

Mrs. Iva Stewart, writes from Winston-Salem: "The new postcard views of Ocracoke are lovely and made me homesick to see old friends." Mrs. Stewart's father has been ill in the hospital with lobar pneumonia and a heart condition, but is now back home. She continues: "I have not had time to write cards, and would appreciate so much your letting all friends know why."

Cantwell Williams, Class of 1949, USCG, writes: I think of Ocracoke School often and wish I had my school years to live over again. I sure hope to get back to Ocracoke sometime soon; seems like everytime I try to come, something comes up. That's Service life for you, but I really like it. I want to tell you I greatly enjoy the school paper; like to keep up with things going on around home."

E D I T O R I A L
by Carolyn Garrish

We would like to express our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Massie who have opened up the Movie Theatre. This gives entertainment not only for the young people, but those of all ages. Among recent pictures were "The Searchers" with John Wayne; and "The Man Who Knew too Much", with Doris Day and Jimmy Cagney. There have been some very good Westerns and there is a Sat. night serial, "Panther Girl of the Jungle." Mrs. Massie is a native of Ocracoke, the former Ida Mae Ballance. Mr. Massie has operated movie theaters in Tennessee and Florida. They are living in one of the R. S. Wahab cottages.

HUNTING SEASON ENDS WED.

by Lindsay Howard

Hunting has been better since Christmas than it was before then, in fact there are so many people out hunting these last three days of the Season, that I can't get full reports from the Guides. Charlie Garrish, Sr. reports that all of his parties have had good luck, and the same report comes from Charlie Williams, Thurston Gaskill, and others. Ocracokers themselves are taking as much time for hunting as possible. Most of them are catching the limit.

OCRACOKE ELECTRIC PLANT HAS A
NEW GENERATOR

On Friday, January 10, the Ocracoke Electric Membership Corp. received a new generating unit - a Superior diesel engine with 185 KW and 276 HP. The total installed cost of this new generating unit will be \$55,490. The Co-op expects to complete installation and have the generator in operation sometime in February. Ralph Hitt, of Norfolk, is here in charge of installation. He and his wife and two children are living in one of the Stanley Wahab cottages.

Rev. Leroy J. Howe of Baltimore, Md., is preaching at the Assembly of God Church.

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Caroling by the Methodist Choir was much appreciated by the older folk, and the choir itself enjoyed the refreshments served afterward at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Willis.

Post-office was filled with packages and mail, but the postmistress and her assistant didn't lose their smiles all through the rush. One day alone, they handled 30 bags of mail! -- from Sears, and Santa, most of it, at least. So many packages they had to "call over" the names of those getting them, which is the way they always did it in the old days before boxes came into use.

New Year's Eve - Watch Service at 11:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church was well attended and very impressive. After that there were several parties for the young people who wanted to stay up ALL night to watch the New Year in! Two mother's got some extra gray hairs, when at about 2 a.m. they couldn't find their little boys (4th to 6th graders). One youngster was found fast asleep in an old car; some others were found fast asleep in a cave which they had previously dug in a sand bank down at the old Navy Base. Rumor has it when they asked Harry O'Neal how many of his were out, he said: "Just a minute, I'll count 'em." Three were missing.