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## TUGBOAT, CAPTAIN COME TO TRAGIC END IN STORM

G. Dowdy, Former Police Chief  
of Manteo Lost; Compan-  
ion Saved

A tragic end came last Wednesday for T. Granberry Dowdy, 50, of Manteo, and the tug boat Fisher, of which he was master, when a storm struck it in Albemarle Sound. The tugboat, towing two barges overturned after coming out of North River. Dowdy escaped in a life ring, but an intensive search failed to find him. His companion on the tug, John M. Creef of Manns Harbor, 49, floated ashore on a balsawood life-raft, and was rescued Thursday morning. He had reached shore exhausted, and finally taken refuge in a deserted fishing camp in Camden County.

The 65-foot boat had left Norfolk, towing an oil barge for M. L. Daniels Oil Co. the owner of Manteo, and also a barge load of gravel for T. A. Loving Co., builders of the Lindsay Warren Bridge over Alligator River. The tug was headed across Albemarle Sound to Fort Landing where bridge material is being fabricated.

Creef was spotted on the shore, waving, Thursday morning, and rescued by a Coast Guard helicopter. He was back home Friday, not too seriously the worse off. He said the storm came up quickly, and blew the barges downwind so forcefully, that they pulled the tugboat underwater and capized it. He said he saw Capt. Dowdy jump over board in a life ring, while he got on the life-raft, and drifted ashore, after being in the water from 3 p.m. Wednesday to 5 a.m. Thursday. He managed to get into the old shack where he built a fire and dried himself out.

Chief Dowdy had served several years as both Chief of Police, and Deputy Sheriff in Manteo. He was highly regarded, and was a capable boatman. He had worked for many years in the shrimp industry on the southern coast. He was born at Harbinger in Currituck County, the son of the late Thos. Granberry and Mary Matilda Daniels Dowdy. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bernice M. Dowdy, three daughters, Mrs. Ernest Etheridge of Portsmouth, Va., Miss Anne Dowdy of Boston, Mass., and a small daughter Mary Claire of the home, and by two brothers, Lindsay Dowdy of Harbinger, and Elmer Dowdy of Hillsboro.

The boat was spotted this week sunk in 17 feet of water some three miles southwest of North River Bar, on the course to Alligator River where the gravel was destined.

## NEW FISHING FILM TO BE SHOWN IN DARE

North Carolina's newest publicity film on sportfishing will be shown at Hatteras and Manteo during the current week end. It was announced this week in Washington by Hal Wilson, secretary, North Carolina Salt Water Fishing Association.

Wilson, accompanied by Association President Bob Halstead, will show the film in the Community Building at Hatteras at 8 o'clock Saturday night. There will be no admission charge and all persons interested in fishing from "Currituck to Calabash" (title of the film) are invited to attend. Donald Oden, an official of Dare County Tourist Bureau, has helped make the local arrangements for showing the film in Hatteras.

Members of the Oregon Inlet Guides Association and H. A. Creef of Oregon Inlet Fishing Center have cooperated in making arrangements for showing the film in Manteo at the Community Building on Sunday night at 8 o'clock. While the public is invited, the guides and professional fishermen in particular are urged to attend the meeting and showing of the film, which last about 15 minutes.

## ENLARGED SEAFARE OPENS SATURDAY AT NAGS HEAD

The Seafare Dinner House, operated for two seasons by the Dewey Hayman family, reopens Saturday evening with greatly enlarged facilities, allowing seating up to 125 persons. The new building is arranged with private dining rooms, providing space for luncheon meetings, etc.

Carpeted floors, piped-in music and other features are prominent in the structure, as well as all new furniture and equipment. The restaurant will continue to feature seafoods and steaks.

Ward Daniels of Nags Head was general contractor in charge of the addition.

## T. G. DOWDY, FORMER POLICEMAN, LOST A WEEK



THOS. GRANBERRY DOWDY, Jr., for many years Police Chief in Manteo, and Captain of the Tugboat Fisher which rolled over in Albemarle Sound a week ago Wednesday. There has been no report of the discovery of his body. His companion on the boat, John M. Creef of Manns Harbor, floated ashore on a life raft, was rescued by a Coast Guard helicopter, and has recovered from the ordeal of spending about 18 hours in the chilly waters of the sound.

## BRIGGS IN PHILIPPINES ON WARNER BROS. MOVIE

Charlie Briggs, who has risen to fame in movies and television, is now in the Philippines, working on a Warner Bros. movie, and is looking forward to a return to the states. He writes friends it is a miserable hot dry climate, and he longs to get back to Kill Devil Hills where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Briggs live.

