



Dec. 15—Ocracoke School PTA will enjoy its annual Christmas party meeting tomorrow, Tuesday night. President, Mrs. Selma Spencer, has prepared a program and some Christmas fun for the group. Principal Rondthaler will demonstrate the use the school makes of colored slides and filmstrips on a new movie screen recently purchased by the PTA.

School closes Dec. 19 and re-opens on Jan. 5. Several Christmas programs will be enjoyed this week in the classrooms, and the high school students will present a program Thursday afternoon.

On Sunday night, Dec. 21, the choir of the Methodist Church will present a Christmas Cantata at the evening service. The annual children's Christmas program will be on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. On Dec. 23 the Assembly of God Church will have its Christmas program.

Ocracoekers have been having considerable trouble getting on and off the Island during the past week because of bad weather conditions and particularly because of the salt-water flooding of the Hatteras Island highway and the irregularities of the Oregon Inlet ferry due to shoaling in the inlet.

Several who planned to leave yesterday, Sunday, postponed their trips until better travelling conditions prevail. Charlie Ahman, who has been away for about a month visiting in Charlottesville, Va., had a precarious drive home in the snow and sleet and flooded highways, but got here safely on the Saturday afternoon ferry.

On Thursday of last week bad weather prevented the big ferry from going, but a trip was made across the Inlet at low tide by the little ferry. Mr. and Mrs. Neafie Scarborough were among those who went over on the little ferry. They were going to Washington, N. C., and New Bern to do some Christmas shopping.

Messiah to be Sung Tonight



Mrs. Josiah Bailey, left, soprano, and Mrs. Austin Williams, contralto, both of Morehead City, will sing solos in The Messiah tonight at Beaufort School.

Members of church choirs throughout the county have joined to present the Christmas portion of George Frederick Handel's Messiah at 8:15 tonight in the Beaufort School auditorium. The chorus is under the direction of Mrs. Charles Hassell, Beaufort.

Although Handel, the composer, was born in Germany, he studied in Italy. When his style of Italian opera waned in popularity in England, he became an "outcast". His health failed and his fortune melted away.

In desperation, he turned to the oratorio, a musical composition with religious text for voice. For 23 days he shut himself off from the world and wrote the musical setting with Biblical text of the life of Christ.

He hardly ate or slept. When he had written the last note of the great Hallelujah Chorus, he was found with tears streaming from his eyes. "I thought I saw all heaven before me and the great God himself," he exclaimed. It was obvious that he was divinely inspired.

The first performance of the Messiah in Dublin, Ireland, April 13, 1742 was an immediate success. Soloists, in addition to Mrs.

Good News About 4-H

By Harry Venters, 4-H Advisor



Now that 4-H'ers are beginning a long vacation, I'm expecting them to begin work on some of their projects. This is a wonderful opportunity to begin some of them.

Wildlife conservation is one of the popular 4-H projects. 4-H'ers have done a wonderful service for their state in helping to preserve our wildlife resources. In order to complete his wildlife project, every 4-H'er must complete one of the three parts of Unit I or one of the four parts of Unit II, as outlined in the 4-H Wildlife Conservation Manual. Then he must complete one of the other nine units.

Unit I is habitat improvement. It has three parts. Part A is planting field borders. This border, planted next to a good woodlot with suitable wildlife foods or cover, will in turn check or reduce erosion of field edges as well as the invasion of trees into fields.

The most beneficial plants and the easiest to handle are bicolor

and sericea lespedeza. It is advisable to use these plants together to produce a strip around 30 feet wide along the woodland. These plants and seed are furnished by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission.

If you are interested in obtaining these plants, contact me at the county agent's office. I will help you fill out your application and help determine how many plants or seeds you will need.

Part B of Unit I is work on fence rows. 4-H'ers may choose this as a part of their project. Multiflora rose plants are set out along an old fence or a site for new fencing. This "living fence" requires little or no care, no replacement, and enhances the beauty of the farm.

It provides a home and protection for weed seed and insect-eating birds. Spreading by this plant is no problem. A multiflora rose hedge will not sap surrounding fields like ordinary brush, and

crops can be planted to the edge without loss of production. These plants are also obtained free and I will be glad to help you obtain them.

