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13 YEAR OLD BOY **KILLS BROTHER, 9,** IN CURRITUCK CO.

Johnnie Bridgeman Accidently Shot While Gun Is Unloaded in Living Room

A tragic death occurred Tuesday afternoon when a nine-year-old boy was shot and killed by his 13year-old brother near Powells Point in Currituck County as the older boy was unloading a shot gun in the living room of the family home.

Tuesday afternoon Johnnie Arthur Bridgeman was shot in the back of the head by the gun which was being unloaded by his brother Wade, who had returned after an attempt to kill some geese which were flying over the home.

The boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Bridgeman, and he is also survived by six sisters and two brothers.

Sheriff Laurence Dozier and Deputy Lindsay Dowdy investigated and termed the shooting purely accidental. Coroner Bryan Smith said no inquest would be necessary.

AMAZEMENT EXPRESSED AT ARGUMENTS OFFERED TO STYMIE FERRY SERVICE

The delegation from Hatteras Island which met with Highway **Commissioner Emmett Winslow in** Hertford County Friday came back somewhat disappointed and as they stated, somewhat amazed. They had gone to ask for improvement in the Oregon Inlet ferry schedule,

and while pleased at the reception given them by Mr. Winslow, they were somewhat amazed to find the ferry superintendnt on hand in opposition to their proposition, and giving some reasons for not running night boats which they say do not bear out the facts.

The Hatteras Island delegation, composed of W. W. Edwards, R. D Owens, James Scarborough and

e Fuller went to Hertford a petition signed by all the nts of the island and of acoke as well. They were told it was not safe to operate a forry boat at night, that the boat might get ashore; that the navigator on the north-bound trip might be

blinded by the flashing of Bodie

Island lighthouse and therefore lose his way at times. The delegation came back convinced that the ferries are now



LOVES DARE COAST AND

WRITES BALLADS ON IT

EUGENE W. (Seaweed) SAWYER

This 38-year-old Norfolk native is of Tarheel ancestry hence his great love for the sea. His father their employes. Now and then a "There was no way of getting is John B. Sawyer, born in Cam- promising boy would be taken to this famous hunting club except den County and his mother was

Lillie Waterfield of Knotts Island, so he says: "While I am by birth ges, while it was not exactly a a Virginian but at heart a North Carolinian." That's why he and his wife, who is also a North Carolinian, love to spend a lot of time on the Kitty Hawk coast, and he

it and has had them put on a record, which he is selling. Sawyer, who lives at 941 Dogwood Terrace, Norfolk, was recently the subject of a lengthy article in the Virginian-Pilot, Here's a verse from one of his songs:

"When I'm tired of the city and nearly 500 acres of marsh land and Currituck Inlet in a sail boat ready to die,

Tired of the heat and ready to fry, rooms in this house, and a wide motors began to be used, there was You'll find me down on the coast porch almost all around it, and a seven horse power Palmer engine of Caroline,

shadow of a pine."

The songs he sings are accom-

pleif there had been a better re-cording job done. The tunes are "Northeast Hurricane a-Coming Down the Coast," "From the

Head," "The Ghost of Virginia NO OPERATOR'S LICENSE CONTINUE TO BE

Room and Board, Guide Service and All For Wildfowl Hunters at \$4 Per Day In Currituck Sound Lodge Sixty Years Ago

President Grover Cleveland Visited the White Lodge at Currituck Inlet Which Was One of the Largest Along the Coast; When Seasons Had No Limit.

Recently we invited articles from | "There was a wonderful water our readers about the hunting dog named Jim Harrison which lodges, and what they meant to would swim out and bring them in the economy of the Coastland be- unharmed, and the wingtipped ones fore the hunting season and bag were cured and used for decoys. It limits were so greatly curtailed as was lawful to use live decoys then, to discourage the maintenance of and before the law against shooting swan came in and there was these old time landmarks.

