

MRS. HENRY SPENCER OF SWAN QUARTER DIED MAY 4

Mrs. Bethany Williams Spencer died at her home here Thursday morning, May 4, following an illness of several months. She was 71 years old.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Swan Quarter Baptist church with the Rev. Ector Hamrick, assisted by the Rev. Leighton Lewis, officiating. Burial was in Soule cemetery.

Mrs. Spencer was the daughter of the late Ervin L. and Evelina Harris Williams. She was a member of the Swan Quarter Missionary Baptist church.

Surviving are her husband, Henry W. Spencer; four sons, Gratz and Kenneth Spencer of Swan Quarter, Lucy Spencer of Norfolk and Carroll Lee Spencer of Sladesville; two daughters, Mrs. Howard Cahoon of Swan Quarter and Mrs. T. L. Harrell of Washington, and 19 grandchildren.

BRADY CHILD DIES

Cathy Lynn Brady, two-year-old daughter of Barbara Ann Moore and Hunter Thomas Brady of Belhaven and Hampton, Va., died suddenly Thursday morning in the Naval hospital in Portsmouth, Va.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock from the chapel of the Paul Funeral home in Belhaven with the Rev. Wilbur Ballenger officiating. Burial followed in the Belhaven Community cemetery.

Surviving besides its mother and father are one sister, Cindy Brady; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Brady of Belhaven, maternal grandmother, Mrs. Cary Moore of Sumter, S. C.; and paternal grandfather, Thomas Moore of Pensacola, Fla.

ANDY RANICK BROWN

Andy Ranick Brown, 45, of 433 Belmont Ave., Alexander Park, Chesapeake Bay Ferries deck hand, died Sunday in a Norfolk hospital after long illness.

A son of Robert and Lina Gabriel Brown of Mt. Sidney, Augusta County, he lived in Portsmouth, Va., three years and was a member of Academy Park Community Church.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Louise Johnson Brown, of Manteo; three sons, Robert Brown, James Brown and William Brown of Portsmouth; four sisters, Mrs. Maida Painter of Staunton, Mrs. Laura Ramsey of Laurel, Md., Mrs. May Jordan of Norfolk and Mrs. Dorothy Jones of Lincoln, Brown of Staunton and I. B. Del., and two brothers, Cecil Brown of Norfolk.

A funeral service was conducted in Twiford Funeral Home, Manteo, Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. Paul Adams of Academy Park Church with burial in Manteo Cemetery.

SCHOOL FACILITIES CHOSEN FOR THE SCHOOLS OF DARE

The County Board of Education has announced the faculty for Dare County schools for the coming term, as follows:

Manteo High School—A. A. White, principal; Helen Owens Britt, Matilda E. Inge, W. W. Tarkington, Carolyn Gay Howell, Jerry B. Cahoon and Joseph Wilson Pool, III, teachers; George Hale Quidley, Janitor; Gertrude Quidley, maid.

Manteo Elementary School—C. H. Butler, principal; Milah P. Meekins, Ruby H. Leppard, Etta B. Midgett, Carmen P. Gray, Ivadean T. Wescott, Lucy T. Willis, Essie N. Wescott, Ruby M. Gray, Jewell J. White, Bertie S. Ward, Hilda W. Ballance, Mary D. Meekins, Grace W. Hooper, Louise H. Tillett and John D. Britt, teachers. Lloyd Meekins, janitor; Lizzie Barber, maid.

The board elected Martin Kellogg, Jr., school attorney for two years.

Kitty Hawk Elementary School—Lewis E. Cayton, principal; Hazel S. McLean, Irene B. Midgett and Leona P. Rogers, teachers; Lemuel C. Hines, janitor.

Roanoke School—Eva A. Betha and Lillian T. Boone, teachers. Alton Tillett, janitor.

Cape Hatteras School—Bryan Jerome Salter, principal; Ray Davis Styrone, Kaye Elizabeth Whitfield, Kathryn Hurdle Midgett, Violet Austin, Gladys Rountree White, Mary Cardwell Stamey, Hilda Ballance Brown, Lawrence West Clark, Grady Stone Austin and Nita Baum Ballance, teachers.

PAULA GREEN HOSTESS AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

Paula Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Green of Elizabeth City, who are spending several weeks in Nags Head, celebrated her fifth birthday with a party Saturday afternoon in the beach cottage. Games were played, and in contests Malcolm Fearing won first prize and Cameron McCown second prize. Play watches were given as prizes. Refreshments of birthday cake and ice cream were served, the birthday cake being white with green candles.

