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J. B. TILLET GAVE MUCH TO PROGRESS FOR OUTER BANKS

The Man Who Ferried The Islanders For A Quarter Century, Dies on A Farm

Jennings Bryan Tillett, (Tobey) to nearly everybody, is dead. He went to his final resting place Sunday, honored by the largest funeral, and the most flowers ever seen at Bethany Methodist Church, Wanchese. The building could not hold the mourning friends who came. From many places they came, numerous people from Hatteras some of whom had to stay all night, and others didn't come because there was no way to return home at night.

Tobey Tillett had been a restless man for seven years. Before then he had operated the ferry across to Hatteras Island for 25 years. He was the owner, and with his father had founded the ferry business. His uniform courtesy and friendliness, and his accommodating spirit had made him a great favorite. At one time or another, he had ferried across just about every person living on Hatteras Island. He had more friends along the coast than any other man.

To Tobey Tillett, more than to any other man, do the people of Hatteras Island owe credit for a tremendous part in bringing about a demand for good roads. The business that Mr. Tillett built up, eventually swallowed him up. Tobey Tillett had stuck by this business through great hardship. He was a man of determination, and spirit. He was not easily discouraged. When the hurricane of March 1932 swept all his boats away, and left him with nothing, he never thought of giving up. On the endorsement of a couple of friends, he borrowed several hundred dollars of an Elizabeth City bank; he used his good credit elsewhere and he got back in business. Through all the ups and downs of a quarter of a century, without a let-up during the great depression of the early 30's he kept going, and he enabled the people of the island to go to and fro as they pleased. This ferry made possible better mail service; the old, slow tortuous mail boats were abandoned. A bus line was enabled to start; freight service had improved, and a continuous series of developments were made possible, resulting in the modernization of all the villages of the island. Countless strangers found it possible to travel to Hatteras, became fascinated by its sport and its beauty. Clamor and pressure was exerted for good roads, and free ferries, and the State bought out Mr. Tillett.

Mr. Tillett never had been so happy as when he was meeting everybody while running his ferry boat. He cast about for something to do; he built himself a party boat, on land leased from the U. S. Wildlife Service, he built a sportsman's center on the south side of the inlet. These things proved not to his liking, he sold them, established himself in the concession on the north side of the Inlet, and operated it successfully for three years. But he tired of this.

His next venture was to undertake the improvement of the old Thos. Tillett homeplace, where he was born, some 300 acres of land at Wanchese, skirting Broad Creek. He had been building canals, clearing land, and making ready a new homesite. Two days before his death, his tractor had turned over, almost pinning him down, but he escaped. Having told his wife about it, she begged him on Thursday not to use it any more. When he failed to return home Thursday night, a searching party found his lifeless body in the darkness of the new plowed field, pinned under the steering wheel of the tractor which had up-ended on him.

Tobey Tillett was a pioneer, and he was a restless doer of things. He could not pin himself down to mere routine. His name will be long-remembered for his value to the amazing chain of events and people who have made possible the wonderful progress of the coastland during the third of a century that has just passed.

He was a native of Dare County and resided in Wanchese, all of his life. He was the son of Mrs. Mary Tillett and the late William B. Tillett, and husband of Mrs. Zeta Daniels Tillett.

He owned and operated the Oregon Inlet Ferry service for over 25 years, having sold it to the State in 1951. He also operated the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center for three years before selling his franchise to H. A. Creef, et als. He was a member of the Wanchese Methodist Church.

Besides his mother and wife he is survived by two daughter, Miss Margaret Jean Tillett, of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Dianne Tillett of Wanchese; four sisters, Mrs. Grady Owens of Norfolk, Mrs. See TILLET, Page Eight

1959 INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT SET FOR BLUE MARLIN

North Carolina's first international blue marlin tournament will be held at Hatteras in 1959 with the tentative date set for on or about the first week of June.

