

# Bethel-Snug Harbor Community News

**By FRED A NELSON**  
In New England at an early day; it was considered inappropriate — irreverent — to celebrate Christ's birthday with feasting, gift giving, and jollity.  
The Triangle Community Club (Tri-club) of Snug Harbor met Wednesday for their annual Christmas luncheon at the Club House. After the luncheon and exchange of gifts, the ladies decorated the club house and trimmed the Christmas tree for the Civic League Party which will be held Saturday night. This was the last meeting of the Tri-club for 1975. Meetings will resume after New Year's Day.

Installation of officers for the new year took place last week by the Bethel Ruritan Club. The following elected officers were installed: Elliott Layden, President; Dewey Perry, Jr., Vice President; Marq Gray, Secretary; George Sullivan, Treasurer; and Linwood Simmons, Trustee. The club meets the 4th Thursday evening of each month at the Bethel Community Building.

Robert Murray a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N.C., returned home on Wednesday for the Christmas holidays. Robert is the grandson of Mrs. Kathleen Brenneman with whom he resides.

The Roger L. Maxwells of Norfolk, Va. spent the weekend at their cottage in Snug Harbor.

Visiting the M.L. Watkins last Wednesday was Mr. Watkin's brother, Prof. Ruppert Watkins, from the State College in Raleigh, N.C. Prof. Watkins resides in Clayton, N.C.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Bethel Volunteer Firemen will meet tonight (Thursday) for their annual Christmas Supper. Members will entertain their families at this gathering which will take the form of a covered-dish supper and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station.

The Snug Harbor Civic League will hold its regular monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Sunday at the Club House.

Weekend guests of the M.E. Nelsons, were Doctor Laura Morris and Ms. Nancy Morris from Virginia Beach, Va. Entertainment included a bridge game Saturday night. Mrs. Elva Harrington and Mrs. Nelson made up the foursome. Doctor Morris was high scorer for the evening.

The Junior Class of Bethlehem Church of Christ were Christmas Caroling Thursday night. They sang to the shut-ins and presented each with a small gift — a token of their interest and

love. They later gathered at the home of Mrs. Rosa Stallings for a party.

Mrs. Harold Thompson and Cast, Snug Harbor youths, will present the party scene from THE BIRDS' CHRISTMAS CAROL Saturday night, after the covered-dish supper, at the Club House. (Our community young people are fondly referred to as "Edith's Children.") Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive with presents for the children sometime during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie N. Waters of Arrowhead Beach, Chowan County, entertained at a Christmas Dinner on Sunday for their pastor, Dr. W.J.B. Livingston and his wife Sarah. Present, also, were Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Nelson of Snug Harbor.

Simple little gifts given quietly are expressions of love and devotion to the recipients. They are symbolic of the gift of God's love.



**READY, SET, ACTION** — A day of filming was recently spent at Perquimans Central Grammar School by members of the State Department of Public Instruction's Division of Media. Shown above is cameraman Bill Lovin, and working the microphone with third grade students is Bob Karn. In this classroom, students were filmed while reading and performing word pronunciations. Various areas of the school building were also filmed and will be used in training sessions by the state department as an example of an older building that is well maintained and utilized. Segments of the film may also be used for commercial purposes or on educational television. The reaction of the students was unanimous, "Hey, we're going to be on t.v.!" (Newbern photo)

## November Traffic Deaths Were Down

**RALEIGH** — Edward L. Powell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, announced today that traffic deaths in November of 1975 were down 19 per cent from November 1974. This month's "Highway Accident Perspective" published today by Charles Hensley, Director of Traffic Records

of the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, revealed that 102 persons lost their lives in November 1975 compared to 126 highway deaths in November of last year. To date this year North Carolina has 1327 traffic deaths compared to 1,446 fatalities for the same period of 1974, a decline of 8 per cent.

"The 'other guy' can quickly become 'you' through careless inattention to the necessities of safe driving," Commissioner Powell concluded.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coston spent Monday in Kinston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bass were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy White in Newport News, Va. on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Hudson spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hudson at South Hill, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Halstead of Virginia Beach, Va. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Tucker on Thursday.

Major and Mrs. Dick Wiedner and family of Woodbridge, Va. spent several days last week with Howard Williams.

Mrs. R.M. Riddick, Jr. is a patient in the Chowan Hospital.

Powell said the fatalities for November include 22 deaths during the long Thanksgiving holiday and represent a significant difference in the lowering of our highway death rate. October deaths were down 34 per cent last year. Powell stated that during this Holiday Season special caution should be exercised, particularly on the interstate highways where accidents in November were up 34 per cent over last year. Careful attention should be given to proper distances between vehicles as accidents caused by following too closely are up 56 per cent over last year.

## People In The News

Mrs. Anna Parker and Miss Mary Outland of Woodland were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Bland of Suffolk, Va. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Bagley on Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. G.R. Tucker, Jr. of Henderson were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Tucker, Sr. on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. V.N. Darden returned to their home in Hertford on Monday after a visit with relatives in Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Donald Downing is a patient in the Albemarle Hospital.

Weldon Byrum is a surgery patient in the Albemarle Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Gregory of Chesapeake, Va. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gregory on Monday.

The T.W. Nixon Christmas Family Party was held in Elizabeth City on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gridlin. Those from Hertford who attended were Mrs. T.W. Nixon, Mrs. Addie Keegan, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Nixon, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nixon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Reynolds of Norfolk, Va. were guests of Mrs. Maude Lane on Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Thornton and family of Hickory spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Elliott.

Miss Sara Winslow and Miss Linda Ownley, students at UNC-Wilmington, are spending the holidays with their

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Winslow and Mr. and Mrs. William Ownley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lee Dail and family of Plymouth were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hurdle and C.L. Dail.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bussott and family of Norfolk, Va. were guests of Mrs. C.B. Stallings on Sunday. Mrs. Stallings and the Bussott family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Stallings in Edenton.

Roy Vickers Jr. of Virginia Beach, Va. spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Royce Vickers, Sr.

Mrs. Frazier Miller and family of Virginia Beach, Va. spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Goodman.

Steve Anderson of Greece was a recent guest of his father, Mr. George Anderson, and his sister, Mrs. Lena Hourmouzis. This was their first meeting in 35 years. Mrs. Hourmouzis said this was her best Christmas present.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gregory and daughter, Jennifer, of Edenton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gregory on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Stanton of Portsmouth, Va. were guests of relatives in Hertford on Sunday and attended the Harrell-Goodman wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stallings and family of Greenville were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stallings and Mrs. Jimmy Sawyer.

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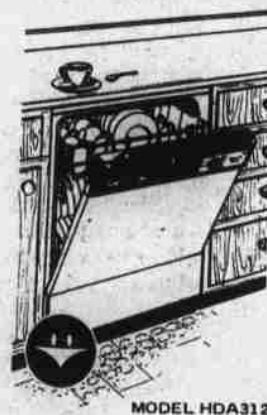
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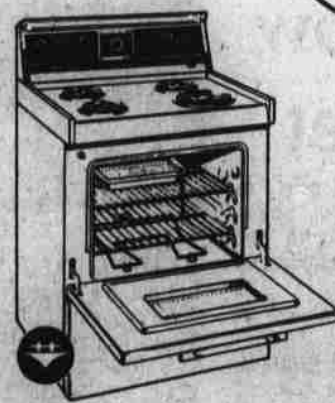


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