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FOR FLIGHT ANNIVERSARY

TWO BANQUETS SIMULTANEOUSLY NECESSITATED BY BIG DEMAND

The banquet for the 60th Anniversary of Powered Flight has grown to such proportions that there will be two banquets. Banquet No. 1 will be held on the second floor of the Carolinian in Nags Head. And Banquet No. 2 will be held in the Ocean Room of the John Yancey Motor Hotel in Kill Devil Hills.

There will be two of every thing except Jack Gross, Gov. Sanford and Secretary Hodges. At the Carolinian S. Wade Marr, president of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society will be the toastmaster and Reverend Kenneth Whitney, pastor of St. Andrews-By-the-Sea, will give the invocation. At the Yancey the toastmaster will be A. Clark Stratton, asst. Director of the National Park Service. The invocation will be given by Rev. Peter M. Denges, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Kill Devil Hills. Continuing in two performances, the guests will be welcomed at the Carolinian by Melvin R. Daniels, Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society. At the John Yancey, State Senator N. Elton Aydlott will welcome the banqueters.

There will also be two awarding of citations ceremonies but the awards will all be made by the same man, Gov. Terry Sanford of North Carolina. Gov. Sanford will make the first awards at the Carolinian, then while Jack Gross, Chairman of the Board; An Force Association is introducing the speaker of the evening, Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges and Governor Sanford will journey up the beach to the John Yancey and make other awards of citations there.

Mr. Gross will slip out of the Carolinian to fellow Gov. Sanford to the John Yancey. He will again introduce Secretary Hodges to the banqueters at the Yancey. Secretary Hodges, having followed the governor and Mr. Gross to the Yancey, will make another speech to the folks at banquet No. 2.

As Secretary Hodges leaves the Carolinian introduction of the distinguished guests present will be made. Then John Wil-

HYDE COUNTY EMBARKS UPON SCHOOL BUILDING

In a major construction program which will carry Hyde County into a massive program of school construction, the Hyde County Board of Education approved contracts totaling \$695,495.45 Monday, Dec. 9th.

A major phase of the program will be the consolidated school between Swan Quarter and Engelhardt to cost \$519,892.80.

The consolidated school will contain 12 elementary classrooms, six high school classrooms, science room, shop and agricultural room and home economics classroom, administrative offices, library, lunchroom and gymnasium.

The school will be located on a site presently owned by the Board of Education.

The school will serve all mainland white children of Hyde County. They presently attend schools at Engelhardt and Swan Quarter.

Contracts approved Monday also included six additional classrooms and multi-purpose building at Davis High School at Engelhardt for \$101,120.25.

Work at O. A. Peay School at Swan Quarter will include the addition of a shop and agricultural classroom, multi-purpose building, renovation of the present all-purpose room being converted to a dining room and one classroom. Total cost is \$75,482.40.

The projects were the culmination of a \$500,000 bond issue approved May 25 when consolidation also was approved.

A \$55,000 loan was approved by the State Board of Education.

The board of education had on hand \$138,000 in unused funds from a State bond election in 1953. The money was not spent because of the fight over consolidation that halted the consolidated school plans.

liams Andrews, author of "First Flight" is scheduled to speak "Words of Peace" to those assembled to pay tribute to the Wright Brothers on this 60th Anniversary of Powered Flight.

After Andrews concludes, historical flight movies will be shown.

Up at the John Yancey the speech of Secretary Hodges will be immediately followed by historical flight movies.

Both banquets are scheduled to be over by 10 p.m.

17 POSTMASTERS HAVE SERVED IN MANTEO P.O.

Was Established in 1870 at
Time County Was Formed
93 Years Ago

Since a post office was established in Manteo on May 9, 1870—93 years ago, 17 persons have served as postmaster, the first being J. Henry Leunhouser, a school teacher who came to Dare County, (which had been formed in the same year), from New Jersey and married a sister of Wilson Sutton, who was well known as a land surveyor. He held the office until January 31, 1872 and was succeeded by Alack J. Hubbard, another school teacher who had come here and married Mr. Leunhouser's sister-in-law. He gave up the office within seven months to John Q. Homer, who was quite a political figure in his day, and after serving as postmaster for 14 months became Sheriff of Dare County, which office he held for many years. He was the maternal grandfather of Victor Meekins, the present postmaster.

