

# Forgotten Heroes

Bands Don't Play in Their Honor, Nor Do Crowds Cheer Them Along the Streets, But You'll Find Them in Your Community—Perhaps Living Right Next Door to You. Mr. Meekins Tells You of Some of These  
By VICTOR MEEKINS, in "The State"

There are all kinds of heroes. Everyone is more or less familiar with the type of hero whose deeds have won for them the plaudits of the world and have caused their names to be spread upon the pages of history. They deserve all the credit and all the praise that is bestowed upon them. Doubtless all of us, at times, have dreamed that we, too, might be honored in some such manner. As time wears off the sharp edge of our ambitions, however, we learn that there are other heroes besides those who save a life, who perform some deed of great daring or who achieve some spectacular professional or business success.

Along the coast, where I live, there are a number of heroes. Every day a quiet old man trudges past my office. His name is Captain Peel and he carries in his pocket a handsome gold watch bearing the imperial arms of the German Kaiser. It was sent him by Kaiser Wilhelm many years ago because Captain Peel had risked his life to lead a party of men who saved some German sailors from the Diamond Shoals when all hope had been lost. Then, too, there is Captain Smith. Sometimes I ask him what time it is, in order that I may observe the silent pride with which he opens a beautiful gold watch, sent him by the King of Sweden, because he, too, had risked his life and saved the lives of some Swedish sailors on a bitter night on the Carolina coast. Likewise, there are a number of other Coast Guard men who have performed deeds of equal valor. As a matter of fact, they are almost too numerous to mention.

I think that Miss Bonny merits a high position among the heroes and heroines of today. Then, there is Joe. He had a prosperous business and was engaged to marry a lovely girl, when the war called him away. He returned home, battered and weary, and perhaps disillusioned. His business had been swept away, leaving many debts to stand against his good name. His girl had married his former partner. The outlook, to say the least, wasn't bright. But not a peep out of Joe. He buckled down at a desk and for years he worked to save from a meagre salary enough money to pay off the debts which others had piled up against him. He met another girl, whom he might have married, but by that time his father had died—leaving a family of brothers and sisters for Joe to care for. He is back on his feet again and is doing nicely but the best years of his life are gone. However, you never hear him complain. It would have been an easy matter for Joe to have passed up his financial and other responsibilities, but he didn't do so. He saw his duty, and he did it. My personal opinion is that he is just as great a hero as any man who ever risked his life in perfecting some daring rescue.

Wright Memorial  
By NELL WISE, Stumpy Point, N. C.  
The kings of yore built castles high with towers that reached up to the sky. The knights of old came riding down and ramm'd the castles to the ground. But never was there a stone laid out To mark the spot of knightly doings about. Castles have fallen, kings have died—Empires have wasted in long decay. Knighthood is over; and a nation's pride Lies in what we've done today. Behold! America, all-powerful nation Unwins the birthplace of aviation. Hall to thee, Wilbur and Orville Wright. Hall to thee, birdmen of earliest flight; Hall to thee, glider; "he" to thee, plane; Hall to thee, bird of sun or rain; Hall to thee, Memorial, thou vulture stone; Hall to thee, sandhills, the airplane's home!

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It is not that type of hero, however, that I want to mention in this article. They, to some degree, have received recognition for their achievements. The heroes I want to call to your attention are the ones about whom no one is interested or concerned. They have sacrificed without complaint the most sacred ambitions of their lives in order that they might bring comfort and solace to relatives near and dear to them. I am thinking, at this particular moment, of Miss Bonny. She is one of those rare souls whose disposition seems to be so even and sweet that you would never think she had anything to grieve or worry about. She would have made a deserving homemaker for a good husband and children. But deep filial devotion caused her to sacrifice the best years of her life to aid and comfort her mother. And, when her mother died, she surrendered more years to caring for an aged and incapacitated father. He was a fine old gentleman, and the sacrifice of his daughter helped to make his last days peaceful and happy.

