

## MOTHER OF INFANT FOUND BURIED IN SAND IS STILL UNKNOWN AS SEARCH ENDS

### Many Circumstances are Mysterious in the Finding of a Premature Child Buried in Sand Near Kitty Hawk Prison Camp; All Available Clues Bring Fruitless Search

By W. CARLTON MASON  
Dare county authorities have abandoned the search for but are still curious about who was the mother of a prematurely born white baby, found beside the road near the Kitty Hawk prison camp early Friday morning. All clues found were traced to their end without the slightest indication of what woman might have been the mother or whether or not there was a person or persons probably guilty of abortion.

Some time between midnight last Sunday night and 7:30 Monday morning the premature body of a baby boy was buried beneath approximately three inches of sand on the south side of the Virginia Dare Trail about 300 yards east of the Kitty Hawk prison camp, was the firm belief of Dare County's Coroner Marvin Rogers. The fetus happened to be found only through the accidental discovery of its shallow grave by Tom Hutchins, negro cook of the prison camp, who was walking around early in the morning. He stated that he was attracted to the spot when he saw a sanitary gauze box and some bloody gauze lying near the spot the fetus was also found.

Shortly after the negro discovered the grave of the infant he reported the finding and Coroner Rogers was summoned. He unearthed the infant and brought it to Manteo where it was examined by Dr. W. W. Johnston. Dr. Johnston found that it was premature to the extent that it was between three and four months old and that it had not passed the stage of viability. Technically it had not reached the stage of individual life. For this reason it could not be charged with murder.

The only charge that could be brought against her would be criminal abortion. The same would be true, should it be found that any person or persons had a part in what is commonly termed as an illegal operation, should there have been such.

Coroner Rogers, at random discussion, pictured two possibilities. One, a natural mishap of nature. In either circumstance the mystery of who the mother was leads local authorities to believe honorable intentions were far from being foremost in the occurrence. Rogers said that the immediate location of the grave was a clean place from which sand had been hauled and that it might have been the place where it all took place, there in the quiet hours of the early morning.

One angle of the investigation made by Coroner Rogers, G. T. Dowdy, local policeman, Captain W. A. Etheridge, special Nags Head Policeman, and State Highway Patrolman J. C. Scarborough, at first pointed toward John B. Bateman of Elizabeth City. These officers were, in this particular angle of the investigation, working upon a clue reported by Elwood Dowdy, operator of the Sea Breeze Inn, service station. Dowdy told the officers that Bateman came to his station about 2:30 in the morning and that his hands, arms and clothes were covered with sand and that he appeared quite nervous. He also stated that he purchased a bottle of beer and that he was perspiring freely. Later in the morning Bateman was found and brought to Manteo for questioning. Dowdy also related a wild story told to him by Bateman. According to Dowdy's story Bateman is supposed to have left the impression that he was tired and nervous from a long ride and that he was from Raleigh. He also said that he was supposed to meet a woman on the beach at 12 o'clock and that she had "plenty of money." Dowdy also related.

This Bateman denied when policeman questioned him Monday afternoon. He changed his story saying he was supposed to meet his wife at Wanchese. Out of the entire investigation of the angle in which Bateman was believed to be connected substantial facts could not be obtained and consequently he was released. He was, however, charged with operating an automobile under the influence of liquor and found guilty of same before Recorder W. F. Baum Tuesday afternoon.

Angle Not Investigated  
One angle of the case which has not been investigated lies in the possibility that the mother of

## FARROW HEIRS TO LAY A CLAIM TO BURIED TREASURE

### Many People At Avon Will Claim Share of Any Gold Treasure Hunters May Dig Up

That the treasure hunters who are preparing to dig for the reputed buried wealth of Pharaoh Farrow, wealthy merchant of Kinnebeck, will not recover any monies without having to divvy up their spoils is indicated by statements made this week by heirs of the late miser.

