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ENTHUSIASM FOR CONVENTION HALL GENERATED THURS.

Breakfast Meeting Presents Program to Mainland and Roanoke Island Interests

At a breakfast meeting on Roanoke Island Thursday, December 14th, sponsored by the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce, and the Bank of Manteo, the plans for financing and construction of the Convention Center and Museum on the Dare Beach area was presented to business and professional men and women of the Roanoke Island and mainland area of Dare County.

Invitations were extended to members of various organizations on the island, and to Manteo Rotary Club and Manteo Woman's Club, as well as business interests, to view the proposed Convention Center plans, and to join in sponsoring the project through the sale of stock in the corporation.

Approximately thirty interested persons attended the meeting, and the plan was enthusiastically received by those present. During the current week, members of the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce and directors of the corporation have been contacting prospective investors on the beach area, and Thursday and Friday an effort will be made to acquaint the people of Roanoke Island and the mainland with the details of the project, its benefit to the county's economy, and its effectiveness in bringing new business to the entire area.

The corporation has an authorized stock of \$150,000.00 at \$100 per share, or a total issuance of 1500 shares. Efforts presently anticipate that \$100,000 stock funds will be sufficient to enable the group to borrow the additional capital for construction of the convention hall, museum, and related facilities. In excess of \$30,000 has been raised or pledged in the initial effort on the Dare Beaches, and sponsors are hopeful that the project can be assured of success early in 1962 upon completion of the present drive for stock sales.

SANFORD PRAISED GOV. AYCOCK AT YDC MEETING FRI.

In his address at the district YDC rally Friday night, Governor Terry Sanford extolled the late Governor Charles Brantley Aycock as the father of modern education in North Carolina. He also spoke of the State's past, current and proposed progressive movements, not only in education but in all fields of endeavors which have made and will continue to make North Carolina one of the nation's leaders.

In his introduction of the speaker, Joe Parker of Ahoskie, District YDC President, praised Governor Sanford for his "go forward" movements in North Carolina.

More than 150 persons attended the district rally which had been arranged by Mrs. Dorris Fry, president of the Dare County YDC.

Mrs. Fry gave much credit for the success of the rally to Woodson Fearing, Jr., vice president of the YDC of Dare and the club's secretary-treasurer John Wright, recently elected state YDC treasurer.

Dare Representative Keith Fearing introduced distinguished guests present which included State Highway Commission Chairman Merrill Evans, and Dr. Wallace Hyde, Robbinsville, who until recently was executive secretary of the North Carolina Democratic party.

Ned Everett of Representative Herbert C. Bonner's staff represented the First Congressional District leader who was unable to attend the rally due to previous commitments.

A SANTA CLAUS TOUR OF MANTEO FIRE DEPARTMENT PLANNED DECEMBER 23RD

Fire Chief Raymond Wescott of the Roanoke Island Fire Department says the 30 members of the department will repeat their annual Christmas party on December 23. Bags will be packed for children, and the fire truck and all the men will go down to Wanchese, stopping at Daniels Supermarket in the afternoon, after first making a stop in front of the Pioneer Theatre in Manteo. After leaving Wanchese, the firemen will stop in front of the Negro school. From their own funds allotted them for cleaning their clothes, the firemen will pay the cost of the bags to be given away.

Watch this paper next week for the hours at which the department will visit each place.

ENGELHARD'S RETIRING POSTMASTER IS FETED



On Saturday, a series of receptions and parties honoring Mrs. Trixie M. Matthews, retiring postmaster of Engelhard, was climaxed with a dinner given at Mattamuskeet Lodge in her honor by the postmasters of the First Congressional District, jointly in recognition of Sam Fowle, retiring Washington postmaster who was prevented from attending by illness. One of the chief speakers was R. Jack Williams, Field Services Officer of Raleigh. Roland Garrett of Elizabeth City, District Chairman of postmasters presided, and several gifts were presented Mrs. Matthews. Numerous speakers paid high tribute to her long and faithful service, and told of the high ideals to which she adhered during her 25-year career with the postal service, 23 years of which were spent in the Engelhard office. Previously, she had worked in the Bayboro postoffice. She was given a citation by the Postmaster General, which was presented by Mrs. Effie A. Brickhouse of Columbia. A third retiring postmaster who was recognized was Mrs. Grace Emerson of Rich Square, while another soon to retire is Calvin Payne of Stumpy Point who also attended. About 60 postmasters and their wives attended the elaborate seafood dinner prepared by Mrs. Charlie Cahoon, operator of the lodge.

