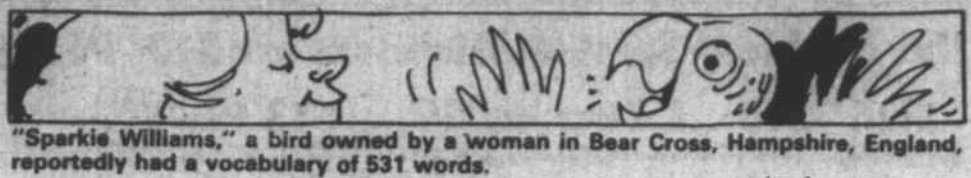


"A Visit From St. Nicholas" ("Twas the night before Christmas...") was written by Clement Moore in 1822 as a Christmas gift to his children.



"Sparkie Williams," a bird owned by a woman in Bear Cross, Hampshire, England, reportedly had a vocabulary of 531 words.

Coharie Indian summary

By FRANCES E. MAYNOR

Mrs. Doris Hunt and children of Clinton spent Thursday night of last week in Bladen County. The three, along with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson of Bladenboro, Mrs. Diane Locklear and children of Lumber Bridge and Mrs. Bessie Bullard of Pembroke went to Myrtle Beach, S.C., Friday through Sunday. It was an enjoyable trip.

Mr. Johnnie Stelton Faircloth of Clinton is a patient in Sampson Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Hall and son spent several days with their daughter and sister during Thanksgiving. The family visited Ms. Ella May Hall for the lighting of the big Christmas tree in Atlanta, Ga. More than 25,000 people were present.

The late Levander and Mary I Maynor Emanuel family reunion was held at Shiloh P.H. Church on Nov. 25 with about 75 relatives and friends attending.

Lorine and Leslie Maynard and children visited Ms. Chris Brewington in Raleigh on Sunday.

Lynette and Laciinda Maynard of Clinton spent last weekend with Rena, Tonya and Elgie Maynard. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Maynard went for them in Dunn on Nov. 25.

Lorine and Lynette Maynard, Josh Carter, Lenoir and Stevie Locklear celebrate birthdays in December.

Frances Maynor spent last weekend in Benson with her son Rudy and family.

Rudy Maynor and wife Dorothy attended the Jimmy Sweigart campaign last week in Richmond, Va.

The wedding announced in last

week's column was in error: the parents name should have been transposed. The groom is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J.D. Simmons of Clinton.

Sandra and Larry McNeill won second place in the children's book week costume contest sponsored by the media advisory committee at Butler Avenue School. Larry and Sandra dressed to represent characters out of the book entitled Sacajawea.

Their teacher is Ms. Vivian Maynor.

Mrs. Beulah Carter celebrated her birthday Nov. 27. She was given a surprise supper by her family.

The scholastic record of Johnathan Maynor is commendable. He received all A's the first nine weeks. He is the son of Ms. Vivian Maynor and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Carter.

Re-Examine SSI Eligibility

People who receive supplemental security income (SSI) payments because they are 65 or older or blind or disabled have their eligibility re-examined each year. Johnny R. Johnson, Social Security manager in Lumberton, said recently.

SSI is a Federal program administered by Social Security that provides a basic cash income to people 65 or older or blind or disabled who have little cash income and little in the way of personal property or real estate. Money to make SSI payments comes from U.S. Treasury general funds, not Social Security taxes, Johnson said.

The purpose of the re-examination is to make sure the people getting these payments continue to be eligible and that they are getting the right amount in their check. The amount of the SSI

payment depends on the person's other income and his or her living arrangements. People getting these payments are required to promptly report any change in their circumstances that can affect their payment rate or their eligibility.

The annual re-examinations are a part of the continuing process to make sure that SSI payments go only to those people who are eligible. Payments are stopped if a person does not cooperate with Social Security.

For more information about SSI or any Social Security program, call the Lumberton Social Security office. The office is located at 322 E. 24th St. and the telephone number for the Lumberton area residents is 738-8121 and the number for the Laurinburg area residents is 276-5012.

OUR MEN IN UNIFORMS

WILLIAM P. LOCKLEAR
Navy Airman Recruit William P. Locklear, son of Hubert and Judy G. Locklear of Route 1, Maxton, NC, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Center, San Diego, CA. During Locklear's eight week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Locklear's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1984 graduate of South Robeson High School, Rowland, he joined the Navy in June 1984.

JERRY L. JONES
Marine Pvt. Jerry L. Jones, son of Lewis C. Jones of Route 6, Lumberton, NC has reported for duty with 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC.

A 1983 graduate of Pembroke High School, Pembroke, NC he joined the Marine Corps in January 1984.

BENJAMIN BAKER
Marine Lance Cpl. Benjamin Baker, son of Eva M. Baker of Rowland, NC has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, NC.

A 1981 graduate of Rowland High School, he joined the Marine Corps in November 1981.

PATRICK N. LOCKLEAR
Pvt. Patrick N. Locklear, son of Janet Edwards and stepson of Clyde L. Edwards of Route 2, Pembroke, NC, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, SC.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1984 graduate of West Robeson High School.

DAVID W. LOCKLEAR
Newly promoted Spec. 4 David W. Locklear, son of Woodrow Locklear of Pembroke, NC has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal in Kaiserslautern, West Germany.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for accomplishment, meritorious service or acts of courage.

Locklear is an administrative specialist with the 32nd Army Air Defense Command.

He is a 1982 graduate of Pembroke Senior High School.

GABRIELE LOCKLEAR
Navy Seaman Recruit Gabriele Locklear, son of James C. and Callie M. Locklear of Pembroke, NC has completed recruit training with Navy Recruit Training Command Navy Training Center Great Lakes, IL.

During Locklear's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Locklear's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1980 graduate of Pembroke Senior High School, he joined the Navy in August, 1984.

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