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OYSTER SUPPLY IN DARE ARE TAKEN AWAY FOR PLANTS

Wholesale Dredging of Shells For Removal To Lower Sounds Reported

Dredging of oyster shells from the waters of Dare County to take to points on the lower sounds for planting has been going on on a large scale for some weeks, according to Wanchese oystermen. Thousands of bushels of shells are going to other counties for planting, some of these counties being heavy producers of oysters, but many of their oysters go away in the shell to distant markets.

This constant shipment of oysters to the markets of this and other states, together with the practice of using large quantities of shells for industrial purposes, has had an adverse effect on the growth of oysters. Shells are invaluable for the seed of oysters, for here the spat deposits and forms new, young oysters.

The oystermen themselves as a rule, do very little, or nothing to develop the industry. It is a constant harvesting, with no sowing. The State of North Carolina, partly from taxes on the industry, and other sources, spends a great deal of money planting shells where the beds have been scraped clean, and oystermen pick up a few dollars in this job.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS 4-H CHRISTMAS PARTY

Approximately 70 young people attended the 4-H Christmas party held by Manteo seventh and eighth grade students December 19 in the community building in Manteo. Square dancing and round dancing were enjoyed, and a be-bop contest was won by Philip Tillett and Tony Tillett.

Refreshments of Christmas candy, cookies and bottled drinks were served. The committee on arrangements was headed by Nancy Coles Basnight, who was assisted by Nancy Lynn Midgett, Carol Harris, Pattie Long, Della Basnight, Betty Ruth Flowers and Isabel Riddick.

County Farm Agent R. S. Smith was present to help direct activities. He was assisted by Miss Helen Mann of the Manteo school faculty and Cary Williams.

VOICE STUDENT GIVES BENEFIT RECITAL SUNDAY

Miss Patricia Baum of Manteo, voice major at Greensboro College, Greensboro, and a member of the junior class, was presented in recital Sunday afternoon by Mount Olivet Methodist Church. Her program included a group of Oratorio arias; a group of wedding songs; and a group of folk songs, including as a final number "I Wonder As I Wander," Christmas folk song appropriate to the season.

Miss Pat Pugh of Elizabeth City, music education major at Greensboro College, was Miss Baum's able accompanist.

A silver offering was taken for the benefit of the Greensboro College Glee Club, to assist in their travel expense to a Town Hall concert in New York this season.

APRONS AND RUGS SUBJECT OF HD DEMONSTRATION

The Wanchese Home Demonstration Club held the last meeting of 1956 at the home of Mrs. Stanley Newman on December 19.

The meeting opened with the group singing "Joy to the World" and repeating the club collect, following which the officers gave their reports.

Mrs. Jeff Davis headed the club for most points awarded during the past year.