NEWLY APPOINTED ACTING POSTMASTER AT ENGELHARD



MRS. HARRY GLYN JARVIS, 26 of Engelhard is now serving as acting postmaster at Engelhard, filling the place of Mrs. Trixie M. Matthews, who has retired this month at the end of 25 years of postal service, and who was honored at a luncheon given by the postmasters of the First District at New Holland Saturday. Mrs. Jarvis is the former Odessa Williams, daughter of Mrs. Whitfield Williams and the late Mr. Williams of Swan Quarter. She graduated from Swan Quarter High School in 1953 and worked with the FBI in Washington, D. C. until her marriage in 1954. Previous to her appointment in the postoffice, she worked as a secretary with the Engelhard Shrimp & Oyster Co. She has two children, Susan 6, and Harry 4. She is a member of the Engelhard Methodist Church.

MANTEO ROTARIANS HEAR SPEAKER ON CONSERVATION

Miss Lunette Barber, representing the Fish & Wildlife Commission of N. C. gave the Manteo Rotary Club a real treat in an address on conservation Monday night. Miss Barber, who travels widely, making speeches in the interest of conservation, made a most impressive appeal for the consideration of future generations by protecting our game birds and animals, fishes, water and soil resources. The program was arranged by Program chairman Bob Gibbs. At previous meetings Aycock Brown spoke on a recent trip to Mexico, and Linwood Cuthrell spoke on a convention attended at White Sulphur Springs, Va.

OPPOSITION ABOUT BOMBING RANGE IS SPREADING RAPIDLY

Many Thousand of Names On Appeal to Prevent Its Establishment in Hyde County

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, speaking before a large gathering of Hyde County citizens at the East Hyde school auditorium in Engelhard Thursday night, stated his position on why he objects to the Air Force locating a bombing range near here, and then answered questions and heard statements from members of the audience.

Mr. Bonner said in the beginning that there were no finer men than those who wear the uniforms of our Armed Services, and that he held all branches of the service in high esteem.

But he gave a three-fold reason for his strong objection to locating a bombing range near the Lake Mattamuskeet Wildlife refuge. Many thousands of names have been signed to petitions against the range.

In the first place, he pointed out that as chairman of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries committee of Congress he was responsible to the Fish and Wildlife service for the preservation and propagation of wildlife.

In the second place he pointed out that jets would have a diverse effect on the flight of migratory birds in the area, and he recalled the Back Bay and Upper Currituck experience; where migratory fowl were driven out by zooming planes.

In the third instance, the First District Congressman said that he had a personal interest in that he was getting to be a conservationist and had fought for conservation measures in the past and would continue to do so.

Mr. Bonner pointed to the millions being spent for the propagation of wild fowl and said that a treaty with Canada provided, to a certain extent, an obligation to provide sanctuary for migratory birds on the three flyways of the United States.

He said that the economy of the Hyde County area depended to a large extent on the income derived from sportsmen coming to the area to hunt during the wild fowl season.

He said that he had already received thousands of letters protesting the location of a bombing range in the area and called upon those present to register their objections by writing to the proper authorities, from the Secretary of the Armed Services, right on down the line.

