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SAILOR WITH 5 EXTRA TIRES HAS GENEROUS FRIENDS

Kitty Hawk Man Loses Two Wheels, and Watson Drink-Water Three

One needs to look out for the friends of Charles D. Elms, a seaman at the Manteo Naval Air Station. Elms has a habit of lending his car to people he never saw before and they bring him from two to three tires and wheels for the use of his car.

Monday night of last week, two wheels were taken from the car Elms drives a model A Ford also, and was suspected of having Mr. Perry's tires on his car. Sure enough he did have them, both on the rear axle.

Elms spends much time at the Wags Head Casino, and he said an unknown civilian he hadn't seen before nor vice, came to him Tuesday night and asked for the loan of his car, bringing him in payment the two wheels and tires.

While officers were looking about the place, they discovered three more tires and wheels that had been stolen from the truck of Watson Drinkwater in Manteo the night before. Elms was ready with an explanation. He said he loaned his car to a sailor on the base but who mhe did not know, and the sailor brought him the three wheels in payment for the use of the car.

Tire rationing doesn't bother this resourceful sailor, but a probable court martial may hamper him. However, civilians will do well to, if possible, learn his friends in order to be on the watch for them. They are most annoying to anyone who leaves an unguarded car.

HATTERAS NATIVE DIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Former Lighthouse Man Buried in Arlington National Cemetery With Masonic Rites

Thomas Grace Willis, native of Hatteras, died Monday in Mount Alto Hospital, Washington, D. C., at the age of 73. Mr. Willis had been ill for three weeks. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery, with the Masonic Lodge in charge of the services at the grave.

Mr. Willis was the son of the late Thomas and Rowina Willis of Hatteras. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Washington, N. C., and a member of Sudan Temple Shrine at New Bern.

Most of his life was spent in various forms of government service, beginning with his entrance into the United States Navy during the Spanish-American War. He retired in 1939 from active duty as manager of the lighthouse depot at Washington, N. C. and since then had made his home in Morehead City.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Judith English Willis; three sons, C. E. Willis of Portsmouth, Va., Lt. (jg) T. G. Willis, Jr., of Manhattan Beach, N. Y., S1/c D. J. Willis of San Francisco, Calif., one daughter, Mrs. O. W. Bailey of Silver Springs, Md.; two brothers, R. A. Willis of Poplar Branch and A. J. Willis of Manteo; and one sister, Mrs. Rowina Johnson of Riverside, Md.

AVON NAVY MAN NOW IN PACIFIC WATERS

On the USS Tuscaloosa in the Pacific—H. D. Bagnall, chief radio electrician, Avon, N. C., has been serving on this cruiser, which was assigned to support occupation forces in Japan.

The Tuscaloosa did convoy in the North Atlantic, fought a gun duel with the French battleship Jean Bart and shore batteries at Casablanca during the invasion of North Africa, and took part in the battles of Normandy, southern France, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

BIRTHS

Wanchese
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kalb Daniels an eight and a half pound son on October 1.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Outlaw of Wanchese a nine pound son on October 2.

MANTEO LOSES \$10,000 A MONTH PAY ROLL

Fifty Men Will Be Out of Employment as Naval Air Station Closes

On or before December 15, Manteo will lose one of the biggest money makers it ever had, when about 50 local citizens now employed, are laid off with the closing of the Naval Air Station on the county owned airport.

Never before has Roanoke Island been favored with so profitable an enterprise as the airport, which with its hundreds of Navy men and their officers, has paid handsomely to renters of apartments, grocery and clothing stores, filling stations, cafes, hotels, picture shows and other enterprises.

The \$10,000 a month paid to local citizens who have jobs at the airport will be greatly missed by the business men, but this is only a drop in the bucket to the money spent by Naval personnel.

The curtailment of naval activities is to be expected throughout the country, but in peacetime there will continue to be many places in commission on a smaller scale for the training of fliers, and other personnel. In view of the many advantages of Roanoke Island, business men of Manteo are wondering why this base was not kept up on a small scale at least.

