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## BONNER SPEAKS AT LAUNCHING OF BIG PASSENGER LINER

Merchant Marine Committee Chairman at Pascagoula, Miss. Monday

Hon. Herbert C. Bonner was the speaker at the launching of the SS Brazil at Pascagoula, Miss. Monday. The ship is the largest liner built in the United States since the SS United States. Mr. Bonner, Congressman from the First N. C. District, is chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine, Coast Guard and Fisheries. Excerpts from his speech follow:

"It is indeed a pleasure and a great honor to be here today in Pascagoula in the shipyard of Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, builder of many fine ships, and among the foremost of American shipyards. We can be proud of this yard as typical of the industrial energy of the South.

"This is an occasion which I have long awaited—one which, in my opinion, is much overdue.

"It is an occasion which in a very real sense symbolizes the fulfillment of the long range purposes of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936. By that Act the Congress provided the mechanism for traditional Free American enterprise to join in partnership with the Government in support of our economy and defense—which have been, and more than ever are, dependent upon a strong merchant marine for their very existence.

The intervening years have been strenuous ones—years of more violent change than has ever taken place in recorded history. These changes have been such as to raise questions in the minds of many as to the adequacy of the Act to implement its declared policy.

"This ship and the SS ARGENTINA are the modern replacements of their two namesakes, which together with the SS URUGUAY, made up the GOOD NEIGHBOR FLEET of Moore-McCormack Lines in 1938. They have given constant service over the years to strengthen the bonds between this country and South America. Those fine ships have long since earned their right to honorable retirement, having plied the United States intercoastal trade for nearly ten years before entering the South American service. They made a great contribution to our military effort in World War II, before returning to their place in the rapidly developing commerce with our neighbors in the southern hemisphere.

"I would like to tell you a few things about the newest addition to the American merchant marine.

"She is the largest passenger inating passenger may get an all-over tan, 100 feet above the water line atop the ship's stack.

"She exceeds 617 feet in length with a beam of 84 feet and a displacement of 22,770 tons. She will be propelled by geared turbines of 17,500 horsepower, driven by twin propellers.

"She will cruise at a speed in excess of 23 knots, and will accommodate—on a one class basis—See BONNER, Page Seven

## MANTEO METHODISTS PLAN SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Mount Olivet Methodist Church of Manteo announces the following events for Christmas week:

Sunday, Dec. 22, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m. The Rev. L. A. Aitken will use as the topic for the Christmas sermon, "You Must Open the Door"; Sunday night, 6:15 p.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship; evening service, 7:30 p.m. The Children's and youth divisions will present "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"; by Sneed and Twombly, for the annual Christmas program. The background music will be provided by the adult choir with Mrs. Rennie Williamson at the organ.

Monday, Dec. 23, the Boy Scouts and Sea Explorers will meet at 7:15.