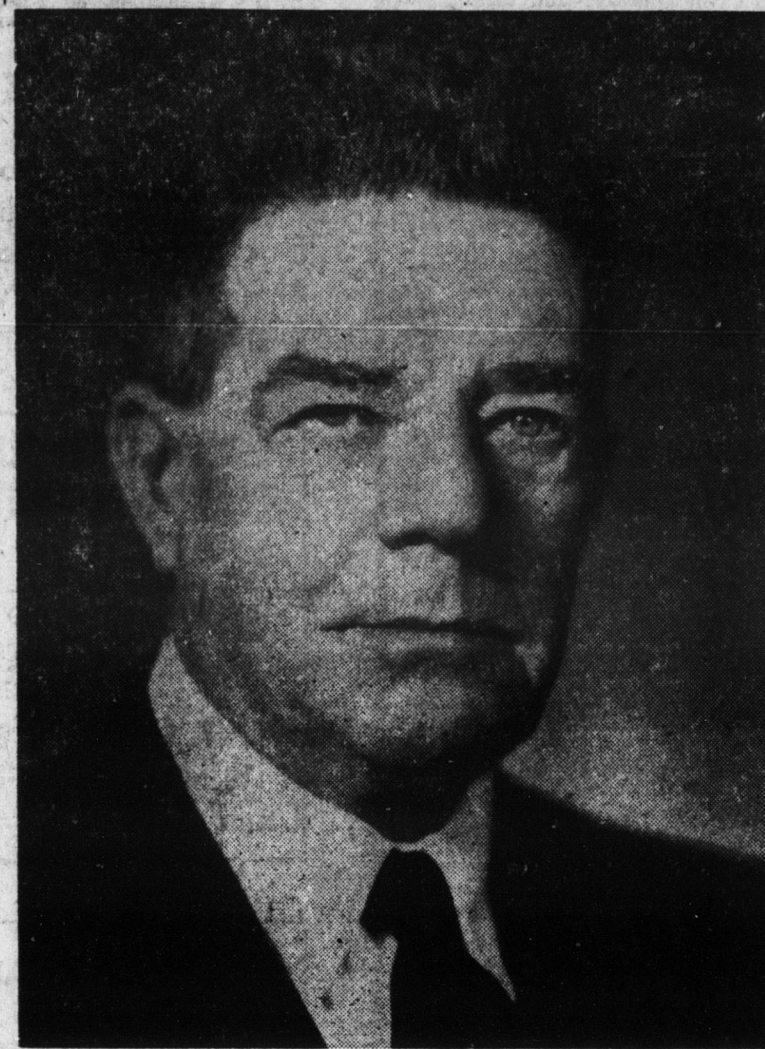
Following the meeting George Davis, Swan Quarter attorney, made a motion to continue the move in protesting the location of a bombing range in Hyde county, and the motion was unanimously passed by those in attendance.

Mr. Davis earlier expressed his objection to a bombing range by saying that the noise would do away with hunting, that tourist courts in the county depended on hunters, and that the economy would suffer.

Dr. Joe Liverman of Engelhard objected from the viewpoint of private plane owners and the hardship that already prevailed in that they have to receive clearance now to fly over an area from Mattamuskeet to Wilmington.

William C. Godsey, Jr., of Somers Point, said he was a patient for five weeks.

PAINTING OF WARREN TO BE UNVEILED SATURDAY



THE ABOVE LIKENESS OF Hon. Lindsay Carter Warren is to be unveiled Saturday morning during ceremonies at Kill Devil Hills, where it will remain on permanent display in the new air museum which was dedicated last year. Taking part in the ceremonies will be Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, who will pay tribute to Mr. Warren for his foresight and ability which successfully guided the legislation that made possible the Memorial to the Wright Brothers and the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, all of which have contributed immensely to the economic progress of the coastland.

BIDS INVITED FOR NEW POSTOFFICE IN MANTEO

Postoffice Department to Receive Bids Until January 15 for Construction of New Building With 3,180 Sq. Ft.

Notices were posted today inviting bids for construction of a new postoffice in Manteo, which would have 3,180 square feet of working space, with additional square feet of 218 ft. of platform space; and driveway, parking and maneuvering space of 12,410 square feet is desired. An area of 653 square feet for sidewalks and 483 feet for landscaping is also required.

