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YOUNG WIFE KILLS BOTH SELF AND SPOUSE MONDAY

Wanchese Couple Buried Wednesday Following Double Tragedy Near Norfolk

A Wanchese couple, victims of murder and suicide by the frantic wife, were buried Wednesday afternoon, following services at the Methodist Church at Wanchese. Esau Edison Gallop, 37, and Annie Laura Gallop, his wife, who shot him and then herself, were buried together in the Cudworth Cemetery.

The couple were living in Ocean View, Va., at the time of the tragedy Monday afternoon, which had its beginning in the dining room and ended in the living room of their home at 1016 Modoc Avenue. Gallop was a marine engineer, employed by the McAllister Towing Co. The couple had been to Manteo over the week end. They had been on the verge of separation many times. The wife was hysterical because her husband, she said, did not treat her right and properly provide for herself and family.

Present at the time were Barbara Jean Gallop, 12, and the baby, Alice May, 16 months old. The other child, Oswald Edison, 16, was not at home.

"I was in the next room when my father was shot," Barbara Jean related. "Then I saw mother come from the dining room into the living room with the gun in her hand. I tried to get it away from her. I grabbed hold of it and yelled. My mother wouldn't let go and the gun was pointing at me. I was afraid it might go off and shoot me. A lady next door yelled to me to get out of the house and come over there, so I ran out of the front door."

As Barbara Jean reached the neighbor's house, another shot was heard. This was the one which killed Mrs. Gallop.

The little girl said she heard no argument prior to the shooting. "But mother had been sick," she said.

Sgt. Ernest M. Towe, who investigated for the homicide squad, said that Mrs. Gallop had been treated by a physician for a nervous breakdown earlier in the day.

Following the double shooting, neighbors and Barbara Jean entered and brought the baby out of the house.

Answering a call from neighbors, Towe, Detective Lawrence Benton and Patrolmen C. F. Sanders and J. L. Skaggs arrived. They found Gallop sprawled on the dining room floor, a gaping wound in the top of his head. In the living room, beside the shotgun, lay Mrs. Gallop, her head shattered by the shotgun blast. The gun, Towe said, had been fired twice.

The Gallops had been residing in the Modoc Avenue bungalow for about a year.

Mrs. Gallop, daughter of the late Albert and Mrs. Annie Laurie Cudworth Daniels, was a native of Wanchese, where she was a member of the Methodist Church.

In addition to the three children, she is survived by three brothers, Curtis Daniels, of Manteo, Luther Daniels of Raleigh, and Clyde Daniels of Pittsburgh, Pa., and some half-brothers and sisters.

Mr. Gallop, son of Mrs. Delilah Meekins Gallop, of Wanchese, and the late Marvin Leslie Gallop, also was a native of Wanchese, and like his wife, was a member of the Wanchese Methodist Church.

Besides the children and his mother, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Alice Hayman and Mrs. Stella John, both of Norfolk, and Mrs. Theresa Daniels, of Pittsburgh, and two brothers, Lawrence Gallop and William Gallop, of Wanchese.

PILOT WHALE ASHORE ON HATTERAS BEACH

HATTERAS.—A small pilot whale measuring about 12 feet from tip to tip was beached here this week during stormy weather offshore. It is the first of the species to be reported ashore along the coast since last spring when several were frightened and driven onto the beach between Nags Head and Oregon Inlet.

The small whale on the beach here was discovered by Theodore O'Neal. Locally the blunt-nosed specimen is called "blackfish." They travel in sizable herds off the coast during the late autumn and winter months and when frightened they often hit the beach. They have very small eyes on either side of their large blunt heads, and because they are unable to see very well it is said to be the reason they often come ashore, sometimes living for a day or two on the dry sand before dying.