Some persons connected with the base volunteer the unofficial opinion that lack of cooperation in the community, and failure of any active civic group to interest itself in the project has denied the island the continuance of the base. It is also feared, that the delay has gone so far that buildings will be removed before anything toward reviving the base could be accomplished.

REBEKAHS CELEBRATE 94TH ANNIVERSARY

Swan Quarter Lodge Holds Candle Lighting Service at September Meeting

The Swan Quarter Rebekah Lodge No. 153 met Tuesday night, September 18, in the Lodge Hall.

After the regular business session a special candle light program was given to celebrate the 94th anniversary of the Rebekah Lodge. During the social hour which followed, home made candy was served by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bishop.

CARSON R. DAVIS, USCG NOW LIEUT. COMMANDER

District Coast Guard Headquarters has announced the promotion to Lieutenant to Lieutenant Commander of Carson R. Davis, USCGR, of Manteo.

Lieutenant Commander Davis entered the service on June 1, 1942, as Lieut. (jg) and was assigned to the District Coast Guard Office, Norfolk, Va., as Assistant Marine Engineering Officer.

A graduate of Virginia Military Institute, Lieut. Commander Davis was manager of the Manteo Boatbuilding Co., Manteo, N. C., prior to entering the Coast Guard. Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. Davis the former Miss Elnovah Etheridge of Manteo, reside at 578 McFarland Road, Oakdale Farms, Norfolk, Va.

NAVY TRUCK SIDESWIPE KITTY HAWK SCHOOL BUS

A navy truck, driven by Bethel D. Foster, seaman 1st class, attached to the Manteo Naval Air Station sideswiped and damaged the Kitty Hawk school bus driven by C. A. Caldwell Friday afternoon. The truck was loaded with children who escaped injury, although the truck was damaged considerably. Another seaman, James W. Sparks, was in the truck. The sailors, charged with being drunk, were turned over to the Naval authorities for court martial.

SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE TO MEET IN MANTEO OCT. 18

A meeting of the executive committee of the Southern Albemarle Association comprising the counties of Tyrrell, Washington, Dare and Hyde has been called in Manteo at 11 a. m., October 18th. A lunch for about 35 people will be served.

Melvin R. Daniels is in charge of the program.

Local Navy Man Aboard Pacific Minelayer



Lawrence L. Austin, gunner's mate, first class, USN, left, of Hatteras, N. C., and Raymond A. Miller, who recently advanced to chief gunner's mate, USN, 2230 8th St., Portsmouth, Ohio, aboard the Destroyer-Minelayer USS Harry F. Bauer now under repair at a West. on Pacific Fleet Anchorage, after 80 days of continuous action at Okinawa. The DM's gun crews are credited with shooting down 13 Jap planes during the island invasion. (Official U. S. Navy Photo)

HYDE COUNTY GOAL IN WAR FUND DRIVE \$1,200

Miss Iberia Roach Announces Community Chairman; Governor Cherry Makes Appeal

BOARD WANTS HYDE-TYRRELL ROAD COMPLETED

1945 Tax Books Turned Over To Sheriff at Meeting This Week

The Hyde County Board of County Commissioners in regular session this week passed a resolution asking the State Highway Commission to complete the highway connecting the Mattamuskeet causeway with the pavement in Tyrrell County. The road has recently been closed by the rains which made it impassible.

The commissioners stated in their resolution which was unanimously adopted, that "the State Highway and Public Works Commission, be an dit hereby is petitioned and memorialized to take immediate steps toward completing Highway leading from Swan Quarter to Columbia, via Mattamuskeet Lake, beginning at the point where the surfacing ends in Hyde County and ending where the surfacing begins in Tyrrell County; said work to be in the form of improving the road bed wherever necessary and the surfacing of the remainder of said road."

The resolution stated further: "This Board extends its gratitude and sincere appreciation for the surfacing of the road across Mattamuskeet Lake, and feels that a great public service will be rendered locally as well as state wide, should road project be now completed."

The 1945 tax books were turned over to Sheriff C. P. Williamson, and the old 1944 books accepted.