Full details may be obtained from the postmaster in Manteo. Congressman Herbert C. Bonner announced this week that the successful bidder may enter into a lease with the Government for the property. If bids are not satisfactory, the postoffice department reserves the right to negotiate further with bidders for better terms. A bid bond guarantee of \$4,800 is required.

Further details may be obtained from Marvin W. Clem, real estate officer, Room 223, Postoffice, Charlotte, N. C. or the Manteo postmaster.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Herbert Bliven has returned from the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, where she was a patient for five weeks.

FALSE ACCUSATION OF MEN IN HIGH PLACES DEPLORED

Congressman Tells Engelhard Rotary Club Our Country May Have Hard Row Ahead in These Perilous Times

Warning against loose and false accusations against men in high places, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner Thursday night of last week told members of the Engelhard Rotary club that most men in public service are good people with high character.

"Of course there are some spotted apples in the barrel, but on the whole officials in all branches of the government are dedicated to the well-being of the country as you and I are," Mr. Bonner said.

The Congressman said it is ridiculous to accuse such men as past presidents and men of the clergy of disloyalty, cautioning against unfounded charges of disloyalty.

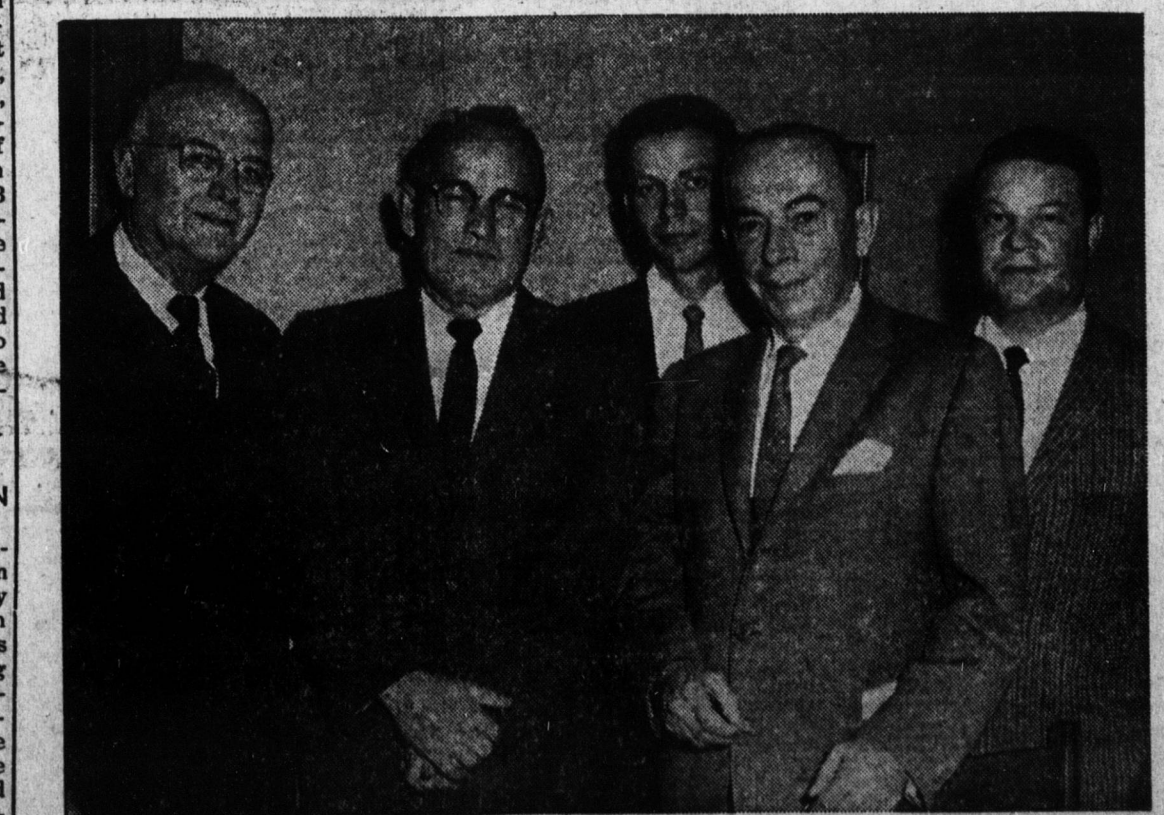
Mr. Bonner said Americans face a long road ahead in the pursuit of happiness as democracy takes on the challenges of the times. At the in sight to the problems that beset the nation and mankind.

