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## VALUE OF ANCIENT HURDLE OAKS AT KITTY HAWK \$600

An Interesting Suit Against YEP- CO Heard This Week in Dare Courthouse

Various estimates on the value of some 30 or more live oak trees, some of them more than 30 inches in diameter, were given by witnesses giving testimony in a commissioners hearing at Dare County Courthouse on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The location was the former home of the late Professor Hurdle of Kitty Hawk.

The damage to retired Air Force General and Mrs. Charles Y. Banfill's property on the shores of Kitty Hawk Bay, when the trees were cut down for a power line right of way ranged \$800 in the opinion of Herman Tillett of Kitty Hawk community to \$4,760 according to testimony given by Robert Young of Avalon Beach real estate development near the property.

The Banfills had brought the property in 1941 for \$1,000 and planned to build a retirement home there.

Norman M. Armstrong of Chapel Hill, former president of the National Arborist Society and a member of the National Shade Tree Conference's committee on establishing the value of trees said the trees were "worth \$10,866 and even \$33,318 if each had been in perfect condition."

He based his opinion according to a formula the Shade Tree committee uses in arriving at the value of a tree. He explained the formula stating "that measurements of a tree's trunk from the ground to three and half feet is taken. Then the square inches in that measured stumpage is taken and the total inches is multiplied by \$5."

This information, plus other testimony evaluating the damage done to the property by cutting the right-of-way apparently did not impress Superior Court Appointed Commissioners Jesse Baum, Kitty Hawk, Elton C. Twiford, Kill Devil Hills and Onslow J. See TREES, Page Four

## ROTARIANS HEAR AGENT DISCUSS FARM ECONOMY

The Manteo Rotary Club Monday night heard County Farm Agent J. L. Rea discuss the country's farm economy, in which he pictured with a chart the rise in farm production during the past several years, the rise in population to 170 millions, and pointed out the needs by 1978 that will result. He showed today the average farm investment as being \$27,000 which is far more than the investment required for each worker in the country's big industrial plants.

Julian Oneto made a plea for a contribution from the club to assist in paying for a piano at the Manteo High School, and a motion was made to give \$100 which was referred to the Board of directors. Mr. Oneto was sworn in later in the evening as a newly appointed member of the N. C. Cape Hatteras National Seashore Commission. Another coastland resident, Theo. Rondthaler of Ocracoke has also recently been appointed on this commission by Governor Hodges.

Dr. W. W. Johnston expressed his appreciation to the club for the numerous remembrances from many friends during his recent illness. Several visitors were presented to the club. These included W. H. Smith of Kitty Hawk, Mr. Rea, and Gene F. George, of the Wachovia Bank of Raleigh, who is temporarily assisting on the orce of the Bank of Manteo.

Mr. Rea also urged attendance at a meeting of citizens this week who are working on a plan for beautification of the local highways in effort to make them more appealing to our tourist visitors.

### ROBERT A. MURPHY

Robert A. Murphy, 60, died in Norfolk Thursday. He was a brother of Major J. L. Murphy of Kill Devil Hills, and a native of Norfolk, Va., and his funeral was conducted Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mr. Murphy was a retired executive of the North American Shipping & Trading Co. He was the husband of Mrs. Margaret E. Murphy, son of Mrs. Margaret A. and the late Michael J. Murphy, and is survived by two brothers, Major Murphy of Kill Devil Hills and Vice-Admiral Vincent Murphy, U. S. N. retired. Also by two sons, R. A. Murphy Jr. and Jas. E. Murphy both of Larchmont, N. Y.

## FIRST NEW BERN MAN TO HEAD ITS SHRINE TEMPLE



OTIS M. BANKS of Cary, above, executive secretary of the N. C. State Highway Employees Association, was elected potentate of Sudan Temple Shriners at their annual winter ceremonial in New Bern Thursday. The temple embraces all of Eastern North Carolina.

## SHRINERS IN FORCE IN NEW BERN THIS WEEK; ELECT BANKS

New Bern, Jan. 23.—Eastern North Carolina Shriners elected Otis M. Banks potentate of Sudan Temple today, and he became the first native New Bernian ever to head the 41-year-old temple here. He succeeds Dr. Ralph L. Fike of Wilson.

Banks, now a resident of Cary, is executive secretary of the State Highway Employees Association.