Upon the retirement of Mr. Homer, Martha V. Etheridge became postmistress, and she held the office from October 24, 1873 until January 8, 1885, which was more than 11 years and the longest period any of her predecessors had served. Mrs. Etheridge was a sister of the late William Brinkley, who was a strong political figure in the early history of the county, and was the wife of J. W. Etheridge, for many years Supt. of the Life Saving Service.

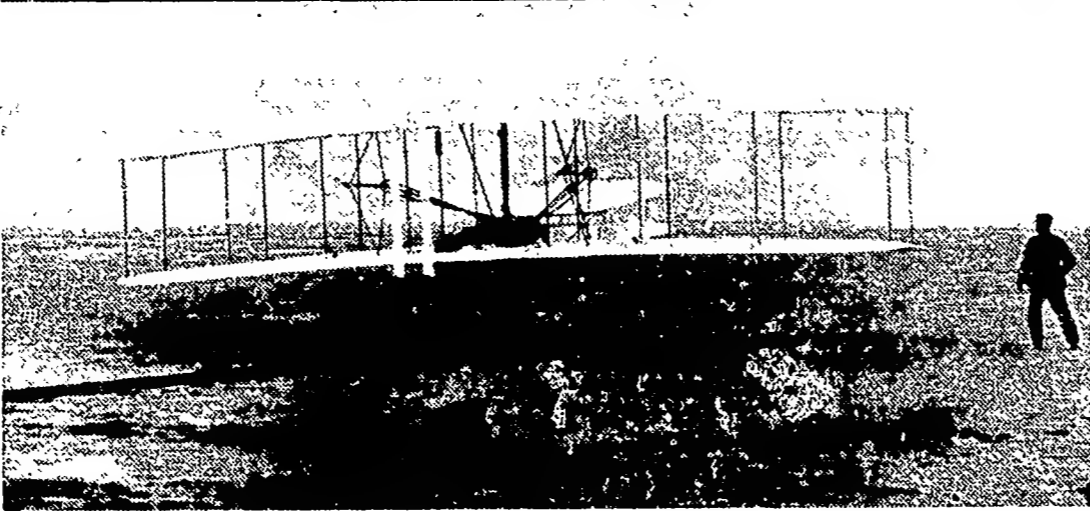
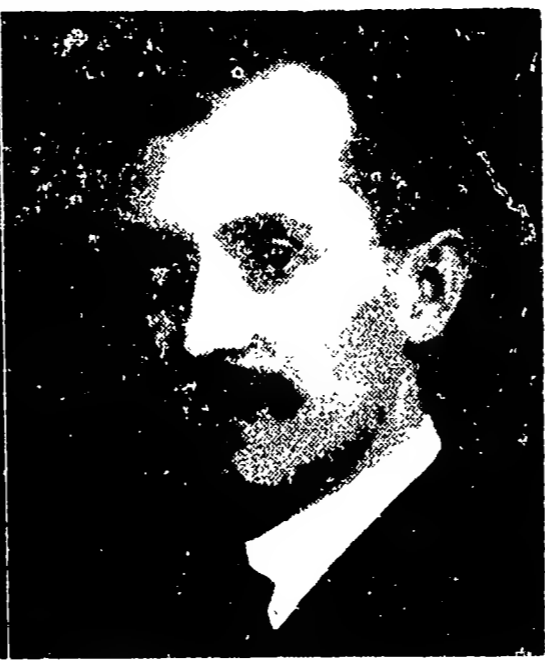
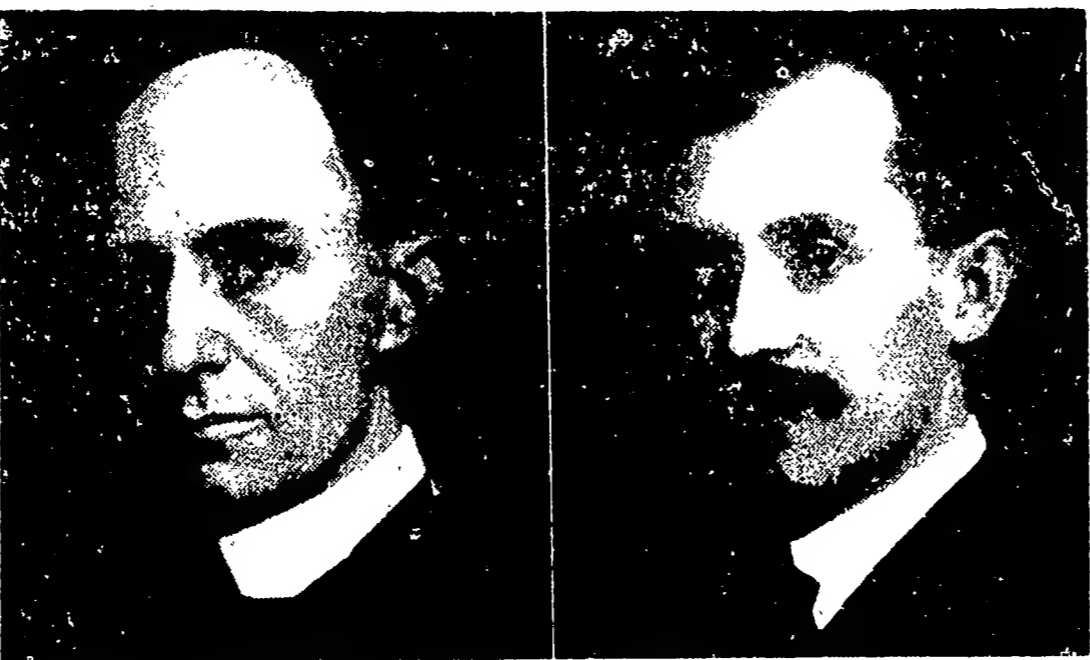
On January 8, 1885, Richard C. Evans, a prominent Manteo merchant and business leader for many years, took over as postmaster and held the office nearly six years, retiring December 31, 1890. Mr. Evans was succeeded by Mrs. Sarah A. Gray, the wife of a lawyer named Jim Gray, who taught school and practiced law in Dare County in his day.

