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HUNTER IS KILLED IN ACCIDENT NEAR FAIRFIELD MONDAY

Matthew Moore, Maysville Negro,
Shot by Companion When
Mistaken for Deer

A Maysville Negro man was killed Monday morning in a hunting accident in a woods about two miles northeast of Fairfield.

Sheriff Charlie J. Cahoon, who investigated the shooting, said that Matthew Moore, 42, died instantly when struck by a full load of buckshot from the shotgun of Leon Rowe, also of Maysville. Moore and Rowe were deer hunting with ten other Maysville men when the accident occurred at 9:30 a.m.; Moore was the only Negro in the group.

Sheriff Cahoon said that Rowe told him Moore, who was wearing a brown coat, was stooping down in a path and that when he got a glimpse of the victim moving he shot thinking it was a deer. Sheriff Cahoon termed the shooting accidental and an inquest was not held. The shooting was the only violence reported during the Christmas holidays in Hyde County; through Christmas day, not a single traffic accident had been reported.

MANTEO ODD FELLOWS TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Plans Being Made for District Meeting
To Be Held in Manteo on
Saturday, January 18

New officers of the Virginia Dare Lodge No. 3, International Order of Odd Fellows, elected on December 12, are to be installed at a special meeting on January 6 at the Lodge Hall in Manteo. The installation is to be made by members of the Elizabeth City lodge.

The newly-named officers are: Dan Cannady, noble grand; Gordon Riddick, vice-grand; Thomas Cannady, secretary; John Ferebee, financial secretary; and Carl Swain, treasurer. Appointive officers are to be named this week.

Doran Quilley is currently noble grand of the Manteo lodge. The Manteo lodge will be host Saturday evening, January 18, to a meeting of the Odd Fellows of the four-county district comprised of Dare, Hyde, Gates, and Pasquotank counties. District president Cecil White of the Elizabeth City lodge will preside. The Manteo Rebekahs will serve dinner prior to the meeting.

"OLD CHRISTMAS" FESTIVAL AT RODANTHE JANUARY 4

Because January 5th falls on a Sunday, the "Old Christmas" festival which is an annual event at Rodanthe on Hatteras Island each year, will be staged in the community building this time on the evening of January 4th, which is a Saturday night. Arrangements have been made to provide more seating this year, but as usual, a large part of those who will come will not be able to get in the building. Seats will be reserved for those who make arrangements in advance. Beside the program, which includes the legendary beast, Old Buck, there will be an oyster roast and a dance. The last ferry for Hatteras Island leaves to cross Oregon Inlet at 4:30 p.m. It is suggested an earlier ferry be taken. Overnight accommodations will be available at the many hotels and motels on Hatteras Island.

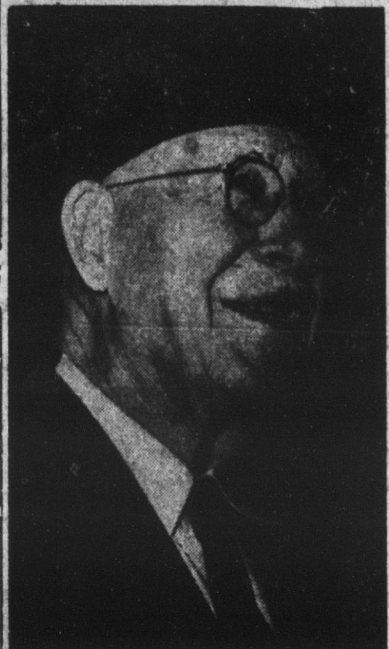
MANN'S HARBOR RURIAN INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

At the December meeting of the Mann's Harbor Ruriian Club the following officers were installed: president: Stanford White, to succeed Ira Spencer, Jr.; John A. Twiddy, vice-president; John Midgett, secretary; and Wilbur Pinner, treasurer. The club has for its objective for the year an enrollment of 20 new members. Members of the local Woman's Club served a turkey dinner. The annual Christmas parties of the Ruriian Club and Woman's Club was a joint affair Thursday night, December 20.

METHODISTS GIVE SURPRISE POUNDING TO THE AITKENS

An old-fashioned "pounding" was given Monday evening to the Rev. L. A. Aitken and his family at the parsonage of Mount Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo. The affair was in the nature of a Christmas surprise from the members of the congregation, and was sponsored by the official board of the church. During the evening tea and cookies were served by Mrs. Beatrice Brickhouse, Mrs. Sheldon O'Neal, Mrs. Lyna Harbour and Mrs. G. G. Bonner. A large number of people participated.