More than half the temple's 6,400 membership were in attendance today at the annual business meeting, opening of the new temple addition, and initiation of new Shriners.

Other officers elected were Clyde G. McAuley, Rocky Mount, chief rabban; Otis G. Sawyer, Durham, assistant rabban; Horace T. King, Wilmington, high priest and prophet; W. A. Prince, Goldsboro, oriental guide; I. V. Stephens, New Bern, treasurer; and Lester H. Gillikin, New Bern, recorder.

On the committee for crippled children's hospitals, the charity to which the Shrine is dedicated, Potentate Banks appointed Paul L. Strickland and Curtis Ennis, both of Dunn, and Past Imperial Potentate Hubert M. Poteat of Wake Forest.

Arthur T. Moore of Fayetteville was placed in line for potentate ten years hence by his appointment as outer guard today by Banks.

The potentate's aides for the year will be T. Manly Honeycutt, Richard Pendergraph, R. Lloyd Young and Guy L. Honeycutt, all of Raleigh.

Other 1958 officials named today included Charles A. Harris, See SHRINERS, Page Four

## NPS OPERATING AIR SAMPLING PROJECT AT BODIE ISLAND

Long Range Study Will Determine if Pollution Is In Our Coastal Air

Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area is operating a special air sampling station during 1958 in cooperation with the U. S. Public Health Service, it was revealed today by Superintendent Robert F. Gibbs of the National Seashore. The station is one of 160 constituting the National Air Sampling Network, part of a long-range study to determine the nature and extent of air pollution over the U. S. and its relationships to such influences as climate, geography, population, and industry. All major population areas and many remote non-urban areas are being sampled. The Public Health Service provides the equipment, analyzes the samples, and reports on findings. Headquarters of the Network are in the Service's Community Air Pollution Program at the Robert A. Taft Sanitary Engineering Center, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The sampler is set up at Bodie Island Visitor Center adjacent to Bodie Island Lighthouse. It is an improved high volume sampler, which acts and sounds like a vacuum cleaner as it sucks air for 24 hours through a glass filter to trap air borne particles. The filter is sent to Cincinnati for physical, chemical, and radiological analysis, and the data on the results are returned to State and local authorities to aid them in their own studies of air pollution. This is no small task, even if the 160 stations of the Network sample only once every two weeks, but PHS and local engineers believe the broad picture sought is well worth the effort required.

## WANCHESE CITIZENS TO CONSIDER STREET LIGHTS AT MEETING JANUARY 27

A meeting of the citizens of Wanchese has been called for eight o'clock, Monday night, January 27th at the school, to consider means of putting in some 20 street lights in the community. This project, which was first sponsored some months ago by the Wanchese Ruritan Club has been tentatively worked out, and at the forthcoming meeting the costs will be explained, and attempts made to get enough citizens to underwrite the cost each year.

The cost is estimated at approximately \$360 per year for 20 lights. Rev. C. L. Warren, Chairman, Wayland Baum and J. T. Daniels are the committee members working on this project.

A fashion show using men models, is expected to provide a lot of fun, and bring in some money for the community work of the club. This show will be held about February 14th in the school building. A similar show by the See LIGHTS, Page Four

## \$190,000 GRANT TO CAPE HATTERAS LIGHT SYSTEM

With Funds on Hand Will Add 11 Miles Distribution Line; Add 100 Customers

The Rural Electrification Corporation advised this week it had granted a loan of \$190,000 to the Cape Hatteras Electric Membership Corporation of Buxton, James S. Turner, President, according to information from Congressman Herbert Bomer's office. They will use this money together with some that they have from a previous loan to build 11 miles of distribution line. That will bring service to 100 new rural consumers. They will also use this money to make some improvements to their service for their present consumers. This corporation serves Hatteras Inlet, Pamlico Sound villages of Hatteras, Frisco, Buxton, Avon, Salvo, Waves and Rodanthe. Hatteras Island is 50 miles long, and all but 12 miles of this area is served by the lines of this company. These lines stop at Rodanthe.

