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MANY NOTABLES AT K.D.H. CEREMONIES HELD ON SATURDAY

Special Recognition Paid Lindsay
Warren; Adm. Pirie
Luncheon Speaker

The people of Dare County said "Thanks," to Lindsay Warren at Kill Devil Hill Saturday as they and many top brass of the aviation world observed the fifty-eighth anniversary of man's first powered flight.

While paying homage to Wilbur and Orville Wright, the Ohio brothers whose feat at Kill Devil Hill on Dec. 17, 1903, marked a turning point in world history, the people of this area paused to give special recognition to former Congressman Warren as the man most responsible for the Wright Memorial, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and restoration of Fort Raleigh on Roanoke Island.

A portrait of Warren, now state senator from Beaufort County, was unveiled at ceremonies held on the patio at the Visitors Center and Museum, near the monument and the big granite boulder marking the exact spot of the first flight.

The unveiling was done by Horace Dough, superintendent of the memorial; Elbert Cox, regional director of the Park Service; and Lindsay Warren Jr., son of the honored guest.

Rep. Herbert C. Bonner, who succeeded Warren in Congress, introduced the former U. S. comptroller general as "the daddy of the Wright Memorial."

Conrad Wirth, director of the National Park Service, commended Warren for the foresight he had 34 years ago that led to establishment of the national shrine.

The text of Mr. Wirth's address is printed separately in this paper. As the ceremony got under way, a flight of 12 of America's most formidable jet fighters and bombers made two sweeps at low altitudes past the monument and over the crowd gathered at the patio.

Though some of the planes were capable of 1,400-mile-an-hour speeds, the flyovers were held to less than half this speed, because at their altitude, top speeds would cause the glass-enclosed center to explode outward, from the vacuum created, the commentator explained.

The swift war planes were a mixture of Air Force and Navy. See CEREMONY, Page Four.

HEAVIEST TRAFFIC KNOWN IN MANTEO POSTOFFICE

First Class Mailings Jump to 7,000 in
a Day; Parcel Post Traffic
Heavy All Month

Traffic in the Manteo postoffice has reached its highest peak during the month of December according to figures compiled by the postmaster. Sales of postage during the month to date have climbed above \$26,000, money orders issued have been in excess of \$11,000, and C. O. D. packages received carried charges of over \$1,604 as of Wednesday this week.

Mailings of first class letters, principally Christmas greeting cards have totaled more than 47,000 since Dec. 10th, averaging more than 5,000 daily. Some days, mailings have reached 7,000 pieces according to the counter on the cancelling machine. Fees received by the postoffice for money orders issued came to \$130.25. Sales of stamps were \$500 in excess of those sold last year at this time.

In addition, the Manteo postoffice's biggest load comes from handling the large amount of parcel post and letters destined to all points in Dare County, and including Ocracoke Island. On some recent days, three truckloads have been sent down the outer banks, two extra trips to Wanchese; and extra trucks have been required to haul the mail coming into Manteo from the west, via Columbia.

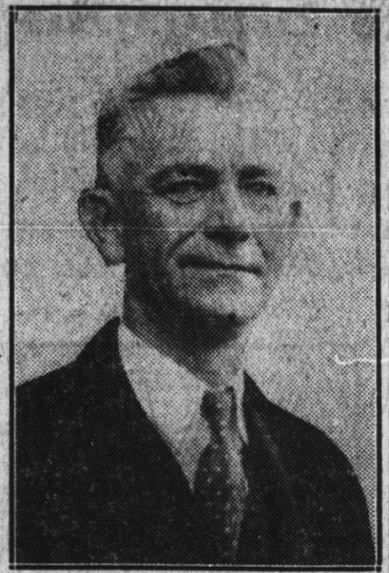
Nearly all the letters for all points in the county have to be sorted and dispatched in the Manteo office. There has been no increase in man hours, or additional clerk hire, despite the large increase in business, the postoffice reports.

AREA MERCHANTS SEND GREETINGS OF SEASON

Season's greetings are this week being extended by area businessmen, through columns of The Coastland Times. These messages, in many instances replacing or supplementing other forms of remembrance or expression at this season, are extended to all customers and friends of the merchants and business firms participating.

The Coastland Times join with the advertisers in wishing all a Joyous Christmas and Prosperous New Year. We urge you to read these greeting advertisements.

DAVIS RETIRING; TO RETURN TO DARE CO.



I. P. DAVIS, longtime director of Hertford County Department of Public Welfare, and prior to that holder of a similar post in Dare County, is retiring January 1st and plans to return to Roanoke Island. He announced plans recently to become engaged in real estate and insurance business. Mr. Davis is 73.

