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NEARLY \$20,000 IN CHRISTMAS CHECKS MAILED IN MANTEO

Manteo Bank's Christmas Saving Fund Exceeds Last Year's By \$2,500.

Thrifty customers of the Bank of Manteo will have a better Christmas this year by some \$2,500 worth, more than last year. The Bank of Manteo has mailed out checks totalling \$19,263.60 to its Christmas Club depositors, and things are squared away to start a new club, according to John H. Long, assistant cashier.

The Christmas savings idea is growing in the Manteo vicinity, and the increase this year reflects either more interest in the worth of this form of saving, or in increase in volume of money in the community. Once, the Christmas club idea was pursued with the idea of having a small extra fund on hand for buying Christmas presents, which occasion struck so many at a time when they were usually broke after a succession of holiday activity.

In more recent years many people have come to look forward to the Christmas savings check in late November as a back log for many purposes. Some people prepare to pay their taxes from this fund. Others buy needed household items, or pay their bills.

The Manteo bank takes much interest in encouraging this form of saving. The employees of the bank this year are enjoying something new and improved. The bank has recently completed a large addition, which doubles its floor space, providing more working room, and more pleasant surroundings for the workers. A new and larger vault and a new heating plant have been installed.

ANDY GRIFFITHS VISIT THEIR ROANOKE ISLAND HOME BEFORE HOLLYWOOD RETURN

The Andy Griffiths returned to their Roanoke Island home early Thanksgiving morning to spend several weeks here before going to Hollywood where he will play in the leading role of the film version of "No Time For Sergeants." It will be the movie of the Broadway play which the former Lost Colony's Sir Walter Raleigh made famous.

Here with the Griffiths is Paul Silbert of New York, who with his brother was art director of "A Face in the Crowd," a movie produced by Elia Kazan in which Griffith was the star and which was written especially for him as his first movie. The story of "A Face in the Crowd" in a way is the life story of Andy, and its filming was completed a few days ago.

Silbert will remain here for several days and hopes to get in some big game hunting with his bow and arrow. He is an expert archer and here he hopes to bag a deer or bear in the big woods of Dare County mainland. Andy and his wife Barbara are both "illustrious alumni" of the Lost Colony. He is a native of Mt. Airy and was with the show for seven years. She played Eleanor Dare in the show for a number of seasons and was the first native of North Carolina to have the leading female role in the show. She is a native of Troy.

ERNEST BROWN QUIDLEY, 74 DIES SUNDAY IN COLINGTON

Ernest Brown Quidley, 74, died Sunday at 5:00 a.m. at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Williams, in Colington. He was a native of Avon and had been living in Colington for the past three years. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Colington.

He was the son of the late John and Bethany Hooper Quidley and widower of the late Missouri Gray Quidley.

The body was removed to the Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo and funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Assembly of God Church at Colington by the Rev. W. P. Nixon, pastor.

Burial followed in the Melson Cemetery in Colington. Remains lay in state one hour prior to funeral services in the church.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE IN MANTEO NOV. 25

The Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Superintendent of the Elizabeth City District of the Methodist Church, will preside at the First Quarterly Conference of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, November 25. All members of the Official Board of the church are especially urged to attend. The new quadrennial emphasis on the local church will be discussed, with great interest to all who attend.

OLD HE RACCOON CAME TO GRIEF AT CAPE HATTERAS



EARLY SUNDAY MORNING Guy Quidley of Buxton, Cape Hatteras, put an end to the old rascal that has been stealing his hens. A steel trap set outside the door caught this veteran raccoon, weighing over 15 lbs. Part of his tail and some of his toes had been nipped off a long time previous indicating this old grand-daddy of all coons had led an active life, and had narrowly escaped traps before. Some two or three years ago readers of the News & Observer were fascinated by recitals of the doings of Minnie Coon, a pet raccoon reared by Ben Dixon MacNeill of the Cape. The old coon caught by Guy Quidley must have been Minnie's grand-daddy. He was old and heavy, and fat, what with ample chicken diet close by. Mr. Quidley took him to his old friend Lup Gray just in case he wanted a dinner with a gamey flavor during Thanksgiving season.

TWO GOVERNORS TO HUNT TOGETHER AT LAKE MATTAMUSKEET

Governor Griffin of Georgia To Join Governor Hodges in Waterfowl Hunting December 3 and 4

Governors of two states are expected to hunt at Lake Mattamuskeet December 3rd and 4th, including our own Governor Luther H. Hodges. Georgia's Governor Marvin Griffin is also making plans to visit the nationally-known waterfowl hunting area.