PVT. LEON OWENS, USA, GETS HIS DISCHARGE

Pvt. Leon Owens, son of R. V. Owens of Manteo is this week receiving his honorable discharge from the Army on the point system, and is expected in Manteo by the end of the week. He landed in Boston Monday.

Pvt. Owens has been in the army for three years and seven months, having spent three years overseas. He participated in the African campaign and in the Po Valley battle in Italy, and has recently been stationed in Leghorn.

HATTERAS MAN GETS DISCHARGE FROM NAVY

Arthur Wray Hoffman, 30, Hatteras, N. C., was honorably discharged on September 26, from the United States Navy at the U. S. Naval Personnel Separation Center, Charleston, S. C.

He has been in the Navy since September 17, 1941, and saw duty in Casablanca, French Morocco. He plans to enter the commercial fishing business.

On discharge his Navy rate was Coxswain, and he is entitled to wear the following ribbon: North African.

Newspaper advertising pays.

TRUE TALL TALE OF MANNS HARBOR MAN OVERBOARD

Cleveland Gard Rescued By Navy, But Loses \$250 As His Boat Runs Away

Cleveland Gard of Manns Harbor had a narrow escape from drowning, but got out of it with the loss of some \$250 one day last week. The boat was in his pants pocket, and soaked out while he was hanging to a stake in the middle of Croatan sound.

Mr. Gard was crabbing alone. While trying to move some barrels in his boat, he lost his footing. The boat was in operation, and when Mr. Gard went overboard, the boat continued northward up the sound.

His plight was observed by sailors from the Manteo Naval Air Station, and they went to his rescue, when they saw water splashing to attract attention. They found him hanging to a net stake which was in swimming distance. Having rescued Mr. Gard, they set out in their faster craft to get his boat, overtaking it about five miles to the north, still underway and unoccupied.

BUS DRIVER HELD FOR EMBEZZLING \$180

Ex-Soldier in Jail Awaiting Trial for Robbing Va. Dare Trans. Co.

Dois H. Vineyard, of Asheville, N. C., 21 year old ex-soldier whose early life was mostly a school of pool rooms, gambling and booze, is held in jail at Manteo charged with stealing \$180 from the Virginia Dare Transportation Company while driving their bus this summer.

He was discharged from the army two years ago for injury to his knee. He has a mother in Asheville, and a wife and baby at Ackonville, Alabama. Coming to Manteo in the summer, he readily found a job with the transportation company on exhibition of his honorable discharge from the army.

He will be tried next week. From appearances of his two arms, it seems he spent the major part of the \$180 for tattoo work after leaving Manteo a month ago. He was apprehended in Elizabeth City Monday by policeman M. C. Mitchell.

WE MUST HAVE BEEN WRONGLY INFORMED

The following is with reference to a recent story in this paper of an announcement sent us by the Post Office department concerning examinations for postmaster at Hatteras, Dare County, N. C. "Times, Pub. Co.

"Please retract—deny—or contradict—
"Miss Maude O'Neal PM Hatteras, N. C., is retiring."
"It is not true. You are willfully lying, else you have been lied to."

"Miss Maude O'Neal is a competitor, though she may not be reappointed."
"Maude O'Neal, P. M. Hatteras, N. C."

COLORED PEOPLE LOSE ALLWHEN HOME BURNS

Those who have travelled on the steamer Trenton when she ran between Elizabeth City and Manteo, will remember well the tall light complected cook caled Esie. Friday night, Sept. 21, her house burned down and she had no insurance. Esie married Clarence Pigford some three years ago. They are now trying to raise money to start a new home. Delilah Simmons, whose address is Manteo, N. C., is soliciting contributions for this cause, and this notice is put out in the hope that some of those who were well-fed when Esie cooked on the Trenton, as well as all other friends will send a little donation for the cause.

RETURN FROM THE ARMY

Roy Basnight, who has seen service in Italy, North Africa and Germany, has recently been discharged from the army, and has joined his wife and baby at Buffalo City. Lloyd Jones, son of Mrs. Calcie Jones, has been discharged following his service in the Philippines, and has returned to East Lake.