Miss Margaret Newbern of Ahoskie for several years a caseworker with the agency, has been named to head the Hertford County department which maintains offices in Winston. Davis has headed the agency since 1950 when he resigned the Dare County position.

At about the same time Davis announced intentions of retiring, he was named by Governor Sanford as a member of the Commission to Study Public Welfare Programs. Also named were State Sen. Dallas Alford of Rocky Mount, State Senator Worth Gentry of King, L. Stacey Weaver, Jr., a Fayetteville attorney, and Dr. Jack Wofford of Forest City.

In announcing the appointments, Governor Sanford said: "The basic status for our public welfare programs were enacted 25 years ago. At the time we were in the midst of a terrible depression. Today our economy is in good shape, but we are taking care of more than twice as many people today than we were in 1937.

"The 1961 General Assembly directed that a study commission be appointed to study all aspects of our public welfare programs. This is an appropriate time to undertake such a study, because conditions are different today than they were 25 years ago. A study, by impartial people, can make sure that our programs today meet with the approval of the public under present economic conditions, just as they met with the approval of people 25 years ago under conditions as they then existed.

"I have been assured by Mr. Howard Manning, Chairman of the State Board of Public Welfare, that the study commission will receive the full cooperation of the Board. And we can look forward to the results of the study with confidence in the work that the Commission will do."

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT WANTS NEW MANTEO P. O.

Proposition Offers Lease for Maximum
of 20 years For Modern Building
Adequate to Community's needs

The Post Office Department is seeking competitive bids for an improved building to house its postal operations at Manteo, North Carolina, Postmaster General J. Edward Day announced.

Under the Department's Lease Construction program, a contract will be awarded to the bidder who designates a building suitable to the Department's needs and agree to improve it (or provide a new building) according to departmental specifications and then lease it to the Department for a basic period of ten years, with two five-year renewal options.

The Department's capital investment will be limited substantially to postal equipment. The building will remain under private ownership, with the owner paying local real estate taxes.

Bidding documents may be obtained from Marvin W. Clem, Regional Real Estate Officer, Post Office Department, Room 223, Post Office, Charlotte 2, North Carolina. The Regional Real Estate Officer will supply bidding forms, specifications, lease provisions and other information. Bids must be submitted to the Regional Estate Officer by January 15, 1962.

SANTA HAS HYDE ON SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Santa Claus will visit Swan Quarter, Engelhard, Fairfield and Sladesville, Saturday, December 23, 1961, if weather permits.

National Park Service Director Reviews History at Unveiling of Warren Portrait

Conrad L. Wirth's Remarks Saturday Bring Back Old Memories
of Problems Attendant to Travel During Days When Ground-
work Was Being Laid for Wright Memorial

One of the distinct pleasures of being Director of the National Park Service is the opportunity to visit some of our Nation's most significant historic memorials. It isn't always possible to be present for commemorative anniversaries, but the annual celebration of the first powered flight here at Wright Brothers National Memorial is one I seldom miss. While Kitty Hawk is not far from Washington, the reason I make every effort to come each year is because two young men accomplished a miracle here that has shaped the Twentieth Century.

Historians say that an event should not be counted as history until it has had 50 or 100 years to prove itself. The Wright Brothers certainly upset that theory. Most people in this Country within a mere decade after the event were aware that Wilbur and Orville Wright had written history on the sands at Kitty Hawk.

Less than 25 years after Orville's flight, the Congress of the United States passed a law which set aside Kill Devil Hill as a National Memorial. Getting such a bill passed into law during those years, when aviation was still quite young, demanded a sponsor whose vision and foresight could pierce the veil of man's ultimate rendezvous with space. That man is with us today.

Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, more than any other person, is responsible for assuring that this very spot—where the world's first powered airplane left the ground in successful flight—will always be protected and preserved. He introduced the bill which resulted in the establishment of the Wright Brothers National Memorial. President Coolidge signed it into law on March 2, 1927.

It was no "shoo-in" piece of legislation; there were those who opposed it. Its opponents foresaw "difficulties over the inaccessibility

SANTA'S SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED FOR SAT.

Santa Claus' schedule for Roanoke Island this Saturday has been announced as follows: In Manteo near Pioneer Theatre, 2 p.m.; colored school at 3 p.m.; near Holiness church in Wanchese, 4 p.m. The genial gentleman from the north is being assisted by Manteo Fire Department members, who have prepared favors to be distributed. All children are urged to keep close watch Saturday at specified times.

