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FATHER LOSES BOTH SONS AS TRAFFIC COLLISION TAKES LIVES OF FOUR ON DARE ROAD

Terrific Speed of Southbound Car Near Stumpy Point, Kills Three From Rocky Mount and Its Driver, a Dare County Man Dies Shortly Afterward. County's Worst Auto Fatality Follows Hunting Trip.

Unexpectedly called from his beach home at Nags Head late Saturday evening, Thomas E. Taylor of Rocky Mount had the sad duty of identifying his two sons dead in a Manteo Funeral Home. Thos. Bruce Taylor 15, and George C. Oscar Taylor 21 had failed to return from a hunting trip in Hyde County, both victims of a head on collision with a 1957 Thunderbird Ford driven at "terrific speed" by Calbert Lockwood Gray, 21, a Dare County native.

TRANSFER AND PROMOTION FOR OCRACOKE C.G. MAN



Gray died shortly afterward, and never knew the result of his crave for speed which ended so tragically two miles north of Stumpy Point.

With the Taylor boys, the family chauffeur Elbert Lewis, 40, colored, was also killed. They all apparently died instantly when the 1957 Plymouth, driven by Oscar Taylor was tossed from the road to the swamp, its motor and gas tank both being scattered some distance from the car.

Gray's car, then continued about 70 feet southward in a wide arc, and came to a stop squarely across the road. His younger brother, Jimmy Gray, 19, who was driving his father's late model Oldsmobile, picked him up and brought him to Dr. W. W. Harvey Jr., in Manteo. Dr. Harvey dispatched him to the Elizabeth City hospital in a Twiford ambulance driven by Walter Harris, but the injured man was pronounced dead on arrival. He is said to have never regained consciousness.

Both cars and men were as completely battered as are usually seen following automobile collisions. The 1957 Thunderbird driven by Gray, carrying Va. license tag No. 161-800 was brought to Manteo shortly afterward by Hassell & Creef's truck. The Plymouth caught fire due to friction on the road, and while being towed by a Sawyer truck. The Manteo Fire Department went out on call, but the fire was out. Both cars were already total losses.

Among the first to arrive on the scene were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Twiford and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Best of Stumpy Point. Soon after, Leigh Hassell Jr., J. D. Simpson and young Clyde Hassell, all Manteo young men who were also returning from a goose hunt in Hyde County. They helped get Gray in his brother's car.

Two ambulances from Twiford's Funeral Home went to the scene following notice from an unknown informant who phoned Manteo Police Chief M. C. Mitchell, but who refused to give his name.

The two young Taylor brothers and the Negro were both found dead, their limbs and skulls badly crushed. Their guns were only twisted barrels, with broken stocks.

The identity of the three Rocky Mount men was unknown until after some hours of investigation by Patrolman Arthur Fields of Manteo, information finally led to the home of Mr. Taylor of Nags Head, who was there alone awaiting their return. Mrs. Taylor, the mother, remained in Rocky Mount, and did not come on the trip. It had been an annual custom of Mr. Taylor to bring his sons to Dare County for hunting on Thanksgiving. They had hunted Friday with poor luck.

But early Saturday morning, on preparing to leave, they had come into his room, Mr. Taylor said, and told him "We are going to see TRAGEDY, Page Six

MANTEO BANK PLANS BRANCH AT BUXTON

The Bank of Manteo is planning to open a branch at Buxton, according to a notice by Ben Roberts, N. C. Commissioner of Banks, and the date for a hearing on the application has been set. Frank B. Turner of Raleigh, Vice-President of the bank said yesterday a location had been found for the Buxton unit, if authority is granted by the Banking Commission.

Mr. Turner said rumors that the present owners contemplate selling the Bank of Manteo are entirely without foundation, and no such decision has been made by the majority owners, although it was true that other banks two in particular had offered to negotiate toward buying it to make a branch bank.

WINNERS OF 4-H HONORS AND AWARDS IN DARE COUNTY SATURDAY



THIRTEEN 4-H leaders in Dare County received awards for outstanding work in their clubs, some winning district and state honors. Shown in the picture are Amistead O'Neal, James I. Gray, Cheryl Dobbs, Marvin Sparrow, Della Basnight, Charles Evans, Nancy Coles Basnight, Nancy Lynn Midgett, Linda King, Carol Hooper, Charlotte Perry, Charlie Perry and Sherry Dawn Twiddy.

