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HATTERAS MAN'S BODY FOUND AFTER FOUR NIGHTS IN ICY CANAL ON BODIE ID. ROAD

Junius Martin Styron, 47, Presumed Dead of Heart Attack, Caught on Northside of Inlet Because Ferries Couldn't Run; Left Home on Wednesday With Nephew, Roy Austin, Found Sunday Morning By Sheriff's Party.

Junius Martin Styron 47, and his nephew Roy Austin 34, both of Hatteras, while in search of relaxation came to Manteo Wednesday of last week, thinking to get a little beer, meet some old friends and go back home that evening. On Tuesday of this week Styron was buried at Hatteras, his body having been discovered Sunday morning, face down in a roadside ditch after having been partially submerged for four nights and three days while Oregon Inlet ferry traffic had flowed back and forth beside it.

The story of this tragic occurrence is a singular one. Sometime about 8 p. m. Wednesday, the pair visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Willis at Wanchese, former Hatteras residents. Styron and Austin, both having apparently been full of the holiday spirit, left shortly afterward, saying they were going to ride around awhile. Styron, a tall, heavy, amiable and likeable man was Austin's uncle.

The next episode occurred when Austin showed up at the home of Supt. Bob Gibbs, Park Service Superintendent at Bodie Island. Austin was wet and incoherent from cold and booze, and "wanted help to find his buddy who was lost," Mrs. Gibbs was home and alone with her young children, but she let him come in to get warm while she tried to locate an officer in Manteo, and finally locating Ben Creff in Manteo. Mr. Creff located Sheriff Cahoon who went to the scene and found Austin along the road. Meanwhile Balfour Baum and Gus Hultman had gone down to the Gibbs home to see if they could be of assistance.

Austin apparently was unable in his condition to give Sheriff Cahoon coherent information about the circumstances.

On Thursday, Austin enlisted the services of an old friend, Thomas Glenn Gaskill, of Wanchese to help him find his uncle. Austin's explanation was that they had intended to return home Wednesday evening, but finding the ferry not running, had decided to pay a visit to the Willis home. He went back to the Willis home on Thursday but couldn't remember completely what happened. His memory was hazy, it appeared, and at one time he said Styron had asked him to let him get out of the car for a moment to seek a post or a tree.

When Styron failed to return to the car, Austin shouted for him, calling his name, but got no answer. It was a bad night, and the wet shoulders of the road were un dependable for traction. He told Mrs. Gibbs that he had tried to turn the car around in order to continue to seek help in finding Styron, but in this attempt his wheels rolled into the ditch and he was stuck. He was unable to explain to Mrs. Gibbs whether he was north-bound or south-bound, or to give any approximation of the location of his car.

The reports now indicate, that when he and Gaskill failed to find Styron on Thursday, Austin returned to Hatteras without broadcasting any information at home concerning the absence of his uncle. Finally Saturday afternoon Styron's son-in-law, Roger Farrow of Buxton came to Manteo to look for him. When he finally learned something of the conditions, it was after dark. On Sunday morning Sheriff Frank Cahoon called his deputies, Darrell Daniels of Wanchese, Clarence Hassell of Hatteras, Clarence Hassell of Manteo, and Donnie Twyne of Manteo, and they went over the ground all the way to Oregon Inlet. Retracing their steps Frank Cahoon walked upon the body of Styron lying face down in the ditch with only his rear and the back of his head showing above water. His body was frozen rigid.

Coroner Jim Vannote said there was no evidence of violence or bruises and it was not considered necessary to have medical examination or an inquest. The body, he said was found one-fourth mile south of Maynard Daniels' cottage "Lookout," and 200 yards north of the Screaming Eagle cottage owned by Jim Morton of New York. It was on the east side of the highway.

Styron's friends say he was suffering from a heart condition and a severe case of cirrhosis of the liver. Some of them believe he fell into the ditch after a heart

KITTY HAWK'S NEW \$200,000 SCHOOL OPEN IN JANUARY

Open House to Be Held on January 4th Serving Patrons of Six Communities

Six communities in upper Dare County will be served by the new \$200,000 building now being completed for the Kitty Hawk School District covering the northern part of Dare County.

The new building which is expected to go into service after the New Year holidays is rapidly being completed, and the PTA is arranging an open house to show it off to the public on Sunday afternoon January 4, if present plans can be carried out.

