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WILDFOWL HUNTING SEASON CALLED BY MANY, WORST ONE

Old Geese Considered Too Wise to Get Shot; Business Spread Out Thin

There are many theories and opinions expressed pro and con about the poor wildfowl season which ended Thursday, January 15th in North Carolina, and which ended earlier this week in Virginia, where the season is reported as among the poorest.

The season started off in great style, and with large attendance on opening day, and in the vicinity of Lake Mattamuskeet where is largest concentration of hunters there was hardly room to accommodate all sportsmen who wanted to shoot.

The season started off too, with arrests of upwards of 100 persons charged with shooting over baited areas. Many guides in Hyde County today will tell you the advertising from the arrests, frightened away many sportsmen and cost the hunting industry many thousands of dollars in business.

The game enforcement officers said the arrests were made on orders from high up because of a situation that had grown out of hand, due to allegations of widespread disregard for laws against baiting.

In some instances, game wardens declared that farmers had gone and broadcast additional grain about their blinds after fowl had exhausted before the season's opening what had been left from the crop harvest. Apparently, following the arrests, there was little renewal of feed on former baited areas, and this too is considered to have operated in favor of some other hunting areas where there is no available feed from agricultural crop residue.

The unusual amount of birds on Hatteras and Ocracoke islands is believed to have resulted from lack of the usual feed on the Hyde mainland causing wildfowl to forage afar from their accustomed haunts. No less an authority than Federal Game Warden Bob Halstead of Washington believes there is some weight in this theory.

At any rate, on Hatteras Island, there has been reported the best season in some time, and W. D. Lewark at Mirlo Lodge near Rodanthe, says hunting has been extra good. This location adjoins the Pea Island bird refuge, which offers some advantages, for bird population has been heavy on the refuge this year, perhaps resulting in heavier flights across adjoining areas on the usual blustery days considered best for hunting purposes in this section.

Despite reports of a poor season by many persons catering to wildfowl hunting on the Hyde mainland in the Mattamuskeet area, there are on the other hand, many guides and lodges which have had more business than they could handle all through the season. Some of these have been in business several years and have established top reputations. Those hunting preserves which have been well-managed, where over-shooting has not been allowed, and where adequate lay-periods are observed, are already known far and wide to a long-established clientele of the most profitable kind. They enjoy good business booked up months ahead of the opening of the season.

Many good reports have come from Ocracoke Island, and the Hatteras area, but in both areas, there are fewer persons each year who cater to the wildfowl hunting business. This is due to the short seasons, and in that many of the persons best qualified at this work have become engaged in other permanent occupations and are loath to abandon their usual tasks to assume the expensive hunting business for a mere two-months season which has, of course, the strong element of risk.

Some sections of Currituck County report good hunting, but in most places reports are of an unsatisfactory season.

When guides and hunters become frustrated because of failure to get good sport; their bag limits or better, many devices and excuses are employed to explain away this poor luck. According to a principal argument used these days, all geese now remaining alive are old wise and wary birds who know better than to get with in gunshot. Hunters can't hit the birds, and say they are old and wise, and keep just far enough away. Of course some of the disappointed ones are poor shots.

If the argument is sound, it then appears there has been too careless slaughter of all the young birds; being that all of them are "about killed off." One important thing that is never mentioned, is that in these days there are better guns and ammunition, there are many thousands of new hunters, where in the old days only a few days went out far from home See HUNTING, Page Eight

APPOINTED STATE CHM., EASTER SEAL CAMPAIGN



Announcement of the appointment of Terry Sanford of Fayetteville as state chairman of the 1959 Easter Seal appeal has been made in Raleigh by the president of the state chapter, Felix S. Barker who directs the State's special education program.

Barker said that over 3,000 physically handicapped Tar Heel children and adults were helped during the past year toward more normal living through rehabilitation services provided by Easter Seal funds. But such aid only skims the surface, Barker pointed out, since there are over 100,000 disabled people in North Carolina.

Referring to the rapidly expanding summer camping program provided by the Easter Seal societies, Barker said that during the past summer a camp for white children and one for white adults were operated in the mountains of this State and a camp for Negro children was conducted on the Carolina coast.

