

HATTERAS P. T. A. MEETS

Hatteras P. T. A. met Dec. 10th, the vice-president, Mrs. Pauline Oden presiding. Plans for a Valentine Party were made and committees appointed. A map of N. C. will be bought for the school by the P. T. A.

Offers to baby-sit free for anyone wishing to attend the P. T. A. meetings were made by local Girl Scouts. The attendance banner was won by Mr. Wilkinson's seventh grade.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames Linda Midgette, Clarice Gray and Hazel Foster to the 19 members present.

GARDEN CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. T. D. ETHERIDGE

The Roanoke Island Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Tom Etheridge on January 6th, with Mrs. Etheridge and Mrs. Leo Midgette, hostesses.

The president read the club collect; Mrs. Leo Midgette, vice president, read the club song and prayer.

Mrs. Davis, the president, called attention to the planting of dogwood trees during the month of January and each member of the club was urged to plant as many dogwoods as she possibly could and to encourage others to do the same. This is a project of the Garden Clubs of North Carolina and the last week in January has been designated as Dogwood Week. Road Beautification and the Model Mile projects were discussed and these will be more fully taken up at the February meeting.

A message from the State President, Mrs. Palmgren, was read by Mrs. Davis.

It was voted that the club send a gift of \$100 to the Elizabethan Garden Fund.

The meeting was then adjourned and Mrs. Midgette introduced Dr. and Mrs. Jim Bardin, who gave an interesting and instructive talk on the wild flowers of Dare County, illustrating them with some of their lovely colored slides.

At the conclusion of the program the hostesses served refreshments, and welcomed Mrs. Bardin as a member of the club.



TIMES HAVE JUST CHANGED THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY

Those to whom the old fashioned country-cured ham was a delightful thing, highly prized, have been sharing more disappointment from year to year, until they have about given up hoping to find one. Those farmers who do persist in curing this fine kind of meat apparently save it for themselves.

It used to be at this time of the year, beginning in mid-December and continuing through January, that upon a ride through the countryside, one might see hog carcasses at every other farm at least. Of early morning, the roadside would reveal many gleaming white carcasses. Hog-killing time a few years ago meant a gathering of neighbors, many of whom made no charge for their services. Hog killing time was a festive occasion and womenfolk shared in it too. The farmer usually shared his meat with those who came to help him.

The country weeklies carried many advertisements of local merchants reminding the farmers of the availability of hog killing supplies. Salt and pots and pans and knives, and sausage stuffers and meat grinders, lard tins, pork barrels, etc. You don't see so many of these ads now.

Go out through the country from farm to farm and try to buy one of those glorious old country hams. Chances are the farmer is eating Smithfield ham, or one of the less flavorful varieties of meats from Chicago or St. Louis, carried by any corner grocery. Yet we are producing more hogs than ever, and farmers who used to keep six or eight hogs for their own use, now market hundreds of them each year.

Where have the hogs gone? It's just another example of living in a world that has changed. Hog growers have gone into quantity production. Markets have been opened in convenient areas. Motor trucks make it possible for all farmers to carry their meat on the hoof quickly to market. Back in the hog killing days on the farm there used to be periods when even the mule couldn't get out to a dependable road. Farmers then had to have meat of some kind at home. Now they can go buy fresh pork and sausage of their neighborhood grocer any day in the year. The actual need for a hog killing season has passed. The hogs from the farm go to market all through the year. If the farmer wants to keep some of his own meat, the slaughter houses will prepare it for him cheaper than it used to cost when part of the help was furnished free by the neighbors.

In other days up and down this coastland of ours, hog killing time had its counterpart in various forms. There were long, cold winters ahead, and the resourceful and wise old people prepared for those strenuous days. It was a case of survival, for there were no "almost-unlimited" credit facilities. Cash really didn't count for there were no stores where one might buy today's conveniences. Here is what was done to insure plenty in winter, by the old folks who were not farmers, but had only small gardens of greens, and perhaps a few sweet potatoes.

