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MORE YOUTH CENTERS FOR OUTER BANKS

Hatteras, Buxton, Rodanthe and Waves Represented at Saturday Meeting

Plans for establishing three more recreation programs for the children and youth of Dare County were discussed last Saturday in Avon, at which time the possibility for supervised and wholesome activities in three more Lower Banks communities seems not too far away.

At that time, delegations from Buxton, Hatteras and Waves met with Mrs. Tommy Wilson of Avon who with her husband is successfully running the Avon Youth Club every Thursday night, and Mr. and Mrs. David Stick of Kitty Hawk who direct activities at Kitty Hawk Youth Club.

Mrs. Stick brought recommendations on setting up youth programs from the N. C. Recreation Commission and stressed that what might work in one community might be wrong for another. The programs in Manteo, Avon and Kitty Hawk for example were pointed out as being quite different according to the needs of the different communities and also to the facilities and the available leadership. Financing the program, regulations to be established, activities and so on were discussed by all and how each was worked out in the youth clubs already in existence. It was pretty well agreed that the more the young people did for themselves, the better, since they would feel it was their program if they helped plan and run it. Also, in this way, the recreation program can serve as a citizenship training program as well whereby the young people learn better to take responsibility, and to put forth some effort in order to have these activities.

Unfortunately, it was the support of the parents and other adults in the various communities that seemed to be the hardest thing to swing. This difficulty has already been seen in regard to the Avon, Manteo and Kitty Hawk Clubs, and some of the other communities represented seemed to be confronted by the same problem. What is expected in all these programs from parents is so little as compared to what is being done and will be done by the ones who are organizing and trying to start these programs.

It was stressed, too, at the meeting that since we are all volunteer leaders, we don't need to be afraid because we are not trained . . . having the interest and willingness to put out time and effort is enough.

If the enthusiasm that the group felt on Saturday can be sustained, and the rest of their respective communities will cooperate with them, quite possibly in the near future, every one of the 7 communities below Oregon Inlet will have a youth program available through 4 Youth Clubs. This would be a wonderful step forward in the interests of children and youth who are the future citizens of Dare.

Mrs. M. L. Burrus of Hatteras headed a group of 6 from that community; Mrs. Laura Hooper of Buxton headed a group of 6 from that community and Mrs. Cedric Midgett and Mrs. Nellie Farrow of Waves, represented the Waves-Rodanthe community. The meeting was held under the sponsorship of the Dare County Council for Youth.

TWO FROM KITTY HAWK TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Two men from Kitty Hawk were taken to the Marine Hospital Wednesday night. Both of Twiford's Manteo ambulances were pressed into service, one driven by Marvin Rogers and one by Walter Harris. Bill Baum, retired Coast Guardsman, was taken ill, and Frank Niechle, machinist, suffered a stroke.

MANTEO GIRLS AND BOYS ATTEND YOUTH CONFERENCE

A group of young people from Mount Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo attended the Youth Conference held in Durham last week end at Trinity Methodist Church. Conferences on religious training began Friday night with a banquet meeting. Other group meetings followed on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday night, the recreation plans included attendance at the Duke-Washington basketball game.

The Manteo group included Patricia Baum, Betty Rae Rogers, Carolee O'Neal, Wade Nixon, Harry Johnson and Robert Williams. Adult advisors accompanying them were Adrian Ayers and Edwin Midgett.

REAL ESTATE IN DARE CONTINUES MOVING RAPIDLY

Real estate activity throughout Dare County during the month of December 1951 shows there is no let up in interest on the part of buyers. Some tracts sold as high as \$17,000. Revenue stamps indicate prices paid, as each deed carried \$1.10 in stamps for each \$1,000 paid.

Kennekeet Township
E. B. Quidley to Walter D. Williams, two acres at Avon, no stamps.

Ronald E. Harris to Elizabeth H. Outland, et als, 27 1/2 acres near Rodanthe, no stamps.

Anne Simko to Georgeanna Harris, 27 1/2 acres near Rodanthe, no stamps.