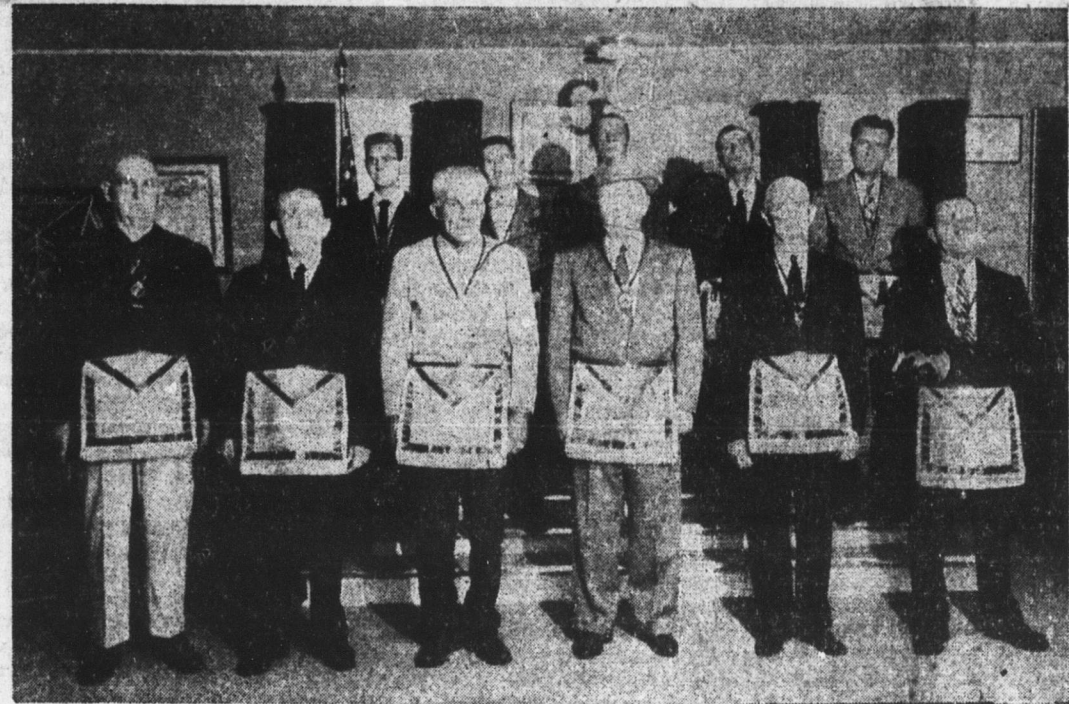
The Christmas story was read by Mrs. Stanley Newman and Mrs. Harry Baum.

The subjects of the demonstration were "Aprons" and "Braided Rugs" the first being given by Mrs. Lena Pearsall and the second by Mrs. Guy Lennon.

SOCK DANCE AT MANTEO

A sock dance will be held Saturday night this week, beginning at eight o'clock at the Manteo High school gymnasium, the proceeds to go to the benefit of the school athletic fund.

NEW OFFICERS WANCHESE LODGE NO. 521, A.F. & A.M.



At the regular business meeting of Wanchese Lodge No. 521, A.F. & A.M., Thursday, December 20, the above officers were elected for the year of 1957: Front row, left to right: Stephen B. Tillett, Tyler; Melvin R. Daniels, Treasurer; Willard O. Daniels, Sr., Senior Warden; H. O. "Mickey" Bridges, Master; James W. Davis, Secretary; Ward W. Daniels, Junior Warden. Back row, left to right: Alvah H. Ward, Jr., Junior Deacon; Carlos C. Dowdy, Chaplain; Bernard A. Daniels, Senior Steward; Basil Daniels, Jr., Junior Steward; Roy C. McCarter, Senior Warden.

Wanchese Lodge is the oldest of the three lodges in Dare County, having received its charter in 1903. It is a most active lodge and is noted for its formal dinners and other activity. It has about 256 members. The outgoing officers are Bob Smith, Master; H. O. Bridges, Sr. Warden; Bill Twiford, Junior Warden; W. O. Daniels, Senior Deacon; Roy McCarter, Junior Deacon.

SAUDI ARABIA NATIVE VISITS IN NAGS HEAD

Attending School in Texas, John R. Kessinger Comes To North Carolina Coast To Spend Holidays With His Uncle

Mr. and Mrs. R. Roy Kessinger of Nags Head have as their guest for the holidays Mr. Kessinger's nephew, John R. Kessinger who is a student at San Marcos Military Academy, San Marcos, Texas. Young Kessinger's home is in Dhrahran, Saudi Arabia, where he was born, and where his parents have been living for about 18 years. His father is connected with an oil company operating there.

This week end Mr. Kessinger and his nephew plan to visit their sister and aunt, Miss Esther Kessinger, in Philadelphia, Pa.

The Kessingers spent Christmas Day in Elizabeth City with Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Brian. On Sunday they visited Mrs. Kessinger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Patrick, in Washington, N. C.; and Mr. Kessinger's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Blount, in Plymouth.

BASKETBALL GAMES AT MANTEO NEXT WEEK

The Manteo Red Skins will play their first conference game of the season next Friday, January 4. For this game they will travel to Moyock. The first home conference game is Jan. 11 against Weeksville. The teams have not had practice sessions since school let out Dec. 19, but will continue Monday.

