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THREE INJURED IN CAR CRASH IN KITTY HAWK

Broken Arms Prevail; One Passenger May Have Broken Back

Two men had broken arms and other injuries and a woman suffered cuts and bruises in the Kitty Hawk woods road Wednesday about noon when a 1952 Chevrolet sedan failed to make a curve in the sandy road.

Alfred Armstrong, 24, a North Dakotan attached to the Naval Air Station at Weeksville, owner and driver of the car suffered head was taken to Portsmouth Naval injuries and a broken arm, and hospital.

Wallace L. Chappell, 35 of Back Bay, Va. suffered a broken arm, and possibly a broken back. He was taken to Albemarle Hospital for treatment.

Martha Ann Stetson of Colington, 30, was treated at Albemarle Hospital for a cut lip, facial abrasions and other injuries.

First aid treatment was rendered by Dr. R. S. Smith of Washington, D. C. who is vacationing at Southern Shores. Highway Patrolman Holt promptly investigated the case and is continuing the investigation.

Mr. Holt's investigation is incomplete. He was assisted by the Navy Shore patrol, and Officer D. F. Twyne of the Sheriff's Office.

BEATING FATAL TO BUXTON MAN IN NEW JERSEY

Ross E. Midgett, 32, Killed Sunday Morning; 12 Suspects Held

Ross E. Midgett, 32, formerly of Cape Hatteras, and the son of Warren Midgett of Buxton was fatally beaten to death in a "Lovers Lane" near Morristown, N. J., Sunday morning. Twelve men, mostly real young, one of whom was carrying Midgett's wallet, have been arrested.

County Prosecutor Oscar Laurie said Midgett, was beaten to death in a lover's lane in Danville early Sunday morning.

Midgett, 32, came from Buxton, N. C., to New Jersey three months ago to work in a Bonton plastics factory. He also had lived at Portsmouth, Va. He was engaged to be married to a Montclair girl.

Laurie said that Midgett rode out to the lonely lane in his car with four other men. He said two other cars followed with 12 more men.

He said Midgett was "verbally abused" and then dragged out of the car and beaten up.

He said that when Midgett's blood-spattered body was found his wallet was missing, but that the wallet, minus any money, was found on one of the suspects today. Laurie said Midgett reputedly carried much money with him.

Laurie said this indicated the motive for the killings might be "robbery or revenge." He did not explain the "revenge" motive.

Midgett had lived in New Jersey 10 years ago before going to North Carolina. His sister-in-law, Mrs. James B. Scarborough, of Portsmouth, said "nearly all of the men of the family were members of the Coast Guard."

Midgett's body was found in a ditch yesterday alongside his parked car. He had been beaten around the head and an autopsy showed he died of a brain hemorrhage.

Dare County Commissioner Lloyd Scarborough is an uncle of the dead man.

The County prosecutor has announced that George Compo, 22, and Richard Mitchell, 16, of Denville, N. J., will be tried on murder charges. These two are the alleged ringleaders of the group, totaling 13 in all. Midgett had been known to carry large sums of money, but apparently had little at the time the boys lured him into the lane and beat him to death.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at three o'clock in the Pentecostal Holiness church in Buxton. Burial followed in the Quidley Cemetery.

MRS. DEWEY HAYMAN IN ELIZABETH CITY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Dewey Hayman, who with her husband own and operate the Arlington Hotel in Nags Head, is a patient in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City. She was taken there this week when she suffered a breakdown.

LOST COLONY'S STARVATION SCENE IS PRIZE WINNING PICTURE



Linwood Maddy's montage of the "starvation and hysteria" scene in Paul Green's symphonic drama THE LOST COLONY won first place in the annual press photographers' contest held in June as the longest-lived outdoor production began its successful 13th season which is scheduled

to close on September 6. Maddy, chief photographer of the Ledger Dispatch in Norfolk, Va., was one of more than 30 photographers entering several hundred pictures in the contest. His prize was \$100 in cash. Judges of the contest were: R. E. Jordan, general manager of Lost Colony, Allen

Mathews, manager of the Common Glory, Williamsburg, Va., Samuel Selden, supervisory director and Clifton Britton director, of the Lost Colony staff; and J. R. Pully of the Durham, N.C., Engraving Company. Maddy's prize winning picture shows Father Martin, played by Fred

Johnson and Eleanor Dare, played by Barbara Griffith on the foreground with starving and hysterical colonists in the background with a touch of religion exemplified by the cross above the weeping group. (Photo by Linwood Maddy)

LOST COLONY SEASON ENDS SEPTEMBER 6



Paul Green's symphonic drama THE LOST COLONY, will have its 13th season finale in Waterside Theatre at Manteo on Roanoke Island Sunday, September 6. Already ahead of 1952 season in attendance, The Lost Colony this year is expected to make a new record as the total attendance for all the 13 seasons since the drama's original premiere in 1937 passes the 700,000 mark. The drama, despised here in a prize winning montage by Carol Martin, Greensboro photographer, is America's longest lived outdoor production. During the current season now drawing to a close, persons from each of the 48 States, the District of Columbia and 17 foreign countries have seen the show, a total or more than 50,000 persons by the time the final performance of 1953 is shown on next Sunday night. General Manager R. E. Jordan has stated that tentative date for opening of the 1954 season will be on Saturday, June 26, next year. (Photo by Carol Martin)

FORT RALEIGH HISTORIC SITE REPORTS INCREASE

In spite of the hurricane of mid-August, the number of visitors recorded at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site during the month showed a slight increase over the same month last year, according to Robert L. Atkinson, superintendent of the site.

