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COAST COUNTIES OF N. C. BACK IN FIFTH DISTRICT

Sixteen Counties of Eastern North Carolina Now Under Norfolk Headquarters

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 22 .- More than 9,000 square miles will be taken from the state of North Carolina in the Sixth Naval District and added to the Fifth Naval District effective January 1, 1953, according to a directive fanuary 1, 1953, Friday by Fifth Naval District Headquarters in Norfolk.

Involved in the transfer are 16 North Carolina counties of Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Gates, Perquimans, Chowan, Dare, Tyrrell, Washington, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, Craven, Jones, Carteret, and Onslow.

Being made in the interests of ecenomy of operation, the change will bring into the Fifth Naval District eastern North Carolina. The area extends from the northern boundary of the state south along the coast to approximately 50 miles north of Wilmington. Pamlico and Albemarle sounds, the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune are all within the area being annexed.

Many of the counties involved will be returning to Fifth Naval District jurisdiction, having been so attached several years ago.

Administrative details in connection with the exchange are being handled between the two headquarters.

In addition to this new area, the Fifth Naval District is composed of the states of Maryland, West does not include the District of Columbia nor two small geographic areas known as the Potomac and Severn River Naval Commands.

Rear Admiral Ralph D. Davis, them to buy their USN, is Commandant, Fifth Naval of Christmas gifts. District, while Rear Admiral Glenn B. Davis, USN, is the Sixth Na-val District Commandant with headquarters at Charleston, S. C. operative efforts are numerous. Rear Admiral R. O. Davis, scheduled for retirement shortly, will be replaced by Rear Admiral T. See COUNTIES, Page Two

JAMES CORBETT WILLIS, RETIRED COAST GUARD, OF MANTEO IS DEAD

James Corbett Willis, 58, died in the Marine Hospital, Norfolk, Christmas morning at 7 o'clock where he had been taken following a stroke which occurred the night before. He was a retired lighthouse partment. keeper of the Coast Guard, and a

May 4, 1894

GIFTS BRIGHTEN 1952 WAS WORST CHRISTMAS FOR STATE'S NEEDY

RALEIGH.-Christmas will be brighter this year for more than 10,000 needy families across North Carolina because of the generosi-

ty of various clubs and individuals working in cooperation with county departments of public welfare. This fact was revealed in the report of a survey just completed by the State Board of Public Welfare.

On the basis of the facts gathered in the survey it is estimated that over \$100,000 will be given by clubs and individuals to bring

extra Christmas joy to carefully selected families whose situation is known to welfare departments These families either have special needs beyond that which can be given for essentials under the public assistance programs or are in-

eligible for such help. In one Piedmont county, for example, some 350 families will be brought · extra Christmas joy through this cooperative plan. Beeastern county will be aided from gifts totalling over \$2,000. In a western county 150 families will

be helped with the welfare department serving as a clearing house to avoid duplication. In the great majority of the State's counties most of the clubs, church groups, and other volun-tary groups clear through the county welfare departments. This

is done to avoid duplication and to gain the advantage of the counsel of those whose work acquaints them with the situations faced by people in need. This year more Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, but groups are making use of the cooperation of the county welfare departments in planning their Christmas giving than ever before. Many groups are making their gifts in cash to permit the ones reciving

them to buy their own selection Illustrations from over the State of the generosity and good planning which characterize these co-

Take one far western county, for example, where the three Lions Clubs entertained the 49 blind persons within the area at a Christmas party with all the fixingsand the Kiwanis Club gave a Christmas party for some 40 chil-

dren complete with tree, gifts, and a radio broadcast all their own. The Baptist churches, the Boosters club and other groups have carfortunate whose names are on the ried out other projects for the less list compiled by the welfare de-

In another county the local civic lifelong resident of Roanoke Is- clubs remember not only families land, having been born at Skyco in need but also county indigents

POLIO YEAR IN OUR HISTORY County Chairmen Named For Work in Dare. Beaufort

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and Hyde; Campaign Begins Jan. 2

The workers for funds to fight polio have a challenging record on which to begin their campaign for the much needed financial aid. It is that 1952 was the worst polio year in our history.