There are dozens of people at Avon who are direct descendants of the famed Pharaoh of Kinnebeck. They have dreamed for years of finding the "reputed chest" of gold. Many have been the dreams that have been spun by some of these descendants about what they would do with the cash if it ever came to light. There have been new automobiles envisioned, long trips, fine clothes, improvements to homes, and countless other things dear to the human heart.

And now that there is a prospect of some of this money being dug up, they say they will demand their share. If all the heirs put in their bid, it will take a lot of money to go around. Many of them express a willingness to help do the actual work of digging, but they will expect their share of the loot.

## DIED WHILE PREPARING TO MARRY AT AGE OF 82

### Uncle Ben Jennette of Buxton Was a Popular Figure; Left Splendid Family

A few days ago there died at Buxton one of the most loved personalities on the "Banks." He was Uncle Ben Jennette, 82 years old, and he succumbed to a number of frailties of age that suddenly caught upon him. At the time of his death he had been making preparations to marry a woman at Cape Henry who, a son is in the lighthouse service. Mr. Jennette had grown tired of living alone, and had been buying furniture for his new venture in matrimony, it is said.

He had long been very active and alert for a man of his years. He had been engaged in the mercantile business. He had reared a splendid family of children who had made a name for themselves in life. Surviving him are four sons and four daughters as follows: Warren Jennette of Raleigh, U. S. Jennette of Buxton, Ulah Jennette of Cape Henry, Alaska Jennette of Maryland; and Mrs. C. P. Gray of Buxton, Mrs. Beulah Etheridge of Raleigh, Mrs. Ethel Middleton of Columbia, S. C., Mrs. Frank W. Miller of Buxton.

The passing of Uncle Ben was a sad event at the Cape. He will be missed. He was one of those old time, stalwart, self-reliant figures that the county can so ill afford to be without.

the fetus might have died and her body disposed of. The fact that local doctors have not reported having attended professionally, any woman that might have been the mother of the fetus leaves a gap for mystery in the case. The physical setting of the section around which the fetus was found makes an ideal location for the body of a woman to either be buried deep in sand or thrown into the swamp across the road.

Another circumstance not entirely cleared came out in Bateman's testimony about why he was sandy. He is said to have told that he got out of his car and had fallen asleep on the ground at some place in Currituck before crossing the Currituck Sound bridge. In contradiction to the texture of sand supposed to have been seen on his clothing and person was said to have been different from that. Texture of sand natural to Currituck County west of the sound.

After Coroner Rogers had Dr. Johnston examine the fetus it was turned over to a local undertaker and buried here on Roanoke Island.

## MANTEO GIRL IS MISS NAGS HEAD



MISS THELMA LEWIS, of Manteo and Ayden, who last Saturday night was selected as Miss Nags Head at the Nags Head Beach Club, in a bathing beauty contest staged by owners of the Beach Club, Miss Lewis was presented with a lovely yellow gold wrist watch. Other contestants were Miss Eloise Burris and Miss Bessie Gray, of Manteo, and Miss Pauline Boswell of Poplar Branch.

## COAST GUARDS FEEDING MANY FREE BOARDERS

### Sometimes As Many As Forty Persons At A Single Mealtime Cared For By Surfmens

Few people realize the great expense to which the men in the Coast Guard Stations are put by the free boarders who call at the stations while travelling up and down the coast and who stop for meals. Recently, at the noon meal, the men of Oregon Inlet Station fed as many as forty guests who came for lunch from the boat. The Coast Guards feeders three times that day.

The men in the Coast Guard are allowed \$15 for their board each month. If the station mess runs higher, it has to come from their own meagre check. The surfmen all get an average of less than \$100 a month. Miles of soft and difficult sands intervene between each of the stations. There is an immense increase in travel, principally by people who do not know how to drive on the beaches. Many of them are down just for the sport of fishing and sightseeing. Numerous cars get stuck. All day and most of the night the Coast Guards are called out to pull the cars out of the sands, to tow them in for repairs, and most costly of all, to feed hot, tired, and hungry men.