If all plans are completed, the recently organized Little League basketball teams will have their first games on Thursday, Jan. 3. There are four teams organized, and for their first games, they will oppose each other.

FORMER MANTEO GIRL WITH WAF STATIONED IN WYOMING

Miss Agnes Love, who recently joined the Woman's Air Force, is now stationed at Francis E. Sharnon AFB, Cheyenne, Wyoming. She recently visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ferebee, in Manteo, and her mother, Mrs. Bessie Love, in Wanchese, while enroute from Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, to the Wyoming base.

MUCH NEWS FAILED TO GET IN THE PAPER LAST WEEK

We regret that due to the Christmas rush, news from several correspondents failed to reach us last week until after the paper had been printed. Some of this mail reached us two days later than usual schedule. We know it was a disappointment to the several splendid people who put their time during a busy period in this task of service to their people. And we know our readers throughout the land were disappointed in not finding in the paper, an account of the doings of old friends in the old home villages and towns.

WANCHESE WATCH SERVICE

A Watch Night service will be held at the Wanchese Methodist Church, Monday evening, December 31, at 11:15 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

MANTEO PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCown and daughter, Cameron, are visiting Mr. McCown's parents in Johnson City, Tenn., during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Basnight left Friday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Basnight, Jr., in Annandale, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fry spent Christmas with Mr. Fry's parents in Carthage.

Lt. and Mrs. M. L. Daniels, III of Harlingen AFB, Texas, visited in Manteo and Manns Harbor during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. S. Meekins visited Mr. Meekins' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Meekins, in Washington, D. C., Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daniels two sons visited Mrs. Daniels' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Spies, in Norfolk, Christmas.

Mrs. R. V. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owens and Clara Mae Owens spent Christmas in Newport News, Va., with Mrs. Elsie Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. O'Neal are spending the holidays in Elizabeth City with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Pearce.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Jordan and children have been visiting in Wilmington during the holidays.

Mrs. Rennie Williamson spent Christmas in Norfolk, Va., with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Cecil Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McDonald of Norfolk were the Christmas guests of Mrs. McDonald's mother, Mrs. Claude Williams, who accompanied them back to Norfolk for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Long and daughters visited in Richmond, Va., during the holidays.

Mrs. Harry Johnson of Raleigh is spending the holidays with her sisters, Miss Ione Wescott, Mrs. Lena Pearsall and Mrs. Guy Lennon, who also had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. George R. Wescott, Jr., and Miss Nelda Keeton of Newport News, Va.; Carlisle Wescott and daughters, Charlotte, Betty and Judy, of Norfolk.

Leigh Hassell, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hassell.

Mrs. O. J. Jones of the University of N. C., Chapel Hill, is spending the holidays at her home near Manteo.

Tommy Biggs of East Carolina College, Greenville, is home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Biggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wescott had as their guests for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Winborne Twiford and two children of Engelhard.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Midgett, Jr., and children, Gene and Don, are spending the holidays in Brunswick, Ga.

Mrs. Jesse White visited in Windsor during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wescott and daughter, Dale, are visiting in Columbia, S. C., and Edgefield, S. C. Roy Wescott, Jr., spent Christmas in Gastonia with his mother, Mrs. R. P. Huffstetter.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Harvey, Jr., spent Christmas in Portsmouth,

CHRISTMAS CRASH BREAKS SECOND POWER POLE AT SAME SPOT; 2 INJURED

The right-angle turn on U. S. 158 at Midway Garage on Roanoke Island was for the second time this month the scene of a motor mishap when a power line pole was cut off at the same spot, and electric service interrupted on Roanoke Island, Ernest Scarborough, driver of an old pick-up truck was seriously injured, and is in the Elizabeth City hospital as a result of the wreck Christmas night which also injured Will White.

Both men, colored, were taken to the hospital by Twiford's ambulance, but White returned after treatment. The truck was demolished, the pole cut in two, and the crew of the Roanoke Utilities had their holidays interrupted for several hours, right at supper time, but got service restored quickly.

