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LARGE TRACT AT ENGELHARD TO BE LEASED BY AIR FORCE FOR USE AS BOMBING RANGE

Despite Strong Opposition from Coastal Interests, Air Force Maintains It Will Lease 30,000-Acre Tract Northwest of Engelhard; Expected to be Detrimental to Mattamuskeet Wildlife and Industrial Prospects.

Despite intensive opposition from residents of the coastal area, it has been announced that the Air Force will acquire a leasehold on approximately 30,000 acres of land in Hyde County about five miles northwest of Engelhard for an East Coast practice bombing range by crews at Seymour Johnson and Myrtle Beach Air Force Bases.

The announcement was made Wednesday by Secretary of the Air Force Eugene Zuckert. Soon after President Kennedy's inauguration, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner had called on Pentagon officials to halt the bombing range plans, he having received resolutions from the N. C. General Assembly which had been sent in by N. C. State Senators P. D. Midgett of Hyde and Lindsay Warren of Beaufort; and Rep. W. J. Lupton of Hyde and passed by the state body. The State Wildlife Commission also passed a resolution saying the range would be harmful to the Mattamuskeet Wildlife area.

Zuckert added that acquisition by leasehold of this site "would enable us to meet our urgent requirements for combat crew training on the East Coast at great savings to the government."

He added that when the range is in operation, it is anticipated that most of the manpower needed for its operation and maintenance can be provided by employing local citizens.

Mattamuskeet Area.
"Since this tract of land is in the general area of the Mattamuskeet Wildlife range, we plan to work closely with the Department of Interior and the Fish and Wildlife Service in order to minimize any possible interference with the waterfowl," stated the Secretary.

If necessary, it was stated, training operations may be limited during certain periods of the year in cooperation with the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Oscar Payne of Engelhard, operational manager for the Pamlico Development Co. which controls a 74,000-acre site that will be embraced by the bombing range, said trustee for the property is E. Wheeler Bryant of Hattiesburg, Miss.

W. A. Powe of Hattiesburg, who is said to have lost some 15 million dollars when Castro seized two of his factories in Cuba, owns about three-fourths of the property, Payne said.

Harold King of Washington, member of the Federal Reserve Bank Board and formerly of Mississippi, and Roger Stribling of Jackson, Miss., a machinery manufacturer, own about one-fourth each.

Payne said the development company now is paying \$52,000 annually as an indebtedness on a loan left by Sam F. Broadhead of Meridian, Miss., when the company acquired the property from Broadhead in July 1953 for \$175,000. Broadhead acquired the property from John L. Roper Lumber Co. in 1950.

He explained that 50 miles of road have been paved in the area, which has been yielding timber. He said a survey this summer showed that 116 million board feet of pine timber prevail in the holding.

Foreman Lumber Co. of Elizabeth City has been doing considerable logging in the area, it is reported. See BOMB RANGE, Page Six

STUMPY POINT WOMAN INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Mrs. James L. Harris, Jr., of Stumpy Point was taken to the Albenarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, suffering from lacerations, bruises and possible internal injuries resulting when she lost control of her car about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, Nov. 7, on the highway in front of the Manteo High School building and it went into the ditch. Sheriff Frank Cahoon and Patrolman Harry Pridgen investigated the accident. Mrs. Harris was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

NAGS HEAD FIRE DEPT. TURKEY SHOOT SATURDAY

A turkey shoot for the benefit of the Nags Head Fire Department will be held Saturday, November 18th. It will be held at Jockey Ridge, shells furnished, and 20 shots allowed per turkey. Shots \$1; shot guns only. Time 1 p.m. to sunset.

MANTEO MAN ELECTED STATE YDC TREASURER



JOHN R. WRIGHT, note teller in the Bank of Manteo, a native of Texas, a popular citizen and a quiet, unassuming worker in the effort to build up a creditable Young Democratic organization in Dare County, was rewarded last week at the State Convention in Durham by being awarded the post of State Treasurer. Dr. W. W. Harvey Jr., and Keith R. Moore, who put a lot of effort in behalf of the campaign for the Manteo man, got him elected without opposition. The new state president is W. E. Graham, 81 of Charlotte.