The Coast Guardsmen are not allowed to charge for this service rendered, nor for the food they provide these hungry travellers. Few of them offer to pay anyway. Few of the mess bill at the end of the month tells a pitiful story. When considerable extra money must be taken from the pay check so greatly needed for the surfmen's family.

## REQUIRES \$15,000 IN GROCERIES FOR WPA CAMP MEN

### Feeding Of A Thousand Men Calls For Plenty of Chow; Store Carries Huge Stock

A month's supply of groceries for the men in the WPA camps engaged in beach erosion work in Dare county would rival the combined stocks of many of the grocery stores of the county. One large store building is rented in the town of Manteo, and a stock valued at \$15,000 is kept in it. From time to time huge loads of foods come by barge and by truck. The feeding of a thousand men a day is no small problem.

The Camp is known as Camp Wirith, but was formerly Little Eustis. Probably the largest assortment of foods unloaded in Manteo for the Eustis WPA Project since its inception occurred when a shipment of canned vegetables and fruits numbering several thousand cases were moved from a large freight barge and hauled to Eustis warehouses.

This barge arrived from Skiff's Creek, Virginia just before another one heavily loaded with building materials and supplies was emptied. Due to the fact that the former was so heavily loaded, and was leaking slightly, it could not reach

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One of the most important of recent projects to be established in Dare and other counties of the Albemarle district nursing set-up, as are also Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan and Gates Counties. The district is headed by Miss Cora Beam, registered nurse who has been with the State Board of Health for a number of years. Miss Minnie G. McLemore will have charge of the Dare county office. Miss McLemore is a graduate of James Watt Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, and has just completed nine months of Public Health nursing in the Public Health school of William and Mary. All nurses chosen for work in this field must be graduate nurses, registered in a Public Health nursing school. This regulation was adopted by the National nursing organization and the Public Health Service, and by the North Carolina State Board of Health.

Each county in this district will have its own nurse, and the program will be one of generalized health nursing, with emphasis on maternity and infant service. The aim will be to reach mothers and children who do not have a private physician's watch-care. It will be especially an instructive program, in which the county nurse will give instructions for nursing care, provided the patient or patient's family will have someone present to receive and carry out the instruction and the nursing carried on as taught.

The State Board of Health, through Dr. Cooper, establishes this service with the co-operation of local physicians. The county physician assists the nurse in establishing her work.

The work in this district began about the first of July and plans have been made to carry it on for at least a year. The first meeting of the maternity and infant center, will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 1, at one P. M. at the Methodist parsonage at Kitty Hawk, and thereafter at the same hour on the first Tuesday of each month.

All expectant mothers and mothers of children under one year of age, who are in need of medical advice, and who are unable to pay for the services of a private physician, who live in Kitty Hawk, Colington, Duck, or Nags Head, are urged to attend this meeting.

Dates for meetings of the center at other places will be announced later.

## DENNIS R. MANN DIES OF GUN WOUND IN N. J.

### Shot By Police Officer While Fleeing; Wound Fatal

Dennis R. Mann, about 42 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mann of Manns Harbor, and a member of the police force of Willwood, N. J., was found in a dying condition as the result of a bullet wound supposedly inflicted by an attacker. Details are lacking.

Mr. Mann married Miss Hilda Burfoot of Elizabeth City. They had no children. He is survived by his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Gaston and Guy Mann of Manns Harbor, Harry Mann of Oklahoma; Mrs. Ina Watcrist of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Calvin Baskley of Manns Harbor. Interment will take place at 2:30 p. m., Saturday at Manns Harbor.

J. C. EVANS IMPROVES AT MARINE HOSPITAL  
John Cole Evans, who was taken to the Marine hospital in Norfolk Sunday afternoon, desperately ill, is showing a slight improvement after a new diagnosis and treatment at that institution.