Guests included Margaret Swindell, Malcolm Fearing, Terry Midgett, Ronnie Gray, Linda and Cameron McCown. The boys received space rockets as favors, and the girls miniature Japanese umbrellas. There were horns and bubble gum for everyone.



GIVE US MEN NOT AVERAGE

(From LIFE LINES)

This is a time when much is said about averages. Great effort is put forth and extensive surveys are made to determine what constitutes an average man. The candidate wants to know what the average voter thinks. The grocer wants to know what the average housewife wants to cook. A few merchants will cater only to what the discriminating person will buy, but most merchants want to know what the average person will buy.

Frequently published in widely read periodicals are quizzes, questionnaires and subjective tests by which the reader is led to believe that he can evaluate himself and determine the extent to which he might vary from the average. The test might be designed to measure average husbands, average efficiency of housewives, average intelligence, average social adjustment or anything else subject to being averaged. After carefully and conscientiously answering all the questions and turning to Page 27 to see the results, perhaps all too many of us are satisfied to ascertain that at least we are average.

We must guard against permitting the average to become a goal or an ideal. Being average simply means that one is better than the worst and certainly not as good as the best.

Mathematically speaking, the law of averages is a great thing. It has enabled man to calculate the happening of events with reasonable accuracy and to derive therefrom laws of probability that have made possible the building of great businesses such as insurance.

The law of averages is a great aid in business, but we should not permit it to become the instrument to chart the course of civilization and progress. When applied to human beings and such priceless possessions as the rights of man, averages can be misleading. If ten men are in a certain group and nine of them are slaves and only one is a free man, their individual stations are vastly different. If reduced to an average, however, each of the nine slaves is ten percent free, and the one free man is ninety percent slave.

We might well view with some alarm present tendencies to reduce to an average man's lot in this life. Much of the philosophy and many of the activities of the United Nations and its numerous auxiliary agencies seem to be based upon the assumption that uniformity is a desired goal within itself; that taking away from those that have and giving to those that have less will cure many of the world's ills. That the lowly can be lifted by pulling down the higher is a viewpoint the soundness of which is open to serious and vigorous challenge. If our goal is merely to achieve the average, we reduce our ideals from the highest and begin to strive toward something that is only halfway up. We cease to hitch our wagon to a star and become satisfied to tie it to a fence post. Our sights are zeroed in on the mediocre.

It was not just an average ideal that conceived this nation. It was not average perseverance that survived Valley Forge. They were not average men who assembled at Philadelphia in 1787 and fashioned our Constitution. It was not an average idea that stunned the world with a concept of freedom and opportunity never dreamed of by ordinary men nor countenanced by ordinary monarchs. It was an above-average concept of freedom that gave the average man the right and the incentive to set his goal as high as the highest and to work toward bettering his own position unimpeded by a tyrannical government. It was this extraordinary idea of freedom that gave the average man a chance to hoist himself above whatever and wherever he was.

Extraordinarily clever people are assiduously and insidiously trying to destroy this political climate that encourages self-help, ambition, high ideals and all those things that enable man to be a fit image of his Maker. They would take away the ideal of rising higher in favor of the lesser goal of leveling out.

It is indeed disastrous to the incentive and ambition of a person of high ability to know that the gains he makes above average will be taken away. It is equally disastrous, but in a somewhat different way, to the incentive and ambition of a person of less ability to realize that his achievements which fall below average will be supplemented without further effort on his part. In the former it creates a sense of frustration and a "what's-the-use?" attitude. In the latter it creates a false sense of security that inspires nothing. In both the result is the same. It

DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE TO BE OFFERED IN MANTEO

A Driver Education Course will be taught at the Manteo High School beginning Monday, July 10, 1961. At the present time only 11 students have signed up to enroll in the class which is offered, free of charge, to all high school students who will be at least 14 years and 6 months old by July 10.

The course will last approximately one month, depending upon the number who enroll. At least 30 hours of classwork have to be given and a minimum of six hours behind-the-wheel and 12 hours of observation for each student. On the days that classwork is given the students must furnish their own transportation to the school. On the other days the teacher would pick up the students at their homes for the behind-the-wheel and observation instruction.

Parents of boys who pass this course will be able to secure automobile insurance at a cheaper rate.