This pole, which has now been replaced, was one set to replace a pole cut in two by a Chevrolet driven by J. B. O'Neal of Manteo two weeks ago, when Mrs. O'Neal suffered serious injuries. At that time the service was interrupted for four hours and the crews had to work also in the dark to get service restored.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey's parents, Al Wright visited his parents in Weaverville during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones and Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Daniels of Wanchese, spent last week end in Greenville with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Evans of Norfolk, Va., spent Christmas day with Mrs. Evans' father, W. R. Knight, and Mrs. Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Whitson visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Boswood, in Elizabeth City last week.

Miss Edna Bruce Dowdy of WCUNC, Greensboro, is the holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Dowdy.

Elmer W. Midgett, who has been shrimping in Georgia, arrived home to spend the holidays with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Peele of Baltimore, Md., visited their mother, Mrs. Etta Peele and Mrs. Lotta Midgett, Christmas.

Mrs. Etta Peele, Mr. and Mrs. Rosser Nixon and son Wade visited at Stumpy Point Wednesday.

Miss Carolee O'Neal of WCUNC, Greensboro, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boyd Parker and children of Elizabeth City were Christmas visitors in the home of Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Creef.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Basnight and daughters, Karen and Melva, of Beachwood, N. J., have been visiting Mr. Basnight's mother, Mrs. Annie Basnight, and other relatives in Dare County.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Griffith have had as their holiday guests Mrs. Griffith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Edwards of Troy; and Mr. Griffith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Griffith of Mount Airy.

Earl Dean arrived home from Wallace, where he has been working, to spend Christmas with his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Joffiff spent Christmas day in Gatesville with Mr. Joffiff's mother, Mrs. J. M. Joffiff.

"OLD CHRISTMAS" TO BE OBSERVED NEXT SATURDAY, JAN. 5

Interesting Program Will Be Presented as Usual in School Building at Rodanthe

The annual program in observance of the "Old Christmas" festival at Rodanthe will be held on January 5th, in the school building, according to Mrs. Nora Herbert who is one of the leaders in staging this affair, which marks an event that until relatively few years ago, was observed in most areas of the Carolina Coastland.

The program, which will be particularly interesting to young folks and other lovers of fun, will include "Old Buck," that legendary monster who roams abroad and seeks to punish bad children, if any be found. The stage program consists of music, minstrelsy, and short skits which last for nearly two hours. This, together with dancing privileges, costs \$1 per person.

An old time oyster roast will be thrown in for good measure, and this alone is worth more than the price of admission.

For the week-end of January 5th, in order to accommodate visitors who plan to stay overnight, the nearby Miro Beach Lodge which is comfortable, will be open for business.

Inquiries that have come forth this year with respect to Old Christmas, indicate more than usual interest. The affair continues to get wide publicity in national magazines, and proves a valuable drawing card for the tourist business of the lower Outer Banks.

The usual meeting of the Rodanthe Waves Civic Club which falls on the first Saturday night in the month has been postponed for one week, due to the conflict with the Old Christmas celebration, according to the president, W. W. Edwards.

STUMPY POINT PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wise spent Christmas in Norfolk with Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler of Arlington, Va. spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Meekins.

Mrs. Florine Hooper is in Norfolk with her daughters, Mrs. Hazel Bell and Mrs. John Zachary.

Ernest Twiford of Norfolk spent the holidays with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Quidley of Norfolk were here Monday and were accompanied home by Luther Hooper.

Mrs. Riley Payne, Mrs. Mabel Shelton and Cindy are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Midgett of Norfolk.

Artis Payne, Mrs. Lydia Midgett and son of Norfolk spent the holidays with Mrs. Judy Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Twiford and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Best attended the Christmas dance at the Shrine Club, Nags Head, given by the Lion's Club.

Ivey Hooper of Norfolk spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hooper.

Mrs. Bob Midgett and children spent the holidays in Norfolk with Mr. Midgett.