Many of the hunting clubs turn- no bag limit on any kind of game. ed a lot of money loose among local "I also remember, that one of guides and others who were em- the sportsmen killed one of the ployed by the clubs during the sea- swan decoys accidentally, named son. The people of the community Annie Oakley-and he had to pay, looked forward to the opening of the owner \$60 for it. But the these lodges. It brought a lot of hunters who came there were very "Christmas money" into the com- wealthy and didn't mind it. There munity. Often the wealthy sportswas another of the swan named

men gave liberally to the church. Buffalo Bill. There were 17 kept Some of them gave lavish tips, in a separate pen from other fowl, clothing and many other things to and they were a beautiful sight. north, helped to schooling or a job. One of the biggest hunting lod-

hunting club, was the White Gunning Lodge at Sea Gull, about five carriage horses. I remember when First Flight banquet. miles north of Corolla in Currituck at old Currituck Inlet. It was one has gone to writing ballads about of the biggest establishments carriage. catering to sportsmen some 50 to

60 years ago. It was a popular duck hunting club. One of the heirs who now own the property, Mrs. Bess wheeler) from Norfolk, and which White Sessions of Kitty Hawk only came twice a week, to bring gives us an account of this club. passengers and freight. So they She says: "The house was surrounded by taken over four miles and up in

sand and water. There were 19 named Climax. After awhile when nine bedrooms, so we could accom- put in the Climax when she was A-Dancing in my shorts in the odate a big party of hunters. re-named Jubilee, but the sail were day, including room, board and a ing jib too. So if the engine broke

panied by his tamourine, harmon-ica and pocket comb. He had a thousand locket comb. He had a "This was when live decoys were sail on in. used; swan, geese and ducks were

Banks of Kitty Hawk to the town of Manteo," "Shipwreck off Nags WRONG LICENSE TAGS AND

James Bethea had no operator's

Mallory Reynolds Thompson of

CAR AWAY JANUARY 28th

RECEIVES NAVY PROMOTION HIGH ENTHUSIASM TO FEATURE THE LATEST AIRCRAFT By AYCOCK BROWN

Kill Devil Hills .- A feature of the 52nd anniversary celebration of the first flights of the Wright Brothers' heavier-than-air air machine here at Kill Devil Hills near Kitty Hawk on December 17, 1903, will be a flyover of America's most modern air craft, it was announced today by Miles L. Clark, president of Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association. Arrangement for the flyover is now being made by Ralph V. Whitener, program director of the Air Force Associa-tion in Washington, D. C.

K.D.H. PROGRAM

The Air Force Association, Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society, National Park Service and the North Carolina Anniversary Commission are co-sponsors of the event. Ceremonies will begin at 10:45 on December 17 with music provided by CHIEF ELECTRONIC TECHNI-

Following ceramonies at the Hill and monument where there will be brief speeches by dignataries by water or drive from Virginia which Clark will announce during Beach. So the guests were met at the current week, the scene of Virginia Beach in a surry to which celebration activities will move to was hitched Bess and Bill, the the Carolinian Hotel for an annual President Grover Cleveland came

In addition to the flyover by Air County, on the shore of the sound to hunt he was so heavy he broke Force craft, Whitener has requestthe stirrup off in getting into the ed a special plane to transport newsmen, TV and radio commenta-

"The only other way to get to tors to the celebration from Washthe club was to come to Knotts ington, D. C.

FIVE NEW HOMES NOW BEING BUILT IN KITTY HAWK

The desirability of the forest sheltered village of Kitty Hawk for a homeplace is manifested by five new homes now under con-Prices were only four dollars a kept on. I remember it had a fly- struction. Three of them are being built on the Sound Landing road down, which was often, they could and two in the lower part of the community.

"I also remember the many Will Perry, retired after 29 ed oysters in the State come from thousand long-playing records kept in a large pen, and straps ducks, geese and swan hung up at years of service in the Coast these areas, the C&D head said. made of his motley music and carnight around the porch to keep Guard, and his son-in-law, Will C. made of his motley music and car-rying six of his ballads. There just isn't anything exactly like his per-formance and it might have been pretty entertaining to a lot of peo-ple if there had been a better re-

a long time ago. "Besides keeping hunters, there were over two hundred cattle former Norma Spruill, and Rad-Douglas said, were made by Dr. "Besides keeping hunters, there the same vicinity. Clifton Perry, whose wife is the former Norma Spruill, and Rad-Douglas said, were made by Dr. The same vicinity. Recommendations for opening the same vicinity. Clifton Perry, whose wife is the the Hyde and Carteret areas, the same vicinity. "Besides keeping hunters, there the same vicinity. The same owned by the Whites, and Banker ford Tillett, who married Miss A. F. Chestnut, acting director of ponies that roamed the marshes Margie Haskett are building their the Institute of Fisheries Research the go-ahead signal to proceed and beach, each of we children had homes in the area nearer church at Morchead City and C. G. Hol-

The Greensboro College Glee

Club under the direction of E. L.