Location of the tournament was decided in Washington, N. C., Wednesday by committee members of the N. C. Blue Marlin Association under the leadership of Bob Halstead. The association was formed recently with representatives from all sections of the coast present. Representative Herbert C. Bonner, who with Hon. Lindsay Warren were among the first to give support to the forming of a tournament organization after Capt. Edgar Styron and others on the Dare Coast had first conceived the idea of an event to tell the world about billfishing in coastal waters.

In addition to the week long tournament at Hatteras, it was also planned to have a N. C. Coast-wide Billfish Contest which would include all areas where Marlin, sailfish have been taken with rod and reel and also swordfish which have been sighted but not yet landed.

Representatives at the meeting in Washington included Styron and Donald Oden, Hatteras, H. A. Creef, Warren Gallop and Ayeock Brown of Manteo, T. Tom Potter, Capt. Bill Olsen and Bob Simpson, Morehead City, Alice Strickland, Bill Honahan and Lou Glickman of Southport, members. This group will spearhead a campaign for finances to run the contest.

Dr. J. C. Overbey, Norfolk angler who has caught more blue marlin off Cape Hatteras than any other person stated this week that he had accepted a challenge on behalf of the Cape Hatteras Billfish Club to meet a team of blue marlin fishermen from Puerto Rico in waters of the Dare Coast next year. The challenge came first to the manager of the Dare County Tourist Bureau, whose report in a New York Times story recently about 78 blue marlin being landed off the Dare Coast this year, had aroused the bait skipping wrath of the Puerto Ricans. Governor Hodges has also expressed a deep interest in the challenge and next year's proposed tournament because of the wide publicity it would give North Carolina.

A TURKEY SHOOT STAGED BY LIONS IN MANTEO ON SAT.

Citizens of Manteo and vicinity will have an opportunity to get their Thanksgiving turkeys and have fun doing it. Saturday of this week the Manteo Lions Club will hold a turkey shoot at the waterfront at two p.m. and present some twenty turkeys to the best marksmen.

Shells will be furnished for both 16 and 20 gauge guns, but it is requested that each participant bring his gun. In the event of inclement weather, the shoot will be Monday night following.

Proceeds will further the club's community activities.

LOUISBURG ANGLERS LAND 143 STRIPED BASS NEAR MANN'S HARBOR



Trolling with bucktail lures from Capt. Chick Craddock's cruiser "Lollypop" these five Louisburg anglers shown here with Craddock at Mann's Harbor landed 143 striped bass or rockfish in the Croatan-Pamlico Sound area on Saturday. Similar good catches have been reported by all who trolled for this species of fishing during the recent balmy November weather. The Louisburg anglers were George P. Foster, I. G. Stephens, James Sanders, N. E. Bledsoe, and M. B. Murphy. (Photo by Ayeock Brown)

MANNS HARBOR RURITANS HOLD LADIES NIGHT

Club Expects to Send Delegates to National Convention in Washington, D. C.

The Manns Harbor Ruritan Club held its ladies night on the occasion of the usual monthly meeting Wednesday night of this week at the community building, and it was attended by some 18 persons. W. S. White, the outgoing president, who left Thursday for treatment in Duke, presided. A ham dinner with apple pie and ice cream was served.

An enjoyable dinner was followed by singing at the piano by both women and men. Plans were made for a Christmas party when golden agers will be guests of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Pinner were named on the committee to carry out the club's plans.

Plans for attending a district meeting in Hertford on Thursday night were discussed and among those considering attending were T. O. Sutton, Wilbur Pinner, John Twiddy and Henry Armstrong. Delegates from the club will attend the Ruritan National convention in Washington, D. C. in January.

The officers who will head the club for the following year are Henry Armstrong, President; G. C. Gard, Vice-President; John Midgett, Secretary and Wilbur Pinner, Treasurer. Director for three years is John A. Twiddy.

