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MANESS C. AUSTIN DIES OF SUDDEN HEART ATTACK

Manteo Police Officer, Retired Coast Guard and Native of Avon

Maness Columbus Austin, 43, Manteo police officer and retired Coast Guard, died suddenly Wednesday following a heart attack and while being taken in an ambulance for treatment. He was the husband of Mrs. Mildred Williams Austin and the son of Mrs. Eula Gray Austin of Manteo, and the late Wm. Maness Austin. He retired in 1946 from the Coast Guard after 20 years service, and established a home in Manteo.

He was a native of Avon, a member of Manteo Masonic Lodge, and of the Avon Methodist Church. He is survived by a son, Jerry Maness Austin; three daughters, Miss Joan Faye and Miss Coral Mildred of the home, and Mrs. Clarence Skinner of Fort Worth, Texas; two brothers, Glover C. of Mt. Pleasant, N. J., and Preston H. of Duluth; two sisters, Mrs. James W. Scarborough of Avon and Mrs. Thelma Loveland of Tucker town, N. J.

PUTS LAW ON TRAIL OF STOLEN BACK HOUSE

Manns Harbor Man Reports Unusual Theft to Deputy Sheriff; Property Recovered from Methodist Church

A lot of first things have happened in Dare County, but now for the first time the theft of a backhouse, a two-holer at that. Saturday afternoon, Wilson Ambrose reported to Deputy Sheriff Clarence Hassell that his two-holer had been stolen and asked him to get hot on the trail.

Officer Hassell and Mr. Ambrose went quickly on the scent of the stolen property, so to speak, and they finally discovered it a mile away, and of all places, back of the Methodist Church where a bunch of loyal workers had been busy all day, getting ready for following day's homecoming.

Now this backhouse wasn't in use at the time it was taken, and it wasn't on Mr. Ambrose's premises. It stood on the clubhouse property of W. S. Benn, where the clubhouse had burned down on the second shore last year, and unknown to most folks, Mr. Ambrose had bought it, planning to move it home.

C. W. Mann, village patriarch, had a happy thought and told Tom Sutton and others he knew where they could get a backhouse for the big occasion. The church just didn't have one and there was going to be a lot of eating done next day.

With Sutton's truck, and the help of Will Tillett, Herman Gibbs, Frank Ambrose, and some others, they soon carried the building to the church. Ambrose was somewhat warm about it when he discovered it, and called it "plain stealing." Officer Hassell figured a fellow wouldn't get far in Judge Baum's court prosecuting the head men of any Methodist Church, so peace was made on the promise that the building would be carried back, and located this time at Ambrose's home, anywhere he wanted it.

Officer Hassell had no difficulty identifying the property. He knew it right away, because he helped build it himself.

OVER 52,000 PAY TO SEE LOST COLONY

Paul Green's symphonic drama, The Lost Colony was witnessed by 52,167 paying customers during the 13th season ending Sunday night, General Manager R. E. Jordan said, and the show experienced one of its best post war years despite hurricane "Barbara" which slowed up the vacation business on Dare coast temporarily.

Paid attendance this year was approximately 6,000 ahead of the 1952 season. There were 60 performances during the 1953 season as compared to 57 in 1952. Two performances were cancelled by weather; one total rain-out in July, the 18th, in the drama's long history of 652 performances and the night of the hurricane was the second cancellation.

"Actually more than 60,000 persons saw performances of The Lost Colony this year," said Jordan, "but no admission was charged to several thousand school children in North Carolina and Virginia schools." The drama will have its 1954 premiere on June 26.

PENNEL TILLET GETS SUPERVISOR OF TAXES JOB

The position of Tax Supervisor, that storm center of the Dare County Courthouse was awarded to Pennell A. Tillett of Kitty Hawk Tuesday by the Dare County Commissioners. He will begin work at once to fill out the unexpired term of Willis Daniels of Wanchese, who quit the last time in July, because the Board would not increase his \$285 monthly salary.

Mr. Tillett, who for several years was officer in charge of Coast Guard Stations, has been retired several months. He has long been a highly popular man, a close friend of Rep. Bruce Etheridge. His nomination was made by Commissioner Swain, seconded by Commissioner W. H. Lewark and he was elected unanimously.

Two other applicants for the job were Reuben A. Etheridge of Manteo and R. E. Scarborough of Wanchese. Scarborough said this week that had he known Capt. Tillett was going to apply, he wouldn't have put in his application, considering it useless. He also said he was going to bring to light some facts about this appointment, and would refer the matter to the Federal Authorities on the ground that Capt. Tillett was receiving some \$300 a month in pension on retired pay, and not eligible to serve and take the job from someone who needs it.

