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É DROWNS NEAR OREGON INLET IN SMALL BOAT TUES.

Amazement Mostly At Why It Hasn't Happened Before In So Many Unsafe Boats

A Portsmouth, Va., man, C. F. Lassiter fell overboard and was drowned Tuesday morning near Oregon Inlet while on a fishing trip with two companions.

Lassiter, Clarence Woodard of Portsmouth, and Donald Kenneth Loper of Hickory, Va. were fishing 1½ miles east of Bodie Island light in a 14-foot rowboat powered by an outboard engine, when Loper's fishing line became fouled in the propeller of the outboard. The motor was stopped and while Lassiter stood up in the boat and somehow fell over backwards into the water. The investigation by the Coast Guard revealed that this happened about 8:15 a. m.

Seeing what had happened, Woodard jumped over and swam to Lassiter, who by that time was 20 feet from the boat. When Woodard attempted to help Lassiter, Lassiter grabbed his rescuer and it was quite a struggle for Woodard to free himself. By this time, Woodard had become pretty exhausted.

The situation had been seen by Omie Tillett, on the party boat Jerry, Jr., who reached the scene at this time and pulled Woodard out of the water. Lassiter was not seen after this time.

Dr. C. F. Harris was on the scene and rendered first aid to Mr. Woodard. The Coast Guard immediately began a search for the body of Mr. Lassiter but the body still had not been located Thursday at noon, according to W. W. Edwards, officer in charge of the Oregon Inlet Coast Guard Station.

KITTY HAWK FOLKS DRIVING HARD FOR NEW SCHOOL BLDG.

Sensing an almost unforeseeable in their community and the nearby citizens of Kitty Hawk united behind a project to build a modern school in their area, replacing the old building now some 30 years old and out of date.

Citizens wish a high school maintained in the area because they are encouraged by the rapid growth of new residents on the Dare Beaches to believe there will be a growing need for it.

They contend that the area comprising the district has equaled as much as 48 per cent of the taxable valuation of the area, with a tax yield jumping from \$34,000 in 1950 to \$66,000 in 1954.

Active in behalf of the new schools are the committee, consisting of Robert Young, Susie Briggs, Adolphus Hines, Oscar Sanderlin and Jack Twiford. The subject has been brought before the Board of Education on two occasions, and instructions have been given an architect to proceed with plans for a 11-room school.

Among other things it is contended that sending pupils to Manteo, would entail a ride of some 70 miles a day, with the bus going in and out of Colington each way. Also, many beach residents will contend for erection of the building in a new location, somewhere on the beach between the two ends of the district, with buses operating in from both directions.

WANCHESE BOY GRADUATES FROM UNIVERSITY OF N. C.

Pete Poole Daniels of Wanchese was a member of the 1955 graduating class of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in political science. Mr. Daniels, who was a 1951 graduate of Manteo High School, spent his freshman year at N. C. State College, Raleigh, where he was president of his dormitory, transferring the next year to the Uni-Kappa Alpha fraternity and of the Arnold Air Society, an honor Air Force Society.

At commencement he received his commission as second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force and is to be sent to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, in September. While in college he was lieutenant colonel in the ROTC training program.

In 1953-54 he was a member of the annual staff. Two summers spent in Alaska where he was enduring his college career were gaged in construction work. This summer, while awaiting orders from the Air Force, he is operating a party cruiser boat.

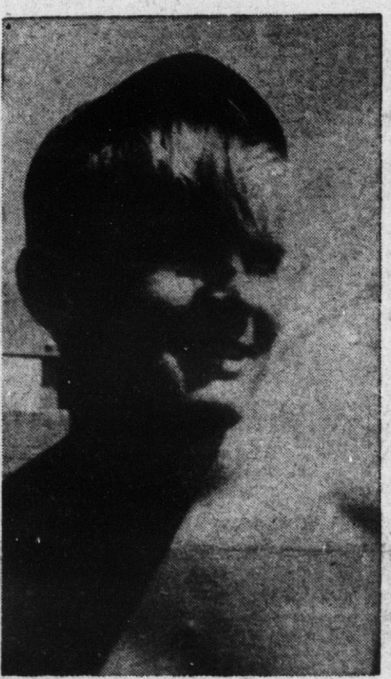
Mr. Daniels is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Daniels of Wanchese. Mrs. Daniels, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Duvall of Manns Harbor, and Mrs. James W. Davis of Wanchese, attended the graduating exercises.