The club had one visiting Ruritan, Victor Meekins of Manteo who was asked to speak, but who started a discussion of what might be done to encourage home industry in the area. Comparison of the economic status of the communities on the mainland was made. For instance Stumpy Point had a population of 275 in 1920 which is reduced because fishing industry has failed. Manns Harbor appears to be holding its own because it has made investments catering to the tourist and sport-fishing industry. East Lake township, which had a population of 374 in 1920 now has less than 80 inhabitants.

The Ruritan Club has been in operation more than ten years, See RURITANS, Page Eight

BEACHES GRIEVING OVER TRAGEDY TO THE SIDES FAMILY

Popular Merchant Killed and Seven Injured in Collision Sunday Night

In the death of George Sides of Nags Head Sunday night in an automobile collision, the beach area has lost one of its most popular newcomers. Mr. Sides, 38, had brought his family to Nags Head to make a permanent home and after a hard struggle for two years had established a growing business, operating a drug store and photographic shop.

His fine personality and his devotion to his business, his community and his neighbors made him universally loved. He was buried in the soil of Dare County Wednesday, in the Austin Cemetery at Kitty Hawk, following funeral services in the Methodist Church.

The circumstances of Mr. Sides' death resulted out of the dense fog which set in Sunday afternoon. At 6:30, Mr. Sides was homeward bound after having picked up his daughter and some friends in Manteo. While proceeding north, he observed a car pull suddenly out of a driveway, and make a wide sweep across the road. In an effort to avoid the car, he swung to the left and met the car head on.

The driver of the other car was Charlie Crank of Wanchese who suffered serious injuries, including a broken leg and many cuts and bruises, and he is in Elizabeth City hospital. Mr. Sides was severely crushed and was found dead on arrival at the Elizabeth City hospital. His wife was severely injured, and is in the hospital. Others in the car with Mr. Sides were his daughter Barbara, and three of her friends of high school age, Miss Ellen Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Perry of Kitty Hawk, Rosemary Sanderlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sanderlin of Kitty Hawk beach, and Frances Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mann of Nags Head. Miss Perry and Miss Sanderlin were permitted to leave the hospital Sunday night.

Mr. Sides' daughter and friends were returning from the movies at See TRAGEDY, Page Eight

HOOPER THINKS FISHING SHOULD CONCERN BOARD

Stumpy Point Man Recommends Action in Supporting Commercial Fishing Improvement

Among other things, the officials of Dare County should discard a "do-nothing" policy on matters of general interest in the county, and should get behind any and all projects destined to benefit the people of the whole county, Horace B. Hooper of Stumpy Point said this week. Mr. Hooper, who will be a member of the Dare County board in December, comes from a locality where fishing fails over a period of years have brought disaster to what was one of the wealthiest and busiest commercial fishing centers of the state.

Mr. Hooper says he is well aware of the need for a bridge over Oregon Inlet which was referred to last week by Commissioner-elect Edwards of Waves. "I am glad to see him take the lead in this project, and I am going to do all I can to help him, and I want his support, along with the whole board, in action and not words alone in behalf of our fisheries. The fish, oyster and shrimp industries are in a bad way, and surely there are means that will improve them, but they won't be found unless somebody takes enough interest to go to work on it."

A problem that concerns so many people, perhaps a majority of the county's residents, and surely every neighborhood in the county deserves more than lip-service from public officers, Mr. Hooper believes. "We can't just sit back and wait for someone to come and throw things in our laps," he says. "We have got to show some interest and go after results."

Mr. Hooper grew up in the fishing business and is actively in it. He knows this business and its needs. For a hundred years it has been the mainstay and backbone of the county, and it can continue to be another hundred years if the right effort and consideration is given it, he believes. "At the same time, I think I am well aware of the other things that should be considered," he says. "We must look at them as a whole picture, and work for them together. Roads, bridges, tourist business, fair valuation of property, reasonable taxes, elimination of wasteful management, development of a long range program for the improvement of the whole county, and the discarding of stop-gap measures which only throw away money and do no good."