Elizabeth City's famed High School CIAN 1/c William B. Elliott, who was recently promoted from Electronic T 1/c. Chief Elliott has been in the Navy for almost 11 years and lives in Oceana, Va. He recently returned from a Mediterranean cruise. Chief Elliott is a native of Homestead, Pa., and is married to the former Helen Midgett of Manteo, daughter of Mrs. Peleg Midgett and the late Mr. Midgett.

> TWO FINE OYSTER **BOTTOMS IN HYDE** TO OPEN 21 DAYS

Two of the gest known oyster bottoms in Hyde county will be opened to oystermen from Decemper 5 through December 23, Director Ben E. Douglas of the Department of Conservation and Developmen announced today.

Douglas said the areas to be KILL DEVIL HILLS IS opened are Shell Bay (Deep Cove) and the Deep Bay section of Rose Bay along the south shore in Hyde county. Some of the finest flavor-The Point of Marsh Back Bay

The town of Kill Devil Hills

This notification gives the town with its health, sanitary and

\$5.511.79, making a total of \$17,-

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Nags Head .- St. Andrews-by-

ST. ANDREWS BY SEA

FOR ALL SEASHORE HIGHWAY PREVAILS Further Planning Takes Place at Nags Head Wednesday For

Genuine Highway.

In an enthusiastic and well-organized meeting, the All-Seashore Highway Association met Tuesday in the Carolinian at Nags Head. with about 50 persons attending. One of the most important recommendations was to call upon the State for a permanent All-Seashore State Commission to be appointed for the purpose of building this road connecting the various points along the North Carolina

Seashore.

Glenn Tucker of Carolina Beach is now president of the Association and the group decided to meet on January 19th in Washington, N. C. for further discussion of its aims. Among those who were recognized or who made talks were Alvah Hamilton of Morehead City, a former president of the Association; Stanley Wahab of Ocra-coke, Aycock Brown, Dare Tourist Bureau manager; Wallace McCown of Nags Head; Mrs. Emily Mustian, Mayor of Kill Devil Hills: Joe DuBois, the Secretary, of Morehead City.

The principal resolutions were adopted by the Association Tuesday. One having to do with mosquito control; one for the completion of the highway, by connecting ferry from Ocracoke to Carteret County; and the other urging a mighty beach erosion project to build up the Outer Banks, to "protect five million acres, mostly rich farmland in 21 coastal counties."

GRANTED \$11,676.20 FOR DISASTER RELIEF

finds itself ahead in the amount of \$11,676.20 by virtue of its still being recognized as a municipal entity. Mrs. Emily F. Mustian, the mayor, was advised yesterday that he town's application for a grant from the Federal Disaster Relief fund in this amount had been approved, in a letter from General Edward F. Griffin, N. C. Director

Dare," "Cape Hatteras Mumbo, being operated for the convenand "Coast of Carolina." ience and pleasure of the employes

Sawyer has had considerable of the state and not for the benefit education. He has worked at nuof the public. They have talked to many navigators and men who have spent a lifetime around Oredetermination to do whatever he on North Carolina automobiles. gon Inlet, who say there is nothing to fear in such trips if the boats wants to do. He says: "There's Tuesday in Dare Recorders Courts, roost. nobody in the world who loves the following cases were disposed are handled by competent people.

that Nags Head area better than of: There is now some talk of try-I do. All our spare time my wife ing to get the Coast Guard to bear and I spend driving to Kitty Hawk license, was taxed with the costs down on the ferries and put them along the beach." under inspection and operated by duly licensed and competent opera-

tors for boats of their size.

W. C. GRAY INJURED AND CAR TOTAL LOSS MONDAY

At about 1:30 a.m. Monday BANK OF MANTEO DISBURSES morning, a 1949 4-door Plymouth CHRISTMAS CHECKS \$17,885 driven by William Curtis Gray, 28

of Kitty Hawk went off the road Customers of the Bank of Manat the curve near the Journey's teo lacked only about \$200 of sav-End Motel at Kitty Hawk Beach, ing as much in Christmas Clubs and was a total loss. He lost conas last year, despite all the bad trol of the car, it skidded across work of hurricanes, which played the road and overturned. He sufhavoc with the incomes of most fered bruises and shock, and was of our people. The bank this week hospitalized. He was north bound mailed out \$17,885 in checks. when the mishap occurred. Many hearts will be glad because

someone had the foresight and thrift to save this sum of money and when it gets in circulation it will be worth much to local mer-

chants. Sometimes people use this method of saving for a means of

paying their taxes, or for many other occasions which demand payments of more than ordinary size. But most of it goes into Christmas gifts.