MANTEO COUPLE TO OBSERVE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Midgett, Sr., of Manteo will celebrate their Golden Wedding on December 27, with Open House at their home. Hours will be from seven until nine o'clock in the evening, and all their friends are invited to call.



CONRAD L. WIRTH

of Kitty Hawk" and were unimpressed with the site for the proposed memorial. They concluded that the isolated Kitty Hawk would "never be a populous place."

But Lindsay Warren was more optimistic. He foresaw a bridge which someday would be built across Currituck Sound. He foresaw that a road to the Kitty Hawk section would someday cause this area to be a popular beach resort.

The people, not only of this great state of North Carolina, but of the entire Nation, are grateful that Congressman Warren looked ahead with such clarity. This is a populated area today—so populated, in fact, that these 425 acres would now be dotted with beach homes and commercial establishments had not these acres been set aside under the provisions of the Warren bill which—when enacted into law—preserves this birthplace of world aviation for all time.

I mentioned that I hadn't missed many of the commemorative events held here at Wright Brothers National Memorial. There was one, however, that I did miss, and I want to tell you about it. It will help you to know a little better the character and the foresight of Lindsay Warren.

Lindsay, do you remember a journey which you and about two hundred other dignitaries made to this very spot exactly 33 years ago? The occasion was the 25th Anniversary of Powered Flight. You were then the National Advisory Council Chairman of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association. In that Association were some of this Nation's most outstanding men.

Normally, mentioning a lot of names is an uninteresting thing to do but these are names that cannot be overlooked. Among those who supported Lindsay Warren and his efforts more than a quarter century ago were:

William Randolph Hearst of New See WARREN, Page Four

SNOW GEESE, A POPULAR SIGHT ON OUTER BANKS

Participate in Celebration at Kill
Devil Hills; Look Forward to
Old Christmas

By MIRIAM RABB
State News Bureau

The 6,400-bird question has residents and visitors scanning the skies and marshes on North Carolina's Outer Banks islands.

Will the flock of almost 7,000 Greater Snow Geese now in residence at Pea Island Refuge in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore depart for their northern homes on Old Christmas as they usually do, or stay until March as they did in 1961?

Old Christmas is celebrated January 5 on Hatteras. On that date, the big white birds customarily fly northward from Pea Island, where they arrived each November.

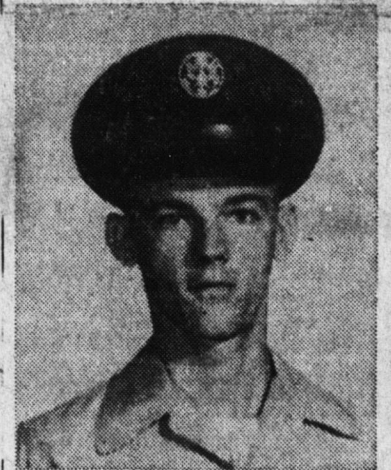
While the Snows arrived on schedule this year, with the largest contingent winging in on November 11, their unprecedented decision to extend their 1960-61 sojourn at the Refuge has the experts refusing to predict what the geese will do when January 5, 1961, rolls around.

"I've been here too long to make a prediction, even though I saw them leave on schedule for 50 years before 1961," says one Hatteras islander.

"You could just about set your clock by them before," laments a local birdwatcher. "We used to say they carried their calendars with them. But they certainly did fool us this past spring."

Meanwhile, on the salt marshes of Pea Island Refuge and the ponds near Bodie Island Lighthouse, the Snow Geese are happily feasting on cord grass and making spectacular flight formations in the winter sun. See GEESE, Page Four

BUXTON AIRMAN GOING TO NEBRASKA BASE



AIRMAN THIRD CLASS GLENN C. GRAY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Clark of Buxton, is being assigned to Lincoln AFB, Neb., for training as a base fuel supply specialist. He recently completed United States Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

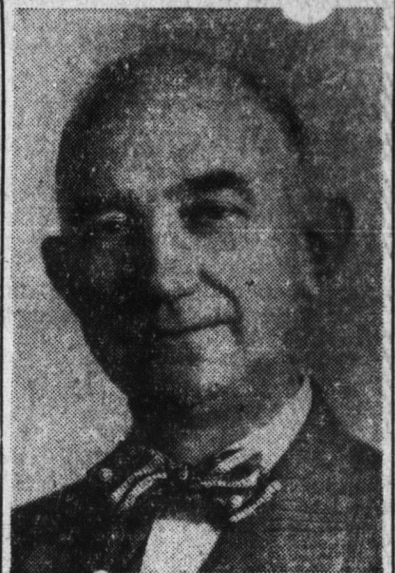
Airman Gray attended Cape Hatteras High School.

