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KITTY HAWK MAN PERISHES DURING DUCK HUNTING TRIP

Marvin A. Perry's Body Drifts Ashore Wednesday Night North of Duck Village

While hunting ducks on Currituck Sound, near Duck, in the Northern end of Dare County Wednesday, with his brother Colon Perry of Kitty Hawk, Marvin A. Perry lost his life when he went to search for a wounded duck. Later, the skiff being used by the Perry brothers was brought ashore about a mile north of the Navy station which is near the village of Duck. A member of the Navy station crew waded out and got it.

Men from the Navy station went out at night after seeing a light blinking and took Colon Perry ashore from the blind in which the two men had been hunting.

Marvin A. Perry lived in Portsmouth, Va. at 214 Deal St. and was employed by Davenport-Lewis, Chevrolet dealers in Portsmouth. He was a retired member of the Coast Guard, having given most of his service in New Jersey. He was the son of the late W. T. and Eliza Twiford Perry of Kitty Hawk. Besides his wife, Mrs. Rose Perry, he is survived by three daughters and four brothers, Colon and Joe Perry of Kitty Hawk; Marshall Perry, a Norfolk policeman and Richard Perry, a member of the Norfolk Fire Department.

Tragedy seems to follow this family. About three years ago, the Perry's lost a baby daughter of about three years of age, when she drowned in a pool back of the house. Shortly afterward another daughter was born to the family.

Mr. Perry had come to Kitty Hawk to hunt with his brother after learning of a weather forecast which augured good shooting. In a nearby blind, Julian Oneto, of Nags Head, Walter Perry of Kill Devil Hills and Ernest Haywood of Colington were hunting, and the two parties had been visiting back and forth during the day, waiting for rougher weather in the afternoon when ducks might begin flying. Marvin Perry was heard to remark that he so had enjoyed the occasion that he would be satisfied if he never got an opportunity to shoot another bird.

"I really have had a good time," he said.

It is thought that he might have suffered a heart attack, following much effort in getting the motor started. One of the poles from the boat was missing. The tank had run dry, indicating that the motor had kept running for sometime after he was lost.

During the night his body came ashore about a mile north of the Duck target area, and was found by a searching party of Navy and Coast Guard personnel.

1958 PIRATE JAMBOREE ON DARE COAST APRIL 25

With plans to include the official dedication of Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area as one of the top features, members of the Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree steering committee meeting at Nags Head, set Sunday, the late week end of April 1958 as definite date of the fourth annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree. The dates will be April 24-27.

In addition to the steering committee, Alvah Ward of Manteo, president, Dare County Tourist Bureau, will act as coordinator for all planning of the coming event. The steering committee members include Ralph Swain and Dr. W. W. Harvey, for Roanoke Island; Dick Jordan and George Sides for the Dare Beaches; Wheeler Ballance and George Fuller, for Hatteras Island; Stanford White and Horace Hooper for the Dare Mainland, and Robert F. Gibbs and Gus Hultman of the National Park Service. Ward succeeded W. H. McCown of Manteo as coordinator and Mrs. Dot Wescott succeeded Mrs. Elizabeth Baum as secretary-treasurer of Kitty Hawk, during meeting in The Carolinian Sunday afternoon. Approximately 50 residents from various parts of Dare attended the meeting.

STUMPY PT. WOMAN WINS ANOTHER IMPORTANT AWARD

Winner of many awards for her writing and other activities in educational work is Mrs. Nell Wise Wechter, a Stumpy Point woman now living in Greensboro. Among the top Tar Heel Literary Awards in Raleigh last week at the meeting of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association was one for Mrs. Wechter for her recent book, "Taffy of Torpedo Junction."

Mrs. Wise and her husband, Bob, are both teachers in the Greensboro schools. Our readers have been posted previously as to her writing career, her earlier work being done for this newspaper.

AVON MAN HIGHEST IN CG MARKSMANSHIP



MANSON E. MEEKINS, Lieutenant Commander USCG of Avon, now on duty at Norfolk, recently received from Adm. H. C. Moore, commandant of the Fifth district, a wrist watch for being the highest Coast Guardsman in the 1957 National Trophy individual pistol matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. The watch was awarded on behalf of the NAVY TIMES. He placed 33rd out of 1,058 competitors, consisting of police, civilians, and representatives of all branches of the armed forces.

Lieutenant Commander Meekins is the son of George H. and Leona S. Meekins of Avon. His father retired in 1952 from the Coast Guard after 32 years service. Lt. Cdr. Meekins is a graduate of Elizabeth City High School.