Barker said that new programs of physical therapy for handicapped persons at home or in the hospital are now functioning in the central and southern sections of the State. A third such program is now being set up in the Piedmont, he said.

"We feel that the handicapped child is everyone's child and that the handicapped adult has the same rights as the able-bodied adult," Barker declared. "These programs seek to help handicapped persons help themselves, and to make them productive, self-respecting, and happy citizens."

CIVIL TERM OF COURT IN DARE LASTED DAY AND HALF

At a cost of some \$400 a day, and using about one and a half days of time, the special term of Superior Court held in Dare County this week knocked off, Tuesday afternoon after settling a few civil actions and granting a divorce. Judge Malcolm Paul of Washington presided, holding court in Monday forenoon and all day Tuesday.

The total immediate cost for Jurors and stenographer came to \$616.05 which is not quite half what the usual terms of court cost, the county commissioners this time having the foresight in drawing the jurors, to weed out the cripples and to draw less than the usual number who have been coming to court to pile up needless cost to the county.

Two judgments were granted on Monday, both against Elmer Midgett, one-time plumber in Manteo. R. S. Wahab of Ocracoke got a judgement for \$770, and L. D. Tarkington for \$612.74. Of 16 cases, 11 were continued for various reasons. Judgments were taken in two of them by the plaintiffs. Ernest Scarborough, negro, was granted a divorce from Charlotte Scarborough.

TOURIST BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the Dare County Tourist Bureau board of directors January 21 at 10 o'clock in the Community Building at Manteo, J. G. Kellogg chairman, states. Other officers are Wheeler Ballance, Hatteras, vice chairman and Archie Burrus, secretary-treasurer, whose duties are currently being handled by W. H. McCown, former chairman and one of the bureau's organizers.

"The January meeting of the board is always an important one, because at that time we are making plans for bringing more persons to Dare on visits and vacations," said Kellogg.

Members of the board of directors in addition to the officers named are: Alvah H. Ward, W. H. McCown, L. L. Swain, T. H. Briggs, Margaret Davis, Asa Gray, R. E. Jordan, Tom Chears, E. E. Meekins, Mrs. W. S. White, Melvin Daniels, Mrs. Juanita Parker and George Crocker.

BLUE MARLIN DUEL AT HATTERAS WITH PUERTO RICANS

A "blue water duel" with giant marlin as the objective will be one of the big events destined to bring additional big-game fishing fame to waters off Cape Hatteras this year. It will be a challenge match between Puerto Rico's fishing team of San Juan's Club Nautico and a similar group of anglers from the Billfish Club of Hatteras.

Dr. J. C. Overbey, president of the club and a Norfolk dentist who in recent years has done much to promote local game fishing, said the challenge fishing match had been set for the first or second week of June, and it will be in addition to a proposed international blue marlin tournament also planned for Hatteras this year.

Following the Hatteras fishing match, the two teams would meet again during late August or early September in Puerto Rican waters, and the idea behind it all according to Esteban A. Bird, vice-commodore of Club Nautico and captain of the Puerto Rican team that will come to Hatteras, is to determine once and for all the question of which area has the most blue marlin—and catches the most.

Last year 79 blue marlin were caught by anglers off Hatteras and Oregon Inlet. Senor Bird claims that as many as nine blue have been taken in one day off Puerto Rico, not counting the present 780 pound world record for 80 pound test line.

JANUARY IS BUSY TIME FOR WOMAN'S CLUB IN MANTEO

Mrs. Everett Outlines Activities That Face Organization This Year

January is a very important and active month with the Manteo Woman's Club. The annual business meeting is held to complete all business of the club, the election of officers is held and Delegates and alternates to the State Convention at Pinehurst in May are elected, according to Mrs. Sarah Everett, the president.