Chairmen for counties in the campaign which begins January 2, are as follows: Beaufort, O. M. Winfield, Box 106, Washington, N. C.; Hyde, N. W. Shelton of Swan Quarter; Dare, Helen D. Ward of Manns Harbor.

Thad Eure, Secretary of State

of North Carolina is State Chairman and Governor Scott Honorary Chairman. Basil O'Connor is National chairman. Robert W. Madry man.

estimated \$28,000,000 in An stricken, an increase of \$7,000,000 Dr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Combs. over 1951 for similar purposes.

A total of 2,175 emergency shipments of iron lungs was made more than the number supplied combined, including the disastrous Mrs. C. P. Mitchall, Jr. 1949 epidemic.

More than 500 hotpack machines and 250 "rocking beds" were dispatched to emergency areas, where the deadly bulbar type polio often

constituted as high as 25 per cent of all cases.

as the epidemic mushroomed gett.

across the entire nation. Throughout the year, the National Foundation continued to support the education and training of ad-Midgett of Norfolk, Va. ditional medical personnel to meet

American people.



SELDEN M. COMBS was honored at a birthday party on his 80th birthday at the home of his grandtween 250 and 300 families in an of Chapel Hill is State Press Chair- Bridge Street, Columbia, on Saturday, Dec. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. Photographs were taken of the March of Dimes funds was used guests by Miss Martha Holloway during 1952 to provide care for the of Charlotte, niece of the honoree.

Martha Allen Combs, and Joe John Combs, Jr., of Raleigh were in attendance. Dr. Combs is the son of from the National Foundation's the honoree. About fifty guests seven respirator supply depots- called, and were served ice cream and cakes each decorated with during the three previous years Christmas designs, were served by

> LEROY MIDGETT, 43, LIEFLONG MANTEO RESIDENT DIES

LeRoy Midgett, 43, husband of violated, since Congress had not Mrs. Nancy Crieghton Midgett, a

lifelong resident of Manteo, died lawful to give or take bribes. They Millions of dollars worth of life- Christmas afternoon following an saving emergency equipment was illness of pneumonia, in the Mapressed into service to combat the rine Hospital at Norfolk where he epidemic, most of it to be used had been since December 10th. He deal sooner than he actually got over and over again, transferred was the son of the late William from one critical area to another Gray and Margaret Meekins Mid- in the Appropriations Bill passed

Nurses numbering 1,300, and 160 friends as "Salty," having been a physical therapists, were recruited fisherman and boatman all his life. thority to take land without exand transported to emergency He is survived by one sister, Miss press permission from the states, areas with March of Dimes funds. Rosaline Midgett, and by four a rather drastic contrast with the

Arrangements for funeral servthe rapidly growing needs of the ices were incomplete at the time of going to press.



Attempted Deal on Hatteras Lighthouse Job 155 Years Ago Aroused Ire of Officials

By BEN DIXON MacNEILL Skuldugery is not something invented and put into practice in these latter years nor is the Greek

immigrant who completed a prison sentence last week the first man to tenant a jail for being a "per center" and, in comparison, he seems a trifling sort of fellow when he is stacked up beside a predecessor who considered fifty per cent of the profit to be cleared on the first lighthouse on Cape Hatteras a not unreasonable deal. Documentation on this deal un-

dertaken 155 years ago came to light this week at about the time arrangements were being completed for translating Cape Hatteras National Seashore from a project daughter, Mrs. Marshall Swain on into a reality and the ruins of the Old Lighthouse, in the hands of the National Park Service, is not unlikely to be included in their long-range plans for establishing a museum nearby. The documentation will be tendered for inclusion among the exhibits.

Instead of getting him the job of building the lighthouse urged by Alexander Hamilton when he became the first secretary of the treasury, the attempted bribe landed the Philadelphia contractor in jail in what must be one of the

most singular judicial procedures in the records. He went to jail despite the fact that there was no specific Federal law he had yet got around to making it un-

remedied the defect shortly. Hamilton had wanted a lighthouse on Cape Hatteras a good it, and provision for it was made on August 4, 1790 by the First He was well known to his Congress. But the Federal Government, in that day, had no aueagerness with which Governor tor and assistant to Charles Par-Scott deeded away a good slice ker. of Hatteras Island last Monday.