CAPE HATTERAS ANGLERS NAME NEW PRESIDENT



EDGAR HOOPER of Buxton, on the left, is the new president of the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club, which held its annual meeting last Friday. With Mr. Hooper is Rany Jennette of Buxton, the retiring president. They are holding the trophies won by the club in this year's Nags Head Surf Fishing Tourney. (Aycock Brown photo)

CAPE HATTERAS ANGLERS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Edgar Hooper, President, Succeeding Rany Jennette; Many Visitors Attend

The Cape Hatteras Anglers Club had their first annual dinner Friday, Dec. 6th at the Lighthouse Restaurant.

The address of welcome was by Mrs. Kitty Louie. Hayes Fulcher asked the blessing. Julian Oneto of Nags Head made a presentation of the tournament awards to the club, and later entertainment with colored and sound pictures on "Fishing On The Outer Banks." Miss Amelia Ballance, world's champion woman's drum fishing, and Alfred Gray, who came in second with this season's catch in these large fish were present. Rany Jennette, president, presided. New officers elected for the coming year were: President, Edgar Hooper; Vice President, Wheeler Ballance; Secretary, Mrs. Ormond Fuller; assistant secretary, Miss Amelia Ballance; treasurer, Hayes Fulcher.

Members and guests attending the annual dinner were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Powers of Sandston, Va., Harry Green of Norfolk and Maurice Davenport of Virginia Beach; Julian Oneto of Nags Head; Mr. and Mrs. Rany Jennette, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hooper, Mr. See ANGLERS, Page Four

JUMBO STRIPERS NOW IN SURF OF OUTER BANKS

Avon.—Jumbo size striped bass, great rockfish that weigh up to 50 and 70 pounds with the general average being 30 pounds or more are now being caught in nets by commercial fishermen. Anglers seldom go after these big fish, and when they do, they seldom catch them.

SHERIDAN TO GET BIG AIR TROPHY ON DECEMBER 17

Speedy Commander Who Covered 2,346 Miles in Four Hours Coming to Celebration

Nags Head.—A feature of the Wright Brothers First Flight luncheon concluding the 54th anniversary celebration of the birth of aviation at Kill Devil Hills on December 17, next Tuesday, the coveted General Electric Air Trophy will be awarded Capt. Robert E. Sheridan for winning the flight from Paris to Madrid, to Rome and back to Paris on May 26 this year, according to David Stick, in charge of local arrangements for the annual ceremonies commemorating the achievement of Orville and Wilbur Wright.

"Capt. Sheridan was aircraft commander of the USAF B-47 which covered the 2,346 mile run in four hours, twelve minutes and seven seconds, to win first place in the event known as "Le Prix Des Trois Capitols," (The Prize of the Three Capitals)," said Stick.

"The race clearly proved in Europe the value of modern U.S. jet aircraft and free world survival, and with NATO meeting in special session at the time of the December 17 Wright Brothers ceremonies here on the Dare Coast the event becomes even more significant," said Stick. "Peter J. Schenk, president of the Air Force Association, one of the co-sponsors of the Wright Brothers Celebration, will make the award."

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GOING 80 THIS MONTH; GOING BACK IN BUSINESS



ONSLOW J. JONES of Manteo has been a business figure in Dare County for more than half a century. And now this month, when he is turning 80, he is going back in business. Wonders never cease, and the circumstance should give pause to many a younger man who is bent on retiring long before middle age comes on. About two years ago, Mr. Jones sold out his mercantile business in Manteo to his son-in-law, Glenn Bommer, and went home to take it easy, and to overcome some temporary illness which gave him concern for awhile. And now, having rested up and become restless for want of something to pass the time, he is going back into the insurance field in which he was engaged for several years, more than 30 years ago.

Mr. Jones served as postmaster of Manteo for nine and a half years, during the Roosevelt and Taft administrations, and had formerly been in the insurance business with R. Bruce Etheridge, finally buying out Mr. Etheridge's interest, and later selling it all back to him, while he engaged a short time in business out of town. During his tenure of the postoffice, he engaged in store business, and in job printing for a number of years thereafter and in 1920 went into the mercantile business with the late A. Griffin, which business he bought out in 1926 and operated it until two years ago. Eighteen years ago, being a widower, Mr. Jones married Miss Mabel Evans, a woman of ability who had become distinguished in the educational field. They now live at Sentone on Roanoke Island. See JONES, Page Four

TRAWLER WRECKED, FOUR MEN PERISH OFF CHIC'MICOMICO

Sea Dog Out of Hampton Lands Bottom Up Friday Night Near Rodanthe

There is no Coast Guard patrol of the beaches any more, so nobody knows just when it happened, but the broken up trawler "Sea Dog" out of Hampton, Va. came ashore sometime Friday night during the heavy sea tide, after its four crewmen had perished.

