late 1936. The first president was I. P. Davis, who was one of the prime organizers. Other charter members were D. B. Fearing, H. A. Dough, D. V. Meekins, J. E. Ferebee, R. L. Davis, T. A. Basnight, R. H. Atkinson, C. S. Meekins, Martin Kellogg, Jr., H. A. Creel, W. B. Fearing, E. E. Meekins, G. H. Lennon, W. L. Woodard, M. L. Daniels, J. C. Weeks, H. L. Davis, Dr. W. W. Johnston, Rev. A. E. Brown and O. J. Jones. Of these 21, eight remain active Rotarians, and the club has grown to a membership of near 30.

Assisting the chairman on the committee for next week are Dr. Johnston, Martin Kellogg, Jr., Mrs. C. S. Meekins, Mrs. E. E. Meekins, J. E. Ferebee, C. S. Meekins, O. J. Jones, Wallace McCown.

At the meeting next week will be District Governor John Moore of the Elizabeth City club which sponsored the Manteo Club; I. P. Davis of Winton, and the first president, and S. Wade Marr, of Elizabeth City, a past District Governor.

Past presidents of the club beside I. P. Davis, are Dr. W. Johnston, R. L. Davis, W. B. Fearing, Martin Kellogg, Jr., W. R. Pearce, O. J. Jones, C. S. Meekins, J. E. Ferebee, R. I. Leake, C. R. Evans, L. L. Swain, Archie Burrus, J. G. Kellogg, R. S. Smith, Z. V. Brinkley, deceased, R. E. Jordan, J. H. Long, and W. H. McCown.

ROANOKE ISLAND CHAPTER OES, JAN. 10 AT WANCHESSE OBSERVES 44th BIRTHDAY

Attended by 49 members from the island, and two visitors, Roanoke Island Chapter Order Eastern Star on January 10th at Wanchesse, observed its 44th birthday in a regular meeting.

A program entitled "Garden of Remembrance" was given. In the east a fence complete with gate. The fence was covered with ivy and artificial roses. The Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Bridges, were conducted through the garden gate by the Marshal, Mrs. Fannie Payne. Mrs. Elma Midgett, Mrs. Doris Bonner, and Mrs. Ina Evans sang an appropriate birthday song after which Mrs. Bridges gave a welcome comparing the Chapter with the Garden.

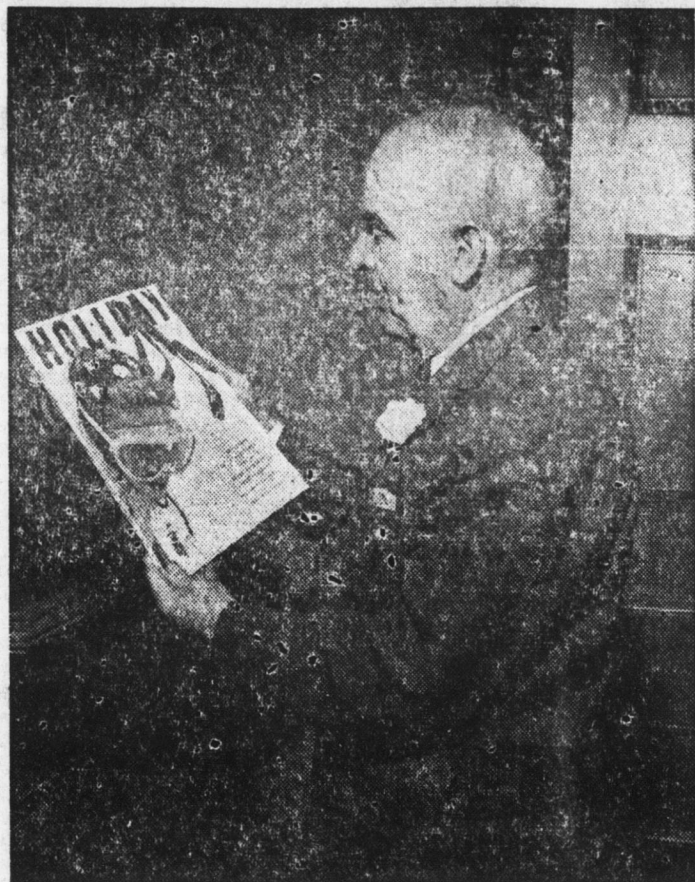
Mrs. Helen Guthrie entered the gate and gave history of the Chapter. Mrs. Lyna Harbor, Chaplain, led the memorial service by placing a spray on the altar in remembrance of the following members who this year passed into the garden beyond: Mrs. Zorado Hayman, charter member; Mrs. Ella Daniels, last chapter member; Mrs. Grace Davis, Past Matron, and Mrs. Eunice Farrow. The memorial service was closed by the members singing one verse of "In the Garden."