NEW MANTEO WOMAN'S CLUB OFFICERS INSTALLED



NEW OFFICERS OF THE MANTEO WOMAN'S CLUB were installed last week by Mrs. Dennis Evans, former president, at a dinner meeting at which husbands were special guests. Shown above, left to right, are Mrs. Evans, installing; Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Jr., president; Mrs. Sally Bardin, vice-president; Mrs. Gus Etheridge, treasurer; Mrs. W. W. Harvey, Jr., member-at-large; and Mrs. H. A. Creef, Jr., recording secretary. Mrs. Annie Sapone, corresponding secretary, was not present when the picture was made. The dinner was held at the Manteo Motel Restaurant. Mrs. Jack Tillett presided, and presented Mrs. Evans with a gift for her service and loyalty to the club. Mrs. Harvey presented a gift of silver to Mrs. Tillett, retiring president. Santa Claus visited the group and left gifts for the men present. Door prizes were won by Mrs. Gus Etheridge, Mrs. Madeline Morales, Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Jr., and Mrs. Sally Bardin. (Aycock Brown Photo)

EDMUND H. HARDING TO ADDRESS MANTEO ROTARY



EDMUND H. HARDING the celebrated Washington, N. C. humorist is to be the feature speaker at the Ladies night meeting of the Manteo Rotary Club on Tuesday night, January 23, when the 25th anniversary of the chartering of the club will be observed. Many guests will be expected from the Columbia, Engelhard, Plymouth and Elizabeth City clubs. The Manteo club was organized by Elizabeth City Rotarians. The Engelhard club celebrated its 25th anniversary last year.

FRACTURED JAW THE RESULT OF 3-WAY AFFECTION

Two cases were heard in Dare County Recorder's Court this week by Judge W. F. Baum, one involving a dispute over the affections of a lady friend. Blair Savage was charged with assault upon Clayton Bowser, inflicting serious injuries with fists, and stomping him about the face while he was on the ground. Bowser came out of the fracas with a fractured jaw, requiring considerable medical attention.

Savage pleaded not guilty but was found guilty and sentenced to 4 months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs to the court; and another \$50 contribution toward medical bills of Bowser.

The other case involved a speeding charge against Charles Rollins Grandy of Virginia Beach, Va., who was charged with speeding 70 m. p. h. in a 55 zone. He pleaded not guilty, but was found guilty and fined \$15 plus court costs. Appeal was noted for appearance in May Superior Court with bond fixed at \$100.

Submissions during the past week are as follows, court costs being imposed in addition to fine:

Lloyd Curtis Beasley, Nags Head, speeding, \$10.

Joseph Alfred Daniels, Manteo, improper passing, \$10.

Ellis Foy Hudson, Rodanthe, no brakes, \$10.

Robert Sanderlin, possessing unculled oysters and offering same for sale, \$10.

Merriest Edward Simpson, Wanchese, engaging in an affray at Nas Head, \$10.

FORMER MANTEO MAN DIES IN ACCIDENT

Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Mitchell of Manteo is Auto Victim in Georgia

Morris Chester Mitchell, 34, Coast Guard chief boatswain's mate, died Friday in an auto accident in Brunswick, Ga.

He was a native of Old Trap, N. C., and was in the Coast Guard 15 years. He was stationed aboard a Coast Guard vessel based in Savannah, Ga. at the time of his death.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin C. Mitchell of Manteo, his wife, Mrs. Helen Arthur Mitchell of Savannah, Ga.; two daughters, Miss Margaret Mitchell and Miss Diane Mitchell of Savannah; a son, Morris C. Mitchell Jr. of Savannah; three brothers, Edmond C. Mitchell of Portsmouth, Va., Emmitt D. Mitchell of McKinney, Tex., and Sp.5 Fleetwood Mitchell of Ft. Campbell, Ky.; three sisters, Mrs. Doris Walker of Manteo, Mrs. Joyce Cuthrell of Portsmouth and Miss Florence E. Mitchell of Norfolk; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah F. Pugh of Princess Anne, Va.

A funeral service was held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in Adair Funeral Home at Beaufort. Burial was in Beaufort.

DRAFT BOARD CLOSED

Local Board No. 28, Selective Service, in Manteo, will be closed from 12:30 Friday, December 22, until January 1, 1962, according to announcement this week by Mrs. McCoy Tillett, Jr., clerk.

