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MARCHANT MEEKINS MINIMUM FERRY Barely Sixty Years Ago Since Windmills SERVICE APPROVED 84, DIES MONDAY FOR OCRACOKE AFTER LONG ILLNESS Highway Commission to Work Roanoke Island Citizen, Retired Out Details To Restore Route Surfman and Lover of Antiques The Bread Supply of the Outer Banks Depended on These Mills Which Ground Meal and Hominy for the Family Table.

near Manteo.

To Mainland

After Governor Hodges had allocated \$1,075,000 for Highway popular and highly regarded re-Purposes in the state, the State tired Coast Guardsman and citi-Highway Commission Wednesday zen of Roanoke Island, died Monrescinded its position as to rees- day morning in the Public Health tablishing ferry service between Ocracoke Island and the mainland, illness of five years. He had been and named a committee to work taken to the hospital the week beout plans for resuming the service fore, having had several sieges established by the Taylor Broth- of illness in the hospital. During ers, which was abandoned in Sep-tember. It is stated that tolls will will be charged. It has not been announced if the Taylor Brothers boat will be bought with the \$375,000 allocated by the Governor, or new boats will be acquired for the route.

Plans may mean establishing a new terminal at Cedar Island in Emily Marchant Meekins. He never Carteret County. In approving es- married, but gave his early years departed from a policy effective since Governor Broughton remov-ed talls from forming the nome for his ed tolls from ferries, and which has been of great value in developing the N. C. coast. There will be much opposition to putting lately kept, and it was visited by tolls back in any part of the many tourists who marvelled at tolls back in any part of the state, and many will wonder why some part of North Carolina will be thus penalized while the rest of the state is not discriminated, which had been handed down in against in this manner. It is con- the family. sidered a backward step in North

Carolina, and may be expected to be very detrimental to the eco-nomic interests of the Coastland, a lifelong resident of the commuand might open the way to tolls nity and was a charitable man, on all other ferries.

The Commission will decide on last days, he retained a remarkthese questions at their meeting ably clear memory, and was noted late in January, after Highway for his knowledge of local history. Director Bill Babcock and Engi- Out of his recollections he enterneer Cam Lee have made their report.

It was brought out at Wedneshim. day's meeting, that inasmuch as Ocracoke has highway connection Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the chapby ferry to the northward, it will be the intent of the Commission to provide only the minimum ad-the Baptist Church, and burial ditional service that may be necessary for the southward route. Island.

SCOUT RECOGNITION FOR HYDE MAN IN BILOXI, MISS.

Airman second-class Pratt Williamson, Jr. of Swan Quarter was presented a ten-year veteran's award by the Boy Scouts of America on December 13th at the annual Scouter's recognition banquet of the Biloxi District of the Boy Scouts in Biloxi, Miss. The

Surfman and Lover of Antiques Succumbs in Norfolk Hospital

Johnston Marchant Meekins Editor's Note: Within the memory of many living people are the old windmills which flourished throughout this coastland. They existed in all counties. In Hyde they were widely used for there was an abundance of grain to grind into meal, hominy or chicken feed. Some of them operated on Roanoke Island. Nowhere were they more important than on Hotteras Banks where fishermen went across the sound and traded salt fish for corn, and must have a place to carry it to be ground. Some five years ago, the following article about old wind-mills on the Outer Banks by Mr. MacNeill was printed in the News and Observer: the past five years he had lived mostly in a wheel chair, and was cared for by a niece, Mrs. By BEN DIXON MacNEILL

