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## CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERSHIPS IN RIHA IS DRAGGING

More Than \$75,000 Spent in Community Last Year by Lost Colony Personnel

Response to the 1934 invitations recently sent to citizens of Dare County to become members of the Roanoke Island Historical Association has been less than four per cent, according to figures released this week. It has been hoped that at least 1,000 memberships can be secured in Dare County in time to report them to the board when it meets in Raleigh December 5. To date results have been discouraging to those in charge.

Perhaps people will move a little more quickly to take part in this campaign when the following figures are put before them. Last year a total of \$63,686.53 was paid to members of the Lost Colony cast and other members of the show's personnel, and almost every penny of this was spent in Dare County for rent, food, clothing and other items of expense. Also, a total of \$12,922.97 was paid by the association to local merchants for supplies. This makes more than \$75,000 which was spent directly in the local area last year by the show and those connected with it. Add to this the many other thousands spent by tourists, and it is easy to see why the Lost Colony should be kept going, and if it takes a membership from everyone in the community to keep it going, then those memberships should be sent in immediately, gladly and with gratitude that the Lost Colony has its home on Roanoke Island.

## MAGAZINE WRITER ENJOYS STRIPED BASS FISHING

Miss Virginia Kraft, of Sports Illustrated, Also Studies Fishing and Hunting at Hatteras and Ocracoke

Miss Virginia Kraft, staff writer of Sports Illustrated Magazine, who has hunted wildfowl at Corolla, in the Nags Head marshes and from fields at Mattamuskeet and who spent two days in the East Lake woods with Wilbur Cahoon chasing deer, went striped bass fishing in Croatan Sound near Manns Harbor Sunday and made some good catches. She fished with Capt. Omie Tillett.

Early this week, she shoved off for Hatteras, where on Monday and Tuesday she had a try at the surf fishing for channel bass, interviewed such anglers as Capt. Bernice Ballance and his daughter, Amelia, learned about the little deer of Cape Woods, which can be legally hunted in November, and then spent some time at Hatteras. In Hatteras, she learned about the big game fishing offshore and also of the hunting and inshore fishing available there. On Thursday, she was scheduled to visit Ocracoke and possibly go to Portsmouth before returning to New York on Saturday to write up what she has learned about outdoor sports in autumn along the Dare Coast and Outer Banks. Her story or article will be published in September 1958.

## WILBUR D. BRICKHOUSE

Wilbur D. Brickhouse, 47, died recently in a Norfolk hospital. He was the son of the late Samuel Brickhouse and Mrs. Jenie Calhoun Brickhouse, of Norfolk, and resided at 412 W. Olney Rd. with his mother.

He was a native of Dare County, and had resided in Norfolk for the past 45 years. He was employed locally as a steam-fitter.

Besides his mother, surviving are four brothers, Archie Brickhouse, Clarence Brickhouse, Avery Brickhouse and Leonard Brickhouse, and a sister, Mrs. K. L. Baum, all of Norfolk.

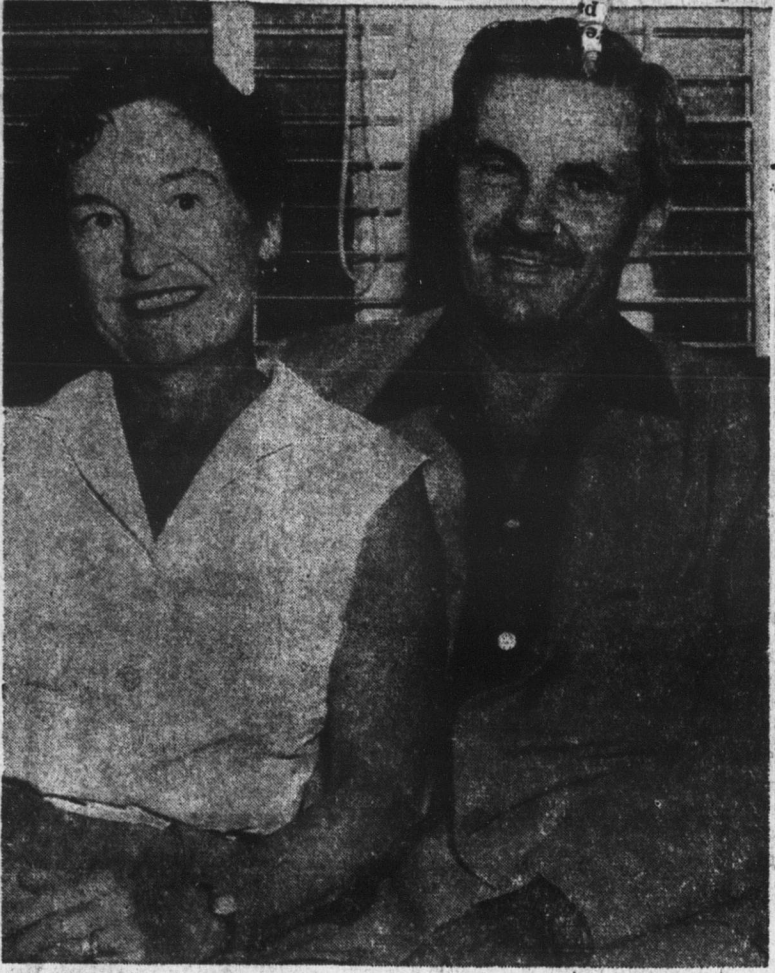
Funeral services will be conducted at the Derry-Twiford Funeral Home Friday by the Rev. O. O. Poythress, pastor of the South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church. Burial in Riverside Cemetery.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT MANTEO BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual Union Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Manteo Baptist Church at 10:30 Thursday morning, November 28. In the absence of Rev. L. A. Aitken, who was to have brought the message, the sermon will be preached by the Baptist pastor, Rev. W. E. Cholerton. The subject of the sermon will be: "Reasons for Thanksgiving." The church choir will provide special music.