On December 21, 1892, Mrs. Gray was succeeded by her brother, William J. Griffin, long time business man in Manteo, and he held the office nearly five years, being succeeded on June 7, 1879 by Courtland B. Blyven. Mr. Blyven during his lifetime held various county offices, and he gave up the office on December 21, 1889 to Jabez B. Jennette, who had recently moved to Manteo from Buxton.

On February 16, 1935, Mr. Jennette gave up the office to Ornstow J. Jones and removed to Washington, D. C., where he made his home until his death. Mr. Jones held the office eight years, lacking a few months, and on May 7, 1914, R. Bruce Etheridge was appointed postmaster. On June 31, 1922, Roscoe C. Jones was appointed postmaster and he served until about a year after Franklin D. Roosevelt came into office. Charles R. Evans was appointed and served until January 1, 1955. On this date Ray W. Jones was named Acting Postmaster, and served until November 6, 1957, except for an interval of a few days when Ralph Swain was made Acting Postmaster.

Mr. Benjamin F. Shannon came in then and served until March 23, 1950, dying while in office. Mrs. Josie J. Ferebee was named Acting Postmaster March 23, 1950 and served until March 28, 1952 when D. V. Meekins was appointed May 28, acting postmaster and was confirmed as postmaster by the Senate on October 8, 1952 and has served in that capacity ever since. Like his grandfather, he had served as Sheriff of Dare County, during the 17-year period from 1928 to 1945, having at that time held the office longer than any of his predecessors.