RETIRED SKY-PILOT OF OCRACOE ONCE SEA-PILOT



REV. FRANK TREET FULCHER

is a colorful coastland personality whose name and deeds have appeared in these columns from time to time. A former Ocracoke, Aycock Brown has made the accompanying picture of him. Before he was 19 years old, Mr. Fulcher had sailed the "seven seas" in a Russian bark. Sixty years later, he is now retired and living in the Hermitage, Richmond's home for retired Methodist preachers, but he is a frequent visitor in Manteo while en route to visit old friends on Ocracoke Island where he rivals another colorful Ocracoker, Stanley Wahab in telling old and spicy stories from life of other days in that happy area of wind and water.

Mr. Fulcher began sailing before the mast when he was 12 years old, in what is often called the "coasting" trade. At 17 he crossed the ocean his first time as first officer on a Russian ship bound from Brunswick, Ga. to Hamburg, Germany. Before he returned home he had been down under to Sidney, New South Wales, Australia, by way of Good Hope and to Holland by way of Cape Horn.

He got back home and set about the business of raising a family, became Sunday School Superintendent, got to be an exhorter, and after several years as an evangelist, got his first charge in the New Bern district in 1908, serving in Pamlico County. He finally drifted over in the Virginia conference, came back to Carolina, went into New Jersey, and all in all, has had a most varied experience. One of his favorite tall stories goes like this:

"In my youth, while on a voyage to Australia aboard a Russian bark, before there was a Panama canal, we doubled the Horn, and when we went into and out of the Anarctic waters, the temperature change was so sudden and severe that the ship's pet, a little dog, dropped dead, sun-struck in the head and frost-bitten in the tail."

MR. AND MRS. H. A. CREEF HOME, IMPROVED, GRATEFUL

Herbert A. Creef returned to Manteo from Duke hospital Saturday after three operations and a seige of seven weeks. Mrs. Creef also spent a week in the hospital. Both are greatly improved, and Mr. Creef has been going down town to talk with his neighbors. Both Mr. and Mrs. Creef give great credit to the marvelous equipment and medical skill at Duke hospital. They are also extending hearty thanks to the many friends who showered them with kindnesses in many ways during their confinement in the hospital. They received flowers, cards, letters, wires, and many other expressions of good will and encouragement in their fight against illness. "We are mighty happy to have so many friends and we wish we could thank them all in person," Mr. Creef said.

WE ARE A DAY LATE AND CRAVE YOUR INDULGENCE

As the saying goes, "Christmas comes but once a year," and for this reason, all those who help to produce this newspaper wished to get away from work and be home with their families. For this reason, your paper is reaching you a day late this week. We therefore crave your indulgence, and request your cooperation in the coming year that we make this an even better and bigger paper. We want it to be an unusually helpful and constructive force in the upbuilding of this wonderful region. Our welfare and happiness depends on its progress and prosperity. Let's get up and do great things in 1958.

DARE CO. TAXES TOTALLED UNDER \$17,000 IN 1903

Property Valuated Under Half
Million; County Was Bonded
to Build Courthouse

By EARL DEAN

For a good many years the Raleigh News & Observer published an annual business directory of the State of North Carolina which came out around the first of the year containing the names of city and county officials all over the State.

The copy which came out in January, 1903, contained many interesting facts about Dare County as it was 55 years ago.

For instance, the county tax rate was then only 40 cents on the \$100 valuation of which there was only \$413,020 worth of property listed by white taxpayers and \$11,106 worth of taxable property owned by Negroes, most of whom lived here on Roanoke Island.

For town purposes in Manteo the tax rate was 16 2/3 cents per \$100 valuation and as there were no streets and sidewalks and travel was largely by means of horse and cart along winding sandy trails it didn't take much to keep the town up in those days.

The late W. G. Forbes, listed also as a butcher and cattle trader, was mayor of Manteo in 1903, and other town officials included R. C. Evans, who was town clerk and treasurer; A. H. Davenport, a barber and dealer in general merchandise, was the part-time tax collector; B. G. Crisp, town attorney; and the city fathers 55 years ago were James A. Evans, W. P. Gray and Postmaster J. B. Jennette.