Mrs. Estelle Wilson, Associate Matron, addressed the Past Matrons and Patrons briefly and asked the Conductress, Mrs. Lucille Midgett, and Associate Conductress, Mrs. Irlene Wescott, to escort the Past Matron and Patrons through the gate to the East. There the following Past Matrons were presented: Mrs. Evelyn Davis, Mrs. Nettie Daniels, Mrs. Nannie Midgett, Mrs. Pattie Smith, Mrs. Elma Midgett, Mrs. Carrie Midgett, Mrs. Irene Twiford, Mrs. Pearl O'Neal, Mrs. Margaret Tillett, Mrs. Dawn Midgett, Mrs. Doris Bonner, Mrs. Doris Burrus, Mrs. Mary Midgett, Mrs. Hilda Ballance. The following Past Patrons were presented: Mrs. Edwin Midgett, Robert Ballance, Raymond White, and Andrew Tillett. Mrs. Margaret Tillett gave the welcome response for the Past Matrons and Patrons. The other members who have served as officers and on the sidelines were welcomed and Mrs. Ina Evans, accompanied by Mrs. Hilda Ballance, organist, sang "Love's Tribute of Flowers" in their honor.

Edwin Midgett, Associate Patron, carried the Flag of our country through the gate to the East. Mrs. Guthrie closed the gate with the following verse:

Ours is an order that shall stand
See O.E.S., Page Eight

HOLIDAY MAGAZINE PUBLICISES NORTH CAROLINA



Governor L. H. Hodges looks over a copy of the February issue of Holiday Magazine, which features North Carolina. The article, by Ovid Williams Pierce, describes North Carolina as a state of "seascapes and lofty peaks, of hard-working cities, and high-minded universities."

A full-scale portrait of North Carolina, from the sands of the Atlantic seaboard to the valleys of the Smokies five hundred miles away, is featured in Holiday. The article extends over thirteen pages of the magazine and is illustrated with sixteen photographs, many in color.

Pierce contrasts the rugged fringes along the remote eastern coast, which only recently have been torn from the outside world, against the coastal plains with their remnants of the "old south". He pictures the river plantations, small towns, negro counties, and long stretches of swamp, heat and pine. Yet, he claims that the rich tobacco markets in Greenville, Wilson, Henderson and Rocky Mount keep this area from being completely buried in the past.

"The Piedmont," he continues, "is a proper complement to the eastern half of the state. It is the region to cities where all roads lead to Raleigh, Durham, Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston Salem, and Chapel Hill."

The author devotes part of the article to an analysis of the Universities of Duke and North Carolina. "Both of them," he writes, "are producing an enlightened intellectual liberalism." He depicts Chapel Hill as the center of the southern mind and Duke University as one of the great medical centers of the south.

Pierce reveals that from the isolated, cloud wrapped Blue Ridge mountains have come the young into the mills and colleges of the Piedmont. He describes the rapidly vanishing tradition of hotel life as the older people remember it; the great reservoir of folk manufacturing, and the well organized handicraft schools of the region.

The author completes his journey by way of Asheville and ends at what he terms the state's last wall, the ancient and mysterious Smokies.

In North Carolina, he concludes, "There is the challenge of change against a counselling past."

MADE UNCLE LEE MAN FOUR YEARS YOUNGER LAST WEEK

Some of the lady folks might have appreciated the compliment, but not so when a man passes 90, and wants full credit for every day that he has lived. In last week's paper, we ran a picture of Uncle Lee Mann of Manns Harbor, who celebrated his 93rd birthday this month. It must be great to feel hale and strong at that age, and it is a tribute to a life of steady work and clean living when a man climbs on past 90. But we made the mistake of saying he was only that he has lived. In last week's paper, we did run a story with his correct age, of 93 useful years.

FORMER EAST LAKE MAN DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Word has been received in Manteo of the death of Elmer Holmes, 46, in California Wednesday, following a heart attack. Mr. Holmes is survived by two sons, Larry and Randall Holmes of Manteo; his parents, Alpheus Holmes of Manns Harbor and Mrs. Ethel Holmes of East Lake; and one sister, Mrs. Harold Gordon of Norfolk, Va. Funeral arrangements were not known at press time.

