

IT TAKES ALL KINDS

By DAVE WEST

The return of Miss Pinkie Perry to the staff of the Coastland Newspapers has been hailed with rejoicing by her readers and by fellow journalists throughout the state. The Carteret County News-Times last week took note of her, with special attention to her homecoming picture; it was apparent that the Carteret writer considered that Miss Perry had weathered her vacation in pretty good shape. The writer of the column "Southern Accent," in Sunday's News and Observer, too, welcomed Miss Perry back to the journalistic fold—he was very glad to see her. These things make us all happy, but what kind of a reply is a member of the Coastland staff to make when THIS kind of thing gets into his personal mail? At the end of a letter from an old friend in St. Louis, we read these rather insinuating words: "But WHO is this Pinkie Perry? And what does MRS. West think of HER on your staff? Does SHE know about Pinkie's dynamic—personality?"

... We're certainly NOT going to reply that Miss Perry's only notice of us so far came when she asked Billy Gates, with a look in our direction, "Who's the un-george schmoe?" (But what did she mean?)

We always let a great pile of Congressional Records pile up and think we'll tear through them all at one sitting some day. We tried—and failed again—last Sunday. The Record probably is the most fascinating reading extant. You can't put one down when you glance at it. We never got beyond one February day's proceedings Sunday. Congressman Sabath of Illinois read into the Record a couple of letters that must have brought guffaws from the Democratic side of the House. It was the sort of thing that shouldn't happen to a Republican. Sabath is a Democrat, but his name had somehow got on the mailing list of the Illinois Republican Central Committee; so he got a form letter from the GOP state chairman asking for a donation of funds to finance a Lincoln Day dinner the party was planning in Chicago. With such a splendid opportunity to embarrass the other side, no politician could have resisted writing a letter somewhat like Sabath's, carefully read into the



Record. It was broad satire, of course. Sabath first sympathized with the chairman's great need of money and said he knew how hard it must be to find Republicans to get it out of. Then he said he would have to decline to contribute, though reluctantly because of the pity he felt for the chairman's position. He concluded by congratulating the GOP chairman for his implied admission that those who would support Lincoln today would be Democrats, not Republicans. . . . Actually, you can't beat the Record for humor, or most anything else.

We've got to get ready to be a fount of wisdom for our daughter when she gets to the inquiring age; so we're storing up "advice" for her, which we'll no more expect her to heed than we did the good advice we had from our elders in the days when it was still to be hoped that we could be taught things. A thing we have noticed, li'l girl, we shall say someday, if we're given the chance, is that, usually, when people argue against changing something that is wrong by saying, "Yes, but you've got to be practical—you've got to be hard-headed—you've got to be realistic about it," they are asking you to condone what is wrong. That doesn't sound like being practical, hard-headed or reasonable; but

watch out for it all the same, honeychil'; for your impractical, soft-headed, unreasonable old man has been taken in by it more than once because people led him to believe that what was difficult to do was impossible.

We're equipped with some rather loud aloha shirts we acquired in Hawaii. They're very comfortable for the wearer, though they are sometimes a strain on unprepared observers. It was so warm last weekend that we thought we'd try the effect of one of them in Sunnyside. We picked out the rather conservative yellow and green one with the large orange hibiscus design. In no mood to stop with half-measures, we squeezed into a pair of shorts and the beach shoes that used to seem so comfortable and natural in Honolulu. We were about to saunter out into the sunshine when a little girl of our neighborhood came in and shattered the confident glow we had a-building. "Men always look so silly in shorts," she remarked and turned away to find some un-silly person.

We hold that there are only two good two-handed games. One is cribbage, the other chess. When we insist on this, people sometimes suggest that checkers is a good game, too. We gave up checkers in the fourth grade when it finally became clear to us that we'd never be able to beat anybody at the game. That was the year we caught up with Bernie, a better trapper than scholar, who had waited in the fourth grade for three terms for us to join him. When Bernie trounced us at checkers, it was humiliating enough—but when he quit school immediately thereafter and explained that "There wasn't nothin' to learn there nohow," it seemed to us that he had only stuck around at school until he found somebody he could win a game of checkers from. So we gave up the game. Darned if we were going to let some kid in the fifth grade use us as an excuse to quit school!

WANCHESE PERSONALS

Mrs. W. E. Daniels, Mrs. Ivey Daniels, Mrs. Ward Daniels and Mrs. E. C. Green were visitors in Elizabeth City Tuesday.

Mrs. J. T. Daniels is a patient in the Columbia Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. McLain Daniels and J. H. Daniels of Columbia were weekend guests of relatives here.

Marvin Daniels is a patient in the DePaul Hospital, Norfolk.

Mrs. Louisa Williams visited relatives in Norfolk this week.

Mrs. Woodrow Stetson and Mrs. Dick Tillett were visitors in Norfolk Saturday.