Included in the party will be the following: E. A. Clement of Southern Bell and Telegraph Company in Raleigh, who is making arrangements for the party; William Saunders of Raleigh; H. G. Booth, J. S. Stone, H. Y. Alexander, and R. R. Stubbs, all of Charlotte; John Larkin of Trenton, Edwin Pate of Laurinburg, Harold Makepeace of Sanford, and Ed Crosland and John Doerfer of Washington, D. C.

Governor Hodges annually hunts at Mattamuskeet. Former Governor Herman Talmadge of Georgia also was a hunter in Hyde County on several occasions.

MANTEO MEMORIAL CLINIC GIVEN HOSPITAL STATUS

The Manteo Memorial Clinic, operated by Dr. W. W. Harvey and built by Fearings Inc. of Manteo this year to give the community a much needed facility, has been awarded Physician-Hospital status by the N. C. Medical Care Commission, it was revealed here this week. This is news of interest to the community in that it gives assurance to its people, and its visitors, that here are the better class facilities for medical care.

Each building of this type must be built to certain standards established by the State Commission. Also its equipment, and its operation, its staff and its records must come up to certain standards. This facility is operated by Dr. W. W. Harvey Jr. and provides trained nursing facilities.

When the Fearings Brothers planned the building, they submitted their plans to the State Authority for approval. Construction all the way through has followed requirements of the N. C. Medical Care Commission.

FORMER GRADUATES PLAY FOOTBALL ON THANKSGIVING

Teams made up of former graduates and boys who will graduate this year, from Manteo High School, opposed each other on Thanksgiving Day in the season's final football game.

The teams, dressed in white and black and gold began play at 2:30 with a small crowd in attendance. The blacks were victorious, winning 19-0. Touchdowns were made by Wade Nixon, Jack Burrus and Davis Ballance. Ray Jones Jr. added one extra point. The outstanding player for the whites, Randall Holmes, was injured early in the game, which slowed down the whites' offense. The black backfield was composed of Wade Nixon, Ray Jones, Davis Ballance, and Pat Kee. The white was composed of Randall Holmes, Steve Basnight, Jr., Roy Gray, and Bobby Ballance.

HUNTERS HOPEFUL FOR DUCK WEATHER ON THE WEEK END

An almost steady run of "blue-bird" weather, particularly the first half of the week, has just got to break to give duck hunters a chance on Thanksgiving week-end, old hunters say. They feel it in their bones that there will be some wind, and perhaps rain, and a drop in temperature Thursday, Friday and Saturday, to make the kind of weather that causes fowl to fly.

It is axiomatic that on calm, still, sunny days, geese and ducks are wont to laze away their time in the sheltered areas. One may drive along past thousands of apparently unconcerned ducks and geese on the Pea Island wildlife refuge on Hatteras Island, and the birds will only occasionally look up and stare at a fellow and go on back to feeding. They appear to know where they are safe.

But on "good days," that is good days for duck hunters when wind blows and rain drizzles and the air is cool, there is something which makes those birds want to be going from place to place. It is then that the hunter, hidden in his blind, with stool decoys tied out around him, is ever on the alert to sight those flying geese which come up to investigate, and offer good shots as they circle in to join the decoys.

Pea Island Refuge has many snow geese, often called "White Brant," and here they will disport themselves by the thousands until about January 5th, or "Old Christmas Day."

Because weather has been so good, few of the local hunters have been encouraged to tie-out in the Rodanthe vicinity but those who have tried it, have most always had some sport. Several of the old regulars, Asa Gray, Jr., Dorland Midgett, Horatio Midgett of Waves have had some luck, as well as Capt. Levene Midgett and others at Rodanthe. Bill Meekins has had some good shots at Mirlo Beach Lodge too.

Good reports on Thanksgiving wildfowl hunting comes from the Kitty Hawk sector, and Capt. Penell Tillet said today that he had heard just about everyone who hunted in the Caffey's Inlet area got his limit of geese and ducks Thursday.

From all accounts, there have been fewer non-resident wildfowl hunters to show up, to date, this season in Dare County for the reason that the weather has been too fine for good shooting, and well-informed hunters won't start out on a costly hunting trip during "blue-bird weather." The sudden change to sharp and windy weather this week, with promise of rain, is expected now to alter the picture, and we will see goose hunters swarming in about December 1 and through the next six weeks.

County Court Clerk, C. S. Meekins, who issues hunting licenses, says that while the non-resident hunters have not arrived in full force, he believes fully as many, if not more, resident hunters have bought licenses, as bought them last year. Apparently fully as many blinds have been licensed.