Brown Etheridge in her home story continue and the hearer of

them, seventy-odd years after the event, is so enabled to exercise a He was born in the family home on Roanoke Island near Fort Raleigh, April 6, 1876, the son of the late Daniel W. and certain choice as to whether it was Bateman Miller. while reafing the sails on his windmill in Kinnakeet began to rotate rapidly when his son, Jones Miller, thinking that his father had finished with shorten-

sons and the only survivor of six ing sail, released the brake and children in the family. He is surcontinued merrily with the milling. vived by five nieces and eight nephews. His home was immacu-Some inheritors of this item of Outer Banks folklore hold that it was Mr. Miller who loosed the brake before his son, Jones Miller, had finished with reefing the his good house-keeping, his fine garden and his collection of anwindmill's sail and so began to rotate in the freshening breeze and the creaking of the mill's tique silver, china and furniture, ponderous gears completely neu-tralized his anguished howling. But

He was a member of Roanoke the mill ran unevenly and was presently stopped. whereupon whichever one of the Millers it was, descended to the earth unharmed. a helpful neighbor and a loyal In Great Hurricane.

supporter of his church. Until his Either way the Millers, father and son, continued to grind corn perhaps two centuries had done, tained numerous visitors who called at the home to chat with

per hour. The mill might have ben el of the Twiford Funeral Home rebuilt but the era of the internal combustion engine had come and, despite the opinion of Capt Banwas in the family plot on Roanoke nister Midgett who had installed

unsanctified device had come to stay. IN AUTO AT WANCHESE

There were at least ten of these ponderous machines on Hatteras Island. These I have discovered records of and there are as yet not wholly verified accounts of two others. There were others on Ocra-

on Roanoke Island and on the tip and I had gone for a day's outday. George Davis Toler who rid- touches North and Documents ing. North and

essential difference was simple: The Germans turned the entire house around to face the sail into the wind and the Dutch merely turned the roof and for this they had a device not unlike the tail rotor of a modern helicopter. The Dutch windmill automatically turned into the wind and the German; had to get down and swing the entire structure, which turned upon a massive wheel set at the end of

BUXTON .- Two tellings of the a strut. Many Sources.

Why the German type windmill was adapted to the villages of the Outer Banks no man can now say. There is a lot that no man can say, with any definiteness, about the development of these early power plants. Nobody has been able to set forth any generally acceptable theory as to where the mill stones came from. There is just no record that I have been able to discover and geologists who have examined specimens of the stones say they came from many sources. Some of them are definitely European, some of New England, some from those curious stone quarries n Craven and Onslow counties where the formation in its natural state can be cut with an ordinary knife and. after exposure to the air, it hardens to a flinty fixity. From my very earliest recollec-tion the grist mill has been a domi-

nant interest. This was the first powered thing that I ever saw and when I came to this Island first, and wheat, as their forbears for now 30 years ago, I brought with me a sort of conditioned wonder until the end of the windmill in North Carolina came with the ing done. Since I began residence Great Hurricane. of 1899 which here I have continued in wonder blew three days and three nights about and have from time to time, with peak winds reaching 155 miles made tentative inquiries of an oblique sort. . . . I had long since learned that direct inquiry serves no sensible purpose anywhere. Windmills, yes, there used to be

nister Midgett who had installed one of the things in a skiff, the remembered very much about them But in this region you learn pati-

But it never had occurred to me that I would owe so profound a Great Smoky Mountains National debt to the late Dr. Collier Cobb, Park." or that I might begin to know him anew on a somewhat casual visit coke, probably two, at least one to the Mariner's Museum in Newon Harker's Island, at least three port News, where Dudley Bagley

DEFEBIO DIES BY HATTERAS WOMAN KILLED IN NORFOLK **OWN HAND IN EAST** TENNESSEE PARK BY TRUCK THURS.

pulsory School Laws in Dare Died with \$2,000 in Cash in Pockets

The bearded Frank Joseph Dethe Dare County jail for refusing to send his children to school was found dead Sunday in a national park in East Tennessee. He came Coast Guard Station of Paul Gam- vere head injuries. iels Hills, north of Kitty Hawk. Aided and advised by his wife. Theo DeFabio and some local con-

genital trouble-makers and obvitempted to make their own laws for Dare County, and caused much year-old daughter was injured. trouble and expense in that the county supported his four children for some months due to court orders because he wouldn't properly jail he attemtped or simulated attempts to commit suicide by slashing himself with razor blades. Mrs. DeFebio was a Washington, D. C. taxicab driver and was oftand brought suits against several Knowles, who was uninjured. local people for a total of \$200,000

ily was being persecuted here. Until recently he had been liv- card. where he worked at odd jobs and