W. V. Midgett to W. J. Midgett, Sr., 27 1/2 acres near Rodanthe, no stamps.

Jethro Midgett to W. J. Midgett, Sr., 27 1/2 acres near Rodanthe, no stamps.

W. J. Midgett, Jr., to W. J. Midgett, Sr., 27 1/2 acres near Rodanthe, no stamps.

Elma J. M. Large, to W. J. Midgett, Sr., 27 1/2 acres near Rodanthe, no stamps.

Efkie Midgett to W. J. Midgett, Sr., 27 1/2 acres near Rodanthe, no stamps.

M. K. Fearing to W. Benton Pipkin, 284 acres near Salvo, stamps \$18.15.

Walker B. Scarborough to James Sawyer and wife, land near Avon, no stamps.

Valton G. Midgett to W. J. Midgett, Sr., 27 1/2 acres near Rodanthe, no stamps.

Croatan Township
John R. Duvall to Peleg J. Midgett, Rawls Island, stamps \$2.20.

Ottis T. Gard to Lucy M. Gard, land at Manns Harbor, no stamps.

East Lake Township
Julia Pinner to John A. Twiddy, land at East Lake, stamps \$5.55.

Nags Head Township
Myrt Pugh et al to the Board of Education, land at Wanchese, no stamps.

Fred I. Jones to Lonnie R. Jones, 1 lot at Manteo, no stamps.

N. Miller, et al to James G. Morton, 4 lots on beach, stamps \$3.85.

N. Miller et al to Royce L. Daniels, 2 lots on beach, stamps \$2.20.

Charles H. Midgett to the Board of Education, land at Wanchese, no stamps.

Braney O. Peterson to G. G. Bonner, Jr., 1 lot in Manteo, stamps \$8.25.

N. Miller, et al, to Glenn C. Price, 2 lots on beach, stamps \$2.20.

Archie Burrus to John F. Wilson, Jr., 2 lots on beach, stamps \$1.10.

Nikoli Miller to Arthur Symons, 2 lots on beach, stamps \$2.20.

Marvin O. Evans to R. Celdon Francis, 1 lot in Manteo, stamps \$3.85.

Martha G. Kienzle to M. L. Daniels, Jr., 2 small marsh islands, stamps \$5.55.

L. L. Hayman to C. G. Bell, et ux, 1 lot N. H. Shores.

Judith Jones to Edgar A. Midgett, 1 1/2 lots on beach, stamps \$2.20.

Nikoli Miller, et al, to Alfred J. Goodman, 4 lots on beach, stamps \$3.85.

Lulu S. James to Mary Louise James, 1 lot on beach, no stamps.

Gladys M. Brantley to Alfred T. Martin, five-sevenths acre on See REAL, Page Eight

