GLIMPSES THE PAST By CAROLYN LLOYD

ject to subject.

stops me—it's just too much Another thing to take in consideratrouble to write the letter. Since tion is that some of the pupils who no one would care, probably, what spell, read, and write poorly today I thought about the subject, per- would never have gone to school at haps laziness has its advantages all fifty years ago. Better a poor nothing to say. The editor lives

lately has an article on the de- write. plorable spelling of today's public school student. The writers of said dear to current writers. From alarticles usually state that a fifth most any magazine one can learn grade child of today simply can't how to be a perfect wife, how to

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could when they were in the fifth grade. They must have pretty good memories. I haven't the faintest recollection of what kind of speller I was in the fifth grade. Evidently my report cards weren't such gems that my parents were "What", inquired a reader of prompted to keep them for poster-Collier's magazine in a 'Letter to ity, not that they would prove anythe Editor' recently, "does a col- thing; for it is quite possible for umnist write about when he a child to make perfect grades on doesn't have anything to say?" the spelling lessons assigned and the answer to that one is easy—then make no connection at all bejust read any column regularly tween those words and the same and you will find out. Of course, ones he is using to write a letter. having nothing to say ever stopped It seems to me that those good a writer or a talker yet; so I shall spellers of yesteryear are comparbeg the tolerance of my readers ing the spelling of a fifth grade this week as I wander from sub- child with their own spelling now, and that is no fair comparison. Oh, The Letter to the Editor section I'll admit that there are some of any newspaper or magazine al- mighty poor spellers in school nowways intrigues me. Almost every adays, and far be it from me to paper has its regular contributors say that there is any field of eduto that section, and it puzzles me cation that won't bear improveto think that anyone has so much ment. For two years I struggled time on his hands that he can sit to teach one pupil to spell "any" down and air his opinions on any instead of his version, "inny"; and and every topic on the average of another to write "used", rather twice a week. Some of the letters, than "youst". At the end of the of course, are timely and intelli- second year they were spelling the gent and are written to express a words correctly, but it wouldn't strong conviction on a topic of surprise me to know that they have public interest. Many, on the now reverted to their original other hand, seem to be the work spelling, which to them made more of frustrated writers who like to sense. Those two, however, were see their names in print. There definitely not typical of the spellhave been times when I have been ers in the class; therefore it would nerve medicine and sleeping pills tempted to inform The Editor of be unfair for the casual observer my opinions; but one thing always to label it a class of poor spellers. a little bit more satisfied with the

spell as well as they, the writers,

There are other subjects just as



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get along with your mother-in law, how to remain youthful and beautiful though pushing eighty, how to clean the kitchen sink, and, above all, how to spend your money. Some researcher reading field Williams of Swan Quarter. those articles many years hence is going to get the impression that Americans of the twentieth century were a bunch of blithering idiots who couldn't think for themselves. Perhaps it is a good sign that we are so dissatisfied with ourselves that we eagerly read anything that tells us how to improve; yet it could be that less would be sold if we could be just

Well, I warned you, didn't I? And now you know what a columnist writes about when he has speller than one who doesn't need in Manteo, in case you would like It seems that every publication to spell at all because he can't to write and complain about your wasted time.

OCRACOKE PERSONALS

Ocracoke School P.T.A. is mak-Friday night, October 28th. This visitors here Saturday. is an annual event, planned particularly for the children and young Quarter and Mrs. J. M. Spencer people, which usually adds to the of Wilmington visited here Sun-P.T.A. treasury. Fish ponds, cork day. shooting, darts, and other carniand cold drinks are sold. Almost end at home. some part in making the occasion family have moved to Elizabeth a big success.

The P.T.A. is holding its Octo-Ler meeting to night at the school Norfolk. library. Hostesses are Mrs. Lucille Garrish, Mrs. Iva Garrish, Mrs. Ruby Garrish, Mrs. Doris Garrish,

Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler and members of the Ocracoke School junior and senior classes left for Washington, D. C. on Saturday and will spend several days there. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly O'Neal are

home from several months' stay in Philadelphia. Mr. O'Neal workthere during the summer months; Mrs. O'Neal visited her son, Stuart O'Neal, and her sister, Mrs. Joseph O'Neal. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gaskill

nounce the birth of a daughter, Wanda Lee, on October 7th, at Morehead City Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Powers Garrish announce the birth of a son, Romaine Smith, on October 12th, at Sea Level Hospital.

