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WANCHESE MAN DIES WEDNESDAY IN TRUCK MISHAP

"Billy R." Tillett Killed Near Kitty Hawk; Gilbert Tillett in Hospital.

Leslie Roscoe Tillett, 48, known to his friends as "Billy," died instantly Wednesday night when his 1950 Ford truck driven by Jack Gilbert Tillett, a cousin, age 19, ran off the road near Kitty Hawk Coast Guard Station, and turned over. He was a highly popular citizen, and had been in the fishing business all his life, and at the time of his death was engaged in the oyster business and had returned from a trip selling oysters.

He was the son of the late Wilbur Mott and Colinda Alice Gallop Tillett, and the husband of Mrs. Leona Basnight Tillett, and the father of two children: Gilbert Roscoe Tillett and Lois Tillett of Wanchese. Four brothers also survive him. Peter, Reggie, Dallas and Sigbee of Wanchese.

Prompt aid was rendered by an ambulance from Twiford's Funeral Home in Manteo, and Gilbert Tillett was taken to the Elizabeth City hospital for treatment. He was found to have injuries about the head and back.

The truck after running off the road, turned over and damaged a house belonging to Miss Claudia Sanderlin of Kitty Hawk.

MELVIN DANIELS REGISTRANTS' APPEALS SHOULD FOLLOW THREE RULES, BOARDS SAY

Selective Service registrants should observe a few simple rules in presenting their cases to the Draft Board. Robert Ballance, Dare county selective service board chairman, and W. G. Crede, Chairman of the Hyde County Board and Dr. W. T. Ralph, Chairman of the Beaufort County Board, state that registrants and interested persons could help the Draft Board and themselves if they will observe the following three suggestions:

- (1) Present in writing a statement of all facts which they believe will entitle the registrant to deferment. This should be presented at the time the questionnaire is returned. Any subsequent change in status that might warrant reclassification should be reported in writing. (2) File within ten days after the Notice of Classification is mailed, a request for personal appearance before the Board, if desired. Such a request will be granted if filed within ten days, but only one appearance will be granted after each classification. (3) Should appeal be desired, give to the local board notice of appeal in writing within ten days after the date of mailing of the Notice of Classification. This applies to the notice mailed after either the original classification or the notice issued after personal appearance before the board.

The chairmen point out that observance of these simple rules would give everyone assurance that the local board was fully informed of the facts which might have a bearing upon the registrant's classification. They add that persons who wish to discuss a case with the Board should request an appearance at the proper time and not attempt to discuss it with individual Board Members outside of the Local Board Office. It is pointed out that such practice would save time and that the interested parties could then be sure that all of the Board Members had complete knowledge of the facts which they wished to present. Members of the Board are doing their best to determine the proper classification of each registrant and they earnestly request the cooperation of the public.

SERVICES FRIDAY FOR COLUMBIA MERCHANT

Wayland A. Yerby, 64, died at the Columbia Hospital at 7:10 o'clock Wednesday after an illness of 14 months.

Mr. Yerby was formerly of Killmarneck, Va., but had lived in Columbia for the past 25 years. He had been a merchant since coming here and in recent years was owner and manager of Yerby Quality Shop and was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Belle Walker Yerby, one daughter, Mrs. George M. Kelley, Jr., of Norfolk; one grandchild; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Y. Yerby of Columbia; one sister, Mrs. R. C. Wilson of Columbia, S. C. and one brother, T. K. Yerby of Columbia.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Columbia Methodist Church. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

WARREN LEE TERRY TO PLAY "OLD TOM"



WARREN LEE TERRY, veteran of many years on stage and in opera has been re-engaged to play the role of "Old Tom" Harris in the cast of Paul Green's symphonic drama "The Lost Colony" during the 1951 season. He was cast in this semi-tragic role for the first time during the 1950 season and won much favorable comment from patrons of the show, newspapermen covering the drama and critics.

MELVIN DANIELS KITTY HAWK CLUB SPEAKER MONDAY

Melvin Daniels, Register of Deeds for Dare County, will outline the duties and functions of his office in a talk before the Kitty Hawk Civic Club at the Kitty Hawk School Monday night.

The program, first in a regular monthly series designed to acquaint the members of the club with the way in which the county government is set up and operated, will begin at 7:30 sharp.

Linwood Tillett, chairman of the committee in charge of the series of programs, announced that Mr. Daniels had agreed to devote fifteen minutes to a concise, factual report on what he and his staff are supposed to do or not to do, and then answer questions from the floor for the balance of the half-hour program period.

The meeting will be open to all, and ladies and non-members are especially invited to attend this first "County Government" program. Rules adopted at the last meeting of the club provide that the session shall begin promptly at 7:30 and adjourn at 9:30, with an additional half-hour being devoted to the serving of refreshments and a social period.

