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HATTERAS TRAGEDY DECLARED RESULT OF FAST DRIVING

Jack Austin Dead, and Six Others
Injured Sunday Evening at
Night Spot.

The tragic motor mishap which resulted in the death of John Simon Austin of Hatteras and injured six other people Sunday evening is attributed to the high speed of a car driven by Deryl Quidley, 21 of Hatteras.

Quidley, who was bound northward, drove a 1953 4-door Chevrolet which had been moving at an estimated speed of nearly 100 miles per hour. Some 800 yards down the road, as indicated by skid marks, it appeared he attempted to slow the car, probably upon viewing the rear end of Austin's car protruding into the highway. Quidley lost control of his car, it travelled 432 feet and ran into the dirt near Tandy's place, where it ran another 280 feet and struck into Austin's 1951 2-door Ford, bowling it over, and totally wrecking both cars, the Chevrolet burning up.

Austin was killed. Allen McAbee 16, sustained a fractured hip. Ellis Willis 21, who was also in the Austin car, suffered a fractured knee and spine.

Quidley suffered severe injuries. Myron Nelson (Clam) Stowe, who accompanied him, suffered a fracture of the right hip, which had seriously been injured before. Darrell Merrill, 20, suffered from multiple face lacerations, shock and loss of blood. George Haywood Goode, suffered a fractured right knee and other injuries. Tommy Goode 13, got out lightest with mere bruises.

Coast guard helicopters were notified and took the injured men to hospitals in Elizabeth City and Norfolk.

The funeral of J. S. Austin, was conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Hatteras Methodist church of which he was a member, by the pastor, Rev. Ray Sparrow. Burial See TRAGEDY, Page Four

NARROW ESCAPE FROM HIGH SPEED ON BEACH

Racing Contributed to Car Damage at
Nags Head Saturday Afternoon

A severe motor mishap at Nags Head Saturday afternoon, resulted in some \$600 damage to a car driven by Wiley Glenn Beasley of Kitty Hawk, a member of the Cape Hatteras Coast Guard crew, who was charged with following too closely, and passing unlawfully. The mishap is attributed to an alleged race between Beasley and an unidentified driver from Rodanthe. Beasley will be heard in Dare Records Court on April 2. Injuries were confined to minor bruises.

The other driver had slowed up and passed a car which was parked on the roadside, while the owner was changing a tire. When Beasley slowed up, he was too close, and in attempting to swing around the parked car, he faced another approaching car. Sharp application of brakes caused his Hudson to overturn. The other car involved did not stop, but continued on southward.

A group of women and children standing on the roadside, awaiting the changing of the tire narrowly escaped being struck.

BELOVED PT. HBR. COUPLE MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

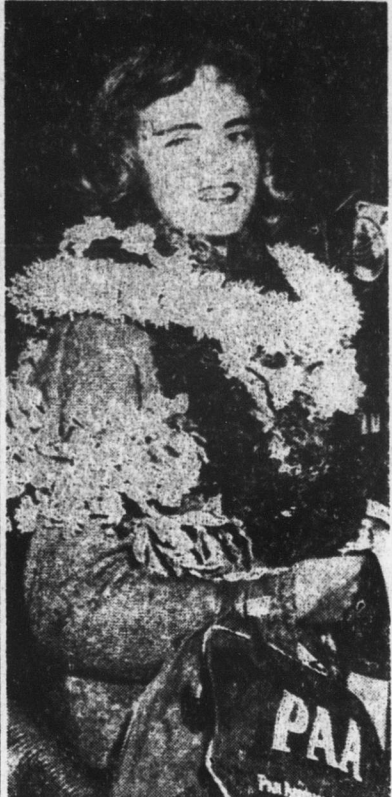
Mr. and Mrs. James Griggs of Point Harbor, after 50 years of married life, were honored at a reception on March 14th at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marion I. Malco, and which was visited by more than 300 people, attesting to the great popularity and prestige of this couple in Currituck County and vicinity. They were married March 10, 1907 at Harbinger. Three of those who also attended the wedding 50 years ago were present: Daniel Griggs of Pt. Harbor, J. B. Owens of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Janie Midgett of Washington, D. C.

RIED CHICKEN DINNER BY WSCS KITTY HAWK

A fried chicken dinner will be given by the W.S.C.S. of the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church in the little Hawk school lunch room, on Saturday, March 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Orders will also be made for those wishing to take them home.