BASKETBALL GAMES AT NEW GYM AGAIN THIS FRIDAY

The second series of basketball games in a tournament sponsored by the Manteo PTA will be held at the new Manteo High School gym this coming Friday night Nov. 21, beginning at 7:30.

The first game will be between the Hot Shots and Scooters, made up of 7 and 8 year old boys.

The second game will find the Methodist Women facing the Business Women, these two teams being coached by Mrs. R. D. Sawyer, Jr. and Mrs. Wayland Fry.

The third game of the evening will be between the Shrimpers and Lions, with Jack Wilson and Wayland Fry acting as coaches.

The fifth and sixth grade mothers will be in charge of the concession booth with home made candies, drinks, etc. for sale. Mrs. George Creef and Mrs. Nevin Westcott are grade chairmen responsible for the concession stand.

The last games in this series which proceeds are going into the PTA treasury, will be played on Friday, December 12.

VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF WILDFOWL HUNTING LAWS IS ORDERED THIS SEASON

Crackdown on First Day Ropes in 80 Cases in Lake Mattamuskeet Area; Defendants Charged With Using Baited Blinds and Shooting Near Live Decoys; Dwindling Flocks of Fowl Point Up Strong Policy From Atlanta.

ROBBERY LEADS TO PRISON AGAIN FOR WILLIE MCCLLEESE

Wise's Market Robbed; Notorious Thief Sent Off For Five Months

When Willie McCleese got caught in Wise's Market Friday morning of last week he was thoughtless enough to start to attack Sheriff Frank Cahoon with a knife. He not only got knocked out by Sheriff Cahoon's flashlight, but he will have to go to the roads for five months, and will thereby not have the privilege of luxuriating in the new Dare County jail with board free until May when the robbery case can be heard.

Judge Baum didn't have jurisdiction in the robbery case, so bound him over to court, but he did have jurisdiction in the assault case, and he wisely fixed it so Willie will have to work, and the county will save his keep. He'll have to come back in May to be tried for robbery, and may get another job on the roads.

When the burglar alarm went off in Willis Wise's home, he called the Sheriff and rushed over to the store. Sheriff Cahoon got there in about five minutes, or about 3:30 a.m. Willie was busy passing Smithfield hams out a back window from a pile of merchandise he had stacked nearby. His allies could not be located, but he claimed they were Paul Davenport and Leon White. Sheriff Cahoon said Davenport was in New Jersey the day before, and doubts this much of the story. White is an ex-convict and notorious thief, maybe not so much as Willie McCleese who has served many years in prison for robbery, and long held the title of champion chicken thief of Dare County. One of his brothers is now doing time for the robbery of Wise's Market, which has been burglarized more than all the Manteo stores put together. Situated on the outskirts and beyond the town limits, thieves here do not so readily fear fierce officer Mitchell, Chief of Manteo police.

MANTEO METHODISTS TO CELEBRATE SUNDAY IN COLLEGE FUND CAMPAIGN

The Lay Committee for Christian Higher Education of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, including eleven members, the pastor, Rev. L. A. Aitken and forty men of the church, acting as "teams" of workers, looked forward to Victory Sunday November 23rd, in the Campaign for Christian Higher Education, with great confidence now. It was announced by Lay Chairman, Wallace McCown, that Mt. Olivet attained 107% of its goal, of \$18,000.00, and workers still had over one hundred prospects to contact, during the remainder of the week.

District Superintendent C. Freeman Heath of Elizabeth City, reported that the Manteo achievement, was one of the best reports of the Elizabeth City District.

Worker's Dinners held Wednesday night at the church reviewed progress, and remaining contacts to be made, and resolved to complete the program by the final dinner, on Friday Night, when a special steak dinner will be given all committee members and workers.

Reports from elsewhere in the Dare-sub-district indicated that each church was working under the leadership of Pastors, and Lay Committee Chairmen, and resolution for success was firm.