The trawler, which was found by Percy Williams of Avon, while on a beachcombing trip Saturday morning, is imbedded in the sand seven miles southeast of the village of Rodanthe, the vicinity of Chicomicomico banks which is of all places on the American coast, the Graveyard of the seas.

The Sea Dog left Hampton, Va. on Tuesday, Dec. 3 bound for the fishing grounds between Cape Henry and Cape Hatteras. The boat was a 60 ton vessel, 65 feet long, a former Navy tug about 12 to 15 years old. It was valued at \$35,000 by its owner, John Lawson of Hampton.

The four men who were lost at sea on the boat were Capt. Eldredge Holoway of Poquoson, Va., Frank Lee Forrest and Ralph Gibbs of Hampton, Va. and Henry Abernathy of Gloucester County, Va.

The vessel carried no insurance and the only possibility of salvage is the motor, a 225-hp diesel, installed two years ago, and valued at \$14,000. It appears that surf action will imbed it in the sands before salvage may be affected.

From general appearances the vessel was disabled when the winch cable entangled with the rudder and propeller, making the boat unmanageable. When the vessel struck the bar, the shoeing was bent, the propeller was battered terribly. Perhaps loaded with fish, the boat capsized more readily, the men were thrown into a raging sea, the super-structure had beaten off, the mast broken, and by the time the heavy sea beached the vessel, it was ready to sink into the sands under the scouring action of the tides.

She was found on the beach, bottom up, imbedded in sand, the bow pointing southward, the propeller sticking out. The Sea Dog was a well-modeled boat, and apparently See TRAWLER, Page Eight

Lost Colony's Adversity Challenges Board to Renewed Effort Next Season

Despite financial difficulties, "The Lost Colony" will go on next season — "bigger and better than ever."

Plans for the 18th season of the pioneer outdoor drama were made in Raleigh last week at the annual meeting of the Roanoke Island Historical Association.

R. E. Jordan, general manager of the drama presented each summer on Roanoke Island, reported that approximately \$19,000 must be raised to open the 1958 season debt free.

A new loss of \$13,391.71 was run up during the 1957 season, Jordan said. He cited unfavorable weather, the mosquito problem, and the attraction of the Jamestown Festival in neighboring Virginia as factors in the poor season.

To meet the financial crisis, the association voted to press a campaign for life memberships at \$100 each, and to raise reserved seat admissions for the drama from \$2.50 to \$3.00 each.

Although it was not mentioned at the meeting, the association would be eligible for \$10,000 in State funds since a loss occurred last season. Under State law, it may receive the money each year there is a loss.

No State funds were received last year, since there was a profit during the 1956 season.

The "bigger and better" label for the coming season was offered by Paul Green, author of the drama, who also suggested the increase in reserved seat rates. He pointed out that other outdoor dramas charge a \$3.00 top.

"The Lost Colony" deals with the first English colony in the new world which settled on Roanoke Island. Its fate is a historical mystery.

The association reelected Robert Lee Humber of Greenville as its chairman, and named U. S. Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. of Morganton as an honorary vice chairman. Miles Clark of Elizabeth City was elected vice chairman to succeed Russell Guman of Chapel Hill. Named to the board of directors were George Ivey of Charlotte, Watts Hill Jr. of Durham, James A. Gray of Winston-Salem, and George Geoghegan of Raleigh.

Tom Cheers, Manteo lawyer, opposed the move to raise reserved

CELEBRATION OF AVIATION'S BIRTH NEXT WEEK IN DARE IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

A Two Year Program Will Be Launched Next Tuesday at Kill Devil Hills; Plans Begin For Air Museum; Historical Site Area Will Be Enlarged; Colorful Program Arranged.

DRILL TEAM OF ECC AND FAMED BAND TO ATTEND

Elizabeth City's high school band directed by Scott Calloway, and its nationally famous majorettes led by lovely Ann Moore will be one of many colorful features of the 54th anniversary celebration of the Wright Brothers First Flight to be held at Kill Devil Hills next Tuesday, December 17, says David Stick of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society and who is in charge of local arrangements for the program.

The East Carolina College AF-ROTC team will also present a precision drill demonstration under the leadership of Lt. Col. Edward Maloney, of the Air Force on the scene.

In comparison to the 35 miles an hour the Wright Brothers flew on December 17, 1903, modern Air Force F-100 supersonic jet fighters will zoom over the ceremony site flying in trail and then as they reach the vicinity of the Wright Monument atop Kill Devil Hill, make vertical climbs towards outer space. The Air Force is also planning to fly a formation of six B-66 twin-jet bombers over the events taking place on the ground.