To the cost of the building will be added \$8,000 for additional equipment to supplement the equipment now used in the present school. It is financed by a bond issue which has been made possible by the rapid growth of beach property in the district. Except for a driveway, parking area, and a few other necessities, the building is now almost ready for use.

The school is of yellow brick on a 15-acre site. Communities to be served by this building are Caffees Inlet, Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk, Colington, Kill Devil Hills and Roussapock. The building which includes the principal's office, health room, teachers' lounge, gymnasium (combination auditorium and play room), library, cafeteria, commodity storage room, heating plant and restrooms.

The other building has eight classrooms, more than is needed now but provided in the confident belief that school enrollment will grow. One of the rooms not now needed for classes will be used for showing educational film strips, where screen and projector can remain set up.

The primary rooms open on the playground as well as into the main hall. They have their own toilet facilities, and a combination drinking fountain, and lavatory with soap and paper towels.

Every classroom has a sink in it, as does the teacher's lounge. Student restrooms include hand washers.

Classrooms and the principal's office have one wall of glass, with windows below and a special non-glare glass above, the first school in the State to use this type of glass.

In the gymnasium, one wall is paneled, to cover a space for storing the auditorium chairs when not in use. The cafeteria dining room is connected with the gymnasium with a wall of double doors, so that the two may be converted into one room, either for community dinners or for programs attended by more than the seating capacity of the gymnasium.

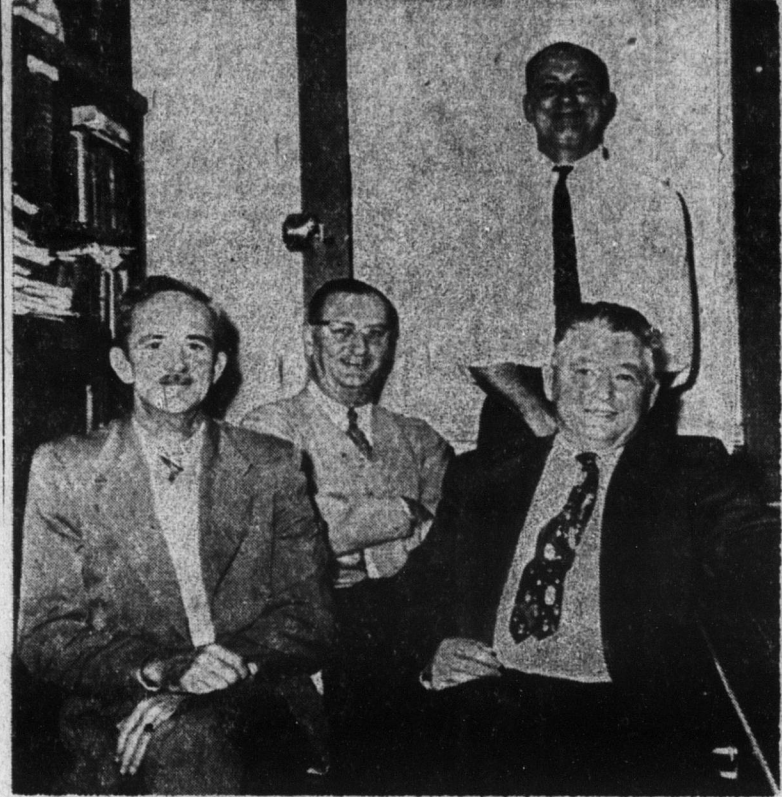
Back of the stage is a large room, primarily intended for a dressing room for school entertainments, but which can also be used for small gatherings and is expected to be put to use by the community. An outside entrance to this room would eliminate the necessity of going through the gymnasium to reach it.

The Stephens architectural firm in New Bern served as architects for the structure, with Frank McCall of Drexel, general contractor.

TOUGH LUCK FOR FAMILY OF JOHN MOORE, JR.

The Christmas season seems the toughest time misfortune could come to anyone, and the family of John Moore Jr., a young Colington man had it last Wednesday when the home which they rented, burned down, with all the furniture and the clothing of the Moore family except what they wore that day. Mr. Moore was away at work, the three children were away at school, and Mrs. Moore was down the road visiting a neighbor when the kerosene stove set the house afire. Despite the prompt effort of the Kill Devil Hills fire department several miles away, nothing could be saved. Neighbors of the Moore family organized a committee to receive contributions of money, clothes, furniture, etc., to help the couple and their three children to get a new start. Those interested in aiding the family should get in touch with the Dare County Welfare office, Manteo.

