



Then AND Now by VICTOR MEEKINS

HOW TEMPUS REALLY FUGITS

Ninety three years ago, the roar of cannons shook the shores of Roanoke Island, where wooden piles formed a barricade strengthened by a mound of dirt and mud.

Fifty years ago, and for some years thereafter, I traipsed this beautiful Roanoke Island shore picking up lead bullets and round-shot, scraps of old guns, brass buttons from soldier's clothes, etc.

My father had quite a collection of iron shot, some of them ranging in diameter from 4 inches to eight inches, and there were two or three sizes of cylindrical shells.

All those old forts were built of a huge earth embankment, with a moat around them in which stood sharp stakes. But little they availed, for they didn't defend the island.

There were other forts on Roanoke Island. One stood at the north end where the highway now runs overboard on the J. B. Griffin land.

It used to be fascinating, combing the shore at low tide looking for the old bullets, some of which I now have. They would often be found in a little depression in the hard clay at the bottom.

When I began looking along the shore, only 40 years had passed since the memorable battle, but now 93 years have rolled on.

There were many interesting old trails. One might still drive a cart 50 years ago, across the Alder Branch where a log causeway was built by the union forces.

HIGH TIDES AT THE FISHING GROUNDS

Table with 3 columns: Day, AM, PM. Rows for Oregon Inlet for Feb from Thursday to Monday.

STUMPY POINT NEWS

Mrs. Guy Best and Roger Best have returned from Miami, Fla., after visiting Roger's brother, Elmer Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Etheridge of Manteo were Monday visitors. Mrs. Bill Anderson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wise, Jr. and son of Norfolk visited Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Wise, Sr., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hooper of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hooper and son Archie of Elizabeth City spent the week end here with their mother, Mrs. Francis Hooper.

Little Steve Spitzer of Elizabeth City spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Carson Meekins.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennon Hooper visited Marvin Hooper, who is hospitalized due to a heart attack, in Norfolk General Hospital Monday.

Leland Wise is a patient in Marine Hospital, Norfolk under observation and treatment for a stomach ailment.

Mrs. Grady Strickland and daughter, Lisa Ann, left Sunday to make their home in Raleigh. Mrs. Lill Payne accompanied her daughter for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Twiford were in Manteo Tuesday.

Mrs. Florine Hooper returned home from Norfolk Saturday after visiting her daughters, Mrs. John Zachery and Mrs. Jessie Bell.

Lt. Major Irvin Hooper, Air Force, has arrived in Ramstein, Germany where he will be associated with personnel for two and a half years. Mrs. Hooper will join him soon.

Melton Hooper has been on the sick list for several days but is improved.

W.S.C.S. MEETS

Mrs. Gertrude Wise was hostess to the Stumpy Point W. S. C. S. on Monday evening at 8 p.m. with Mrs. Josie Hooper chr. of Literature and Publications, leader.

The Program given in the Year Book was used. The leader gave a talk on the work of David Livingstone. Mrs. Florine Hooper offered a prayer for the missionary field. The president, Mrs. Ruby Gray gave a brief message on World Peace.

WINTER FERRY SCHEDULES (Effective October 1, 1954-May 31, 1955)

Table for Croatan Sound Ferry with columns for Lv. Manns Harbor and Lv. Roanoke Island, listing times from 6:45 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Table for Alligator River Ferry with columns for Lv. East Lake and Lv. Tyrrell Count, listing times from 6:00 A.M. to 6:15 P.M.

Table for Oregon Inlet Ferry with columns for Lv. North Shore and Lv. South Shore, listing times from 5:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Note—6:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. Trips Will Be Discontinued from November 1st through January 31st. (A 5:30 A. M. Trip and a 6:30 P.M. Trip Will Be Added for Months of April and May 1955.)

at Walter Dough's house and look across to the Sound shore at Burnside's headquarters.

There is a wealth of interesting history that many of us knew in those days, but is now forgotten. It would be worth while in years to come, had it been preserved.

ENGELHARD PERSONALS

Miss Jane Guthrie of Manteo is visiting Mrs. Sudie Farrow, Alton Baum and family near Engelhard.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jarvis were in Washington Sunday and dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Hurst.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brittain are visiting in Suffolk and Richmond. Miss Margaret Lawrence, returned missionary from China and Mrs. Settle of Greenville spent Sunday here.

H. C. Harris is a patient at Oteen Veterans hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. E. Spencer and son Tommie spent the week end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Williamston and son of Norfolk spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otova Berry and family.

Mrs. Mildred Guthrie of Smithfield visited her mother, Mrs. Florence Gaskill.