Other business scheduled to come before the meeting will be a presentation of final plans for the proposed Kitty Hawk Youth Center, and a discussion of the plan adopted by the County Board of Education for improvements to the school.

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

Figures provided by U. S. Govt. Meteorologist A. W. Drinkwater

	High	Low	Rain
February 22	55	45	
February 23	53	39	
February 24	56	38	
February 25	63	35	
February 26	70	35	
February 27	74	50	
February 28	59	43	

DRAMA DIRECTOR



SAMUEL SELDEN, veteran director of The Lost Colony, will arrive in Manteo soon to conduct the tryouts for Roanoke Islanders for parts in the forthcoming season's production of Paul Green's symphonic drama. Mr. Selden will hold the tryouts in the Manteo high school auditorium on the evening of March 16.

ISLANDERS TRY FOR PLAY ROLES HERE MARCH 16

Tryouts for roles in Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony, will be held in Manteo High School auditorium on Friday evening, March 16, it has been announced by General Manager William M. Hardy. In charge of island casting will be Samuel Selden, director of the show since its premier in Waterside Theatre here in 1937. The coming season will be the drama's 11th to be presented on Roanoke Island.

A local committee will assist Director Selden with the casting on March 16. Islanders from all walks of life try out for parts each season.

Oldest Cast Member

Oldest member of the cast, Capt. John Wescott, will again try out for casting as a colonist in the show. He has played such a role for the past several years. When there is no Lost Colony underway on the island Captain Wescott is a commercial fisherman. Formerly he was a coast-guardsmen and at one time was in charge of Cape Hatteras Coast Guard Station.

Robert Midgett, supervisor of the ABC Stores in Dare, will again try out for the part of a 16th Century soldier in the cast. His assistant in the local store will try out for a similar role.

Role most coveted by the teenage girls of the island is that of milk-maid dancers. Teen-age boys have hopes of becoming colonist boys or soldiers or Indians.

Several housewives on the island will try out for parts as colonist women. At least one islander, Margalene Midgett Thomas, will probably be a member of the Lost Colony Choir again this year. She is the first native born islander to have such a singing role with the drama's famous choir.

Most of the Lost Colony roles to be filled by islanders are non-speaking parts, although some do have a chance to demonstrate their Elizabethan brogue during a performance.

Half of the cast, and sometimes more than that, are natives of the island. Other islanders are members of the Lost Colony company. For instance, a local banker is house manager; the clerk of superior court is treasurer; a landscape architect is assistant to the manager and takes tickets at the gate and the box office manager is a local bookkeeper for a utility firm. The Lost Colony provides many jobs and most of the jobs are given to natives of the island on which first attempts were made to colonize the New World, the story that is told in the internationally famous symphonic drama.

PLAYGROUND BENEFIT RAISED \$60 TUESDAY

About \$60 was raised for the new community playground north of the Community Building on Tuesday night at the risk of life and limb to some of Manteo's most valuable and most delicate citizens.

The Lions Club played the Manteo Rotary in the first game of the double bill. The game sometimes got a little out of control of the high school boys who refereed it. By one spectator's count there were 26 players on the floor during one of the melees. Often balls were being tossed at the hoop at opposite ends of the court. If the game had an outstanding player, it was probably A. W. Drinkwater, whose doughty defensive work under one basket with a broom prevented some Lion threats from materializing. The Lions outscored the Rotary, some claimed—no one offered substantial proof of it.

In the afterpiece the Manteo high school team played rings around the slower-footed Lions. There was a final score, not too embarrassing for the service clubmen, but what it was, exactly, no one seemed able to say at game's end.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSY TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Fire Chief Ivey Evans and his men had a lively time Tuesday afternoon. First the department was summoned to put out a grass fire near the Charley Whidbee home in Manteo; so quickly thereafter that many people thought it was a continuation of the same alarm, the siren shrieked again and the truck dashed off to fight a marsh fire near Mill Landing at Wanchese. As the truck returned to Manteo it was in time to play tag with the other fire department truck and dash off to put out a woods fire near the airport. None of the fires caused much damage; but the fire department got a lot of exercise, and the community got a lot of protection. All three alarms were turned in within an hour in mid-afternoon.

HANS HAARDT OF HESSE, HANS ENGELHARD IN HYDE



HANS HAARDT of Hesse, Germany, who is attending Engelhard High School and who recently talked to the community's Rotary Club. He lives with Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Cutrell, and has become one of the most popular students. He is 19 years old, and says he would love to live in the United States always. Son of a German farmer, he came to America in June, one of two German students who is receiving education in North Carolina.

