

MANY HAPPENINGS DURING WEEK ON OCRACOKE ISLAND

Fisheries Meetings Held; Red Cross Representatives and Telephone Men Visitors

Ocracoke, Oct. 13 — Friday of last week brought a good many people to Ocracoke. At 10 a.m. there was a hearing in the school recreation hall, conducted by G. C. Holland, chairman of the State Fisheries Commission, in response to a petition by commercial fishermen for a change in the current law which limits the commercial catching of channel bass in nets. Members of the Department of Conservation & Development present included Cecil Morris of Atlantic, Charlie Allen and C. D. Kennett of Durham. Lynn Thomas was with Mr. Holland. Also present in an advisory capacity were Rep. Dick O'Neal, through whom the petition had been presented to the Fisheries Commission. A. W. Daniels of Cedar Island, Eric Rogers of Scotland Neck, and Arnold Daniels of Wanchese. Several persons spoke, some in favor of the petition of the commercial fishermen; others, in favor of the present law which acts as a conservation measure, preserving the channel bass for sport fishing. These people made the trip to Ocracoke on the State boat from Washington, N. C.

Also at Ocracoke was Ralph Barlow, Disaster Representative of the Red Cross, from the Atlanta, Georgia office. Mr. Barlow flew over from Beaufort. He has been working in Pamlico County since Hurricane Helene. He interviewed a number of people as to their losses in the hurricane, and took reports back to headquarters for further investigation.

Kenneth J. Fischler and Roy N. Vickery, both of the Federal Fisheries Headquarters at Piver's Island, Beaufort, spent three or four days here last week on a crab research project. Elmo Fulcher took them out to catch and band crabs, the object of the banding being to ascertain the life of the crab and where he eventually ends up. Anyone catching one of these crabs can get a quarter by returning the metal band to Headquarters in Beaufort.

About mid-afternoon the population was further increased when three or four men from the Carolina Telephone Company flew in to make telephone repairs.

Ocracoke P. T. A. will meet next Monday night at the school library. During the business session fi-

nal plans will be made for the Oct. 21st Carnival. Hostesses for the meeting are Mrs. Virginia Esham, Miss Kathleen Bragg, Mrs. Hazen Brooks, Mrs. Dorothy Garrish, Mrs. Doris Garrish, and Mrs. Elmo Fulcher.

The Assembly of God Church here has a new pastor, Rev. D. B. Lawrence and Mrs. Lawrence. They were at Wanchese and Poplar Branch before coming to Ocracoke. They and their son, Gaston, have moved into the parsonage. The son expects soon to leave for the Air Force service.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jordan of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, are at Wahab Village Hotel. Mr. Jordan has fished at Ocracoke for many years, and has twice won recognition for his catches here in Field & Stream. Also at the hotel are John McRea, M. W. Harman, Clarence Mackie, all of Newton, J. C. Gossen and Mr. and Mrs. James Martin of Lexington, Boyd Adams of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Johnson of Hickory.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Robinson of Baltimore are visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Jane Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cochran are back from a week's trip to the mainland.

At its October meeting, Circle 1 of the Woman's Society for Christian Service, voted to sponsor the annual Christmas Bazaar again this year. Date selected is Saturday, November 15th. Mrs. Neafie Scarborough presented for devotion a study of the meaning of Communion. Mrs. Jack Willis made the last of the book reports which the Circle has had during the past month. Various matters of business were discussed.

Mrs. Mamie Howard is at home after a visit in Norfolk with her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Overton and family.

Mrs. Edith Simpson, who spent the summer visiting Mrs. Dean Ballance and Miss Florence Gaskins and other relatives and friends is returning to her home at Sea Isle City this week, making the trip back with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Scarborough and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parsons.

Mrs. Lena Bragg has returned home after spending two months visiting her daughter, Mrs. Roy Council, in Washington, D. C. She also visited her brother, Rev. Frank Fulcher in Richmond, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Williams in Philadelphia. En route home she stopped with another daughter, Mrs. E. C. Drake, in Rocky Mount. Her grandson, Jeff Drake, and his daughter, Linda, brought her to Ocracoke from there.