COASTLAND FOLKS AGOG AS STANDARD OIL DRILLS WELL AT CAPE HATTERAS

To Begin Drilling Wells In Few Days; Officials Move In, Locating Offices in Wescott Building In Manteo; Will Spend Million Dollars in Oil Hunt, in Dare County, As Two Mile Well Goes Down

VETERANS COMING HOME IN LARGER NUMBERS NOW

But While Many Are Returning, Others Are Registering and Going In Service

Happy days are here again. Yes, happy days are here again for many men who are returning from the battlefronts and service centers. For them the war is over, and they are glad. But still others are leaving home for service or getting ready to go, for peace remains shaky.

The names of 21 returning veterans, recently discharged, were registered, or re-registered, with the Hyde County Draft Board on Thursday, September 13th through Sunday, September 30th, indicating that the men are returning from service in larger numbers.

While veterans were re-registering, as a matter of form, nine other young men were registering for military duty. That was the picture as viewed from the draft front at the close of September.

The names of veterans re-registered with the Hyde County Board aer as follows: Swan Quar-Sewell, Fred Tunnell and Julian B. Harris; Engelhard—Mac Cas-hoo namd John I. Watson; Fairfield—Hollan E. Spencer and Ronald B. Ballance; Ponjer—Bonner Morris; Ocracoke—William A. Styrom, Enoch C. Gaskill, Henry S. Ballance, Otis W. Allen, and William D. Gaskill; Lake Landing—Hyatt J. McKinney and Genn O'Neal; (colored) New Holland—William T. Shelton; Swan Quarter—Benj. L. Lucas, Jr.

The nine 18-year-olds registering with the Board during September were Earl Elwood Blake, Theo. J. Brickhouse, Bernie Leighton Smith, all of Fairfield; Wilbur G. (Bill) Carawan, Swan Quarter; and George Washington Ross, Jr., Scranton. Colored boys registered were Olie Credle, Jr., and Joses Esse Slade, Swan Quarter; Lemmie olden Blount, Lake Landing; and James L. Parks, Scranton.

Two young white men inducted on September 24th were James Henry Spencer, Scranton, and John Adams Gibbs, Engelhard. Mrs. Frances Gibbs continues as clerk in the draft office, pending the employment of a successor through civil service. Mrs. Gibbs resigned sometime ago, asking to be relieved on September 15th. Thomas Hood, World War II veteran, was recommended for the position, but later withdrew his application.

Ernest E. Meekins, Jr., is at home in Manteo, visiting his mother, Mrs. Louise Meekins, after six years of service in the Navy. He recently received his honorable discharge papers, and will remain in Manteo for several weeks. He is undecided yet as to what he will do.

Young Meekins, who was Radioman First Class, on the destroyer C. J. Badger, had been in the Pacific war zone for almost three years, having previously served in the Canal Zone and North Africa. He took part in the invasion of the Philippines, having been in the vicinity of the Philippines since March, 1943. He was sent to the states after his ship was out in two by a Jap suicide plane. The ship he was on previously, the gunboat Erie, was sunk in 1942 in the Caribbean. Since the beginning of the war, young Meekins has spent only 30 days at home.

He received from his commanding officer the following citation: The Commanding Officer, United States Ship Charles J. Badger, commends
Ernest Ethan Meekins, Jr., Radioman First Class, United States Navy for service as set forth in the following

CITATION
"For excellent and conspicuous service in the line of his profession when his ship suffered severe damage in action against the enemy on 9 April, 1945. By his initiative and devotion to duty he materially contributed to the elimination of fire and loss of life by shutting off all power to damaged radio antennae which had fallen due to the shock of explosion.
J. H. Cotton
Commander, U. S. Navy.

RECORD EGG PRICES

Prices received by farmers for eggs in the nation in August averaged 40.8 cents per dozen, the highest for the month since 1920, compared with 33.00 a year ago and 23.6 for the 10-year (1934-43) average, Curtis Tarleton, statistician with the N. C. Department of Agriculture, reports.

FAIRFIELD BO YIN TOKYO

Maxwell Blake, USMC, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Blake of Fairfield, that he is in Tokyo and getting along well.