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BATTLE OF ATLANTIC **BEGAN 11 YEARS AGO** OFF CAROLINA COAST Finds It Doesn't Help When It Comes Time to Pay

Tanker Allan Jackson First of Many Ships Sunk When Submarine Warfare Began Only 42 Days After Pearl Harbor. Many Sinkings Centered About Cape Hatteras.

By AYCOCK BROWN

as in particular, began at 0500,

just before dawn. It was the 42nd

First ship attacked and sent to

Axis submarine was the Allan

Sunk off the Cape here, only 13 of

A luckier ship on that January

18 which brought World War II

the Outer Banks at times during

the following six months was the

Gulf tanker Malay, attacked but

not sunk. She finally limped into

the port of Norfolk from off Ore-

A successful offensive by our

Navy and its Coast Guard did not

become effective until the summer

of 1942. In the meantime while

scores of our ships, and the ships

marines of the enemy were defi-

Other Sinkings

Allan Jackson had been briefed fol-

lowing their arrival in Norfolk, a

Ciltvaira of 3,779 gross tons got it

off the Outer Banks here. Laden

with paper, she had been torpedoed

near daybreak on January 19 and

within 11 hours on the same date

the Ocean Steamship Company's

City of Atlanta with a general car-

go was the target of another, per-

haps the same Axis submarine.

Wahab of Ocracoke.

parts of bodies were not.

Battle Continues

the tankers seemed to be favorite

rore was plugged by a torpedo

Arabutan and many of her crew

The manganese-laden Caribsea,

The Dare County Unit of the

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DARE COUNTY UNIT NCEA

March 7.

Before the survivors from the

of those were hospital cases.

day after Pearl Harbor.

MANTEO BANK SHOWS STEADY CLIMB IN 1952 the of the Atlantic," which was to

Deposits of One and a Quar- capes in general and Cape Hatterter Million Dollars

Herbert A. Creef, Manteo theatre owner with other business interests was named president of the Bank of Manteo Tuesday at the annual meeting of stockholders. He succeeds Z. B. Brinkley who died suddenly last Saturday.

Other officers elected were O. J. Jones, Manteo, vice president and within sight of jittery residents of W .R. Pearce, cashier since 1937, was re-elected to that post, with John H. Long re-elected assistant

Named on the board of directors gon Inlet. were: May L. Brinkley, Manteo, chairman; Frank Turner, Raleigh, chairman protem, Arnold Schiffman, Greensboro, H. A. Creef, O. J. Jones, L. D. Tarkington and W. of neutral nations were attacked R. Pearce, Manteo. Martin Kellogg, and sunk, only two or three sub-Jr., Manteo was named trustee.

Policies of the bank will remain nitely known to be killed, the first the same and there will be no near Wimble Shoals almost three cording to members of the Brink- of the Allan Jackson. ley family, principal owners.

The statement issued last week by the Bank of Manteo shows at the close of business for 1952 deposits of more than one and a quarter million dollars, indicating that the steady growth of the bank has been maintained without interruption for several years.

Demand deposits of the bank amount to \$758,445. State and poitical subdivisions also had desited with the bank \$138,865.

The bank, which is 46 years old, nas maintained a steady pace in the progress of the community. In earlier days, the bank was usually looked upon as a place to borrow money in an emergency, but more and more it is looked to for loans to finance business developments.

has only \$25,000 capital stock, but \$126,036.26 which means that evits capital accounts are listed at ery dollar of capital invested is worth more than \$5.

The president and owner of the majority of stock, Z. V. Brinkley, passed away Saturday. The directors of the bank in addition to Creef, L. D. Tarkington, and W. and vessels were lost, crippled sur-R. Pearce, Cashier, who with Martin Kellogg, Jr., constitute all the stockholders of the bank. At the present time, the majority of stock of the bank is owned by the estate of the late Mr. Brinkley.

PROMINENT CURRITUCK MAN DIES IN MANTEO

Thomas Grandberry Dowdy, 83, sunk and some of them were the died Saturday morning at 6:10 following: o'clock at the Beacon Nursing Home in Manteo following a long illness. He was a native and lifelong resident of Harbinger and ture, a Britisher, sent to the botson of the late Lindsey and Cynthia Dowdy. He was a retired Capes and then the little Norwefarmer and a member of the Pow- gian freighter Blink, attacked and ells Point Christian Church and sunk off Cape Hatteras. a senior elder of the church.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Cynthia Whitehurst of cargo ship Barque and the Olinda, Norfolk, Mrs. Lorena Bowden of another Brazilian were mid-Febru-Berkley, Va., and Miss Clara Dow- ary casualties. Iron ore ships, like dy of Decatur, Ga.; four sons, targets because another, the Ma-Lindsey Dowdy of Harbinger, Grandberry Dowdy of Manteo, Elwood Dowdy of Sanford and Elmer Dowdy of Hillsboro; 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Powells Point Christian hurch by the Rev. Preston E. Caton, a former pastor. The Rev. Garland C. Bland, a former pastor, and the Rev. Bill Gardner, pastor assisted. Burial followed in the family plot near Harbinger. The body was carried to the church one ation will meet Saturday, January which is not commonly killed hour prior to the services to lie in 17, at 10:30 a.m., in the Wanchese

