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THOUSANDS OF DOLPHIN TAKEN IN GULF STREAM

Many People Now Consider This Species A Table Delicacy

Rod and reel anglers who used to catch dolphin in the Gulf Stream off the coast of Dare County and then throw their catches overboard after bringing them in to fishing centers to show off or be photographed, now take catches back home with them.

During the past week a conservative estimate of the number of dolphin taken on all Gulf Stream cruisers operating from Oregon and Hatteras Inlets would run into many thousands. No longer is it considered unusual for a party of five aboard a charter boat to return with anywhere from 75 to 250 or more of the colorful and fast swimming fishes which are most numerous in offshore blue waters from late July until September 1.

There was a time when the angler would hesitate to take a dolphin home for food. There was an old adage along the coast that these fish were poisonous to a certain extent, unless a person knew exactly how to cook them. The proper way to cook them according to old time sailors and residents along the Banks was to boil them in water to which had been added a piece of silver. That is why some of the older residents today along the Outer Banks will say that a "dolphin ain't fitten to eat unless a pure silver spoon or silver dollar has been placed in the pot where the fish was cooked.

The modern epicure has long since learned that the dolphin is not poisonous. As a matter of fact some of the better hotels along the coast now feature the filets from these almost boneless fish, at the top of their seafood menu.

The fact that "dolphin are poison," may have arisen from the fact that unless the fish is thoroughly cleaned and unless it is washed thoroughly after matter from the gall of the fish may give it a bitter taste and, in bringing on illness, if eaten by person. Modern methods of cleaning the fish have changed the old adage.

"Therefore," said one of the guides, long in the business here on the Dare coast, "anglers this year sharing in the catches of many thousands of dolphin, are See DOLPHIN, Page Eight

HATTERAS MAN FALLS OFF BOAT IN NORFOLK

Jasper Willis Drowns in Accident Sunday; Body Recovered By Coast Guard

Jasper Willis, 49, of Hatteras, relief mate aboard the tug Louisiana, drowned early Sunday morning when he fell over the side of the vessel moored at the east end of Willoughby Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Willis, an employee of the Gulf Atlantic Transportation Company, drowned at approximately 12:40 a.m. His body was recovered by the Coast Guard at 2:52 a.m.

According to a Norfolk Police Division report, Willis was sleeping on a cot in the cabin on the top deck. He apparently went on deck and fell accidentally over the side of the tug.

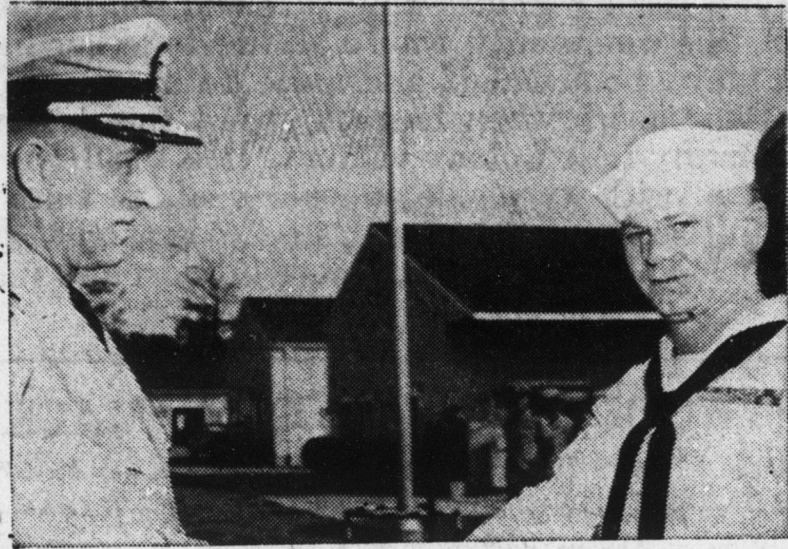
Daniel O. Selby, of Ransomville, was down below and heard the splash. When he came on deck he saw ripples in the water where the relief mate fell.