YOUNPON TEA MAY BE IMPORTANT PRODUCT

General Foods Corp. Investigating Possibilities of Marketing a Youpon Beverage

By BEN DIXON MacNEILL
Buxton on Cape Hatteras—Mar. 1.—Modern Cherokee Indians, thespians now instead of warriors, whose ancestors used to trek 500 miles from their Great Smoky Mountain homes to quaff youpon tea on Hatteras Island and so purge themselves of winter's debility, may presently be able to get the same results at their nearest grocery store or soda fountain. Youpon is about ready to go commercial.

After months of test and experiment, the laboratories of General Foods Corporation, which is to eat about what General Motors is to ride, have worked out a formula, according to reports in general circulation around here, and the company is now casting about for a dependable source of supply before putting the new beverage on the market. There is plenty of youpon hereabouts.

Medicinal Properties
Tests have disclosed that native youpon tea has only slightly less caffeine than the best tea imported from the Orient and about the same as the best coffee imported from Brazil and other tropical sources. Moreover, it has certain medicinal qualities that offset any undesirable factor presented by caffeine. In short, the modern laboratory technician has discovered that the Cherokees knew what they were getting for their 500-mile walk.

Whether the new beverage will be distributed in packages like tea or coffee, or in bottles like pepsi-cola—or maybe both—has not been determined, according to reports current here. Either way, the corporation appears to believe that it has found something that the public will buy and drink and which can be produced at substantially lower cost than the dollar a pound now charged for coffee in most stores.

Main question now for the investigators is whether there is enough raw material to justify exploitation, and representatives of the organization have been assured, and have seen for themselves, that Hatteras Island could take care of a lot of such new business. The youpon here is of a vigorous and flavor not found elsewhere, though the shrub is found all along the Atlantic seaboard as far north as the Virginia State line.

Formerly Exported
Time was when youpon tea ranked along with fish as the export from this Island, but during the last half century the art of drying the leaves has been very nearly lost. Bales of the tea used to go out of here on every ship that went to the markets in Elizabeth City and Norfolk, and everybody drank it regularly. Now only the oldest of the old-timers know how to cure the leaves and brew the tea.

Thousands of youpon plants were set out in the Cape Hatteras area by the C.C.C. Company that instituted the erosion control project here, and there are other thousands of bushes available in Buxton Woods. It is a relatively fast grower in good situations and hardy. The natives used to cut it like hay and cure it, calculating two years between cuttings. Mrs. Maude Miller White, postmistress and community leader, says that the industry would be warmly welcomed in revival.

MARCH OF DIMES TOTAL PASSES \$800 IN DARE

Mrs. Balfour Baum, county March of Dimes chairman, announced this week that \$829.76 had been turned into the county treasury in the 1951 anti-polio fund-raising drive. Returns from one or two clubs in Manteo are as yet incomplete, but most of the local drives have been completed, Mrs. Baum said. When permission was granted to extend the drive in Dare, state officials asked Mrs. Baum to make every effort to raise at least \$1,000. The chairman still hopes that amount can be raised and asks anyone who has not yet given to the fund to send his contribution to the county chairman. Last year's total was just over \$600.

The colored March of Dimes drive in Manteo, under the direction of Mrs. Agathia Gray, was more successful than it has ever been before, according to the county chairman. A total of \$39.28 was collected, of which \$5.10 was contributed by the Disciple Church, \$2.75 by the Baptist Church, \$13.50 by the Roanoke school, and the rest was collected by individual contributors. Mrs. Gray was helped immensely in her work by Mrs. Emily Mann, who has been a partial invalid for four years; she gave of her time generously and, Mrs. Gray said, was a great factor in making the campaign successful.

N. C. MANN SENTENCED ON BAD CHECK COUNT

N. C. Mann of Manns Harbor and Norfolk was on Tuesday found guilty of issuing a check for \$2280 to E. W. Fields, Manteo fish dealer, without sufficient funds in the Norfolk bank in which the check was drawn to cover that amount. Judge W. F. Baum sentenced Mann to serve six months on the roads, suspended upon condition that the amount of the check be paid to Mr. Fields by Mr. Mann at the rate of \$500 per month until the total sum had been repaid; he also assessed Mann with the costs of court.

Wallace H. McCown, attorney for Mann, requested appeal to the superior court, which Judge Baum granted with the proviso that Mann supply bond in the amount of \$2,500.