Mr. Dowdy was well known in is expecting all teachers in the of wildfowl. Dare County where he spent much county to be present. The legisla- Nunnemaker also has a snow of his early manhood, and his first tive chairman, Mrs. Matilda Inge, goose he rescued from the left all other real estate he owns, the former lighthouse keepers' family, and died about 20 years school legislative program which when found but has since being ford Basnight, formerly of East eral Assembly. The Wanchese and pond regained its health. Lake, died about two years ago. teachers will be hostesses.

FELLOW COSTLY IN MOST CASES

BEING A GOOD

Too often a fellow with limited capital gets in a jam when he trusts out his goods too far. F. L. Peele of Hatteras was in the oil business. He couldn't say "no" to his friends and neighbors; he lik-Cape Hatteras.-Eleven years ed to help all of them. His collecago on January 18, 1942, the "bat- tions weren't on hand when it came time to pay his bills. He gave a check for \$1,700 to the M. L. Dan-Allied ships off the mid-Atlantic iels Oil Co. in December 1951, and after doing so, his collections didn't get in on time to get to the bank. He did his best to work it out with the oil company; he said he he bottom by a torpedo from an Jackson, a Standard Oil tanker. her crew of 35 survived and seven thing off for that.

For a brutal assault during the at Manns Harbor, Van Buren Twiford of Stumpy Point was fined Playmakers headquarters. (Lost \$10, and required to pay Hassell's Colony Photo). doctor's bill. This with costs and fine amounted to \$28.20.

John Coolidge Mann, colored, got drunk Jan. 9th and while in jail tore up a towel belonging to the county. He got a suspended 30-day sentence and was ordered change in operating personnel acel. Court costs and all came to

second ship, the Latvian freighter A WOMAN DIES AFTER STRIKING FISH TRUCK

Coinjock Woman Collides Head On With Truck Driven by Donald Midgett of Manns Harbor

Mrs. Zola Lee Walker, 40 year old Coinjock woman, was instantly killed, her companion, Geo. A. Rob-During those early days of the erts, about 45, of Southern Ave-"battle of the Atlantic" enemy nue, Elizabeth City, received a activity was centered in the gener- fractured arm, a head injury and al area of Cape Hatteras. Gradual- numerous cuts and bruises in an ly operations spread to waters off automobile accident that occurred North Carolina and Cape Henry of Saturday night.

The total resources of the bank and Cape Charles in Virginia. On Roberts who is a civilian em-British tanker Empire Gem were hospital where he was treated for

of life and some outstanding hero-Investigating highway patrolism by a Coast Guard crew headed men said the accident occurred one by Chief Boatswain Mate Harvey and three tenths miles east of Barco in Currituck County at the From then on there were sinkintersection of NC 34. . ings almost daily. Millions of dol-

Involved were a fish truck belars worth of shipping in cargoes longing to Robert Beasley of Manns Harbor and driven by Don-ald Midgett, and the automobile vivors were landed at the Naval section bases in Morehead City, at in which Mrs. Walker and Roberts Ocracoke, Southport and Little were riding.

Creek or at the Navy Base in Nor-The Patrol said the car, which folk. Bodies of seamen who did not was driven by Mrs. Walker, crosssurvive came ashore throughout ed the center line of the highway the area, some were identified, and and collided head on with the some which were only the bones or truck. Mrs. Walker is said to have been driving the automobile. She was dead when the ambulance ar-Within six months after the Alrived at the scene. lan Jackson, scores of ships were

She is survived by her husband, G. N. Walker of Coinjock, one son, Terry Lee; her parents, Mr. and Amerikaland, a 15,335 ton Mrs. Robert E. Lee: two sisters. Swedish ore carrier on February Mrs. Margaret Cartwright and 2, off Cape Henry, the Ocean Ven-Miss Mary Lee, both of Norfolk; this point," he said, "is that gamand three brothers. Vernon- and tom five days later off the Virginia Wilbur Lee of Norfolk, and Aaron tempting to 'smother' polio epi-Lee of Elizabeth City.