Most important of all is the yearly reports of the activities carried on during the year. The following Chairmen are quite busy with reports on their respective departments. Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Jr. of the Ways and Means Department and Member-at-Large; Mrs. Rennie Williamson as Chairman of the Scholarship Fund; Mrs. W. J. Andrews as Recording Secretary, Membership Committee and Roanoke Island Cook Book Project; Mrs. Linwood Cuthrell as Vice-President, Chairman of the Year Book Committee, Welfare Department, Golden Age Party Chairman and Vogue Sewing Contest; Mrs. Gordon Kellogg as chairman of the American Home and Art Department; Mrs. Woody Fearing as chairman of the Education Department; Mrs. Louise Meekins, Chairman of the Music Department; Mrs. W. H. Fry, Chairman of Public Affairs Department; Mrs. Jack Tillitt, chairman of the International Relations Department; Mrs. Gus Etheridge, chairman of the Literature Department; Mrs. A. F. Fields, Chairman of Club Awards; Mrs. R. V. Owens, Chairman of The Scrapbook Project; Mrs. W. H. McCown as Corresponding Secretary and chairman of the Birthday Remembrance Project; Mrs. W. W. Harvey as club Treasurer and Help-A-Home Chairman; Mrs. Ralph Umphlett as Children's Clothing Closet and Home Society Project and Mrs. Lighthouse Gibbs, Chairman of The Samaritan Project.

All projects are worthwhile and follow through with the club theme—"Club Work—It's Opportunities and Responsibilities to the Community"—Thus giving the deserving dedication in the Year See WOMEN, Page Eight

J. IRVING STOWE, FAMED BOATBUILDER, DIES WED.

John Irving Stowe, 80, a famed boatbuilder of the outer banks, and retired fisherman, died at his home at Hatteras at 10 p.m. Wednesday after an illness of four years. He was the son of the late Ira Midgett Stowe and Millie Midgett Stowe, and the husband of Mrs. Jeannette Stowe. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

He is survived by the following children: Mrs. Etta Peete of Manteo; Mrs. Catherine S. Robertson of Williamston; Mrs. Agnes Scarborough of Avon; Mrs. Mabel Mead and Walter B. Stowe both of Norfolk; Preston and Harvey Stowe both of Hatteras, and by 13 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were indefinite at this writing.

MEETINGS TO PEP UP INTEREST IN PIRATE FESTIVAL

Sunday the 19th in Buxton School; First Plans Launched Sunday

Planning for the 1959 Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree began Sunday when some 30 persons from the beaches and Roanoke Island met at Beacon Motor Lodge, Nags Head. The three day vacation season springboard event will be held for its fifth year on April 24-26.

A similar meeting for Hatteras Island communities which will help promote the Jamboree this year will be at 1.30 o'clock p.m. Jan. 19, at the school house in Buxton, Lawrence L. Swain, chairman says. Arrangements for this meeting are being made by Bill Dillon, Hatteras Island chairman of the Jamboree last year, Wheeler Ballance, vice-president of Dare County Tourist Bureau, Scotty Gibson, who has been active in the island phases of the annual Jamborees each year and others.

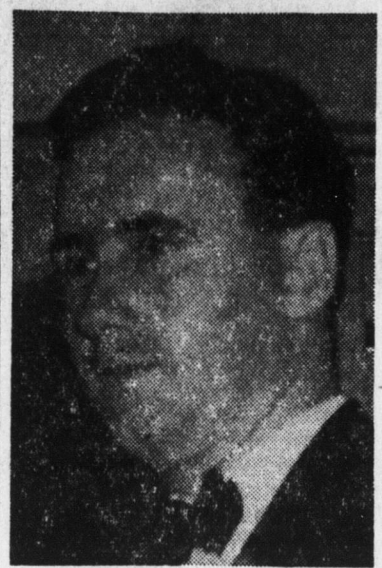
At the Nags Head meeting Sunday new officers and steering committee members were elected. Ralph Swain of Manteo was elected secretary-treasurer succeeding Mrs. Margaret Davis. George Crocker, Orville Baum and Tom Briggs, are the steering committee for the beaches, Woody Fearing, Francis Meekins and Johnny Long, for Roanoke Island and Horace Hooper and Jacie Burrus from the mainland. Steering committee members on Hatteras Island will be elected Sunday at Buxton.

Message to Rotary

Lawrence Swain, overall chairman of the forthcoming Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree, urged Rotarians to participate in the event when it is presented on April 24-26.

He discussed the importance of all males growing beards, "because beards are one of the primary trademarks of the Jamboree each year." He outlined how the vacation season was once only a three months deal for Dare, but See JAMBOREE, Page Eight

SLATED AS SPEAKER ON ACHIEVEMENT DAY



WALLACE H. McCOWN is to be the speaker in Manteo, Saturday morning at 10:30 on the Achievement Day program on the 4-H groups of Dare County. Mr. McCown, who is Dare County attorney, is well-known as a civic and church leader, and as a good speaker.