It is not anticipated that another course will be offered before next summer. Parents who wish their children to take the course should notify Mrs. Dennis E. Evans, Superintendent of Schools, before May 30.

Mimeographed letters were sent to parents on April 11, advising them of this course.

It tells the death knell of morale in both the capable and the incapable, the talented and the untalented. The final status of a people so governed is one of despicable mediocrity. They become the ripened target for whoever would possess them. They have nothing of which to be proud and nothing to defend.

Reducing mankind to an average by peaceful means is socialism. Doing it by force is communism. The result is the same in either case. The socialist would reduce us to an average people under the false assumption that all our difficulties would thereby be overcome and our problems resolved.

The communist would reduce us to the same inert state but further weakened in the process by bloody revolution to hasten the day of our disaster. The communist is not willing to wait on the slower process of legislation and the erosive method of so-called social reform.

What the Mistaken would do to a people within a nation, they would do also to a country among the family of nations. They would whittle down the nations that have achieved a degree of greatness and bestow unappreciated, even unwanted gratuities on those that have achieved less, all in the name of curing the world's ills.

This is a vastly different thing from helping a nation to help itself. Mere direct taking from one to another has nothing in common with providing leadership and showing the people of a nation how to enjoy the supreme satisfaction that comes only with self-achievement.

Pure socialism, living from the common storehouse, has been tried many times. It has never worked except in groups that were both very small and in dire emergency. Even then its working was very temporary. It continued only until the crisis passed or the diligent members of the group discovered who were the drones, the parasites, the free-loaders and the gold bricks and, prompted by their own sense of decency and self-respect denied them the fruits of another's toil. This was eloquently demonstrated with the roots of Americanism were first being planted in the soil of this continent, and Captain John Smith had to issue his edict in the Jamestown Colony, "No work, no eat."

This doctrine became deeply ingrained in the philosophy that for a century and a half was synonymous with the United States of America. It was known as the nation that was completely free. That simply meant that it would leave an individual completely alone while he undertook to help himself. There was a time when that was all a man asked. History is replete with evidence that such a philosophy, such a system, and the individual effort that is inspired built the greatest nation that time has seen. There is no evidence that a different system would have built a better country. On the contrary, in direct proportion as we have forgotten our foundation stones, our position among nations has become precarious. Our fibre has become weak, our future in doubt.

We must instill in the mind of every young American a belief in himself, an understanding that he is his own responsibility, an ambition to do well for himself, an appreciation of the self-respect that accompanies honest toil. American youth must be taught to ask only for a chance, not a charity. In the process he will learn that he is as good as he makes himself and that the greatest joy in life is the knowledge of a job well done. He will have contributed to the building of his character and his country. He will believe in and respect the nation that gave him a chance and which he, in turn, has helped to build. And his country will have grown strong, because he will be willing to defend it.

BASNIGHT-MEEKINS ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED



MISS LILLIE PATRICA MEEKINS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Simpson Meekins of Wanchese, who announce her engagement to James Oscoe Basnight, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Basnight of Manteo. The wedding will take place June 3, 1961, at three o'clock in the afternoon, Bethany Methodist Church, Wanchese. No invitations will be sent, but all friends of the families are invited.

A reception will be held in the church educational building, and all who attend the wedding are invited.

BETTY DEAN FEARING HAS PARTY ON NINTH BIRTHDAY

Sunday afternoon, Betty Dean Fearing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Jr., of Manteo, entertained a number of her friends. The occasion was her ninth birthday.

Ice cream and cup cakes were served at the home after which the group climbed Jockey Ridge at Nags Head. Before returning home they satisfied their worked up appetites with hot dogs and cold drinks at the beach.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Midgett of Manteo in Memorial Clinic, May 10, a girl, Nettie Frances, weighing seven pounds and six ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Paul of Norfolk announce the birth of a girl, Doris Carolyn, weighing seven pounds and ten ounces, on May 8, in De Paul Hospital, Norfolk. Mrs. Paul is the former Judy Bailey of Manns Harbor. Mr. Paul is formerly of Wanchese.

SHILOH METHODIST CHURCH IS TO HOLD REVIVAL

The Shiloh Methodist Church at Stumpy Point will hold its annual revival May 15th to 19th, nightly at 8 p.m.

The Rev. Harold F. Leatherman, minister of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, Manteo, will conduct the services. Special music will be featured and on Wednesday, May 17th, a film, which will be of interest to everyone, will be shown. All are invited to attend.

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