HERBERT PEELE, 70, DIES SUDDENLY IN ELIZ. CITY



Funeral services for Herbert Peele, veteran newsman of Elizabeth City who died Tuesday morning, were conducted Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at Christ Episcopal church. The Rev. Geo. Frank Hill, rector, officiated, assisted by the Rev. R. W. Kickle, pastor of Blackwell Memorial Baptist church, and the Rev. W. W. Finlator, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Peele's body was found on the sidewalk in front of the Kramer Building on E. Main street Tuesday morning by Irvin Shannon, colored janitor of the Carolina Building, who reported the finding of the body to police headquarters at 6:49.

Mr. Peele had gone downtown with Mrs. Peele to gather news for the early morning newscast over his radio station WGAI. He had gone to a cafe for a cup of coffee and was stricken just before reaching the entrance to the Kramer building in which the radio station studios are located. No one saw him when he fell to the sidewalk and died.

Dr. W. H. C. White, coroner, who viewed the body, said that he was of the opinion that the death of Elizabeth City newsman died of coronary occlusion, and the death was instantaneous. The time of death was believed to have been a very few minutes before the body was found, as he had left the cafe at about 6:45 to go to the radio station.

Mr. Peele was 70 years old, and was well known throughout North Carolina through his newspaper work. He was for 37 years publisher of the Daily Advance in Elizabeth City, which he sold in September, 1949.

He came to Elizabeth City in May, 1911, and leased the Tar Heel, a weekly paper, from F. F. Cohoon, with the privilege of purchasing which he did at a later date. From this he established his daily.

Since selling the paper in 1949, he had been actively engaged in See PEELE, Page Eight

GEESE BLACKEN DUNES OF OUTER BANKS

Duck.—There was a time when the Canadian wild geese did all of their feeding in the sounds and marshes along the coast. Then they started feeding in dryland fields and in Currituck and other counties of East Carolina bordering fresh water sounds and lakes many farmers became hunting guides during the wildfowl season.

Now the geese have learned a new trick which may not put them out of range of hunters' guns, but it at least gives them a chance to see approaching hunters, and thus they have a better chance for survival.

The wild geese of Currituck have gotten in the habit of landing on top of treeless and grassless dunes along the Outer Banks between Duck village and the Virginia State line. Not just a few hundreds, but thousands of geese sometimes alight on one dune until the dune is blackened with the geese.

From atop the dunes the geese are on a perfect lookout to see approaching hunters and usually a flock will take off in flight before a gunner can come within range.

Since most of the dunes are located on gunning club lands, the average individual, unless a member of the various clubs in the area are not permitted to hunt or shoot the geese while they are resting on top of dunes.

Since there are no roads in the area between Duck and the Virginia line, the average hunter has difficulty reaching the dunes which can be approached only by boat and to land a boat on the Banks shore of Currituck it is usually necessary to follow a channel to a club house landing, where hunters are told they cannot shoot on the dunelands.

NAGS HEAD MAN PICKED TO RUN LOST COLONY

Dick Jordan To Succeed Bill Hardy and Attempt to Get Show Back on Its Feet

By AYCOCK BROWN
R. E. (Dick) Jordan, veteran showman and Nags Head man, was named manager of Paul Green's symphonic drama THE LOST COLONY, at Manteo, during the December meeting of Roanoke Island Historical Association held in Raleigh on Wednesday. He succeeds William Hardy, manager for the past two years who resigned as of December 1. Jordan, a native of Lenoir County, N. C., had lived in Newport News where he had been employed by Newport News Shipbuilding Corporation for the past 18 years, heading the organization's sheet metal department for several years as supervisor or before resigning in 1949 to enter business for himself at Nags Head.

He established and is owner of Jordan Concrete Products on Nags Head. Always interested in dramatics he has assisted in the staging of scores of shows and for many years owned and directed an orchestra in addition to his shipyard duties. During the past several months he has been a featured pianist on a daily individual program featured by WTAR-TV in Norfolk, in addition to directing the affairs of his concrete business at Nags Head where he lives with Mrs. Jordan.