THE WRIGHT BROTHERS AND THEIR FIRST AIRPLANE



WILBUR AND ORVILLE WRIGHT, who flew the first airplane 60 years ago, on December 17, 1903, at Kill Devil Hill, Kitty Hawk, are shown above. Wilbur left, Orville right. Below they are shown with their first airplane, an exact reproduction of which will be presented to the Visitors Center at the Wright Memorial, Kill Devil Hills.

TWO AREA MEN ON FISHERIES BOARD



STATE SENATOR P. D. MIDGETT, JR., of Engelhardt and Dare Representative Moncie L. Daniels, Jr., have been named by Governor Terry Sanford to serve on a nine-man Commercial Fisheries Study Commission, established by the 1963 General Assembly to improve the commercial fishing economy of North Carolina.

Also named to the commission were Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research at Morehead City and a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Dr. Karl M. Wilbur, director of Duke University Marine Laboratory at Beaufort; Dr. Frank B. Thomas, Food Science Extension specialist at North Carolina State of the University of North Carolina at Raleigh; David L. Beveridge, commercial fisherman of Beaufort; Otis Purfoy, commercial and sports fishing operator of Morehead City; James T. Barnes, Southampton commercial fisherman; State Representative Hugh A. Ragadale of Richlands.

The Governor appointed Mr. Ragadale as chairman.

NAGS HEAD NEEDS INFO FROM PROPERTY OWNERS FOR METER INSTALLATION

The Water department of Nags Head is having its problems. And is about to start playing guessing games. Every tax bill also included an application for tying in to the new water system. The applications are being returned with the eyes checked. . . . And, according to Mayor W. A. Williams, that is all. More is needed.

What Mayor Williams would like to receive from each property owner is information as to the exact location of the property, where the owner would like to have the meter located and the size of the service line desired. The size of the service lines differs from the three-quarter inch line which serves from one to six cottages on the two inch line that will take care of from 36 to 90 units. In between these sizes are the one inch for 6 to 18 units or cottages, and the one and one half inch service line which will take care of from 18 to 36 units.

An interesting sidelight of this service line and meter installation is that many who have land but no buildings as yet are having the service lines installed.

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EDUCATION BOARD ADOPTS STRINGENT ABSENTEE POLICY

The Board of Education on December 9th adopted a series of new rules, regulations and policies, including a stringent absentee policy, for a general discussion of future building plans for Dare County schools.

At the same meeting bids for the 32 x 16 storage building to be constructed at Kitty Hawk were opened. Robert Balance of Manteo was awarded the contract for a low bid of \$1,878.74. The building is to be of galvanized metal walls and roof with a cement floor.

Rules were formulated for the use of school phones by school personnel and the use of school buildings for various kinds of activities.

A new and more stringent ruling was made in regard to absence from school. From now on the only excused absence will be for a death in the family or illness. All other absences will result in a mark of zero which may not be made up.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Hemilwright of Manteo were appointed as the new custodian and housekeeper for the Manteo High School to fill the vacancies left by the death of George Hale Quidley and the resignation of Mrs. Quidley.

The meeting was attended by all five members of the board: Jack Cahoon, William Dixon, Charlie Williams, Floyd L. Hooper, Mrs. Milton Perry and Mrs. Dennis Evans, Superintendent of Schools, who also acts as Clerk of the Board of Education.

SEAT BELTS SAVE HATTERAS PAIR SERIOUS INJURY

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Peele of Hatteras were bound for Norfolk Wednesday morning at around 7:30 a.m. to do some Christmas shopping. They had reached the Nags Head By-Pass and were proceeding north when they were forced off the road by another car. The Pele car turned over twice, but because they had their seat belts snug neither Mr. nor Mrs. Peele was seriously injured.

Mrs. Peele did receive brush burns on both hands, contused lacerations of the right knee. This injury required stitches at the doctor's office.