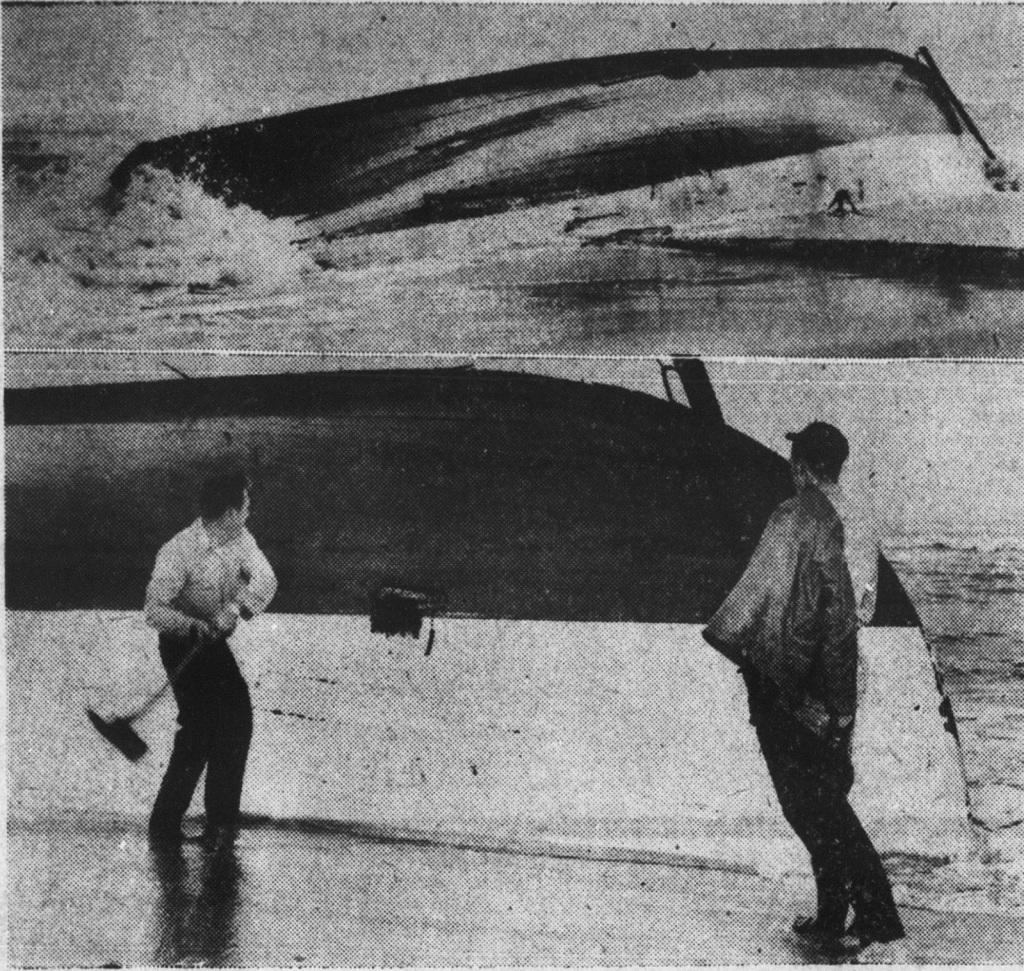
Tuesday, Dec. 24, the Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at the educational building at 8 p.m. to go carolling, after which they will return to the church for refreshments. The congregation is invited to participate.

Sunday, Dec. 29, under the direction of Mrs. Lucetta Willis, Secretary of Student Work, the following college students will present the morning worship program: Martha Raye Rogers, "Witnessing on the Campus"; Danny Mann, "Methodist Student Movement"; Wade Nixon, "What Students Expect of the Church"; Thelma Jean Williams "Christian vocations".

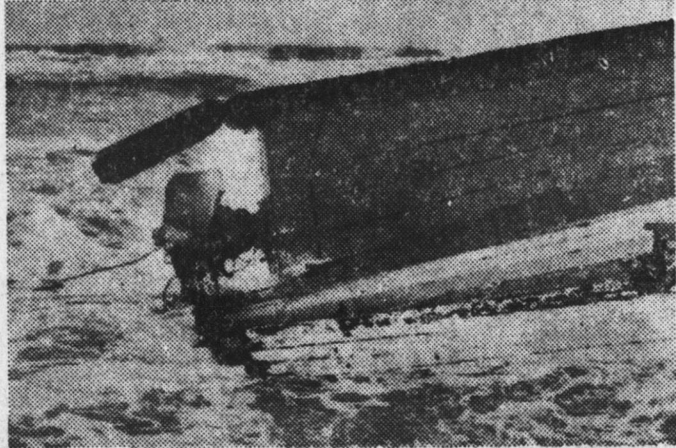
Monday, Dec. 30, the official board will meet at 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 2, the Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at the church at 8 p.m.