The program will be held in the Manteo High School auditorium. The purpose of the 4-H Achievement Day is to recognize the 4-H county winners in different projects throughout the year. These project winners will receive gold filled medals for outstanding work in their selected projects.

4-H'ers will have a big part in the program. Nancy Coles Basnight, President of the 4-H County Council, will act as Master of Ceremonies. Other 4-H'ers to have a part in the program are Susan Basnight, Jan Oneto, Charlotte Perry, Carol Hooper, Nancy Pearl Midgett, Charles Perry, Caryn Gray, Johnny Hooper, Michael Parker, Mary Charles White, Della Basnight, Nancy Lynn Midgett, Marvin Sparrow, Mary Elizabeth Earle, Mary Rogers and Carrol Harris. Presentation of awards will be by Mrs. Fran A. Cullus and J. L. Lea, Jr., the Dare County Home and Farm Agents.

UNCLE DOCK FROM DUCK WRITES: Rat Race vs. Sanity, Decency and Morality Is Issue of "Folks Against the People"

Dear Mr. Editor: It's beginning to look like this rat race we are in has about narrowed down to an issue of "The Folks Against the People." We are having to fight each other all the time instead of fighting together for something worth while. And it's going to be worse and worse.

It is somewhat amusing to see Mr. Ed Sullivan flying to Cuba to glorify himself by talking to the bandit Castro and trying to make it appear this Castro is a saint and liberator, at the same time when Castro's crowd are shooting their fellow Cubans in the back by the thousands. What difference does it make who is in power in Cuba; they are all of the same stamp. We went down there and licked the Spaniards, gave 'em their freedom, and paid Spain for taking it away from them and paid Spain's expenses for fighting us. We made the Cubans free of Spain, and all they've done is fight among themselves the past 60 years.

Now Mr. Editor, we are doing the same things here in the United States. We haven't had time to get around to much shooting, but we are doing just as bad, and maybe worse than if we had been slaying some of the dead-heads and getting them out of the way. It's a steady war all the time, the one crowd who won't work, with the help of the politicians, living off all of us who do work, and driving us to death supporting a wasteful government that is giving our country away to heathen foreigners.

We also see our schools disrupted, and our children being denied an education because a group of judges decided to make laws and force millions of our people to go against nature and commonsense. This has come about because of the craze of some of our politicians for votes. This craze for votes has led them into allowing labor racketeers who gain control of large segments of our country. Overnight they can paralyze our economy, and send the cost of living skyrocketing beyond the ability of our poor people to pay. Nobody ever thinks about the people. It's always a case of a few folks with the power they have wheeled out of the government, making war against the majority of the people.

No, my friends, we do not have majority rule in this country. We have minority rule. A few of the folks divide up the gravy. Does the welfare money go to those who need it, or to the ones who stand in with the politicians? If you can get in to an office-holder, you can get more consideration. Who gets

the gravy jobs paid by the taxpayers? Why just look who they hand them out to. Do they always go to someone who has no other income, or to somebody who is already drawing down big pay from Uncle Sam. Do you ever stop to think that the taxpayers are putting up this money also.

It looks to me like this war of a few folks fighting all the people is going to last a long time, and if we people don't put more pep into defending ourselves, we can expect it to be a lot worse before it gets any better.

We have been encouraged for so long a time to try to get something for nothing until it has become second nature to many people. Instead of working for the good of the majority it has developed into a rat-race against sanity, decency, morality and commonsense. We no longer think first about what is good for our community, but how much we can get out of the people for it. We don't think what is of profit in the finer sense, but first of the fast buck. We want the fleeting glory, fulsome flattery, foolish praise apparently to be plastered with mayonnaise from the pature instead of the solid satisfaction that should come to hearts secure in the knowledge of honest achievement.

If it's going to be a war of some folks against us people, and we have to be in it whether we like it or not, let's wade in and do our part to make it a real war. The sooner we get on the offensive, the more chance we will have of winning it. We'll never win it if we are content to stay on the defensive.