Investigating the accident were Nationality meant nothing to the Pfc. R. C. Holt, and Patrolman O. will provide relatively long-lastsubmarine skippers. The Brazilian L. Wise, all of the highway pa-

A RARE DUCK CAUGHT AT KILL DEVIL HILLS

near Wimble Shoals on February Kill Devil Hills.-Charles Nun-26. Another Brazilian ship, the nemaker, local cold storage plant operator makes a hobby of dowere killed off Cape Hatteras on mesticating wildfowl and this week he added a specimen to his flock that no one could identify immediately. It looked somewhat like a female mallard, but was TO MEET AT WANCHESE much larger in size.

The duck which was fast becoming domesticted is believed North Carolina Education Associ- to be a "Ring-neck" a species along the coast and usually is school. President Lloyd C. Finch found in flocks of other species

wife was Miss Clara M. Daniels of will have charge of the program, ocean's surf near here. The snow Wanchese, who mothered his large which will deal with the proposed goose was in a dying condition Island, Cape Hatteras, Mashoes



paid off part of it, but he lost his R. E. (Dick) JORDAN of Nags agency, and the company got out Head, general manager of Paul a warrant in September. At that, Green's symphonic drama THE with all his efforts, it finally came LOST COLONY, will be in Chapel to trial Tuesday. Judge Baum gave Hill this week end conferring with a 30-day suspended sentence, and Samuel Selden, supervisory direc-81/2 months to pay off the \$1,700 tor of the show. He will also meet at the rate of \$200 per month. No- with Bill Hardy, last year's managbody works any harder, or goes er of the drama in connection with farther to help folks than this moving Lost Colony office equipman, but when it comes to busi- ment and files to the Community ness, oil companies don't take any- Building in Manteo where a yeararound business headquarters is being established by Jordan, Pre-Christmas holidays on slender viously for the past several years Clarence Hassell, Deputy Sheriff the "off-season" business office has been in Chapel Hill at the Carolina

RESEARCH BACKED BY POLIO FUND

Recent successes in the search for an effective, safe and permanent preventive of paralytic polio, have intensified the need for March of Dimes funds to explore and exploit the findings, according to Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

"Certainly the discoveries concerning gamma globulin did not mean the end to polio problems," Mr. O'Connor said. "While they solved some problems, they also created many new ones."

Cape Lookout and Cape Fear in on NC 158 during the early part may modify the severity of polio The total resources of the bank is now listed at \$1,399,186.78. It Venore laden with iron ore and the list of the bank of the bank is now listed at \$1,399,186.78. It venore laden with iron ore and the list of the bank of t the infection has taken place. **Limitations Cited**

Mr. O'Connor cited three important limitations to the use of gamma globulin.

1-It gives only temporary protection. Thus the search for a permanent vaccine must contin-

2-GG is in very short supply. Techniques for increasing the supply for reasonable use must be developed.

3-Gamma globulin research is incomplete. It must still be determined, for example, if GG will permit the mild, inapparent form of polio infection that leads to an active long-lasting immunity.

Large sums of March of Dimes solutions to the above problems are found, Mr. O'Connor pointed

May 'Smother' Epidemics we can reasonably hope for at ma globulin may be used in atdemics in hard-hit areas. The fi- trict airport engineer. nal answer will still have to be Sgt. L. B. Lane, Corp. R. A. Tripp, a safe and effective vaccine that ing immunity. Efforts to produce such a vaccine for widespread human use are being hopefully pur-See POLIO, Page Five

BRINKLEY WILL LEAVES BULK OF ESTATE TO WIFE

Under the will of Z. V. Brinkley of Manteo, his wife, Mae L. of the majority of the stock of the Bank of Manteo, of which Mr. Brinkley was principal owner at sical changes to be made through for life, with such income as might deeded to the Cape Hatteras Naaccrue for her only use, his yacht, tional Seashore Recreation area. and all other personal property he Contract for building the road has might own.

To his two daughters, Mrs. Ar-

DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME SATURDAY

Manteo Banker, Rotary Club President and Well-Known Citizen Suffers Heart Attack

Zebulon Vance Brinkley, 70, died suddenly at his home in Manteo at noon Saturday, while talking to some neighbors in the back yard of his home. He was the son of the late William T. and Lavinia Brinkley and was born at Manteo March 8, 1883. At the time of his death, Williams Company. He retired nances. from employment with this company in 1946 after 45 years serv-

and Mrs. Arnold L. Schiffman of tition. With two permanent res-Greensboro, and by seven grand- idents of the community out of children. He was the last survivor of his parent's children, a sister, Mrs. Herman Drinkwater of Virginia Parent is survivor when it is submitted in the petition when it is submitted in the petiti

waterfront.