Cattle, hogs and sheep roamed wild on the beaches. The owners took advantage of free range. Through the autumn months they salted up barrels of fat and nourishing drumfish, mullets and spots. Sometimes they salted beef, and even barrels of wild-geese and ducks which were soaked out the same as the fish or the beef and turned into tasty meals.

Flour was unknown, but they took their salt fish across the sounds and up the river to the big farming areas where there was plenty of grain to be gotten in trade. For not even the farmers in the land of plenty across the water, used, or needed ample cash in those days.

Men along the coastland with their wiry beach ponies, spent many a long summer and winter day, carting up driftwood and wreckage from the strand to build a woodpile to last them through the winter. And the boys and men of the family couldn't run off in those days wasting away their time, burning gasoline that wasn't there and loafing in shops that didn't exist. They had to keep in form, fighting that woodpile with an axe in order to keep warm through the long nights.

Out of necessity in those days there developed a fine and wholesome custom that made people happier and made one love his fellowman the better, and sometimes his fellow-woman. Families short on fuel would gather for the evening in the home of one more fortunate and together they would

MANNS HARBOR NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, who have been making their home in Norfolk, have returned to their home here.

Mrs. J. H. Bratton is spending this week in Norfolk with her son-in-law, Bill Gibbs and sons, while Mrs. Gibbs is in Mass. having been called there by the illness of little Eddie Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Pinner and Mrs. Dorothy Tillett were in Washington Tuesday to visit Mrs. W. S. Pinner, a patient at Tayloe Hospital.

Mrs. Lewis Hooper is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Guidry of Morgan City, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Taylor visited Columbus Taylor, a patient at Norfolk General Hospital, last week end.

Mrs. Jennie Tillett, Miss Inez Gibbs and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Midgett were in Norfolk Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Gibbs, Jr., and Mrs. Bertis Girshekski have returned to their home in Cincinnati, Ohio, after visiting here.

Mrs. Mary Creef had as her guests last week end Mrs. Myrtle Hassell, and son George, and Mrs. Ella Ambrose of Edenton.

Harry Carter Mann, USCG, Elizabeth City, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mann.

Mrs. Sina Mann is recuperating at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burrus, after being a patient at the Columbia Hospital.

Mrs. Richard Mann was hostess to the Woman's Club Thursday night at her new home. Mrs. Guy Mann presided. Following the business section, games and contests were enjoyed, prizes going to Mrs. T. O. Sutton and Mrs. Guy Mann. Thirteen members were present: Mrs. Sherman Twiford, Mrs. Flay Kemp, Mrs. T. O. Sutton, Mrs. J. F. Burrus, Mrs. Edward White, Mrs. Pearl Daniels, Mrs. Wilbur E. Pinner, Mrs. Grace White, Mrs. Cecil Midgett, Mrs. Florine Hooper, Mrs. Geraldine Stephenson, Mrs. Guy Mann, Miss Inez Gibbs and Mrs. Mann. The hostess served pie and coffee.

SILVER WEDDING FOR MR. AND MRS. C. L. HOLMES

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Holmes of Manns Harbor celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary January 4, with open house from 8 to 10 p. m.

The home was decorated throughout with white camellias and silver leaves. The dining room table was covered with a hand made lace cloth, centered with a four tiered wedding cake topped with the traditional bride and groom. Mrs. T. H. Midgett, Mrs. Thelbert Tillett and Miss Iva Mann assisted in serving cake, ice cream and nuts. A number of guests called during the evening.

PINK AND BLUE SHOWER HONORS MRS. WYNNE DOUGH

Mrs. Wynne Dough of Manteo was guest of honor Tuesday evening at a pink and blue shower at the home of Mrs. B. R. Etheridge near Manteo. Hostesses were Mrs. Etheridge, Mrs. Lee Dough, Mrs. Horace Dough and Mrs. Leonard Rogers.