Among the correspondents pres-Seven years were needed before ent were Keith Saunders, whose North Carolina gave its permislate father, W. O. Saunders, was sion to Hamilton to buy four acres one of the prime factors in the of ground, and the Widow Gaskins movement which resulted in the of Cape Hatteras agreed to sell Wright National Monument and that much ground for \$100. The who was the founder of the Kill deed is recorded in Currituck Devil Hills Memorial Association; county. Plans had been drawn up by General Henry Dearborn, who also Harry Moore, the Norfolk was a staff officer with Hamilton free-lance newsman who scooped the world on the first story of the on General Washington's staff dur-

ing the Revolution, and approved first flight. Hamilton and the President.

KILL DEVIL HILLS CELEBRATION "CETS N.C. LANDS GIVEN **MONDAY TO THE** NATIONAL PUBLICITY SEASHORE PARK

The 49th anniversary of the Wright Brothers First Flight celebrated at Kill Devil Hills last week has received publicity in many forms from coast to coast. The observance this year was

Another step toward giving spearheaded by Miles L. Clark of North Carolina a great seashore Elizabeth City, chairman of the board of directors of Kill Devil park was made in Raleigh Monday when the State of North Hills Memorial Society and Ralph Carolina deeded lands the people Whitener, program director of the own to the Cape Hatteras Sea-Air Force Association which has shore Park. There are some 8,000 acres of these lands on Ocraenthusiastic members throughout the world.

coke and Hatteras Islands. Some The thrilling aerial demonstraof these tracts of land were dotions over the internationally fanated to the Park by their northmous Kill Devil Hills coincided ern owners some ten years ago. with ceremonies such as wreath Gov. Kerr Scott presented layings at the base of the monudeeds to the land to Conrad L. ment and the event combined with Wirth, director of the National an excellent barbecue dinner fea-Park Service in ceremonies witturing several outstanding personnessed by Gov.-elect William B. alities of aviation and the National Umstead and Rep. Herbert Bon-Park Service. "Our association is deeply indebted to Captain Neilus ner. The Cape Hatteras National Midgett and his wife Miz' Daisy Seashore Park will eventually in-of the First Colony Inn," said clude 30,000 acres and stretch Clark in Elizabeth City yesterday. South to include Ocracoke Is-

They permitted use of their din- land. For Park officials, Monday's ing room for the banquet-luncheon and their rooms for entertainceremonies were the culmination ment, after efforts to make satisof a dream that was shattered repeatedly by wars, an oil boom factory arrangements in a larger banquet hall here failed." and protests from residents who

Fifty one members of the press were interested in real estate ranging from top Washington corpromotion or who wanted unrespondents for the associated restricted hunting and fishing Press, New York Times, Los Anprivileges to continue. The park geles, International News Service was authorized by Congress in United Press, and several aviation 1937. It now awaits only funds publications were down to cover in the appropriation bill. the event this year. In addition

The deeding of the land to the Edward Murrow and Bob Trout of federal government was authorradio and television fame with ied earlier Monday by the council sound and silent camera crews of state. Last year the council were present. All of the major voted 618,000 to match funds put news reel companies, such as Fox up by two of the Mellon Founda-Movietone, Metro Goldwyn Meyer, tion's for acquiring the land.

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Another Step in Creation of

Great North Carolina As-

set Made in Raleigh

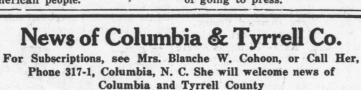
Paramount and Telenews were rep-State officials said it is now resented with camera crews. Quick up to the National Park Service action on picture distribution was to acquire the rest of the land. effected by wire photo services of They explained that law requires the Associated Press, International the government to have 10,000 News Pictures, United Press Phoacres before an area may be adtos and other agencies. In addition ministered as a national park. to the foregoing, special writers The federal government owns and photographers from several about enough land elsewhere to magazines, newspapers, and news add to the state's 8,000 acres to agencies were present. State News reach this minimum. From now Bureau in Raleigh was represeton, it will be up to the federal ed by three members of its staff, government to administer the headed by Meriam Rabb, its direcland