Monday at 2 p.m. in Manteo at up with zoning ordinance. the Twiford Funeral Home, by "We aren't interested in severe R. H. Atkinson. The Rotarians attended the funeral in a body and tended the funeral in a body and t acted as honorary pallbearers. Mu- Kill Devil Hills property own-The two main findings, Mr. O'Connor said, were that (1) gamma globulin provides marked protection of a temporary nature attention of a temporary nature attent

nancial and realty interests in up at his waterfront. He gave goes through, Kill Devil Hills forget such notification and also much of his time to the Bank of would have refunded to it 25 almost impossible to arrange for a

CAA OFFICIALS CONFER

Further study of the proposed he predicted. airplane landing strip at Kill Devil money must be invested before Hills which is part of a project take care of our requirements suggested by the Kill Devil Hills now," he explained. "If the time Memorial Society in connection should ever come when the peowith an aviation museum, was ple want to have police protectmade last week by two CAA offi- ion, or if we should get a water "Our scientists insist that all cials. On Thursday a survey of the system and could have fire prosite was made by W. L. Seeley of tection, then would be time of the Airports Division, and Joe tax levy." Norwood of Wilmington, the dis-

CAPE POINT ROAD TO BE BUILT ON HATTERAS ID.

Hatteras Island highway to Cape of the year nor vote here. Point here will be constructed during the spring, it was stated to- the petition, however, has not day by A. C. Stratton, of the Na- kept these non-resident propertional Park Service with offices in Manteo. The highway spur will pass close to the ocean beach from Hatteras Lighthouse to the Cape. Brinkley becomes the sole owner where a parking area for automobiles will be constructed.

also left to his wife, the homeplace which during late December was already been let, it was stated.

which includes land on Roanoke quarters near the base of the monlighthouse, it was stated.

PLANS FOR '53 SEASON DIES SUDDENLY AT KILL DEVIL HILLS SEEKS LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO INCORPORATE SECTION

Petition Signed by Practically All Permanent Residents of Area Will Be Submitted to Representative Etheridge Asking for Local Bill; Mayor, Three Commissioners Proposed to Govern With Zoning as Primary Objec-

Kill Devil Hills.—Before many ne was president and principal months, this beach community owner of the Bank of Manteo; may have the right to put on city airs. If, as Kill Devil Hilpresident of the Manteo Rotary lians hope and believe, the leg-Club. He was a member of Wind-lislature acts favorably on a spefor Castle Masonic Lodge, London, cial local bill, this will become where he lived for several years an incorporated town, with a prior to 1920 when he was the Eu- mayor, three commissioners and ropean representative of the J. B. the right to pass zoning ordi-

The movement has gone as far as circulation of a petition. W. Apparently in good health, he requests that he prepare and was talking to Raymond Wescott push through the legislative a for the day:

them to catch him. They caught and the bill passes, as it is con- mittee reports; 11:30 a.m., commithim and let him down to the fidently expected to do, Kill tee appointments; 11:45 a.m., comground, but he died instantly. He Devil Hill will then organize as mittee caucus for the appointment was assisting in the building of a a town, with the election of a of chairman and to map out prohome, for his daughter from mayor and three commissioners. gram for the year; 1 p.m., lunch Greensboro, and was planning a These officers' first and perhaps at the Hotel Engelhard; 2 p.m., power line to the new house on the only task for some time wil be convene for afternoon session; to make a study of the beach 2:05 p.m., Dr. W. T. Ralph, chair-Funeral services were conducted section involved and follow that man of the Roads and Bridges

Rev. H. V. Napier, and burial was restrictions," Mr. Lewark exin the Manteo Cemetery. Pallbear-plained. "What we want is some protection against the type of ment. Harris Midgett, Woodson Fearing, buildings or businesses that would destroy the value of our Mr. Lewark explained that

may modify the severity of polio during the late stages of the incubation period of the disease, of the founders of Dare County of the founders of the founders of the founders of Dare County of the founders of the foun cubation period of the disease, of the founders of Dare County er the value of property be

Chamber of Commerce, director, ter of fact, some of us would tion. and at one time had operated a welcome a good movie house."

ON K. D. HILLS PLAN such tax allotments as the state the deadline for such notification. makes to the county for roads.