Progress to date indicated that Dare County could be proud of the part its Methodists were playing in the establishment of new colleges at Rocky Mount, and Fayetteville. Much interest was shown locally because the Rocky Mount four year Weslyn College would provide additional near-by facilities for the Christian Education of our own young people.

The Manteo church is particularly pleased at the efforts and enthusiasm, shown by the men of the church, and the support given by the W.S.C.S. Chairman McCown, expressed the hope that the "Inspiration, Organization, and Perspiration" shown in this campaign, might result in greater activity in every phase of the church program.

A crack-down on hunting law violations, in keeping with a policy recently issued out of the Atlanta office of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, resulted in widespread arrests on the opening day of the season, Monday of this week. U. S. Game Warden Bob Halstead of Washington said Wednesday some 80 cases had been made in the Mattamuskeet area of Hyde County, and more than 70 cases in Anson County, with arrests in other parts of the state noted. This vigorous enforcement policy is expected to continue throughout the season.

Mr. Halstead said W. T. Davis, Supervisor of 11 southeastern states recently had issued a policy for strict enforcement of the law which does not permit blinds nearer than 250 yards of live decoy geese kept on farms, and further when any hunting is carried on nearer than half a mile of such decoys, the birds must be confined in a building or roofed enclosure.

Forty-one of the defendants Monday were charged with violation of this rule; 29 for hunting over baited fields, and 10 for hunting with guns not properly plugged. All defendants were ordered before a U. S. Commissioner in Washington, and while the "five decoy" defendants got off lightly, other hunters were fined \$25 and guides taking part \$50. A few defendants noted appeals, and some of them came back Tuesday and paid up.

Cases were heard on both Monday and Tuesday.

In one instance, 18 hunters, customers of Claude Litchfield of Engelhard were apprehended for shooting too close to live geese. In another case, 19 hunters guided by Cecil Berry of Manteo were charged with shooting over baited fields.

Game wardens assisting in the crack-down Monday were Howard Wooten, State supervisor of District 11, Lawson Cohoon of Fairfield, Lindsay Everett of Williamston, and J. O. Early of Plymouth.

Mr. Halstead said a number of reasons had aroused the attention of officials in Washington and Atlanta and had brought down a vigorous enforcement policy. First is the dwindling flocks of wildfowl. In Maryland this week Mr. Halstead had reports of small flocks and poor shooting. Reports were unfavorable from Virginia and Currituck County.

The practice of baiting fields has also been the source of much complaint, and investigation has shown that some landowners, being greedy for business calculatingly plant crops of grain and beans in suitable locations for hunting, and deliberately leave the crops unharvested. Fields are filled with blinds, rentals of which bring a good income to farmers. Fields are overcrowded, in some instances as many as 20 to 30 blinds. If birds strip the fields of grain before opening date of the season, more corn is often carried in and the fields heavily baited from time to time.

Complaints about this situation, as well as about live decoys and other practices have come from many good guides and landowners who wish to see the law observed, and the customers of the industry protected. No hunter likes to be taken into court; sometimes he is misled; often he cannot know if he is being caused to break the law through the zeal of his guide who wants good shooting, particularly on opening day.