UNCLE DUCK FROM DUCK WRITES: One Hundred Per Cent for Breath Control, More Action, Less Issues in This Country

Dear Mr. Editor: I have noticed this week that everybody has forgotten we had all started to the moon, and have stopped on the road together to debate whether we are going to spend some more foreign aid to induce the heathen Chinese, and the howling Hindoo to do without what they have always been doing a lot of. In fact, according to all accounts, more than our "Tobacco road folks" and the colored.

Now I can't see why we should bring up an issue like "birth control" in this country at this time and go abroad and try to get it practiced when it isn't practiced at home. Like most other things, we are long on telling other nations what to do, and paying them for their patience in listening to us, when we don't practice our preaching here at home.

Now seriously, isn't it ridiculous to be telling the Hindoo to have less babies, when the Hindoo knows we are paying colored women and other loyise sisters a bonus through the welfare every time they have a baby. We would pay for birth control in Asia, while spending the taxpayers money for producing more babies in America.

Maybe it's just another excuse for giving away more money in foreign countries, so some of our political dead beats can have the joy of being sent over there at good pay to dish it out.

What we need in this country is "breath control." Too many people believe nothing but words count. We are like the old saying of neighbors stopped on the road to palaver: "All going one way, and stopped to talk." If we tried to talk as we walked along, we would find we had to save some breath for the journey. Let's exercise some breath control, and continue like we started, that is if we want to, on our trip to the moon. Chances are when the we get there the Russians won't let us land. They'll have an iron fence up before we stop talking.

Now Mr. Editor, when I was a boy, this birth control business didn't bother people too much. The old folks had more sense, and they used it. Babies had a way of coming along, but the parents had sense enough to turn their burdens into blessings. By the time a nice family of four or five children had come along, the oldest was already working, so little difference in the cost of living was noticed because the family had extra help, and the helpers increased with the age of each succeeding child. Truly in those days, a big family of sensible parents was usually a blessing both to children and parents. The old benefitted from the work of the children, and the children were prepared for life by learning to work when they were young. In a big family they had to learn how to get along with others.

They had to learn that in unity there is strength. They knew that nothing is worth much in the long run unless it is first earned. They appreciated what they had and they didn't mind making others respect their rights. They knew the value of property, and respected the property rights of their neighbors. Nowadays we try to make water run up hill by telling people they can live forever on free lunches, when people knew better five

thousand years ago. If people would use commonsense, courage and honesty with themselves and the world, they wouldn't want to and wouldn't have to be wasting their time worrying about birth control. It has come to be accepted that words not work will get 'em by; they'd rather make malarkey than to work for money; they'd make bull and baloney the bulwark of our economy, always with a hand outstretched to get the money that some other fellow has to sweat for to turn over in taxes.

IMPROVEMENT PLANNED AT HATTERAS INLET STA.

The long-talked-of new Coast Guard Station near Hatteras Inlet looks like its shaping up. Preparations on a long range plan are being considered by the Coast Guard. The station was formerly located on the northeast end of Ocracoke Island, but due to erosion and hurricane damage it was abandoned about ten years ago. The crew was moved across the inlet and located on Hatteras Island where they have maintained quarters in the inadequate building, with some additions, formerly occupied by the Lyons-Stelwagon Gooseville Gun Club.

The Coast Guard has invited bids for the construction of a boat basin, dredging, piers, boat hoist and fuel storage facilities at the Hatteras Inlet Lifeboat Station just southwest of Hatteras.

Specifications and blue prints for this work can be obtained from the Contracting Officer, Fifth Coast Guard District, Box 540, Norfolk (1). Refer to bid invitation number 50-60.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY AT ENGELHARD IS OBSERVED

An "Achievement Day" program was held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Engelhard High School for Home Demonstration workers of the Hyde County area. A tea was scheduled following the meeting. Miss Florence Cox, District Home Agent presented the new Home Agent, Miss Nelda Howell of Onslow County. Many new officers from the various clubs attended Achievement Day for their first time as officers.

NEW HOME AGENT

Miss Nelda Howell of Swansboro, Onslow County, assumed her duties as the Home Agent of Hyde County this week. She succeeds Mrs. Jean Woodley Ballance of Engelhard who resigned effective June 1. The office has been vacant since that time. Miss Howell graduated from E.C.C. with a degree in Home Economics on November 25. Her employment here is her first. In Hyde County, Miss Howell will work with Home Demonstration Club women and Four-H girls.

