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## RECK HAZEN'S COTTAGE ON ROANOKE ID.

### Worst Acts Of Vandalism Ever Reported; Hayman Nets Slashed

Several extreme instances of vandalism have recently appeared on Roanoke Island. The most violent and swift was the destruction, a few days ago, of windows and doors in the summer cottage of Mrs. Dora Hazen of Wanchese. The cottage is untenanted and situated on the West side of Roanoke Island about one mile South of the Croatan Sound ferry landing. The destruction which took place probably after April 28, was discovered only this week. All of the windows, glass, sash and all, were beaten to pieces, doors torn down and other evidences that the work was done by a maniac or irresponsible party of drunks.

Another vicious instance of vandalism occurred a few days ago when several new nets, belonging to Uncle Jeff Hayman at Fort Raleigh, were cut and slashed until they were worthless. The nets had been left at the landing place to dry. Usually these cases are discovered several days after they have taken place, and footsteps may have been washed out by rains or are otherwise indistinguishable, making it more difficult to trace the offenders.

This type of crime is exasperating and uncalculated for and there is likelihood of someone getting shot, if discovered in the act. These things have not usually happened in Dare county to the extent now evident and citizens are warned to safe-guard their property and to be on the lookout for maniacs of this type. It must be remembered that there are now many strangers in the vicinity who were never reared under the same circumstances as our people nor taught to honor the code of good will and trust that has usually been the custom in the North Carolina coastland.

## MANTEO SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE FRIDAY, MAY 19

### Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday, May 14; Music Recital May 16

Commencement exercises in the Manteo schools will begin Sunday, May 14, with the baccalaureate sermon at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. W. C. Blue, pastor of the Manteo Baptist church, conducting the services.

On Tuesday night, May 16, Miss Holland Wescott will present her piano students in recital at 8:15. The senior class will hold their Class Day exercises Thursday night, May 18, at eight o'clock.

On Friday night, May 19, the seniors will receive their diplomas, and certificates will be given to seventh grade students. There will be no guest speaker for the occasion, and the program will be presented by the senior class.

The public is invited to attend all these exercises.

## MUSIC CLUB REPORTS PIANO FUND GROWING

The Roanoke Island Music club met Tuesday night at the Tranquil House in Manteo, with Mrs. Lucretia Willis as hostess. A report was heard on the piano which the club plans to purchase for use in the USO, and it was announced that more than \$200 has been raised in actual donations and pledges. Two piano selections were rendered by Mrs. Victor Meekins. Following the program the hostess served a chicken salad course with iced tea.

If there is anyone in the community who has not been asked to make a donation toward buying the piano, and who would like to do so, he or she is asked to notify Mrs. Rennie Williamson, president of the music clubs, or Miss Addy Gould, past president. More than \$100 is yet to be raised.

## ROBERT EARL FORBES

Robert Earl Forbes, 57, native of Manteo, and for 17 years a resident of New York, died Tuesday afternoon in the USPHS Hospital, Evansville, Ind., after a long illness.

Mr. Forbes, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Forbes of Manteo, is survived by one son, Guy Forbes; one daughter, Juanita Forbes; and one sister, Mrs. Harriett Min-ton of Virginia Beach.

An ounce of today is worth a pound of tomorrow and a ton of yesterday.

## RUSSIAN CIVILIANS NEED OUR HELP



A Russian family gathers at the charred ruins of their home as the Red Army enters a recaptured village. Millions of Russian civilians have been left homeless, stripped of clothing and other essentials by the invading Nazis.

Americans can help keep families like this alive by donating clothing to Russian War Relief. A "Clothing For Russia" collection will be conducted throughout North Carolina in the two weeks

beginning May 1. Donations may be handed to any school child for delivery to the Russian War Relief clothing center. June H. Rose of Greenville is State Director of the campaign.

## CHARLES WARREN IN WASHINGTON WINNING HONORS

### Son of Celebrated Father Is Called Outstanding Citizen Student in School

Charles Warren, who is well-known along the North Carolina coast where he comes each season to meet the many friends he has made in his own right, was recently honored among the ten, selected by the Washington Civitan club.

The ten seniors from the high schools of Washington, D. C., were honored with a dinner at the Mayflower hotel, and cited as the outstanding citizen students. At the dinner practically all of the boys disclosed that they were going into the armed forces immediately after their graduation. Each of them told of the work of which he had dreamed—plans disrupted by the war but which, they have faith, will be fulfilled "when the job is over."

Young Warren attended the Woodrow Wilson high school.

## MANN'S HARBOR LOSES A SPLENDID CITIZEN

### Ben E. Spencer, Native of Hyde County, Dies Thursday After Long Illness

Ben E. Spencer, 65, one of the best loved and most highly respected citizens of Manns Harbor passed away Thursday, April 27, after a long illness. He was buried Saturday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. M. W. Maness of Manteo.