Widely known in the Dare coastal and Tidewater Virginia area, Jordan is expected to give the Lost Colony a great amount of local promotion, which has been lacking to some extent in recent years, according to Martin Kellogg, chairman. See COLONY, Page Eight

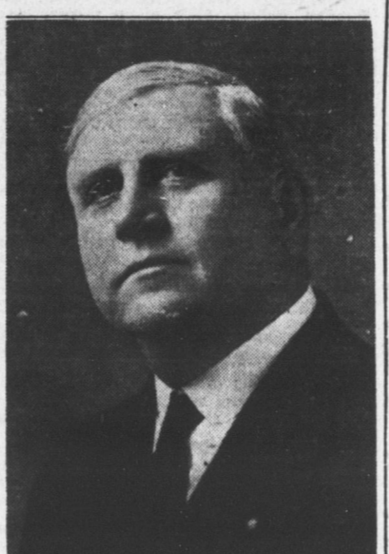
DUVALL MADE CHM. DARE COUNTY BOARD

C. C. Duvall of East Lake, was reelected Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners Tuesday. Mr. Duvall has served for the past two years. Two new members of the Board were sworn in; Lloyd Scarborough of Hatteras Township and W. H. Leaward of Atlantic Township. Other county officers were sworn in and filed bonds and made reports.

The Board voted to increase the travel allotment for Welfare Case workers by about 25 percent. Willis Daniels was reappointed Tax Supervisor. Martin Kellogg, Jr., County Attorney.

December 18th was set for the day on which the Board will meet to appoint appraisers to revalue property in the six townships of Dare County this year.

ONCE BIG, WARM HEART NOW STILL AND COLD



REV. LOUIS T. SINGLETON, 75, died suddenly Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the home he had recently bought on Front Street, Belhaven. Thus ended his career as a minister of more than 50 years. He had been for five years pastor of the Belhaven Methodist Church and he had retired in November.

With his wife, Mr. Singleton had attended the Belhaven Methodist Church Sunday, and together they had planned to go for a ride, after lunch in Arthur Zambos cafe. He had enjoyed his dinner, and leaving the cafe they had stopped at their new home, where he went inside for something. When he did not return immediately, Mrs. Singleton went in to see about him and found him sitting on a couch, and complaining of being dizzy. He soon asked her to send for a doctor, and went unconscious. Before Dr. C. C. Byrum arrived, he was dead.

Mr. Singleton was born at Roper, October 20, 1877, the son of John Edward and Mary Louise Osborne Singleton. On October 19, 1910 he married Miss Mary Lawrence of Murfreesboro who survives him. Also three daughters survive, Miss Mary Clyde Singleton and Mrs. Simon Rose of Durham and Mrs. Wm. B. Ligon of New York. One brother, D. T. Singleton of Elizabeth City, and two sisters, Mrs. John Raney of Norfolk, and Mrs. Floyd Johnson of Whiteville.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church in Belhaven Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. P. Jackson, assisted by Rev. George Downey, of the Christian Church; Rev. J. T. Byrum of the Baptist Church; Rev. A. J. MacKie of the Episcopal Church, and Dr. Frank S. Love, Methodist Supt. of Elizabeth City. Pall bearers were Clyde Burgess, James Younce, Lee Andrews, Leon See SINGLETON, Page Four

GUNS TAKE LIFE AND INJURE TWO DURING WEEK

Fairfield Boy Dead; Hunter Loses Fingers; Pantego Girl Injured

Firearms have taken a costly toll in the area during the week, the most serious mishap being the death of Daniel Webster Sears, Jr., 19-year-old Fairfield boy who was accidentally killed while hunting near his home. He was found dead with a wound in the chest and was thought he had stumped a toe while crossing a canal bank.

On November 27th, a hunter from Lumberton, Jack Ashley, went to pick up a gun by the end of the barrel, the trigger caught, and the load blew off the thumb and forefinger of the left hand. He was treated at Pungo District Hospital, in Belhaven. He had been hunting with a party of friends, including some highway patrolman, near Fairfield.