JOIN COAST GUARD TOGETHER



HALF the male portion of the year's senior class at Hatteras Island High School took off for U. S. Coast Guard's recruiting office in Norfolk as soon as they got their diplomas and all of them made it. The other half will likely head Norfolk-ward this week when this quartette goes up to be sworn in and sent on their way to boot camp at Cape May. The four, left to right, are Albin Fulcher, Jr., Buxton; Bobby Scarborough, Hatteras; Tammie Willis, Frisco and P. L. Farrow, Jr., Buxton.

HIS HONOR OF JIGSBOROUGH



Hatteras Island now has eight villages instead of the legendary Seven Villages of the Outer Banks, and the town is complete with Mayor. Nobody named the town officially and there was no election. They didn't need an election anyhow since about everybody would have voted for John Buzendahl of Connorsville, Ind. He is not yet 21 but he is already the sort of man who would be elected without even running. What they call a born leader and everybody likes him. The photograph is by Ben Dixon MacNeill.

SAYS OFFICERS DID THEIR PART TO CATCH ASSAILANT

Regarding an article last week, having to do with an attempted attack by a midnight prowler on a young lady at Buxton, Zane Gray of that community writes to say that this paper had been misinformed about several features of the case, and particularly in that part which apparently indicates that failure to catch the guilty party might have been due to lack of diligence on the part of officers. Mr. Gray says everything was done that could be done, and no effort was spared. We do not wish to discredit anyone, and we know the Deputy, Mr. Bassett is a highly regarded and hard working man, as well as Sheriff Cahoon. Information came to us by word of mouth from several sources, which indicated that some citizens thought more effort should have been made. We are glad to make this correction for Mr. Gray.

STATE STOCKS 4,000 BASS IN THE EAST LAKE AREA

In accordance with previously approved plans, the Wildlife Resources Commission has completed stocking of 4000 bass averaging 1 inch in length, in the waters of South Lake and East Lake. These fish were produced at the State Fish Hatchery located near Fayetteville. District Game and Fish protector W. S. White of Manns Harbor directed the release of the fish, and solicited assistance from members of the local wildlife club and other interested sportsmen.

STATE STOCKS 4,000 BASS IN THE EAST LAKE AREA

The Wildlife Resources Commission points out that the cooperative effort of all those interested in the State's fish and game resources will be required to bring about better fishing, the favorite outdoor recreation of so many Americans.

PIRATE JAMBOREE PLANNED AGAIN FOR NEXT SEASON

Tourist Bureau Looks Forward Despite Rough Sledding

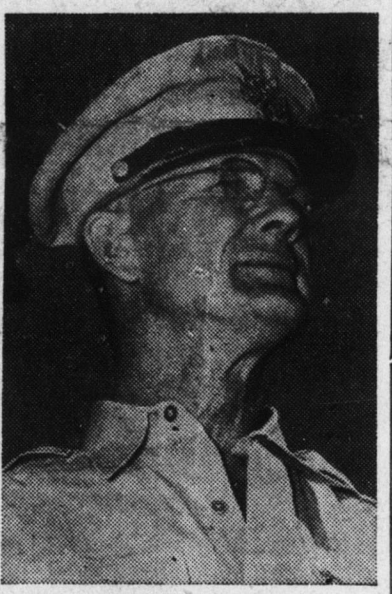
By AYCOCK BROWN
Another Dare Coast Pirate's Jamboree will be featured during mid-Spring 1956, it was announced here this week following a joint meeting of Dare County Tourist Bureau and members of the steering committee of the recent first annual Pirates Jamboree which was declared a big success, accomplishing its purpose.

The first annual event, three days of unusual programs, attracted attention on a national basis and persons came from distant states to enjoy the fun, it was stated by Mrs. L. S. Purser, chairman. Committees will soon be appointed for the second annual Jamboree.

During the meeting there were lengthy discussions relative to the continued operation of Dare County Tourist Bureau. Members of the Board of Directors present heard reports from W. H. McCown about the present and potential financial situations the Bureau is in at the present time, and for the remainder of the present fiscal year, ending September 30.

Mrs. Purser, Bureau president, named W. H. McCown, L. L. Swain, R. E. Jordan, Boyd Gray and Mrs. Orville Baum as a committee to prepare a budget for the coming year. This budget will be ready by mid-Summer as other county agencies prepare their budgets for the coming year. The tourist Bureau at its current peak season is having rough sledding due to fact See JAMBOREE, Page Ten

MARVIN HOWARD TAKES OFF FOR VENEZUELA



CAPT. MARVIN W. HOWARD, after some three years back home at Ocracoke, has yielded to the urge to go to sea again, and Sunday he left for New York to ship out on the seagoing hopper dredge "Chester Holden," bound for a seven month's stay in Maracaibo, Venezuela. Capt. Howard was in charge of this dredge during World War II. He is going to be missed around Ocracoke, where he has been very active in community life. He will leave Assistant Scoutmaster Kermit Robinson in charge of Mounted Boy Scout troop 290.

