

GLIMPSSES OF THE PAST

A few random remarks on no subject in particular—

In this weather putting on shoes that have been in a cold room all night is like plunging your feet into two buckets of ice water.

Ever notice the people sitting at ringside during the fights on television? There always seem to be at least one aristocratic woman, looking oddly out of place.

One newly-arrived citizen will have occasion to be thankful in years to come that his parents do not yield to his older sister in all things.

A cheerful thought for a new year: experts report that groceries will be even higher this year than last.

EAST LAKE PERSONALS

Mrs. Annie Twiford has returned to her home after visiting in Manteo, Elizabeth City and Norfolk.

Allison Twiford of Elizabeth City was here Thursday.

A. R. Basnight of Norfolk, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Annie Twiford.

Mr. and Mrs. Rockford Davidson, of Norfolk, spent several days here recently.

Mrs. John H. Lee and little son, Johnnie and Mrs. Ben Shannon of Manteo were visitors here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith of Manteo were here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hassell, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Di Fedele and children, Joe and Bobby, of Union Beach, N. J., were here Friday.

Mrs. Ida Hassell of Norfolk, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sarah Cahoon recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patrick and son Lee left Friday for a visit in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Twiford and daughter, of Point Harbor, were visitors here Sunday.

Those visiting Mrs. Annie Twiford Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Craddock of Manns Harbor and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Twiford and children of Manteo.

Norman Cahoon has returned to Norfolk after spending the week end here.

Mrs. Betty Berry has returned after visiting in Washington.

Mrs. Ashley Modlin, of Washington visited her sister, Mrs. Turner Twiford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Basnight of Elizabeth City were visitors here Sunday.

STUMPY POINT PERSONALS

Ralph O'Neal was in Engelhard Saturday.

Leslie Wise spent Wednesday in Edenton.

Clyde Payne of Portsmouth spent the week end with his family.

Mrs. U. G. Wise has returned after being in Elizabeth City hospital for three weeks, her condition much improved.

Her son, Leslie Wise, who underwent a major operation in Norfolk Wednesday is reported satisfactorily improving.

Mrs. Doris Twiford was in Norfolk Sunday.

Mrs. L. W. Hooper is visiting her brother, Jarvis Midgett, at New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Mrs. H. O. Golden and daughter Sheila and Mrs. Henry Twiford are living at New Smyrna Beach, Florida, indefinitely, where Mr. Golden is operating a shrimp boat.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Brinn of Norfolk were here Monday and accompanied home by Mrs. Brinn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Mason and daughter Stephanie of Richmond and Mrs. Lyna Harbour of Manteo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Meekins spent the week end in Elizabeth City with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spitzer.

Mrs. Randolph Payne left Friday for a month's visit with relatives in Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Brinn of Norfolk visited Mr. and Mrs. Neal Payne.

Cdr. K. W. Wise and son Clifford of Alexandria, Va., spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wise.

Capt. A. M. Meekins was in Norfolk Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. G. Stephenson and children returned after spending a week in Aulander with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Horace Hooper, Mrs. Maxine Quiddy and Luther Hooper were in Belhaven Wednesday. Mr. Hooper remained there for medical treatment.

Carson Meekins was in Norfolk Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hooper were in Manteo Friday.

Mrs. George Wise is visiting in Norfolk.

Ronald Gray of Norfolk spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Clara Gray.

Mrs. Sam Boomer and daughter Diana spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Hooper.

WAVES PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Feldon Midgett and children have returned to Georgia after spending the holidays with Mr. Midgett's mother, Mrs. Salina Midgett.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Midgett visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernal Foster at Hatteras Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Midgett had as their guests over the week end Mr. and Mrs. James Maddrey of Norfolk, and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Midgett of Manteo.

Alvey S. Midgett of Norfolk, Va. spent the week end at his home here.

Miss Dorothy Midgett, a member of the school faculty of Windsor, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Midgett.

Leland Midgett, U.S.C.G., is spending his leave with his family.

Miss Jackie Farrow, a member of the school faculty at Wilmington, and guest, Barbara, spent the week end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Meekins were visitors in Manteo recently.