But it is the opinion of the investigating officer, State Highway Patrolman H. W. Pridgen, that the proper use of safety belts saved the Peeles from far more serious injury than they received.

JURY LIST FOR JANUARY COURT TERM IS DRAWN

Civil Defense Plans Aired, Necessity For Tax Map Stress-ed As Commissioners Meet

Meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3 and 4, the County Board of Commissioners drew the jurymen lists for the January 1964 term of Superior Civil Court. Out of the list of 80 names drawn, 41 are women.

First Week:
Manteo: Fred Etheridge, Nora Mann, Adam D. Etheridge, Hal Stanley Ward, Leonard Midgett, Charles Warden Doug, E. E. Meekins, Helen Farrow, Margaret Tillett, Ruby Ludwig.

Nags Head: Pearl L. Wise, Mrs. Gaston B. Mann, Edward R. Reber, C. H. White, Mary A. Crocker, Lucille G. Jenette.

Kill Devil Hills: Goldie W. Melson, Allen W. Beasley, Carrie Baum Dunbar, Cletus J. Gilley.

Avon: Noah E. Price, Percy Davis Williams.
Buxton: Charles F. Gray
Hatteras: Nelson Myron Stone, Genevieve Foster, Lucy A. Hallam, Genevieve Foster, Stumpy Point: Goldie Best, R. Dewey Wise.

Mashoes: Bethel Twiford;
Manns Harbor: Mabel Littlejohn, Mary H. Greaf, Florence Jones.
Kitty Hawk: Arnold Perry, Thos. S. Beals, R. J. Julia U. Haywood, Adolphus F. Haas, Henry C. Hayward, Sr., R. W. Wanchese: Marie Tillett, Ivy Daniels.

Second Week:
Manteo: Bernice Dowdy, Carrie Golden, Edith Quidley Harvid, Thomas A. Basnight, Sr., Osvald, O'Neal, Salina Midgett, Roy Basnight, Nancy J. Mann, Ola Austin, Robert Willis Wise, Augustus Etheridge.

Waves:
Aethna Meekins, Walker B. Scarborough, Carnegie O'Neal, Edith Scarborough.
Rodanthe: Marvin Toler;
Avon: George Price, Willis A. Gray;

Hatteras: Harold Stowe;
Rodanthe: Marvin Toler;
Buxton: Irene Midgett;
Salvo: Graves Midgett;
Duck: Leona Scarborough.
Kitty Hawk: Mary Hines, Phyllis S. Steck, Rt. 2, Rae D. Meekins, Rt. 2, Mrs. Charlie W. Perry, Florine Williams;

Wanchese: Clarence Royden Tillett, Malcolm S. Daniels, Lillie Overcash;
Manns Harbor: John Edward Cain, Mrs. James Mann, Grace Mann;

Nags Head: Mrs. Troy Sheppard, Mrs. Ann Gray;
Stumpy Point: Boris Meekins, Wilma Midgett, Josephine Wise;
Kill Devil Hills: Genes Fay, Beasley.

A general discussion was held on specific items in the permanent agenda on Waterways and Harbors in Dare County with the purpose of examining into See MEET, Page Six

THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE

BLOODMOBILE IS COMING TO MANTEO; GIVE A GIFT TO MANKIND THIS YEAR

The Bloodmobile will be at the Manteo High School, Wednesday, December 18th, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. . . . This is a singularly appropriate time for the giving of blood that will aid those who are ill to go on living. This is the season of giving. The season of celebrating the birth of the One who gave not only His blood but His very life that the world might live.

THUNDERBIRD FLYOVER TO PROVIDE EXCITEMENT AT 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Modern Planes Will Be In Sharp Contrast To Reproduction of Wright Plane To Be Dedicated on Same Day; Najeeb Halaby, FAA, and Conrad Wirth, NPS, Will Share Speechmaking

WILL PRESIDE AT
TUESDAY LUNCHEON



S. WADE MARR of Elizabeth City, president of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association, will preside at the luncheon meeting on Tuesday, December 17.