TWO NEGROES CUT BADLY FOLLOWING A GAMBLING ROW

Willie Blackman Charged With Felonious Slashing of Two Companions

Two negroes were badly cut by a third as the aftermath of a gambling row Friday night of last week at the New Jerusalem Diner and beer parlor on the Scarborough town road a mile from Manteo. Pint sized William Blackman sent word to officers Saturday morning that he had cut Willie McCleese and Sam Moore, Jr., and to come out to his home and arrest him for it, in case they wanted him.

The badly slashed negroes were taken to Albemarle hospital at a late hour by Twiford's ambulance, to be guests of the bounty of their fellow citizens. McCleese returned home this week, but Sam Moore remained over for further rest and convalescence.

All three negroes have court records, and have long been a See CUTTING, Page Eight

It Was Exciting but Rigorous in 1880 to travel From Manteo to Elizabeth City on a Sailboat

Here's An Account of Methods of Transportation Across The Waters As Gleaned From Old Files by Earl Dean

Roanoke Island has but two means of communication with the outside world—the little mail sloop "Alida", to Elizabeth City; "The Elizabeth City and Manteo Mail Packet" is the full title borne on her stern—and Capt. Parker's trading sloops which run to a wharf called Morgan's Mill, across Albemarle Sound, in connection with the steamer "Harbinger," for Norfolk.

Being familiar with the former route, we chose the latter. At eight of a sunny April morning our vessel swings out of the dock at Manteo and boldly puts to sea, the able-bodied population of the village being gathered on the dock or at doors and windows to see us off. "Ho for North River!" exclaims the skipper, cheerily, as the sail bellies out under the northwest breeze. The passengers are two—a kind-faced, motherly old lady and the present chronicler—and there is included the captain and a crew of three. The cargo is light, consisting of a basket of eggs, two "Possum" skins and two barrels of flour which the skipper has purchased for his private use. Once out in the strait, we find the wind howling out of the northwest, just where we want to go, and begin that tiresome nautical expedient of "beating." Away we go directly over towards the north banks until the white, glistening dunes and hotel and cottages at Nags Head are under our bow; then turn and run back under the island again, sailing nine miles in the operation and gaining three. The skipper takes it very coolly; he has none of that hauteur which marks the captain of a Cunarder, and explains, "This breeze'll last 'til one o'clock; then we'll have an hour of dead calm. At two o'clock a stiff sou'wester'll

spring up, find us drifting above the island, and put us alongside the dock in three hours. The only object in comin' out this mornin' was to get out of the lee o' the island before she come."

"Is that breeze to be depended on Captain?" we ask.

"She air," he replied. "Take a nor'west breeze in the mornin' this time o' year, and a sou'wester is sure to come in the afternoon; if she didn't I should think an airtquake was comin'." Meanwhile the sloop is slowly forging northward.

The little cabin is given up to the lady who placidly knits and smokes; the men are sprawled about in picturesque attitudes on deck. The captain, under the influence of a good pipe and nothing to do, grows communicative. "When the new railroad was cut from Norfolk to Elizabeth City, they thought they was going to git all the trade o' the sounds. They put new steamers on the routes and set the "Alida" to running to Roanoke Island. But the "Harbinger" wanted a little of it too, so she set me to flying between the p'int and the island, pays me \$75 a month and she takes the freight and passenger money. Pay is regular, ye see,—a good deal better than fishin'."

"And how is the "Harbinger" doing," we ask.

"Fust rate," he replied. "Gits most of the trade in these parts. We kin put flour in Manteo ten cents a barrel cheaper than the railroad. The "Alida" has the mail, to be sure, but in other ways I hear she's losin' money."

Finally he drifts into a religious discussion with the lady passenger. She is a devoted Methodist; he has been a hardshell Baptist. See SAILBOAT, Page Five

MARCH OF DIMES NOW UNDERWAY IN DARE COUNTY

Chairmen For Various Communities Named; Many Methods Of Fund-Raising Planned

The Dare County March of Dimes is now getting into full stride with the distribution of donation insert cards, coin cans in business houses and stores, school collections, posters and many other reminders of those who are so badly in need of help to fight a long and tedious battle against the effects of polio, as well as the fact that financial aid now will help the fight toward staying the disease before it takes hold.

