

THIS IS STATION O C R A

This year's holiday assembly program was written by high school students (each student just about wrote his own part in the production). A little sleuthing by our able reporters brings out the fact that the show will be in the form of a television broadcast: the opening night of "The New Color Television Station O C R A, Broadcasting from Ocracoke Island."

Lindsay Baugham Howard, as announcer promises to keep things going at a lively pitch with his clear voice and steady manner. Opener for the afternoon program is David Esham as "Joe Overload", with his GUESS WHAT WEATHER FORECAST.

James Barrie Gaskill will newscast some very improbable information about the Ocracoke road, in the name of Monford Garrish. Stan Gaskins has a commercial for CASTOR OIL and EPSOM SALTS (good to the last drop). Harry O'Neal's Fresh Baits and Fishes will be tooted up by Walton Leroy (borrowed from Miss Hodges' room), after which roving reporter Ronnie Howard will present a revealing interview with FRAZIER PEELE (Norman Styron) about ferry routes and adventures.

Comedians "V.B." Boos and Floyd Styron as The Will and the Willies will entertain with a fast-breaking dialogue, followed by sundry news bulletins on local events both real and unreal. "Miss Too-Fat" in the person of Kay Waller will demonstrate the potency of the latest scientific reducing pills and their instant action. Then the roving reporter again appears in an interview with Nurse Kathleen Bragg, impersonated by Dorothy Mutro. Immediately thereafter Professor Ivan Stumpovitch (Jackie Wilson) will lecture to the audience on Russian satellites, even exhibiting what is left of the only dog to be sent into outer space and returned alive....well, half alive (Ward's TIP if they can get him to come to school that day.

For the ladies, Miss Sassafras and Miss Lylyswan (Rita Paul and Alda Van O'Neal) will model the latest dress creations straight from Paris to Ocracoke. Even Elvis Pressly (Jim Wynn) and his guitar will be present: flown in specially for the Opening Night of O C R A, with special ballads of local implication.

Turning to the Olden Days, roving reporter then interviews the oldest living inhabitant of Ocracoke: Captain Threadbare Shipwreck (Lewis Tolleson). The Captain long of speech and advice to the young is finally interrupted by a long distance call from Ann Esham to Carnelle Midgette, picked up on the set at George Guthrie's. George Guthrie and Clara are impersonated throughout the program by Rudy Austin and Mary Spencer, with their vain efforts to keep the snow and the phone calls out of their set. A commercial advertising FAG cigarettes for Danny Garrish & Calvin O'Neal Production Company, will be featured by two lovely ladies, Miss Chinchilla and Miss Gooseberry (Louise Tolleson and Stella Spencer). The Hi-Fi Neighbor Boys will monotone (this is all they can do) a ballad "Ain't Gonna Study School No Mo" (Joe Ben Garrish and Ronnie Van O'Neal), after which, last, but not least, Santa Claus in person will appear, fresh with letters from the children, and good cheer for all. (Merry Christmas, Ellie Garrish; are you IT? We think so, but we aren't sure!)

Coach Rondthaler is assisted ably by Juanita Womac in stage scenery and curtain pulling, et al. So, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL and TO ALL A HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Thank you, Mrs. Ruby Garrish, for coming out to school to accompany our Christmas singing, and also for coming out to help with the O C R A broadcast.

Merry Christmas to Miss Marie Hodges who will spend the Holidays at her home in HODGES, SC. Merry Christmas to Mrs. Clarke, who with others will be busy with the Church Program for the little folks. Merry

Christmas to Mrs. Spencer, who is planning a Christmas trip with Ben (destination not yet announced), and Merry Christmas to Mr. and Mrs. Rondthaler, who are NOT rambling this Christmas, but will stay right here at Ocracoke.

And Merry Christmas to Nurse Kathleen Bragg, who will take care of us if we eat too much Christmas Dinner. And Merry Christmas to John Thomas, who is going to close up our School for two happy weeks!