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## A WELL KNOWN FORMER SCHOOL OFFICIAL DIES

Edward N. Baum of Kitty Hawk Long-Time Chairman Education Board

Edward N. Baum, a prominent and highly regarded citizen of Kitty Hawk was interred Thursday afternoon with graveside services in the Austin Cemetery at Kitty Hawk. The funeral was conducted by the Methodist pastor, Rev. W. B. Gregory. Mr. Baum, in the 72nd year of his age, died Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. at his home in Kitty Hawk after a lengthy illness.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Rosa Baum, he is survived by four daughters, Mrs. C. A. Caldwell of Taylorsville, Mrs. Millard Balance of Hatteras; Mrs. Edw. L. Midgett and Mrs. Alton M. Midgett of Kitty Hawk. Two sisters also survive. They are Mrs. F. H. Midgett and Mrs. W. R. Perry of Kitty Hawk. There are six grandchildren. Mr. Baum is the son of the late Edward and Emeline Gard Baum. He was a life-long resident of Kitty Hawk, and a member of the Methodist Church.

The active pall-bearers were old neighbors: Earl Keller, Carlos Dowdy, Colon Perry, Aubrey Harris, Oscar Sanderlin, and A. L. Hines. Honorary pall-bearers were: R. Bruce Etheridge, Melvin Daniels, C. S. Meekins, H. A. Dough, P. A. Tillett, E. E. Beacham, W. H. Lewark and Avery Tillett.

Mr. Baum, long a leader in politics in his community, had served as County Commissioner when Kitty Hawk first was admitted to Dare County in 1922, but has served longer as a member of and as chairman of County Board of Education. He was recognized as a tireless worker, and a resourceful man, and these characteristics brought forth many school benefits, and special favors as a result of his studies of school law, and frequent trips to Raleigh to see the officials. He was a man of strong convictions, and never gave up objective, schools being his consideration. As a loyal community worker, he was without peer, and many who differed with him respected him for his integrity, his energy and courage in behalf of the community.

## MANY 4-H MEMBERS SEE LOST COLONY EACH WEEK

More than 100 4-H Club members from Franklin and Halifax counties saw a performance of Paul Green's drama The Lost Colony Tuesday night. It is the second such group to see the show here this year. Last week club members from Washington, Tyrrell, Chowan, Wake and Gates County, more than 125 persons saw the season's third performance.

Before the summer has passed approximately 1,500 club members from all parts of North Carolina will attend Tuesday night performances of The Lost Colony. They are club members who come to Roanoke Island on weekly encampment trips each year.

"Seeing The Lost Colony is only one of the many interesting things the 4-H Club members do while they are at the Roanoke Island 4-H Camp," said L. B. Dixon, assistant state leader in charge of the group. "They visit Fort Raleigh, the Wright National Monument at Kill Devil Hills, they climb to the top of Jockey's Ridge, highest coastal sand dune in eastern America, at Nags Head, and they also take a boat trip" (by ferry to Manns Harbor, across Croatan Sound from their encampment, located at the Manteo Airport).

Since the encampment was established here eight years ago more than 15,000 4-H Club members have attended—and each of them have witnessed performances of the Lost Colony. "It is interesting to note that many of our members who attended encampment several years ago are now married and return each year with members of their family," it was stated.

## LITTLE GIRL BREAKS ARM

Carlene Holt, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Holt of Manteo, broke her left arm in two places Sunday morning while playing with her younger brother at their home. Carlene was treated in Elizabeth City Sunday afternoon and returned to her home.

## SCHOOL BUDGET IN DARE COUNTY EXCEEDS \$40,000

A school budget of \$44,283.14, approved by the County Commissioners, was reported to the Dare County Board of Education at a meeting July 6. This was \$466.86 less than the amount requested by the school board.

The board also approved a school calendar for the 1954-55 term calling for school opening on September 17 and closing on June 3.

Plans to remove the board fence around the Manteo Ball field to make way for a new cyclone fence and to use the Avon wooden water tank for school kindling wood were unanimously approved.

Roy Basnight of East Lake was chosen to replace Wallace Taylor on the Manns Harbor School committee.

## LARGEST JULY 4TH CROWDS RECORD'D IN DARE COUNTY

In terms of crowds last week end was the biggest Fourth of July that the Dare County area has ever had. According to figures of the Dare County Tourist Bureau, over 9,000 people spent approximately one fourth of a million dollars in the area during the week end.

Many new motels and other accommodations have increased the Dare Tourist capacity since last year according to the Tourist Bureau. Judging by the number of rooms available it is estimated that the tourist capacity is at present 8,934. Every room was taken this week end and many people, unable to find rooms, slept in their cars or on the beach. The Tourist Bureau estimated, therefore, that more people than ever visited the area this year.