Yours for more backbone and less bull.

MRS. FEARING HEADS EASTER SEAL CAMPAIGN

The Dare County Chapter, headed by Mrs. W. B. Fearing of Manteo, as chairman, is now completing plans for its part in the 1959 campaign.

Mrs. Fearing said that the group is hoping to extend the local services now being rendered by Dr. Fred Morrison, assisting Mrs. Morrison is arranging the event were Mrs. W. Harold Williamson, Charlotte, Chairman of Hospitality; Mrs. B. Baxton Jones of Kinston, Chairman of Dinner Tickets; Mrs. Maeie Lowe, Lincolnton, Chairman of Dance Tickets; Mrs. Henry C. Soper, formerly of Wilmington and Greensboro, Chairman of Publicity.

The Dare County campaign will formally get underway on February 27, the same date as elsewhere in North Carolina.

BIGGEST TURNOUT OF THE N. C. SOCIETY FOR ANDY GRIFFITH

Four Hundred Carolinians Do Honor to a Native Son in Washington Saturday

What many people say was the biggest turnout yet put on by the North Carolina Society in Washington, D. C. was the dinner and dance attended by 400 in honor of Andy and Barbara Griffith, on Saturday night, Jan. 10th in the Mayflower Hotel. Long after the allotted number of dinner tickets were sold out, appeals were made to obtain others.

Ex-President Harry Truman was one of the notables who came to the party held in the Pan-American Room prior to the dinner, and with him was National Democratic Chairman Paul Butler. Several United States Senators attended, including Senator John McClellan of Arkansas, who is chairman of the much-famed committee investigating racketeers among labor unions. Senators Ervin and Jordan of North Carolina, and just about all the State's Congressmen attended, with their wives.

Mrs. Emma Neal Morrison, the President of the North Carolina Society, arranged the party, and it was no small triumph for her as the first event at the beginning of her term of office that the Society has held. The society each year holds a reception or dinner in honor of a distinguished North Carolinian. Andy Griffith, a successful screen and television star, is currently rehearsing a Broadway musical. He flew down from New York Friday night, while Mrs. Griffith drove up from their home near Manteo.

Mrs. Morrison is the wife of Dr. Fred W. Morrison and are well known in Dare County where they spend their summers in their beach home in Kill Devil Hills. Dr. Morrison is head of the big Washington law firm which was founded by himself and the late former Governor Max Gardner of N. C. Mrs. Gardner was one of the guests at the dinner.

The N. C. Society is composed of North Carolinians now temporarily or permanently residing in the nation's capital. It has many distinguished members, and its dinners bring notable resident North Carolinians to participate. Among the visitors present Saturday night was State Treasurer Edwin Gill who is prominently mentioned for the Governorship in 1960 and numerous others in public life across the state.

Others included Mr. and Mrs. Louis V. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goerch of Raleigh. Attending the event from Manteo were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Meekins.

David Brinkley, NBC news commentator of Wilmington, N. C. was master of ceremonies.

Plans for entertaining the 32-year-old Andy began last fall when Mrs. Morrison visited the Griffiths at their home on Roanoke Island. Some difficulty in arranging the program showed up until the actor learned whether he would be in the east instead of on the west coast at this time of the new year.

As usual in making these appearances, Andy paid tribute to Roanoke Island, his homeplace which he and his wife both prefer to Hollywood. He told the dinner that he loves the Outer Banks and its wonderful people.

Griffith himself was a tremendous success Saturday night when he did several numbers for the occasion, and he and Barbara won tremendous ovations. They were married at Fort Raleigh during the time they appeared in the cast of the Lost Colony, a period of several years. Barbara played the leading role, Eleanor Dare, in the Lost Colony. She is from Troy, N. C. and Andy from Mt. Airy, but they always wanted to make their home here, and some three years ago, they bought the 58-acre tract and home of the late Dr. Joseph Barach of Pittsburgh.