"That should be enough to Only permanent residents of

the Kill Devil Hills community, who will be eligible to vote in the next general election, may sign the petition. This excludes those who have homes on the Buxton.—A paved road from the beach but do not live here most

Being excluded from signing ty owners from being actively interested in the incorporation and a prayer. movement. Some of them have See AUTHORITY, Page Five

MARCH OF DIMES DANCE This will be one of the first phy- AT HIGH SCHOOL GYM WANCHESE MAN RECEIVES

the time of his death. Mr. Brinkley the former State Park lands Cake Sale Saturday All Day Next Rogers Barber Shop; Dance Next Thursday Night

In addition to the new road held all day Saturday in Manteo, a coal heater and standing close nold Schiffman of Greensboro and through the Cape area, plans are next to Rogers Barber Shop, ac- by to get warm, the young man's Manteo chairman.

billy orchestra from Currituck. a Manteo physician.

SO. ALBEMARLE GROUP MEETING IN ENGELHARD

Executive Committee Meeting Announced for Wednesday

A six county executive meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association is announced for Engelhard, Wednesday, January 21, by H. Lewark, Atlantic township Lawrence Swain, President, of important meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association this year and it is expected that all members who possibly can will arrange to attend. The meeting will be ginia Beach having died two Bruce Etheridge. The petition Auditorium at exactly 10:30 am Auditorium at exactly 10:30 a.m., and the following is the agenda

was talking to Raymond Wescott and Earl Green, shortly before noon, when he swayed, told them he was going to faint, and asked Providing that all goes well committee reports, special com-10:30 a.m., invocation; 10:35, call to order; 10:40 a.m., Standing Committee, will lead discussion on the Alligator River and Croatan Sound bridges; 3 p.m., adjourn-

It might be expected that this meeting might run into extra time and that adjournment may be delayed, but if we are prepared for submission of reports and can keen the meeting moving the agenda will not be impossible. Please be prepared and to the point.

Since all counties will be asked to participate in the legislative program to the extent of the full annual dues the members of the executive committee are hereby requested to pay for their lunch individually. It is felt that it would be a little too much to ask the host "We aren't against bingo or county to also pay the full bill for Dare County at the time of his dancing or other entertainment, the entertainment of the quarterly death. He was highly regarded as but we don't want it in residence and annual meeting of the execua public spirited citizen, a former areas," he explained. "As a mat-tive committee and of the associa-

It is also urgently requested that dairy business. He lived at his For the immediate future, at those who plan to attend will notifather's old homeplace, a choice least, no tax assessments are fy Leon G. Ballance, vice-president spot on Manteo Bay, and he enjoy- anticipated. Mr. Lewark ex- for Hyde County, just as soon as ed his fine yacht which was tied plained that if the incorporation you receive this letter. It is easy to Manteo, and to the Rotary Club. per cent of the taxes its property group that the number in attendowners pay to the county. The ance cannot be depended upon. Mr. town might also get a share in Ballance has set January 17 for

'DICK" JORDAN HEADS MANTEO ROTARY CLUB

Monday Night's Meeting Devoted to Tributes to Late President Vance Brinkley

R. E. (Dick) Jordan, vice-pres-Atlanta, chief of Planning Branch enough to think about a town ident and the President elect of the Manteo Rotary Club presided Monday night at the regular meeting which was devoted to a memorial program for Vance Brinkley, club president who died Saturday .

O. J. Jones made a short speech in splendid tribute to Mr. Brinkley, his citizenship and his club service; and secretary Wally Mc-Cown read an advance copy of this week's editorial from the Coastland Times. Rev. Henry Napier closed the meeting with a poem

There was no formal business attended to at this meeting.

BURNS IN HOME ACCIDENT

Clarence Payne of Wanchese received bad burns on one leg and slight burns on the other in an ac-A cake bazaar to raise funds cident at his home Monday afterfor the March of Dimes will be noon. Opening the lower draft on Mrs. Frank Turner of Raleigh he underway to develop a museum in cording to Mrs. Wayland Frye, clothing caught fire when the draft in some way sent the flames Mrs. Frye is arranging a dance through the draft on to his clothes. ument and also to make arrange- also for next Thursday night, the After a futile attempt to smother and at Nags Head. To these daugh- ments for tourists and others in 22nd, in the Manteo High School the flames, he went to the kitchen ago. His second wife, Cora Twi- will be presented to the 1953 Gen- placed in the Nunnemaker pen ters will go also the home place the area to be privileged to climb gym, and it will be a square dance, and drowned the fire in a pail of to which Mrs. Brinkley has a life to the top of America's highest for which she is bringing a hill- water. He received first aid from