Nags Head motel and hotel operators reported every room taken by Friday night and capacity crowds continuing through Monday. Many private homes were opened to accommodate part of the overflow.

Men in the tourist business, who have complained of poor business this year because of abnormally cool weather have expressed hope for improved conditions following a larger than usual Fourth of July crowd.

## HAL WARD'S WORKSHOP IS TOTAL LOSS TUESDAY

Manteo Fire Department Had A Full Schedule on Week End

Fire gutted the electrical workshop of Hal S. Ward south of Manteo Tuesday night resulting in a total loss of equipment.

A half dozen firemen fought the fire for an hour around 11:00 p.m. The blaze was apparently started by an explosion in the motor of a refrigerator that was being repaired.

Refrigerators, motors and tools were a total loss. Damages which have not been determined were not covered by insurance.

Ivy Evans, Manteo fire chief, reported two fires and a false alarm on Saturday.

A woods fire, started from burning trash at the home of Raymond Rogers on the north end of Roanoke Island, was fought for an hour before being brought under control. Had the fire not been controlled, Evans said, it would have threatened Fort Raleigh and prevented showing the play Saturday night. A guard was stationed to watch all day for outbreaks.

Manteo firemen also fought a woods fire in Currituck that was threatening homes near Harbinger Saturday. The woods fire was not controlled, Evans reported, but after three hours of fighting the houses were saved. Manteo fire trucks were called to a restaurant fire in Nags Head on Saturday but the blaze was extinguished before the trucks arrived.

## LEWIS AUSTIN, HATTERAS, WITH INFANTRY IN KOREA

25th, Korea—Sgt. Lewis Austin, 22, son of Mrs. Maggie Stowe, Hatteras, N. C., is now serving with the 25th Infantry Division in Korea.

A driver in the Medium Tank Company of the 25th's 27th Regiment, he had served with the 40th Infantry Division until its recent transfer to the U. S.

Sergeant Austin entered the Army in 1949 and has served in Korea since last September.

## SCARBOROUGH & PEELE GET NEW C.G. ASSIGNMENTS

Henry Peele Goes To Little Creek; Dewey Scarborough to Ocracoke

Chief Boatswain Dewey H. Scarborough, USCG, has relieved Chief Boatswain Henry T. Peele, USCG, as commander of the Coast Guard's Ocracoke Group and commanding officer of the Ocracoke Lifeboat Station. The Group includes the Hatteras Inlet Lifeboat Station and the Ocracoke Light Station.

Peele, who has been at Ocracoke since October 1949, and is a native of Hatteras, has been named commanding officer of the Little Creek, Va., Lifeboat Station.

Before his assignment to Ocracoke, Scarborough was serving as commanding officer of the Coast Guard's Chesapeake lightship. He earlier commanded the Ocracoke-based 83-foot patrol boat, CG-83493. He was born in Avon, in 1919, and 20 years later enlisted in the Coast Guard as a seaman, serving first aboard the old cutter Modoc.

During the war years, he served as executive officer and officer-in-charge of several 83-foot patrol boats and two Coast Guard fireboats.

He lives in Avon with his wife and two children.

Peele was born in 1907 and joined the Coast Guard as a surfman at the old Fire Island Lifeboat Station in 1928. He served at the Coast Guard Air Station, Elizabeth City, N. C., prior to his Ocracoke assignment in 1949.

## HOLIDAY SPEEDERS AND DRUNKS IN COURT

The docket of the Dare County Recorder's Court was heavily weighted with holiday speed cases from the Nags Head area this week.

His lawyer asked a continuance until next week for Dr. Grayson S. Waldrop of Raleigh, charged with speeding 80 miles an hour in a 35 mile speed zone. The case is scheduled to be tried next week.

Three other Nags Head speed cases were tried. David C. Watkins of Greensboro submitted to a charge of driving 50 miles an hour in a 35 mile zone and paid a fine of \$15.00 and costs of court. Convicted of a similar charge, Lloyd Monroe Corley of Weeksville paid the same fine, 55 miles an hour in a 35 mile zone cost Charles Raymond Evans Jr. of Elizabeth City \$20.00 and costs.

Fighting charged against Gerald Bunch of Poplar Branch and David O'Neal of Wanchese brought them identical sentences of 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of a \$20 fine and condition of remaining away for 12 months from the Recreation Center at Nags Head where the fight took place.

Luther H. Midgett, of Wanchese, charged with disturbing the peace at the Bridge Turn Cafe south of Manteo, while drinking, received a sentence of 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of court costs and condition of remaining off premises of the Bridge Turn Cafe as long as it continues under present management.