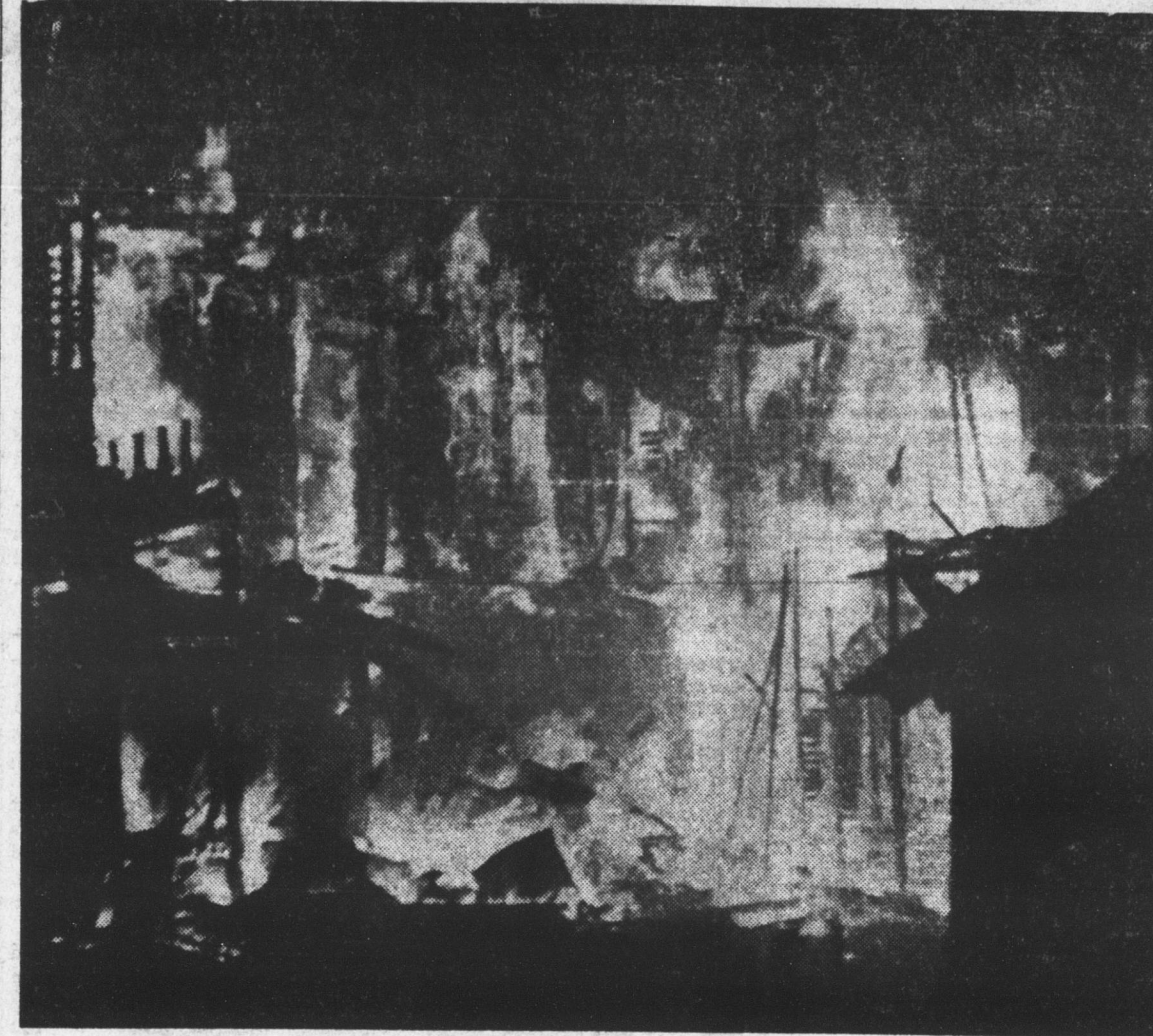
BLUE CROSS PROGRAM CITED ON OUTER BANKS

Better health for rural families is the goal of the Rural Enrollment Office of Hospital Saving Association (Blue Cross, Blue Shield). Another step toward this goal was made recently when representatives of the Rural office visited the Outer Banks to enroll the families there in a Blue Cross hospitalization group.

Mrs. C. T. Wanzer, Rural Enrollment Director, and her crew appeared at Home Demonstration and community meetings in Hatteras, Buxton, Avon, Salvo, Waves, Rodanthe and Frisco, speaking to the groups about Blue Cross and its benefits. The rural program is designed to meet the needs of the rural people who cannot get Blue Cross benefits through city groups, and to give them Hospital Saving coverage of their own choice at preferred group rates. "Rural health is one of the greatest problems in North Carolina," said Mrs. Wanzer, "and it is our endeavor to reach families all over the state with Blue Cross, Blue Shield."

Those seeking further information on this program may contact Mrs. Laura Hooper in the REA office in Buxton. She will be glad to explain it and to arrange for those living in the Outer Banks communities to join the group.

FINAL STAGES OF THE HOTEL ROANOKE FIRE IN MANTEO TUESDAY



The fire which brought a \$50,000 loss to Mrs. Edna Bell of Manteo, when her Roanoke Hotel building burned down, took the life of one man, and made five families homeless. The stock in the recently closed store of Dennis Evans was a total loss, along with many valuable papers, books and relics. The photo is by Aycock Brown.