## FOUR MEN LOST LIVES OFF THIS VESSEL OFF DARE COAST



The remains of the trawler SEA DOG, stranded bottom up near Rodanthe Friday, the 6th. Small picture shows stern end of craft. A hole was cut in the boat for entry in search of the missing crew. The motor was later salvaged by the Austin Bros. of Salvo. Aycock Brown photos, via Virginian-Pilot.



## ROANOKE ISLAND MASONIC LODGES ELECT OFFICERS

Officers of the Masonic Lodges of Roanoke Island elected this month for the ensuing year are as follows:

Wanchese Lodge No. 521, H. O. Bridges re-elected Master; Roy McArthur, Senior Warden; Warren R. O'Neal, Junior Warden; Melvin Daniels, Treasurer; Goodrich F. Williams, Secretary. Appointive officers not named until Dec. 19th. S. B. Tillett, Tiler.

Manteo Lodge No. 682; Edward Wescott, Master; Allen Mann Jr., Senior Warden; Burwell Evans, Junior Warden; Edwin R. Midgett, Treasurer; Charlie E. O'Neal, Secretary. Appointive officers: Donnie Twyne, Deacon; George Powell, Junior Deacon; Stewards, Rudolph Peele and Ephey Priest. Tiler, W. H. Jones, Hubert E. Guthrie Sr., Chaplain.

The lodge will meet Dec. 23 at 8 p.m. for installation. All master Masons invited.

## An Article on EARLIER DAYS IN HYDE COUNTY

Editor's Note: This is one of a number of historical articles written during the 1956-57 school year by civics students of East Hyde High School at Enslinhard taught by Mrs. Ellen C. Watson.

## WATSON'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH

By ANN DUDLEY

The Watson's Chapel Methodist Church was established in the year of 1893 to serve the little community of Nebraska. It was named in honor of the Reverend J. M. Watson. He was the native local Methodist minister at the time. He went from church to church preaching. He used to live in the house that Wilton L. Gibbs now lives in at Nebraska.

The wooden structure of the church that was built in the year of 1893 was destroyed by a terrible windstorm in the year of 1944. The church benches were saved and put in the old store building across the road. Since the store was not in use at the time, it was used as a place for the congregation to meet. They met there for about nine years.

In the meantime, plans were being made for a new church, and money was being raised. By working faithfully together, the new brick structure was completed in 1953. The benches that had been saved from the old church were repaired, refinished, and used in the new church. Two of the three chairs that go behind the pulpit were found with the things saved from the old church. They were carried to Elizabeth City, repaired, and refinished. A third chair was See HYDE, Page Seven

## COLUMBIA DRUGGIST DIES TUESDAY NIGHT



ROBERT S. KNIGHT, JR., Columbia pharmacist, died at his home Tuesday evening at 11:20 p.m.; he was 55 years of age. Funeral services were scheduled Thursday afternoon from the Columbia Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Don Wagner, with interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

Son of Capt. R. S. Knight, Sr., and the late Mrs. Carrie Mason Knight of Columbia, he was one of Tyrrell County's leading citizens. He had served as a member of the North Carolina General Assembly representing Tyrrell County, of the county board of commissioners, having been chairman of the latter board for one term. A graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy, he was druggist with the Tyrrell Drug Co. in Columbia. He had served as superintendent of the Sunday School of the Columbia Baptist Church for 25 years; he was also director of the church choir and was active in all phases of church work.

Surviving, in addition to his father, are: his wife, Mrs. Ruth N. Knight; two daughters, Mrs. D. M. Pledger, Jr. of Columbia and Miss Lynda Knight of the home; two sons, the Rev. Robert Norman Knight of Gatesville and Jimmie O. Knight of Rocky Mount; three sisters, Mrs. Lee Murphy of Unadilla, N. Y., Mrs. Ella Hoggard and Mrs. Amanda Griffin, both of Norfolk; four brothers, James Mason Knight of Washington, N. C., Dr. Richard A. Knight of Pinehurst, Willie H. Knight of Norfolk, and Thomas Knight; and four grandchildren.