MEN WHO NOW DIRECT COUNTY'S \$300,000 ABC BUSINESS



LAST WEEK on Thursday, Dare County's new ABC board was sworn in and began the direction of the 21-year-old system which has grown until it is one of the greater sources of income for the county. Reading from left to right, they are, sitting: William (Scotty) Gibson of Hatteras; L. D. Hassell of Manteo and J. Curtis Gray of Kitty Hawk. Standing is Robert H. Midgett of Manteo who has been with the system 21 years, most of this time supervisor of the two stores: Manteo and Nags Head. Aycock Brown photo.

Mr. Gibson, who with his wife, the former Nettie Robinson of Hatteras, owns the Atlantic View Hotel at Hatteras has been successful in this enterprise since they bought it some 20 years ago. To this they have added a modern cafe. They have a married daughter, and the Gibsons are hard workers in behalf of civic and fraternal and church causes.

Curtis Gray of Kitty Hawk is a native of Avon, but has been some 20 years engaged in contracting for beach home owners in the northern area of Dare County. His wife is the former Minnie Gray of Salvo, and they have three daughters and a son.

NEW ABC BOARD HEAD HAS RECORD IN ACCOUNTING



WHEN the Dare County Commissioners recently began giving consideration to the question of whom to select as members of the County ABC Board to supervise the management of a county-owned business that has passed the \$300,000 mark in annual gross sales, it was apparent that today's needs and future prospects of the ABC system needed men of marked ability. Horace Hooper, successful business man himself was first to recognize this need and after considerable discussion with Mr. Hassell with the appeal that his services were needed got him interested and won his consent to undertake this responsibility. Few people know that Mr. Hassell is the active head of a business with an annual gross of upwards of a half million dollars a year, and a fellow know he has held a diploma from General Motors for the past 18 years, awarded for outstanding efficiency in the accounting system of that giant organization in North and South Carolina. His prior experience includes the working out of difficulties of a utility system; as head of accounting for the Manteo Boatbuilding Co. which was one of the biggest contractors in the coastland under the defense program of World War II, and as a Chevrolet dealer for nearly 30 years. He began his business education as a lad in Norfolk, got his early training with Norfolk automobile dealers. He is one of the hardest workers in his community for fraternal and educational causes, and was a tireless worker during the recent primary for a progressive program in Dare County. His wife is the former Ima Jolliff, and they have two sons.

Reason for holding the festival on Saturday, January 3 is that on a week-end more of the former residents of the community, the home boys and girls working away from home, will be able to enjoy the occasion.

As the Old Christmas date drops back toward the middle of the week, fewer persons are able to attend. The observance of the "Old Christmas" date is a survival of a traditional custom when some hundreds of years ago, religious people refused to accept legislative edict setting the calendar ahead, wherein some 12 days were lost. Religion then dictated to many people that it still did not change the day on which Christ's birthday should fall.

Rodanthe people, like all other people of the Coastland now for many years past have come to accept Dec. 25th as the date, but the continued observance of the Old Christmas date cherished by their great grandparents is observed also, and celebrated annually out of respect for tradition and community prestige.

And this respect and reverence for old customs of the past, and for the opinions of the coastland's rugged pioneering ancestry, is looked upon by people from outside the coastland as something worthy of remembrance and praise.

Because this celebration is something unusual in the nation, and only a few regions of North America still cling to it, the Rodanthe festival has grown in recent years until it attracts more spectators than the small building's 200 capacity can accommodate. Much of the affair is held out of doors. The people of the community have provided a free oyster roast, and free dance music for many years. Good roads have made it possible for so great a number of people to attend, that the resources of this small neighborhood have become unduly taxed to pay the cost of the celebration. The two hour program in the school house, the oyster roast etc., all are now charged for from citizens and visitors alike, in order to See FESTIVAL, Page Twelve

WANCHESE PAGEANT

The cantata pageant, "The Christmas Story," will be presented at the Wanchese Methodist Church Sunday evening, Dec. 21, at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend this special Christmas program.