The bank is now starting its Christmas Savings Clubs for next vear.

ISTMAS HOLIDAYS **REVISED IN SCHOOLS**

to it. Due to days lost during the fall hurriganes, the orginal Christmas holidays scheduled for Dare County schools have been revised.

Roanoke School, which missed only one day, which has since been made up, will begin the holiday they are having to pay this year. period on Friday, December 16, at No effort is being made to keep 1:30 p.m.

All other schools in the county No consideration whatever was p.m

schools extends through Sunday, raised. January 1, with schools opening at regular time on Monday, January as to be different from any other N. C. came to Manteo this week county.

going at 65 mph. TUESDAY THE TIME TO SET DATE FOR JAIL ELECTION

LEGION POST TO GIVE Tuesday, December 6 is the date the Dare Commissioners have set to decide what date to call the A 1956 4-door Chevrolet sedan second election for voting bonds to tear down the County jail, build a

s to be given away by Fort Ranew one, add to the courthouse and leigh Post No. 26, American Legion build a jail at Buxton. The Manteo of Manteo on the night of January 28th, 1956 during the interiail is structureally in good shape, mission of a grand ball which the but in order to build some finer

offices for county officials, it is Post will give at the Dare County necessary to waste it, and build a Shrine Club home on that date. new one. The county has \$50,000 | The dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. In order to finance the building cash now idle and it must be spent, but more must be voted to add of the post's contemplated home

near Kill Devil Hills a campaign The people defeated this measure is being conducted to raise funds, on July 9th at a cost of nearly and the giving of the Chevrolet \$3,000 wasted, but by a vote of is one of the methods used. Tickets two to one. The Board now thinks to the dance will be sold. During they will change their mind and the intermission some lucky person

vote for even higher taxes than will win a new car. The post now owns a lot near Kill Devil Hills on which the hut in repair what the county now has. will be built.

James M. Vannote is Post Comwill begin the holiday period on given to trying to get a hospital mander and Pennell A. Tillett is ad-Tuesday, December 20, at 1:30 built with the \$50,000 and state jutant. The post usually meets on

Christmas vacation for all bonds would be issued nor taxes month in the community building in Manteo, Donald A. Kretchner We've got to have two jails, so post commander of Granite Falls.

to assist in the campaign.

our own pony and rode no other. and postoffice. These are both We used to help round up the young couples.

Notice having been given some cattle and wild banker ponies as Other new homes are contemweeks ago, the highway patrol con- they had to be branded and their plated in Kitty Hawk. merous enterprises he established, tinues to crack down on cases in colts. Once there was an eclipse of and he always sets out with grim which tags of other states are used the sun while the roundup was go- have been many fine homes built shells. Normally, it takes about tion has already been taken care

> type, some of them costing as All the people got off their much as \$20,000.

ponies and looked at the sun through pieces of smoked glass.

Island on a steamer (Old stern

only came twice a week, to bring

were met there by Mr. White and

When the eclipse was over they branded the colts and calves. Then \$8.20, the court being lenient beeveryone came in the big dining cause he had formerly had a drivroom and had a wonderful dinner ing permit in South Carolina. and talked about the horses, cattle. Henry McCleese, who was driving the car of Cleon Tillett which used and re-told their experiences with a Virginia tag, paid court costs. wild cattle and Banker ponies, and Theodore Robertson Meekins, who I remember, they were really wild. "Well, the nice old house in was driving without his glasess, which so many famous people had when his driving permit required visited and had such fun is torn them, was fined \$5 and costs.

down, but the hunting goes on. The ber 4 at 11 o'clock, and the public Kitty Hawk, driving with Virginia Inlet is sanded up, I remember is invited to attend.

tags, paid \$10 and costs. For when it was 20 feet deep back of Two Manteo girls, Mary Meekins speeding 65 mph Cary Worth the long row of stables. Airplanes and Pat Baum, are members of the Stetson of Wanchese, paid \$20 and now land right where the old Inlet 45-voice group, who will tour was and sportsmen are taken down North Carolina and go as far costs. P. J. M. Bayne of Nags there in jeeps to hunt now, instead south as Georgia. They will leave Head, paid \$15 and costs for goof having to be met at Virginia Greensboro Saturday, December 3, ing at 70 mph. Elmo Hughes Beach in the surry. There is yet by bus, and arrive in Manteo that Daniels of Wanchese, paid \$10 for no modern highway to service this afternoon. Early Sunday afternoon they will proceed on their journey. area."