Charles Parker, director of the state advertising bureau, said a See LANDS, Page Two

WILBUR DANIELS OPENS A STORE IN WANCHESE

Buys Business of Late John M. **Cudworth and Will Continue** With Same Service for Community

Wilbur Daniels of Wanchese has given up his career of following the water for many years, has bought the store of his late Uncle, John M. Cudworth, and will settle down at his home and live with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Daniels. The Cudworth store is a good stand and served a large area of the Wanchese community, for many years while operated by the



at the two Sanatoria. This year MRS. KATHERINE KELLEY EIGHTH GRADERS HOLD DIES IN COLUMBIA PARTY IN COLUMBIA Columbia .- The eighth grades of Columbia.-Funeral services for tions who would not otherwise be Mrs. Katherine Campen Kelley, Columbia High School entertained age 33, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monday evening from seven-thirty til ten o'clock honoring the Rev. R. Jessie C. Campen who died Friday Norman Knight, one of the eighth internal revenue and to supervise navigation generally. The Governabout helping a family. It was sug- night, Dec. 19th at the Columbia grade teachers who is leaving Janment was then in Philadelphia gested that they aid an elderly Hospital, were held Sunday at 3 uary 1st to accept a ministerial couple who were physically unable p.m. at the Columbia Baptist charge in Moyock Methodist to work and who received old age Church, with the Revs. W. E. Pope Church. The Agriculture Building was The choir sang "Face to Face," decorated in keeping with the ited the couple prior to Christmas "I Need Thee Every Hour" and Christmas season, a tree and trim-and got suggestions from the wel- "God Be With You 'til We Meet mings, the decoration of which was fare department. The class took Again," and Tennyson's "Crossing under Gail Cohoon and Sam S. this as a special project and has the Bar" was recited by the Rev. Woodley, Jr., committee. After a session of games delicious lime-ice punch and opened epileptic boy was the need met etery. Floral tributes were lovely face sandwiches and wafers were served by Miss Jessie Flythe's sec-Mrs. Kelley is survived by one tion of the eighth grade. Other guests, in addition to the church group until public assis- and one brother, Clarence S. Cam- honored guest, Mrs. Knight and their daughter Cathy and Mr. and Out-of-town guests who attend- Mrs. B. Tex Lindsey. The eighth grades presented Mr. of the generosity of North Caro- Campen of Edenton, Mr. and Mrs. Knight with individual gifts, and a large gift from the whole class.

He was the husband of Bertha the Kiwanis club also donated a O'Neal Willis and the son of the generous amount to bring extra late Isaac Van (Jim) and Rebecca Hayman Willis of Roanoke Island. He was the father of Rondell Lee remembered.

Willis, and Mrs. Verona Gray and Mrs. Rebecca Parker of Manteo. He also leaves two sisters: Mrs. Elva Hatsell of Beaufort and Mrs. Desdia Daniels of Norfolk.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at Twiford's Funeral Home by Rev. Frank Dinwiddie, and interment will be in the family plot at Skyco.

GOLDEN WEDDING

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hooper of Stumpy Point are invited to attend their Golden Wedding anniversary tomorrow, Saturday, December 27th, from 2 to 6 p. m. at their home on Stumpy Point. For many years, this couple have long been one of the most popular in the village; leaders in church and community affairs. During the past five years, Mrs. Hooper has suffered from a form of paralysis, fortunately well cared for by the attention of her husband and daughters.

The three daughters, Mrs. C. W. Watson of Engelhard, Mrs. J. A. Osborne of Norfolk and Mrs. Earl Meekins of Columbia are arranging the party for their mother and father. A cordial invitation is ex-

WITNESSED INAUGURATIONS.