TINY TOTS ENJOYING MR. CREEF'S HOSPITALITY



NURSERY CLASS PUPILS of Mount Olivet Methodist Sunday School in Manteo are fortunate to have the playground equipment of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Creef, situated on the spacious lawn, at their back door. Since the weather has become too warm for comfort indoors, Mr. Creef kindly offered the use of the equipment to the wee folk on Sunday mornings. The above photo by Aycock Brown shows how much they are enjoying it. Teachers in this department are Mrs. Ben Creef and Mrs. Wayland Fry.

STUDENT NURSE AT DUKE



MISS TANYA DAWN TILLETT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Tillett of Kitty Hawk, has recently completed her first year of training in the Duke University School of Nursing, and is now entering the Junior class. Miss Tillett is a 1954 graduate of Kitty Hawk High School.

NEW POWER LINE BEING BUILT BY ROANOKE UTILITIES

Big Improvement to System The Length of Roanoke Island Nearing Completion

The Roanoke Utilities Co. of Manteo during the past few weeks have been constructing a taller, and greatly improved primary transmission line running most of the length of Roanoke Island, going all the way to Fort Raleigh. The line is strung on 35-foot poles, and is relocated to make room for the widening of the highway leading in from Croatan Sound Bridge. The line, extending from the transformer bank at Midway, is about seven miles long. The work has been accomplished with very little interruption in service.

Erecting poles and stringing the wires have been done by C. W. Wright Co., contractors of Richmond, Va. This company is going to Hyde County shortly to do a job for Pamlico Power & Light Co., of Engelhard which is building a larger transmission system.

FIVE CASES TRIED BY DARE RECORDER TUESDAY

Judge W. F. Baum disposed of five cases in Recorder's Court Tuesday in Manteo. Robert Rice of Virginia Beach forfeited his \$30 appearance bond for failing to answer a charge of being drunk and disorderly in a public place at Nags Head.

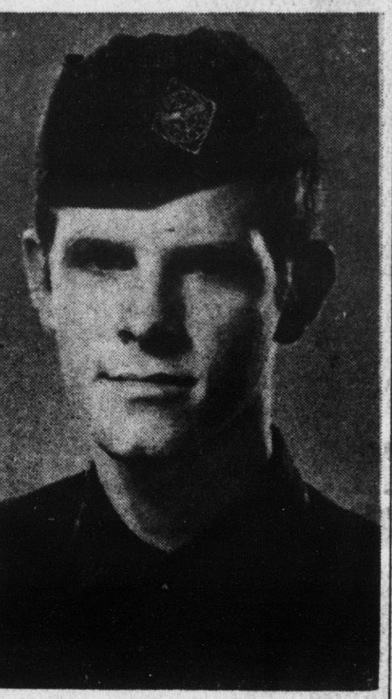
Jim A. Flannery, submitted to driving in excess of a safe speed limit and paid \$8 and costs. Melvin E. Harrell of Pinetops and Emmett Pate of Dunn each paid \$10 and costs for freshwater fishing without a license.

Herbert Curtis Gray, bound for Orlando, Fla., after a visit home, submitted to driving at 70 mph in a 55-mile zone and paid \$15 and costs.

LOST COLONY OPENING ON FRIDAY, JULY 1; FULL REHEARSALS ARE UNDERWAY

Many Changes in Cast This Season, and Some Changes and Improvements in Drama Which Has Done So Much for Roanoke Island and Its Surrounding Area Since It Opened in 1937.

MANTEO BOY SCOUT OF THE MONTH



MELVIN TWIDDY, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Twiddy of Manns Harbor, has been selected as Scout of the Month for May of Manteo Troop 165.

Melvin is an Explorer Scout and holds the present rank of First Class. He is leader of the Wolf Patrol and recently led his patrol in winning a blue ribbon of excellence at both the District Camporee in Elizabeth City and the Council Camporee in Norfolk. He is an outstanding member of the troop and is well liked by the scouts. He attends Manteo High School.

CLEARING APPROACH TO CROATAN SOUND BRIDGE

This week saw most of the trees being cut from the right of way of the approach to the Croatan Sound Bridge on the Roanoke Island side, and it is said the bridge and approach will be a direct line from Drinkwater's Folly Museum to the Manns Harbor shore. This right of way is more than 100 feet wide, and crosses the lands of J. M. Meekins, O. J. Jones, W. R. Pearce, Woody Inge and others. Near the Croatan Sound shore, a swamp was crossed, and this was filled with sand pumped from the bottom of the sound.