Mrs. Gladys Williams is visiting her daughters, Mrs. Isabel Cullifer and family, at Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Garrish, Capt. I. F. O'Neal, and Mrs. Ruby Garrish left for Columbia, S. C., last week. Mrs. Ruby Garrish is visiting her son, James Garrish and his family, there.

Mrs. Preston Garrish and Mrs. Mace Garrish visited Al Smith Garrish recently at the Norfolk Public Health Hospital.

Several persons here have received copies of the delightful children's book, "Digby, The Only Dog", by Latrobe Carroll, with illustrations by his wife, Ruth Carroll, of Asheville. The illustrations are familiar Ocracoke scenes and are charmingly portrayed. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll spent a good deal of time at Ocracoke during the summer of 1954.

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6.20 A.M.	5:30 A.M
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9:40 A.M.	8:50 A.M
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1:00 P.M.	12:10 P.M
2:40 P.M.	1:50 P.M
4:20 P.M.	3:30 P.M
6:00 P.M.	5:10 P.M
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Thomas. Jr., of Elizabeth City Bureau's district office at Charvisited Mrs. Cox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Spencer.

Ralph Roper spent a week in Henry Harding.

R. S. Cox and Joe Harris atnaven last week.

panied by her mother, Mrs. Whit- kindergarten in 1954.

Mrs. Eva Spencer. Mrs. Otis Cox spent Saturday in Belhaven.

Miss Belle Neal visited in Swan Quarter Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. T. J. Etheridge and Mrs. S. D. Spencer spent Friday in

Plymouth. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee and daughter Jeanette spent Sunday in

William Roper and Billy Farrow of State College in Raleigh spent the week end home.

Mrs. Annie Rue and Mrs. Mae Willis Sadler of Fairfield visited here recently. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Laura Far-

Mr. and Mrs. Walton O'Neal and ng plans for a big Carnival on Miss Daisy Dill of Belhaven were

Mrs. W. G. Harris of Swan

Wesley Cuthrell has returned to val features are enjoyed; hot dogs Louisburg College after a week every member of the P.T.A. has Mr. and Mrs. Allen Williams and

City.
Mrs. Ina Watson is visiting in

Isaac Davis, of Wanchese, was Mrs. Elsie Garrish, and Mrs. Daisy the first treasurer of Dare FACTS ON ENROLLMENT Blake.

Questions on school enrollment Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris of Chapel and on the employment status of Hill spent the week end with Mrs. veterans will be asked in addition to the regular inquiries on employment and unemployment in ginia Miller are visiting in South the October Current Population Survey, according to Supervisor Mrs. Mildred Cox and son Joseph R. Norwood of the Census

lotte. Similar questions on school attendance last October revealed Durham and Pilot Mountain where that enrollment in U. S. schools he visited his daughter, Mrs. and colleges reached a record high of 36 million in 1954. Elementary school enrollment (first 8 grades) tended a masonic meeting in Bel- for the 1954 school year was 24.4 million, high school enrollment Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Huffman (grades 9 to 12) was 7.7 million, were recent visitors in New Port. and college enrollment was 2.4 mil-Mrs. Glenn Jarvis spent Thurs- lions. In addition, about 1.5 milday in Greenville. She was accom- lion children were enrolled in

The Current Population Survey Mrs. Harry Jarvis, Mrs. S. S. will be taken locally and in 229 Neal and Mrs. Della Carey spent other areas of the country during Friday in Swan Quarter and at- the week of October 17. Informatended Achievement Day program. tion will be collected in the Dare-B. C. Spencer of Norfolk spent Hyde area by Mrs. Alva G. Wise the week end with his mother, of Stumpy Point.

FAIRFIELD PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cutrell and son of Norfolk were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roe Har-

Bobby Swindell of Norfolk visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Swindell.

Miss Betty Mann of ECC, Greenville, spent the week end here with her mother, Mrs. Murray Mann.

Miss Alice Reed Berry and Patricia Baum of Tarboro spent the week end here with their par-

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Blake visited in Belhaven.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Spencer and Peggy of Bridgeton, N. J. are visiting Mrs. Spencer's brother-in-

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Mr. and Mrs. James Best and Joseph T. Simmons during the at the school.

lance Sunday.

MANTEO P. T. A.

The Manteo P.T.A. will meet daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Tuesday, October 25th, at 8 p.m.

The program has been arranged Mrs. Guy Best of Stumpy Point by the membership and program visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bal- committees and all are invited be present.

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