Morris and Buster, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Kalb Daniels, received medical treatment in the Norfolk General Hospital this week.

Mrs. J. H. Daniels of Columbia is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Clydia Midgett and daughter Sylvia of Gulrock are visiting Mrs. Midgett's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Darcy Etheridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Van B. Gray and son Phillip of Norfolk spent Sunday and Monday here with relatives.

Darcy Etheridge spent Tuesday in Norfolk on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Etheridge, Jr., spent the weekend in Baltimore, Md., with relatives.

Mrs. Joe Seamore and children of Camden spent the weekend here as guests of Mrs. Ophelia Daniels.

Birth Announcement
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Darcy Etheridge, a girl, on Feb. 21 at Dr. Wright's Clinic in Jarvisburg. Weight 5 1/2 pounds. She has been named Belinda Joyce.

FRISCO NEWS

Mrs. Allen Williams and children Donnie, Dianne, and Ronald have returned to Norfolk after spending several days with relatives here.

Mrs. Julian Austin of Elizabeth City spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dobson.

Sherman Barnett has returned to his work in Norfolk after spending the week at home with his family.

Birth Announcement
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Brown, a daughter, Cheryl Dawn. Both mother and baby doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Ransom have returned to Elizabeth City after visiting Mrs. Ransom's parents for a few days, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rollinson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rollinson and daughter Ann have returned home from Algiers, La., where he was employed.

Demonstration Club
Miss Mary Kirby met with the ladies of Frisco Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. to organize the Home Demonstration Club.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Emma Bassett, president; Mrs. Zelma Brenson, vice-president; Mrs. Mildred Midgett, secretary; Mrs. Hilda Rollinson, treasurer. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Lois Rollinson, to the twelve present.

DRAMA MANAGER TO MEET SOON WITH LOCAL COMMITTEES

General Manager Bill Hardy of The Lost Colony plans to arrive in Manteo on or about March 14 to attend to several local matters in connection with the 1951 presentation of Paul Green's symphonic drama, The Lost Colony. While he is on the island, the drama's veteran director Samuel Selden will conduct the annual tryouts for island actors in the cast. The casting is scheduled for Friday night, March 16, in the Manteo High School Auditorium.

While on the island Hardy will meet with two local committees who are destined to play an important role in the success of the show during its 11th season beginning June 30. He plans to meet the Melvin R. Daniels Committee for the sale of opening night tickets to local residents and business enterprises and also with the Dare County Participation Committee.

It will be the second meeting for the Participation group, the first meeting being held at Carolinian Hotel during February. The second meeting of this committee of which J. L. Murphy is chairman, will meet here in Manteo at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Parkerson. The Dare County participation committee has as its objective the increase of attendance at the show during the coming season and to also assist in local entertainment matters that come up from time to time. Already sub-committees of this group have contacted nearby military installations in the Norfolk and Cherry Point area, with the view of having the Special Services section operate buses for military between their bases and Manteo.

HYDE HAS A STATE WILDLIFE REFUGE

Hyde Home Clubs Providing Recreational Facilities at Rose Bay

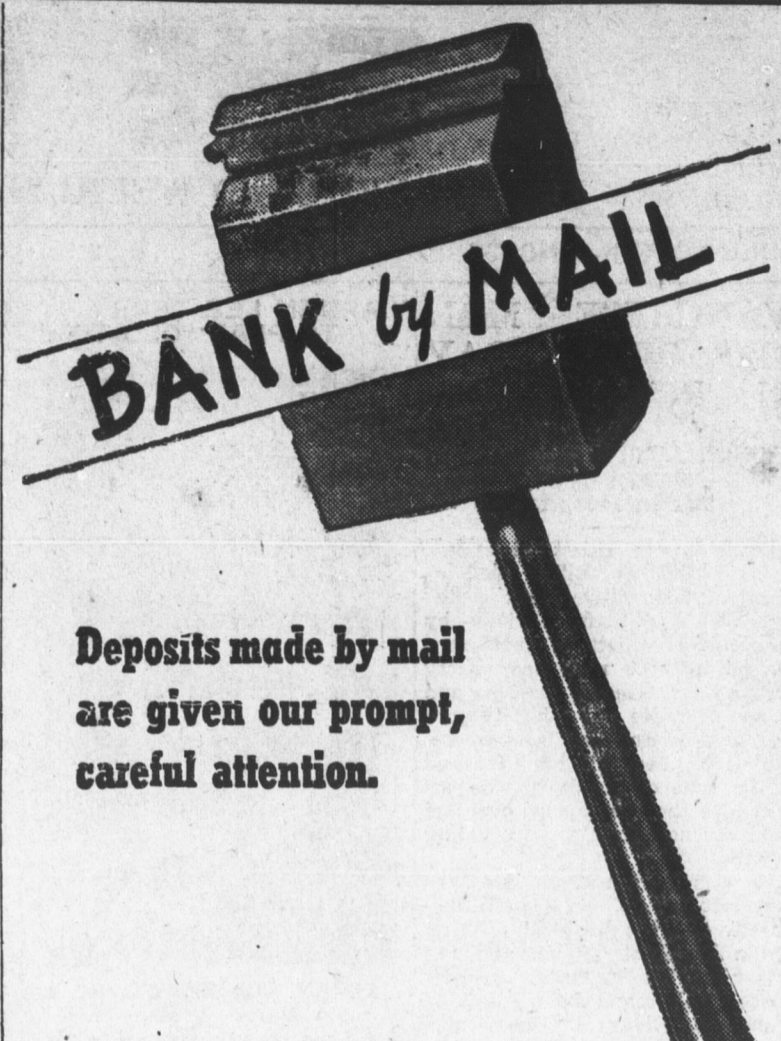
Recreational facilities are being erected at Rose Bay, on the Swan Quarter National Wildlife Refuge. Picnic tables already have been built, and plans call for the erection of bathhouses this spring.

