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MORE ABOUT USS MONITOR, VICTIM OFF HATTERAS

Old Ship of War, Sunk for 89 Years Desired For Exhibition Purposes

Butxon on Cape Hatteras, Mar. 15.—One cash offer by an enterprising showman of \$1,000 for the U.S.S. Monitor "where is and as is" has been declined and plans for the eventual salvage of the world's first ironclad war vessel have advanced to the point where it can be announced that diving equipment will be brought here in May for a complete survey of the craft lost off here 89 years ago.

Diving operations at the Monitor's grave 1,000 yards offshore above Cape Hatteras Light will be observed by Fletcher Pratt, widely known writer on Naval subjects who will bring with him the chief of Navy's public relations department. Mr. Pratt set May as the earliest time he could come here and that month is also, according to native seamen, the best month for diving operations in this vicinity.

Offers of cash money for the fabulous warship which fought a draw with the Confederate Merrimac in Norfolk harbor and headed south for unequivocal conquest only to meet ignominious end here, have surprised nobody on Hatteras Island. Nor has it surprised any of them that the offer was promptly declined since from the beginning of the salvage project it has been clearly understood that the relic, when it is exhumed, will continue public property and that it will not leave the Island.

Behind the offer to buy sight-unseen is the idea to raise the vessel and remove it to a new location where it would be set up as a dime-a-look enterprise. Such an operation could be consummated at greatly less cost than beaching it here and the promoters of the notion believe that there are millions of people who would pay a fee to look at the vessel if it were accessible.

Behind the local project for salvaging the vessel is the hope that it can be brought ashore and set up in the projected public park on a 1,000-acre tract on the point of Cape Hatteras and that it will become the core of a museum of maritime life and legend in this area. The vessel would continue public property for anybody to come and look at who so wished. Plans for the park seem presently less definite than plans for the salvage of the vessel, but it would not lack a home once it is brought ashore. Lands for it have already been tendered.

Preliminary estimates of the cost of salvage have run in the neighborhood of \$100,000, a sum that is not yet in sight. About half that amount will become available from an anonymous source when it becomes clear that the undertaking is feasible. The dredging of Oregon Inlet would lessen the cost of the operation considerably under present estimates which, of necessity, would be based in Hampton Roads.

—Ben Dixon MacNeill

SECOND DEADLY WEAPON CASE HERE IN TWO WEEKS

Spring, or something that stirs up blood, seems to have arrived in the California section of Manteo. Last Saturday, for the second weekend in a row, an assault with a deadly weapon took place there. About 9 or 10 p.m. Saturday night William (Bill) Midgett, colored, was wounded in the throat and arm and stabbed in the side by a knife allegedly wielded by Henry (Junior) Bowser. Bowser was tried in recorder's court in Manteo Tuesday for assault with a deadly weapon. The knifing took place at the home of Careta Bowser, estranged wife of Henry. Bowser was taken into custody by Policeman Mitchell about 3 a.m. Sunday. He was arrested at the home of his father. His automobile had been abandoned outside the house where the attack took place.

Midgett's wounds were dangerous. He was removed to an Elizabeth City hospital for treatment several hours after the knifing. He returned to Manteo next day although his condition was said to be still serious.

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

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

	High	Low	Rain
March 8	60	35	
March 9	58	34	
March 10	50	35	.02
March 11	40	32	
March 12	50	37	
March 13	54	40	.84
March 14	52	39	

RED CROSS FUND AS YET SHORT OF DARE QUOTA

On March 14 Wallace McCown, Red Cross Drive chairman, reported that \$177.85 had been received from the community chairmen. Those reporting at that time were: Mrs. Hattie Mann of Mashoes; Mrs. Emily Smith of East Lake; Mrs. Lonnie Gray of Manteo (colored); Mrs. Nellie Farrow of Waves; and the Fund Chairman who was receiving the Manteo business contributions.

The county chairman said that these scattered reports indicated that the quotas for each community may be reached only if continued support is given to the drive. It is hoped that those who have been unable as yet to turn in reports on their work, will do so as soon as possible, and plan to make every effort to reach their quota so that Dare County can meet its responsibility to the Red Cross.