Contests and music were enjoyed and refreshments of ice cream, cake, mints and salted nuts were served, a pastel color scheme being carried out.

In addition to the honoree and hostesses were Mrs. W. B. O'Neal, Miss Ann Etheridge, Mrs. Marion Cochran and son Timmy, Mrs. Matilda Inge, Mrs. H. A. Glynn, Mrs. Curtis Lewis, Mrs. Charlie Shannon, Mrs. Camille Podolski, Mrs. Carlton Etheridge, Mrs. Leonard Midgett, Mrs. Bill Swindell, Miss Estelle Meekins, Mrs. Jimmie Groce, Mrs. J. B. Etheridge, Mrs. C. L. Cissel, Mrs. T. A. Basnight, Mrs. Robert Shannon, Mrs. W. S. Meekins, Mrs. D. V. Meekins, Mrs. Burl Brinn, Mrs. Julia Gray, Mrs. Bob Fuqua, Mrs. Gordon Riddick and Mrs. Andrew Tillett, all of Manteo; Mrs. Mincie Partridge of Kill Devil Hills; and Mrs. Allyn Hanks of Nags Head.

share the warmth while they talked of the topics of the day, the doings of those who were not there; they shared their mutual problems, described to each other in detail their various ailments, and divided their old-fashioned remedies as might be needed. Romances blossomed from the opportunities thus afforded the young people; families began early and were large; folks grew old before their time and passed on while people today less burdened from long toil are enjoying life at longer age.

No one wants those conditions now, having lived amidst the comfort of today's plenty and today's conveniences. But those who have experienced the pleasanter sides of earlier days miss the joys and benefits of hog-killing time in the country, and the friendliness, the fellowship and helpfulness arising out of firesides shared with the only persons capable of being one's best friend—good neighbors who live nearby.

BUXTON HOME CLUB NAMES COMMITTEES; MRS. DAILEY HOSTESS

Express Regret at Departure of Mrs. Staton, Home Agent

Eleven attended the regular meeting of the Buxton Home Club, January 10, at the home of Mrs. Dina Dailey; Mrs. Leola Rollinson, president; Mrs. Dailey and Mrs. Thelma Gray as hostesses.

"A Song of Peace" and the Club Collect opened the meeting.

Mrs. Louise Clemmons, was welcomed as a new member.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$3.01.

The Demonstration at this time was "How to be Well Dressed at Small Cost", given by the Home Agent, Mrs. Mary Staton. She explained how to buy clothes and accessories to match and the colors best suited for our basic colors, also how to use clothing already on hand. Mrs. Staton announced that the Eastern District Training School would be held at Elizabeth City on February 14, and she said she would be leaving in the near future which every one regretted.

Officers of the club are: Mrs. Leola Rollinson, President; Mrs. Evelyn Gibbs, Vice President; Mrs. Dina Dailey, Secretary; Mrs. Pearl Midgett, Treasurer.

Club Project Leaders: Mrs. Laura Hooper, Foods and Nutrition; Mrs. Patsy Rollinson, Home Gardens; Mrs. Thelma Gray, Home Poultry; Mrs. Lillie Turner, Food Conservation; Mrs. Vivian Frontis, Housing and House Furnishings; Mrs. Leola Rollinson, Home Management; Mrs. Grace Basnett, Home Life; Mrs. Dina Dailey, Home Beautification; Mrs. Sudie Jennette, Clothing; Mrs. Pearl Midgett, Arts and Crafts.

Club committee chairmen: Mrs. Paula Fulcher, Community Service; Mrs. Edna Barnett, Health and Safety; Mrs. Joan Tharp, Education; Mrs. Evelyn Gibbs, Citizenship; Mrs. Joyce Gray, Recreation.

Following the meeting a social hour was held with Mrs. Dailey and Mrs. Gray serving apple pie and coffee.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Mrs. Sudie Jennette.