Mr. Spencer was a native of Hyde county, but came to Manns Harbor while quite young. He married Miss Lizzie Hayman, one of seven sisters of Capt. Jeff Hayman of Manteo. She died about two years ago. Mr. Spencer is survived by a son, Ira Spencer and a daughter, Mrs. Wallace Taylor.

Some two years ago he was stricken with a serious illness from which he suffered constantly to the time of his death. He lived in a wheel chair. When he became helpless, his son, Ira returned from Norfolk, where he was in a responsible position in the Navy Yard, and he and Mrs. Spencer cared for him to the end.

Few men ever reach a higher place of esteem in the community than did Ben Spencer. He was a good citizen, assuming his share of obligations eagerly and cheerfully. He was a good neighbor and gladly did a good turn for anyone he could help. He took pride in his home and his family, and although his last days were filled with suffering he never grumbled. He was conscious up to the last hours, and had many visitors.

Ira Spencer plans to return to his job in Norfolk. While in Manns Harbor during the past winter, he carried on his father's fishing business.

Remember that apples, like eggs, absorb odors. Always store either of these away from strong-smelling foods and keep them dry.

## WILL SOON COMPLETE COMBAT FLYING COURSE



2nd Lt. Arvin O. Basnight, pilot, of Manteo, will soon complete an intensive course in combat flying at the Alexandria Army Air Field, Alexandria, La., and in the near future he will go overseas to combat area.

He is the member of a Flying Fortress crew trained by the Second Air Force, which has the task of readying four-engine Bomber crews for overseas duty.

Listed among the instructors at the Alexandria Army Air Field are more than 250 officers and enlisted men who have seen action in every theatre of war. These veterans direct crews through training conditions that simulate actual combat.

Lt. Basnight is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thmas A. Basnight, Manteo. His wife, Marjorie Gauthier Basnight, lives at 209, Williamsburg Drive, Silver Spring, Md. Lt. Basnight graduated from Manteo high school in 1932 and attended N. C. State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. He also attended the American University in Washington, D. C.

## NEWS OF OUR MEN-WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### VISITS AT HOME

Ralph Tillet, Jr., is spending a leave of 30 days with his father, Ralph Tillet, Sr. He has just returned from Porto Rica where he has been for the past two years.

### IN NEW GUINEA

News has been received by relatives of Sgt. Stuart M. Daniels that he has reached New Guinea all right and is in good health. He has been in the army since February, 1943. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daniels, are living in Norfolk.

Stationery for nearly 9,000,000 letters and postcards were distributed in USO clubs to members of the armed forces during a single month in continental United States USO headquarters has announced in its latest monthly tabulation.

## M. L. DANIELS IS AGAIN CHAIRMAN DARE DEMOCRATS

### Mrs. Donis White of Manteo, 85-Pound Vice Chairman; Broughton Endorsed

Dare Democrats, in session with seven of 15 precincts represented, met at 2:30 p. m., in County Convention and re-elected M. L. Daniels of Manteo as County Chairman, and Mrs. Donis White 85-pound Clerk of the Town of Manteo, as vice-chairman.

I. P. Davis served as Secretary of the convention, and on motion of Theo. S. Meekins, voted to endorse Governor J. M. Broughton of North Carolina for the vice-presidency. Endorsement of a fourth term for President Roosevelt was also voted.

It was voted to send any Democrat from the county who might wish to go, to the State convention on May 4.

About 15 persons attended the county convention.

## MORE ADEQUATE FERRY SERVICE BE REQUESTED

Citizens of Manns Harbor this week appeared before the Dare County Board of Commissioners, requesting their support on behalf of increased ferry service across Croatan Sound. The Manns Harbor citizens are becoming handicapped because of the increase in travel which is causing cars to frequently be left behind for lack of room on the boat. In case of the last trip, those unfortunate enough to be left have to remain overnight.

They also make a point that an earlier morning schedule would make it possible, too, for defense workers employed in Manteo to reach their work sufficiently early in the morning and be able to return at night. Since any extension of schedule is now contemplated would make it necessary to operate on a two crew basis. The Highway Commission will be requested to extend the service until midnight instead of the present custom of quitting at six o'clock, thereby adding three extra trips.

The board re-appointed Mrs. Rosa L. Drinkwater a member of the County Welfare Board.

## MR. AND MRS. CHESNUT RETURN TO MANTEO

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Chesnut returned to Manteo Tuesday afternoon from Baltimore, Md., where Mr. Chesnut has been receiving treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Mr. Chesnut is much improved in health.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Midgett of Manteo a 7 and a quarter pound daughter, Nancy Lynn, on Sunday, April 30.