The committee in charge of the upper is comprised of Mrs. Jack Wofford, Mrs. Orville Baum and Mrs. Jack Finn. Proceeds will go to the church building fund. A charge of one dollar per plate will be made.

MISS ROLLINSON WINNER OF CONTEST IN HAWAII



MISS SHIRLEY ROLLINSON, 17, a bright young girl with Cape Hatteras ancestry, now living with her parents in Honolulu, recently was declared the winner of a \$450 scholarship for her five minute speech on St. Anthony's home, an orphanage, and one of the agencies supported by the Honolulu community chest. Miss Rollinson, who is the daughter of C.G. Lieut. George Rollinson, and Mrs. Rollinson, is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. (Rocky) Rollinson of Buxton, Dare County, who are delighted with the news of their granddaughter's achievement.

She is a senior in Sacred Heart Academy, a Catholic school and lives at 526 Pekoek St., Honolulu, Hawaii. She hopes to apply her scholarship in entering one of the great Catholic universities in the U. S. Her speech paid high tribute to the manner and purpose of caring for children from disrupted homes. She won over ten other contestants. She won the territorial finals in December at Radio Station KGU and was awarded a trip to Washington, D. C. to compete this year in national finals in the voice of Democracy contest against contestants from all the U. S.

HIGHWAY GROUP TO BE FISHING PARTY GUESTS

Wanchese Rurians Enlist Six Boat
Captains to Donate Their Services
on April 26

Depend on the Wanchese Rurians Club to be doing something and not always talking about it. The club is taking the lead in arranging a fishing party for Highway officials and their wives when they come to Manns Harbor in April to the bridge dedication. On April 26, the group will be taken on a fishing trip out Oregon Inlet, and the following six Captains have agreed to donate boats and services for this occasion: Wayland Baum, Gilbert Tillett, Jesse Etheridge, Willie Etheridge, Ronald Tillett and Willie Etheridge Jr.

A report from Mack Etheridge, who assisted in arranging this generous invitation, read at the club Friday night, said the party boat captains wished to show their appreciation for the many roads improved in their community, and the harbor improvements recently made.

At this meeting, it was directed that a trophy case be provided to exhibit awards to be made by the club to outstanding students in the Wanchese school.

Action was urged in improving the dumping area for the community.

The dinner was a duck dinner, donated by George Hale Quidley and served by the ladies.

DR. HARRIS LEAVES DARE FOR PRACTICE IN BEULAH

Dr. Cary F. Harris, after several years' practice on Roanoke Island, has recently located in the community of Beulah, which is on RFD 3 just out of Mt. Airy, N. C., where is located a new clinic. About two years ago, Dr. Harris gave up his office in Manteo and set up an office in his residence at Wanchese, but found the community not large enough to support a full time physician. Nevertheless, he was highly regarded at Wanchese, and one good lady said she cried when he left because he was considered a competent physician. In fact, Dr. Harris' pleasant personality made him generally popular in Dare County, and regret on his departure is widespread.

GAY NINETIES REVUE DRAWS BIG CROWD ON 1st APPEARANCE

Local Talent Show So Well
Received There is Demand For
Second Performance

The Gay Nineties Revue put on by local talent Saturday night in the Pine Room of the Carolinian Hotel at Nags Head played to a capacity audience, and so great has been the demand for a repeat performance that the show will be presented again Saturday evening, March 23, in the Manteo school auditorium.

Robert K. Gunn of Manteo, as emcee, brought roars of laughter from the audience with his well-timed jokes, with which he interspersed the more serious side of his introductions.

Mrs. Jessie Mann, who played for the theatre during the day of the silent movies, played many old favorites on the piano as an opener for the show.

The Manteo Rotary quartet, whose members are Lawrence and Ralph Swain, John H. Long and Julian Oneto, sang several numbers of the Gay Nineties period, one number complete with barber chair and "customer" Orville Baum. Appearing with them in more Gay Nineties songs were Ollie Bell Swain, Virginia Swain, Lima Oneto, Ina Long, Bette Fearing and Dottie Fry. Susie Briggs appeared with Johnnie Long in a "Diamond Lil" number; and Mrs. Julia Gray as "Mrs. Riley Doolevitch" or "Touch-the-Button Nell" was featured in a humorous monologue. Mrs. Rennie Williamson was accompanied, assisted by Millie Brown for several numbers. Millie at the piano, Louis Aitken on the harmonica, and Francis Meekins on his accordion played a number of old favorites of the Gay Nineties period "Just A Bird in a Gilded Cage" was effectively done by Nelson Chears and George See REVUE, Page Four