How to Contribute
All persons who have not been personally contacted by mail or by visit are urged to send their membership direct to the Fund Chairman, Wallace McCown, in Manteo. It was hoped that every person in the county would be seen by the workers, but in many cases persons are inadvertently missed. The Red Cross calls on all of us; so make sure that your membership is counted in this Drive.

Reports from the national office indicate that many groups have raised their quota in the first few days of the month. Let us of Dare County make sure that we contribute our part of this national effort for the betterment of the Red Cross, the organization which serves us in time of emergency, and serves our fighting forces throughout the world.

SERIOUS VIOLATIONS MARK STATE HIGHWAY RECORD FOR FEBRUARY

A total of 1,152 drivers committed violations which resulted in revocation or suspension of their driver's licenses during February, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reported today. Revocations listed amounted to 870 and suspensions to 282 for February.

Driving drunk was the cause of 563 revocations as compared with the 496 of February, 1950. Seventy-nine persons were convicted of driving drunk on second offense.

Driving after their licenses were revoked convicted 68 persons. Twelve persons were found guilty of driving after their licenses were suspended. Thirty-six were found guilty of two offenses of reckless driving. Two persons were convicted of hit and run, involving personal injury and four persons were convicted of hit and run, involving property damage. Reckless driving resulting in personal injury and property damage was responsible for 15 convictions. Fifty-four persons were convicted of speeding over 75 miles per hour and 27 were found guilty of two offenses of speeding over 55 miles per hour.

Other convictions were as follows: Larceny of automobile, 11; involuntary manslaughter, two; manslaughter, five; transporting liquor, 34; unsatisfied judgment 10; incompetency, three; habitual violator, 10 and failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility, 67.

In addition, 5,804 persons were found guilty of moving violations which do not require revocations or suspensions on first offense. Of the number, 4,588 were North Carolinians and 1,216, out-of-state drivers.

Speeding headed the list with 1,789 cases, as compared with 3,266 during the same month of last year. Failure to have driver's license was second with 901. Reckless driving was third with 880. Faulty equipment was listed in 197 cases and failure to stop at a stop sign in 197 cases. A total of 139 drivers had improper lights.

MORE CROSS BURNING

Two more crosses were erected and burned on Roanoke Island Monday night. This time the firebrands erected them near the Airport Cafe and the residence of Mrs. Bernice Midgett in Wanchese.

Manteo Chief of Police Mitchell says that he has obtained confessions from a number of schoolboys to the burning of the cross near the home of Mrs. H. S. Ward recently. The boys, Chief Mitchell says, said it was done "as a joke." In the dangerously dry condition of the woods, some such "joke" is likely to have an expensive conclusion if the tomfoolery persists.

OCRACOKE 9TH GRADERS MAKE RALEIGH TRIP

Visit With Representative Swindell of Hyde County and Legislature

Ocracoke, March 19.—Several students of the 9th Grade Civics class of Ocracoke High School enjoyed a three-day trip to Raleigh recently. Having studied from textbooks the duties of the Governor, the Senate, the House, etc., it was interesting to meet and shake hands with Governor Kerr Scott and to visit the Senate and the House of Representatives. In both Houses the group was recognized by their representatives Senator Samuel Campen and Representative Russell Swindell of Hyde County. Mr. Swindell showed the students around the Capitol building, taking them to the Governor's Office and to the Offices of the Secretary of State and State Treasurer. While in Raleigh they also visited the Governor's Mansion and the Hall of History and Museum. At the latter they were greeted cordially by Mrs. Claire Scott Johnson, who has many friends at Ocracoke. On Friday afternoon they visited the State School for the Blind and were shown around by Ronald Stowe of Hatteras, cousin to one member of the Ocracoke group. A high spot of the three day trip was the basketball tournament at the Coliseum at State College on Friday night. On Saturday the group visited the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Returning to Beaufort late Saturday night, they were delighted with courtesies shown them there by Dan Walker, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and F. R. Bell, who took them to Fort Macon, Atlantic Beach. Several of the group also visited the radio station. They returned to Ocracoke on the mailboat Sunday afternoon.