Visitors from all the states and 13 foreign countries signed the registration book to bring the August total count to 56,058 as compared to 55,551 in August, 1952. One of the foreign registrants was from Russia. Another came from Korea.

Effects of the hurricane and probably the mosquito glut following the stormy weather cut in

the attendance at Kill Devil Hill National Monument. There the attendance of visitors totaled 41,552 as compared to 43,022 in August of 1952. This was a decrease of 3.6 percent, according to the report of Horace Dough, superintendent of the monument. The monument visitors came from all the states and several foreign countries.

A new midget motor slightly bigger than a rolled-up newspaper is expected to help submarine crews blast their targets from the seas. The 25-horsepower motor will be used in new electric torpedoes. It will start the torpedo's heavy gyroscope, the device that guides the torpedo to its target.

CAR GOES INTO RIVER AT LONG SHOAL BRIDGE

Two visiting ladies in Dare County had an enjoyable visit during the week end, but before they got out of Dare County had a close call at Long Shoal River Bridge Saturday about noon when a bee stung the driver causing her to lose control of the car.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks of Charlotte, a buyer for many years for a large department store accompanied by Mrs. C. T. Bowers, of Warrenton, wife of the Adjutant General of North Carolina, had been visiting Mrs. Bowers' sister in Manteo, Mrs. R. S. Smith, wife of the Dare Farm Agent. They had visited Hatteras and the Lost Colony, and were returning via Belhaven to visit friends.

When Mrs. Brooks lost control of the Chevrolet car, it was a third of the way across the bridge, and crashed through the rail to her right, and fell on its side, completely submerged in the river. Miraculously, both women crawled through the open window of the car, and swam to safety. Mrs. Brooks had been driving at low speed, or the damage might have been greater. Passers by were quick on the scene and pulled them to safety.

Jesse Taylor of Belhaven, drove 65 miles to the scene and pulled the car from the river with his wrecker, and towed it to Belhaven. It was considered a complete loss. Relatives came and carried Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Bowers to Warrenton Saturday evening.

SIX CASES TRIED IN DARE COURT TUESDAY

Dare Recorders Court disposed of six cases Tuesday. Judge W. F. Baum, Recorder, passed judgment as follows:

John Clifton Duke, Suffolk, Va., careless and reckless driving, failing to stop and render assistance, pleaded guilty to all charges. Was given two fines, \$25 and \$10, charged with court costs and directed to pay \$150 for the benefit of B. C. Vick of Kelford, whose car was damaged.

John Clifton Duke, Suffolk, Va., guilty to being drunk and disorderly. Adjudged guilty; given a 60-day suspended sentence for 12 months and fined \$25 and costs.

Cleston Jacob McCleese, charged with assaulting Marshall Gibbs, a 14-year-old boy in the mouth, breaking out a tooth, pleaded guilty, 60-day sentence suspended for 12 months, fined \$25 and costs. George Edward Carver, charged

37-POUND DOLPHIN TAKEN OFF DARE

Nags Head, N. C. — Harold Davis of Pickens, S. C., caught the largest dolphin from Dare Coast waters. His fish, a 37-pounder was taken while he trolled near the western edge of the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet on Tuesday aboard Capt. Willie Etheridge's cruiser "Capt. Angelo." Previously this season a 53-pound dolphin was caught.

MANTEO'S OLDEST BUSINESSMAN GOING STRONG



THEO. S. MEEKINS of Manteo, and his good wife, Mrs. Rosa P. Meekins relax in August on the porch of their beautiful home. On our travels about the state we are often asked if Theo. Meekins is still in business. We'll say he is. He was 83 years old May 21st, and he's still going strong. He is Manteo's first real estate man, and goes to his office every day, with interest as keen as ever in the buying and selling of land. His stamina is a marvel to his neighbors, and he explains it by the fact that he was born some five years after the Civil war when one must be tough to survive. While Mrs. Meekins has been an invalid for sometime, she retains her interest in her home, her yard and her flowers for which she has been famed during her 57 years of married life. A recent addition to the Meekins home, which is Manteo's largest residence is a high white picket fence. No invalid ever had greater care and attention lavished on her by husband and family than this woman whose life has been one of constant devotion to her home and her children. Many friends will remember Mr. Meekins for his long career in business and politics. He has held numerous state and county offices. This devoted couple has three sons and a daughter: E. E. Meekins and T. S. Jr., of Manteo; Percy W. Meekins of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Alma Reich of Washington and Manteo.

with being the father of a child by Purnell Mann, the young daughter of Mrs. Gladys Mann, was charged with neglecting, failing and refusing to support the child — Della Estelle Mann. He got a 60-day suspended sentence, was ordered to pay \$4 a week for the child's support and \$10 a week for the hospital bill until paid in full.