The body was found in East Federal officials considered he died teras.

a news dispatch from Maryville, Tenn. which said: "The FBI Monday was called to check the death ence and you get to know that, sometime, the thing will appear. officers said apparently shot him-ney of San Diego, Calif., and an self Christmas Day after driving uncle, Bradford O'Neal of Avon. his jeep into Little River in the

The victim was Frank Joseph jurisdiction on Federal property.

believed to have been an accident victim, but a doctor at Blount Me-

Struck Also

Police said Mrs. Willis was a

teras. Neither Willis nor their 4-A 1955 dump truck, loaded with truck on the right door and fender, throwing Mrs. Willis to the lice car headed north on the Southeast corner of the intersection.

Patrolman R. D. Sawyer, driver of the patrol car, suffered an inen seen in the county, she would jury to his elbow. With him in write long letters to newspapers the car was Patrolman W. R. Dock Belin, 34, of the 1200 alleged damages, all of which block of Republic Avenue, driver tended to many new areas in the were thrown out of court. Some of the dump truck, was charged Dare County Coast; and several radical newspaper reports in the with manslaughter, reckless driv- improvements to power lines have

permit and no state registration ing in the Southern Shores area Investigating the accident were

Lt. R. E. Kowalsky, Sgt. L. E. apparently had saved his money during a long period of time. Sev- and Fred Henley and Patrolman She is the daughter of Mrs. late Arthur Tucker. She was a

Tennessee in a section of the Great teras. She was a member of Pen-Smoky Mountains National Park. tecostal Holiness Church in Hat-In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by three

daughters, Margaret Baum Willis and Eunice Mae Willis of Hatterof a Kitty Hawk, N. C., man who as and Mrs. Tinie Louise McKin- more.

GOLDEN WEDDING FOR

MR. AND MRS. ETHERIDGE

Manteo Couple Honored With Ope House Given by Their Children and Grandchildren

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. (Ned) Ethbullet wound hidden in his head eridge were honored Friday eve- plated for 1961. Privately ning, December 23, with an Open auto ferry service between Ocra-House celebrating their 50th wed- coke and Carteret County was beding anniversary. The party was gun during the year, interrupted At Gatlinburg, Chief Ranger ding anniversary. The party was gun during the year, interrupted Bill Watson said DeFebio had left given by their children and grand- by Hurricane Donna, and is to be children, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Webb of Pensacola, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Etheridge of Manteo, to a decision made this week. Miss Beckie Moulson of Norfolk Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Danny

MANY GAINS NOTED DURING YEAR 1960 IN THE COASTLAND Man Involved in Violation of Com-pulsory School Laws in Dare Mrs. Marion Willis, 39, Victim of Reckless Driver; Police Car Great Economic Advantage;

Others Contemplated

The year 1960 has brought many morning in a two-truck collision cant being the construction of the at Church Street and Brambleton Avenue in Norfolk. Mrs. Marion Willis of Hatteras was dead on arrival at Norfolk General Hospital 8:43 a.m. of sebeen given the Billy Mitchell Airport at Frisco, the Highway put on the Federal system, improved and widened, and numerous local lis, Jr., 42. The truck is owned roads have been surfaced in the vicinity.

The National Park Service has completed the visitor center at oyster shells, struck the Willis the Wright Aviation Memorial at Kill Devil Hills, and many other accommodations for visitors in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Large additions have been made to the Sea Oatel, the Sea Foam Motel, the Ocean House and the Sea Spray cottages at Nags Head, construction is underway on two new motels in the same area. Enlargements have been made to motels on Hatteras and Ocracoke Island. Three fishing piers have been built on the Dare Coast.