## REALLY NEWSY IS OCRACOKE SCHOOL NEWS BULLETIN

Sprightly Paper Records Just About Everything Happening on the Island

We learn many things about the Island of Ocracoke that we don't learn elsewhere, upon reading the Ocracoke School news, a sprightly bulletin that comes out once a month during the school year. We thought our paper carried most of the news, but there really is a lot more, and here are some of the things we read in the School news:

There'll be a special dance on Valentine's day to raise money for the Junior Senior dinner and party... hunting was reported good at Ocracoke since New Year's... The postoffice was rushed with business this season as never before... a new 185 KW generator has been installed at the light plant... it cost \$55,490... School Principal Rondthaler has been appointed by Governor Hodges to membership on the Cape Hatteras Seashore Commission... Mr. Rondthaler has also revealed the cold weather records for the island recently... His thermometer dropped to 23 degrees the coldest night and remained below freezing for two days, and freezing temperatures continued for seven nights... a list of holiday visitors, many of them back to their old home to see relatives includes people from just about every state, and some foreign places, which shows how far afield our Ocracokers have wandered in pursuit of their avocations... Also many Ocracokers have been some distance from home doing a little visiting.

The community store still flourishes, and Mr. Garrish is adding See BULLETIN, Page Four

## NEW BERN COUPLE TO GIVE CONCERT IN MANTEO MONDAY



APPEARING IN RECITAL at 8:15 on Monday evening, January 27, Mr. and Mrs. Arvids K. Snornieks of New Bern will bring to residents of the Manteo area a program of vocal and piano music which is expected to be well worth the effort to hear.

Mr. and Mrs. Snornieks, natives of Latvia, now making their home in New Bern, had given many concerts in Germany before coming to the United States to live, and have recently been much in demand in North Carolina.

Mr. Snornieks is the vocalist and Mrs. Snornieks will play the piano and accompany her husband.

The public is invited to attend. A nominal admission charge will be given toward the fund for the new school piano. The concert will be given in the Manteo school auditorium.

## DCB BOARD TO MEET IN MANTEO WED. JAN. 29

Winter meeting of the Dare County Tourist Bureau Board of Directors will be held in the Community Building at Manteo next Wednesday, January 29, at 10 o'clock. All members of the Board as well as members of the County Board of Commissioners have been notified and urged to attend the meeting.

There will be reports by the Chairman of the Board, the Secretary and Treasurer and the General Manager.

Plans for making 1958 the biggest vacation year in the history of the Dare Coast will be discussed at the meeting. While it is a Board of Directors meeting, any person interested in the Tourist Bureau and its publicity and promotion program are always welcome to attend, it was stated by the chairman, Alvah H. Ward, Jr.

## SEASHORE COMMISSION MEMBERS APPOINTED

Theodore Rondthaler of Ocracoke and Julian Oneto of Nags Head have been named to the North Carolina Cape Hatteras Seashore Commission for four-year terms ending Jan. 12, 1962. They replace P. Bruce Bateman of Plymouth and S. Bunn Frink of Southport. Reappointed to the commission were Ben Dixon Mac Neill of Buxton, Miles Clark of Elizabeth City and Aycock Brown of Manteo for terms expiring Jan. 12, 1962.

## MRS. JULIA GRAY GETS \$21,000 FOR INJURIES IN SUIT

Consent Judgement Awarded in Dare Saturday Night After Jury Seems Stalled

After it appeared the jury was on its way to be deadlocked, a consent judgement of \$15,000 was awarded Mrs. Julia C. Gray Saturday night in Dare Superior Court, which with hospital bills of some \$6,000 that had been paid Elizabeth City hospital, brought the total sum to \$21,000, according to court officials.

Defendants in this case were Mrs. Ethelyn Watts of Norfolk, and Leonard Midgett of Manteo, both of whom carried insurance, and the sum awarded Mrs. Gray appears to be equal to the liability carried, and about what defense attorneys had offered in settlement the day before.

Mrs. Gray sustained serious injuries in July 1955 when her car, which was being driven by Mrs. Watts, piled into the truck owned by Mr. Midgett, which was used in the removal of trash on the Nags Head highway, and was being driven by George W. King of Manteo.

Mrs. Gray, the famed maker of dolls, claimed both Mrs. Watts and Mr. Midgett were negligent, in he was parked on the highway, she alleged without rear lights. She testified her hospital bills as a result of the mishap came to more than \$8,000 and that she is suffering from permanent injuries. She has been often commended for her brave fight during the long confinement and suffering. She walks with a cane, and doctors say her injuries are permanent.

After three days of trial, the case got to the jury Saturday evening. At ten p.m. it had not reached an agreement, but the parties in the suit did reach one, and the jury was notified.