A lifelong resident of Hatteras, Willis was the son of Mrs. Wedmore Gaskins Willis, of Elizabeth City, and the late Dave Ellis Willis, and husband of Mrs. Rebecca Ballance Willis.

Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by four daughters, Mrs. June Davis, of Pearl City, Hawaii, and Misses Cenith Mae Willis, Betty Jean Willis and Rebecca Ann Willis, of Hatteras; six sons, Jack Milbourn Willis, Tommy Allen Willis, Robert Willis, Eugene Carol Willis, William Vincent Willis and Raymond Virgil Willis, all of Hatteras; three sisters, Mrs. Vance Lewis, of Roper, and Mrs. Lois Burrus and Mrs. Dorcas Austin, of Hatteras, and three brothers, Hobson Willis and Harlon Willis, both of Frisco, and Roscoe Willis, of Atlantic.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Hatteras Methodist Church. Burial was in the family cemetery. The body was taken to the church one hour before the funeral.

NATIVE SON OF DUCK, N. C. PROMOTED



Norfolk, Va. (FHTNC)—Jackson L. Curles, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Curles of Route 1, Box 225, Kitty Hawk, N. C., and husband of the former Miss Lulu M. Direk of Devon, Colo., is advanced in rating to boilerman third class, USN, while serving with the U. S. Naval Administrative Command, Armed Forces Staff College here. He attended Kitty Hawk High School before joining the Navy in November, 1952.

WANCHESE AF CADET HOME ON A WEEK END



PETE POOLE DANIELS, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Pete Daniels of Wanchese, and an Air Force ROTC Cadet at University of North Carolina, prepares to take off on an orientation flight in an Air Force T-33, a 2-seat version of the F-80, "Shooting Star".

Cadet Daniels, who has been visiting his parents the past week end, completed his junior year in Advanced Air Force ROTC and is attending four weeks of summer training at Tyndall Air Force Base as part of his reserve officer training at college. While at summer training, Cadet Daniels observes and actually participates in Air Force operations.

Following graduation at University of North Carolina, he will be eligible for appointment as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force Reserve.

DARE RECORDERS COURT HELD AFTER TWO WEEKS

An improper passing charge against John P. Holmes of Manteo occupied Dare County Recorders court for almost two hours Tuesday.

Court had not been held for two weeks in the absence of Judge W. F. Baum. Judge Baum has been ill in Duke Hospital and returned last week.

The case involved an accident taking place during the Fourth of July week end. Holmes attempted to pass a car driven by Lulu Tillett as she was turning into Kelly Midgett's yard one mile south of Manteo. The cars collided with damages to each between \$100 and \$150. Holmes was found guilty and given a fine of ten dollars and costs of court.

14 speed cases were tried. The defendants plead guilty or were found guilty in each case and paid fines ranging from ten to \$50 and costs of court.

Three other traffic violation cases completed the docket. Each was found guilty and paid fines five to 25 dollars.

ANOTHER BIG TUNA

Nags Head—P. T. Hodges, trolling from aboard Capt. Hughes Tillett's charter boat the "Gat" this week landed a 45-pound yellowfin tuna. The sizable fish is the second largest of the species to be taken with rod and reel off the North Carolina coast this year. Record tuna taken so far this season was the 170 1/2 pounder landed by A. M. Payne of Esomont, Va., who was trolling from the Chee Chee, skippered by Capt. Willie Etheridge when he made his catch.

COMMISSIONERS VOTE INCREASE IN ADVERTISING

The final Dare County budget was adopted by the County Commissioners meeting in special session Monday night. The approved budget includes \$985 more than the \$205,949.60 proposed at the last meeting.

An \$800 increase was voted for the County Advertising appropriation. The original appropriation was \$2,000, considerably less than the \$3,000 appropriated last year. Urged by letters and a delegation, headed by Mrs. Lucille Purcer, the Commissioners increased the appropriation to \$2,800. Of that amount \$2300 will go to the Dare County Tourist Bureau.