March meeting of the Ocracoke PTA was held Monday at the library, but the business session was brief since members wanted to attend the Walt Disney movie Treasure Island at the local theatre. Mrs. Doris Garrish, president, had charge of the meeting. Treasurer, Mrs. Neva O'Neal, reported Howard \$173.18 on hand, part of which will be used for the electric wiring bill of the new recreation hall, part for cement for the steps, and part for screening. Hostesses, Mrs. Doris Garrish, Mrs. Clyde Farrow, Henry peele, Monford Garrish and Lanie Wynn served delicious banana splits for refreshments. The P. T. A. will begin its rehearsals shortly for a play entitled "Ocracoke School of Long Ago," with members of the group taking part.

AMBULANCE SERVICE BUSY THIS WEEK
Four Dare County folks were carried to hospitals by the Twiford Ambulance Service of Manteo this week. On Sunday, Margaret Ann Parker of Kitty Hawk was taken to the Lee Memorial Hospital in Norfolk. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Midgett of Manteo, Mary Anne, was taken to the same hospital for treatment on Tuesday. The same day Mrs. Wedmore Austin was carried to the Duke Hospital, Durham. Thursday, Mrs. Marjorie Tillett, Wanchese, was taken to the King's Daughters' Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia.

GATES COUNTY PUPILS BUILD LOST COLONY MODEL
Three new directors were elected, including Harry H. Keenan, of Roper, who later was designated by the board as executive vice-president; Hugh Dudley, of Roper and Suffolk, general manager of the lumber company for 40 years. See LAND, Page Five

BROWN DOES JOB FOR DARE COUNTY CHAMBER



AYCOCK BROWN has just about proved that all you need for a Chamber of Commerce is one man who knows what he's doing. During the past few weeks since he has been acting secretary in addition to his regular publicity work, he has answered hundreds of inquiries from people who want to know many things about Dare County. These inquiries range from school children who ask for information about the Town of Manteo, Dare County generally, or The Lost Colony, to letters from persons interested in spending a vacation, renting a cottage, purchasing real estate, or going fishing. He sends out reports two or three times monthly outlining the type of inquiries that have come addressed to Chamber of Commerce.

J. H. AUSTIN, JR., IS MISSING IN ACTION

Pfc. Julian H. Austin, of Elizabeth City and formerly of Hatteras has been reported by the Defense Department as missing in action in Korea since February 13. His wife, Ann Elizabeth Austin, Rt. 2, Elizabeth City, received notification from the secretary of the army last Saturday night.

Pfc. Austin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Austin, Sr., of Elizabeth City, and for many years residents of the Lower Banks. The elder Mr. Austin retired from the Coast Guard Service early this year.

The soldier has been in Korea since last September and was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 38th Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division. The last letter his parents received from him was dated February 8.

Pfc. Austin is the father of a son born last December, after he had left the United States.

HISTORIC N. C. HOUSE OPENED TO VISITORS

Wilmington.—The house which Lord Cornwallis used as headquarters during the British occupation of this port city in 1781 is one of the newer points of interest open to visitors.

The "Cornwallis House," nearly two centuries old, was restored by the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames. The interior has been restored in exact accordance with the original plans, and colonial types of furniture and art items have been placed in the rooms.

The house will be a point of interest to visitors who attend Wilmington's fourth annual Azalea Festival, March 29-April 1.

Generous Contributions to Easter Seal Drive Will Insure Help for Handicapped

Seals Mailed Throughout County. Several Business Firms Contributing. Colored Population Taking Part in Drive.

Mrs. Theodore S. Meekins, Jr., campaign chairman for the Easter Seal Drive which is being conducted in Dare County this month, reported this week that Easter Seals have been sent out by mail to most residents of the county, and, in addition, several local business firms have made arrangements to contribute to the drive for the benefit of crippled children. The colored population of the county is taking part in the drive this year for the first time, Mrs. Meekins added.

Mr. H. A. Creef has secured a film strip illustrating the work of the Easter Seal Society which he is showing at the Pioneer Theatre in Manteo at no expense to the Society; a special collection for the Easter Seal Society will be made at the theatre, also, before the drive closes, the county chairman said.

