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(who visited school during her Easter holidays)

April is Election Month for two of Ocracoke's Civic Organizations. At its meeting on April 14th, the Ocracoke Civic Club elected for its 1958-59 President Elisha Esham, familiarly known as "Eph"; for vice-president, Calvin O'Neal, Jr.; for Secretary, Wilbur Robinson; and for treasurer Danny W. Garrish. "Eph" is from the East Shore of Maryland originally, but when he courted and won Virginia Williams, and discovered what a fine place Ocracoke is, he wasn't at all adverse to settling down here. Same thing happened to Wilbur Robinson. He came down during his summer vacations from Baltimore to visit relatives here and found not only the relatives but best of all Wanda Simpson. That settled his fate. Now the other two named, i.e. Calvin and Danny are born and bred natives of Ocracoke. Serving in the Army for about two years, didn't make Calvin want to stay away from Ocracoke any longer than he had to, and as for Danny...well the Community Store wouldn't feel at home with ^{out} him around as his dad's right hand man. At its April meeting the Civic Club enjoyed a Boston Baked Bean & Ham supper. Everyone said Theodore Rondthaler could bake as good baked beans as his wife, even though he never was a Yankee from Boston, and as for Albert Styron's baked ham...it was out of this world...at least there wasn't any of it left in the school kitchen for hungry teachers the day after the supper. Eph made the slaw. Preacher Clarke was the chief dishwasher, but they used paper plates and cups, so who knows whether or not he is a good dishwasher?

As for the Ocracoke School P.T.A. At its meeting on April 21st, Mrs. Benjamin E. Spencer was elected president; Mrs. W. W. Clarke, vice-president; Mrs. Mildred O'Neal, secretary; and Elisha Esham, treasurer. That gives us only one real native of Ocracoke, Mildred O'Neal. Eph is the same Eph that is president of the Civic Club. Now Janice Clarke is undoubtedly a better dishwasher than her good husband, Preacher Clarke, though he wouldn't admit it. Janice is a native of Morehead City. She's an ex-school teacher, having taught in Durham while Bill was at Duke. Of course she came to Ocracoke with Bill last June as the Methodist minister's wife, and she has already made a place for herself here. As for Selma Spencer, she came over from Pamlico County quite a few years ago to teach school at Ocracoke, and except for a few years, she has taught here ever since. How her husband, Ben, ever got up the nerve to ask a school teacher to be his wife, is a mystery, but it's been a good match and Selma is almost as "native" as Ben is even though she is still teaching English and Mathematics in Ocracoke School. These new officers do not take over their duties until next September.

COMING EVENTS in MAY include: Junior-Senior Banquet, May 2, in School Library.
Annual Ocracoke High School Alumni Meeting and Banquet, May 24, in Library.
Commencement Exercises, Sunday, June 1, at the Ocracoke Methodist Church,

Mon. May 5: Important O.E.M.C. meeting Mon. May 12: Civic Club Mon. May 19: P.T.A.