## CITRUS FRUIT RIPENING AT CAPE HATTERAS

Although they are not grown commercially, oranges, grapefruit, lemons, tangerines, comquots and other varieties of citrus fruit, are ripening in the semi-tropical climate of Buxton-on-Cape Hatteras. This year's crop is one of the best in many seasons and plants provided by the State Department of Conservation and Development, a few years ago have borne much fruit this year.

The largest local harvests, have come from older trees, such as those in the yards of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. White and other natives of the community who planted their own trees by accident many years ago. The older trees came from seeds that had once been table scraps thrown to chickens or to pigs.

Citrus fruit is being produced from trees as far north in Dare as Manteo and also Hatteras village, but they grow in most profusion here at Buxton where the Cape Woods have always been distinguished by growth of semi-tropical plants ranging from palmetto to yucca.

After the citrus trees that were planted by accident reached a producing stage, other residents expressed desire to have oranges or grapefruit growing in their yards. It was through the efforts of Ben Dixon MacNeill, who lives here, and his friend, the late Fred Latham of Belhaven, that the state's department of conservation and development made the citrus plants available resulting in most of the residents of the area now being owners of producing fruit trees.

## SUDIE MAE CRAIN 25, DIES EN ROUTE TO HOSPITAL

Sudie Mae Crain, 25, who was born at East Lake and resided at Manns Harbor with her parents for the past six years, died at 7 a.m. Thursday while en route to Columbia hospital in the car of her parents. She had been ill for two weeks. She was the daughter of John Edward and Bessie Twiddy Crain, who survive her, and the following brothers and sisters, all of the home, survive her: two sisters, Nellie and Bettie Faye; three brothers, Lawrence, William and John Crain.

Funeral will be at Manns Harbor Pentecostal Holiness Church Friday at 2 p.m. conducted by the pastor, Rev. Lundy Twiford. Burial will be in East Lake Methodist Church cemetery.

The body will be taken from Twiford Funeral Home, Manteo at 1 p.m. to the church to lie in state one hour before the funeral.

## BIG WEEK END PARTY, DANCE IS SHAPING UP

Manteo Lions Hear of Other Interesting Events and Projects for Future

A gala Christmas party is getting the finishing touches by the steering committee of the Manteo Lions Club this week, and advance ticket sales indicate a large attendance. This combination party-dance is being staged Saturday night, the 21st at the Shrine Club, Nags Head.

A band has been engaged, and a number of prizes will be awarded, with Santa Claus making the presentations. Dancing will begin at 9:00 p.m. This is an annual event for the club, with proceeds providing means for financing numerous other club activities.

## Other Business Talked

A number of forthcoming events were discussed at the meeting Tuesday night, but no action was taken. The feasibility of sponsoring a Sea Scout troop is to be investigated. The club is also to make suggestions relative to activities on Roanoke Island during the 1958 Pirates Jamboree. These and other matters will receive action on January 7th, next regular meeting.

The club voted to help provide some Christmas cheer through gifts of food to needy families in the area.

## REDSKINS SLIDE TO VICTORY OVER COLUMBIA TEAMS; CONQUER CENTRAL TWICE

The Manteo Redskins literally slid to victory in two games against the Columbia Wildcats last Friday night in the Manteo gym.

The high school boys who helped Coach Ayers clean and wax the gym floor on Friday afternoon, got a little too ambitious with the wax, and as a result the floor by game time was like a big sheet of glass. Players who tried to go after a ball, either ran in one spot or slid four feet when they attempted to stop.

The Manteo girls, led by Carol Perry and Helen Baum, who scored 16 points each, got off to a 15-8 first quarter lead, and were never headed by the Columbia team as Manteo won 45-35.

The Manteo boys, also had a lot of difficulty standing up, with Columbia finding it almost impossible to keep the ball, or work their plays, they scored only 1 point in the first quarter, and the Redskins had a 25-7 halftime lead. Final score was Manteo 34, Columbia 12. Gary Meekins was high point leader for Manteo with 14 points.