On Saturday at Pantego, Susie Spencer, a 12-year-old girl suffered serious injuries when a gun in the hands of an eight-year-old boy neighbor went off and punctured her liver, penetrated a kidney, and required a major operation in the Belhaven hospital, causing the removal of kidney and gall bladder. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Spencer of Pantego.

Young Sears was the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sears of Fairfield and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore B. Gibbs of Sladesville. He was buried in Fairfield following services conducted Wednesday by Rev. Edward Sharp, Episcopal Rector in the Fairfield Church. Besides his parents he is survived by five sisters, Marie of Henderson, Marlin, Sara, Mary and Amanda, and a brother Nathan, all of Fairfield.

TRAVEL INCREASE NOTED AT DARE'S HISTORIC SITES

Manteo.—Tourists from 37 states and seven foreign countries visited national historic sites during November 1952, and the total number was a considerable increase over the same month last year.

More than twice as many persons visited the Wright Brothers National monument in November this year than last. The total of 3,564 visitors at the monument was an increase of 111 percent over November 1951, according to Horace Dough, superintendent of the monument reservation. Due to the December 17th celebration planned this month in observance of the 49th anniversary of the Wright's first flight in 1903, an even larger increase of visitors will be registered at the site unless weather conditions stop travel which is seldom the case here on the Dare Coast.

Robert Atkinson, superintendent of Fort Raleigh National Site on Roanoke Island, scene of The Lost Colony by Paul Green, each summer, and the actual site where English-speaking America had its beginning in the late 16th Century stated that with 1,953 See TRAVEL, Page Four

BANK OF MANTEO ISSUES \$16,000 FOR CHRISTMAS

The Bank of Manteo recently returned over \$16,000 to depositors in its Christmas Savings Club, it was learned this week. This year was the largest in the bank's history, being about \$2,000 above last year's deposits.

The 1953 Club will start Monday, December 8.

FEW DEER KILLED ON HATTERAS THIS SEASON

Buxton.—Only a few of the tiny deer in the Cape Hatteras Woods were killed during the one month open season which began November 1, and ended November 30. Residents of the area who hunt the little animals with beagle hounds, stated that there were more deer in the woods there this year than ever before. One of the reasons few deer were killed was because of unusually good commercial and sportsfishing which claimed attention of local hunters.

AVON SOLDIER ASSIGNED COMBAT TRAINING COMMAND

FORT BENNING, GA.—Sgt. Arthur L. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo C. Gray, Avon, was recently assigned to the Combat Training Command, Fort Benning, Ga., Sergeant Gray's unit, which supports the activities of the world famous Infantry School, demonstrates battle-tested techniques to student officers from every army area in the United States and from many friendly foreign nations.

SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE ASSOCIATION INCLUDES BEAUFORT AND MARTIN

Two of Larger Counties in Area Join With Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington in 18-Year-Old Betterment Organization; Committees Named by Boards.

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE? (Contributed)

The Christmas season is the time of the year when we pause to honor the birthday of the Christ-child, and to express our appreciation to our many friends who have helped to bring a little happiness to our less fortunate.

Last December, a 13-year old Paines Hollow boy heard the appeal in his school for contributions for Santa Claus Anonymous, which provides gifts for less fortunate children. The boy saved his pennies until the Friday before Christmas vacation and had 15 cents. He intended turning it in at school that day, but because of a blizzard the buses didn't run. So he walked all the way to school to give the money to the principal. If the principal had to swallow hard as he accepted the boy's dime and five pennies it's understandable—the youngster was one of those on the list to receive a gift from Santa Claus Anonymous. Surely this boy had the true spirit of giving.