In 1903 Theodore S. Meekins, Sr., a native of Rodanthe, was a young man 33 years of age, and clerk of Superior Court. Augustus H. Etheridge was sheriff of Dare County, and among the other county officers that year were R. W. Smith, register of deeds; Dr. Woodson B. Fearing, county treasurer; John E. Berry, county surveyor; B. G. Crisp, county attorney and superintendent of schools, and the county board of education was composed of A. H. Davenport, chairman, and Mayor W. G. Forbes, both of whom lived in Manteo, and J. L. Hooper, of Avon.

Dare County's commissioners in 1903 were B. T. Daniels, of Wanchese, chairman; P. F. Meekins, of Stumpy Point; Mathias D. Hayman, of Skycro; and H. W. Styron, of Hatteras Island.

Listed as constables that year were Daniel Meekins of Manteo, for Nags Head Township; John F. Holmes, East Lake Township; T. L. Midgett of Stumpy Point, Croatan Township; Frank Gray of Avon, Kennekeet Township, and J. D. Rollinson, of Frisco, Hatteras Township.

Among the school teachers in Dare County 55 years ago were the Misses Alethia, Myrtle and Nellie Sample of Woodville, Perquimans County; Josiah Baum, of Skycro; Lemuel Whitehurst and Luke Brothers, of Elizabeth City; Misses Sarah Baum and Emily Taylor, of Wanchese; Robert and Charles Taylor, also of Wanchese; Miss Mary Weeks, of Elizabeth City; Clarence Pugh, of Wanchese; Miss Ida W. Watts of Manteo; Mrs. Sarah M. Carter, of Salvo, and Mrs. Ella M. Dunbar, Colored, of Manteo.

Listed according to occupations were the following: Architects, W. P. Gray; Barbers, A. H. Davenport; Butchers and Cattle dealers, W. G. Forbes; Blacksmiths, James Gdant and J. W. Casey; Boots and Shoes, Evans & Meekins, Griffin, Sample & Co., J. W. Evans and W. J. Griffin & Co.

Carriage Manufacturers, James A. Evans; Coal and Wood Dealers, R. C. Evans; Physicians and Surgeons, W. B. Fearing and F. P. Gates; General Merchandise, Evans & Meekins, Griffin, Sample & Co., W. J. Griffin & Co., J. W. Evans, L. D. Hassell, J. H. Midgett and A. H. Davenport; Lawyers, B. G. Crisp and D. M. Stringfield.

There were no saloons or other places where strong drink could be bought legally in Dare County in 1903. However there were 13 open bar rooms in Elizabeth City in those days!

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is interesting in connection with this story to note that back in those days, the county had been bonded to build a \$16,000 courthouse which was equal to a year's taxes, and this courthouse was the subject of much scandal, similar to last year's job. The matter went to court, and it was alleged there was much graft in connection with it, and P. F. Meekins, one commissioner resigned because he said the deal was too rotten. The contractors didn't give the county what it bargained to give, the "fireproof vaults" were a fake.

SET IN HER FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS AT AGE 11



Stormy Gale Brown will be 11 years old on New Year's day, and she is already well set in the footsteps of her famous father Aycock Brown. Some weeks ago a page of her photographs was published in the Norfolk Virginian Pilot which has printed so many hundreds of her father's news pictures, and the paper was most complimentary about her work. The talent she shows in the use of her small camera, and in portraying her neighbors, and familiar hometown scenes gives prediction of a profitable future, if she chooses to follow this line of work. For her age, she is doing an exceptional job.

TRAWLER CREWMAN'S BODY FOUND FRIDAY ON BEACH NEAR AVON

The body of one of the four missing members of the crew of the ill-fated fishing trawler Sea Dog was found washed ashore Friday afternoon last week on the beach near Avon, about six miles south of where the broken-up trawler was found near Rodanthe December 7.

John Lawson of Hampton, Va., owner of the Sea Dog, came to Manteo Saturday and identified the body as that of Frank Lee Forrest III, 32, of Hampton. The body was returned to Hampton for burial.

The other missing crewmen are Capt. Eldridge Holloway of Poquoson, Ralph Gibbs of Hampton, and Henry Abernathy of Gloucester County, Va.

How Many People Now Can Remember The Things This Lady Calls to Mind?

Mrs. Mary Best of Kitty Hawk, Who Observed Her 81st Birthday
This Month, Reminds Us of Many Fine and Wholesome
Things That Have Almost Gone Out of Practice Since She
Was a Girl.

By MARY F. BEST, KITTY HAWK, N. C.