George Norman, charged with reckless driving and disorderly conduct, got a 60-day sentence suspended on payment of fines of \$25 and \$10 and the costs of court.

Buren Twiford of Stumpy Point, charged with unlawful killing of a deer by firelighting, asked for a jury trial and his case was sent up to Superior Court.

LOST COLONY IN FINAL WEEK OF 13TH AND ONE OF BEST POST-WAR DRAMA'S YEARS

Finale Scheduled For Sunday Night; More Than 50,000 Pay To See Show This Year.

BISHOP WRIGHT TO BE AT FORT RALEIGH SUN.



THE RIGHT REVEREND THOMAS H. WRIGHT, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina will preach the sermon in Waterside Theatre Sunday morning. It will mark the final Lost Colony Sunday worship of the 1953 season. During the current and 13th season of the symphonic drama, which will present its 1953 finale on Sunday evening, ministers and theologians of many religious faiths have been guest preachers at the site of The Lost Colony.

Bishop Wright is a resident of Wilmington, N. C. A member of Roanoke Island Historical Association, sponsors of The Lost Colony, the noted Episcopal theologian has played an important role in carrying on the Sunday services here each summer. He is chairman of the Religious Services Committee of The Lost Colony.

In addition to the sermon on Sunday morning the final religious services this year will feature The Lost Colony Choir made up of Westminster Choir College voices with Gordon Fleming at the organ. One of the anthems will be the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. Worship will begin at 11:00 o'clock.

By AYCOCK BROWN
Manteo—If favorable weather continues throughout the current week, more than 50,000 persons will have paid to see Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony during its 13th season which closes here on Sunday night, September 6. This will be one of the best post-war seasons for the drama which started at Waterside Theatre here on July 4, 1937, designed as a one-season attraction. By popular acclaim the drama was presented again in 1938 and every summer since its original premiere, excepting four war years when it was necessary to suspend operations as a coastal security measure.

As of Tuesday this week the drama was more than 2,000 ahead of the total for the entire 1952 season when approximately 46,500 persons paid to see the show.

In addition to more than 50,000 persons paying admission to see the famous historical drama this year, several North Carolina and Virginia school children witnessed performances as guests of Roanoke Island Historical Association, the sponsoring organization. "We may, or may not continue issuing free passes to students of history during the coming years," said General Manager R. E. Jordan. "This will depend upon the action taken by Roanoke Island historical association at its annual meeting which is usually held in December."

Attendees at the show this season have included persons from each of the 48 states, several territories and foreign countries. A check of the parking lot and Fort Raleigh Registration book enables officials of the show to determine from what sections of the nation and world patrons of The Lost Colony come.

HISTORICAL MARKER TO BILLY MITCHELL ERECTED ON HATTERAS

Hatteras.—North Carolina paid homage to the late Brigadier General Billy Mitchell on Hatteras Island this week by erecting a historical marker alongside the highway at the site of his landing field in 1923 when he proved that surface craft were vulnerable to bombing attacks by airplanes.

Saturday, September 5, is the 30th anniversary of the date when bomb-laden Martin bombers took off from the local flying field and sank two battleships, the USS Virginia and the USS New Jersey, which had been anchored off Diamond Shoals. The two battleships had been included in the World War I disarmament program.

The marker bears the following inscription: "BILLY MITCHELL—Brigadier General of the Army Air Service, demonstrated air power by bombing battleships off Hatteras, Sept. 5, 1923. Landing Field was here."

This will be the 7th historical marker erected under the sponsorship of the State department of history and archives, the department of conservation and development and the N. C. Highway and Public Works Commission along the historic highways of Dare County.

No Celebration

Tentative plans to have an unveiling celebration at the site of the marker was cancelled this week. Residents of Hatteras were of the opinion that since the 30th anniversary date falls on a Saturday that it would be impossible to adequately take care of the great number of people who would be at the ceremonies due to lack of Oregon Inlet ferry service.

CHURCH OF CHRIST GROUP PLANS CHURCH IN MANTEO

Members of the protestant faith known as the Church of Christ, sometimes called Disciples, are planning to build a church near Manteo. There are about 35 members living in the immediate area, several of them having moved to Manteo from Hyde County during the post war years. During the month of August, Burl Brinn, a minister of this church from Swan Quarter has been coming to Roanoke Island to hold meetings, the first meetings being held under a big oak in the yard of Jehu Armstrong.

Some 65 years ago an effort was made to organize a church of this faith at Manteo, and meetings were held in the old courthouse.