Telephone service has been ex-

A new draw span was completed on the Wright Memorial Bridge across Currituck Sound.

New motels and cafes have been completed in Hyde County. Notably by Axson Smith and Gene Ballance at Fairfield.

A deep water harbor, and channel to the ocean via Oregon Innative of Avon and lived at Hat- let has been completed at Wanchese, whereby fleets of trawlers may find safe harbor in these waters for the first time in history.

In Dare County, many new homes have been completed, some of them costing \$30,000 and even

The Lost Colony, Roanoke Is-land's most valuable tourist attraction ran in the black this year for the first time in many years, but sustained heavy losses during hurricane Donna.

Construction has been started on a new modern post office at Kitty Hawk. A new post office building for Manteo is in prospect. Many new projects are contem-

at Kitty Hawk beach, with the Rhody Tucker of Avon, and the

norial Hospital found a .22 cal.

North left the impression the fam- and having no state operator's been made.

eral months ago he had consider- E. A. Caminati. ed buying a mercantile business

money he had saved.

by his own hands, according to

DeFebio, about 45. The FBI has Officers said the man was first

A 39-year-old North Carolina woman became Norfolk's 17th great projects to the North Caro-Febio who twice served time in traffic fatality of 1960 Thursday lina coastland, the most signifi-

to Dare County some 12 years was dead on arrival at Norfolk ago, and began life in the old General Hospital 8:43 a.m. of se-

passenger in a 1950 panel truck driven by her husband, Tine Wilous fellow travellers, they at- by Newsome Seafood Co. of Hat-

support and send his children to street. The dump truck ran over school. He was a most unhappy the victim, continued across Church man, and once or twice while in Street and rammed a stopped po-

cluded membership as a Scout in ing with him was injured and Troop 213 at Swan Quarter, serv- taken to Elizabeth City hospital, ice as Assistant Scoutmaster of the Swan Quarter Troop and as after treatment of minor injuries. Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 244 at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

A former member of the staff of Coastland Newspapers in Man- the death of Ronald Payne the teo. Airman Williamson is now an instructor in Data Processing Church. (computers) at Keesler. Since the chartering of Troop 244, the

base's second Boy Scout Troop, in March 1959, he has served as its Assistant Scoutmaster. During that time, the troop has grown from a membership of 13 boys to more than 50 active members, with an Explorer Post being formed to serve boys over 14 years of age. At an awards ceremony on December 14th, Eagle Scout rank was presented to two Scouts in the troop by Major General John S. Hardy, the base commander, in the first such ceremony ever

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Wil- Cudworth cemetery. liamson, in Swan Quarter.

MANTEO BAPTIST CHURCH **OBSERVANCES SCHEDULED**

January 1, 1961.

At the eleven o'clock hour Frankie White a student at East pall made of yellow mums and Carolina College will be in charge fern. and bring the morning message. He will be using other students home for the holidays from different colleges as well as several of the students of the Manteo High School.

At the evening hour which is seven thirty, Frank Cahoon will be in charge. He will lead the singing with Roy King reading the scripture and R. L. (Trell)

but was released the same day The car left the road, and went into the woods on the left hand of weathered mill-stones. side a distance of 70 to 80 yards.

The mishap occurred within a few hundred yards of scene of week before, near the Methodist

STANLEY TILLETT KILLED

Third Death in Family In Few Weeks;

George Davis Toler Injured Friday

Morning

Stanley Tillett 34 of Wanchese

died suddenly in the automobile

Tillett, who was a merchant seaman, had recently come home to attend the funeral of his uncle. Sigsbee Tillett. Several weeks ago, his father, Dallas Tillett died. Lords Proprietors. On November He was the son of the late Dallas 23. 1715. meeting at the house of L. and Mary Daniels Tillett, and was born at Wanchese August 28, 1926. He was a member of the Bethany Methodist Church. He is survived by his step courage Windmills." mother, Mrs. Rena Baum Tillett.