The work is being done by the Hyde County Home Demonstration Clubs under permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. There will be no fee for use of the facilities.

The Swan Quarter Refuge, near famed Lake Mattamuskeet, includes 48,000 acres of land and water. It was established chiefly as a refuge for ducks. The area is closed to hunting.

Fishing is permitted in salt-water Rose Bay on permits (60 cents a day) available from the Mattamuskeet Refuge protector at New Holland. Principal catches are trout (weakfish) and croakers. Best fishing months usually are July, August, and September.

Rose Bay is reached by a two-mile dirt road (marked by the Refuge sign) leading off U.S. 264 about four miles west of Swan Quarter.



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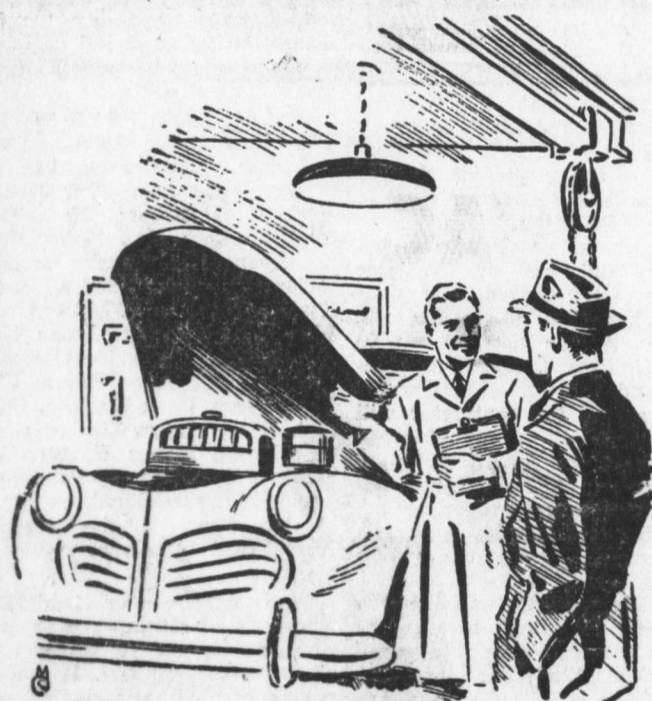


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MRS. MARY L. TILLET, ROANOKE ISLAND NATIVE

Mrs. Mary Leontine Tillett, 64, died Thursday, February 22, in the Marine Hospital in Norfolk following an illness of five weeks. She was a native of Skyco but had been living in Elizabeth City for the last 16 months. Prior to living there she had resided in Beaufort. She was the daughter of Jim and Rebecca Hayman Willis, and a member of the Ann Methodist Church in Beaufort.

She was twice widowed, her first marriage being to Elmer Daniels of Wanchese and her second to Roland Davis of Beaufort. Surviving are her husband, George A. Tillett; a daughter, Mrs. Chris Antosen of Elizabeth City; a son, Robert L. Davis, of Beaufort; two sisters, Mrs. Desdia Daniels, of Wanchese, and Mrs. Elva Hatsell, of Beaufort; one brother, Corbett Willis, of Manteo; and three grandchildren.

Saturday the funeral was conducted at Ann Methodist Church in Beaufort at 3 p. m. by the Rev. Mr. Jenkins. Burial was in the Beaufort Cemetery.

ROANOKE SCHOOL NEWS

A March of Dimes Drive was held at the Roanoke High School Saturday night by Mrs. Agatha Gray and her committee.

The principal of the school and faculty together with the officers of the P.T.A. joined in to help make the drive a success.

Mrs. Gray is very dependable and will work. She has served on several occasions.

We do feel that whenever a great and noble call is made that we all should join in and help as a group. For in unity, there is strength.

The Principal, T. R. Lamb, and Mrs. Lillian T. Boone, and Mrs. Eva A. Bethea and community feel very grateful to the Board of Education for the promise of a new school soon.

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