Others from Dare County attending were Woodson B. Fearing, Jr., Jule Burrus, St. Basnight, Jr., Guy Midgett, Mary Ellen Parker, Mrs. Dotty Fry, and the wives of Mr. Moore and Mr. Wright.

Dr. Harvey, who addressed the convention as chairman of the state education and information committee, was also elected 1st district chairman for the coming year. He succeeds Joe M. Parker of Ahoskie who served as convention secretary. Other noteworthy state officers of this area are Keith Moore, outstanding Young Democrat of the Year and Miss Janice Hardison, Eastern division vice-president.

The hospitality room operated by the Dare County delegation was one of the most popular at the gathering, featuring local oysters and shrimp.

COMMITTEE FOR BETTER SCHOOLS IS APPOINTED

Mrs. Robert O. Ballance, Manteo housewife and Dare County teacher, has been appointed by Governor Terry Sanford to the North Carolina Citizens Committee for Better Schools.

As a member of the State Committee, Mrs. Ballance will participate in a state-wide campaign to promote and support school improvement. The Committee for Better Schools will work with state and local educational leaders to help build public understanding and support of high quality education.

NAVY MAN WRECKS CAR

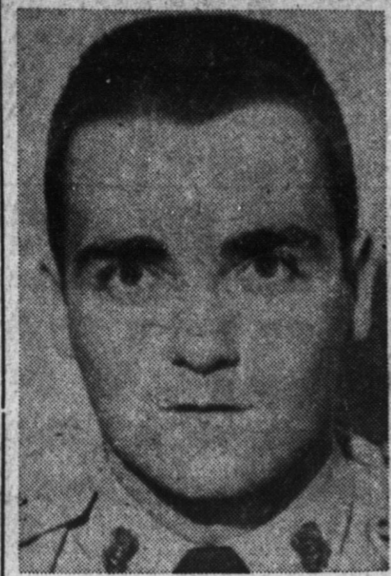
William Shaw, of the Navy installation at Duck, was indicted for drunken driving, speeding and reckless driving following a wreck with his automobile, a 1957 Ford. The accident occurred at approximately 12:20 Monday morning Nov. 6 on highway 158 Business just north of Anderson's Super Market in Kitty Hawk. Shaw lost control of the car, ran off the left side of the road, smashing into garbage racks and mail boxes. After his arrest, he was released in custody of the Navy.

Three other men from Navy Duck were riding with him, but were apparently uninjured and proceeded to Duck. The accident was investigated by patrolman Harry Pridgen.

MANTEO CHANNEL JOB LET TO LA PORTE CO.

Congressman Herbert Bonner has been notified by the Wilmington office of the Engineer Corp. that the channel dredging job, Shallowbag Bay was awarded on November 8th to J. A. LaPorte, Inc., Arlington, Va. in the amount of \$109,000. This works calls for cleaning out the channel, to a project depths of 12 feet.

ENGELHARD MAN WINS AFROTC HONOR AT UNC



CADET 1ST LT. JAMES C. BURRUS of Engelhard, North Carolina, has been named Distinguished Military Student by Professor of Air Science Lt. Col. Gordon D. Kage, of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Upon successful graduation from the University of North Carolina where Cadet 1st Lt. Burrus is a senior, he will be given the opportunity to apply for an appointment in the Regular Air Force. His fellow senior cadets will first have to serve in the Air Force Reserve before they get an automatic Regular Air Force appointment.

To become a Distinguished Military Student, Cadet 1st Lt. Burrus had to meet the following requirements, (1) Be in the upper one third in his military class in AFROTC See BURRUS, Page Six

MANTEO LIONS HAVING TURKEY SHOOT SATURDAY

Another interesting seasonal event will take place Saturday afternoon in downtown Manteo, when the local Lions club sponsors its annual turkey shoot. It will begin at 4:30 p.m. and continue until the supply of dressed turkeys is exhausted.

The vacant lot on the waterfront opposite the court house will be the activity site.