Still on Books.

The funeral service was conducted at Bethany Methodist Church Christmas Day aat 2:30

Funeral services were conducted lish his industry and that the land Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock be paid for out of public money, in the Wanchee Methodist Church by the Rev. J. M. Carroll, pastor, assisted by the Rev. C. W. Guthrie, retired Methodist minister.

A solo, "Crossing The Bar," was sung by Miss Mary Jolliff. Student's Day and Layman's A solo, "Crossing The Bar," Night will be observed at the Manteo Baptist Church on Sunday, Mrs. Rennie Williamson accompanied at the organ.

The casket was covered with a

Active pallbearers were Melvin Daniels, Jr., Willis Tillett, Larry Tillett, Gilbert Tillett, Rondall Tillett and Dan Parker. Burial followed in Cudworth

Cemetery.

RURITAN CLUB

The Ruritan Club of Sladesville

rivers there were at least five. These add up to 22 windmills in the tidal reaches of the Sound country and no trace of them remains except here and there, a pair

Massive things they were, these windmills, with a sail diameter of 40 feet and more and they began to dot the landscape long before there was a North Carolina, They were, indeed, the subject of legislation of general protent passed by the Governor and Council not long after Charles Eden came as governor of the province under the

Capt. Richard Sanderson on the south bank of Little River in Perquimans County these worthy statesmen passed "An Act to En-

He began what a latter generation would denounce as creep-socialism in America. It was stated that acre of land upon which to estab-

provided the mill was put into operation within two years from the time application was filed. The same act fixed the tolls that a miller might charge for his serv-

ices and the law continues on the statute books until this day-one eighth of the grain ground. Present and subscribing their names to the law were Charles

Eden, governor; N. Chevin, C. Gale, Frank Foster, Tobias Knight

and Edward Moseley. And so windmills for the grind-

There Was Picture. Cacually enough John Lockhead,

the librarian there, got out some of 'he Collier Cobb pictures, made from negatives done on visits to the Outer Banks beginning back

in the late 1880s. And there was the windmill picture, which appears herewith. Lockhead gave me a print of it, or rather we traded for one. He has added to an already magnificent collection some School.

stuff of my own done in this country during the past 35 years. Dr. Cobb had, insofar as I have been able to discover, taken the only picture in existence of a North Carolina windmill.

And with that picture I went very casually about the Island. In every village, when anybody of the age of 70 or above saw the picture

he began to remember the windmills in this village or that.

Up in Avon a good dozen old-timers recognized the picture as the Bateman Miller mill. Some were of the opinion that it might held on the base. Airman Williamson is now home for a holiday leave visiting his former pastor. Burial was in and wheat would be given a half in Buxton, Kit Midgett's, when he came down from the attic with Garfield's preserved horns - Garfield was a fabulous ox current in Capt. Midgett's boyhood - he was sure that it must be one of the two windmills that were in this village. Rocky Rollinson was sure that it was the mill down in Frisco-"or one just like it."

And so the story-the storiesbegan to come tumbling out of their long hiding, their forgottenness. There was this one about See WINDMILLS, Page Four

by hair. A rifle was found at the

scene of the jeep accident. an unaddressed note which said: "There is about \$2,000 in my pocket. Please send it to Theo De-Febio, Kitty Hawk. Bury me any-where." Theo. DeFebio, his son is an honor student in Manteo High

The chief ranger said witnesses who had seen the jeep accident asked DeFebio if he needed any help. They said he replied, "No." He was found later lying on his jeep. Some \$1954 was found in his pockets. Watson said DeFebio was unshaven and badly in need of a haircut.

He said the only contact De-Saturday night when he was found sleeping in his jeep at Indian Gap near the highest point in the peak on the Tennessee side. A ranger checking parked vehicles as a precaution against carbon monoxide deaths and freezing, said De-Febio then appeared in "good spirits."