DARE OVER ITS GOAL IN DRIVE FOR RED CROSS

Generous Spirit Exhibited for Wor-
thy Cause in Raising
Nearly \$1,200

Dare County went over its goal in the recent Red Cross drive for funds, raising a total of \$1,083.96, some \$72 above the amount being sought to maintain good standing for the county. The complete report following was prepared by Mrs. Virginia Davis of Wanchese, regional fund chairman for the area embracing Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Currituck counties, whose contacts throughout the area proved valuable in this cause:

MANTEO \$334.83 — Chairman, Mrs. E. E. Meekins; Co-workers — Mrs. Horace T. Gaskins, Mrs. Wilma C. Jones, Mrs. Wynne C. Dough, Mrs. G. Linwood Cuthrell, Mrs. Edie Burgess, Mrs. M. L. Daniels Jr., Mrs. D. Creedon Middett, Mrs. John B. Peterson, Mrs. A. H. Ward Jr., Mrs. Eugene Kennedy, Mrs. William M. Cox, Mrs. Bill Shannon, Mrs. Roy Gray, Mrs. John Ferebee, John D. O'Neal.

MANTEO COLORED \$71.50 — Chairman, Mrs. Agatha Gray; Co-workers — Miss Mattie Simmons, Mrs. Earlene Simmons, Mrs. Edna McCleave.

MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL \$22.20

MANTEO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL \$42.91.

ROANOKE SCHOOL \$9.10.

KITTY HAWK SCHOOL \$12.10.

CAPE HATTERAS SCHOOL \$28.36.

WANCHESE \$70.96 — Chairman, Mrs. Reggie Tillett; Co-workers, Sandy Tillett, Myrtle Meekins, Myra Daniels, Sheila Tillett, Myrna Owens, Dixie Davis, Betty Lou Stetson, Cathy Daniels, David Underdown, Laurette Etheridge.

STUMPY POINT \$22.16 — Chairman, Mrs. Leland Wise; Co-worker, Mrs. Linda Barbee.

EAST LAKE \$9.25 — Chairman, Mrs. Minnie L. Spruill.

MANN'S HARBOR \$28.14 — Chairman, Mrs. Betty Twiford; Co-worker, Mrs. Marie Wheeler.

DUCK \$7.50 — Chairman, Elmo Whitson.

KITTY HAWK BEACH \$30.50 — Chairman, Mrs. Minnie Lee Toler.

KITTY HAWK VILLAGE \$48.00 — Chairman, Mrs. Virgie P. Cox.

KILL DEVIL HILLS \$54.14 — Chairman, Mrs. Carrie B. Dunbar.

COLINGTON \$22.35 — Chairman, Mrs. Ruby Basnight.

NAGS HEAD \$59.00 — Chairman, Mrs. Jean Berry; Co-worker, Sherre Johnson.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE \$21.75.

RODANTHE \$11.25 — Chairman, Mrs. Nora Herbert.

WAVES \$14.50 — Chairman, Mrs. Asa H. Gray Jr.

SALVO \$7.75 — Chairman, Mrs. Betty F. O'Neal.

AVON \$43.75 — Chairman, Mrs. Veda Rose Merrill.

BUXTON \$48.87 — Chairman, Mrs. Harry D. Lange.

FRISCO \$31.55 — Chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Stowe.

HATTERAS \$31.45 — Chairman, Mrs. Rose B. Gray; Co-workers, Geraldine Meekins and Linda Austin.

MANTEO LIONS DANCE AT NAGS HEAD SAT.

An entertaining pre-Christmas party is being shaped up by members of the Manteo Lions Club this week, and Saturday night's affair at the Shrine Club, Nags Head, is likely to be loaded with a big surprise. Local club members are selling tickets at \$1 per person, and advise that several special awards will be presented.

The dance begins at 9:30; proceeds from same will support the club's improvement projects. This party has been sponsored annually for a long time by the Lions, except last year when Manteo Woman's Club shouldered the burden.

ANYONE LOST LOWER FALSE TEETH SET?

Corbett Payne, Jr., of Wanchese made an unusual catch last Saturday while oystering in noke Island. He brought aboard a set of lower false teeth, apparently in good condition excepting a few discolorations where barnacles had begun to grow. Payne estimated they had been in the water several months, presumably lost by a sport fisherman. There is further speculation that they came from a drowned person, and may have drifted a long distance before lodging in the oyster bed.

Anyone in position to identify them may get in touch with Payne.