The tax supervisor's place has long been a storm center in Dare County due to blunders being made in the beginning when employment being made on a political basis, resulted in getting someone in office who was after a nice plum, and who gave the work no attention; or otherwise someone else who were incompetent to fill the job. This best available information we now have is that the tax books are gummed up the worst they've ever been, as far as fair values go, and whoever tried to untangle the mess couldn't do it even if competent because of the pressure from political big shots who have so long evaded paying their just share of taxes.

The Dare Commissioners Tuesday approved the hardsurfacing of about a half mile of road in Kitty Hawk leading from the Postoffice to Baum's landing, and passed on the request to the Highway Commission. It also approved the plan for the purchase of more land for the Cape Hatteras High School at Buxton, and instructed the Sheriff to prosecute at once, W. H. Jennette of Nags Head for obstructing and claiming to own the road to the ocean south of his pier.

SCHIFFMANS HURT ON WAY TO MANTEO SAT.

En route to Manteo Saturday night to visit their mother, Mrs. Z. V. Brinley, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schiffman of Greensboro were hurt when their car was struck by one driven by Sherman Armstrong of Pearl St. Elizabeth City. All three of them were hurt, and taken to Albemarle Hospital for treatment. The mishap occurred near the Indian town road intersection.

Mr. Schiffman, who has recently been elected president of the American National Retail Jewellers Association, is one of the most prominent jewelers and gemologists in North Carolina. In 1932 he was president of the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association. He was the scheduled speaker Tuesday night of this week before the Retail Jewellers Association of Norfolk and Portsmouth at the Monticello Hotel.

REGULAR SESSION MANTEO SCHOOL

Manteo High School commenced its first regular session for fall, 1953, on Oct. 10, at 8:45 a.m. Classes commence at 9 a.m.

Total enrollment has not been collected for Dare County as yet and cannot be quoted for the records, but bus drivers and lunch room personnel are quoted as follows:
Bus Drivers: Manteo: Wayland H. Fry, Janet Basnight, Lloyd Walker. Kitty Hawk: Norma Spruill, Esther Rogers, Bryan Meekins; Buxton: Irish Willis Peel, William Abner Midgett; Manns Harbor; Mrs. Melrose Tillett; Roanoke: Lindberg White.
Lunch rooms: Manteo: Mrs. Melrose Etheridge, manager, assisted by Mrs. Ina Wescott, Mrs. Vilma Brickhouse, Mrs. Hazel Armstrong. Kitty Hawk: Mrs. Bell Parker, manager, assisted by Mrs. Esther Beacham and Mrs. Odell Tillett.

A NATIVE SON OF CAPE HATTERAS RETURNS FROM KOREA



AFTER 30 months in a Korean prison camp, Pvt. Julian Austin, Jr., got back home this week to his wife and his two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, who was born after he went to Korea. He was reunited with family and his parents who had come up from Cape Hatteras to join him, and he received a rousing welcome Tuesday in Elizabeth City where he lived for several years and where he married. He arrived on the west coast Saturday, and reached Raleigh Sunday. Elizabeth City folks turned out in grand style, with the high school band, thousands of citizens, and many fine speeches.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin are vacationing at the Sea Ranch in Kitty Hawk this week, with their little girl, Brenda. Photo courtesy of Daily Advance.

COAST GUARD BOY FROM AVON FATALLY INJURED

Tilman Ray Gray, 20, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Gray, died in a Portsmouth, Va., hospital Friday night, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was a member of the Coast Guard service. Beside his parents, he is survived by one sister, Veda Gray. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Pentecostal Holiness Church at Avon by the Rev. P. M. Porter, pastor of the Buxton Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. W. D. Barkley, pastor of the Assembly of God Church at Portsmouth.

Members of the church choir sang "Nearer My God To Thee" and "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul" and Mrs. Esther Whitlock sang a solo, "Goodnight and Good-morning," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Harrison Meekins. The casket was covered with a pall of red and white carnations and fern.

Military rites were conducted at the grave with B. W. Wroton in charge of the firing squad which consisted of M. V. Miller, D. R. Belanga, J. W. Wroton, J. H. Forbes, Jr., L. D. Malborne and W. F. Austin.

Pallbearers were T. A. Meekins, E. J. Scarborough, G. D. Williams, J. L. Williams, W. B. O'Neal and Curtis Scarborough. Flag bearers were W. W. Gray and Ray Scarborough. Burial followed in the family plot at Avon.