## PLANS ARE MADE FOR REVIVAL OF SHAD INDUSTRY

### Restoration of Industry Is Planned by Department of Conservation and Development

Morhead City, Aug. 27.—The shad and the rock fish are on their way back to the dining table of Mr and Mrs. Average Citizen, and the restoration of what was once a lucrative industry for the fishermen was planned at a meeting of a splendid committee from the Department of Conservation and Development with Glen C. Leach, chief of the division of fish culture of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries. The sessions here on Thursday and Friday were held about the "flagship" of the N. C. navy, the John Nelson, and were attended by State Director Bruce Etheridge and his assistant Paul Kelly, State Game Warden John Chalk, State Fisheries Commissioner John Nelson and committee members E. S. Askew of Elizabeth City, James L. McNair of Laurinburg and J. L. Horne, Jr. of Rocky Mount.

Evolve from the conference was a pledge of complete federal assistance for the effort within the state, multiplying by three fold any research efforts ever undertaken in the state. Included in the plan will be early assignment to the eastern area of a conservation and propagation specialist for working out of the offices of the federal government at Beaufort who is to make a complete and exhaustive study of the shad in the streams and sounds, and of the enemies of this migratory fish. The support of the North Carolina commission was asked in connection with a proposed conference of Conservation officials from along the Atlantic seaboard looking to the presentation of an unified appeal to the next session of Congress for regulatory measures governing migratory fish, modeled along the lines of the now existing laws as respect migratory fowl.

There was discussion of what was to be done to bring the shad back to its former status since it was noted that within the present generation the annual take dropped from ten million pounds to less than one million pounds, it being pointed out that continued periods of poor catches had rendered the fisherman's per capita wealth to among the lowest in the state, and that an application of federal measures whatever they might be would have to of necessity take this into account. It was for this reason that the planning was confined to the discussion stage, although with the help of federal officials it is planned that the committee will present for adoption one of several alternatives when the entire board of Conservation and Development meets for a called meeting at the Mount Mitchell Reserve early in October.

## STUMPY POINT TO HAVE ICE & STORAGE PLANT

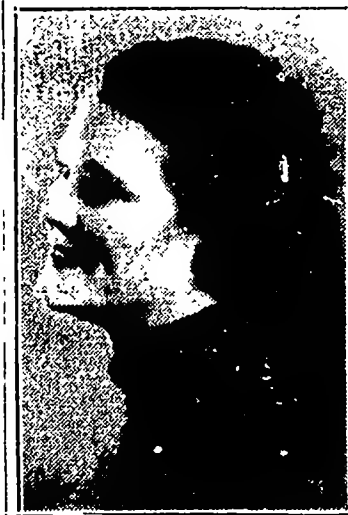
A large ice plant in connection with the Fishermen's Exchange packing house at Stumpy Point, having ample output and storage facilities capable of taking care of the needs of that section is to be built shortly, according to Geo. M. Wise, proprietor of the Fishermen's Exchange. The plans were completed yesterday.

The venture will have behind it sufficient capital and the experience of practical ice men. Ordinarily such a venture would require an investment of \$25,000. With the completion of the Manns Harbor road, it would serve Manns Harbor, East Lake and Mashoes fishermen and homes. Further details will be announced next week.

## MUSIC CLUB WILL MEET NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

The Roanoke Island Music Club will hold its regular monthly meeting next Tuesday evening, Sept. 1 at the home of Miss Dora Jones at eight o'clock. Plans for the district meeting to be held here next month will be discussed, and all members of the club are urged to be present.

## GEORGIAN GIRL BRIDE OF ROANOKE ISLANDER



A RECENT photo of Mrs. Ralph Etheridge of Manteo and Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, formerly Miss Emma D. Autel of Augusta, Georgia. Mr. Etheridge is stationed at Sullivan's Island Coast Guard Station, South Carolina, and they recently visited Mr. Etheridge's parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. Y. Etheridge at Manteo.