Laying of wreaths from Dayton, Ohio, and one from North Carolina will be by grandchildren of Dave residents who had to do with helping the Wrights at the time of their first flights, 54 years ago here.

KILL DEVIL HILLS TO HAVE ELECTION ON TOWN CHARTER

The Town Board of Kill Devil Hills last week agreed to call an election to vote on the repeal or continuance of the incorporation of the five-year old municipality. A delegation of 36 persons who favored the election wanted it to be held January 4, but they were advised by town attorney Wallace McCown that it would be at least seven weeks before it could be held. A new registration is to be conducted on the three Saturdays preceding the election.

While preparations are being made for the election, Mr. McCown is to seek an opinion from the attorney general's office as to the legality to such an election, since it had been stated earlier that no such election could be held without enabling legislation by the General Assembly.

In an earlier election, the vote to do away with the town charter carried by a margin of seven votes but was declared illegal by the court on the grounds that the petition asking for it had to include a certain percentage of registered voters at the last previous election.

ORANGES ARE HARVESTED AT CAPE HATTERAS



RAUNA AND MARLA FULLER, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Fuller of Buxton, are shown as they picked full-grown oranges last week from a tree belonging to their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. White of Buxton. The mild winters of the Cape Hatteras area make possible the growing of the citrus fruit, which is ordinarily grown in places considered to have warmer climates. (Aycock Brown photo)

By MIRIAM RABB

A two-year program to provide more visitors' facilities at the birthplace of the Air Age will be launched December 17 during the celebration of the 54th anniversary of powered flight at Wright Brothers National Memorial on the North Carolina coast, at Kill Devil Hills.

With a gold-plated spade, gift of the Air Force Association, Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, will turn the first shovel of earth on the site where a new visitor center and Flight Museum will be constructed in 1958. He will outline plans for a new airstrip to accommodate light planes, and a motor road to connect the visitors' center with the new section of Highway 158 now under construction between the Memorial and the beach.

The public is invited to the ceremonies, which will begin at 10:45 a.m. on the monument overlooking the spot where Wilbur and Orville Wright made their first powered flights on December 17, 1903, near Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk, N. C.

Director Wirth will describe the accelerated "Mission 66" program through which the Park Service will extend the boundaries of the Memorial area to take in additional historical sites and make them accessible by land and air.

Wright Brothers National Memorial (formerly Kill Devil Hills National Memorial) was authorized by Congress in 1927 and is a National Historical Site administered by the Park Service. The Memorial — with monument, flight markers and reconstructed buildings of the Wrights' hangar, living quarters and shop — attracted over 277,000 visitors in 1956, and by October 31 of this year had been visited by over 300,000 people. It is open all year.

Notables from the civil and military aviation world take part in the annual Anniversary Celebration sponsored by the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society, the Air Force Association, National Park Service and the North Carolina Anniversary Commission. A flyover of modern aircraft is one of the program highlights each year.

Wright Brothers' National Memorial is in the Dare coast resort area accessible by toll-free bridges and highways. Seashore resorts, in addition to Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills, are Nags Head and Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands. Just across Roanoke Sound from Wright Memorial is Roanoke Island, site of the first English settlements in North America and now home of the Roanoke Island National Historical Site and "The Lost Colony" — oldest of America's outdoor dramas.

DUCK HUNTERS GETTING BREAKS ON DARE COAST DURING WEATHER CHANGE

Wildfowl hunters, harrassed by "bluebird" weather as the goose and duck season opened in November have been getting the breaks recently with rains and winds making conditions just right for shooting.

The weather during the past several days has not been ideal for sportsfishing and surfcasting was at a standstill along the Outer Banks on many recent days.

Stormy weather came on December 4, and since that time when it was not overcast and windy, it has been wet, the kind of rainy days that assure hunters of good shooting.

Hunters from Kitty Hawk Bay to Hatteras have been killing fowl. In the marshes of Nags Head it has not been difficult to bag a limit of Canada geese or a limit of various species of ducks. Many hunters, some local, some from distant places have been doing just that.

Anglers on the other hand who came for striped bass fishing from boats in the Manns Harbor area, or for fishing in the surf where channel bass have been the principal objectives, found the weather too rugged for fishing.

SELECTIVE SERVICE OFFICE TO CLOSE DEC. 16 THRU 20

The office of the Selective Service System, Local Board 28 in Manteo, will be closed December 16 through December 20, according to announcement this week by Mrs. Balfour Baum, clerk.