The case was an unusual one for the reason that the defense did not put any witnesses on the stand, nor did it attempt to controvert evidence offered by two prosecution witnesses. Attorney McCown asked for dismissal of the case on the grounds that the state had entirely failed to prove its case against Mr. Mann, and upon the further grounds that there was reasonable doubt whether or not the defendant had committed any breach of the law, if indeed any law had been broken by him, at a place within the See MANN, Page Four

CITRUS TREES AT BUXTON SURVIVE COLD WEATHER

Buxton on Cape Hatteras, Mar. 2.—Citrus fruit trees in this area fared no worse during the uncommonly rough winter than they did in Florida and in most instances, not as bad, according to a house-to-house check of Bath native seedling and nursery-grafted trees, numbering now about 350 trees.

Native seedlings stood the 22-degree temperature somewhat better than their somewhat pampered grafted cousins brought here from Florida late last spring and set out, one to each house in the village. About ten per cent of the imported stock succumbed to unusually low temperatures while not more than two per cent of the native seedlings showed any ill effects from the weathering they took.

Unfavorable wind rather than low temperatures hit both hardest though in a number of instances the sap in the trees froze, splitting the bark and killing the tree. Older trees, some among them as old as fifteen years and as much as 15 feet high, took the weather in stride and are now, after a few balmy days, stirring their buds toward bloom.

Lemons 100% Lost
Only plants that suffered 100% loss were lemons that a half dozen of the more enterprising villagers had started. None of them came through the freeze. But the oranges, grapefruit and kumquats generally survived with no worse damage than browned leaves. Reports from Florida indicate that in that region, even though more elaborate gains were taken to protect them, the loss was greater.

Everybody in the community has one or more trees but a number of householders have, by purchase and by seed-planting, expanded their prospects to as many as twenty to thirty trees.

FIVE DARE MEN REPORT FOR INDUCTION NEXT WEDNESDAY; FOUR GET PHYSICALS FRIDAY

Two Men from Frisco, Three from Manteo Enter Service Next Week. One 18-Year-Old Registers During Month.

HATTERAS BUILDER IS 82 YEARS OLD



ELLSWORTH E. BURRUS of Hatteras was pleasantly surprised by a group of friends who gave him a birthday party Friday night, February 23. He was 82 years old.

Games were played and refreshments served consisting of a beautiful birthday cake, jello, cream pie and coffee.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. David Ballance, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gaskill, Mr. F. B. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Peele and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Styron.

Mr. Burrus was born at Hatteras and has lived here nearly all of his life. He has played an important part in the growth of this community. Among his many accomplishments are included the first hotel, first pavilion, first automobile, first bicycle and others. He has one son Corlette W. Burrus of Norfolk.

He brought to Hatteras the first bicycle and later the first automobile.

STATE TO LET ROAD TO OREGON INLET

Highway Commission Abandons Hatteras Island People For Time Being

Rodanthe, N. C.—Hatteras Island's new strip of paved road, though not officially completed, has done a good job this winter of easing the task of traveling down the Outer Banks.

The 17-mile stretch, which leads from the southern boundary of the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, joins the 17-mile road between Avon and Hatteras which was built in 1947. It is a wonderful help to the people, but the going is still bad between Oregon Inlet and Rodanthe.

Work on the new road was begun last fall, and by the time cold weather arrived, the contractor had it in shape for use, although it was not yet up to State Highway Commission standards, and needs a top surface.

This spring the contractor will return—probably in mid-March—and resume the job of chipping up, turning, and packing the black top to insure proper drying. While the work is going on, travel will be rough, but the road will be passable.

The Highway Commission has tentatively set March for the opening of bids for work on a paved road from Whalebone south to Oregon Inlet, which would put an See STATE, Page Four

JOHN MOORE'S HEALTH MAY CAUSE RETIREMENT

Johnny Moore of Colington, last surviving witness of the Wright Brothers first flight in an airplane at Kill Devil Hill on December 17, 1903, has been ailing throughout the winter and he may never guide another fishing party, according to his wife, Miss Chloe, who has been nursing her ailing husband. Since the fresh water bass season closed last year, Moore has been confined to his bed much of the time. He spent several weeks in an Elizabeth City hospital. Because of the publicity he received as the last living witness of the first flight, Moore's services as a guide were always in demand by visiting anglers coming to cast in the fresh ponds of these islands. The anglers like Johnny Moore, not only because he is loquacious, and an interesting character, but also because he is a good fishing guide.

FOOLISH STUNT

A person or persons unknown to the authorities burned two crosses west of the intersection of Highway 345 and the Airport Road early last Sunday night. Because of the alertness of people in the neighborhood, the stunt failed to set the woods afire. The reason for the cross-burning, if anything reasonable could have prompted it, is as unknown as the identity of the pyrotechnic experimenters. The Manteo Fire Department's truck was called to the scene, but the grass fire along the road had been put out by persons in the neighborhood when the truck arrived.