—When all the family went to church in time for Sunday school and remained until after preaching service? — we don't do that way now. Soon as class is over, children and most of the parents leave. Remember when the children did as their parents said? — now the children say first.

—When father killed a beef for the winter, tanned the hide and made the family shoes; — when mother carded the wool, spun the yarn and knit what stockings and socks the family wore. — When all the coffee was parched and then ground in a coffee mill nailed to the side of the house; — when all the cooking was done in a fire place in long handled spiders or in a pot hung over the fire?

—When all the washing was scrubbed on a wash board; all the clothes the family wore were made with needle and thread by mother? She also heated the irons in front of the fire to do the ironing with. That's all changed now.

—When the only means of travel was by a sail boat and if it was a calm spell, you were late getting to town and back? — some changes in that line of transportation! When the storekeeper would give Dad a bag of candy for the children when he bought his family supply? — now they'll change a twenty dollar bill to get one penny. — When the family could not tote a dollar purchase home at one time; — now one member can carry five and not be overburdened.

—When women wore their aprons and sat bonnets to church and all the members would stop to speak and shake hands with each other. Remember when all the men helped each other cut their winter's wood and sometimes helped carry it to the woodpile; and the women would meet and help do the family's quilting? When everyone visited each other, —

JANUARY 1 WILL MARK BEGINNING OF BEARDS FOR PIRATE JAMBOREE

From Kitty Hawk to Hatteras and from Nags Head to the Dare mainland, many male residents of the Dare Coast will forego shaving next Wednesday morning, January 1. It will mark the official starting time for growing Dare Coast Jamboree beards.

Pat Bayne, currently King of the pirates in Dare, a distinction that his beard helped win in 1957, will be encouraging males of Dare to grow beards. He will be issuing decrees relative to beard growing rules from time to time.

If it is a good season for beards, one of the most fabulous crop of chin whiskers of all time should be ready to harvest during late April, after the annual competition of the fourth annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree April 24-27.

Dare is the only place in the world where beards are grown to represent pirates. The general idea behind it all is to produce a beard that would have equaled the one which the most famous or infamous of all pirates, the dreaded Edward Teach or "Blackbeard the Pirate," had when he was a scourge of early 18th Century shipping in Carolina coastal waters.

During the past three years, Dare Coast Pirate Jamboree beards have become famous throughout the nation, in a publicity way. Caravans of bearded men, accompanied by their feminine piratesses, dressed to emulate Anne Bonney and others of her sex who were in the old time buccanier business, have visited many towns and cities in North Carolina and Virginia, and everywhere they have gone publicity was produced that resulted in larger and larger attendance at the Pirates Jamboree.

MANTEO COUPLE HOLD OPEN HOUSE ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Celebrating their wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Midgett held Open House on Christmas Eve at their home in Manteo. A color scheme of red, white and gold carried out a seasonal motif and the table held a poinsettia centerpiece.

Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Midgett in entertaining were Mrs. Midgett's sister, Mrs. T. D. Etheridge, who cut and served the cake; and her niece, Mrs. R. H. Atkinson, who poured coffee. Approximately 75 people called during the evening.

PROSPECTS CONSIDERED GOOD IF EFFORT STEPPED UP ON DARE COASTLAND IN 1958

There'll Be Silver Shining Through the Clouds of
Economic Tightening Up, If a Few Simple
Rules Are Followed and We Keep On Our Toes
And Take Advantage of New Factors Now In
the Picture.

COLUMBIA INSURANCE MAN AN ACTIVE LEGIONAIRE



DELTON A. SIMMONS of Columbia is generally known by the cognomen, "D. A." He is another of the many self-made products of Tyrrell County, who with native instinct, and the commonsense that grows up in country boys with the right parental upbringing, do pretty well by themselves in the business of getting along in life.

Mr. Simmons' main profession is the insurance business, but he does numbers of other things, one of which is taking an active part in the affairs of Scuppernon Post 182, American Legion, of which he has been Commander, is now Vice Commander and is on its executive committee. He has been Veterans Service officer for Tyrrell County since 1947, and manager of the Production Credit Corp. for Tyrrell and Washington Counties since 1945, when he entered the general insurance business in Columbia. Mr. Simmons is a native of the Fryling Pan section of Tyrrell, he attended the local schools at Ryders Creek and found his first job away from home on tugboats plying out of Norfolk. On October 1, 1942 he entered the Navy after having been in the insurance business in Portsmouth, Va. There he married Miss Mildred Martin in 1928. He served two years in the Navy, was a Boatswain's Mate, First Class.