LARGEST COMMANDMENTS FOUND IN N. C. MOUNTAINS

The largest Ten Commandments are to be found on a mountainside near Murphy. At Fields of the Wood, a religious assembly ground, the Church of Prophecy Marker Association has spelled out the Commandments in white stones on the mountain. Passengers on planes flying over this resort area can read the inscription.

As many as 3,000 sightseers visit the assembly ground on the Sundays. Throngs attend Easter and autumn assemblies at Fields of the Wood. It is near Lake Hiwassee on N. C. Highway 294 near the Tennessee border.

WASH'N COUNTY BUCK RUNS ON HATTERAS

Buxton on Cape Hatteras. — Hatteras Island's deer population was increased by one half-grown and very sprightly young buck from Washington county this week when J. T. Perry, game protector for that county and Bill Goodson, biologist for the State Wildlife Resources Commission, came down with him in a crate.

After cooling off and feeding on Kindricer Mountain, (with the fabulous coon Minnie looking on from her yoepon tree) the young buck was turned loose and within a little while was quietly munching wild grapes from a nearby vine. He was sent thence into the neighboring woods—to become the father of a more vigorous race of deer on the Island.

Observing and assisting in the turning-loose were E. P. White, vigorous deer hunter, in season, and game preserver in and out of season. Both Park Service Rangers, Hultman and Charles Lamb were also present.

Plans for introducing some new blood into the veins of Hatteras Island deer have been five years in the talking stage. This spring dogs killed the mother of a young Tawn near Washington and the little one grew up with the farmer's cattle. He was fairly tame, but not so tame, his well-wishers hope that he will not become a prey to hunters before he gets to manhood.
BEN DIXON MacNEILL

HEDRICKS SPENDING THE WINTER IN ARLINGTON

Judge Ben M. Hedrick and family will remove Sunday to Arlington, Va., for the winter, their address being 1700 N. Oak St. The real estate office on the beach will remain open through the winter in the charge of W. C. Forman, former store operator in Kitty Hawk. The address of the Hedrick Real Estate office is P.O. Box 64, Kill Devil Hills.

The Hedricks have proved a valuable addition to Dare County, and their many friends regret their departure.

PUBLIC HEALTH ASSO. IN ANNUAL MEETING

Nags Head. — More than 800 delegates are scheduled to attend the 42nd annual convention of the North Carolina Public Health Association beginning here on the Dare beaches in the Nags Head area Thursday and continuing through Saturday, it was announced today by Walter C. Laakey, chairman of the local arrangements committee of the association.

Registration of delegates will be underway throughout the day at The Carolinian, Wilbur Wright and Nags Header Hotels, with the first general sessions scheduled for the Casino at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. President Louise P. East of Asheville will preside at this session featuring welcoming addresses, responses by local and association officials, and a report on the Children's Heart Clinic of New Hanover County and the City of Wilmington. Mrs. Eula Mae McInnis will give this report.

A feature of the morning session will be the president's address. Second general session at the Casino during the afternoon will be a panel on "Aging", with Wingate M. Johnson as moderator, with Dr. Ellen B. Winston, Dr. I. G. Greer and Dr. Bertlyn Bosley having roles in the discussions. Dr. E. H. Ellinwood of Greensboro will preside over this meeting.

A third general session on the first day of the convention to be held at the Shrine Club during the evening will be an address on the "Legal Problems of Public Health in North Carolina, by William McW. Cochrane.

MANNS HBR. RURITANS TO HOLD LADIES NIGHT

The Manns Harbor Ruritan Club has 25 members and meets twice a month, will hold its Ladies night meeting Wednesday night, Sept. 16. Wilbur Pinner of Manns Harbor is President of the Club and announces that W. S. White, Manns Harbor game protector, former club president and District president will be the speaker of the occasion.

MAINLAND PICNIC AFFAIRS IN DARE ARE SUCCESSFUL

East Lake Methodist Homecoming Next Sunday; Manns Harbor Celebrated Sept. 6.

Methodist Church Homecomings on the Dare Mainland this month are arousing a lot of interest and good fellowship, and Sunday, the 6th, the people of Manns Harbor entertained their friends from far and near. There were 219 people present at the Sunday school and following the sermon of the pastor, more than 300 were fed at an elaborate picnic with food enough for an estimated 1,000 people.

This coming Sunday, a homecoming and dinner will be held at the East Lake Methodist Church, and it is expected to be fully as large as the Manns Harbor affair. Sunday school will be at 10:30. Rev. F. S. Love, the District Superintendent will preach at 11 A. M. Dinner on the grounds will follow the sermon. A similar event was held at East Lake last year, and drew a large attendance. Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson is pastor of these and the Stumpy Point Church.