DARE NCEA MEETING WELL ATTENDED AT RECENT CONFERENCE

Every unit of the Dare County school system was represented at the recent meeting of the Dare County NCEA at Wanchese. Speaker for the occasion was Earl Funderburk, Superintendent of the Elizabeth City schools, who complimented the Wanchese teachers for the maintenance of the building, and the school system for having so many present. He outlined to the group the five-point program to be submitted to the legislature by the United Forces for Education, as follows:

1. The reduction of class size to 30 pupils per teacher, and the reduction to 25 pupils per teacher as soon as possible.
2. Salary schedule of \$2600 to \$4100 for A certificate teachers.
3. Sufficient funds to employ adequate attendance enforcement personnel.
4. Appropriations to meet increased costs of expense items, and to provide additional required services and supplies.
5. Capital outlay funds by bond issue to complete the present school building program.

FIRE PERMITS COMPULSORY

County Fire Warden F. T. Hemilright of Manns Harbor announces that as of Feb. 1, 1952 it is compulsory to have a permit before burning brush from yards, fields, etc., and that any person or persons ignoring this ruling is subject to indictment and fine.

Permits may be secured from the following people and places: Ruby Gray, Stumpy Point; Alton Best, Stumpy Point; Lundie Twiford, East Lake; Thelma Smith, East Lake; T. R. Midgett, Mashoes; Wilbur Pinner, Manns Harbor; Wilson Ambrose, Manns Harbor; F. T. Hemilright, Manns Harbor.

Mr. Hemilright will be glad to cooperate and assist anyone who desires his services at any time.

KITTY HAWK CIVIC CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Russell Perry, operator of the Sea View Inn at Nags Head and a resident of Kitty Hawk, was elected President of the Kitty Hawk Civic Club at the annual meeting of the organization Monday night. At the same time, Carlos Dowdy was elected Vice-President, and P. A. Tillett was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The club members also passed a resolution calling for action which they hoped would lead to the removal of a school of porpoise in Currituck Sound. Between 20 and 30 of the porpoises are reported to be stranded in the inland sound, and between them are devouring large quantities of fish.

Retiring officers of the club are David Stick, President; Walter Perry, Vice-President, and Carlos Dowdy, Secretary-Treasurer.

POLIO FUND AIDED BY PARTY THURSDAY

A total of \$24 was raised for the 1952 March of Dimes in Manteo Thursday night of last week, when a benefit card party was given at the Hotel Fort Raleigh by Mrs. J. C. Evans. Bridge and canasta were played at nine tables, prizes of home-made candy going to Mrs. Hugh Basnight, Mrs. George Creef, Mrs. L. W. Huggins, Mrs. T. D. Etheridge and Mrs. Vivian Ryder.

WANCHESE BIBLE CLASS TO VISIT MANN'S HARBOR

The big Men's Bible class of Wanchese Methodist Church is going to Manns Harbor Sunday, February 10th by special invitation. The men's class is being reorganized at the Manns Harbor church and the Wanchese class is going to help do the job. Melvin Daniels, is President and Gage Williams teacher. It has about 80 members.

MANTEO LOSES LANDMARK; FIRE WHICH ROUTS FIVE FAMILIES IS FATAL TO ONE

Hotel Roanoke Burns in Early Morning Hours With \$50,000 Loss; Work of Firemen Wins Praise; Beavers Burns to Death Alone in Apartment; Structure Beyond Rebuilding.

COAST GUARD MAINTAINS USUAL RESCUE RECORD

Twenty Six Rescued Near Ocracoke by Capt. Henry Peele's Crew

The skipper and 25 crewmen of the motorship Miget wrote a new epic of men against the sea today, escaping through a storm-lashed surf from their grounded, cracking freighter in their only remaining lifeboat.

Led by Capt. Ludolph von Tangen, 35, of Milford, N. J., the men rode an apparent "last chance" to safety after winds and pounding seas forced back Coast Guard rescue boats and began ripping the 2,600-ton freighter apart.

Waves shattered one lifeboat in the davits as the men tried to launch it, Von Tangen told the Coast Guard at Ocracoke station on the Outer Banks.