Dare County has been fortunate in having no cases since 1950, according to the official chapter report, and no assistance within the chapter has been given since 1951; one half of the March of Dimes funds remains within the chapter for services to polio patients while the other half goes to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for (1) research, (2) education—the training of doctors, nurses and physical therapists in the modern methods of treating polio, and (3) epidemic aid advances to supplement depleted local chapter treasuries in meeting patient care cost.

The chairmen for communities in Dare County are: Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills, Mrs. Edgar Perry; Nags Head, Mrs. Millicent Mann; Duck, Mrs. Carrie Whitson; Manns Harbor, Mrs. Dorothy Taylor; Marshes, John Midgett; Wanchesse, Mrs. Billy Tillett; Stumpy Point, Mrs. Woodrow Best; Outer Banks and Colington, Home Demonstration Clubs; Roanoke Island (colorful), Mrs. Agatha Gray. The chapter chairman for Dare County, Mrs. Balfour Baum, will act as chairman for Manteo.

THE VALENTINE SEASON FOXHUNT IN FEBRUARY

The annual "motorized" Nags Head Valentine Season Fox Hunt sponsored each year by the Carolinian Hotel and Oxford, N. C. sportsmen will be held on February 14-16, it was announced this week. John Ray Watkins of Oxford will be "master of the hunt" and his hounds will be one of the outstanding packs brought to the coast to chase the foxes.

The event which features hunt breakfasts before daylight and a hunt hall, has attracted wide attention in recent years and has been photo-covered by numerous magazines. The sportsmen and/or spectator "ride to the hounds" in everything from jeeps to Cadillac.

DARE LIBRARY TO BE OPEN ON MONDAY NIGHTS

Beginning Monday, January 21, the Dare County Library will remain open on Mondays from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. for the winter and spring months. This new schedule is for the convenience of the many whose hours coincide with the regular hours of the library, which has denied them the privileges of its services.

Members of The Woman's Club were the first to request this additional service and have generously offered to help if needed. Many others have since expressed their delight and approval of the change.

A record will be kept of the number of patrons taking advantage of these extra hours to determine the desirability of continuing the new schedule.

A few more of the new books are "A Sioux Chronicle" by Hyde; "A Teacher Is a Person" by Charles Wilson; "Billy Graham: A Mission Accomplished" by Burnham; "Portraits from Memory" by Bertrand Russell; "Magic of Balanced Living" by Tebbel; "Treasures of Asian Literature;" and "Arms and Men" by Walter Millis.

DARE CHURCHES TO HOLD THREE DAY EVENT IN MANTEO

Christian Workers Council To Attend Sessions at Mt. Olivet Methodist

The Dare sub-district Christian Worker's Council will be held at the Mount Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo on the evenings of Sunday, March 3rd, Monday, March 4th, and Tuesday, March 5th.

Time for the school will be from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Charges participating in this Christian Worker's School will be Manteo, Kitty Hawk, the Dare circuit, and Wanchesse.

Three courses will be offered. The course, "Home and Church Co-operating in Children's Work," (a course primarily for workers with children, will be taught by Mrs. J. H. Lawning of Plymouth.

The course, "Understanding Youth," a course for teachers of youth, for their parents, and other youth workers, will be taught by Mrs. H. R. Odom of Gibson.

The course, "Christian Beliefs," a course of general interests, dealing with the beliefs of the Christian faith will be taught by the Rev. Mr. T. A. Collins of Raleigh.

The Dare sub-district Christian Worker's school offers an excellent opportunity for all teachers and workers with children and with young people to secure valuable instruction and training in these areas. It offers the opportunity to prepare for more effective work in the church school program of the local church. It is urged that all take advantage of this opportunity.

The general course, Christian Beliefs, is open to all persons who desire to learn more about their faith, whether they be workers in the church or not. It is earnestly hoped that all will avail themselves of this privilege of study and spiritual growth.

MRS. FRANKIE SCARBOROUGH DIES IN BUXTON, AGED 86

Funeral services for Mrs. Frankie Scarborough, 86, who died Saturday morning at her home at Buxton, were conducted Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the Buxton Methodist Church by the Rev. J. C. Braddock, pastor of the Assembly of God Church. Burial was in The Quildley Cemetery.

