



Then and Now
by VICTOR MEEKINS

Thoughtless people often speak with derision or amusement at some elderly person who after a rather worldly life professes religion and joins the church. Doubt is expressed that this person is sincere; that one whose life has fallen far short of orthodox Christian standards cannot readily profess belief in creeds he apparently flaunted; that skepticism hasn't turned into religion but into hypocrisy. I never have believed it right to discount anyone's sincere religious faith, although at times the sudden capitulation at the mourner's bench by some people I have known has been taken with a grain of salt. Evidences of ulterior motives having nothing to do with religion have come to the surface in a few cases and served to undermine a semblance of faith in the sincerity thereof. However it is not difficult, if given a little thought, so see why how easily it is for people in maturity and beyond middle age to suddenly turn to the church. When they do, it isn't a sudden decision but the result of a long period of meditation, when step by step the mind is crystallized into final action.

Some people are in need of the services of the church more than others. When they see, year after year, old friends fall by the wayside under the Grim Reaper's scythe; when family and relatives gradually fade away, and the diversions of yesterday become memories; when the fragrance of younger years have faded with their flowers, and tastes are no longer keen for the past's exciting morsels then does man become lonely indeed. It is easier then to see how the fellowship and companionship of the church comes to fill the loneliness of life at this stage, and the loneliness is lessened all the more, if one becomes truly a part of this group whose new companionship has come to mean so much. Never laugh at the fellow who professes his religion and joins the church late in life. We never know what grim tragedies have stalked his way; we cannot know the depth of his heartaches and disappointments; nor the golden dreams that have died in his heart from day to day. Then who would deny him the only thing that perhaps can soothe him and ease his pain?

While Roanoke Island has been praying for another doctor for many moons, none appear in sight; but lawyers rain upon us. There seems to be little hereabouts to attract the medical professions, but there must be signs of prosperity for the lawyers are here, about six of them. This writer can remember back to the time when there was only one lawyer, and the Hon. B. G. Crisp had his abilities at that. But he was a man who had his sympathetic side, and once when he was appearing against a young seaman who had come ashore from a visiting vessel and fallen in the toils of the Town Marshall (as he was then called), Mr. Crisp concluded his prosecution which convicted the man, by switching to his defence and getting him off

MANNS HARBOR NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bratten had as their guests for the week end Mr. and Mrs. William Gibbs and son, C. H. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bratten and children, and Miss Rosa Lee Bratten, all of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Creef and son Bruce were in Columbia and Elizabeth City for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Lowe and daughter Gale of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Myrtle Hassell of Edenton, visited Mrs. Mary Creef last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hooper and Mrs. Preston Twiford spent Saturday in Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin White and children of Norfolk spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam O'Neal and son Sam, Jr., of New Holland were here Sunday to visit Mrs. O'Neal's mother Mrs. Lula Burrus.

Dalton Mann has returned to E.C.C., Greenville, after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mann.

Luther Jones of Baltimore, Md., was here last week end to visit his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Flay Kemp and daughters, Fay and Kay, spent Saturday in Gum Neck. Chas. Kemp, who has been employed here, returned with them to his home in Gum Neck.

Mrs. Guy Mann and Mrs. Huff Mann spent Friday in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Gard and son Sherman Lee of Norfolk were week end guests of Mrs. Gard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Sherman Twiford.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Twiddy and children spent the week end in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Armstrong and children, Lynn and Tommie, and T. O. Sutton visited in Fairfield Sunday.

Weldon Craddock of Chowan College, Murfreesboro, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Craddock.

Chester Holmes of Norfolk visited here last week end.

MANY RIBS CRACK FRIDAY NIGHT AT STUMPY POINT PTA

The Stumpy Point P.T.A. gave a Variety Show Friday night at the school building. Proceeds went to the school to help pay for the school annuals. Mrs. Harold Wise was Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Gertrude Wise, pianist. The Oyster Pearl Quartet consisted of Dan Burgess, Calvin Payne, Harold Wise and Arthur Stephenson from the Crab Hole. Models for stores at Engelhard and Manns Harbor were Bob Midgette as a sweater girl, Jasper Hooper 1966 shorts suit, Milton Hooper a late model bathing suit, Ira Payne a summer dress from Florida, Talmadge Best a cocktail dress and hat, Donald Midgette a dress maker suit and Dallas Gray a widow's weeds.

Pearl Gray, Ivadean Gray, Riley Payne and Johnny Sanderson represented the Carolina Haymakers with violin, guitar, mandolina and harmonica. Dick Best rendered a piano solo as Liberace with Shirley Nixon as Marilyn Monroe. They also did the mom-bo. Shirley also imitated Holla Loka in the Hula dance in native costume. Theresa Midgette and Doris Twiford sang, "When You Wore a Tulip" representing the Davis Sisters. Josie Hooper and Margie Best, dressed in Japanese kimonos did a native dance. Wilma Midgette and Johnny Sanderson stole the show with their own version of "Let Me Go Lover."

Riley Payne as an Indian maiden chained to a stake with a smudge pot burning near with Edith Best doing an Indian war dance caused a few tense moments. Robert Midgette and Doris Payne put the audience in stitches by just laughing for five minutes. Ira Payne won the prize as the most beautiful and best figured model.

OCRACOKE PTA PLANS THIS MONTH

Ocracoke P.T.A. held its February meeting Monday night. In the absence of the president and vice-president, Eph Esham, treasurer, presided. "Amerca the Beautiful" and "The Star Spangled Banner" were sung. Rev. W. R. Hale offered prayer.