YOUTH KILLED BY SHOTGUN IN HAND OF A PLAYMATE

Tragic Ending of a Mistletoe and Christmas Tree Hunt on Roanoke Island

High hopes for a happy Christmas for three little boys and their families ended Wednesday afternoon when Melvin Lee (Buddy) Flowers, 12, came to his death from a shot-gun blast some three miles north of Manteo. The gun went off while in the hands of Marvin Clark, 12 year old son of Andrew Clark.

The Flowers boy, with Bill Houlton, 11, were on the porch of the Clark home. Young Houlton had a hack-saw and had set forth to cut a Christmas tree. The Clark boy went and got an old-model breechloading shot gun to take along to shoot mistletoe down from the trees. The gun went off, and the Flowers boy died in a few minutes. Mrs. Clark, who was on the premises but some distance from the house heard the shot, came and found the little boy dying, and ran for help.

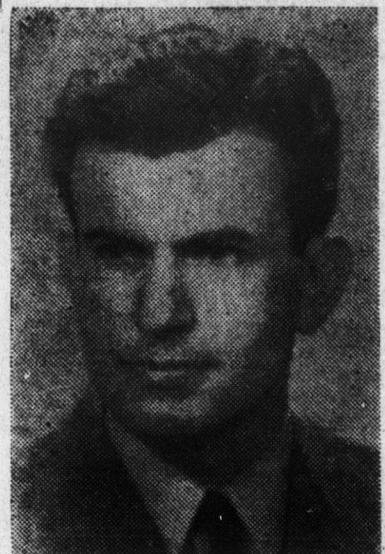
The other two boys, frightened out of their wits, ran off. The little Clark boy rode his bicycle to Manns Harbor, then came back and went to the home of an uncle Willie Rogers, who returned him home, bike and all. The lad was so completely frightened and stunned by the mishap that he couldn't give a complete account of how it happened.

The boys grew up near each other and had been playmates all their lives. They were of the same age, and were good companions. The Houlton boy is the son of Mrs. Mildred Houlton Midgett of Manteo and lives with his grandparents. See TRAGEDY, Page Twelve

AMAZING PREDICTIONS ABOUT FUTURE OF AVIATION HEARD FROM MONRONEY WEDNESDAY

Speaking on 55th Anniversary of First Flights, Oklahoma Senator Says We'll Put a Man in Outer Space 100 Miles Above Earth in Man-Piloted Airplane At Speed of 3,600 Miles Per Hour.

SWAIN CHAIRMAN, 1959 PIRATE'S JAMBOREE



LAWRENCE L. SWAIN, who has taken an active part in all Pirate Jamborees during the past four years has been named chairman for the 1959 three-day event scheduled to be held during the last week end in April beginning on the 24th.

The committee met Wednesday night, and was presided over by Alvah H. Ward, Jr., retiring chairman, who will continue to serve in an advisory capacity.

Three 1959 steering committees were nominated and elected Wednesday night for the Dare Beaches. They are: George Crocker, Nags Head; Tom Briggs, Kill Devil Hills and Orville Baum, Kitty Hawk.

Other steering committees will be elected at a meeting on Sunday afternoon (time and place to be announced) January 11, 1959. Next year there will be three committees from Hatteras Island instead of two and there will be two from Roanoke Island and two from the Dare mainland. At the January meeting a secretary and treasurer will also be elected. Mrs. Margaret Davis of Kitty Hawk is currently secretary and treasurer.

Pirate King Linwood Tillett of Kitty Hawk and his court will be the committee to encourage beard growing. Starting time for beard growing January 1.

Likewise Pirate Queen Mary Burrus of Hatteras and her court will aid in plans for the Jamboree.

The King and Queen, their courts, Dare Coast vacation operators and members of the 1958-59 steering committees are urged to be present on January 11 to help develop plans for making the Jamboree this year bigger and better than ever.

ROTARIANS TREATED TO A MUSICAL PROGRAM

At its regular meeting Monday night, the Manteo Rotary Club was treated to a musical program, mixed with rare humor from toastmaster Aycock Brown, president of the club. The club approved a contribution of \$25 for the family of John Moore Jr., who recently lost their home in a fire. Announcement was made that the next two regular meeting dates of the club would be skipped and the next regular meeting will take place on January 5.