William Blackmond, colored of Manteo, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on Jerry McCleave also of Manteo pleaded not guilty. He was found guilty by the court and given a sentence of 60 days in jail suspended on payment of a \$25 fine and on condition that he not be convicted of any criminal offense within 12 months.

Margaret Scarborough Evans requested a jury trial of a drunken driving case suspended from last week. The case will be tried at Superior court in October.

## WELL-KNOWN BAND APPEARING TONIGHT

Ted Weems, one of the nation's outstanding band leaders, is making an appearance at the Nags Head Casino July 9 (tonight). Weems, who is bringing along his entire troupe for the evening, may be remembered by many music and dance fans for his recordings of popular tunes.

"Ras" Westcott, Casino owner, is expecting the largest crowd of the season for this first big name band of the year.

The Concord College Sextet, an experienced group from Athens, Ohio, are playing nightly throughout the season.

## THIS MAN HAS CHARGE OF 24 MILLION ACRES



CONRAD L. WIRTH, director of the National Park Service is a man of no small ability, as many can now testify. Besides being in charge of the 24 million acres that constitute the National Park System, extending across the United States, to Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, and other places, he has found time to interest wealthy people in contributing to worthy causes whereby many of this nation's natural beauties may be preserved and protected for all time. Among gifts to his cause which has a special interest in this area, was \$168,000 for Cape Hatteras Seashore, and \$100,000 for Kill Devil Hills, by private donation.

The value of the property under Mr. Wirth is some four billion dollars. He has 3,600 employees in his department. Our National Parks and monuments exist in 39 states. He is a man of rare ability and personality. He is devoted to the cause of preserving public domain, and considers the Outer Banks of North Carolina a new and excellent type of recreation land. He has been working on it 20 years. He calls it the "finest beach preservation in the world." Already the people of Hatteras Island are reaping fine profits from the patronage brought by the development and are investing their money to provide facilities to take care of their guests.

Mr. Wirth is a native of Massachusetts. He has a brother who is a Rear-Admiral in the Navy. His father, Theo Wirth was born in Switzerland, and was distinguished in his own right as a park man and conservationist.

## MANTEO LIONS MEET TO INSTALL LEADERS

Installation of new officers highlighted ladies night at the regular meeting of the Manteo Lions Club Tuesday night. Lion Little, Secretary of the Elizabeth City Club performed the ceremony.

Officers chosen were President, Earl M. Green; Secretary, Alvah H. Ward Jr.; Treasurer, Willett Tillett; First Vice-President, Fred Wescott; Second Vice-President, Desmond A. Rogers; Third Vice-President, Wayland H. Fry; Lion Tamer, Theodore H. Noe; and Tail Twister, Clyde Biggs.

The respective duties of the Lion Tamer and the Tail Twister are to handle complaints and to keep the meetings going.

Directors are John F. Wilson Jr., Elworth Midgett Jr., R. D. Sawyer Jr. and Henry B. Parker. Lion Little presented Ralph Umphlett a certificate from the Lions International for being a "100% Secretary".

## TARPON HITTING LURES IN SURF AT HATTERAS

Buxton — Tarpon have been hitting artificial lures in the surf at the Point of Cape Hatteras recently and although only one has been actually landed, at least three of the silverkings have been hooked, played and then lost during the past week. The only catch reported for tarpon this season was a 65-pounder landed by Charles Williams of Avon.

Mrs. George Fuller casting here last week hooked a tarpon which observers declared would have scaled at 150 pounds. She played the fish for 45 minutes before it finally made a final leap to freedom by breaking the leader.

All of the tarpon landed or hooked so far this year in the surf have been lured with Hopkins No. 4, a chromium squid-like lure with a gang of three hooks.

## JULY 4 EVENTS INCLUDE PARADE FLAG CEREMONY

Ocracoke Island Is Scene of Pony Penning And Branding

By Larry Williams  
Ocracoke, July 6—Fourth of July events drew large crowds to Ocracoke Island over the holiday week end. The celebration began with the rounding up of the island ponies. About fifty ponies were corralled and branded. Crowds watched eagerly as Mr. Marvin Howard, chairman of the annual event, unveiled the queen of the pony penning. Jane Bryant of Ocracoke's only colored family, stepped from her queen's throne as gracefully as the queen of England.

The event that followed was a patriotic service at the school. The newly organized boy scouts, sponsored by the Methodist Church, paraded before the many spectators. Standing at attention, the scouts were presented the flag by Mr. Calvin O'Neal, Patrol Leader, Edward Carison O'Neal was in charge of the flag raising. Rev. R. L. Vickery read a few verses of scripture and led the group in prayer. The ceremony was ended with patriotic singing.