But what are we doing here in our community, in our county, to make Christmas a little brighter for our less fortunate children? We, the Welfare Department, once again stand ready to cooperate with the county organizations and individuals who wish to have our help in bringing Christmas cheer to the less fortunate citizens here. In previous years many have asked us to help them channel their gifts to people in need and we have been able to be of service to suggest those in greatest need and to avoid duplication. As a part of our responsibility here in the Welfare Department, we come to know the needs of many who cannot provide the 'extras' which make Christmas. "As always we want to work with groups as they may need our assistance in either planning or carrying out some project for the benefit of the people who can be cheered by some wisely planned giving at this season", Mrs. Meekins, Superintendent of Public Welfare of this county, stated. She further said that the department will accept donations of food, clothing, toys, fruit, and cash and will distribute these where they are most needed.

Can we count on you? Let's get in the spirit of Christmas and make it cheerier for the less fortunate people in our county. We are requesting that all gifts donated by you, the individual, or by clubs as a whole be brought to the department by the 15th of this month.

Swan and snow geese are plentiful in coastal waters from Currituck Sound southward this year. These two wildfowl species enjoy complete protection during the open season for other species of wildfowl.

SWAN AND SNOW GESE PLENTIFUL ON COAST

L. B. Turner, in charge of Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge between Oregon Inlet and Rodanthe stated this week that several thousand Greater Snow Geese had arrived at the Refuge.

"For three years the great flock of this species arrived on November 26, but the refuge population of snow geese was still not at a peak on Tuesday," Turner said.

This, he indicated, was no cause for alarm because the species have been reported in large flocks in upper Currituck Sound and Back Bay. Approximately 15,000 snow geese spend about six weeks at Pea Island Refuge each winter. They are usually the last wildfowl to arrive at the refuge and the first to leave. Usually by mid-January the flocks have started their leisurely migration northward.

Swan are as plentiful this year as last in Currituck, one of their principal feeding grounds along the Atlantic Flyway. A few hundred swan also winter at Pea Island and Mattamuskeet. While swan have enjoyed protection from hunters for many years, old time guides along the coast still place a few swan decoys out with their Canada geese See WILDFOWL, Page Eight

The dream of many people in all the counties involved came true Monday, when the County Board of Commissioners of Beaufort and Martin, both unanimously voted to accept the invitation of the 18-year-old Southern Albemarle Association to become members and join in the program for betterment in all six counties.

The Southern Albemarle Association was formed in October 1935 at Columbia by the counties of Tyrrell, Washington, Dare and Hyde, as a means for a campaign for rural betterment, particularly roads and other improvements. At that time, these three counties had not been adequately connected with modern highways, the only counties in the state so situated.

In October of this year, a motion was presented at the annual meeting in Columbia by Victor Meekins, a former president of the association, to invite Beaufort and Martin to join. On Monday of this week, Meekins, now Secretary of the Association, with Lawrence Swain, the President, and Melvin Daniels, the vice-president for Dare County, visited Washington and Plymouth to formally extend the invitation.

The Martin County Board immediately named Elbert S. Peel, Williamston attorney, a former State Senator and political leader, to be pro-tem Vice-President for Martin County to serve until the next regular date for election of officers.

Beaufort County's officials on the Executive Committee of the Southern Albemarle Association named Monday are as follows:

Allen D. Swindell, Vice-President; Mrs. Scott Topping of Pantego; Mrs. Essie Barr Waters of Chocowinity; J. Irving Hodges and Mrs. Dan Taylor of Washington; Mrs. Dan Windley of Aurora; Mark Taylor of Chocowinity; L. Carmer Alligood of Pinetown; Dr. W. T. Ralph of Belhaven; Bill McGhee of Aurora.

Both county boards seemed much interested in joining the Association and intimated they would have been glad to be in it long ago, had opportunity presented.

However, it was explained that the original purpose of uniting was because the original three counties had planned a joint meeting to discuss ways of solving a problem acutely common to these counties, which alone of all the counties in the state had no highway connections suitable for all year use at that time.

Now that these counties have become in a broader sense through improved roads, a part of the whole area, and its citizens able to get out in the world, it is considered to advantage for a broader union of counties to work for the betterment of all.