## COLLEGE AND H. S. BOYS HEARD ON BURNING CHARGES

Three Elizabeth City Youths  
Charged With Crimes in Cur-  
rituck and Dare Counties

Three youths, from Camden County and Elizabeth City were apprehended by a State Highway Patrolman and Dare County officers Saturday, and held for setting fire to two abandoned houses in Currituck County, and one at Nags Head. Glenn Brantley Collins, 18, of Elizabeth City, a student at N. C. State College; J. Winton Sawyer, Jr., 17, an Elizabeth City High School student, and James Bradford Staples of South Mills, a Camden High School student were halted while driving on Nags Head beach road in a 1955 Chevrolet, and admitted they were merely having fun. They were held for Records court hearing in bonds of \$500 each.

Tuesday, they appeared before Judge Baum in Dare Records Court. Charged with unlawfully, and wilfully and maliciously damaging the above property of Florence Epstein of Nags Head, the trio were found guilty and each paid fines and costs totaling \$108.70. Amount of fines and cost paid in Currituck, if they have been tried to date on similar charges was not known as we go to press.

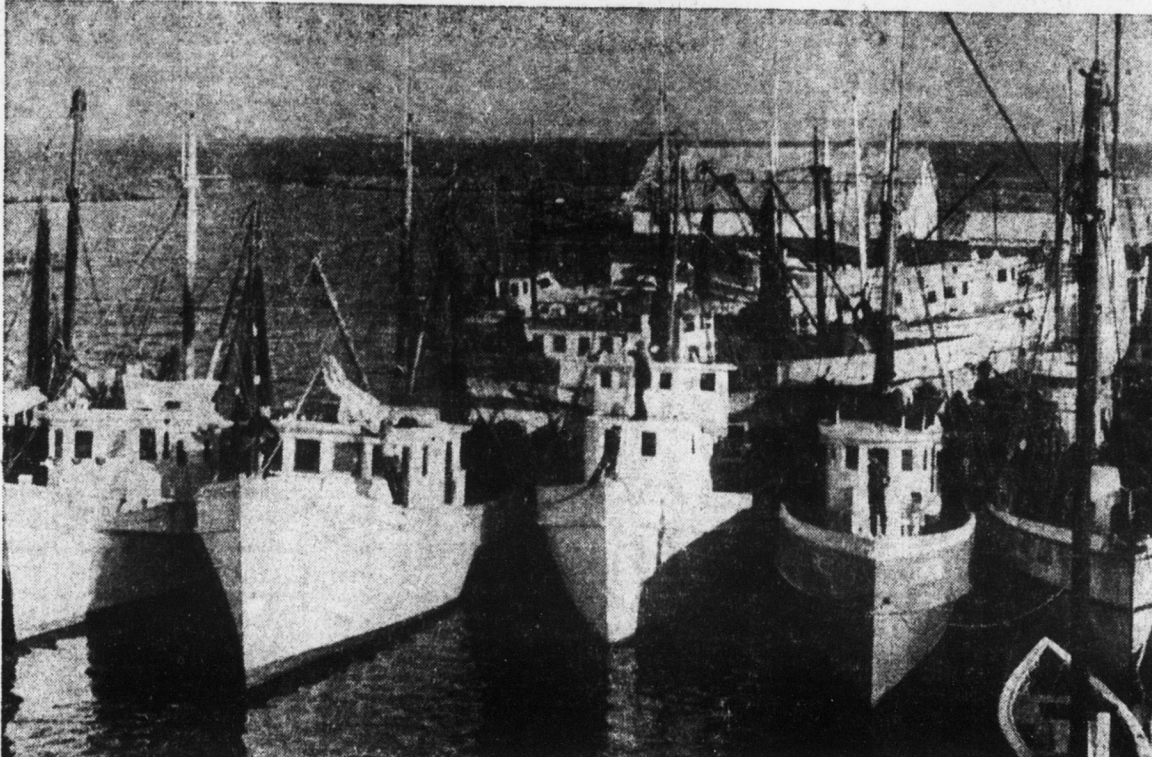
The building burned at Nags Head was formerly the home of Baxter Gray when he was stationed with the Coast Guard. The Currituck houses belonged to Orville Woodhouse and Howard Forbes.

Other cases tried and disposed of by Judge Baum on Tuesday this week follows:

Earl T. Miller, Avon, guilty of drunken driving, was fined \$100 and costs.