BIG BONNER BRIDGE BRINGS INCREASE IN ISLAND VISITORS

No longer is Hatteras Island a place to be seen across the waters of Oregon Inlet. It is a place to be visited and visited. The new Bonner Bridge, bridge spanning Oregon Inlet has increased traffic to and from Hatteras Island and also resulted in increased visitation to Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Pea Island National Refuge where more than 10,000 Greater American Snow Geese are now to be seen on their principal and most southerly winter feeding area.

With 33,691 visitors counted during the past month National Park Service officials noted an 86.7 percent increase over November 1962. The November figures reflected that a total of 842,086 persons had visited the National Seashore during the first 11 months of 1963—a 34.2 percent increase over the same period last year.

During the first week the new bridge was open 3,885 cars carrying 8,920 persons entered the National Seashore from Nags Head area.

This was a 28 percent increase over the seven days immediately prior to the opening of the new Bonner bridge to traffic, when 2,710 cars hauling 5,964 persons entered the National Seashore, NPS report showed.

Foregoing figures did not include See BRIDGE, Page Six

At long last! It has come. This day that Dare County has been celebrating for these many years, at first alone and then with the aid and collaboration of armen from farther and farther away as the jet trails began to draw the continents closer together. This day that honors to who knew and dared to prove that they knew . . . this day that sets the heart of armen singing because this is the anniversary of powered flight that tossed man's feet from the earth and flung him into the limitless reaches of outer space. This day has been declared a national holiday. The Congress of the United States has authorized and requested the President to issue, annually, a proclamation requesting the people of the fifty states to observe the 17th of December with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

It is fitting that this is the first year of that national holiday. For this is the year when the airstrip at the foot of the green hill bearing the great steel shaft of the Wright Memorial is to be opened. This is the year when "Wright Brothers Day" should be recognized as a national holiday. The year when the first modern airstrip will be open to the armen of the world who wish to come, the Wright way to pay tribute to the men who gave them wings.

There will be a special meaning to the sound of the mace as the Elizabeth City High School Band marches down the runway after the signal flare for the commencement of the ceremonies is fired. The hearts of the old timers at the 60th Anniversary of Powered Flight will swell just a little more as S. Wade Marr will have a new lift in the introduction of George B. Hartzog, Jr., who will act as the master of ceremonies for the First Flight Airport Dedication. December 17th is a national holiday.

Mr. Hartzog will find that his introduction of the distinguished guests takes on new meaning in the spotlight of a national holiday being celebrated for the first time as the First Flight Airport on "Wright Brothers Day."

Everyone who is scheduled to speak will be approaching the subject from a national rather than the private angle of armen and air enthusiasts. Alan Boyd, Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, Gen. William C. Sweeney, Jr., Commander, Tactical Air Command, Senator Mike Monroney of Oklahoma and Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges will all take note that this is now not just a private but a national holiday commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Powered Flight.

And everyone will pause in tribute to the memory of the young president who sleeps in Arlington National Cemetery, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, as the Elizabeth City Band, under the direction of Scott Calloway, plays the "Navy Hymn" in salute to this most air-minded of Presidents.

At the conclusion of remarks on the dedication of the First Flight Airport by Gov. Terry Sanford, Lt. Gen. Harold W. Grant, associate administrator, Federal Aviation Agency and Conrad L. Wirth, Director National Park Service will begin breath-catching moment follow. See FLYOVER, Page Six

LIONS TURKEY SHOOT SATURDAY, DEC. 14

The postponed Lions Club Turkey Shoot will take place on Saturday, December 14th at 1:00 p.m. on the Manteo Waterfront.

You could win that turkey for your Christmas dinner. There'll be twenty plumb, tender turkeys as the prizes for the best shots.

The rules remain the same. The ammunition will be furnished and you may have as many shots as you want as long as you pay \$1.00 per shot. Shoot often. The money raised will be used for the philanthropic projects of the Lions Club.