

Bethel - Snug Harbor Community News

By FRED NELSON
NEW YEAR'S DAY, the first day of the calendar year, is celebrated as a holiday in almost every country. Many churches hold special services, with parties before or after them. New Year's is a time of gaiety, and a time for visiting with friends.

Many customs representing New Year's Day have existed throughout the ages; one, of which, was giving gifts. An English custom was practiced by English husbands who gave their wives money on New Year's Day to buy enough pins for the whole year. This custom disappeared in the 1800's, when machines were developed to manufacture pins. Thus, the term "pin money" was "coined" and is still used to refer to small amounts of spending money.

At a recent gathering the subject of New Year's Day was being discussed in regards to superstitions relative to those present. The most interesting one was the belief of a "male" entering a household "first" on that day, which was supposed to bring good luck to those living in the house for the entire year. One gentleman told of how his parents would send him out early on New Year's Day at a very young age to visit several spinster aunts. And he still recalls the happiness

of these ladies as with each visit he would be hugged and kissed by them. It was not established whether this superstition still exists today; however, no one present denied the fact that it had. How do you feel about it?

New Year's Day became a holy day in the Christian Church in A.D. 487.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cole of Durham, N.C. spent the Holidays with Mrs. Cole's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester H. Simpson of Road Landing.

Visiting with the Albert Wigandts during the Christmas Holidays were their son, Albert, and his wife and their daughter from Virginia Beach, Va. Also their son, Robert, and his wife Linda from Long Island, N.Y. made a Christmas visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wigandt.

Christmas dinner at the W.V. Brabbles included their daughter and family, the J.D. Hollowells of Chesapeake, Va., and their son, Lee, and family from Elizabeth City, N.C.

Visiting with the M.E. Nelsons during the Holidays were, Mr and Mrs. T.L. Dickens and their children, Nicole and Thomas, of Mechanicsville, Va., and Joseph C. Dickens from College Station, Texas. T.L. and Joseph are sons of the Nelsons.

Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Watkins spent Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Faison, and children Michele, Taylor and Winter, of Virginia Beach, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Perry and son, Joel attended the wedding of Brad Perry in Fort Mills, S.C. during the holidays.

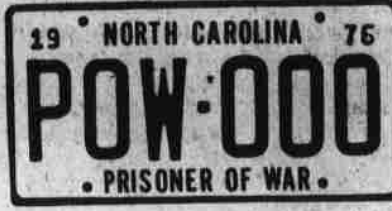
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stallings spent the Holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Stallings.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dail and Virginia Dail visited with Mrs. Nellie Stallings during the Holidays.

The Bethel Volunteer Firemen will hold their first meeting of the New Year on Tuesday, January 6, at the Fire Station. The supper will begin at 7 p.m. with the business meeting to follow. The newly-elected officers will take their seats at this time.

The snowdrop is the special flower for the month of January. One of the earliest flowers of the year, it often blooms in the snow. The garnet is the January gem.

(This writer apologizes for the lack of telephone service during the past three days. However, the Telephone Company has promised restoration of service sometime today, Monday. Your patience and understanding is appreciated greatly.)
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Change In Plates

RALEIGH — North Carolina motorists will see a major change in license plate registration starting January 1, 1976. Instead of purchasing a new plate for 1976, owners of private automobiles will keep their 1975 red and white plate and will receive a validation sticker for 1976. The validation sticker must be placed in the upper right hand corner of the 1975 plate to validate it for 1976. The 1975 plates will be used until 1979 with a new validation sticker issued each year.

Powell added that there might be some confusion over the new system so the Division of Motor Vehicles is installing posters in 102 license plate branch offices across the state that explain the new system and give instructions on applying the validation sticker to the 1975 plate.

the semi-permanent registration system applies only to private passenger vehicles. He stated that new 1976 plates will be issued for all trucks and buses as well as official plates and personalized plates. The 1976 plates for trucks and specialized plates will be green and white.

January Begins Bicentennial Celebration In Tar Heel State

American farmers and backwoods men versus British soldiers and sharp steel. An idea grown into fever. It happened 200 years ago and North Carolina played an important part in the War of the Revolution.

month of the year is a fine one for the Tar Heel traveler.

January 16-18; Mid South Junior Horse Show at Southern Pines January 18; Southeastern Brittany Field Trials at Hoffman January 23-25; Mid South Horse Show at Southern Pines January 25; and North Carolina Amateur Stakes at Hoffman January 30-February 2.



ALL-STAR — Dennis Smith, senior at Perquimans High School and running back for the Pirates in football recently received the honor of being named to the News and Observer's 2A State All-Star team. Smith was named a punt and kick off return specialist. For the season he had 753 yards rushing and touchdowns on returns of 71, 78, 87 and 57 yards on punts or kick-offs.