She was a native of Avon, daughter of Joseph W. and Mary Price Austin, wife of Zion B. Scarborough and a member of the Methodist Church at Buxton. She had lived in Buxton for the last 52 years and was among the finest people of Hatteras Island.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. E. R. Midgett and Miss Lorraine Scarborough; two sons, Lloyd and James B. Scarborough, all of Buxton; one sister, Mrs. Susan Williams of Avon; seven grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Members of the church choir sang "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me." Mrs. Pearl Midgett accompanied at the organ.

The casket was covered with a pall of white gladioli, red-carnations, status and fern.

Pallbearers were Rany Jennette, Fatio Gray, Junice Jennette, Calvin Burrus, Jr., James Rollinson and Boyde Gray.

Burial followed in the Quildley Cemetery in Buxton.

HOW FISH TRUCK PARKED ON ROAD COSTS EVERYBODY

Court Term Consumed by Damage Suit For Injuries Sustained Three Years Ago

How the mere parking of a huge fish truck without lights in mid-night hours three years ago, on a road near Manteo resulted in serious and painful injuries, the loss of an automobile, and consuming of three days of a term of Superior Court was revealed here this week in the trial of several suits asking damages totalling over \$50,000.

The suits were brought by Earl Green, his wife, Stella C. Green, Horace F. Gaskins and his wife Norma Gaskins. The defendants are James Edward Rickard, a big negro truck driver from Hyde County who was alleged to have been operating a fish truck owned by Bobby Beasley of the Croatan Fish Company of Manns Harbor said to consist of Beasley, Edward White and C. C. Duvall, Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners. The court allowed a motion which eliminated Mrs. Duvall as a defendant in this action.

Gaskins and Mrs. Green ask for \$15,000 damages each; Mrs. Gaskins for \$10,000 and Green asked for \$11,800, the extra \$1,800 being for the damages to the automobile he owned, and in which the party was riding.

The party, sometime after 1 p.m. in the morning hours of November 8, 1953, on returning from the beach, had started up the road, to give Norman Brantley a ride to his home.

The truck was alleged to have come out of or was entering into a side road, or was blocking the highway, without lights, it was stated in the evidence, whereby the plaintiff's car ran into it. Thursday marked the third day of the trial, and argument was being presented the jury as this paper was printed. The trial consumed the greater part of the costly term of court for civil case, so the only grist of this term up to date had been several cases continued, and two uncontested divorces granted.

Ruth K. Flowers was divorced from James P. Flowers, and John Wilson Tillett was divorced from Delita F. Tillett.

A compromise judgment of \$2,000 was made in the case in which Mack R. Tillett of Nags Head was asking damages of Charles R. Flynn for damages sustained in an automobile mishap.

The case of W. H. Jennette against Dare County and R. B. Lennon was continued and this is the case involving a piece of land heretofore used as a freeway to the ocean at the end of U. S. 158 near Jennette's pier.

GUESTS OUTNUMBER MEMBERS AT LIONS MEET TUES. NIGHT

When the Manteo Lions Club met Tuesday night for its dinner meeting, members of other Lions clubs outnumbered local members present. Fourteen members from the Bath club were on hand; seven from Camden club. Eighteen local members were present, and one visitor.

Lions District Deputy Governor Langley, who is president of the Bath organization spoke briefly on a number of topics concerning Lionism, and displayed a floating plaque now held by the Bath club for mileage traveled to other meetings in this district. He urged that all clubs in this district vie for the award this year.

A BAKE SALE TO BE HELD BY MANTEO REBEKAHS SAT.

A bake sale will be held in Manteo at Allen's Confectionary Sat., Jan. 19th beginning at 11 a.m. All Rebekahs are urged to bake a cake, pie or candy and take it to the confectionary for sale.

The proceeds of this sale will go toward the expenses of the District Meeting to be held in Manteo March 2, says Hilda Francis, recording secretary, Manteo Rebekah Lodge No. 52.

\$1,300 DAMAGE IN COLLISION NEAR MANTEO SAT. NIGHT

A collision between a 1956 Chevrolet Pickon truck driven by Clyde Hassell, of Manteo, and 1956 Pontiac driven by Esther Daniels Govan, 44, a colored woman, resulted in damage to the truck of \$600 and of \$700 to the car. The Daniels woman was driving south when she ran into the truck which was northbound.

William Turpin, Coast Guardsman, lost control of his car near Wanchesse Masonic Hall last Tuesday night, and damaged it to about \$250. It is a 1951 Chevrolet.