Tuesday night at Central, the Manteo girls ran into their first real opposition as they racked up their fifth straight victory by defeating the Central team.

The Green Wave girls had a 10-8 lead at the end of the first quarter, but were behind 24-23 at halftime. The score was tied only once in the third quarter, with the Redskins going on to win 51-44. Carol Perry, who only scored 4 points in the first quarter, came through in the final 3 quarters, scoring 21 points for the evening. Helen Baum was second with 16 points.

The Manteo boys, who got off to a fast start, then slowed down, then came up and proceeded to walk over the Central boys with ease, beating them 45-31. Gary Meekins again led the attack for the Redskins with 17 points, followed closely by Hughes Tillett with 16.

This was the last game before the Christmas holidays for the Manteo teams. Action will be resumed on Friday, January 3, when Manteo will entertain Moyock in a J.V. game, a girls' game and a boys' game.

## GRIFFITHS ARRIVE FROM HOLLYWOOD FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Griffith arrived on Roanoke Island Wednesday from Hollywood, Cal., where they have been living while Andy was making his third movie "Onionhead", soon to be released, and will spend a few days at their home near Manteo. They will go to Mount Airy and Troy for Christmas, visiting Andy's parents in Mount Airy and Barbara's in Troy. After the holidays they plan to spend a short while at their Roanoke Island home before going to New York.

The Griffiths arrived to find both their water pumps damaged by the 18-degree weather of last week on Roanoke Island. At the time they were enjoying 83-degree temperatures in California.

## GROUND BROKEN AT SITE OF FIRST FLIGHTS FOR MUSEUM TO BE BUILT DURING 1958

Impressive Speaking, Ceremonies, Spectacular Flights of Jet Planes, Followed by Elaborate Banquet at Nags Head, Mark 54th Anniversary of the Birth of Aviation at Kill Devil Hills; Tribute is Paid to Miles Clark.

Tribute was paid at Nags Head Tuesday to Miles L. Clark of Elizabeth City who has long been an individual most largely responsible for first flight ceremonies honoring the achievement of the Wright Brothers each year. One of the most colorful events of the celebrations each year is the music and majorettes of Elizabeth City High School Band which has become one of the nation's outstanding high school musical organizations under the sponsorship of Clark.



MILES L. CLARK

A complete surprise to the ultra public-spirited Clark was the presentation of a large "First Flight Citation" scroll presented by S. Wade Marr on behalf of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society. Text of the scroll follows:

"FIRST FLIGHT CITATION, presented to, Miles L. Clark, for distinguished service to aviation by annually calling public attention to the anniversary of man's first successful powered flight, achieved by the Wright Brothers, December 17, 1903, at Kill Devil Hills, N. C. "Your unselfish and tireless efforts in keeping alive the memory of this historic achievement, and in dramatizing the importance of the airplane to the progress and security of our nation, deserve the gratitude of all Americans. December 17, 1957."

The scroll bore the signatures of General James H. Doolittle, Air Force General Thomas D. White, James H. Douglas, NPS Director Conrad Wirth, Air Force Association President Peter J. Schenk, Wright Biographer Fred C. Kelly, S. Wade Marr, Horace A. Dough, Governor Luther H. Hodges, David Stick, N. Elton Ayldett, and Aycock Brown. The latter are members of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society.

Another feature of the luncheon program at the Carolinian Hotel was the awarding by Peter J. Schenk, president of the Air Force Association of the coveted General Electric Air Trophy to Capt. Robert Sheridan of Huntington, N. Y., who was commander of the winning aircraft, a USAF B-47, in the May 26 "Prize of the Three Capitals" event held in connection with the Paris International Air Show. Sheridan's Boeing Stratofortress bomber had flown from Paris to Madrid, to Rome, and back to Paris, a distance of 2,346 miles, in four hours, 12 minutes and seven seconds at an average speed of 558 miles per hour. "This race," said Schenk, helped to demonstrate to European members of NATO the long range speed and maneuverability of intercontinental jet bombers which share responsibility for the defense of the free world."