Mr. and Mrs. David Weatherly and children of Portsmouth visited relatives here.

Mrs. Bruce Midgett has returned from the Tayloe Hospital in Washington.

Mrs. La Rue Marshall of Raleigh visited her parents and children near here.

Claud Litchfield has gone to Florida to work. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gibbs and Miss Dorinda Berry visited here, returning to Raleigh early last week.

Alton Baum, Walter and Nancy Baum, Mrs. Sudie Farrow and guest, Miss Jane Guthrie spent Saturday in Washington.

Burnie Williams is in Baltimore this week.

SERVICES AT GULROCK

There will be services at the Gulrock Church of Christ Sunday, Feb. 13. Rev. Ray Elliot will be the guest speaker. The public is cordially invited to be present at 2:30 p.m.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PROGRAM AT ENGELHARD

Wednesday afternoon last week a meeting at the home of Mrs. Chas. Swindell planned to observe World Day of Prayer on February 25.

Representing the various churches of this section were from Gull Rock, Nebraska, Amity, St. George, Middletown and Engelhard, as follows, Mesdames Mildred Gibbs, Bessie Adams, A. M. Cameron, Joan Colley, Jabin Berry, Virginia Midgett, Sidney Spencer, Evelyn Swindell and Retta Neal.

World Day of Prayer is sponsored by National Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Services were held at the Engelhard Baptist Church on Friday night, February 25th at 7 o'clock.

The public is urged to attend this worth-while program.

MIDDLETOWN NEWS

Mrs. Elizabeth Gaskins and friends of Vanceboro, visited Mrs. Lida Miller Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carawan were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Carawan.

Mrs. Mattie Davis left Sunday to visit her daughter, Miss Dorothy Davis of Hampton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Gibbs, Mack and Dawn visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Marshall Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Mann and Betty visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Payne Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Payne and Lu Ann were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Payne.

Mrs. Mae Swindell, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Swindell, Wanda Weston, Mrs. Zuna Edwards and Elizabeth visited Mr. and Mrs. Mitt Gibbs at Bath Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gibbs visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKinney Monday.



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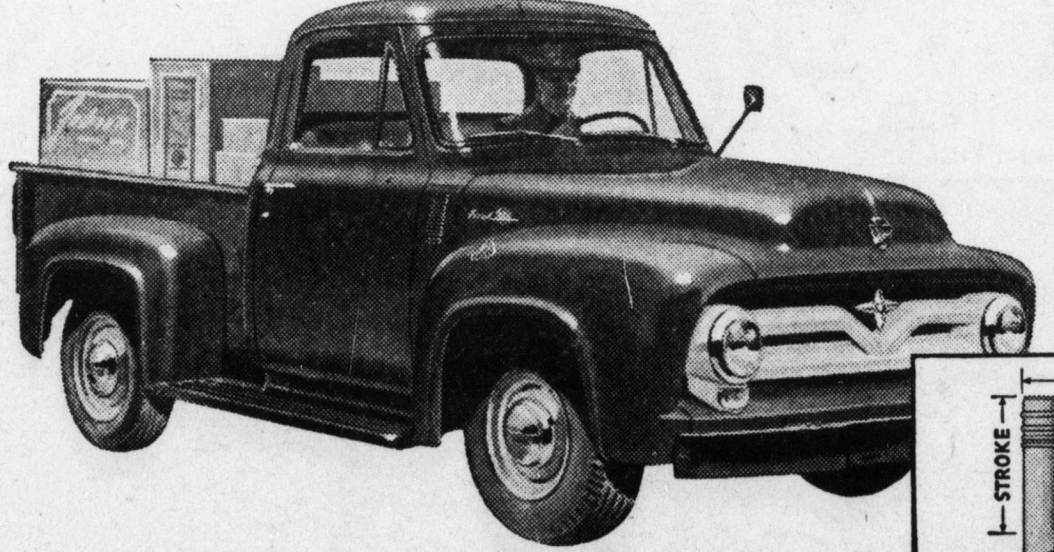
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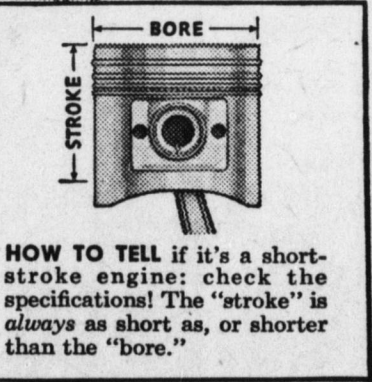
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