## GARBAGE COLLECTION RULES EXPLAINED BY MANTEO'S TOWN BOARD

The town's garbage collection system has been put under a severe strain recently due to a misunderstanding by some home owners, it was reported Monday at the monthly meeting of the Town of Manteo's Board of Commissioners. In order to alleviate the situation, the board issued a notice to all residents requesting co-operation in placing garbage out for pick up. It was pointed out that a collection service is provided by the town only for household trash and garbage, and the town is not responsible for the collection of such trash as tree limbs, shrubbery trimmings, and building material scraps. It was further pointed out that the collection crews are supposed to pick up such household trash and garbage only when it has been placed in covered containers.

The installation of four additional street lights was approved by the board. The costs of two of the lights, which are to be on the school grounds, are to be paid by the PTA and Board of Education. The other lights are to be located on the waterfront at the foot of Main Street and at the corner of Pine and Church streets.

In other action, the board decided not to allow a water line of less than two inches in diameter to be connected to the town's water mains and to make it a misdemeanor for anyone to excavate in any of the town's streets without first getting a permit from the board.

## STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS SUNDAY JAN. 26

Steering committee members of the forthcoming Dare Coast Pirate Jamboree scheduled for April 24-27 this year have been urged by Chairman Alvah H. Ward, Jr., to attend a meeting in the Cypress Room of The Carolinian on Nags Head Sunday afternoon, January 26 at 2 o'clock.

While the meeting is especially for members of the steering committee, Chairman Ward stated all persons interested in helping make plans for the Jamboree were invited and that their ideas would be considered and appreciated for new activities.

First day of the Jamboree this year will mark the official dedication of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

"We must complete tentative plans on Sunday and then work hard to make those plans realized," said Ward.

The steering committee includes members from the Dare Beaches, Roanoke Island, Hatteras Island and the Dare Mainland. They were appointed at a meeting held on December 8.

## CREW OF DARE COUNTY'S NEWEST MILITARY INSTALLATION



AT STUMPY POINT, the Navy in August last year opened a new facility officially named "U. S. Naval Target, Stumpy Point." Seven men were in the original crew which took over the modern barracks building from the contractor, but the crew was increased to twenty after actual operations began in September. Under the command of Chief Stanley D. Webb, the men daily man three observation towers bordering a practice target area 13 miles out in Pamlico Sound from Stumpy Point. The towers form a triangle three miles along each side, with

an old LST in the center used as a target for practice bombing by Navy planes from as far away as Florida. The tower personnel observe and score the bomb drops. Operations are normally conducted each weekday and occasionally on week ends. Transportation back and forth by boat to the towers is provided under contract by Leiland Wise of Stumpy Point.

The Navy men found no trouble fitting into the social life of the community, and several of them have moved their families to Stumpy Point. With the men's co-operation, particularly the leadership of one of the sailors, Clarence

M. Rush, the Methodist Church at Stumpy Point has opened a youth center that offers the only place in the community for supervised recreation each week end.

The names, ratings and hometown addresses of the crew members, as pictured above, are: (left to right) front row, Elwood Harkins, CS3, Asheville, N. C.; Robert E. Thrasher, AN, Huntington, Ind.; William H. Acord, BT3, Portsmouth, Va.; Homer F. Fain, AN, Springfield, Ohio; Wilton G. Branch, CS2, Lumberton, N. C.; Martin E. Insley, BMI, Currituck, N. C.; Second row, Chief Stanley D. Webb, CD, Tahlequah, Okla.;

Wiley G. Allen, AB2, Columbia, S. C.; R. L. Santurmo, ETS, Denver, Colo.; Clarence M. Rush, MM3, Ada, Ohio; Glenn H. McCranie, AKAN, Valdosta, Ga.; Melvin S. Jones, CN, Dover, N. C.; Harold D. Dockins, AN, Sikeston, Mo.; Henry J. Braddy, Jr., AD1, Washington, N. C.; back row, Raymond G. Budney, EMS, Ozona Park, N. Y.; Blaine B. Wolf, AN, Dublin, Ohio; Cary D. Smith, A KAN, Athens, Ga.; Donald C. Remy, SA, Waterville, Maine; Clyde W. Payne, AN, Ashland, Va.; Samuel L. Shorter, HMS, Chatham, Va. (Photo by Pratt Williamson, Jr.)