This year hundreds of North Carolina's 250,000 handicapped children will receive benefits under a three-point program of the North Carolina League for Crippled Children, but the extent of this aid will depend on the generosity of citizens in the Easter Seal campaign, according to John W. Harden, Greensboro, who is State Chairman for the Easter Seal appeal.

The three-point program, he said, "Calls for increased facilities and trained personnel for the care, treatment and training of the cerebral palsied; an expansion of the

Special Education program for the handicapped child being directed by the State Department of Public Instruction, and direct financial or other assistance for individual cases needing help and for the promotion of local projects.

3,200 Aided

"During the past year individual services were given to 3,200 of the State's handicapped children through the state-wide program of the League, which is supported entirely by the Easter Seal contributions, and there is a desperate need for the expansion of these services," Chairman Harden said.

"The League works closely with the existing agencies both public and private in its effort to meet the unmet needs of the handicapped children," he pointed out. "We have approximately 25,000 orthopedically crippled, 34,000 in each of the sight and mentally retarded groups, 25,000 with hearing defects, 119,000 with speech defects, 3,400 with epilepsy, and 42,000 with emotional or behavior problems.

"I want to appeal to every person in North Carolina to give, and give generously to the Easter Seal appeal. Your gifts will bring you ten-fold satisfaction in the knowledge you have made some child's chance for happiness 100 percent greater. Handicapped people, Children and Adults, don't want pity. All they want is a chance."

BEAUFORT-HYDE LAND LEASED FOR OIL TESTS

Davidson Oil Development Co. Acquires Rights On Roper Co. Holdings

The vast holdings of the John L. Roper Lumber Company, at one time a major producer of timber on the Eastern Seaboard, will be explored for oil and gas deposits under provisions of leases executed with two drilling organizations which were announced here yesterday. Some of the present holdings are in Virginia, but most are in North Carolina.

Patrick B. McGinnis, of New York, made the announcement after the annual meetings of the lumber company and the Roper Realization Company, Inc., the parent organization, which resulted in his re-election as president of both concerns.

He reported that one of the leases, embracing 38,000 of the 310,228 acres remaining under the control of the corporation, was made with Frank W. Phillips, of Tulsa, Okla., and the other, involving approximately 260,000 acres, was made with the Davidson Oil Development Co., Inc., of Washington, D. C. Almost all of this property is in northeastern North Carolina.

C. Newton Kidd, of Baltimore, was elected chairman of the board of the realization company at the reorganization meeting which followed the annual assembly of the stockholders.

Besides McGinnis, other officers re-elected were William T. Griffin, of New York, vice-president and general counsel, and J. Raymond Fritchard, Virginia Beach, secretary.

NEW DIRECTORS NAMED

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VETERAN LIGHTKEEPER, HATTERAS NATIVE DIES

John Benjamin Jeanette, 80, died Thursday night at a New Bern hospital after an illness of several years. He was a retired lighthouse keeper, native of Cape Hatteras, Dare County and keeper of the Hatteras Inlet Light to 1911. He was transferred to New Bern as keeper of the New Bern harbor lights. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, at 3:30 o'clock with burial following in the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Surviving are: his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Carl Bartling of New Bern and Mrs. Curtis Edwards of Winston-Salem; three sons, Arthur S. Jeanette of Norfolk, John B. Jeanette, Jr., of New Bern and Lt. Comdr. C. R. Jeanette of Norfolk.

MUCH INTEREST IN LOST COLONY TRYOUTS TONITE

General Manager Hardy Meeting With Local Working Committees In Manteo This Week

From a hundred or so residents of Roanoke Island Lost Colony's director Samuel Selden on Friday night will select 50 or more persons ranging from small children to housewives and business men, for roles in the 1951 production of the show to be presented for its 11th season in Waterside Theatre beginning on June 30. The casting on Friday night for islanders will be followed on March 31 in Chapel Hill when statewide tryouts will be held by Selden.

From Chapel Hill this week Director Selden announced that there would be no local committee assisting in the tryouts here Friday as in previous years. He will be assisted by General Manager William Hardy who arrived in Dare early this week to spend several days in connection with making preparations for the opening of the symphonic drama's second decade.