NICK SAPONE IN NAVY



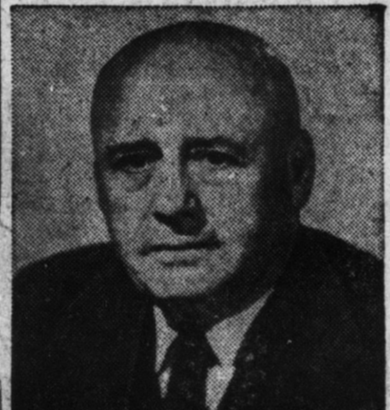
NICK F. SAPONE, JR., son of Mrs. Annie Sapone of Manteo, has completed six weeks of basis training for the U. S. Navy in San Diego, Cal., and has been assigned to the Great Lakes Training Station in Illinois. He visited his mother in Manteo last week end.

CANCER CRUSADE IN DARE IS JUST SHORT OF ITS GOAL

Great Increase in Contributions South of Inlet, With Mrs. Nellie Farrow As Chairman

The Cancer Crusade Fund has reached \$1,433.55 as volunteers complete the coverage of Dare County. Mrs. Raymond Wescott reports that 75 persons have participated actively in the Crusade this year. The response south of Oregon Inlet is noted by an increase of more than \$100 over the contributions last year and the amount given in 1959, which was the greatest Crusade in the county, has been topped with one community yet not heard from. Special recognition goes to Mrs. Nellie Farrow who has acted as co-chairman for the Crusade and her selection of captains who in turn have succeeded in enlisting more volunteers. Those not previously named are: Avon, Mrs. Mary M. Gray; Buxton, Mrs. Connie Jennette and Mrs. Leola Rollinson; Frisco, Mrs. Lois Rollinson; Hatteras, Mesdames Velma Gaskins, Irma Austin, Yvonne Austin, Neva Gilliken, Gayle Hollis, Winona Gray, Maxine Basnight, Clarice Gray, Susie Austin, Daisy O'Neal, Sarah Skiles, Delma Miller, Mildred Austin and Delores Burrus; Manteo, Mrs. M. L. Daniels, Jr., Duck, Elmo Whitson.

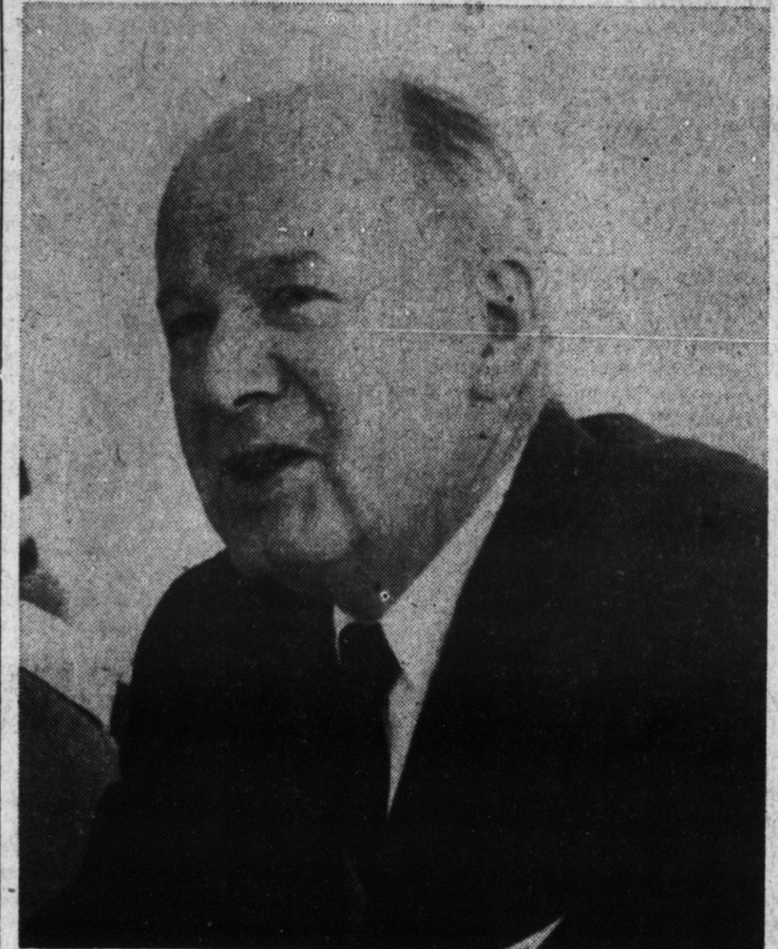
ONE OF COUNTRY'S GREAT LEADERS DIES



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SAM RAYBURN died Thursday morning at the age of 79 in a Bonham, Texas, hospital. Mr. Rayburn, who had waged a courageous but losing battle against cancer, was born in Roane County, Tenn., Jan. 6, 1882. After studying law at the University of Texas, Mr. Rayburn began the practice of law in Bonham, Texas, and after a number of other political offices was elected as United States Congressman from the Fourth Texas District. He served for several sessions as House majority leader, and for many years has been Speaker of the House.