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## TRAWLERS SEEK REFUGE IN WANCHESE HARBOR DURING APRIL GALE



FOLLOWING one of the worst April gales to sweep up the coast in several years, this multi-million dollar trawler fleet was photographed in Wanchese Harbor on Roanoke Island last week while seeking refuge from rough weather offshore. Vessels in the fleet were mostly from Virginia and central coast ports of North Carolina. The gale with wind gusts estimated at hurricane force played havoc with navigational interests generally and there were reports of several vessels being in trouble including a tug and tow for the new Alligator River Bridge construction job, and also a yacht in the same area. The County of Dare is pledged to build a public dock at this place, on land bought with contributions made by public spirited citizens, but the county officials have failed to carry out the pledge. As may be seen in the picture, the congested arrangement whereby boats tie up as deep as six abreast, practically blocks the harbor, and confiscates the small, privately owned docks.—Ayecock Brown photo.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

Temperatures will be near normal with afternoon highs averaging around 68 and morning lows 55. Fair weather Friday, scattered rain showers Saturday, clearing Sunday.

## TO REPRESENT BELHAVEN AT GIRL'S STATE



THOMASINE SMITHWICK of the rising senior class of the John A. Wilkinson High School in Belhaven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Smithwick of Route 1, Belhaven, and CAROLYN FAYE OSBORNE of the rising senior class of Pantego High School, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Osborne of Pantego, will represent Unit No. 249 of the American Legion Auxiliary of Belhaven at the Twenty-Second Annual Tar Heel Girls' State to be held at Womans' College in Greensboro, June 11-June 17.

The Belhaven unit is proud to have two such outstanding girls to represent it. Both girls have strong records in their respective schools and they are expected to profit much from this adventure.

## WANCHESE WOMEN OVER 80 GREATLY OUTNUMBER MEN

A recent list we published of men over 80 living in Wanchese, brought forth the news that the community has numerous women over 80 years old who greatly outnumber the men. These good citizens include Mrs. Mattie Melson, Mrs. Lettie Tillett, Mrs. Eleazar Tillett, Mrs. Lillie Daniels, Miss Elrado Daniels, Mrs. Gertie Simpson, Mrs. Martha Etheridge, and Mrs. Mollie Baum. We are informed that there are 50 women residents past 60 years of age. All of which indicates Wanchese is a healthy place to live.

Men over 80 include Bob Green, Brinkley Gray, Buck Saunders and Bart Garrison.

## DARE DEMOCRATS MAKE GOOD SHOWING IN RALEIGH

The best showing made yet in efforts to raise funds for the Jefferson-Jackson fund raising dinner in Raleigh was made last week, when the county's quota was promptly met, largely through the efforts of Walter Perry of Kill Devil Hills, who personally went through the county soliciting the money. Tickets sold at \$50 each, and the statewide contribution was about \$70,000. Dare County's quota was \$250, and in addition, a note in bank and other bills were paid, making the total sum raised about \$700. The YDC reported they had raised \$200 which was used in buying tickets for four members of the group, and no contribution was made to the Democratic party organization, in fact some of its members discouraged donations to the older party organization, and received some contributions intended for the senior group.

## VANDALISM BY YOUTHS EXASPERATING MANTEO

The recent activities of a small group of little boys in Manteo have proven exasperating to many citizens, and while they are generally known in the community, they have baffled the local law enforcement officers to catch up with them. On the week end, they did considerable wreckage in the primary school. On Tuesday this week a fire was set in the Davis Boatbuilding plant, which called out the fire department and took the time of the volunteer firemen, who work for only thanks, and few of them they get for their sacrifice. Vandalism of school buildings in Dare County runs into hundreds of dollars a year and a great loss to the taxpayers. The guilty escape out of misguided sympathy for the youthful offenders and their parents who have failed to bring them up in proper respect for the rights of others.

## ANYONE HEARD OF 104 POUND STRIPER?

Newt Elbertson of Point Pleasant, N. J., read in Nelson Benedict's fishing column early this week that a 104 pound striped bass had been caught in Pamlico Sound. Neither the name of the man who may have caught the fish, nor the locality, was mentioned in the story.

Elbertson, operator of a hardware store in Point Pleasant, called Dare County Tourist Bureau to determine if anyone in this section had heard about the big fish. No one had. Elbertson has a 75 pound striped mounted and on display in his store. It was caught in a net at Hatteras a few years ago.

The 104 pounder, if actually taken, would, it is believed, be a runner-up to the all time record striped bass or rockfish, a 125 pound specimen netted near Edenton late in the 19th century.

## PLANS MATURING AS PIRATES' JAMBOREE TIME DRAWS NEAR

Buccaneer Royalty To Be Chosen  
This Week End On  
Nags Head

New royalty of the Dare Coast Pirate Jamboree will be selected on Nags Head this week end, as the final events taking place before the vacation launching fiesta on April 28-29 are presented the week end following.

On Friday night, April 21, in Nags Head Casino during teen-age social event known as the "Dagger Dance" a new prince and princess will be selected.

Currently the prince is Rawlins Beasley of Wanchese and the princess is Elizabeth Ann Earle of Manteo.

On Saturday night, April 22, top royalty to serve as king and queen of the Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree will be selected during the annual "Jolly Roger Ball" at Nags Head Casino.