## MANTEO GIRL RETURNS FROM EUROPEAN TRIP

### Tells Interesting Travel Tales About Events Happening In Europe This Summer

In a recent interview, Mrs. C. W. Barber, of Philadelphia, formerly Miss Madge Daniels, of Roanoke Island, told many interesting things concerning a trip to Europe, from which she has just returned. Sailing from New York City on the 20th of June, Mrs. Barber conducted one of the Brownwell tours, arranged by the University of Alabama. The twenty-five people in her group landed at Glasgow, where they viewed the berth where the giant ocean liner, Queen Mary was built.

From Glasgow the party proceeded by bus for the remainder of the tour, going through the Trossachs, the beautiful wooded valley made famous by Sir Walter Scott in his novel, "The Lady of the Lake" and "Rob Roy," to Edinburgh, from which point they made an excursion to Abbotsford, the former residence and now the shrine of the immortal Scott.

From Edinburgh the itinerary led through the beautiful Lakes district in England, to London. There one of the most interesting places visited by the tourists was the new Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, where Shakespeare plays are being produced regularly.

The party reached Paris at the time that John D. Rockefeller, Jr. was being given an ovation because of his generosity in restoring the palace at Versailles, and other architectural ruins Paris, in Mrs. Barber's opinion, is much gayer and happier than five or six years ago. Among other restorations being made, is that of the beautiful Rheims Cathedral, which was partially destroyed during the World War. The stained glass windows cannot be replaced, as the art of making them has been lost, but other parts of the cathedral will be restored to original design.

The city of Brussels was in mourning, as a memorial on the anniversary of Queen Astrid's death, but Mrs. Barber's party was fortunate enough to arrive there when a review of the guards was taking place, and was present at the delivery of a speech by King Leopold.

In travelling through Holland, a visit was made to The Hague, from which place the party went to Germany. In Germany, they made the Rhine River trip, viewing the famous old castles. They also visited the university at Heidelberg, which is being restored and added to part of the funds being contributed by former American students of the university. The whole curricula there has undergone drastic changes, everything now being taught on a militaristic basis. In Munich, the Americans were more aware of the Hitler regime than at any other place, the Hitler headquarters having been moved there from Berlin. Nuremberg and Rotterdam, the two best preserved medieval cities in Europe, were points of much interest. These two cities are still surrounded by walls, and if any new structures are built, they must be in keeping with the style of architecture which has been used there for centuries.

While in Germany, the party saw the Von Hindenburg, Germany's newest airship, starting on a trip to America.

## SAYS HATTERAS BANKS WILL BECOME GREATEST RESORT IN THE SOUTH

### Advantages of Modern Highway South of Oregon Inlet Would Easily Make This Section Excel Virginia Beach in Wealth, Dr. Tom Mann Thinks

## UNCLE CYRUS ILL BUT IMPROVES AT HOME IN SALVO

### And Capt. Richard Hooper of Avon Is Now Recovered From Stroke

Uncle Cyrus Gray, beloved retired Coast Guardsman of Salvo is recovering after a serious attack of illness last week. The long past his three score and ten, he is very active and overdid himself during the hot weather this month. One of the most miraculous cases of illness among the strong old boys of the Coast Guard, is recorded at Avon, where Capt. Richard Hooper, retired Boatswain, is now driving his car, and apparently as well as ever, following his almost complete recovery from a stroke about a year ago that left him completely helpless. He has regained his strength so well that he can now lift his young grandchildren over his head.

While much younger men would have given up, and maybe have died long ago, these splendid old boys hang on and come back. They are fighters and are made of tough fibre fashioned through years of strenuous patrolling of the beach and battling with the sea. It is hard to find more able men in every respect than those who have given so much of their lives to the services of others.