Part C of Unit I pertains to ditch banks. On most of our farms drainage is necessary for good farming. When the banks of these ditches are shrubbed off each spring it reduces the potential wildlife value of the entire field.

So the field may be of greatest value, both to agriculture and wildlife, 4-H'ers are encouraged to start a system of alternate cutting of ditch banks. Cut the left bank one year and allow the right bank to grow up in natural growth. Reverse this the next year.

In this way the drainage ways will reach only a limited state of development. In many areas this one way of restoring small game populations to large cleared areas that today, at best, support only limited numbers around the area.

Unit II is planting wildlife food patches. Four ways suggested are (1) utilizing tobacco plant beds, (2) leaving unharvested strips of grain next to thickets, hedgerows and borders, (3) disking for natural foods and (4) planting gullies and eroded areas. Any of these practices are very beneficial to wild-

Beaufort Rotarians Sing Yule Carols At Tuesday Meeting

Beaufort Rotarians had a program of Christmas music at their meeting at the Scout building Tuesday night. Program chairman James Davis introduced Al Dewey, who played Christmas songs on his accordion.

A quartet composed of Rotarians Halsey Paul, James Davis, the Rev. Edward Sharp and Glenn Adair sang.

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Fourth Graders Study Explorers' Trips, Maps

By TUCKER H. LITTLETON Beaufort Faculty Member

Earlier we gave as one purpose of this column the establishment of better public relations between the school and the public. In order that the average reader and parent might have some insight into the work and effectiveness of our school, we have from time to time given biographical sketches of some of the new teachers, presented some of the poetry of our students, and are now giving you a report on some of the activities going on within the school.

The following account is of a learning activity which took place earlier in the year. The write-up is by one of our fourth grade teachers, Mrs. Isabella Morris.

"Fourth graders John Chadwick, Beth Humphrey, Karen Mitchell, and Linda Springle have written short plays about Christopher Columbus, Vasco da Gama, and Ferdinand Magellan to supplement a unit of study, How Men Know What the Earth is Like.

"Costume jewelry, a jewel box, silk scarves, and spices, were furnished by Lester Beacham, John Duncan, Thomas Herring, Judy Jones, Arthur McFayden, Catherine Simpson, Nancy Newman, and Wilma Tosto. These things represented valuable goods from far away places.

"Routes were located on world maps and reports from encyclopedias were given. Students wrote paragraphs telling why they would like to be explorers. They have also drawn maps and pictures of explorations.

"Library books, newspaper clippings, and world news reports are giving us a better understanding of our earth."

The following poem was written by Billy Simpson, one of our seniors.

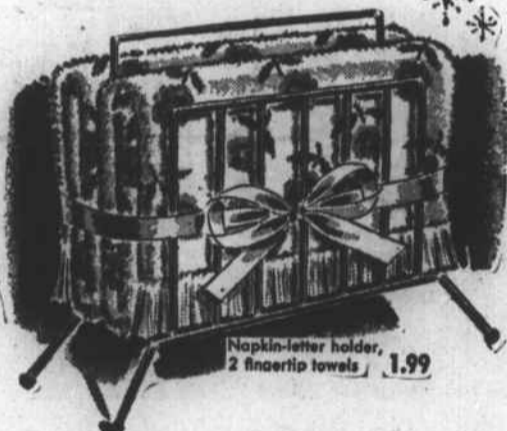
Revelations Revelations—a disclosure in the cold stone heart Of my greatest triumph... Revelations — speaking inwardly with a violent breathlessness About emerging groups... individuals... Raised against that something Immense into Mortal reactions... A depth of extreme polish reflecting thought... Revelations—hiding from a firm, longed-for grasp... Great mementoes of a long-gone wistful wandering... Receptive of a thousand new ones... Revelations—bursting into curdling crescendoes of joy... Of thanksgiving... for the future... Revelations—beckoning my goal.

Whiskey Raid Yields Still, Two Hula Hoops

Pineville, Ky. (AP)—Officers decided most everyone was going for the hula hoop fad when they raided a moonshine whiskey still near here.

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