Mr. Rayburn visited in Dare and Currituck counties several times, as a guest of both Congressman Herbert C. Bonner and former Congressman and Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren. His last visit to Dare was on May 24 and 25, 1957, when as guest of Mr. Bonner, he fished at Oregon Inlet, along with four other Congressmen down from Washington for the occasion. The party stopped at Mirlo Beach Lodge at Rodanthe, and was guided on the fishing trip by Woodrow Edwards of Waves, at that time Chief at the Oregon Inlet Coast Guard Station.

THIS COUPLE'S CONTRIBUTION EXPECTED TO BE INESTIMABLY BENEFICIAL TO THE PROGRESS AND WELFARE OF DARE



DR. FRED WILSON MORRISON

OUTSTANDING AMONG MATERIAL GIFTS TO THE ROANOKE ISLAND AREA

ISLAND AREA is the one recently announced by Governor Sanford, made to provide for future generations an improved area about the site of the first settlements by English speaking people in the New World. Old Fort Raleigh is at last to receive proper recognition because of the interest of the national park service, financed by funds contributed by this patriotic couple and the state of North Carolina, who gave matching sums totaling a quarter million dollars, to pay private land owners for the land necessary for the expansion and improvement of the area to be administered by the National Park Service.

For many years, Dr. and Mrs. Morrison have been greatly attached to the Dare County coast, spending a great deal of time at their vacation home at Kill Devil Hills. A few years ago, they became interested in the Lost Colony; in great measure Mrs. Morrison is largely responsible for arousing the new interest in the Roanoke Island Historical Association that has revitalized the show, and rescued it from what appeared to be obsolescence. Today, the show is being given a new theatre by the National Park service, at a cost of \$70,000 and it will be in use next season.

Mrs. Morrison, is a brilliant woman and a tireless worker. She has been active in many important social and political projects in Washington, D. C. and North Carolina. She is nationally known and highly regarded and for two years she headed with distinction the North Carolina Society in Washington, arranging numerous exceptional features in honor of prominent North Carolinians. Among these celebrities featured at a society function were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Griffith, stage and screen star of Hollywood, and Roanoke Island. Both of them



MRS. EMMA NEAL MORRISON

had played for several years in the Lost Colony before moving on to greater fields. Mrs. Morrison is the former Emma Neal McQueen of Laurinburg, and the couple have a daughter Myra Neal Morrison who is a student in the University of N. C.

Dr. Morrison is a man of brilliant mind, and a remarkable memory which is the marvel of all who know him. Names, places, and dates concerning everything of importance during his busy lifetime come to life, readily in conversation. He is senior partner in one of the largest and most important law firms in Washington, D. C., Gardner, Morrison and Rogers, which was founded by the late Governor O. Max Gardner in 1937. This firm, staffed with a dozen brilliant lawyers occupies the top floor of the See MORRISONS, Page Six

FUNERAL SUNDAY FOR VINCENT G. MIDGETT, 71 MANN'S HARBOR MERCHANT

Vincent Guyton Midgett, 71, died Friday at Manns Harbor after a long illness.

He was a native of Dare County and lived at Manns Harbor all of his life. He was one of the most prominent citizens of his community, and was long engaged in large fishing operations, and had founded an oil and mercantile business and a motel. He was retired.

He was a son of John P. and Mrs. Sarah Galveston Midgett and husband of Mrs. Erma Tillet Midgett.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Huff Mann of Manns Harbor, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted in Mt. Carmel Methodist Church, Manns Harbor, Sunday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. C. R. Olson, pastor. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He was the father of Lloyd K. Midgett, who continues to operate the family business. Mr. Midgett first married Miss Maggie Gard of Manns Harbor who died many years ago.