MANTEO GIRL IS GLEE CLUB OFFICER



PAT BAUM of Manteo, seated, left, is librarian of the Greensboro and Federal grants for which no the fourth Thursday night in each College Glee Club, which will appear in Manteo Sunday, December 4, for the first concert of the season's tour. Other officers are Elizabeth Walker, vice-president, standing; Jo Ann Padley, president and student director; Ann Munford, secretary; Ann Woodward, business manager; Sylvia Gregg, treasurer; Barbara Reynolds, accompanist.

and, State fisheries commissioner. ditch drainage project, including

The areas were stocked by the mosquito control. The town's con-C&D Department's commercial tribution added to this sum will be fisheries division about three years For the past ten years there ago with seed oysters and oyster 187.79. Part of the town's obligaing on and the chickens went to in the community, all of modern three years for an oyster to reach of with the conduits that have al

maturity. Dr. Chestnut reported | ready been opened. oysters in the Hyde and Careteret areas are of good quality, Douglas GREENSBORO COLLEGE GLEE said.

The escallop season will also be CLUB TO SING IN MANTEO opened December 1. Holland reports the escallops are of good quality and that commercial fishermen are looking forward to a fine season. Fishermen will be permit-

Williams, will present their first concert of the season on their fall ted to take escallops 'Iondays tour in Manteo. The program will through Friday. No night operatake the place of the morning tions in taking of escallops are worship service in Mount Olivet permitted under law, Holland said. Methodist Church Sunday, Decem-

THIS SUBMARINE WAS NOT ATOM-POWERED

A. W. Drinkwater, retired communications official of the old U.S Weather Service and the present day Coast Guard, recalled today The dinner will be presided over that the atom-powered Nautilus, by the Rev. A. C. D. Noe, rector the most modern of America's un- of the church and the menu will dersea fighting craft, is a far cry feature roast turkey and clam from the old Moccasin, a subma- chowder. rine which founded on the beach

Committee in charge of arrangeat Corolla north of Nags Head 52 ments for the Laymen's Dinner are years ago. Drinkwater should P. B. Zevely, Tom Chears and Fred know what he is talking about be- True.

cause he was the man assigned to give daily telephone and telegra-

phic reports on the Navy's salvage WANCHESE HAS DOCTOR FOR operation of the Moccasin.

"At that time the Navy's submarine fleet consisted of two vessels, the Moccasin and the Adder," recalls Drinkwater. "They were in tow from New England to Hamptowing them."

were sent to not only the Navy at Wanchese and it has been done finally refloated and salvaged suc- is 270-W.

essfully," says Drinkwater. "The Roanoke Island finds it more Moccasin came ashore on Decem- difficult to attract doctors. It has her 3, just two weeks before the no hospital, and doctors these days Wright Brothers made their suc- like to establish their practice in ressful first flights at Kill Devil towns which have hospital facili-Hills, near Kitty Hawk," he added. ties.

FIRST TIME; MANTEO NONE

has been talking for a long time about trying to get a doctor, since one has never before practiced in ton Roads. The tug Peoria was that growing community. The

"Off Cape Henry the vessels ran a long time to get another one. clubs at Manteo have been trying into bad weather, overshot the Dr. Cary F. Harris, who has been Capes entrance to Hampton Roads practicing for four years at Manand continued southward. Off Cur- teo, has now moved his offices rituck the Moccasin broke loose from the Dr. Johnston building in and came ashore at Corolla near Manteo to his residence at Wanwhat was then called Whaleshead chese. Last year Dr. Harris bought Lighthouse. My salvage reports the former Zora Burrus homeplace

but to Theodore Roosevelt in the over, and an office added. This White House. The Moccasin was week he opened it and his phone

The Ruritan Club at Wanchese

the-Sea, protestant Episcopal church which started at scratch and now has more than 50 communicants will present its first anniversary Layman's dinner in the Shrine Club at Nags Head on

TO BE DECEMBER 13

Tuesday evening, December 13 at 6:30 o'clock, it was announced today by Dewey Hayman, senior

The dinner will be open to all

persons or all denominations, it was stated and about 300 persons are expected to be present.

warden of the board of vestry.