Among the numbers rendered by Andy Saturday night was the rich monologue he did several years ago: "What it was was football," a southern deacon's reaction to his first football game, which was widely and successfully used as a recording throughout the country. See N. C. SOCIETY, Page Eight

Saturday night he was accompanied by Dave McWilliam's orchestra which played for the dance in the Mayflower Ballroom. One of his group of singers is Miss Anne Morrison, a niece of Dr. Fred Morrison, assisting Mrs. Morrison is arranging the event were Mrs. W. Harold Williamson, Charlotte, Chairman of Hospitality; Mrs. B. Baxton Jones of Kinston, Chairman of Dinner Tickets; Mrs. Maeie Lowe, Lincolnton, Chairman of Dance Tickets; Mrs. Henry C. Soper, formerly of Wilmington and Greensboro, Chairman of Publicity.

GOVERNOR HODGES AT HATTERAS HAS PART IN ORGANIZING

Hatteras Blue Marlin Club Organized For Activities of Top-Notch Sportsmen This Year

Organization of a Hatteras Blue Marlin Club with a membership to include some of the nation's wealthiest sportsmen, plus the further development of bill-fishing off the Outer Banks, is expected to result from a meeting held in Hatteras Monday night.

Arrangements for the meeting were made by Governor Luther H. Hodges through his Dare contacts and Charles Johnson of Palm Beach and Biltmore, one of the nation's outstanding sportsfishermen and also owner of more Chevrolet agencies in southeastern United States than any other person.

Governor Hodges, Earl Phillips of High Point, a big game fishing member of his N. C. Ports Authority, Woodrow Price of the News and Observer, Mr. Johnson and Bounce Anderson of West Palm Beach, Hal Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the recently organized N. C. Blue Marlin Association, Bill Wilkins of Norfolk and Stanley Wahab of Ocracoke were the off-islanders present at the meeting.

Some 25 or more Hatteras citizens representing the sportsfishing vacation and business interests of the island were present at the meeting held at the Blue Marlin docks following dinner at which the visitors were guests of local residents in Thurmond Ballance's Channel Bass Restaurant.

The visitors indicated that many private fishing boats would be basing at Hatteras during the blue marlin season this year and they wondered what the reaction would be if efforts were made to introduce new methods of fishing, and if improvements would be made in outfitting local charter cruisers for better or more suitable facilities than most of the craft have at present. The reaction was that local operators were always ready to improve their facilities.

Following the departure of Governor Hodges shortly before noon on Tuesday, Johnson, Phillips and Anderson looked over various places of accommodation, with thoughts of having suitable housing for big game fishermen they claim will be coming to Hatteras and also a place suitable for establishing a clubhouse facilities where the big game anglers could meet socially following a day in the Gulf Stream.

Anderson, who produced the Cape Hatteras National Seashore travel film and rents a home at Hatteras where he has spent the past two summers, will be keyman in the club set-up planned. See MARLIN CLUB, Page Eight

EARL DEAN, NEWSPAPERMAN, DIES IN MANTEO MONDAY

Earl Dean, 48, well-known newspaperman, historian and lover of historical things in the Coastland, died at 5 o'clock at his home in Manteo Monday morning after an illness of six months. He was a native of Elizabeth City, the son of the late Charles A. and Catherine Greenleaf Dean, and had made his home in Manteo for the past six years. He is survived by his wife, Mary Hayman Dean of Manteo.

He is survived by two brothers, Joe H. Dean of St. Petersburg, Fla. and C. A. Dean of Smithville, Fla.

Returning home from a newspaper assignment near Cape Cod last summer, he was stricken with an illness which proved to be from throat cancer, and he was treated in Duke Hospital for several months. After an operation, which left him speechless, he came home at Thanksgiving time with hopes of recovery of speech through therapy courses. He had expected to resume his newspaper writing this summer, and had accepted several assignments for this and other Coastland newspapers. He was an authority on coastland history and his collection on seashore events and history constitute exceptional memorabilia of shipwreck and human interest unexcelled in this state. Some months ago, Mr. Dean contributed this material to the library of the University of North Carolina.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. L. A. Aitken, Rev. George F. Hill of Elizabeth City, retired rector of Christ Episcopal Church of which the deceased was a member. A solo: Sunrise Tomorrow, was sung by John H. Long. The hymn, Abide with Me, by the choir, with Mrs. Rennie Williamson at the organ. Pallbearers were M. K. Fearing, Jr., J. O. Basnight, John Livesly, Frank Cahoon, C. S. Meekins and Victor Meekins. Burial was in the Manteo cemetery.