HEARING ON NEW BANK TO BE HELD IN MANTEO DEC. 14

State Banking Commission to Hear Request of People's Monday Week

The request of a group of Dare County citizens to the State Banking Commission for permission to establish a new bank in Manteo, to be known as the Peoples Bank of Dare, will be heard at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, December 14. Ben R. Robert, Commissioner of Banks said this week.

The public hearing at the courthouse in Manteo will give all citizens an opportunity to be heard on this request.

Mr. Robert said a report on the Manteo hearing will be submitted to the State Banking Commission at its meeting on January 20, 1960 in Raleigh.

Attorneys who will represent the Dare County citizens at their hearing on December 14 are J. Melville Broughton Jr., of Raleigh and W. H. McCown of Manteo.

A NORFOLK FIRM BIDS \$110,866 ON BODIE ISLAND JOB

A low bid of \$110,866 was opened Tuesday for construction of a utility building and equipment storage building, Bodie Island maintenance area, and comfort station at Oregon Inlet, for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, acting Supt. Floyd B. Taylor said yesterday.

Hunt Contracting Company Norfolk, Virginia, offered to build for \$110,866. The other five bidders included Kellogg-Cuthrell, Inc., Manteo, and Johnston Builders Belhaven.

Award will be made in the near future.

Other Mission 66 projects currently under construction in the Cape Hatteras area include: four residences for park employees, Bodie Island (to be ready for occupancy by December 31), Kellogg-Cuthrell, Inc., Contractors, Manteo, \$73,493.08; Bodie Island Water System (to be completed by December 29) \$86,094.53; and Interior Painting, Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, to be completed by January 31, 1960, \$4,200.

The Bodie Island Maintenance area, upon construction, will replace garage space currently rented in Manteo and, for the first time in the history of the Park, center all activities within the area proper. A similar maintenance area was completed in the 1959 fiscal year at Buxton to serve all Park projects on Hatteras Island.

"Mmmmmmmuffed!"

"Misquoted myself," Rev. Stanley S. Snead of Kitty Hawk Methodist Charge wrote in. One of the W. S. C. S. members visited the next morning after she received her "Times." "You see that brand new cook stove, don't you?" "Yes ma'am." "You know that the W. S. C. S. is putting on that supper, don't you?" "Yes ma'am." "Well, that project is going to pay for that stove..." "YES MA'AM!"

MRS. O. MAX GARDNER WILL HEAD HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION AND PILOT THE LOST COLONY

Wife of Former Governor Chosen With Many New Directors to Lend Influence to Project; High Hopes Raised For Big Season on 20th Year of Roanoke Island Outdoor Drama in 1960; Popular Choice Made Tuesday in Raleigh.

A GREAT TYRRELL CITIZEN ACTIVE AND HALE AT 90



Mrs. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, widow of the late Governor was elected President of the Roanoke Island Historical Association in Raleigh Tuesday, and Andy Griffith, stage and screen star who played in the Lost Colony for several years was named on the Board of Directors.

J. M. Broughton, Jr., of Raleigh, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, and son of a Governor who once headed the Association was also named to the Board. The Board elected Tuesday includes several new names.

An AP report which indicated Dare people asked for more voice in running the Lost Colony is apparently exaggerated, since only brief, and almost ignored references were made to it. On the other hand, there seemed to be much interest in getting the aid of the University of North Carolina to take the production under its wing. Dare County people have already had principal sayso about the affair for several years, and the show is still in the red.

The University, with its play-makers, its drama classes, and its widespread connections, put much into the show through several of its early years, helped to get it founded and kept it going. Local people who appreciate the show will be happy to see it again under the wing of the University.

Beside those named above as directors, the following were put on the Board for two years: C. S. Meekins, Treasurer, L. L. Swain, Secretary, Archie Burrows, M. K. Fearing Jr., Victor Meekins, M. L. Daniels, Jr., all of Manteo; Mrs. Lucille Winslow of Nags Head, Vice-Chairman; Albert Gard and C. Alden Baker of Elizabeth City; Mrs. Gertrude Shepard Rosevear of Edenton; William M. Aycock, Chancellor of the University, and John Parker of Chapel Hill; Mrs. Sam N. Clark, Sr., Tarboro; John Harden, Greensboro; Mrs. Roy Homewood, Chapel Hill; George M. Ivey, Charlotte, Hugh Morton, Wilmington; Rt. Rev. Thos. H. Wright, Wilmington.