When the Association was formed 18 years ago, it was often impossible for many months in the year to travel over the roads between the county seats of Tyrrell, Dare and Hyde. Now all are connected by hard-surface save for the gaps served by ferry over Alligator River and Croatan Sound. Bridging of these waters is a part of the Southern Albemarle Association. See SAA, Page Eight

BAPTISTS MEETING AT ELIZABETH CITY CHURCH

The well balanced program for the annual "M" Night Rally of the Training Unions of the Chocowinity Baptist Association is to be climaxed with the inspirational address by Dr. R. Stuart Grizzard, popular minister of the First Baptist Church in Norfolk. His subject is "That All May Learn." Dr. Grizzard's message will bring to a close the annual "M" Night Meeting held with the Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, Monday night, December 8th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Other features of the interesting and helpful program are a screen projection "Learn From Me", special music by the Youth Choir of the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City and a demonstration conducted by Miss Jennie Lou Newbold, Educational Director at the First Baptist Church in Elizabeth City. Miss Carol Jean Bizzell, Minister of Music, at the Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, will lead the singing and Mr. J. C. Newbold, Training Union Director of the Blackwell Memorial Church, will conduct the period of devotion.

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YACHTSMAN SPENDS TWO NIGHTS IN SWAMP

New Jersey Man's Boat Ashore at Mouth of Alligator River; Unhappy Thanksgiving

Frederick Griffith of New Jersey, who was on his way to Florida, ran his boat on a stake at the mouth of the Alligator River on Thanksgiving Day. He spent two nights in the Alligator swamps before finding his way out. He was found by some hunters Saturday night, wet, hungry and barefooted. They brought him to Columbia immediately. He stated that his feet would have frozen, had it not been for a stray dog he ran across Friday night. The dog slept on his feet, which were extremely swollen from exposure.

SINGSPARATION IS SUCCESS

Columbia.—The Singspiration which is a quarterly meeting of all the protestant denominations in Tyrrell County on the Fifth Sunday nights, for the purpose of meeting together and encouraging good singing, met Sunday night at the Albemarle Christian Church with the following churches taking part: Columbia Christian Endeavor, Free Will Baptist, Gum Neck, Malachi Chapel Free Will Baptist, The Albemarle Quartet, Columbia Missionary Baptist, Free Will Baptist at Sound Side and Gum Neck Christian Church. H. S. Swain of Columbia, Route 1, is president of this organization, and through his able handling of the Singspiration, it is usually attended to the full capacity of the Church in which it is held. The next meeting will be held at the Gum Neck Free Will Baptist church.

TYRRELL LIBRARY BD. EMPLOYS LIBRARIAN

Columbia.—The Tyrrell County Library Board met in special meeting at the Library Building Monday Night, Dec. 1. The purpose of said meeting was to work out with Miss Elizabeth House of the N. C. Library Commission who was present at the meeting, the needed salary schedule of hiring a Librarian, untrained, to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. L. L. Gibbs, and also to review the five applications on file for said position. Mrs. W. V. Reynolds, Columbia, was hired as Librarian. Miss House recommended that Mrs. Gibbs be asked to return for three days each month, for the first six months, in order to keep the Library in line with services now being rendered, which was passed by the board. The Secretary, Mrs. C. Earl Cohoon, was asked to inform all applicants of the board's decision, and to write a letter of thanks to Mrs. L. L. Gibbs for her past services to Librarian work in the county both as board member, chairman, and subsequent Librarian, and for her loyalty, inspiration, and confidence in helping to spread library services throughout the county.

REV. NORMAN KNIGHT GOES WITH METHODISTS

Columbia.—The Rev. R. Norman Knight, who having received his degree at Wake Forest College, and was subsequently ordained in the Columbia Baptist Church in Columbia for the ministry, and who has been employed as teacher of the eighth grade in the Columbia School, has recently joined the Methodist Conference, and has See COLUMBIA, Page Eight