Increases totaling \$185 were voted for farm and home agents. A tax rate of 90 cents on \$100 was approved.

Following the recommendation of J. Henry Vaughn, Secretary to the State Association of County Commissioners, present at the meeting, the Commissioners decided to invite the State Association to meet in Dare in 1955 or 1956.

The board voted to request the Department of Motor Vehicles to assign a full-time license examiner to Dare County. Sheriff Frank Cahoon was instructed to collect Bingo licenses from two beach places where they had not been paid for.

OREGON INLET WATERS YIELD FIRST MARLIN

Nags Head, N. C.—Saturday noted a seven foot white marlin, second of the species to be landed off the Dare Coast this year and the first to be taken by an angler fishing out of Oregon Inlet.

The fish seven feet long weighed about sixty pounds, was caught by C. E. James of 362 Cavalier Boulevard, Portsmouth, Va., from the cruiser Tony, skippered by Capt. Slim Hayes of Wanchese.

This was the sixth bill fish taken along the coast of Dare County this year. Previously three sailfish, one blue marlin and two white marlin had been boated. One of the white marlin, then the first of the season was taken off Hatteras by an angler trolling from Capt. Edgar Styron's Twins 11, one of the newest cruisers in the fleet.

DARE NEGRO KILLED IN 4-CAR COLLISION

Alfred Winslow Burton Sideswiped Car Which Crashes Two Parked Vehicles

Alfred Winslow Burton, 32, of Manteo died on the way to the hospital following a four-car crash on the beach highway at Kill Devil Hills at 12:45 Saturday morning.

Burton was driving a pickup truck belonging to his employers of the Twiford Funeral Home when he sideswiped a 1949 Chevrolet driven by Solomon Clagthorn Bethea of 1600 Southern Avenue, Elizabeth City.

Doran Washington and Lionel Scarborough of Manteo were with Burton. The truck sheared a telephone pole and turned over throwing its three occupants from the cab.

Bethea's car traveled 189 feet from the collision striking a station wagon belonging to Frank W. Lawrence Jr. of Richmond, Va. parked in front of his beach cottage. The station wagon crashed into Lawrence's 1954 Dodge also in the parking area. Burton was the only one injured.

An eye witness stated that the truck was traveling at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred. Damage to the parked vehicles totaled \$2300.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 Sunday afternoon at Haven Creek Baptist Church, Manteo, by Rev. Joe White and Rev. Kelly Golden. Burial was in the Baptist church cemetery.

Burton, who was the son of the late Daniel B. and Cora McCleave Burton, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eloise Golden Burton; two sons, Alfred Jr. and Hayward Burton; one daughter, Clarinda Inez Burton; one step-daughter, Malinda Golden; one brother, Wilbur Burton; seven sisters, Lovie B. Bethea, Mabel, Ethel, Gloria, Connie Mae, Priscilla and Aquilla Burton.

MANNS HARBOR BOY AT FLORIDA AF BASE



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LEVENE MIDGETT HOST TUESDAY TO LINDSAY WARREN

Former Comptroller General, Lindsay A. Warren, who with Mrs. Warren, is vacationing at the Croatan Hotel, Kitty Hawk, was the honor guest Tuesday evening when his old friend, Capt. Levene Midgett of Rodanthe, with a number of friends, was host at a dinner, and presented Mr. Warren with a handsome rod and reel.

Mr. Warren, showing signs of improvement from his recent long illness, was greatly moved by the tribute of affection shown him, and so expressed himself to the party.

Attending the dinner were, beside Capt. Midgett, A. W. Drinkwater, R. Bruce Etheridge and Ellery C. Midgett of Manteo; Frazier Peck of Hatteras, Allyn Hanks, Supt. of the Cape Hatteras Seashore; Nevin Wescott and Sheldon O'Neal of the Coast Guard, Capt. W. H. Lewark of Kill Devil Hills; and Capt. Russell Griggs.