Among the out-of-town guests at Manns Harbor for Homecoming day last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. James Gaskill and Miss Linda Gaskill of Wanchese; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Armstrong of Hickory; Mrs. Beatrice Midgett, Janet Midgett, Velma Brickhouse of Manteo; Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Gibbs of Elizabeth City; Geraldine Kirkland, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Midgett of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Langley of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Midgett of Kitty Hawk; Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Midgett, Mrs. M. M. Midgett, Miss Sandra Midgett, Murray Midgett and Billy Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence P. Crouch all of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Waterfield of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brinkley, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Jordan of Sunbury; Ira Spencer, Jr., Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Eason, Norfolk; Minnie Mann Dowdy of Norfolk; Harry S. Burnham, Sr., Leola Mann Burnham, Harry Stanley Burnham, of Virginia Beach; Mrs. Ella Green Wescott of Manteo; Jesse T. Gard, Jesse C. Gard of Norfolk; Mrs. Frances Jones of Baltimore, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mann, Miss Laurie Spencer, Miss Janie Mann, of Engelhard; Mrs. Lyla M. Harbour, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Twiford, of Manteo; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ives of Elizabeth City; Mrs. Lennie Tillett, Wanchese; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Creef, Miss Phyllis Creef, Manteo; Vera Patrick, Annie Mae Parrisher of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mann of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Martha Jones, Sadie Patrick, of Columbia; Mrs. R. A. Jones, Elizabeth City; the Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Narron, Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Sykes, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gallop, Kinston; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Gibbs, Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wise, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Wise, Stumpy Point; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Twiddy, Portsmouth, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. West, Washington, N. C.; Mr. V. Hooper, Mrs. Maude Hooper, Stumpy Point; Chester Holmes, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Culpepper, Mrs. John Gaskins, Elizabeth City; Allen L. Mann, Sr., Manteo; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mann, Miss Elizabeth Gallop, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gibbs, Norfolk; Mrs. Lillie Meekins, Wanchese; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Marshall, Engelhard; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burrus, Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Gallop, Rocky Mount; Thomas H. Jordan, Sunbury; Mrs. Mollie Gallop, Mrs. Ruth Creef, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Gray, Stumpy Point; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin White, Norfolk; Charlie Scarborough, Newport News, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gard, Mr. and Mrs. John Royals of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Wise, Manteo.

BALFOUR BAUM GETS PARK RANGER JOB

Balfour J. Baum, of Manteo, has been named supervisory ranger of the Bodie Island area of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, September 1.

Although operating a sportsfishing cruiser for the past several years during the summer months and engaged in the oyster business during the winter, this is not Baum's first government job under Civil Service. Prior to and during World War II he was employed as senior foreman on construction soil property and on military construction here in Manteo, at Chapel Hill and elsewhere.

He received his education in Manteo, Oak Ridge Military Academy and State College. He is the son of Judge W. F. Baum. He is married to Mrs. Helen Baum, formerly of Morganton. They have three children, Patricia, Helen and Balfour II.

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VISIT AT NAGS HEAD

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Butts and daughter and grandchildren of Rome, N. Y., visited recently with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray of Nags Head.

Wildfowl Season Hunting Dates

Wildfowl Hunting dates in North Carolina have been announced by Douglas McKay, Secretary of the Interior. For Ducks and Geese (but not Snow geese) the period is Nov. 11 through Jan. 9th. Daily bag limits, Ducks 4, Geese 2, Coot 10. Possession limits, Ducks 8, Geese 4, and coots 10.

Brant may be killed on from December 26 through January 9th. Six birds are the daily bag limit, as well as possession limit.

Woodcock season is November 26 to Jan. 4th. Wilson's Snipe or Jacksnipe November 26 through Dec. 10th.

Opening days begin at noon. Other days, shooting begins at one half hour before sunrise to sunset. No Sunday shooting allowed.

SHETLAND PONY A SPECIAL AWARD AT LEARY'S SUN.

Sadie Hawkins Day Has Become Institution at Nags Head

A special prize for some little one will be a highlight of the afternoon on Sadie Hawkins Day at Leary's bingo. This in the announcement made by Wilke Leary, manager of the stand, who says they will award a Shetland pony, complete with bridal and saddle, during the afternoon of September 13.

"Somebody will be mighty happy," says Leary, "because this is one beautiful prize." Prizes such as appliances, furniture, radios, rugs and bicycles are among the hundreds of useful prizes to be given away.

Sadie Hawkins Day began five years ago, at the end of the season, and has continued ever since, becoming more popular every year. Leary's has promised to give the people a good time, and seldom has anyone kicked. "And we're going to do it again," says Leary.

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