The father of Mrs. Pat Bayne ley, and mother of two sons and of Nags Head, who lives in Wash- two daughters: Linwood Russell H. L. Reynolds, Citizen, Gilbert ington, D. C., was recently much Midgett and Mrs. Mary Ann Rob- Harrell, S. N. Harris, and D. M. publicized in the papers at the inson of San Angelo, Texas; Car-Capital because he has witnessed roll and Elizabeth Jane of Manpresidential inaugurations since teo. Beside her husband she leaves that of U. S. Grant in 1873. He a brother, Rowan Quidley, and four is Harry W. Bowling, now 86 years sisters: Mrs. R. B. Lennon, Mrs. old, who expects to see Eisenhow- Elizabeth Parkerson, Mrs. Henry er inaugurated. He was seven at Twiford and Mrs. Sam Midgett, Cohoon of Route 3, Columbia, Grant's inaugural. He was much all of Manteo. She was a member impressed by the inauguration of of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, caused by an overheated motor. painted on the windows.

Christmas cheer to those in institu-

A ladies class of a large church approached the welfare department

> assistance as their main source of and C. H. Overman oriciating. income. Members of the class vis-

AT STUMPY PT. SAT. met a number of needs of both. Pope.

by one civic club. A family with and numerous. nine children whose father was in the sanatorium was aided by a son, Freddie Kelly, her parents, tance for which they were eligible pen of Norfolk.

could be arranged. Admittedly only a partial report ed the funeral included, Mrs. Ida linians, the survey gave convinc-ing evidence that there is a reserve Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weatherly, of good will, neighborliness, gen- Mrs. J .E. Norris of Raleigh, Mrs. erosity, and intelligent planning to Mike Mason of Atlantic, Miss Marmeet emergencies and special needs tha Holloway of Charlotte, Mr. and in the Christmas spirit and in the Mrs. Tilden Holloway, and Mrs.

American way.

MRS. MARINA Q. MIDGETT

Mrs. Marina Quidley Midgett, 45, tended their many friends every-where to join with them tomorrow. lifelong resident of Manteo, and volunteer, having received her cer-tificate of graduation; P.T.A. work, wife of Orlando Midgett, died at tificate of graduation; P.T.A. work, ters across the top "Peace on 9:15 at her home Tuesday night and church work. The flower girls Earth, Thy Will Be Done," which

FOR PAST 80 YEARS She was the daughter of the late lumbia Hospital, who attended in

A child's wagon to carry a small Interment was in Oakwood Cem-

Elsie Holloway of Hildebrand, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Walker of Great Bridge, Va. Mrs. Kelly was very active in

Home Demonstration work, a lead- ing a religious scene relating to the er of the Cub Scouts; Civil Defense after an illness of three weeks. consisted of the nurses at the Co-

Leonard and Mary Hooper Quid- a body, and also the Cub Scouts. Pallbearers were: Floyd Spencer,

SAWMILL FIRE

Columbia.-The mill of J. G. Jr. caught fire Wednesday morning,

Mr. Cohoon managed to get the

SCHOOL WINDOWS IN COLUMBIA DECORATED

Columbia .- The windows of the Columbia School looks like a beau-

tiful masterpiece. Each window pane is painted with colored powder paint, by the students, depict-

"Birth of Jesus," The words painted above the scenes in large let-

extend across the front of the building. In the lunch room, shown from the street is a nativity scene, the Mother Mary depicted by a

window form, dressed in long flowing robes, standing over the manger, with blue spot light trained on the scene. Those in charge of the decorations are: B. T. Lindsey, principal, Mrs. Helen King, R. N. Knight, and Mrs. C. P. Mitchell,

The Columbia post office is also decorated with religious scenes On the Columbia Christian cott .

Lacking land, the project drag-O'NEAL AND SAUNDERS

ged along until 1797 when the GET OCRACOKE RUN deed was finally secured, and Hamilton had appointed Tenche Peel and McWilliams of Hatteras Coxe as Commissioner to look after

Agree on Split of Route Between Ocracoke and

The State Utilities Commission though Coxe himself, when he got Thursday gave Ansley O'Neal the letter was in the hills of New and J. M. Saunders, Jr., a boat Jersey a fugitive, like many Philafranchise between Ocracoke, delphians, from a scourage of yel-Portsmouth and Atlantic, and delow fever. The letter was from a nied a similar franchise to man named William Worrall, and, George F. ONeal and Elmo M. in part, it read: Dear Sir: Having had the honor Fulcher.