Current King Blackbeard VI, (whose whiskers are actually a reddish hue) is Dick Ward of Nags Head. Her current Buccaneer majesty is Queen Ina Evans of Manteo.

The current king and queen have taken their royal duties to Raleigh and to Pittsburgh, Pa., on recent pre-Jamboree junkets. Who their successors will be is anyone's guess and a matter that will be decided by non-resident judges scheduled to be here Saturday night.

Big events of the current week were banquets for the bearded men and wives of the bearded men.

The banquet for men was held at The Carolinian on Monday night and at the same time the wives of the bearded were entertained at Beacon Motor Lodge.

Heaviest beards, and likely contenders for the title of King Blackbeard VI at this banquet on Monday, were residents of Hatteras Island. Most of the men of the Dare Beaches and Roanoke Island have gone in for trimmed whiskers this year.

## INGLIS FLETCHER WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER THURSDAY

Plaque To Honor Elizabethan  
Garden Committee  
Chairmen

Inglis Fletcher, Edenton, distinguished author of best selling novels with an Albemarle region setting will be the principal speaker in the Elizabethan Garden Thursday afternoon when a large bronze plaque is dedicated honoring four North Carolina women who have served as chairmen of the Elizabethan Garden Committee of The Garden Club of North Carolina.

The honored guests will be Mrs. J. M. Tyler, Kingston; Mrs. Glenn Long, Newton; Mrs. Roy Homewood, Chapel Hill; and Mrs. Corbett Howard, Goldsboro.

The dedicatory ceremonies will be presided over by Mrs. J. B. A. Daughtridge, Rocky Mount. She is currently president of the Garden Club of North Carolina. Monies raised for the purchase of the plaque was raised as a tribute to the committee chairmen who have worked so hard to develop the garden to its present stages.

Mrs. Fletcher, who will be the principal speaker in the ceremonies Thursday, April 20, along with Mrs. Charles A. Cannon of Concord and Sir Evelyn Wrench, founder of the English Speaking Union, conceived the idea for creating the garden as a memorial to the Elizabethans, including the Lost Colonists, who established on Roanoke Island in 1587 the first English settlement in America.

She is also author of the inscription on the plaque to be dedicated, which follows:

"Down the centuries English women have built gardens to the Glory of God, the beauty of the countryside and the comfort of their souls."

"The women of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., have planted this Garden in memory of the valiant men and women who founded the first English Colony in America."

"From this hallowed ground they walked away through the dark forest into history."

The Elizabethan Garden is now in full blossom with dogwood, azaleas, camellias and other Spring flowers and an ever increasing number of visitors are coming to see the beauty of it all.

## MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

The Missouri Midgett Past Nobles Grand Club will meet Tuesday night, April 25, at eight o'clock in the home of Mrs. Tracy Ward in Manteo.



THE DARE COAST-OUTER BANKS will officially launch its 1961 vacation season on Friday and Saturday, April 28-29 when the seventh annual Pirates Jamboree is presented on Hatteras Island, the Dare Beaches of the Nags Head-Kill Devil Hills sector and on Roanoke Island. Scenes in the montage of photos show some of the colorful attractions of the fiesta which will begin on Hatteras April 28, move to Kill Devil Hills in the Nags Head sector on the following morning and conclude with the coronation ceremonies for the newly elected pirate king and queen at Waterside Theatre in Fort Raleigh on Roanoke Island Saturday afternoon, April 29.

The photos include: (top section) King Blackbeard VI, (Dick Ward of Nags Head) and Queen Ina Evans, who will be succeeded by new king and queen to be selected on Saturday night, April 22, in Nags Head Casino at the pre-Jamboree Jolly Roger Ball; Pirate ship "Sea Hag," which has "cruised" to Raleigh on one junket and to Pittsburgh, Pa., on another since it was "launched" two weeks ago, all to publicize the Pirates Jamboree; center left shows buccaneer beauties aboard an invading pirate ship in the colorful battle and landing event as the freebooters take over Outer Banks on Kitty Hawk Bay; (right center, Raymond Beasley and Elizabeth Earle of Roanoke Island, current prince and princess of the pirates of Dare, who will be replaced by young royalty to be selected Friday night, April 21 at a Dagger Dance; (bottom row) Hatteras pirates fry fish, at the world's biggest all free fish fry, a peak attraction of events on Hatteras, Friday, April 28, and (right) two pretty pirate majorettes of the Elizabeth City High School band which will participate in the Dare Beaches and Roanoke Island events of Saturday, April 29. Grand finale will be on Nags Head at The Casino, on Saturday night, April 29, at the Grand Pirate Ball honoring new royalty of the Jamboree.—Ayecock Brown photos.