He said the choices now seem to be appeasement or war, suicide or surrender, hallucinations or holocaust. But he added, efforts will go forward to find a way to solve the difficulties which beset a troubled world today.

The speaker was presented by Roy Lowe, program chairman.

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LEGISLATORS GATHER AT HYDE TO DISCUSS BOMBING RANGE



ENGELHARD ROTARY MEETING — Rep. Herbert C. Bonner addressed the Engelhard Rotary club Thursday night prior to a public meeting in the East Hyde school auditorium. On hand at the meeting were, left to right: State Senator P. D. Midgett of Engelhard; Hyde Rep. W. J. Lupton of Swan Quarter; Sherman Williams, president of the Engelhard Rotary club; Congressman Bonner, and Roy L. Lowe, who introduced Mr. Bonner.

HONORS SATURDAY FOR MAN WHO MADE POSSIBLE WRIGHT MEMORIAL AT KILL DEVIL HILLS

Celebration in Dare County During Naval Aviation's 50th Year Will Honor Great Public Servant Who Sponsored Legislation Which Gave the N.C. Coast Impetus in Its Recent Marvelous Development

PROGRAM IS SET FOR THE WRIGHT CELEBRATION SAT.

Complete program for the 58th anniversary ceremonies commemorating the Wright Brothers and their famous first powered flights at Kitty Hawk on Dec. 17, 1903, to be held this year on Saturday, December 16, has been announced by S. Wade Marr, Elizabeth City, president of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society.

The ceremonies this year are being held one day ahead of the actual celebration as December 17 falls on Sunday.

Marr announced that prior to the beginning of the morning program on the southwest patio of the Wright Brothers National Memorial Visitors Center, there would be a musical concert featuring Elizabeth City's famous high school band and majorettes, under direction of Scott C. Callaway.

The main program of the morning will get underway at 10:30 o'clock as follows:

Presiding, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner; Invocation by Rev. Harold McLaurin, pastor, Kitty Hawk Methodist Church; National Anthem, Miss Camille Elias, soloist, National Park Service, Elizabeth City High School Band, accompanying; Welcome, by David Stick, Kitty Hawk, chairman Dare County Board of Commissioners on behalf of county and the town of Kill Devil Hills; U. S. Navy and U. S. Air Force jet planes in memorial flyover, described by Ralph Whitener, National Aeronautic Association.

State Senator Lindsay C. Warren of Washington, N. C. will be honored during the ceremonies when his portrait to be displayed permanently in the Visitors Center is unveiled. Congressman Bonner and NPS Director Conrad Wirth will speak during this phase of the program. Following the program at the Visitors Center, wreaths will be placed at the base of the boulder marking the actual take-off site of the first flight 58 years ago. Grandchildren of eye-witnesses of the first flight and others usually place the wreaths.

The first flight of the Wright Brothers plane with Orville at the controls occurred here at 10:37 o'clock on the morning of December 17, 1903. In the Saturday program, Air Force and Navy jets traveling at super sonic speeds will fly over the site at 10:37 o'clock.

In comparison the first flight lasting 12 seconds covered only 120 feet at an estimated speed of only 32 miles an hour against headwinds estimated at 27 miles an hour.

Following the morning program the Wright Memorial Luncheon will be held at Dare County Shrine Club in Nags Head at 12:30 o'clock. With President Marr presiding, Senator N. Elton Aydtlett of Elizabeth City will be the toastmaster.

Rev. Robert S. Pullman, pastor of Bethany Methodist Church, Wanchese, will deliver the invocation and welcoming remarks will be by Melvin R. Daniels, member of the sponsoring society's board of directors. Senator Aydtlett will introduce special guests present and Miss Elias of the National Park Service will sing a solo accompanied by Richard Jordan at the piano.