Other speakers on the luncheon See CLARK, Page Seven

## ST. ANDREW'S ANNOUNCES ITS CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Special Christmas week services have been announced by St. Andrews-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Nags Head, as follows:

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 11 p.m., Christmas carols; 11:30 p.m. choral celebration of Holy Communion. Christmas day, Dec. 25, 11 a.m., Communion; 5 p.m., evening prayer.

Dec. 26, 27, 28, Feats of St. Stephen, St. John the Evangelist, and Holy Innocents, 10 a.m., Holy Communion; 5 p.m., evening prayer.

## OLD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD JANUARY 4th

Many Notables to See Program For the First Time; Record Attendance Expected

The famed Old Christmas festival at Rodanthe usually held to commemorate the 12th night will be held a day earlier this year, since Jan. 5, the date usually observed falls on a Sunday night when so many of the home folks are obliged to return to their jobs. Old Christmas will be observed, but the ceremonies and entertainment which attracts so many visitors from afar each year will be presented on Saturday night.

Mrs. Nora Herbert of Rodanthe, who directs the program, and whose sister, Mrs. Julian Gray is chairman this year, said this week that the program would follow the usual lines. A program of entertainment in the community, an oyster roast, and a dance with imported musicians; but the entertainment of which the rare beast, "Old Buck," is a part, will be staged entirely by local people.

Since the number of visitors has through the years grown beyond the capacity of the small village to take care of, a charge of \$1.50 will be made per person to cover the entire event, including music, cost of oysters, preparation of seats, etc.

Distinguished visitors this year who have already signified their intention of attending the festival are Inglis Fletcher, the novelist, and Capt. John Fletcher of Edenton; Richard Walser, Professor of English at N. C. State College, Dr. and Mrs. Fred W. Morrison of Washington, D. C. and others. Most details of the festival will be announced next week.

## BAPTISTS TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AGAIN

An out-door pageant presenting the Christmas story will be given by the Manteo Baptist Church on Sunday night, December 22, at 8:30, and again at 7:30 on Tuesday night, December 24. The presentation will take place in the front of the church as on previous years, but certain changes will be apparent in this year's showing.

The music and narration will be clearly heard over the loud-speaker, and each scene as it is presented will be held and followed by spot-light. Starting with the Hebrew prophet, the moving scenes will include the Annunciation to Mary, the coming of Joseph and Mary to the inn and to the stable, the appearing of the angels to the shepherds, the arrival of the wise men, and the presentation in the temple. The spectators will be invited to join in the closing carol. The public is cordially invited to enjoy this simple but graphic presentation. They are requested not to park on the road in front of the church, nor to stand on the church side of the highway. This will make it easier for others to see.

## REV. JOHN A. FARROW, 86, DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Rev. John Alfred Farrow, 86, died in Norfolk Marine Hospital Sunday at 2:30 a.m. after a long illness, having been taken to the hospital in August. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Farrow of Avon, and the husband of the late Mrs. Eunice Trimmer Farrow, and had previously been married to the late Mrs. Nancy Jane Farrow. He was a native of Avon. He was a former Methodist minister and a retired Holiness preacher; a member of Manteo Lodge No. 682 A.F. & A.M., a member of Eastern Star, Roanoke Island Chapter No. 79.

He had been a resident of Manteo for the past 15 years. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. D. E. Meekins of Norfolk, Mrs. Jasper Scarborough and Mrs. Baxter Gray, both of Elizabeth City, two sons, John A. Farrow, Jr., of Severn, Md., and Ervin Farrow of Avon; a sister, Mrs. Melissa Gray of Buxton; 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

The body was taken by Twiford Funeral Home, to the family residence in Avon, where funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m.