Shortly after noon people began to crowd the island's narrow paved roads to watch the oncoming parade, the biggest event of the day. About 20 gayly decorated floats gathered at the southern end of the island and began their procession along the winding roads towards the school building where judges awarded prizes for the best characters, best floats and originality. Mr. Wilbur Gaskill walked away with first prize for his original float "November Morn". Roars of applause showed the spectators appreciation of the float representing old and modern bathing beauties. According to tourists and islanders, the floats liked best were the ones pertaining to the islands early history and customs, presented by the participants in authentic and homemade costumes.

## COUNTY BOARD NAMES LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Roads at Colington and Avon Requested; Tax Rate Put Off

The Dare County Board of Commissioners in its monthly meeting Tuesday named members of the Library Committee for the number of years following their names. Wallace Gray, six years, Mrs. Donovan Twyne, two years, Doris White, four years, Rennie G. Williamson, six years, Louise Meekins two years, and Duvall Tillett, four years.

It was decided to request the Highway Commission to place a three fourths of a mile stretch of road at Avon and a one fourth mile stretch leading to the Colington Community Building on the State system.

An investigation was ordered of a complaint by Clarence Culpepper about garbage removal at Nags Head. It was decided that a petition for police protection at Nags Head could not be granted because of a lack of funds.

The tax rate for the current year is to be determined at a special meeting July 28.

## DARE RED CROSS MEETS

The annual meeting of all citizens of Dare County who are interested in Red Cross will be held at the Community Building in Manteo on Monday, July 12 at 7:45 p.m., according to Charles S. Marshall, the Chapter Chairman. In setting this date Marshall said that if they found it convenient to attend residents of Hatteras Island would be most welcome but that because of evening transportation difficulties across Oregon Inlet a special meeting on Hatteras will be held later in the month.

At this meeting the officers who have completed their terms of service will report on the accomplishments of Red Cross in Dare County in the past year, questions regarding the program will be discussed and an election of seven members of the Chapter's Board of Directors will be held. The Hatteras meeting will elect two members to the Board of Directors and the nine members so elected will choose Chapter officers for the coming year.

Marshall urges all who possibly can to attend this meeting which is being held through the cooperation and courtesy of the Manteo Rotary Club immediately after their dinner meeting is terminated.

## RAINS CAME AS SHOW'S BUSIEST NIGHT SHAPED UP

Rain which had not fallen on Roanoke Island since early May finally came last Sunday night to cut by half what might have been the largest crowd of the season to see the Lost Colony.

Many Roanoke Islanders and tourists who had been praying for rain for weeks made a sudden shift in their petitions as the thunder clouds began to mass in the late afternoon.

Despite the rains which held up starting time for about 20 minutes and forced three stops, the cast managed to present the entire show except for the last scene. Torrential rains finally brought the play to an end before the famous final march scene.

Only slightly more than 700 of the large tourist crowd in Dare County for the Fourth of July week end attended the Lost Colony according to Dick Jordan, Lost Colony manager. 1600 people would have attended the show had weather conditions permitted, Jordan said. The total of 1600 for Saturday and Sunday nights was below that for the same two nights last year. He continued that he expects a larger crowd Tuesday night to make up part of the difference.

## ONLY ONE ACCIDENT DURING LONG HOLIDAY

Highway Patrol Official Commends July 4 Drivers on Good Safety Record

The Dare County area had the safest Fourth of July on the highway in many years, highway patrolman, R. C. Holt, reports. In contrast to former years when as many as four accidents have been investigated on one Fourth of July before noon, highway officials report only one minor accident investigated during the entire holiday week end beginning Friday at 6:30 and ending Monday at midnight.

No one was hurt when the cars of Leo Tillett, driven by his wife, and J. R. Holmes both of Manteo collided one mile south of Manteo. The accident occurred when Mrs. Tillett turned into the yard of Kelly Midgett after giving proper turn signals. Holmes was attempting to pass. Damage to each car was between \$100 and \$150 dollars.

In addition to three regular patrolmen on duty, 2 extra patrols were brought down from Elizabeth City to take care of the extra holiday traffic.

Patrolmen attributed the good holiday safety record to careful driving by motorists. "We can stop only a few drivers and try to catch the most dangerous ones", Patrolman Holt said. "Safety depends on the care exercised by many motorists. The Highway Patrol would like to thank the motoring public for its cooperation in making this an unusually safe Fourth."