CAR STRIKES BICYCLE; KILLS COINJOCK MAN

Edmund Lee Jones, 48, of Coinjock was killed Monday at 7 a.m. in an automobile-bicycle accident a mile and a half south of Coinjock. The accident occurred within 20 feet of the spot where his father was killed in an automobile accident 12 years ago.

Jones was riding on highway 158 in front of the Roy Midgett home when he turned into the path of a car driven by John Leonard Richardson of Norfolk.

Investigating officer, O. L. Wise, said that evidence showed Richardson driving at a high rate of speed and recommended that he be placed under bond for appearance at the next term of Superior Court. Richardson, 19, is a life guard at the Ocean View Motor Court at Nags Head.

Jones is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Lee Jones. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lillie Parker of South Norfolk, Va. and Mrs. Nola Askew of Germany.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Coinjock Baptist Church by the Rev. Mark Alexander, pastor. Burial was in the church cemetery.

HATTERAS NATIVE DIES

Ronald G. Rollinson, a native of Hatteras, died in a Thomasville, Georgia hospital July 21 of a heart attack. Funeral services were held in Georgia on Friday, July 23.

Mr. Rollinson is survived by his mother, Mrs. S. M. S. Rollinson, three brothers, John W., Alonzo M. and Harry G. Rollinson of Savannah, Georgia and one sister, Mrs. Harry Kramer of Elizabeth City.

Cape Hatteras Maritime Museum Reveals Many New Attractions

One of Several Projects Planned by National Seashore For The Outer Banks

Cape Hatteras—The story of the Outer Banks, the old U. S. Life Saving Service and modern Coast Guard, the lighthouses, fishing industry and the geographical features of the area are told here at Buxton-on-Cape Hatteras in the new Maritime Museum, now open to the public. The Maritime Museum is one of the first major projects in the development of Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area.

The Museum is located in a former keeper's quarter of far-famed Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, America's tallest lighthouse structure and the tallest brick structure of its kind in the world.

Superintendent Allyn Hanks of this new oceanside Seashore Recreational Area stated today that the museum facilities had been installed under the supervision of Paul Hudson by National Park Service Preservation Specialist Harry Wandrus and Exhibit Specialist David Lillis. The history of the Outer Banks, as shown by the display in pictures and old time apparatus of the Life Saving Service is in two rooms of the building. Later

other rooms will be added to the museum with additional exhibits. The new maritime museum is located near the base of the famous spiral-painted Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. The Lighthouse is open to the public most of the time through the cooperation of the National Park Service and the Cape Hatteras Coast Guard Station. Thousands of persons each month climb to the top of the historic structure.

The museum is one of several developments already completed for the new Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. At Oregon Inlet, near Nags Head, the Seashore Area owns a modern fishing center, from which most of the anglers going fishing in the upper Dare region secure boats. It is leased to a private operator. . . Here at Cape Hatteras the National Seashore authorities have been instrumental in the construction of a paved by-way to the point of fabulous Cape Hatteras. During the heavy tourist season this summer several National Park Service Rangers are operating in the area from Seashore headquarters at Bodie Island near Nags Head.

LANDS 56-POUND DRUMFISH FROM SURF WEDNESDAY

A 56-pound drumfish grabbed a fresh mullet bait and was landed in 20 minutes Thursday morning by T. G. Hendricks of 4411 Providence Road, Norfolk, an employee of the Virginia Bridge Division. The fish was weighed soon after being landed at the Oregon Inlet Coast Guard Station.

Mr. Hendricks was fishing in the surf on the South side of Oregon Inlet, which he considers is the best fishing place along the coast, that and the beach between there and Waves, where two old wrecks are rusting away.

He caught one other drumfish weighing nine and a half pounds, and lost one. He was accompanied by Lester Tolson, formerly of Buxton, who now lives at Virginia Beach. Mr. Hendricks fishes often in this area.