## TWO LADS LAND SHARK AT FRISCO WT. 700 POUNDS

### Sea Monster First Caught in a Net Attacks Boat, Ripping Plank and Finally Landed

Last week James Mitchell-Hedges, son of F. A. Mitchell-Hedges, the explorer and big game fisherman, with his friend Raymond McNairy, both boys being thirteen years of age, had an adventure which came within an ace of being a tragedy. Towing a row-boat behind them, they waded from the island of Hatteras into the shallow water of Pamlico Sound where they had tied a seine net in water that reached only to their waists, about a hundred yards offshore. Arriving at the net they began to pick out a few small fish, and at that moment a triangular fin cut through the water straight towards them. They jumped into their little boat just in time to avoid a big shark. The creature, enraged, lashed round with its tail, missing them by inches, drizzling them with spray, smashing the bow of the boat and tearing the beading-off the sides. It then made off, but within a few minutes was back again with ten other great sharks. The sharks swam round the little boat so close that the boys could have struck them with their ears. One of the fish made a sudden dash and became entangled in the net. The boys untied the net from the slake to which it was fixed and, pushing the skiff with the oars, began to tow the shark, tangled up in the set-net, towards the beach. The other sharks circled round and followed them to within a few feet of the shore, but they landed the great brute triumphantly.

There is no doubt they just escaped being killed. The shark measured eleven feet in length, the jaws four feet seven inches in circumference, and it weighed approximately seven hundred pounds.

It is believed to be the first instance known where the attacking shark has been landed by those attacked. The boys were much excited, they shot it with a rifle, and then hooked it with a large hook they went ashore and got, they finally dragged it where it was photographed. About ten sharks in all were seen at that time. It is an occurrence not before known on the coast.

Recently a minister kissed the bride and handed the bridegroom his money bag.—Florida Times-Union.

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Dr. Mann was sweating and blowing one day this week from his labors in getting his Ford to go up and down the beach, as he went about the business of treating the sick folks in his section. His radiator was boiling from a motor overheated by negotiating the hot and soft sands of the seacoast, which a modern-minded State has yet failed to provide with any roads. The doctor perspired freely and he too was plenty hot, and he had seven miles more to go. He had been stalled for hours, and had missed his dinner by three hours. He paused to get something to eat, and stopped to talk a little before he continued on his way.

"I wish every member of the State Highway Commission had to come to the banks for a week, and be obliged to drive twice the length of the beach each day he was here," the doctor exploded. "I'll guarantee at the end of the second day, they'd vote to do something for the banks."

"The State is not only doing, our people a great injustice," he continued, "but it is overlooking a great chance to develop property values. If we had a road, we would have an increase of two or three million dollars in property values in a short time. People are searching for the ocean than any other place on the coast. It has a unique charm, and history, and a recreational appeal that few other sections in the world are favored with."

"The people are denied many advantages in keeping with modern times they should enjoy. The building of a road would provide them with at least two new industries, namely, a dairy and a bakery. We cannot now get fresh milk or fresh bread. Neither can we get fresh vegetables, a food so badly needed, and for lack of which we have more, bad teeth in this section than any place I know."

Rumors of Electric Lights  
One hears rumors on the banks these days that the Virginia Electric and Power Company officials have had their eyes on this section, and are considering the possibility of extending their high power lines down the coast to Hatteras. It will cost \$70,000 but it is believed with the cooperation of the government, which has so many Coast Guard and other activities in this section, it would be quite feasible, and in a few years would become a profitable investment.

There is no doubt but the future holds great possibilities for the development of this section. That the Government has given serious consideration to the establishment of a great Hatteras National Park, and a huge migratory bird refuge south of Oregon Inlet, and is now spending much in the activities of a CCC camp and is employing hundreds of WPA workers in their camps along the coast, gives rise to many hopes and conjectures, especially since one may observe the great improvement made by these agencies.

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