## FIRST DIVISION ROAD WORK IS ANNOUNCED

Raleigh—The State Highway Commission completed 32.8 miles of road improvements in the First Highway Division during June, according to Emmett Winslow, Commissioner of the First.

Two Currituck roads, both 18 feet wide, on the secondary highway system were surfaced with a sand asphalt course. The two roads, and their lengths, are: from Shawboro south to the Camden County line at the Indiantown Creek Bridge, 4.4 miles; and from US 158, 5.7 miles west of Barco to the intersection of a paved county road, 0.8 miles north of the Indiantown Creek Bridge, two miles.

In Tyrrell, contract forces completed 0.3 miles of hydraulic fill at the Northwest Fork Bridge which is on the relocation of NS 94 south of Columbia. The work was done for a proposed 18 foot wide pavement over the fill.

Other surfacing in the First Division included the following: in Camden County, 5.3 miles; in Gates County, 10.9 miles; and in Perquimans County, 9.9 miles.

Camden, Currituck, Gates, Perquimans, and Tyrrell are in the First Highway Division along with Bertie, Chowan, Dare, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, and Washington counties. Division headquarters are in Ahoskie. W. W. Spruill is division engineer.

## MAN STEALS BOAT; RUNS IT AGROUND AT OREGON INLET

\$12,000 Yacht Is Damaged While Being Beached By Larry Bouten

Larry Bouten, who gave his address as Norfolk, ran a stolen \$12,000 yacht aground early Sunday morning between Nags Head and Oregon Inlet early Sunday morning after attempting to enter Oregon Inlet and was arrested by Dare County Officers Sunday afternoon.

Bouten stole the 40 foot yacht, called the Waneta, from a Norfolk yacht basin about 4:30 Saturday afternoon according to her owner, Lloyd R. Armory Jr., a Norfolk yacht dealer. Bouten had been down, Armory said, Friday afternoon claiming he wanted to buy a boat, Armory and his partner showed him the Waneta and explained her operation to him.

Described as a dark, good looking man of about 25, Bouten claimed he was on his way to New Bern when he decided to come ashore at Nags Head to get a room Sunday morning. Unable to enter Oregon Inlet because of rough water, Bouten said he decided to run the boat ashore and later back her off. He was unfamiliar with the ocean, he claimed, being used to operating boats in rivers.

Coast Guard officials say that in order to reach New Bern Bouten would have had to take an inland route. According to authorities Bouten chose the Atlantic to avoid locks on the inland waterway where he would have been apprehended.

The Oregon Inlet Lifeboat Station sighted the boat at 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning. She had washed high and dry on the beach with a hole in her bottom. At that time Bouten was down at Nags Head trying to find a room which he was unable to get because of Fourth of July crowds.

A message from the Norfolk Coast Guard Dispatch Station warning Nags Head Coast Guardsmen of the stolen yacht brought about Boutens arrest at 2:45 p.m. The arrest was made by Dare County Deputy Sheriff D. L. Cannady.

Bouten was taken from Manteo to Norfolk Sunday afternoon by Lt. Lewis of the Hampton Police Force.

The owner has contracted John Ferbee of Manteo to haul the Waneta up and patch the hole in her bottom. She will then be launched and towed back to Norfolk.

## RECORD TUNA FOR COAST LANDED BY VA. ANGLER

Nags Head—E. M. Payne of Esmont, Va., trolling from aboard Capt. Willie Etheridge's cruiser Chee Chee of Wanchese on Monday hooked and boated a yellowfin tuna which scaled at 170½ pounds. It is the largest tuna ever landed with rod and reel off the coast of North Carolina—the first tuna of any size ever taken in these mid-Atlantic waters.

The big fish measured five feet and four inches from tip to tip and 43½ inches around its girth.

School tuna and smaller yellowfins have often been landed off the North Carolina coast in recent years, especially by anglers fishing the western edge of the gulf stream off Hatteras. The big specimen taken on Sunday was taken in approximately the same waters about 35 miles southeast of Oregon Inlet.

Payne was using a 9/0 reel loaded with 300 yards of 100 test line when the tuna hit the strip of dolphin bait being skipped from the outriggers. It took about 45 minutes to land the heavy fish.

Catching the 107½-pounder made piscatorial history again for the North Carolina coastal waters off Dare County. Previously sailfish, white and blue marlin had been taken, but only small tuna, seldom weighing more than 35 pounds and averaging less than that.

## PILOT LANDS 35 POUNDER

Cape Hatteras—Bill Cochran, local taxi plane pilot hooked and landed a 35 pound channel bass in the surf last week end.

Since May smaller channel bass have been taken from time to time by surf fishermen casting along the beach of Hatteras Island, but they have been in the yearling or puppy drum class.