Everyone in Manteo and vicinity is welcome to join in this Service of Thanksgiving. It can help to make the celebration of the day meaningful and satisfying.

## ROANOKE ISLAND A HAVEN FOR FORMER RUSSIAN REFUGEE



Shown here are Mr. and Mrs. Orest A. Meykar on a recent visit to Manteo, some of whose adventures are recounted in an accompanying story. Photo by Pratt Williamson, Jr.

## After Many Dangers and Life of Adventure, Russian Refugee and Wife Seek Haven Here

Orest A. Meykar, Now in Pennsylvania Plans to Bring His Wife To Roanoke Island to Live; Purchases Large Tract Known as Hayman Swamp, Susceptible to Development

It seems that not only the English during the time of Queen Elizabeth I found Roanoke Island a pleasant place to live. We have had the pleasure of entertaining many distinguished guests from Europe upon our hospitable shores, especially since the Lost Colony drama began to tell the world of our historic past and the visiting playgoers began to tell their friends of our present-day charm. And our island is rapidly becoming populated with very interesting people who came here to see and stayed here to settle, to make their homes and to add their treasures of mind to the wealth of the community.

One of the most recently noticed arrivals of this kind are Mr. and Mrs. Orest A. Meykar, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. We have seen them on the island at least once or twice during the past four years. Some of our citizens probably noticed a tall booted man in jungle clothes, with a mosquito net on his head, armed with a hatchet or machete, crashing his way through the thick growth of his property; or met them at their usual favorite haunt, Fearing's Restaurant, asking for dozens of raw oysters on the half shell, soft-shell crabs galore and other sea food delicacies of which they are very fond, by reason of their origin. Sands on the beaches of Roanoke Island do not yet bear the imprint of the charming Mrs. Meykar's feet, only because of mosquitoes; this little lady, a beachcomber at heart, thus far confined her seashore explorations to the tidy strands of the Outer Banks. But it was the sun and the wind, the forests and the dunes, the smell of the bay tree and cape jasmine, and the sweetness of the scuppernong grape in the old Mother Vineyard, that brought them here year after year and made them our fellow citizens.

Orest Albert Meykar was born fifty five years ago in Odessa, Russia, on the shore of the Black Sea. His father Gustav was, as many Estonians were, a sea captain in the Russian Merchant Marine. The ships of his firm made long voyages from Odessa through the Mediterranean and Red Sea, the Indian Ocean and the distant China Sea to Shanghai and Vladivostok and returned laden with tons of tea, the popular beverage of the Russians. When the Russian Revolution brought an end to private enterprise and destruction to the industrious part of its population, Orest's father lost his ships and finally died in poverty, on his native farm in Estonia, near Baltic Sea, in 1930. Orest had to stop his educational progress—he wanted to be a biologist—and joined the cavalry of the White Army, that forlorn body of unpaid and ill-equipped volunteers who stood on the outskirts of the vast Russia and tried to contain the Red menace within its territory until it was possible to organize and to elect a progressive constitutional and democratic government. But the Communist Party of USSR and its international affiliates

shrewdly alienated the progressive classes of Europe and America from supporting any struggling democratic movements within Russia, its drafted masses of soldiery driven by merciless secret police troops overthrew the meagre forces of the White Army—and another great cause was lost.