Rear Admiral Jesse G. Johnson, USN (Retired) Norfolk, member of society's board of directors will introduce the luncheon's principal speaker, Vice Admiral Robert Burns Pirie, deputy chief of naval operations (air). Admiral Pirie, a gifted speaker, graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1926 and has had a brilliant aviation career in the Navy.

The events of Saturday arranged by the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society are being co-sponsored by National Park Service, Air Force Association and the National Aeronautic Association.

Among other special guests present will be Assistant Secretary of the Interior, John Carver; press representative of the Department of the Interior, Dick Rodgers; Assistant Directors of the National Park Service, Danile Beard and Clark Stratton; and Mr. Beard's son, Albert Beard.

The man whose vision and courage made possible the National Memorial to the founders of Aviation will be the guest of honor Saturday at ceremonies in the Wright Aviation museum at Kill Devil Hills. Hon. Lindsay C. Warren, who while a member of Congress in 1927, introduced the legislation creating the memorial will witness the unveiling of his portrait which will be a permanent part of the million dollar museum commemorating the achievement of the Wright Brothers on December 17, 1903.

The record of Mr. Warren's achievements and labors in behalf of the people of this area would fill many pages. It may be fully said of him that he has done more for eastern North Carolina than other one man. He did much in Congress to help the Coast Guard, to bring about National recognition for Fort Raleigh, to establish the Lost Colony. We are indebted to John Morgan, Washington, N. C. newspaper man for preparing part of the following record of Mr. Warren's achievements:

Began As Challenge

Lindsay Warren has devoted 45 years of his life to championing the cause of the Dare Coast area. It all began as a challenge.

People asked: "Why this so-called exceptional interest in Dare County?" and Mr. Warren's answer was this: "No other county in America can boast of the first English child being born on its soil."

This was the beginning of several challenging and sometimes fiercely-fought battles by Mr. Warren for the Dare Coast area.

Ambassador Speaks

Mr. Warren invited Sir Esme Howard, the British Ambassador, to speak at Fort Raleigh on August 18, 1926, at the occasion of the celebration of the birth of Virginia Dare. The movement for this great celebration was initiated by Victor Meekins and Mrs. Rennie Williamson of Manteo.

Fort Raleigh was then nothing but a wilderness, but 5,000 folks came to Roanoke Island by boat for this great occasion, which marked the first grand scale observance of Virginia Dare's birth.

After this, in 1927, Mr. Warren introduced a bill in Congress to create a memorial to the Wright Brothers, to be located on Kill Devil Hill.

At the time of the laying of the cornerstone for the Wright Memorial the Kugler road had not been completed; there was not a blade of grass on the beach nor any of the sand dunes; there were very few cottages in the old Nags Head section; and there were only three dilapidated old Coast Guard stations under which men, boats and horses had to abide.

Mr. Warren then initiated a program of getting up-to-date Coast Guard stations from the Virginia State line to Ocracoke. He has been endeared to the hearts of several generations of Coast Guardsmen who have a rich heritage along the Outer Banks.

Meantime, work was continuing on the Wright Memorial. Kill Devil Hill was anchored (stabilized) by the planting of grass, and with the completion of the new road the area began to develop and grow by leaps and bounds.

In 1937 Mr. Warren introduced in Congress a bill creating the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The Congressman was one of three men living today who founded the Lost Colony. (Paul Green, who wrote the symphonic drama, and R. Bruce Etheridge, veteran Dare County legislator, are the other two).

Mr. Warren prevailed upon President Franklin D. Roosevelt to come down to Roanoke Island and view the Lost Colony pageant. A special train with the President and his party stopped at Elizabeth City, and they made the remainder of the journey by boat. They returned at night by car over the Wright Memorial Bridge which had been built by enterprising Elizabeth City people, and was still a toll bridge.

President Roosevelt asked Mr. Warren to announce to the very large crowd of 7,500 people that he had signed the Warren Bill for the creation of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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