"All of us had to ride the only boat left," he said. "We must have gone a mile or a mile and a half when we hit."

The Coast Guard said Von Tangen had only a glimpse of a rocket fired by an approaching rescue party to guide him toward land, but said his maneuvering of the little craft through the boiling surf was "excellent."

The surf carried the lifeboat to shore and dropped it on the bottom a few yards offshore and broke it up, pitching the men in the water. They staggered ashore, weary and wet, and dropped down on the flat sandy beach of Portsmouth Island, five miles south of Ocracoke, just as Coast Guard rescue party reached the scene.

One of the men had fired a flare gun from the boat which guided the rescue party through the boggy marsh to reach them. "We saw the flare while we were on our way," said Capt. Henry Peele of the Ocracoke station. "We knew they had reached the beach."

Capt. Peele is a son of Mrs. Alonzo Stowe of Manteo, and is one of the best known men in service.

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SALVO BOY RETURNS FROM KOREA TO VISIT RELATIVES

With the 25th Infantry Div. in Korea — Sgt. Manning R. Gray, whose wife, Rachael, lives in Salvo, N. C., recently left the 25th Infantry Division on the snow-covered Korean front for rotation to the United States. Sgt. Gray's father Richard Gray was killed in a motor accident Christmas day.

A veteran unit of the Korean war, the 25th was one of the first to see combat. It recently has been engaged in patrol action near the 38th parallel.

A radio operator in the 27th Infantry Regiment, Gray entered the Army in November, 1948. He joined the 25th Division in March 1951 and has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Mrs. Gray, who is a native of Colorado, left this week to meet him in South Carolina, and to return with him to Salvo.

Sgt. Gray and Mrs. Gray were visitors in Manteo Thursday. He said all the boys were anxious to get home. He is becoming quite a veteran of the Army, and wants to stay with it, but is hopeful of going to Europe next. He served nine months on the front in Korea, and previously had served 15 months in Okinawa.

His brother Tommy who is in the Coast Guard in Conn., is expected to join him this week.

STUDENT FROM BAGHDAD VISITS ROANOKE ISLAND

Roger Meekins, who is attending State College, had as his week end guest in Manteo and Arabian student, Hatam Samarie, of Baghdad, ricultural methods in America, and Iraq. Mr. Samarie is learning ag-will take back his knowledge to benefit his country which was old in agriculture before the days of Moses. He is about 24 years old, well educated, and speaks English fluently. He visited Fort Raleigh, and other points of interest in this area.

The old Hotel Roanoke, after more than half a century as a landmark in Manteo, was burned beyond repair early Tuesday morning. Five families were made homeless and one man, Wilmer Beavers, 33, was burned to death.

But fortune otherwise favored the town in the mild wind, and the good work done by both the Manteo Fire Department and the Coast Guards who brought a pumping engine from Nags Head Station. Fortune favored other property owners in the town because two young women and a sailor happened to be riding around enjoying the still warm night, and saw the blaze in its early stages about two o'clock in the morning.

Because of this the sleeping occupants of four apartments were warned and got out in time, and the alarm was spread. Beavers' family were spending the night away. No one knew he was in the building. It is generally thought the fire originated in his apartment on the east end of the second floor.

The building, which so many years housed the business of Evans & Mann, of Evans & Meekins, of Manteo Supply Company, had long since stopped being a hotel, and was an apartment house. It was owned by Mrs. Edna Bell of Manteo, and she had recently bought it from the estate of her father, the late R. C. Evans. She carried no insurance beyond the amount needed to cover a small indebtedness against the property, due to the high rate on this type of building. A great loss to her in rentals from the property results. \$50,000 would not cover the property loss.

First built more than 70 years ago by the late Joe Etheridge, who as a Republican representative from Currituck County in 1861, helped to create Dare County, it was rebuilt and greatly enlarged in 1819 by the late Mr. Evans. At one time it was operated as a hotel by the late N. E. Gould and by several other proprietors. It was a huge two-story structure, with many rooms on the attic floor.