Among the avid hunters in the Manteo area is A. W. Drinkwater, the veteran weather man, who at 82, has good luck most every day. See HUNTERS, Page Four

DREDGING OF FAR CREEK TO START NEXT FEBRUARY

Engelhard's Channel and Turning Basin To Be Improved, Deepened to 12 Feet

Work is expected to begin about February first on the project to improve Far Creek channel and the turning basin at Engelhard, according to an announcement this week from the Corps of Engineers office in Wilmington. The announcement stated that invitations for bids will be issued about December 3rd for the dredging project and bids are scheduled to be opened on January 3rd; the contractor will be required to commence work within 30 days after being notified to proceed.

The work to be done consists of deepening the channel to 12 feet and widening it to 100 feet and dredging a turning basin the same depth 200 feet wide and 900 feet long. The total length of the project will be about 2.7 miles from deep water in Pamlico Sound to the Highway 264 bridge in Engelhard.

The project calls for the removal of an estimated 411,000 cubic yards of material and is expected to require about four months to complete.

CIVIL DEFENSE CLASSES UNDER DIRECTION OF DR. HARVEY BEGIN NOV. 28

Civil defense classes will begin in Manteo on Wednesday night, November 28, under the direction of Dr. W. W. Harvey, it was announced this week. The classes will be held in Memorial Clinic and will begin at 8 o'clock. Persons interested in taking part in the classes, which will be for first aid and general survival instruction are urged to attend, it was stated by Dr. Harvey.

This is a new phase in the Civil Defense program that is being set up in Dare County and here on Roanoke Island. Previously organized and now being held at regular intervals are communication classes under the direction of Goodrich Williams.

The program when organized with the training of persons in various activities is expected to be of great need, when and if this area becomes an escape route for nearby target areas in nuclear warfare.

The overall program in Dare is under the direction of Robert Gunn and Frederick Trew.

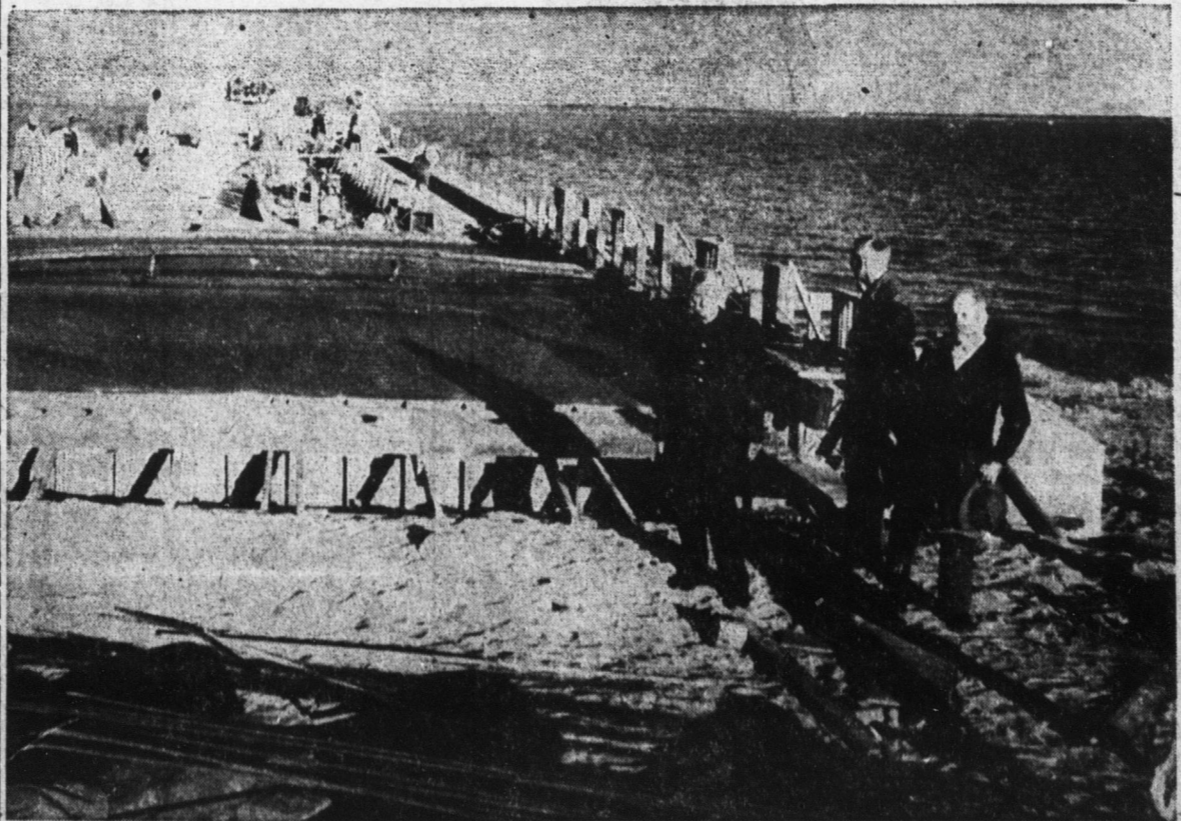
ROANOKE ISLAND OES TO HOLD DECEMBER BAZAAR