Rangers said they had reports that DeFebio may have been a conscientious objector during World War II and was possibly familiar with the park if he served in a park camp for conscientious objectors.

It was unknown where DeFebic got his rifle or jeep. See DEFEBIO, Page Four

A NEW YEAR'S WORKSHIP SERVICE AT SWAN QUARTER

ing of corn and wheat began to appear. There is no knowing which of them was the first, or where it may have been, but it is now generally agreed by those who can remember them that the mills built in eastern that the mills built in eastern that the following were present: North Carolina, below the fall line where it was possible to turn a mill-stone with water power, were of the German type as opposed to ort: Wr and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Carey Quarles, Mr. and Mrs. Etal Mrs. Leo Midgett, Mrs. Etal Mrs. John Wescott; Mr. and Mrs. John Wescott; Mr. and Mrs. John Wescott; Mr. and Mrs. John Wescott, in Manteo. A something that has never been done before in the church, or in Migett, Mrs. Roy Wescott, Mrs. F. F.

Moulson of Norfolk. Greeting guests at the door was Mrs. Edwin Midgett. In the re-

ceiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Etheridge, the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Etheridge.

In the dining room the table was laid with a lace cloth, with a golden center arrangement and golden candles. A gold and white three-tiered cake, topped with miniature bride and bridegroom

by Mrs. Wayland Baum. Also as- held by the sheriff's office for sisting in serving were Mrs. J. B. Peterson, Mrs. Edward Wescott Twine said.

and Mrs. Seldon Midgett. Miss Beckie Mouson and Miss Linda Webb were in charge of the gift room. Mrs. J. M. Williams presided at the guest book. Mr. and Mrs. Etheridge wer married in Manteo, Mrs. Etheridge being the former Alvania

O'Neal. Among guests attending the Golden Wedding in addition to those previosuy mentioned, were Charles Edward Webb and Kevin Etheridge Webb of Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. Lizzie Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Meekins, Mrs. Frank Sikora, Miss Elaine Brickhouse, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams, Mr.

SHOOTS BROTHER IN BELLY IN A ROW OVER A WOMAN

MANTEO (AP) - A quarrel Monday night between brothers in a South Manteo home ended in the fatal shotgun shooting of a Roanoke Island negro man.

George Govan was taken to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City with a gunhot wound in the stomach. His condition was listed

questioning, Deputy Sheriff D. F.

A neighbor, Earlene Gibbs Dan-iels, also told the sheriff's office that the Govans came to her house on a visit and started fighting around 7 p.m. She ordered them to leave, she said. Both men are reported to have been suitors of the woman, a cook in a Manteo cafe.

The brothers, who were said to have been drinking, went outside and continued fighting.

Edgar Govan went into the house and grabbed a 12-gauge house and grabbed a 12-gauge single-barrel shotgun, returned to the side of the house where his brother was, and fired. He was 12 feet way when he pulled the trig-

the scripture and R. L. (Trell) Payne bringing the evening mes-sage. Melvin Jackson will lead the ings will pronounce the benedic-tion. The pastor, Rev. M. J. Davis, Allen Credie of the program com-church in extending a cordial invi-tation to the public to attend these special services. The ladies. North Carolina, below the fail line and the following were present: Mar. John Wescott; Mr. and Mrs. Something that has never been done before in the church, or in Hildsett, Mrs. Leo Midgette, Mr. Something that has never been done before in the church, or in Hasty, Mrs. Elmer R. Midgette, Mr. Something that has never been done before in the church, or in Hildsett, Mrs. Leo Midgette, Mr. Something that has never been done before in the church, or in Hyde County as far as he is affinite and children, Miss Janet Wescott; The subject for the service is sollows: "Thank You Lord." The subject s attend these and then opened the presents for the ladies. Net and several others. See WEDDING, Page Fear Noble of Belhaven.