## PTA OFFICERS INSTALLED IN MANTEO

### Final Meeting of Year Brings Program Consistent With National Music Week

The Manteo Parent Teacher Association held its final meeting of the year Tuesday afternoon in the school auditorium. The program was on music, in keeping with National Music Week which will be celebrated the first week in May. The first number was a group of songs by the third grade, accompanied by Miss Holland Westcott, after which the audience sang "God Bless America". Doris Walker read a poem on music, and Mrs. E. P. Rogers sang "Say A Prayer For the Boys Over There" and "The Rosary". This was followed by another poem on music, read by Mrs. D. E. Evans and a talk on music by Mrs. Lucretia Willis.

During the business session which followed the program, Mrs. Louise Meekins, past president, installed the following officers for the coming year, Mrs. Ray Jones, president; Mrs. Edna Evans Bell, vice-president; Miss Lucy Tillet, secretary; and Miss Bonnybel Evans, treasurer. Rev. M. W. Maness voiced the appreciation of the Manteo Rotary Club for the service rendered by the PTA in serving meals during the past winter. It was voted to donate \$30.00 to the Red Cross, and to have the school piano tuned. The 11th grade won the attendance prize for having the most parents present. The door prize went to Miss Lucy Tillet.

A social hour followed, during which Mrs. W. B. Fearing served refreshments in the school lunch room.

## POLICE OFFICER FOR NAGS HEAD SUMMER SEASON

### Job Open For Four Months "Rasin" With Rough-necks

Applications for the job of policing Nags Head for the four months beginning May 1 are sought by Sheriff D. V. Meekins of Manteo, in keeping with the usual custom of hiring an officer each season for the protection of the visitors to the resort.

Along with the job goes more or less contending with a disorderly element who frequent beer halls and dance places, and are usually looking for a fight.

The job will pay a fair salary, but the officer must have an automobile.

The Dare commissioners appointed G. T. "Ras" Wescott a special policeman on his own request to give him authority to assist in keeping order at his place of business, the Nags Head Casino.

## LT. H. E. ETHERIDGE IS GERMAN PRISONER

### Had Formerly Been Listed Missing; Grandmother Receives Second Message Sunday

There was great rejoicing last Sunday in the home of Mrs. A. D. Swindell of Manteo when Mrs. Swindell received a message from her son, Guy Etheridge of Woodleaf, stating that his son, Lt. Harold E. Etheridge, formerly listed by the war department as missing, had written his father that he was a prisoner of war in Germany. Not that the Etheridge family rejoices that the lad is a prisoner, but they are happy to know that he is alive.

Lt. Etheridge told his father that he had been slightly injured but had recovered. He was first reported missing over Germany on February 23, when flying a bomber out of England, and this is the first word they have had since that time.

## RUBY SAWYER HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Ruby Sawyer has hostess at a birthday party Saturday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pluman E. Sawyer, near Manteo. Games were played and refreshments of drinks and cookies were served. The little hostess received many nice gifts.

Guests included Connie Mae Heady, Lizzette Headley, Eugene Ambrose, Mae Ambrose, Marie Etheridge, Horace Enlow, Freddy Enlow, Christine Enlow, Juanita Enlow, Becky Sawyer, Goldie Sawyer, Elmer Sawyer, Lockwood Sawyer, Hazel Sawyer, Mary Blanche Meekins, Carlton Etheridge, June Gleasen, Louise Marie Wescott and Annie Laurie Etheridge.

## YOU JUST CAN'T GIVE THINGS TO FOLKS WHO JUST WON'T EARN THEM

### Here Is A Little Example Of How The Government Invested Some \$18,000 Per Family On The Resettlement Project in Tyrrell And Washington Counties—And Lost Because The Burden Was Too Great To Tack On The Farmers.

## EXPERIENCE QUALIFIES HIM WELL FOR SENATOR



Honorable Roy Hampton of Plymouth, N. C., offers the Second District an outstanding candidate for Senator. Mr. Hampton's candidacy is of unusual interest to the people of the coast counties.

His long business experience in the field of Commerce, Agriculture and Fishing, qualifies him for many important posts. He is most qualified to represent these counties of the coastland, because of his many years of service on the Commercial Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Development. As chairman of this position occupying a most difficult job, he has by his sympathetic interest and understanding of the people of the fishermen, developed strong and loyal friendship throughout this section.

E. A. Daniels of Beaufort, at present the incumbent is a candidate for a second term which usually given as a matter of precedent. A third candidate for Senator is Zeb Vance Norman of Plymouth.