**AUNT FOLLY SAWYER CONTINUES VERY ILL.**  
Aunt Mary Sawyer of Nags Head, who sometime back lost her last husband, Mr. Levin B. Sawyer, has suffered a stroke and while somewhat improved is much under the weather and is living at the home of her daughter Mrs. Eph Mann. Mrs. Sawyer, formerly Mrs. Beasley, is a jolly, pleasant old soul, and can tell the Nags Head people many interesting things about the old times at Nags Head, and she enjoys visitors to talk to.

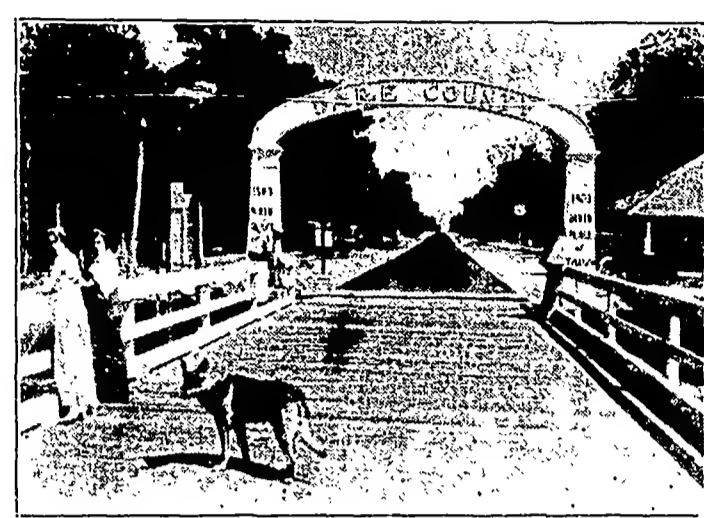
**A CITIZEN WHO MEANS MUCH TO THE COUNTY**  
Miss Alice Carter Puts Her Money Into a Modern Apartment House Near Manteo  
Women have always taken the lead in doing worth while things in Dare County. One of the latest pieces of enterprise is initiated by Miss Alice Carter, County Home Demonstration agent. Miss Carter is a true woman of Pennsylvania, a hard-working woman, always ready to do her part for the betterment of the county, and has been very generous in contributing from her small earnings to various public enterprises. Some months ago she received a small legacy on the death of a relative, and she has invested her money in a modern building just on the outside of Manteo, which contains four three room apartments. The building is located almost opposite the brick high school. Miss Carter's apartments will fill a long-felt need in this vicinity. There have been from time to time numerous demands for apartments with modern plumbing and electric lights. With more and more people of small families coming here from time to time, Miss Carter will have no trouble in finding tenants. And incidentally, if Miss Carter will build a nice little bungalow, there are several good prospects for matrimony. We will help her get a husband if she will get the house.

**LEM BEASLEY BREAKS LOOSE AT NAGS HEAD**  
Lem Beasley, well known citizen of large of Dare County, more recently of Duck, went amok at Nags Head Sunday afternoon, where he had come down for a little holiday, and meeting up with an objectionable stranger, entered into warlike negotiations that landed Lemuel in jail. He was tried and fined Monday before Judge Isaac Davis of the local magistrate's Court. During the melee, Lem sustained some severe bruises and cuts about the head, partly from his companions, and some more than likely from the billy of policeman A. A. Harris. For 'tis said that Lem is as tough as a bushel of wildcats and a cord of lighted knots, and he let 'em all know Mr. Beasley was around before he hollered "enuff."

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Meanwhile, we shall encourage that famous old spirit of hospitality that has advertised the coastland far and wide. We shall continue to hold out the latchstring as of old, to those fine and deserving, and friendly people we have learned to love.

We believe Dare County is too rich a heritage to belong to any one community. We must develop it and share it with our countrymen. We invite you to join us, in the division of its blessings of nature as well as its responsibilities of development

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