### Wounded in Action

Orest was wounded in action on Don River, captured, escaped and joined partisan units in the Caucasus Mountains. The remnants of the White Army of the Southern Russians, with their few families and fellow-refugees, and the colors of the valiant regiments of the old Imperial Army that fought against Napoleon, the Turks and Japanese, and the Austro-German forces in World War I—all this pitiful scrap left after the dissolution of a great empire, very much like the belongings of an old family after a disastrous fire—left the shores of Russia on a few ships for Constantinople.

### Fled From Red Rule

In 1922, when the Red rule of Russia began to be recognized by the western Governments, Orest crossed the border into Turkey. In 1923, he was admitted to the United States at New York City. He immediately began to improve his education. He was first a street car and subway motorman in Brooklyn; then he went to the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where he worked his way through the college as a private.

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## TURKEY SHOOT THIS SATURDAY MANTEO W'FRONT

What promises to be an enjoyable event for all participants is shaping up this week with plans for a Thanksgiving turkey shoot. This affair is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 23, on the Manteo waterfront, sponsored by Manteo Lions Club.

Twenty-four large turkeys will be offered, dressed and frozen—just in time for Thanksgiving dinners. Those shooting in the matches may bring their guns, but shells will be furnished. Twelve, sixteen and twenty gauge shotguns are to be used.

Shooting will start at 1 p. m. Proceeds will be used by Lions for furtherance of club projects, principally aid to blind.

### Other Lion Business

At the regular club meeting Tuesday night, various other matters were discussed. A report indicated that a profit of about \$120 was realized from the recent broom sale. Also, plans are being formulated for the annual Christmas dance, to be held December 21 at Shrine Club, Nags Head. Speculation is that this affair will be one of the most successful with a big evening shaping up, offering live music, prizes, refreshment and good entertainment. Santa has been invited, but has not yet advised that he will be on hand. Tickets are available from Lions.

## WANCHESE RURITAN CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Hear Address by Gene Trautwein, District Scout Executive, and Endorse Boy Scout Program For Wanchese

An inspiring address on the value of Boy Scouting was heard by the Wanchese Ruritan Club at its regular meeting Friday night, following election of new officers for the coming year, to take office in December.

Gene Trautwein, District Scout executive of Norfolk spoke to the Club about plans to develop scout troops in Dare County. He found the Wanchese club responsive and interested in helping the movement for a local troop.

Officers elected without opposition for the coming year are as follows: C. D. Wagstaff, school principal, president; Stanley Newman, Vice-President; Chesley Midgett Jr., Secretary. J. W. Davis, the retiring president, was named Treasurer, and Jesse Etheridge was named a director for three years.

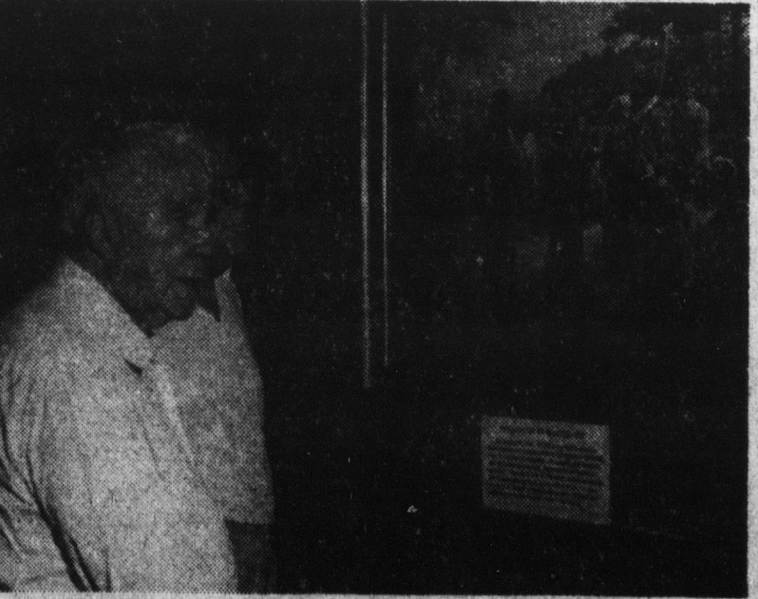
The name of Melvin Daniels, a former president, was offered from the floor in nomination by Willis Daniels, but the nominee declined to serve.

A turkey shoot will be held by the club from 2 to 4 p. m. on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Wanchese baseball diamond, and S. B. Tillett was appointed to build the targets.

## REBEKAH BAKE SALE NOV. 23

The Manteo Rebekah Lodge will sponsor a "Bake Sale" Saturday, November 23. In the show room of the Dare County Ice and Storage Co. The hours are from 10:00 a. m. until 2 p. m. The public is invited to stop by and purchase these "Home-Made Goodies".