Because the wind was light, and the fire in the leeward end of the building, the strenuous efforts of the Manteo Fire Department, aided by Coast Guards, and the large crowd of townspeople who appeared on the scene, the blaze was kept from spreading to the nearby home of Clyde Hassell on the north side, and the Davis Department Store on the southside. Had the blaze gotten out of control, the results on either side would have been extremely disastrous.

The calmest man on the scene was Henry Clark, who, more than 80 years old, got up and calmly dressed and walked out of the building. He is the father of Capt. See FIRE Page Eight

WILMER BEAVERS BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES TUES.

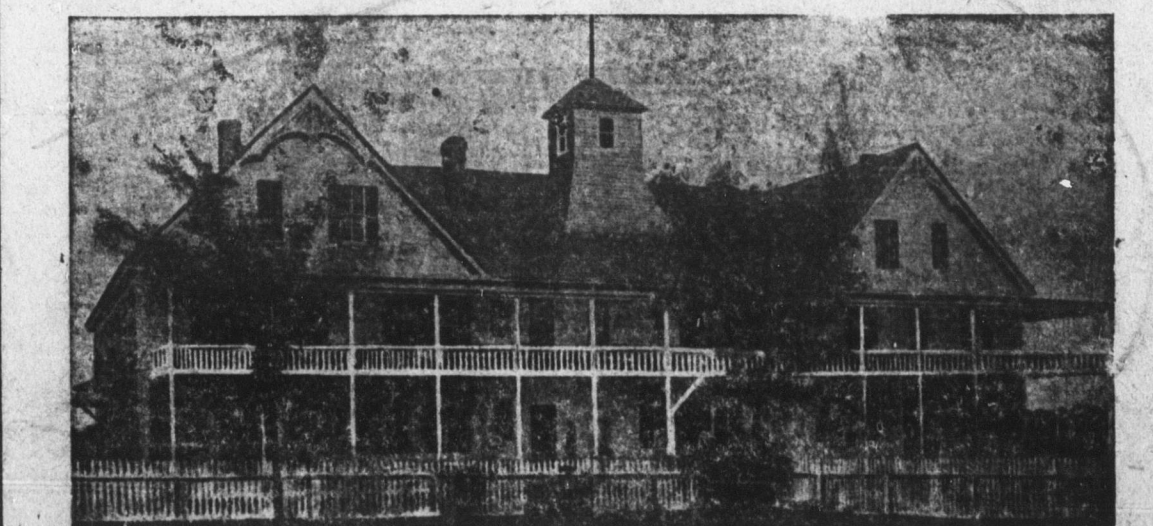
Wilmer Lee Beavers, 33, died Tuesday morning early as the result of injuries received in a fire at the old Roanoke Hotel in Manteo.

He was a native of Graham, but had been living in Manteo for the past 15 years. He was the son of Mrs. Elsie Mae Fillingame Beavers and the late Lee Beavers; husband of Mrs. Hilda Midgett Beavers; a member of the Manteo Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M., and served in the U. S. Navy for three years and three months.

Beavers came to Manteo as one of many CCC boys who remained in the county after marrying here. He had served as a policeman for the town of Manteo, a short time. Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by two daughters, Sandra Lucille and Deanna Lee Beavers, both of Manteo; six brothers, James Earl, Hubert, Tommy Freddy, Ledrew and Bonnie N. Beavers, all of Vanceboro; five sisters, Mrs. Dave Trexler of New Bern, Mrs. Grace Corbitt of Fountain, Mrs. Juanita Willis of Portsmouth, Mrs. Jerry Hayman of Tennessee, and Miss Elsie Beavers of Vanceboro.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home at Manteo by the Rev. Henry V. Napier. Burial followed in the Manteo Cemetery. Masonic rites were held at the graveside.

IT WAS A GREAT OLD PLACE IN ITS DAY



THE ROANOKE HOTEL, as it looked in the early part of the century. The photographer stood in the Tranquil House yard across the street. It was an old store building, housing early commercial enterprises. It was rebuilt and enlarged in 1899. Some ten years later, the third floor attic was ceiled off and made into rooms. It is now gutted beyond repair. This old picture was made by E. N. Anketell 50 years ago.