MANNS HARBOR'S OLDEST RESIDENT DIES WEDNESDAY



LEONIDAS ROSSER MANN, 92, oldest resident of Manns Harbor, a widely known and beloved citizen of his community succumbed to a long period of failing health resulting from the infirmities of age, at his home Wednesday morning, at 10:40, after having been ill for six days. Until recently he had been very active for his age. He was the husband of the late Mrs. Sarah E. Mann, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Caroon Mann, and is survived by the following sons and daughters, Gaston Mann of Nags Head, Harry Mann of Lancaster, Calif.; Guy Mann, Mrs. Ina Waterfield, and Mrs. Calvin Beasley, all of Manns Harbor. Also by seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mr. Mann was a retired fisherman, a business in which he had engaged all his active life. He was born Jan. 3, 1865. Early in January of this year, his children honored him as usual custom, with a party in his honor.

Funeral services for Mr. Mann will be conducted at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, the pastor. The remains will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the services. Burial will be in the Caroon cemetery, on the home acres of Mr. Mann.

REEF TO ENLARGE CAFE NEAR THE LITTLE BRIDGE

Among many improvements and enlargement jobs on various businesses in the Manteo area which serve the tourist trade is an addition being made to "The Reef," the popular eating place operated by Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Dick) Gray near the little bridge between Roanoke Sound and Nags Head. An addition is being built which will make a banquet room for 32 people. Enlargements are also being made in the main dining room to increase seating capacity.

CAN-CAN GIRLS IN GAY NINETIES REVUE AT NAGS HEAD



FOUR OF THE SIX LOCAL GIRLS who danced the can-can last Saturday night, as part of the Gay Nineties Revue given at Nags Head, as a pre-jamboree event heralding the 1957 Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree. The show will be repeated Saturday night, March 23, in the Manteo school auditorium, at 8:30. Shown in the picture are, left to right, Ina Long, Virginia Swain, Bette Fearing and Lima Oneto, as they perform for last year's jamboree King of the Pirates, John Donahoe of Nags Head. Also taking part in the dance, but not shown in the picture were Dottie Fry and Margie Purser.

SELECTIONS FOR BEAUTY CONTEST ON APRIL FIFTH

To Choose Miss Dare County To
Compete For Queen of South-
ern Albemarle on April 25

Pretty girls from the ages of 16 and 21 from each community of Dare County are being asked to appear in a beauty contest at Manteo School Auditorium on Friday night, April 5, as one of the features of the Mt. Olivet Church-sponsored Fashion Show. The winner of the contest will become the Dare County beauty sponsor to take part in the William B. Umstead Memorial Bridge Dedication exercises on Thursday, April 25.

Rules of the contest and entry blanks were mailed out this week to various communities along with letters over signature of Melvin R. Daniels, seeking cooperation in securing entrants for the contest. The contest is being conducted by a committee of the Manteo Rotary Club of which Dan Morrill is chairman and Bill Ernst and Aycock Brown are assistants.

Community residents who have been requested to assist in lining up beauties in their area include: Mrs. Violet Austin, Hatteras; W. S. White, Manns Harbor; Mrs. Belle Payne, Stumpy Point; Mrs. Curtis Toler, Kitty Hawk; Mrs. Roy Basnight, East Lake; Mrs. Lois Bridges, Wanchese; Mrs. Evelyn Culpepper, Nags Head; Mrs. Ernest Haywood, Colington; Mrs. Elton Twiford, Kill Devil Hills; Mrs. George Meekins, Avon; See CONTEST, Page Four

SAILOR FINED \$50 FOR DRIVING 100 MILES PER HR.

A mere \$50 and court costs was the price charged for driving at one hundred miles per hour on the road to Wanchese. Clyde R. Barnes, a sailor attached to the Navy Facility at Duck in Dare County was brought in by Patrolman Fields before Records Court this week. David A. Gaskins of Wanchese paid \$25 and costs for driving without an operator's license. Raymond Escott Miller of Buxton was fined \$25 for public drunkenness at Nags Head, and \$25 and costs for driving without an operator's license.

Samuel Brooks Jr., a negro, failed to report an accident, and paid \$5 and court costs.

Ted Day, Washington, N. C. fish dealer, an old offender in the business, was up again for giving worthless checks to Alton Best of Stumpy Point. He was dismissed on payment of court costs and making good the check.