A bazaar will be held by members of the Roanoke Island OES December 7 and 8 in the showroom of the Dare County Ice and Storage Company in Manteo.

All members are urged to donate appropriate items to be sold, including household articles, white elephant items, homemade pickles, preserves, pies, cakes, candies, etc.

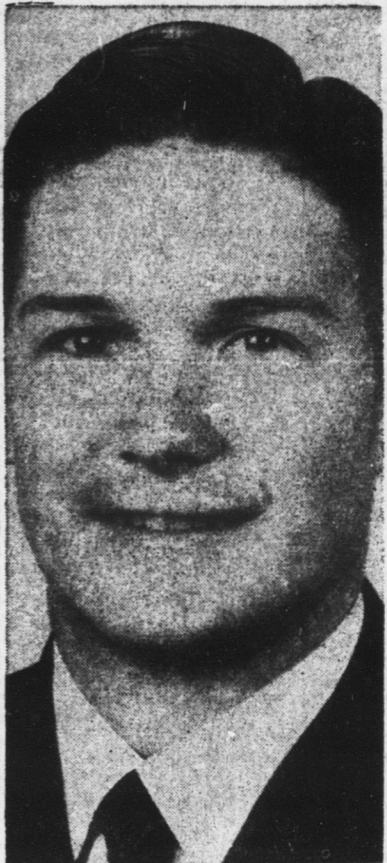
The following committee members have been appointed to accept these articles at their homes: Mrs. Jack Wilson, Mrs. Edward Westcott, Mrs. Allen Lee Mann, Jr., Mrs. Dot Garrison and Mrs. Vivian Daniels.

CROATAN SOUND WATERS SPANNED AT LAST BY A MODERN BRIDGE



LAST WEEK Aycock Brown made this picture of the Croatan Sound bridge which started nearly three years ago on the Roanoke Island side, and now has gone ashore at Manns Harbor, so it is possible to drive an automobile all the way across Croatan Sound over this bridge. It is going to take additional time for traffic to be turned loose over it, for the concrete must season, and the painting of steel beams underneath must be completed. The approaches to the bridge have not been surfaced, and the contractor has until May 30th to do the job. The new bridge is almost three miles long, and with approaches cost \$3,000,000.

MANTEO BOY ENROLLED AT COAST GUARD ACADEMY



—Coast Guard photo.

ROBERT G. WILLIAMS of Manteo, who graduated in 1954 from the Manteo High School, is the second home town boy to enter the U. S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn. where he is training for a commission in the service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manning Williams of Manteo, and his father is a retired Coastguardsman, as was his paternal grandfather, and many other relatives, including maternal uncles. He is due to graduate with the class of 1960. The Academy says the community and school can be justly proud of this cadet, who proved himself to be of the highest physical, academic and moral standards before he was given an appointment to the Academy through competitive examinations.

Capt. Richard M. Hoyle who has long been attached to the Norfolk office is another Manteo boy who rose in the service through the Coast Guard Academy.

ROANOKE UTILITIES MUST SHOW CAUSE FOR ITS RATES

Raleigh.—Manteo's power company, Roanoke Utilities Co., Inc., has been ordered to show cause why it should not reduce its rates.

The State Utilities Commission on Monday notified the company to have the explanation ready for a hearing to be held here Jan. 15. The Commission said an examination of the company's books by the Commission's accounting staff showed the company's "present schedule of rates and charges for electric service is producing revenues in excess of those necessary to provide a fair and reasonable rate of return on its investment, according to its (the company's) own books and records."

Several years ago the Utilities Company got permission to increase its rates and announced at the time when conditions permitted, it would grant a reduction. The local company says in view of the present costs of operation, its rates are reasonable, and not out of balance with rates in similar localities. The company has long since ceased the manufacture of current, but buys its energy under contract with the Virginia Electric & Power Company.