Since his arrival on the coast Hardy has been meeting with local committees who are cooperating with the presentation of the Paul Green spectacle during 1951. On Thursday night he attended a meeting of the Dare County Par-

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ROGER GARD ASSIGNED TO FORT JACKSON, S. C.

Pvt. Roger C. Gard of Manns Harbor is one of sixteen North Carolina men recently assigned to the 31st Infantry Division, Fort Jackson, S. C., after completing processing at the 2053rd Reception Center, Ft. Meade, Maryland.

GOLDEN WEDDING FOR HATTERAS COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Stowe Celebrate With Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Stowe of Hatteras celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 10, at their home in Hatteras. For the first time in twelve years the entire family was together, and a big dinner was spread in honor of the occasion. Seven children, 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren were present. Included were Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Robertson of Williamston, Mrs. Etta Peele of Manteo, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Stowe of Hatteras, Harvey Stowe of Hatteras, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scarborough and children of Avon, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Snead and son Earl of Tall Timbers, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Berry Stowe and son Berry, Jr. of Cape May, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Stowe were married at Hatteras on March 10, 1901. Mrs. Stowe before her marriage was Miss Janette Stowe.

BILL TO PREVENT VOTERS CHOOSING OFFICERS IN DARE

Mora Political Dictatorship Denies Voters Right To Say Who Shall Run Affairs

A bill which can be aimed only at continuing political dictatorship in Dare County, introduced by Representative Etheridge in the House, would deny all Dare County people the right to choose more than one of their county commissioners and Board of Education, and may readily have the effect of preventing many communities ever electing a man on the Boards.

Under the provisions of House Bill No. 560, only the voters in a district would be allowed to vote for a commissioner, in the Primary election, and then only for the one man from their particular district. In other words, they can have no voice in the selection of the other four members of the Board.

This appears to be a most undemocratic procedure. It means that by carefully picking a popular man from any area, no matter what his qualifications, he may be readily elected because his home folks would naturally support him.

But perhaps the worst feature of the bill is that, as politics now go, many of the important communities of the county could never again get a man elected on the Board of Commissioners or Board of Education.

There are two precincts in Kennekeet Township, Rodanthe and Avon. Because Avon is overwhelmingly the larger, Rodanthe could not hope to put up a candidate to beat an Avon man.

By the same token, Frisco, or Buxton would always be overruled by the largest vote in Hatteras precinct.

Communities such as Wanchese and Nags Head in Nags Head Township could not hope for representation on these Boards in the face of the huge vote at the Manteo box. Nor could Colington, Duck, or Kill Devil Hills in Atlantic Township ever overcome the larger vote of Kitty Hawk.

On the mainland of Dare County, where East Lake and Manns Harbor are usually cooperative politically, the community of Stumpy Point would never have an opportunity to elect a man on either of these Boards.

Of course it might be possible by dint of certain political trading, but political trading is not usually in the interests of the people.

While wealth is not usually the yardstick to determine representation, we can see where the beach area with nearly one half of all the taxable property of Dare County, could have no voice in the selection of the officers who assess property and levy taxes.

It all boils down to taxation without representation. No voter in the county could vote on four of the five men who handle the county affairs, levy taxes and spend the money.

The fact is that no member of the two Boards will be under obligation to any citizen of the county, except the people of his own district. A commissioner nominated by the people of Nags Head township can have full swing in managing county affairs, yet no one in the other four districts can do a thing about it.

There is something mighty peculiar about a man who will take advantage of his office to kick four-fifths of his people in the rear-end every chance he gets. In this instance, everybody in the county is getting kicked.

NEGRO BOUND OVER TO SUPERIOR COURT

Probable cause was found in the only action tried in Judge Baum's recorder's court Tuesday, and Henry (Junior) Bowser was bound over to superior court for trial for the stabbing of William (Bill) Midgett in the colored section of Manteo last Saturday night.

HIGHWAY DEATH TOLL, 1951

Killed March 9 through March 12	11
Injured March 9 through March 12	126
Killed through March 12 this year	198
Killed through March 12, 1950	172
Injured through March 12, this year	2,161
Injured through March 12, 1950	2,080