J. T. Coppersmith of Elizabeth City was also ordered to make good a \$10 worthless check given to Anderson's market.

Charlie McCleese of Manteo paid \$6 for driving at a speed of 31 mph in Manteo. Jack L. Rutan Buxton paid \$15 for driving at 70 mph. Ed J. White of Nags Head radar station, paid \$5 for driving to left of center line.

Norma Jean Gray of Stumpy Point paid \$25 and costs for driving without operator's license.

John Daniels, brought up for failing to keep up his payments of \$12 a week for the support of his child, and having fallen behind some \$250, was permitted to pay \$12, and promise to start paying.

AN OCRACOKE ANGLER WINS A \$50 BOND



Ocracoke, March 15.—Capt. Walter C. O'Neal, Sr., well-known hunting and fishing guide of Ocracoke Island, is the proud possessor of a \$50 bond, presented him by Field & Stream magazine, for catching the second largest channel bass in 1956.

Capt. and Mrs. O'Neal along with fifteen other anglers were casting at Ocracoke Inlet on the night of October 9th. No one had any luck, in fact half the crowd including Capt. O'Neal were dozing in their chairs. A sudden jerk on the line quickly aroused Capt. O'Neal and in thirty minutes time he had a 56 lb. 2 oz. channel bass landed on the beach. It was the only one caught that night, in fact within a few minutes of the catch, the wind shifted to the northeast and stayed there for about a month with no good fishing weather for anyone.

Capt. O'Neal used an Ashway dacron 50 lb. test line, mullet bait, Eagle Claw No. 10 hook. He is the only native Ocracoker who has ever won a Field & Stream prize, and he can further brag that he and L. C. Gilbert of Smithville, Texas, made the biggest one-day surf-casting catch — 107 channel bass.

SOLDIER INJURED IN FINAL WHACK AT REMAINS OF BRIDGE TURN STATION

Time after time the Midway Service station has been crashed into by hapless motorists, some sustaining serious injuries, and now that the State Highway Commission has almost completely demolished it, it was thought motor mishaps here would come to end. For the building was almost all removed to give way for some sort of traffic circle to make for more safety at this spot.

But on Tuesday at about 11:30 p.m. of this week, the debris was the target of a 1953 Ford driven by Alton Bridges, a soldier attached to the Army radar unit in the former Nags Head Coast Guard Station. This young man was bound in from the beach, and overlooked the stop sign at this junction. The car was badly wrecked. An unidentified companion was not injured. Bridges, the driver, sustained serious injuries. He was taken to Albemarle Hospital by Twiford's ambulance.

HILARIOUS PLAY TO BE PRESENTED BY OCRACOKE PEOPLE

First Entertainment in Newly Re-
modeled Recreation Hall
Planned by PTA

Ocracoke, March 18.—On Saturday night, March 23rd, Ocracoke P.T.A. will sponsor an evening of entertainment, marking the first use of the recently remodeled and improved recreation hall.

Two one-act plays and a musical hit-parade will be features of the evening's entertainment. The first play will be presented by students in the high school. It is entitled "The Round-up of Minnie," and centers around a confusion between "Minnie, the horse" and "Minnie, the old man's daughter." The latter part is played by Miss Carolyn Garrish, with Murray Fulcher playing Cowboy Spike, who wants the horse and ends up by getting both the horse and the daughter. Miss Ellen Marie Fulcher plays the part of a city gal, interested in Spike's partner, Curley, played by Ray Waller. Edward C. O'Neal is Smith, Spike's rival for Minnie, and Lindsey B. Howard, is the old man, whose horse and daughter cause so much confusion.

The second one-act play is by members of the P.T.A. Its title is "Diet Begins Tomorrow." It affords one good laugh after another when five somewhat plump friends decide to start dieting on rye crisp and lettuce, but find that Lula, the colored cook, has prepared their "specialty victuals" for dinner that night. Mrs. Bessie Howard plays Lulu, the lead part. Mrs. Lucile Garrish, Mrs. Fannie Williams, Mrs. Doris Garrish, and Mrs. Mabel Gaskill are the dieters, but as the title prophesies "Diet Begins Tomorrow."