Mrs. Doris Twiford, Pat and Brantley returned home Tuesday night after visiting in Norfolk Christmas day. Lindsey Midgett of Norfolk accompanied them home for a few days visit.

Stanley and Tony Hooper of Norfolk are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Midgett are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nixon, Jr. in Arlington, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Meekins of Norfolk visited Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Meekins.

Mrs. Myrtle Strickland and daughter Lisa of Raleigh are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O'Neal and daughter Peggy and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wise were in Manteo Sunday.

Pat Twiford had as her guests Tuesday night and Wednesday, Molly and Estelle Knight, Jo Anne Hooper, Merlee Tillett and Jean Toms of Wanchese.

Thurston Midgett, U.S.C.G. spent the holidays here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hooper and children of South Mills are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wise, Jr. and children of Norfolk spent Christmas with Mrs. George Wise, Sr.

1956 ENDING WITH PREDICTION OF HIGH 1957 DEVELOPMENT RESULT OF YEAR'S PROGRESS

Peak in Tourist Business and Renewed Interest in Construction of Facilities, Seasonal Dwellings and Many Other Activities Predicted to Reach Peak During Coming Year.

ALL ROADS TO BE PAVED SOON, WANCHESE ASSURED

A review of the achievements of the year now ending, give rise to strong predictions that 1957 will bring to the Walter Raleigh Coastland renewed interest and encouragement for development such as it has never before seen. Biggest single achievement was the opening of the Croatan Sound bridge, a \$3,000,000 job, which went into service during the Christmas season. The advantages it will give the region, and the new avenues for further development it will make possible are difficult to estimate. The bridge will be dedicated in April, with elaborate ceremonies, to the late Governor William B. Umstead who saw to its building.

On the whole 1956 has been a year of great achievement. The projects underway are of great consequence to all the counties of the Southern Albemarle Region. Many hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent to widen and improve U. S. 264 through Beaufort, Hyde and Dare Counties. Many new bridges have been completed. The rest of the work will be finished during the coming months, before the summer season begins.

Work has begun on a new bridge over Scuppernon River at Columbia, which means employment for many people, and stimulus for local business. U. S. 64 is thereby being greatly improved and better ferry service over Alligator River is promised for this year, all of which counts up to greater ease of travel over this short route between the seashore and central North Carolina.

Contract has been let for three new ferries, costing about \$200,000, which when added to the present fleet of seven boats, should insure no handicap in traffic destined to visit the same Hatteras and Ocracoke area. These boats are promised to be in service by summer.

Ocracoke Island is receiving a \$600,000 modern highway, now well under construction, and leading from end to end of the island, providing quick and dependable traffic by way of the Hatteras Inlet ferry, which road is expected to bring about improved free ferry service at this inlet.

The Department of the Interior spent large sums in development of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and this program will continue through 1957 on perhaps larger scale, on Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands.

On the Dare County mainland, telephone service will be assured as the result of construction made possible by the new sound bridge, and work on this project was begun in 1956 by the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company of Elizabeth City. The village of Mashoes on this mainland, is now receiving electricity as the result of a power line extension made by the Pamlico Power and Light Company of Engelhard.

Predictions are that much development of cottages and facilities for accommodation of tourists and sportsmen will follow all through 1957 on U. S. 264 along all the way from Mashoes to Belhaven. Businessmen in Hyde and Beaufort Counties are now making plans for motels, and other facilities as a result of the encouragement this assurance of quick, all-weather traffic has given the area.

A consequent growth in real estate values adjacent to the roads in this area is expected to ensue. Particularly on the Dare County Coastland a development on a large scale on lands now having little demand, is predicted as the result of a million dollar limited-access highway the State Highway Commission plans to build between the Wright Memorial Bridge and Nags Head.

Of importance to fishermen of Eastern North Carolina is the letting of a contract during 1956 for deepening of Oregon Inlet at a cost of a half million dollars. The worth of this project should be noted throughout a dozen counties. The job will soon get underway for early completion this spring.

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