CAPE HATTERAS LODGE INSTALLS 1958 OFFICERS

David Raymond Basnett was installed as worshipful master of the Cape Hatteras Lodge No. 698 on Monday evening, December 23. Other officers also installed to serve during the coming year were: T. Stockton Midgett, senior warden; Richard A. Job, junior warden; Clarence P. Brady, treasurer; W. Lloyd Scarborough, secretary; Woodrow W. Edwards, senior deacon; James R. Rollinson, junior deacon; William Gibson, senior steward; Edgar O. Hooper, junior steward; Estus P. White, tyler; and Asa H. Gray, Sr., chaplain.

The Cape Hatteras Lodge, now four years old, moved in the new lodge hall on May 13 of this year. The lodge, which started with 29 members, has a total membership to date of 73.

DANIELS FAMILY GATHERS IN NORFOLK FOR REUNION

The family of Mrs. Nettie Daniels met Sunday at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Daniels, in Norfolk, for a reunion. Those from Wanchese attending were Mrs. Nettie Daniels and her daughter, Mrs. Margaret De Silva of Atlantic City, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Midgett and son, Jake; Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Midgett, Jr., and sons, Don and Gene; Mrs. J. B. Tillett and daughters, Dianne and Margaret Jean; and Mrs. Arvilla Midgett. Misses Jackie Midgett and Margaret and Cornelia Rogers, and Billy Bonney of Norfolk, were also there.

Many observers believe the general economic tightening up throughout the country as the result of higher living costs, increased Federal taxes here and there will not be too bad for the Dare Coastland during 1958 if a few rules are followed. We will endeavor to outline a few of the handicaps that may operate against us, and what we may do to overcome them.

We also may take note of some of the bright spots in the picture that have developed through the year, whereby we may turn them to good account for our business interests. In considering new ventures, it is well to take into account the importance that all things be up to date. Nothing which is haphazard or make-shift will do. It is a buyer's market now, and the public has come to demand nothing less than the best.

We are faced with constantly rising living costs, a national trend to divert public expenditures to the field of national defense and pursuit of advancement in the field of atomic missiles and launching of satellites in order to keep up with and surpass, if possible, the gains that have been made by the Reds. Consequently, we may expect little public money to be spent in comparatively remote areas such as ours, and will see it turned loose in the distant places to the profit of businessmen and workers some distance from us.

But we can make the most of what we have to offer those people who will have money to spend, by making our region more attractive to those who will be able to travel in search of recreation. We have

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MARCH OF DIMES OPENS "OPERATION COMEBACK"

The March of Dimes will launch its 1958 polio fund campaign here and throughout the country in January on the dramatic note that for thousands of polio-blighted victims "Survival is Not Enough." Most of the money sought in the drive is needed to help disabled polio patients stage "comebacks" from helplessness to usefulness.

The Salk vaccine developed by the March of Dimes has scored dramatically in preventing new paralytic polio cases, officials say, but during the last year it has been necessary to spend a total of \$21,700,000 in March of Dimes funds on the care and rehabilitation of patients. These patients numbered 57,800 of whom 53,000 were victims of old attacks.

Since most of this cost is in the form of continuing care for patients stricken in preceding years, the obligation will continue next year with very little letup, it was pointed out.

Additional funds are necessary for an expanded research program to explore many new aspects of virology; for the training of professional workers in the rehabilitation and science research fields; and for a still urgent program of public education to encourage use of the Salk vaccine.

The campaign will be held through the month of January. A feature of the opening of the campaign this year will be the observance of the 20th anniversary of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the polio-fighting organization which the March of Dimes supports.

"This will be an occasion for recalling our victories of the past, including the creation of the Salk vaccine," said Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation, "and for looking ahead to new challenges. Most important of all, it will be the occasion for pledging ourselves to assist, insofar as we are able, those who were stricken and now still need help."

NEW YEAR'S SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Special New Year's services at St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Nags Head, have been announced as follows:

Tuesday, December 31, 11-12 p.m. Prayers for our country, the President, Governor, and all in authority. Subject of the sermon will be "Signs of Hope."

January 1, 10 a.m., Holy Communion, sermon "A Circumcised Heart"; 5 p.m. Evening Prayer, subject "Pondering Christ's Birth."