R. Bruce Etheridge, and Melvin R. Daniels of Manteo former Board members were named honorary Vice-Chairmen in recognition of their long years on the Board.

Miles Clark of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Inglis Fletcher of Edenton and Mrs. Fred Morrison of Kill Devil Hills and Washington, were continued on the Board as honorary members.

Mrs. Gardner's choice as chairman is considered of great advantage to the Association whose only project at this time is sponsorship of the Lost Colony. It is fortunate that she has lent her prestige to the show. She is a close friend of the Fred Morrison family, and Mrs. Morrison, as secretary of the nominating committee, had personally spent much time and money in her work with the committee, to find a Board of Directors willing to serve and to put effort into the job. Other members of the nominating committee were Miles Clark, Chairman, Martin Kellogg, Jr., Mrs. Fletcher and Melvin Daniels. The committee had kept their nominations secret and had not nominated any of themselves.

Mrs. Gardner said she wished a little time in which to make up a list of committees for appointment to take up some of the hard work, preparatory to launching next season's show. She said she would come to Dare County soon to hold a meeting of Directors living in the area. It is planned to have frequent Board meetings, instead of the annual meeting.

Dr. Robert Lee Humber of Greenville, the retiring president, accepted the suggestion that debate and ideas about how to run the show and so forth be deferred until the new Board could meet and hear them. Thereby, what might have precipitated a lot of debate and argument was circumvented.

The question of electing a new manager was left open, since it is possible, if the University finds a way to assist in production, it may not be necessary to employ others for this work. R. E. Jordan of the past seven years the manager, resigned. His resignation to enter a new business was accepted with regret by the association directors.

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MRS. LULA A. COHOON, a prominent Tyrrell County woman was honored on her 90th birthday at an "Open House," November 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Carawan. About fifty friends and relatives called bringing remembrances and greetings. Five of the friends who called, trail Mrs. Cohoon by only a few years: Mrs. Hattie M. Newberry, Mrs. Pauline Armstrong, Mrs. Sally Schlez, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Seaton Swain.

A two-tiered birthday cake, decorated in white, green and gold was presented to the honoree by Mrs. W. A. Howett. With it, punch, nuts and mints were served by Mrs. T. W. Armstrong and Mrs. F. E. Cohoon. The colors of the cake set the scheme for decorations in the home.

Mrs. Cohoon is the widow of a former Sheriff and Representative of Tyrrell County, Fred L. W. Cohoon. In age, she is the oldest member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Columbia, and served as its treasurer, when the present structure was erected, and is the oldest member of the Legion Auxiliary of Scuppernon Post No. 182.

Her five children are: B. Ray Cohoon, U. S. Marshall of Raleigh, Floyd E. Cohoon, local representative of the Standard Oil Co., Mrs. T. W. Armstrong, Mrs. W. S. Carawan and Mrs. Caswell Woodley; five grandchildren: Mrs. W. B. Brown, Goldsboro; Fred Armstrong, Fred Cohoon and Floyd E. Cohoon, Jr., all of Raleigh; Mrs. R. T. Brinn of Warwick, R. I. and eleven great-grandchildren.

ROANOKE ISLANDERS REGRET THE TURNERS WILL LEAVE

There is widespread regret locally that the family of Rev. Robert W. Turner, Episcopal minister, is to leave Roanoke Island at the end of February next. Mr. Turner has become a valued citizen during the three years he has been minister of St. Andrews by the Sea, Episcopal church at Nags Head.

Mr. Turner is leaving to take advantage of an opportunity for service and study in Birmingham, England with Canon Bryce Green. Canon Green occupies a position at high Birmingham Cathedral.

The Turners have four children, the youngest having been born shortly after coming to Manteo. Mr. Turner is a native of Nashville, Tenn. He was ordained in 1943 and has served religious charges in N. C., Tennessee and Panama. He graduated from the University of the South at Seawance, Tenn.

15TH ANNUAL MEETING OF WOODSTOCK REA FRIDAY

The members of Woodstock Electric Membership Corporation will hold their fifteenth annual meeting in Pantego on Friday, December 4, 1959, at 7:30 p.m. Woodstock is a cooperative with the motto "owned by those we serve." Each year the members gather to conduct the business of their cooperative, elect directors, and enjoy some entertainment together. Woodstock's 2,500 members are served in portions of Beaufort, Hyde and Washington Counties.