REV. A. C. D. NOE TO PREACH AT ST. ANDREWS NOV. 25

The Rev. A. C. D. Noe, priest in charge of St. Andrews by the Sea, the Protestant Episcopal church on Nags Head will conduct services and deliver the sermon at the morning worship Sunday morning, November 25 at 11 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Noe will arrive on Saturday from their home in Bath.

During the services the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray of Nags Head will be baptized. Richard E. Jordan will be at the console of the organ and a feature of the services will be singing by the Children's Vested Choir under the direction of Mrs. Glenn Mayberry. Lay Readers John Earle and Aycock Brown will assist Mr. Noe during the services.

JOINS AIR FORCE, IN TEXAS

Donald Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald Clark of Manteo, has joined the U.S. Air Force, and is stationed at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas. Young Clark graduated from Manteo High School in the spring of 1956.

LICENSE REQUIRED IF ONLY LOOKING ON AT HUNTING

Can't Be Merely A Spectator At a Hunting Event Without It

Game wardens appeared on the scene during the Thanksgiving week end fox hunt at Nags Head yesterday. They advised spectators that it was unlawful to be a spectator, unless you had a hunting license.

This was news to several persons who had gone to Nags Head woods to hear or see the John Ray Watkins' hounds chase foxes. No arrests made but there were some purchases of licenses by persons, especially non-residents (at \$15.25) who probably by this time consider it a rather high price to hear dogs barking.

The game wardens had not informed anyone at hunt headquarters on the previous day that licenses were required. They waited until those who had come to spend a Thanksgiving holiday at Nags Head, were already guilty of being a spectator.

Julian Oneto at the Carolinian who had helped arrange the hunt and other Thanksgiving week end events at Nags Head stated that the game wardens had indicated that licenses were not required for the Valentine season hunt which has given Nags Head and North Carolina considerable publicity throughout the country during recent years. "That is because they consider the February hunt an 'organized' hunt," said Oneto.

It also developed that the wardens claimed their action on Thursday resulted from "complaints from other counties," that unlicensed individuals attended the fox hunts at Nags Head.

On Thanksgiving afternoon several persons took part in the turkey shoot at Nags Head. Unusual feature of this hunt was the fact that all participants used ancient muzzleloading rifles instead of modern guns and Dorian Quidley of Manteo had charge of loading the century old guns with powder. See LICENSE, Page Five

STORY HOUR TO BE RESUMED AT LIBRARY

Mrs. James C. Bardin Volunteers To Conduct Project For Manteo Library; New Bookmobile Promised

The library's need finds a friend in deed. Mrs. James C. Bardin is the friend who has come to the aid of the library in its efforts to reopen the Children's Story Hour, so popular for years that many have requested its restoration. When hope that it could be fitted into the busy schedule of the library was almost abandoned, Mrs. Bardin kindly volunteered to conduct it. With her charm and wide acquaintance of children's literature, Mrs. Bardin is an ideal leader for this project, and her offer was accepted enthusiastically. Parents and the little ones will be equally delighted that beginning on November 28th, Mrs. Bardin will be in the Community Building on Wednesdays at 2:30. In the event of her absence, a librarian will endeavor to pinchhit for her.

Another reason for the happy atmosphere in the library is the promise of the new bookmobile. The order has been placed and delivery should be made early in the new year. Because of mechanical difficulties, service with the old bookmobile is uncertain and irregular and may have to be discontinued entirely.

Six new children's books; the best seller, "The Wreck of the Mary Sears" and three other novels; two biographies, "The Menniger Story" and "Charles Evans Hughes"; "The Wonderful World of Mathematics" and four mysteries have been added to the library.

LT. COMMANDER A. T. PRICE AVON NATIVE DIES SAT.

Lt. Commander Amblick Tom Price USCG retired, 63, a native of Avon, Dare County, died Saturday in a Norfolk hospital after a short illness. He was the son of the late A. T. and Adelia O'Neal Price of Avon, and had lived in Princess Anne County, Va. for the past six years. He is survived by a daughter, Miss Gloria D. Price of Princess Anne, two sons, Grayson A. Price of Jessup, Md. and Wesley W. Price USCG of Newberry, Mass. Five sisters, Mrs. Dorcas Anne Miller, Mrs. Louisa Williams and Mrs. Pecola Gray of Avon, Mrs. Eliva Smith of Hubert, N. C., and Mrs. Elizabeth Stowe of Frisco; one brother, Noah E. Price of Avon; a granddaughter, Miss Sherry Lynn Price of Newberry, Mass.; two grandsons, Kenneth J. Price and Larry E. Price of Jessup, Md.