

Mrs. Hoffman, born in 1863, was the daughter of Mary Butler and Albert Green, a prosperous New York merchant in the late 1800's and one-time governor of New Jersey. Upon the death of her maternal grandfather Alice Hoffman inherited a substantial fortune, including a \$2,000-a-month trust fund, a princely sum in those days. In 1920, while visiting in France, she met her husband-to-be and shortly thereafter they were married. The marriage ended in divorce two years later, however.

As a consequence of Summer visits to the Morehead City area she became interested in Bogue Banks and in 1917 purchased some 1500 acres on the Banks from John A. Royal, apparently as an investment.

About 1920, however, and after several years of traveling between her Long Island home and Paris, she elected to reside on Bogue Banks and built the home she occupied until her death July 15, 1953. She had been bed-ridden for many years, the result of an injury to her hip she had suffered earlier when, while getting off a train while it was still moving slowly, her hoop skirt was caught under the wheels of one of the cars. She passed away in her own bed in her "Home On the Sound".

The home was a rambling, well cared-for structure set on solid basement walls. The basement featured a well-provisioned storm cellar, a most completely stocked wine cellar and other rooms. The home was characterized by spectacular views of Bogue Sound across a meticulously-kept series of terraces and a long dock stretching into the Sound. On one side of her bedroom was an open veranda containing a large and stately dogwood, and in the opposite corner was another open veranda in the center of which was a shapely holly tree. Mrs. Hoffman loved the trees of the estate, but was deathly afraid of lightning. Consequently, most of the tall cedars were rigged with lightning rods and ground wires. She raised milk cows on the island and on the mainland where she also operated a large commercial dairy. The animals were transported between the island and the mainland by barge and were cared for by two South Dakota cowboys.

Alice Hoffman was a benevolent and thoughtful woman and was much beloved by the people who worked for her. During World War II she operated her own "USO" in her home for the benefit of troops stationed on the island. Many of them repaid her kindnesses with gifts in later years.

The house remained empty for a few years after her death and was finally torn down, except for the two guestrooms. In the early 1960's, when the Roosevelts, who had inherited the property, were developing what is now Pine Knoll Shores, the guestrooms were moved intact to a location near the corner of Yaupon and Salter Path Roads to serve as an office for the manager of the development. In 1974 the building was moved to its present location on Pine Knoll Boulevard.

The property on which the house was located was subsequently acquired by the H. K. Hallers, who filled in most of the basement rooms. However, because of their substantial construction some of the walls had to remain.

The house was an intricate part of the fabric of Bogue Banks and in retrospect -- especially in the view of many -- its razing was a loss to the island.

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FROM THE MARINE RESOURCES CENTER: Field trips will continue into September. Check with Center on these. Public hearing September 7, 10 a.m. on proposed changes in fishing regulations. Craft Fair September 24 and 25.

Hurricane Awareness display remains up for our continued inspection following very successful week of films and lectures.

THE ANCIENT MARINERS BOWLING LEAGUE will begin its Monday afternoon bowling in early October. Interested persons who did not bowl last year and desire to be on a team or to be alternates should contact LIB FLEMING, 6-3780 or BOB MCKEN, 6-7451. Further information will be forthcoming as the secretary, ED SIGALL, begins work on setting up the teams.

PKS FALL TENNIS is about to begin. The tournament will be similar to the one in the spring, and all tennis enthusiasts of PKS who want to play ought to ring up BILL MACDONALD at 6-6727, JIM REDFIELD, 6-2668, or WILLIAM MARTIN, 6-5656, and get on the list.

Kick-off meeting will be held, rain or shine, at the tennis club house on Friday, September 9, at 9 a.m.; doughnuts and coffee will be served. Following the meeting will be a fun round robin.