A Bicentennial religious heritage celebration involving all churches and synagogues will be held in Charlotte on January 2.

The Watauga and Avery County Winter Festival will be held in the towns of Boone, Blowing Rock, Banner Elk, and Linville January 29-February 8. Winter sports events, social affairs, and cultural activities are scheduled.

Pirates Win Tournament

The Perquimans High Pirate Basketball team recently won the Creswell Invitational Basketball Tournament played before Christmas.

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The Sandhills area has many events scheduled during the month. Among them: Tarheel Brittany Field Trials at Hoffman

Nominations

Young women interested in applying for a nomination to the Air Force Academy freshman class entering next June must act immediately so their nominations will arrive at the Academy by Jan. 31, 1976.

positions, women's sports and members in civic and community organizations. Applicants must also pass a physical aptitude test and a medical examination. These tests will be scheduled by Academy officials.

Women became eligible to attend the nation's military academies when President Gerald R. Ford signed the measure into law Oct. 7, 1975. The first contingent of about 150 women cadets will arrive at the Air Force Academy June 28, 1976.

At the end of the four years, women will receive bachelor of science degrees with majors in any of 21 academic areas. They will also be commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Force.

Before the bill became law, the Air Force Academy could not accept applications from women. But now Academy admissions officials are urging all interested women students to submit applications. Since the nomination process is somewhat lengthy, hopeful women cadets should act immediately.

For people who desire careers as Air Force officers, the Academy offers the best preparation. And Academy officials are urging qualified young women to take advantage of the program.

Competition for acceptance will be keen and women meet the same basic qualifications as men for consideration. That is, they must be at least 17 years old but not past 22 on July 1 of the year they enter the Academy; be a U.S. citizen; be of good moral character; and be unmarried.

Academic selection stands will be the same for men and women. Just as men, women will be judged for leadership potential based upon extra-curricular activities — school leadership

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Home Away From Home

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the fourth article in an eight-part series on going to college released by Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C.)

Young people have a variety of reasons for going to college. Some want to get an education; others have hopes of finding a mate and get an education at the same time. There are some who want a change of lifestyle and pace of living and feel they can "kill two birds with one stone" by combining the obvious need for additional schooling with the new living experience. And some go to college because it is expected of them, while some others, probably very few, go to college to get "away" far away, and that is sad.

Community living requires a considerable amount of tolerance and patience. In a dormitory situation, you have "cast your lot" with a large group of people, all of whom have their own little ways of doing or not doing things. Most everyone will have to modify his behavior patterns in some regard in order that the welfare and well-being of the entire group is upheld. You must pull together if each is to retain the bits of originality we all hold so precious — those bits that make you, you. No one has to sacrifice anything really substantial, it's simply a matter of give and take, adjust and adapt.

the diplomatic corps.)

Going to college represents, for most young people, their first substantial venture out into the world on their own. Make it work for you, be observant, creative, enjoy your college years with responsibility and good taste. You'll be a better, more well-rounded person for it. You can have a great, good, fun time in college and still be clean, decent, and considerate.

The validity of some of the reasons listed above are obviously highly questionable, but one thing is certain — while you are at college, it becomes your home. The time you spend there is graphic evidence of this fact. In a junior college program, it's a two-year span; with a senior college, there are four years. Add in graduate study of one, two or three years, professional schools of two, three or four years, and you have quite a span of your life involved. Most of the time, you are there some nine months of each year, but in some cases, with the addition of summer study, you wind up with nearly 11 months of schooling out of each 12.

It is not "pie-in-the-sky" advice. It can be done, and is being done by thousands of young people all over the country. You will be going to college to learn, and the lessons in human relations and the experiences you'll gain in human relationships represent some of the most valuable data you'll receive in your college career. Be receptive to it, react to it, and use it to your maturing advantage.

HOLIDAYS HERE
 Mr. and Mrs. Charlie M. Umphlett and children, David, John, and Beth of Milwaukee, Wis. spent the Christmas Holidays with his mother, Mrs. Charlie J. Umphlett of Hertford, N.C.

VISIT HERE
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Umphlett and girls, Amy and Marie of Washington, N.C. spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Charlie J. Umphlett of Hertford.

Since college will become your "home" for the next two, four, six or eight years, you should become aware of some aspects of "home" life peculiar to community living. In this new home you have rights and responsibilities which you may exercise and carry through. A new level of maturity is required as you take a large step toward adulthood.

Several observations need mentioning.

Your privacy and the privacy of others. Dormitory living, and to a certain extent, apartment living, is a communal concept of life with a high dependency on mutual cooperation to make it work satisfactorily. That means you must be aware of and support the rights of others to privacy just as you want them to be concerned with your privacy. The Golden Rule is quite applicable here.

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