"Your Hit Parade"—Brought to you on Channel WHY-TV and sponsored by the newest cigarette and home permanent on the market (those products will not appear in the Ocracoke stores until after the program), this show stars the world-famous Howard Sisters singers, Blanche, Etta Mae, Lela, and Lois Ann, and those two star co-See OCRACOKE, Page Eight

MORE THAN \$800 RAISED FOR HEART FUND IN DARE

Returns from the Heart Fund campaign, which ended March 1, are nearing completion in Dare County, and have been announced by Mrs. Gordon Kellogg, county chairman. A total of \$811.19 has been collected, with several places yet to be heard from. The breakdown is as follows: Manteo, \$381.29; Wanchese, \$48.09; Nags Head, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills beaches, \$90.35; Kitty Hawk village, \$54.73; Stumpy Point, \$39.00; Manns Harbor, \$45.42; Colington, \$16.88; Manteo colored, \$50.00; Rodanthe-Salvo, \$37.18; Avon, \$28.25; Buxton, Frisco, \$20.00.

SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

R. H. O'Neal, known to everyone in Manteo as "Uncle Bob," suffered a heart attack Thursday afternoon and at press time was receiving treatment in his home, while arrangements were being made to take him by ambulance to a hospital.

NORFOLK FIRM TO MAKE ELECTRICAL SURVEY FOR TOWN

Board Members Find Engineer
Closer Home, Perhaps
Less Expensive

The Town Board of Manteo has retained the services of a large electrical contracting firm in Norfolk to make a survey of the electric power situation in Manteo, with the object of determining if the town shall go into business. O. J. McColl, who lives at 3632 Mississippi Ave., Norfolk, visited Manteo Sunday and looked over the situation, according to S. E. Midgett, town board member, who says Mr. McColl represents the large contracting firm, Mechanical Engineering Co., of 232 Bank St., Norfolk. This firm has handled many large Government contracts, built power lines, etc., including installation of electrical equipment for the Navy at the Manteo Airport 16 years ago.

Mr. Midgett says it was found the Norfolk man's retainer of \$300, for his visit is a saving of \$200 under the man from Charlotte, who couldn't come right away. It is his hope to get the engineer's report at an earlier date thereby, and there are several other advantages in finding someone closer home to do the job.

Mr. Midgett and M. L. Daniels Jr. express the belief that it would be highly profitable for the town to go into the electric light business when the present franchise of Roanoke Utilities expires in July 1959, whereby such profits would permit a big drop in property taxes. At the last meeting of the town Board, Roanoke Utilities offered to surrender its franchise if the Board would grant one to Virginia Electric and Power Co., which had offered to buy out the Manteo company, and reduce rates, spend a large sum for rebuilding the lines, and give the town a \$60,000 annual payroll.

ETHERIDGE AND BAUM RESCUED AS BOAT SINKS

"Chee Chee" Damaged As It Hits
Submerged Piling in Core Sound

One of the Oregon Inlet fishing fleet's best known Gulf Stream cruisers, the "Chee Chee" of Wanchese, owned by Willie Etheridge, Jr., was damaged and sunk in the vicinity of Wainwright Slough between Ocracoke and Atlantic in upper Core Sound early Wednesday night, according to reports from Atlantic Life Boat Station near Sea Level.

Chief Miller in charge of the station stated that the Chee Chee bound south with Capt. Etheridge and Harry Baum aboard, had struck a submerged broken beacon piling which had been replaced by a buoy. A hole was crushed through the bow and the craft was in a sinking condition but those aboard were able to steer her for a nearby shoal where the Chee Chee is now aground in about four feet of water.

A commercial fisherman from Sea Level, whose name was not obtained, rescued Etheridge and Baum and took them to Atlantic on the mainland aboard his boat the "Mike and Jim."

Complete details of the accident were not available here today although relatives of Etheridge and Baum in Wanchese, stated that the See MISHAP, Page Four

JAMBOREE MEETING MONDAY NIGHT 8:30

All persons interested in and participating in the arrangements on Roanoke Island and the Dare Beaches for the third annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree are invited to attend a general one meeting on Monday night, March 25, at 8:30 p.m. at the Carolinian Hotel, it was announced today by general chairman, Wallace McCown.

Most of the events for the three day festival, following the dedication of the William B. Umstead Bridge, on Thursday morning, have been scheduled. However, for the purpose of clarifying all of the plans, and making decisions on some tentative schedules, hearing reports from all committee chairmen, and requesting the participation of all citizens in the various events, this general meeting has been called by the chairman.

A special invitation is extended to representatives of the various civic groups on the beaches and Roanoke Island so that every organization may be aware of its opportunity to participate in the festival.

The Hatteras Island Jamboree Committee, headed by "Scotty" Gibson, are handling all details for Hatteras Island Day on Friday and Friday night, and their plans will be announced to the meeting of the persons from Roanoke Island and the Dare Beaches.