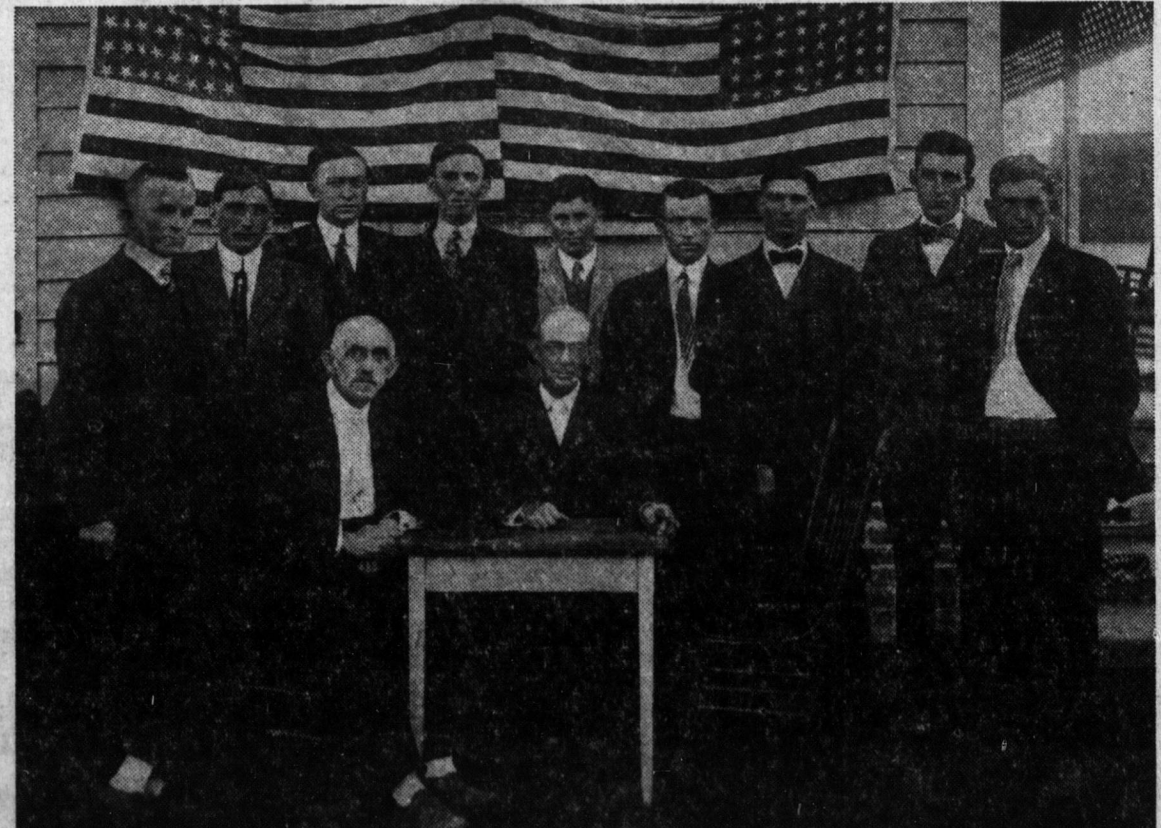
On opening day this week disappointment prevailed because of mild weather, yet Monday witnessed many good shots, and some hunters got their limits early.

Tuesday was even worse because a fog lasting most of the morning made shooting impossible. Wednesday showed little improvement in weather.

Early Sunday, hunters began flocking into Hyde County and by night every hotel, motel, and lodging house had been filled to capacity. In numbers of hunters it is the biggest season known on the Hyde mainland. Every place which accommodates hunters had its yard jammed with parked cars, and along the roadsides were seen more empty cars than ever before noted in Hyde County.

Many new places have been built in the county, more than See WILDFOWL, Page Five

WORLD WAR ONE HISTORY MADE IN HYDE COUNTY 41 YEARS AGO



THERE was more excitement 41 years ago than today, when young men were sent away to war. In October 1917, this group was called up for service, and the picture shows them as they were ready to go. While the two draft board members in the foreground have long since passed away, only one of the standing group of inductees has died. Standing, from left to right, John Payne, deceased, Ellis Hodges, now in Norfolk, J. H. Jarvis, the well known Engelhard merchant, Marcus Williams of Fairfield, T. B. Ballance of Nebraska, Clifton Bell, former court clerk and representative of Hyde County, Gray Spencer of Middleton, Grady Credle of Swan Quarter, Thad Selby of Nebraska. Draft board members in the foreground are the late attorney S. S. Man of Swan Quarter and the late George P. Carter of Fairfield.