Piles for the bridge are now almost to mid-channel, progress on the job being rapid. With favorable conditions prevailing, the bridge may be completed ahead of schedule.

Piles being used now are pre-cast concrete, more than 80 feet long and weighing more than 18 tons each.

LOST COLONY CHORUS TO BE GUEST CHOIR SUNDAY

Nags Head.—The Rev. Robert Insko, Episcopal chaplain of the University of North Carolina, will be guest rector for the 11 o'clock Sunday worship at St. Andrews by the Sea, (Episcopal Church) June 19, announces Dewey Hayman, senior warden of the Church vestry. At the same time the Lost Colony Chorus, now in rehearsal for the 15th season opening of the Paul Green drama at Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island, will be guest choir.

The choir, under direction of Nena Williams with Fred Haley as organist, is made up of persons who received their voice training at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J. The Lost Colony chorus will also be guest choir at St. Andrews by the Sea again on Sunday morning, June 26, it was announced. They will appear only for the 11 o'clock services.

Two Sunday services are being held in the Nags Head Episcopal Church of St. Andrews during the current summer. The first is Holy Communion at 8 o'clock followed by the regular 11 o'clock worship period. St. Andrews also has a Church School each Sunday beginning at 10 o'clock. During the current summer season while the Rev. A. C. D. Noe is on vacation, guest rectors from many churches in this and other states will conduct the Sunday worships at St. Andrews by the Sea, Hayman stated.

By AYCOCK BROWN

Full scale rehearsals for The Lost Colony's 15th season, which opens Friday, July 1, are now underway at Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island, under the direction of Clifton Britton. Well underway are the new dance routines being arranged by Choreographer Marvin Gordon, and the Lost Colony Chorus, composed of Westminster Choir College voices, is now undergoing day and night training under the direction of Miss Nena Williams.

Director Britton stated today that new principals in the drama are doing outstanding jobs for the difficult roles they will fill. Topping the list of new principals is Martin Gerrish of Tucson, Arizona who will play the part of John Borden, male lead of the play. Ann Martin of Cherokee, has returned to The Lost Colony to play the female lead of Eleanor Dare, opposite Gerrish. Gerrish succeeds Robert Armstrong who played Borden for nine seasons and is currently playing in the Broadway production of Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

David Bowen who joins the Lost Colony cast for his first season will play the role of Old Tom Harris, the tragic-comic and philosophical character who starts a bum and drunkard in England to become a person of character and leadership in the New World. Bowen, formerly with Raleigh Little Theatre is also well known for the Theatre Column he has conducted in the News and Observer.

Choreographer Gordon in addition to arranging the dances will be featured as Uppowoc the dancing Indian medicine man. He comes to Roanoke Island from New York but is well known in North Carolina, especially western North Carolina where for the past two seasons as a member of the cast of "Unto These Hills" he was featured as the Eagle solo dancer.

Other new principal now rehearsing their Lost Colony roles on a rigid day and night schedule include Oliver Link as Sir Walter Raleigh; Lawrence Taishoff, Chief Manteo; and Bill White, who toured Europe with the American college Players last summer, as the new Master of Ceremonies.

Other new principals now re-previous years in The Lost Colony cast include, in addition to the female lead, Miss Martin, Frank Groseclose, as historian; Donnell Stoneman as Father Martin; Mary Long as Queen Elizabeth; Grace Davis as Agona and Robert Midgett in the role of First Soldier. Hal Furr, a member of Lost Colony Chorus, will be cast as Chief Wanchese this year and the rugged part of Simon Fernando, the treacherous Spanish pilot, will be played by Ernest Faust of the Chorus who understudied the part last year. Most of the Chorus members double as actors in the cast. Fred Haley, noted Westminster Choir College organist and singer will be at the console of Lost Colony organ for his second season this year.

WORK RESUMED AT MANTEO ON ELIZABETHAN GARDENS

After being in a dormant state for the past several months, work has been resumed at the Garden Clubs of North Carolina-sponsored Elizabethan Gardens, Roanoke Island. The Garden is located adjacent to Fort Raleigh National Historic Site near the Lost Colony's Waterside Theatre. It is planned to officially dedicate the Elizabethan Garden on August 18, this year.

Construction work at the garden site is under the direction of Albert Q. Bell, who designed and built Waterside Theatre.

INDIAN MISSIONARY TO SPEAK AT MANTEO CHURCH

The Rev. R. W. Buchanan, an American Indian Missionary, will speak at the Assembly of God Church in Manteo on Wednesday, June 22, at 8 p. m., and will also show color slides and movies of life on the Indian reservation in Idaho. Indian curios will also be on display. The Rev. Ernest Etheridge, pastor of the church, has issued a welcome to everyone.