## JUDGE AND MRS. BAUM FETED MONDAY P. M.

### Guests Of Honor At Reception Celebrating 34th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Balfour Baum entertained at their home near Manteo Monday evening, honoring Mr. Baum's parents, Judge and Mrs. W. F. Baum, on their 34th wedding anniversary. The house was lovely with yellow and white spring flowers, and the yellow and white color scheme was further carried out in refreshments.

Mrs. Balfour Baum greeted the guests at the door and Mrs. O. J. Jones introduced to the receiving line, made up of Judge and Mrs. Baum, Mrs. Baum's brother, O. J. Jones, who is the only living witness of the wedding ceremony.

Balfour Baum, Mrs. Nevin Wescott and Mrs. Joe Love of Carolina Beach, son and daughters of the honored couple. Miss Stella Creef presided at the register. Lieut. and Mrs. Hugh Rogers directed to the dining room where refreshments of fruit punch, ice cream, cake and nuts were served by Mrs. J. O. Basnight, Mrs. Edward Wescott, Miss Miriam Ferebee, Miss Jacqueline Vannote and Miss Patricia Davis. Mrs. J. M. Ferebee presided at the punch bowl. The dining table was covered with a cloth of Belgian linen outworn, centered with a large bowl of white narcissi, yellow iris and ferns flanked with lighted white tapers.

During the evening the wedding ceremony of 34 years ago was repeated. Rev. M. W. Maness acting as officiating minister, Mrs. O. J. Jones as matron of honor, and O. J. Jones as best man. Showers of rice descended on the couple. Judge and Mrs. Baum were married May 1, 1910, in the Methodist parsonage in Manteo. Mrs. Baum before marriage was Miss Agnes Jones.

Goodbyes were spoken to Miss Ruth Evans and Martin Kellogg, Jr.

The story of how the government's crack-pot plans of dividing the wealth, and setting up in business groups of people who never had earned much nor taken care of what they earned, recently came to light in an article written by Congressman Harold D. Cooley of North Carolina in the Reader's Digest. The story is of particular interest in Eastern N. C., because in Washington and Tyrrell counties, one of these projects was planted at a cost of upwards of a million dollars.

The full story of this venture is not known to Mr. Cooley and would make more interesting reading if recounted. But in results it stacks up with many similar projects throughout the country, and is doubtless no worse, and perhaps better than some of them. Summed up however, it was a question of taking away from those who had earned, and giving to those who hadn't and in many cases didn't want to earn or do better. Now the taxpayer has the bill to foot.

In his article, Mr. Cooley says of this project:

"Compare Scuppernon Homesteads, in North Carolina. It contains 11,309 acres. The United States Government owns it. There are 71 farmhouses. The farmers are tenants. The government is the landlord. About 40 of the units are worked as one big mechanized farm. All the produce goes into one big pool. The government takes a share of the harvest for rent. The remainder is distributed among the tenants. Farm, community and home managers are hired by the government to run the show. Each farmer can keep a cow and have a small garden. He works where he is told to work under constant scrutiny. He is checked into the corn field and out of it, into the cow barn and out of that into the hog pen, and a careful record is kept of where, when and how long he works.

The government's investment at Scuppernon Homesteads was \$796,000 or \$11,000 a family. The cost of operation to June 1942 was \$97,000. Income was \$23,000. Loss: \$74,000, or \$1000 a family, on operation alone. To this must be added \$104,805 in loans to the clients. Also add \$317,000 interest on the capital investment. The whole thing looks like a burden of \$18,000 a family. Most pathetic of all, the families themselves were worse off financially at the end than before they were reclaimed and redeemed. There were 11 projects like this Scuppernon Homesteads, some of them even more costly.

The government could have given each of these families a farm and home, a fee-simple title to the same, and a gift of \$1,000 in cash, and still have spent less than half the cost per individual of Scuppernon and similar projects.

FSA officials, unable to defend the flat failure of the 197 communal experiments, say in effect: "After all, these projects made up only about one per cent of the agency's entire operations." But that one percent, representing the collectivist idea as to how to "save" 15,000 farmers, cost almost a third as much as the FSA's sensible rehabilitation loan program for 950,000 farmers.

FSA clients working under the communal plan are not being rehabilitated, are not paying back their loans, are hopelessly involved in debt. But those other FSA clients who have been aided by the American plan are steadily paying back their loans, are improving their standard of living, are buying their own farms and achieving real independence. The lesson is clear: in America, the American way works best.

The "Sensible rehabilitation program" to which Mr. Cooley refers was the plan whereby the FSA made loans to deserving farmers, and expected them to be repaid. Mr. Cooley says:

"By June 1943 the FSA had assisted 950,000 farmers and loaned them \$778,522,000. Of this amount \$404,327,000 had fallen due; and (Continued on page four)