## A FAMOUS AMERICAN POET WRITES ABOUT KITTY HAWK



Two years ago, Robert Frost, distinguished American poet, and Huntington Cairns, of the National Gallery of Art who owns a home on Southern Shores in Dare, were studying a painting of Chief Manteo's baptism. For 82-year old, California-born Frost, close friend of Cairns, it was a return visit to Roanoke Island and the Dare Coast which he had visited as a young man in the 1890's, and where he said "I spent my vacation tramping over Nags Head dunelands, and even through the briar patches then here, at the site of old Fort Raleigh." It was probably during his 1955 visit on this coast that he was inspired to write a long poem featured in the current 100th anniversary edition of Atlantic Monthly Magazine built up around the Wright's first flight with the theme: "Kitty Hawk, O Kitty—There Creation Was." The painting in the home of Mr. Cairns is by Sidney King of Tichnor, Va. The above photo was made by Ayecek Brown of Manteo.

## SAND FROM KILL DEVIL HILL USED IN AIRPORT DEDICATION IN CALIF.

Sand from the site of the Wright Brothers First Flight on December 17, 1903, has been given a role in the dedication ceremonies of Los Angeles' International Airport, now expanded to take care of aircraft in the current Jet Age.

Robert Loebelson of the Aircraft Industries Association, Washington, telephoned Dare County Tourist Bureau asking that the sand be bagged and shipped.

Horace Dough of Wright Brothers National Monument cooperated in getting the sand ready for shipment. Total weight of the three bags that left Manteo by bus for Norfolk, the first flight sand was airlifted to Washington, D. C., by Capital Airlines and from there three other major airlines were scheduled to see that it reached Los Angeles for the dedication ceremonies this week.

## CONTRACTS LET TUESDAY FOR KITTY HAWK SCHOOL THAT WILL COST \$200,857.28

District Bond Funds Will Provide Major Portion of Financing for New Eight-Classroom Elementary School Plant; County Board Also Provides for Auditorium at New Manteo High School.

## MANTEO GOLDEN AGERS TO BE HONORED TUESDAY

The Manteo Woman's Club will hold its annual open house for those of the Golden Age group in the Manteo Community Building Tuesday, November 26th, at 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to every Golden Ager, and the club is hoping that even more of their friends will come than did last year. There will be entertainments from "Gay Nineties," refreshments and prizes.

The awarding of contracts for the construction of a new Kitty Hawk Elementary School to replace the present obsolete building at Kitty Hawk was approved by the Dare County Board of Education in a meeting held Tuesday afternoon in Manteo. Low bids for the project totaled \$200,857.28, including architects fees.

The board also provided for reinstatement of an auditorium in contracts for the construction of the new Manteo High School now being built; this was in accordance with a previous decision of the board to reinstate the auditorium if sufficient funds were available after the awarding of contracts for the Kitty Hawk project.

The new Kitty Hawk facility will be located on a new site at the intersection of Highway 158 and the old road to Duck. The specifications include 8 classrooms, a library, a health clinic room, a teachers room, an administrative office, 2 adult toilets and 4 pupil toilets (in addition to which 2 primary classrooms will have their own connecting toilets), an auditorium or multi-purpose room, a lunchroom and kitchen, and a workroom and storage rooms. Circulating hot-water heating will be utilized. The contracts include installation of all major kitchen equipment.

The successful bidders and their bids were: general contract, Frank McCall of Drexel, \$141,800; heating, J. T. Pearson Co. of New Bern, \$13,898; plumbing, J. B. Cartwright Plumbing and Heating Co. of Elizabeth City, \$21,000; and electrical, Dicks Electric Co. of Wilson, \$12,828. The fee of the architects, Burrett H. Stephens and Robert H. Stephens of New Bern, will be \$11,869.28, six percent of the total of the bids.

In accordance with a suggestion made at the meeting Tuesday by John Cameron, head of the school planning division of the State Department of Public Instruction, the school board agreed unanimously upon the following breakdown of the cost of the Kitty Hawk project: (1) \$190,857.28 in district funds derived from a bond issue, and (2) \$10,000 in state building funds allotted to Dare County. The deduction of these amounts left \$7,306.27 available in district bond funds which could be used only in the Kitty Hawk district, and \$65,296.13 in state building funds which could be used in any of the county schools. From these state funds, the board agreed to the use of \$51,171.50 toward the completion of the Manteo project, thus leaving a balance of \$14,124.63 in state money as a cushion fund. From these remaining funds, the board has pledged to pay the entire costs of putting down a well at the new Kitty Hawk site and to pay for completely equipping the Kitty Hawk school.