Mrs. T. W. Howard was honored with a surprise birthday party

on October 13th, although her birthday is not until October 15th. Several of her friends and neighbors gathered at her home while she was enjoying supper with Mr. and Mrs. Wahab Howard, to surprise her upon her return. Delicious birthday cake and punch were served and the honoree received many gifts.

Residents of Ocracoke last week brought in the big channel bass. Eph Esham landed a 50 pound one on the beach; Monford Garrish brought in a 35 pound one. The ladies, Mrs. Jesse Garrish and Mrs. Eph Esham, had to be satisfied with two 15 pounders.

The Ocracoke Civic Club held its October meeting Monday night, October 13th, with about forty members present. It was the first of the fall season suppers, and delicious clam chowder was served by cooks, George G. Jackson, Murray Fulcher, Kelly O'Neal, Charlie Ahman, Elisha Esham, president, conducted the business meeting. Members of the Roads Committee were asked to meet with Engineer Spruill Wednesday morning at the Inlet to talk about possibilities of operating the little 4-car ferry across the Inlet, as well as the big ferry into Ocracoke harbor. The problem of increased mosquitoes since Hurricane Hazel was discussed and appreciation expressed for the intensive fogging which is being done to combat the menace. There was considerable discussion about the hunting season prospects. A committee reported that Supt. Gibbs had assured them of more mating space by spring at the dune cross-over to the ocean beach, so that cars can get nearer the beach and have adequate parking space.

On Aug. 7, 1942, units of the 1st Marine Division landed at Guadacanal, opening the first U. S. offensive of World War II.

STUMPY POINT PERSONALS

Mrs. Charles Knight, Frankie Hemilwright, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sanatone spent the week end at Brunswick, Ga. with Mrs. Knight's husband, who is in a hospital. Mr. Knight fell from a dock, fifteen feet, on a boat and into the water, breaking several ribs, hurting a leg and hip and nearly drowning. He has developed pneumonia and is expected to be in the hospital a long time. He had left his home here only on Wednesday to shrimp with Floyd Hooper on the boat "Osprey" and the accident occurred Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Grace Golden and daughter Shelia have returned to Sea Level after spending a week here.

Mrs. Sybil Boomer and daughter, Janet, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hooper, and children of Norfolk spent the week end with Mrs. Eloise Monette.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wise Jr. and children of Norfolk spent the week end with Mrs. Horace Hooper. Mrs. Minnie Wise, who has been visiting her son in Norfolk, returned with them.

Paul Payne is back in school after a week's illness.

Those attending the funeral of Gilbert Hooper in Elizabeth City Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Carson Meekins, Mrs. Gertrude Wise, Mr. and Mrs. George Payne, A. C. Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hooper.

Rev. G. M. Kelley, Mrs. Florine Hooper and Mrs. Phine Wise spent Monday in Raleigh at a conference on "Higher Education."

John Hooper and Edgar Hooper of Buxton spent Sunday night with John's mother, Mrs. Frances Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Gleen Twiford and Horace B. Hooper attended the dance Saturday night at Nags Head Casino sponsored by Young

Democratic Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hooper and children of South Mills spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mason and children, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Midgett and son, of Norfolk, and Mr. and Mrs. John Pardoe of Sanford spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Midgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Gray and children are visiting in Norfolk.

HATTERAS PERSONALS

Mrs. Betty Austin went to Manteo Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Oden and family went to Elizabeth Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Eure and family of Portsmouth spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Oden.

Mr. Clyde Farrow of Washing-

ton, N. C. visited here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eph O'Neal and family and Mrs. Nora Stowe went to Elizabeth City and Manteo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Stowe and family of Elizabeth City spent the week here with Mr. and Mrs. Preston Stowe.

Harvey Stowe motored to Norfolk Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hollis and Carla went to Norfolk Sunday.

Mrs. Achsah Oden and Miss Son-

ja Oden went to Elizabeth City Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Peele have returned here after visiting in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulysess Peele went to Norfolk Sunday to visit with Mrs. Jack Hamer.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Stowe motored to Elizabeth City Monday on business.

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