MRS. MEEKINS DIES IN ELIZABETH CITY

A Native of Rodanthe, Mrs. Meekins Had Been Living for 55 Years in Manteo

Mrs. Rosa Midgett Meekins of Manteo, 73, died in the Albe-Mar Hospital, Elizabeth City, at 4:30 o'clock Friday morning, following a lingering illness. She was a native of Rodanthe but had been living in Manteo for the past 55 years.

She was the widow of the late Theodore S. Meekins, Sr., and daughter of the late Thomas P. and Sarah S. Midgett. She was a member of Mount Olivet Methodist Church, Manteo, and a member of the Woman's Society for Christian Service. She is survived by three sons, Ernest E. Meekins and Theodore S. Meekins, Jr., of Manteo, and Percy W. Meekins of Washington, D. C.; one daughter, Mrs. Alma Reich of Manteo; one brother, George Bright Midgett of Manteo; one sister, Mrs. Moncie L. Daniels, Sr., of Manteo; three grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church by the Rev. H. R. Ashmore, pastor. Pallbearers were Charlie Evans, Keith Fearing, Sr., Martin Kellogg, Jr., W. H. McCown, Leigh Hassell and C. S. Meekins. Burial was in the Manteo Cemetery.

EDWARD MASON CHOSEN DARE DEPUTY SHERIFF

Edward Mason of Manteo has been appointed deputy sheriff to work on the beach. His headquarters will be in a police building shared with the Shore Patrol.

Mason succeeds Dan Cannady who has been employed by the Town of Manteo.

Mason is a former Manteo policeman. Recently he has been special policeman at the Nags Head Casino and life guard at the El Gay Court

NOVEL BY MATHIS TELLS STORY OF "LOST COLONY"

"The Lost Citadel," Two Years in the Making By Well-Known Citizen

After two years in the writing, Alexander Mathis' novel, "The Lost Citadel" is off the press and is a gripping story of the early English settlements at Roanoke Island, and the events surrounding the efforts by the English at founding a new home in the New World.

Mr. Mathis, who now lives in Norfolk, Va. where he is engaged in industrial engineering, lived for several years on Roanoke Island. He and Mrs. Mathis own a home one and a half miles north of Manteo. Mrs. Mathis is the former Martha Brothers of Elizabeth City and is a woman of rare talent and ability, with long experience in theatrical production. She was one of the pioneer developers of the Lost Colony drama when Roanoke Islanders began to stage it back in 1936. The couple is highly popular in this vicinity.

The new novel, of some 275 pages, was produced by Pageant Press, Inc. of New York, and sells for \$4.

Mr. Mathis has the extraordinary ability of making historical events and figures living and vibrant. The reader shares all the excitement and wonder of the English explorers as they set foot in the New World—a world of beautiful countryside and colorful Indians. Under the wise and kindly leadership of Arthur Barlow, the English make friends with the Indians, especially with the two little Indian boys, Manteo and Wanchese. So strong does the bond between white man and Indian become that manteo and Wanchese are taken to Elizabethen England to meet the Queen and to give her court an opportunity to see what the natives of this English colony are like.

Thus the future of the Roanoke Island settlement seems bright. But the picture changes when Sir Richard Grenville is put in charge of the second expedition to the colony. Easy to anger and lacking maturity and understanding, Sir Richard believes in using force on the Indians, not friendship. His disastrous policy is encouraged by his subordinate, the treacherous Fernando, whose secret aim is to pave the way for Spanish domination of the New World.

Thus is brought about a breach between Indian and white man which is never to be healed, a breach which makes bitter enemies of Manteo and Wanchese, the two cousins who had been so close during childhood. For Manteo casts his lot with the English and remains their faithful friend, while the embittered Wanchese becomes their implacable foe. The struggle of the colonists to survive, their fight against hostile Indians, hunger and the other perils of a pioneer country, and the ultimate fate of the settlement are depicted by the author with unforgettable realism.

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