An interesting musical program was presented by the Sea Tones, a local orchestra comprising the following pieces: Mike Gallop, trumpet; David Dickie, string bass; Paul Crocker, drums; Francis Meekins, accordion, and Mrs. Norma Cahoon, piano.

Two special guests of the club were Miss Isabelle Riddick of Manteo and Bruce Leonard of Kitty Hawk, leaders in the student body of the Manteo High School.

George Culpepper of Manteo was a visiting guest of Rotarian Ernest Meekins.

DARE COUNTY BOY ON TELEVISION MONDAY NIGHT

Charles Briggs who has been working in television in California for about a year, will appear in "The Texan," on CBS television Monday night, December 22, and his friends in Dare County will have a chance to see him act. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Briggs of Kill Devil Hills. He is a former member of the cast of The Lost Colony. See MONRONEY, Page Six

The amazing prediction of Senator Mike Monroney of Oklahoma, that within a year we will put a man in outer space 100 miles above the earth in a man piloted airplane, and that we will develop speeds of 3,600 miles per hour was heard with complete attention by some 200 persons attending the luncheon Wednesday afternoon, on the 55th anniversary of the birth of Aviation.

Senator Monroney also spoke earlier in the day at the brief ceremony at the Wright Memorial monument at Kill Devil Hills, scene of the first flights, but due to the noise from nearby aircraft, he could not be heard. The Luncheon was held at 12:30 in the Dare County Shrine Club near Nags Head.

The Elizabeth City High School band participated in the earlier exercises; the welcome was by Mayor Thos. Cheers Jr. of Kill Devil Hills. Present were two grandchildren of observers of the first flight, Alma Etheridge and John Wesley Daniels, who presented a wreath given by the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society. An honor guard, all named Wright from Cherry Point Marine Base presented a wreath also.

Two big Marine Corps helicopters brought the dignitaries to the hill and left their motors running and blocked out the program.

The main air show was put on by eleven F-100 Air Force SENTRY Jets flying in buddy formation with one vacant position.

S. Wade Marr of Elizabeth City was toastmaster at the luncheon where Melvin R. Daniels made an address of welcome. Elbert Cox, Regional Director of the National Park Service, who has been a strong factor in developing plans for the expansion of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial project spoke of plans for the new visitor center and memorial now being planned at the hill. Among those recognized by the toastmaster were A. W. Drinkwater of Manteo; Rear Admiral H. C. Moore, USCG of Norfolk, who is soon to be transferred to the West Coast; Texas born Major General Daniel W. Jenkins of the U. S. Air Force. Herb Kallisch of the Air Force Association who presented a scale model of the first airplane to Miles Clark of Elizabeth City, for many years active head of the Memorial Society, and Lt. Col. Gordon E. Gray of Cherry Point who arranged the tributes to the Wrights by the Marine Corp.

Great Applause For Warren and Bonner
Congressman Herbert Bonner received much applause when he was presented, and more and louder applause followed when he mentioned the name of former Congressman Lindsay Warren, who has played a large part in the development of this coast, particularly the improvement of Fort Raleigh, building the Wright Memorial, the development of the Seashore Park, and other things.

Mr. Bonner was liberal in his praise, singling out R. Bruce Etheridge for his long statesmanship and Victor Meekins for his newspaper work for the advancement of his coastland. It came his turn to present the speaker, Senator Monroney, who has been to Dare County several times, and with his family, spent this year's summer vacation at Southern Shores near Kitty Hawk.

Senator Monroney made many impromptu remarks about the area, its people, his love for them and his appreciation for the fine things done for him by the people of Dare County during his visits. He expressed appreciation for the great help given him by both Lindsay Warren and Herbert Bonner when he first went to Congress 20 years ago.

Monroney's Speech
The principal part of Senator Monroney's speech in the prepared text was as follows:
"You who have this pilgrimage to Kitty Hawk more than a half century after the world-stretching achievement of Orville and Wilbur Wright come not only to honor those immortals of aviation at the site of their victory. You come, I am sure, in the belief that 'What is past is prologue.'"

"What we have done before we can do again. Among you may be some of the scientists who will achieve the new-break-through, the manufacturers who will build tomorrow's supersonic marvels of flight."
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