

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. These structures were built by soldiers intent on defending our sounds and rivers against Federal invasion. Today, the mighty blows of a pile driver resound through the woods of this island, as it pounds deep in the sandy bottom the heavy concrete piles to support a three mile bridge across the sound.

Fifty years ago, and for some beautiful Roanoke Island shore picking up lead bullets and roundshot, scraps of old guns, brass buttons from soldier's clothes, etc. The mound of the old fort then stood, but the waters were eating closer every year. There was a fort just a few yards southward Huger. There was a smaller one a mile down the shore, Fort Hooper. Blanchard; and some four miles ing stood old Fort Bartow.

My father had quite a collection of iron shot, some of them rang-There were old musket barrels in day. his collection, along with sword It used to be easy to find these old bomb-shells as we called them, at low tide. Many of them might be dredged up now. I once found one while in bathing in five feet of water off Burnsides.

All those old forts were built of a huge earth embankment, with a moat around them in which were in Manteo Tuesday. stood sharp stakes. But little they island. The Yankees came ashore at Ashby's Harbor, now known as Skyco landing, came through the wet swamp, and they fought their held by the infantry under Capt. O. Jennings Wise, son of a former ciated with personnel for two and Governor of Virginia and then General in command of the troops at Roanoke Island. But General Wise on that memorable February sick list for several days but is day was ill in a hotel in Nags improved. Head and his son was slain defending the fort which stood at the roadside where now is the substation serving Roanoke Is-

anoke Island. One stood at the on Monday evening at 8 p.m. north end where the highway now with Mrs. Josie Hooper chr. of runs overboard on the J. B. Grif- Literature and Publications, leadfin land. There were one or two er. batteries on the opposite side of Croatan Sound, one at Redstone Book was used. The leader gave a

The new bridge will have its Manns Harbor terminus near Redstone point and the other end will field. The president, Mrs. Ruby be near Fort Huger on Roanoke

It used to be fascinating, combing the shore at low tide looking Nita Hooper and Mrs. Lou Hooper for the old bullets, some of which I now have. They would often be found in a little depression in the to be elected in April. The closing hard clay at the bottom. The scouring action of the tide work- Francis Hooper, the society's olding around the bullets, would est member 84 years. The hostess sweep out a small hole into which served pie and coffee to the memthe heavy lead would gradually

When I began looking along the shore, only 40 years had passed since the memorable battle, but now 93 years have rolled on. Time really flies, and each year I had at the time, I determine that the west shore of Roanoke Island has been washing away. ing eastward at the rate of one yard a year. Nearly 300 yards of shore front is gone; plantations that were cultivated then are now overboard.

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. This road, known as Main Street led from the North End of the Island to General Burnside's landing. On the North End of the Island stood Camp Foster, which was occupied by Federal troops. The old pictures reveal it a camp of many log houses. It stood west of the Ashley Dough House. Thousands of freed negroes were brought to Roanoke Island and fed by Federal troops. Some 400 of them are said to be buried west of the Reuben Payne house. They died during a cholera epidemic. A school and a place known as Old Industry House was established on land now owned by members house was established on land now owned by members house for land a place known as Old through January 31st. (A 5-5:30 A. M. and a 6-6:30 P.M. Trip Will Be Added Months of April and May 1955.) on land now owned by members of the Charles Meekins family. A huge sawmill was established at at Walter Dough's house and look Burnside's landing, the timber across to the Sound shore at was commandeered and cut on Burnside's headquarters. Roanoke Island to give employment to the free negroes. It was history that many of us knew in told me by old people when I was those days, but is now forgotten. a boy, that the virgin timber was It would be worth while in years cut down until one might stand to come, had it been preserved.

HIGH TIDES AT THE FISHING GROUNDS

OREGON	INLET	FOR .	FEB.
		AM	PM
Thursday	10	9:33	10:0
Friday	11	10:12	10:4
Saturday	12	10:52	11:2
Sunday	13	11:36	_
Monday	14	0:16	12:2
Tuesday	15	1:09	1:2
Wednesday	16	2:06	2:2
Thursday	17	3:05	3:2
Friday	18	4:00	4:2
Saturday	19	4:51	5:10
Sunday	20	5:38	5:5
Monday	21	6:20	6:3'
Tuesday	22	7:02	7:1'
Wednesday	23	7:41	7:59
Thursday	24	8:22	8:43
Friday	25	9:04	9:2
Saturday	26	9:49	10:1
Sunday	27	10:38	11:12
Monday	28	11:33	_

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 years thereafter, I traipsed this of Manteo were Monday visitors. Mrs. Bill Anderson and son, dren near here. 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 Elizaof the new bridge site-Fort beth City spent the week end here Baum, Mrs. Sudie Farrow and with their mother, Mrs. Francis

Little Steve Spitzer of Elizadown, just below Burnsides land- bet City spent the week end here this week. with Mr. and Mrs. Carson

Mr. and Mrs. Lennon Hooper ing in diameter frm 4 inches to visited Marvin Hooper, who is eight inches, and there were two hospitalized due to a heart attack, or three sizes of cylindrical shells. in Norfolk General Hospital Mon-

buckles and numerous other items. Marine Hospital, Norfolk under cordially invited to be present at observation and treatment for a 2:30 p.m. 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

Mrs. Florine Hooper returned availed, for they didn't defend the home from Norfolk Saturday after visiting her daughters, Mrs. John Zachery and Mrs. Jessie Bell. Lt. Major Irvin Hooper, Air way up the main road which was Force, has arrived in Ramstein, Germany where he will be assohalf years. Mrs. Hooper will

Melton Hooper has been on the

join him soon.

W.S.C.S. MEETS

Mrs. Gertrude Wise was hostess There were other forts on Ro- to the Stumpy Point W. S. C. S.

The Program given in the Year talk on the work of David Livingstone. Mrs. Florine Hooper offered a prayer for the missionary Gray gave a brief message on World Peace. After routine business, Mrs. Myrtle Burgess, Mrs. were appointed as nominating committee to select new officers prayer was offered by Mrs. bers present.

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

11:15 A.M.			10:30	
12:45 P.M.			12:00	
2:15 P.M.			1:30	
3:45 P.M.			3:00	
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There is a wealth of interesting

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 World Day of Prayer on February guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. 25. 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 chil-

Claud Litchfield has gone to Florida to work. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gibbs and

Miss Dorinda Berry visited here, returning to Raleigh early last Alton Baum, Walter and Nancy

guest, Miss Jane Guthrie spent Saturday in Washington. Burnie Williams is in Baltimore

SERVICES AT GULROCK

There will be services at the Gulrock Church of Christ Sunday, Feb. 13. Rev. Ray Elliot will be Leland Wise is a patient in the guest speaker. The public is

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PROGRAM AT ENGELHARD

Wednesday afternoon last week a meeting at the home of Mrs. Chas. Swindell planned to observe

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 be 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 Satur-

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

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