The revision of the contracts for the Manteo project included \$42,161 for the auditorium, \$1,450 for the installation of rubber matting in the lobby of the gymnasium and inside the entrances to the school, and \$4,464 for equipment listed under Group I in the contract, primarily student lockers and gymnasium back boards, plus an additional \$2,896.50 architects fee. According to Mrs. Mary L. Evans, county superintendent, an additional \$35,000 worth of equipment will be needed to completely outfit the new Manteo High School. These items not included in the contracts are ones which may be easily purchased and installed as funds become available at any time after the completion of the building; included are auditorium seats, gymnasium bleachers, laboratory equipment, industrial arts equipment, desks, tables, and other furniture and fixtures.

A delegation of Kitty Hawk patrons attended the meeting and expressed dissatisfaction with some of the board's action. It was pointed out that the high school pupils had all been sent to Manteo despite the objection of the people of Kitty Hawk, and that when the Kitty Hawk district approved the issuance of \$200,000 in school bonds it was with the view that Kitty Hawk would retain its high school. Since the board had earlier promised the use of about \$70,000 in state funds for the new Kitty Hawk school, the opinion was voiced that the Kitty Hawk district was being made to absorb a part of the cost of the Manteo school. See SCHOOL, Page Four

## CONGRESSMAN ENJOYS FINE DARE OYSTERS



CONGRESSMAN HERBERT C. BONNER enjoys oyster roast at the recent Young Democratic Rally held at Stumpy Point. Standing beside him to see that he gets plenty of the steaming seafood is Mrs. Horace Hooper of Stumpy Point, wife of one of the county's party leaders.

## IMPORTANT BUSINESS TRANSACTED THURSDAY BY NAGS HEAD C OF C

Planning the next meeting of the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce at the Carolinian Hotel on December 12 was the concluding item of business in a rather important meeting held last week with host Bill Harrington at Journey's End Restaurant at Kitty Hawk.

But many important committees were appointed, and two directors elected. J. W. Smith of Point Harbor was named as director for one year to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. James Scarborough, resigned, and Ted Wood of Kill Devil Hills was chosen for two years, in place of W. S. Gregory, who resigned.

Standing committees named by Mrs. W. H. Daughtry, the president, are as follows: Advertising — Bill Harrington, John Donoho, Ted Wood, David Stick and Robert A. Young.

Conventions — Tom Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Burrus, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Oneto, Mrs. Jewel See C OF C, Page Four

## A HEARING ON SATURDAY CLOSING OF MANTEO BANK

A hearing will be held by the N. C. Commissioner of Banks at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, December 3 at the Dare County courthouse, to consider an application of the Bank of Manteo, W. R. Pearce, Cashier said this week.

A petition has been made by the bank for permission to be closed on Saturdays, but the bank proposes to stay open instead on six of the allotted state holidays, and in addition would remain open three hours extra every Friday, which would lengthen the period of service available for many out of town people.

The move is in line with that employed by many other banks which operate on a five-day a week basis.

## ADDISON D. SWINDELL 87, OF MANTEO SUCCUMBS

Addison D. Swindell, 87, a native of Hyde County, but who for the past 15 years had made his home near Manteo, died at 10:30 p. m. at the residence Thursday night, and was buried Saturday afternoon in the family plot in the Amity Churchyard near Lake Landing.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo by his pastor, the Rev. Louis A. Aitken, pastor of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo; assisted by the Rev. Frank B. Dinwiddie, pastor of the North End Baptist Church on Roanoke Island, and the Rev. Angus M. Cameron, pastor of Amity Methodist Church at Lake Landing. "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," "Home Over There," and "Abide With Me" were sung by members of the church choir; Mrs. Dallas Tillett accompanied at the organ. The casket was covered with a pall of white carnations and fern. Pallbearers were Billy Tarkington, Keith Fearing, Jack Wilson, Ephey Priest, Pete Capps and John Wilson.

Mr. Swindell removed to Manteo during World War II while in the contracting business and married Mrs. Lillie Etheridge who survives him. He is survived by two children. See SWINDELL, Page Eight

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED; HELP CLEAN ELIZABETHAN GD.

An appeal to friends of the Elizabethan Garden is being made by the Roanoke Island Garden Club for a few hours of help in a garden clean up. The date and hour set for beginning the work is Saturday, Nov. 23 at 1:00 p. m. and any one who has willing hands or a truck that can move dead boughs or other debris is urged to give help in this project. The untidiness of the garden is not pleasingly impressive to visitors who continue to come to see it while they are in this area.