RODANTHE PERSONALS

P. C. Moore of Mass. spent the holidays here with his family. Jan. 1st the Moores gave a party from 3 to 7 for people of the communities united. Carols were played, punch and cake served. It was an enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McCurry of Portsmouth spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Morrill and family.

The Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday at the Community Building. The Demonstration was given by cur home agent, Mrs. Mary Staton.

Shirley Porter celebrated her 17th birthday Saturday, Jan. 8th at the Chicamacomico Restaurant. Many people were attending, Worth Midgette, Dionne Midgett, Norma B. Gray, Cyrus Gray, Sheila Gray, Lonnie Willis and cousin, Ila Jean Morrill, Dianne Morrill, Morgan Midgette, Lance Midgett, Rudy Gray and Woody Edwards. Many games were played. Cake, candy and drinks were served. Ending the party every one took part in a dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roadcap and children of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Herbert, Jr., of Portsmouth, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Herbert.

Comdr. Ellery C. Midgett, U. S. N., visited relatives here.

M/Sgt. Wiley W. Gray, Mrs. Frances Gray and daughter Gail Eileen spent Old Christmas here with Mrs. Julian L. Gray and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer S. Midgett and daughter Claudette from Jacksonville Beach, Fla., Mrs. Georgia L. Eason and daughter Serena from Norfolk visited Mrs. Lurania Midgett.

Mrs. Olive Patrick and daughter Judy of Norfolk visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred O'Neal and family.

Mrs. Laura Scarborough and boys Johnnie and Horatio visited Mr. and Mrs. Levene W. Midgett.

David B. Midgett, Jr., visited his mother, Mrs. Carethia Midgett.

Mrs. Ruby Toler and daughter Patricia of Norfolk visited Mr. and Mrs. Ruford B. Payne.

Miss Elvira Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Dameron M. Payne, Perlene Reber, Gwendolen Reber, John Reber, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tillett and daughters Jill and Tessie, and son Andrew, Jr., Ezekiel Gallop, Mrs. Elva Simpson, Mrs. Juanita Gallop, Mrs. Mary Gallop, Miss Ruby Gallop and Leroy S. Midgett from Wanchese, Mrs. Patsy Williams and Ina Long from Manteo, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Midgett and guests from Nags Head, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Gray from Kitty Hawk, Eldridge E. O'Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Gray and daughter Penny, from Norfolk. Mrs. Elizabeth Rigby from Elizabeth City, Dr. George McNabb from Portsmouth, spent Old Christmas here with relatives and friends.

ROANOKE ID. GARDEN CLUB PROMOTES DOGWOOD WEEK

The Roanoke Island Garden Club in their continuous project of helping their island to become more beautiful will promote dogwood planting during the last week of January which is state wide Dogwood Week. The club is making an appeal to various civic organizations of the area to plant dogwood in public owned areas and to care for them after planting. The P. T. A. will be asked for cooperative effort, and one grade of the high school will be urged to sponsor the care and cultivation of trees planted on the roadside of the entire length of the school property.

The success of the beautification project is dependent on the individual property owner, so every citizen who owns land is urged to plant two or more dogwoods at this time. The Garden Club has expressed a hope for a minimum of one hundred flourishing young trees growing as a result of this spring's interest in the project. Great care is advised in taking trees from the woods so there will be no waste of young trees. Thrifty plants with desirable root growth can be secured at the local nursery, Roanoke Gardens, at conservative prices, or at approved nurseries, a list of which is sent out by the state organization of garden clubs. The planting of some pink dogwoods is advised by the clubs.

So that a report can be made of the planting done on Roanoke Island, the Garden Club requests each person putting out one tree or more to record the fact on a postal and mail it to Mrs. J. M. Davis, President of the Roanoke Island Garden Club, of Wanchese or to Mrs. Ernest Yeates, Sec. of Manteo.

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