Mrs. Edna Styron read the secretary's report; Eph Esham reported a balance of \$362.72 in the treasury. Principal Rondthaler reported that asbestos shingles for the recreation hall were here and that shingling would begin this week. Marvin Howard told of plans for another July 4th parade and the P.T.A. voted to give \$25 for parade needs.

After enjoying refreshments, the 32 members present divided into three groups to plan stunts for a "Stunt Night Show" which will be presented at the end of the month.

Hostesses for the April meeting will be Mrs. Etta Spencer, Mrs. Flora Spencer, Mrs. Minnie Spencer, Mrs. Zena Spencer, Mrs. Rebecca Spencer, and Mrs. Selma Spencer.

REVIVAL SERVICES HELD BY OCRACOKE METHODISTS

Ocracoke, Feb. 28.—Rev. W. R. Hale, pastor of the Ocracoke Methodist Church, held a week of special services, culminating Sunday night. Preaching powerfully on such subjects as "Ingratitude", "The Hour Cometh", "The Prodigal Son", "Heaven", and "The Cost of Neglect". Rev. Hale moved his hearers to rededication in the work of the church. On Sunday night a group of ten adults and twenty young people joined the church. Special selections by the choir at each service were beautifully rendered and congregational singing was enthusiastic. At the Sunday morning service, Mrs. Fletcher Hoggard sang "Sunrise Tomorrow."

Many members of the Assembly of God Church attended the evening meetings and their pastor, Rev. Walter Whitaker, led in prayer. On Tuesday night, Rev. Hiram King, superintendent of the New Bern District of North Carolina Methodist Churches, was present, and following the service held the quarterly conference. At all services the church was filled.

KITTY HAWK PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. George O'Neal observed their golden anniversary Feb. 23. Mrs. O'Neal before her marriage was Ella Tillett. Due to her illness, only a few of her relatives and friends were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beacham, Mrs. Bonnie Perry, Mrs. Mary Lou Perry, Mrs. Jennie Beasley, Mrs. Hildagard Perry, Mrs. Olive Hayman spent the week end in Elizabeth City and Flatty Creek visiting friends and attending church services.

The 1st Saturday and Sunday in March the regular Primitive Baptist services will be at Kitty Hawk.

The following Tuesday, March 8th, Elder A. B. Ayers will

preach at Kitty Hawk Baptist Church for a few days and at night.

Mrs. Nellie Perry spent the week end in Wilson visiting her husband, Milton Perry, who is a patient in the hospital.

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Mrs. Rena Ambrose, Mrs. Nina Basnight, Mrs. Mae Sarvis and Hazel motored to Columbia Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shannon and Roger were here Tuesday.

Chester Holmes of Norfolk was a week end visitor here.

R. F. Smith and Nina Basnight were in Engelhard Thursday.

George Ambrose was in Manteo Saturday.

Wilbur Cahoon and Richard Twiddy motored to Manteo Thursday.

Mrs. Lois Merkle of Norfolk spent the week end here. Her mother, Mrs. Ida Hassell, accompanied her home. Mrs. Hassell has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Sarah Cahoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richie Harrison of Norfolk spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ambrose.

Mrs. Pearl Creef is a patient in Columbia hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Muriel Twiford of Stumpy Point were here Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Cahoon, Mrs. Ida Hassell, and Frank Cahoon motored to Washington, N. C., Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shannon and Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Zevely of Manteo were here Sunday.

R. F. Smith, Nina Basnight and Susan motored to Engelhard Saturday.

Lennon Twiford, Lonnie Ambrose, Mrs. Joe Spruill and Violet were in Columbia Saturday.

Early term for the Rio Grande River in New Mexico was Rio Brava del Norte, or "fierce river of the North."



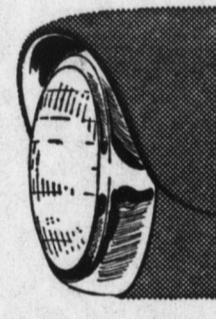
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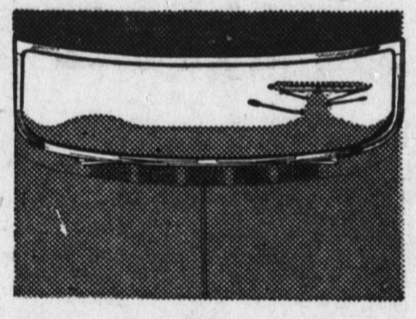
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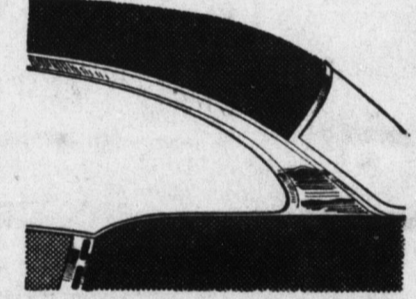
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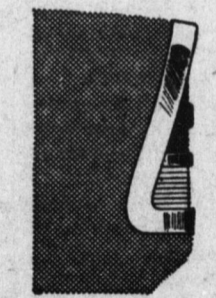
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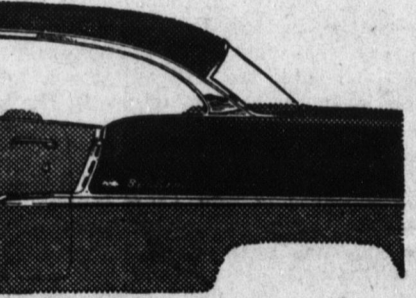
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