Friday at 10 a.m., the Commisof waiting on you at different sion considered two other boat times on the lighthouse business, franchise applications filed by I will be bold to say that when the Cap'n C. C. McWilliams of Ocrawork is completed in the most mascoke and Cap'n F. L. Peele of terly manner, the job will clear Hatteras. Both sought authority at the finishing, the sum of 1,000 to carry passengers, bagage and Pounds Therefore, good sir, similar light cargoes between as having always been content with Hatteras and Ocracoke.

a reasonable profit; therefore every reasonable profit in the two This hearing resulted in a compromise between Peele and Mcjobs (the proposal also included See PIKERS, Page Two

Wiliams; Peele retaining only the right to carry automobiles, which if surrendered, will go to Mc-Williams.

Ansley O'Neal's boat, the "Dolphin," is a converted Navy launch with ship-to-shore tele-

Sunday night drew a large crowd, phone, enclosed accommodations for 30 to 40 passengers, storage space for mail and freight and a 10 horsepower diesel engine. George F. O'Neal's boat, the "Aleta," is 42 feet long with a 40 of the Yuletide season ,as they

horsepower diesel engine, enclosed accommodations for passengers and space for freight.

both craft have been approved by the Coast Guard and that both were adequate to provide serv-

"The chief matter for determination is, therefore," Commissioner Fred C. Hunter wrote, "a The church was filled to capacity. choice between the applicants." The Commission came to the On last Friday night the Mansettling the problem would be to

who holds the mail contract. with music by the church choir and a soprano solo by Mrs. E. R. Wes- Since the passenger and freight business was not adequate in the

late owner. Mr. Daniels is the son of the late A. J. Daniels, who for many years served on the Board of Commissioners and was its chairman several terms. He has the same genial personality and friendly nature as his father and start off in business under good signs.

STUDENTS COMPLETE WORK IN ECC FALL QUARTER

Greenville .-- Eighty - five students completed their work at East Carolina College at the end of the

fall quarter and will receive their degrees with their classmates at commencement exercises held in May, 1953, according to an announcement by Registrar Orval L. Phillips. Students from Beaufort, Hyde, Dare and Washington coun-

ties are named below Patricia Lu Bundy, Belhaven; William Thomas Harrell, Pantego; Edith K. Respess, Bath; A. B .--James Perry Rickards, Washing-

ton; Herbert A. Creef, Jr., Man-teo., William F. Landing, Plymouth.

HATTERAS "OCEAN AIR" TOURIST HOME OPENS

Mrs. Nacie Austin announced this week that her tourist home in Hatteras had been named the Ocean Air. She is one of several Hatteras residents in the various communities who have opened their homes to tourists or developed guest house facilities. With thousands of additional tourists going to Hatteras Island, now that conclusion that a big factor in the State has paved its highway settling the problem would be to give the franchise to the operator who helds the mail contained by the national publicity that is being given the area as result of the National Seashore Recreation Area, Cleveland and Harding. He recalls Manteo. that 25,000 people were in Cleve-land's parade. Mr. Dowing lives for 3 p.m. Friday. Rev. H. R. Ash-more, officiating. Mr. Cohoon managed to get the blaze out, with only about \$100 Church lawn, a scene of the shep-herds, beholding the "Star of the See COLUMBIA, Page Two Mr. Cohoon managed to get the blaze out, with only about \$100 See COLUMBIA, Page Two Mr. Cohoon managed to get the blaze out, with only about \$100 See COLUMBIA, Page Two Mr. Cohoon managed to get the blaze out, with only about \$100 See COLUMBIA, Page Two Mr. Cohoon managed to get the blaze out, with only about \$100 Commission's opinion to support the service, it said the mail con-on the island during coming months.

MANY GROUPS PRESENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS The singing of Christmas carols on the courthouse lawn in Manteo

despite the inclement weather, and many voices were raised in songs

were led by John H. Long. Another Christmas, it is hoped that the oc-

casion will attract an even larger crowd. The nativity scene erected on the courthouse lawn furnished The Utilities Commission said the background for the musical event.

Prior to the carol sing, Christmas programs were presented at

the various churches. The young ice. people of Mount Olivet Methodist Church presented a pageant, and were assisted by the adult choir.

teo Baptist Church presented a program on the birth on Christ, using a film strip for illustration,