Hymns sung at the funeral were "Abide With Me," "Farther Along," and "Beyond the Sunset," with Roger Gard at the Organ. The casket was covered with a pall of pink glads, white carnations and fern. Twiford Funeral Home, directors.

Pall bearers were Herman Gibbs, Ira Spencer, Preston Twiford, Vance Lassiter, Bobby Beasley and James Mann.

\$200 AWARD FOR NPS RANGER ON OCRACOKE ISLAND

Hazen S. Brooks Recognized for Superior Performance in Public Relations

Hazen S. Brooks, District Ranger at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, received an award of \$200 for sustained superior performance of his duties in the field of public relations during his 7 years assignment at Ocracoke Island, on Monday, November 13, at a meeting of the Ocracoke Civic Club.

Superintendent Robert F. Gibbs, in his letter nominating Mr. Brooks for his award stated, "As the first District Ranger of the Ocracoke Island District of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, he has rendered significant service by his continued efforts over an extended period to bring to the residents of Ocracoke village an understanding of the aims and purposes of the National Park Service."

In approving the award, Elbert Cox, Regional Director, Region One of the National Park Service, commented as follows: "With your impending retirement, we believe this award is a fitting climax to your many years of devoted service and the enclosed check is tangible evidence of the special service performed beyond those expected in the normal requirements of your duties at Cape Hatteras."

The award was presented by Acting Superintendent Anthony E. Stark at the close of the regular meeting of the Ocracoke Civic Club. In addition to the officers and members of the club in attendance, Mrs. Ruth Brooks was present to see her husband receive this honor.

OCRACOKE CITIZENS HONOR MR. AND MRS. HAZEN BROOKS

At the November Civic Club meeting special recognition was given to Ranger Hazen Brooks who is retiring from the Park Service. A commendatory letter was presented Ranger Brooks from the Civic Club signed by the Executive Board. A beautiful set of luggage was given to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks. At the meeting the new Ranger Edwin F. Benton was introduced. He has formerly been at the Shenandoah National Park. Also present at the meeting was Chief Ranger Tony Stark, Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park. Mrs. Mark Goedjen and daughter Susan of Green Bay, Wis., are visiting Mrs. Goedjen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks. They will accompany The Brooks back to Green Bay, Wis.

GUY MANN, MANN'S HARBOR MERCHANT, BURIED THURS.

Alton Guy Mann, 56, Manns Harbor fisherman and merchant, died Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. in his home in Manns Harbor after illness of six months.

He was a lifelong resident of Manns Harbor. He was a member of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church here and Wanchese Masonic Lodge 521.

He was a son of Leonodus Rosser and Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Mann and husband of Mrs. Grace Sawyer Mann.

Besides his widow, he is survived by two sons, Harry C. Mann of Manns Harbor and Dalton L. Mann, USAF, stationed in Holt, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Ina M. Waterfield and Mrs. Calvin Beasley of Manns Harbor; two brothers, Harry B. Mann of Lancaster, Calif., and Gaston B. Mann of Nags Head; and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted in Mt. Carmel Methodist Church Thursday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. C. R. Olson, pastor. Burial was in Caroon Cemetery, Manns Harbor. The body was taken to Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo.

SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE FOR THANKSGIVING WEEK END

All schools in Dare County will close at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon, November 22, for the Thanksgiving holidays, according to announcement this week by Mrs. Mary L. Evans, county superintendent. Classes will begin again at the regular hour Monday morning, November 27.

TO PUBLISH ONE DAY EARLIER NEXT WEEK

All correspondents, advertisers and other with material for The Coastland Times for next week, Nov. 24, are requested to mail or submit same one day earlier than usual, due to the Thanksgiving week end.

So that employees may enjoy a long week end, the paper will be printed and mailed Wednesday night, Nov. 22. Thanks for your cooperation.

TOURNAMENT JUNIOR TROPHY WON BY BUXTON GIRL



KATHY DILLON OF BUXTON SHOWS THE TROPY SHE WON for catching the largest fish in the Junior Division of the 4th Annual Hatteras Island Surf Fishing Tournament to her mother, Mrs. Carol White Dillon during the Trophy Award Banquet of the Tournay. Younger sister, Lorry, at left was also an interested spectator.