Mrs. Camille Midgett is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pendleton in Elizabeth City.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Gray, Jr. spent Wednesday in Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Alston Midgett and son Carroll of Great Bridge spent the week end at their home.

Mrs. Gaston Midgett, Mrs. Salina Midgett and Shirley of Manteo spent the week end with Mrs. Julia Midgett.

HATTERAS PERSONALS

The Bible Class held their first meeting of the new year at the home of Mrs. Nacie Austin with fifteen members present.

New officers were elected. Mrs. Nacie Austin, president; Mrs. Gail Hallis, vice-president; Mrs. Minnie Burrus, sec-treasurer; Mrs. Millard Ballance, assistant secretary-treasurer.

"Secret Pals" were drawn for the year in which birthdays and anniversaries will be remembered.

The theme song for the year will be "Near to the Heart of God."

The book of Romans is being studied now. This making the 45th book of the Bible that has been studied in the 12 years that the class has been organized.

The hostess served delicious refreshments buffet style. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Luther Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernal Foster took a trip to Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore. They visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ballance in Chester, Pa. and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jefferies.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Burrus spent the week end in Elizabeth City.

Scotty Gibson and daughter Sheila were in Chapel Hill for a couple of days this week.

COVERAGE OF SOCIAL SECURITY EXTENDED AND TAX RATE RAISED

The beginning of 1957 marks an important development in the social security insurance program. About 3 million members of the uniformed services will come under the law; many totally disabled children over 18 will start getting monthly payments; self-employed lawyers, dentists, and some other professional people will have completed their first year under the program, and many farm landlords will be able to report their 1956 income from farm rentals for social security purposes.

"With the start of 1957, old-age, survivors, and disability insurance becomes a significant economic factor in the future of nearly every person who works for a living," Vernon Motley, field representative of the Norfolk social security office, declared today.

Benefits at the end of 1956 are being paid to 9,200,000 persons at the rate of \$485 million a month. Insurance benefit payments to women beginning at age 62 first became payable for November and already 375,000 women in the 62-65 age group have started getting monthly checks.

Members of the nation's armed forces are the largest of the groups newly covered by the 1956 changes in the law. About three million in number, they will start in January to earn old-age, survivors, and disability insurance protection on the same contributory basis as about 55 million civilian workers earn theirs.

Social security taxes will be deducted from the pay of members of the armed forces, and the government, like other employers, will pay an equal amount. Members of the armed forces received gratuitous social security credit for military service in World War II and up to January 1, 1957, but they made no tax contribution for this coverage.

About 200,000 self-employed lawyers, dentists, osteopaths, veterinarians, chiropractors, naturopaths, and optometrists were also brought under the law by the 1956 amendments. Since they are covered by the law in their first taxable year ending after 1955, they will get social security credit for their 1956 earnings. Along with the self-employed people who were previously covered by the law, they will pay their social security self-employment tax in 1957 at the time they file their 1956 income tax returns.

The year 1956 can count toward social security protection for about 400,000 farm owners who rent their farms to others but who participate in the farming operation. If the farm landlord has an agreement with the renter or sharecropper under which the landlord participates materially in the operation or management of the crops or live-stock, the farm landlord's income from the land counts toward social security.

At the end of the year, approximately 60 percent of the 10 million persons past age 65 who are without income from employment were receiving old-age and survivors insurance benefits.

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The following table shows the estimated number of people receiving old-age and survivors insurance benefits and the amounts being paid each month.

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Table with 3 columns: Category, Number of Beneficiaries, Monthly Rate. Includes Retired workers (5,150,000), Widows and husbands (1,450,000), etc.

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Financial statement table with columns for Assets, Liabilities, and Surplus and Other Funds. Includes items like Bonds, Stocks, Mortgages, etc.

Money to pay these benefits comes from the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund, which is built up from social security taxes paid by employees, employers, and self-employed people covered by the law.

During 1956 the Trust Fund received \$6.6 billion, of which \$525,000,000 was interest on that part of the fund which is not needed for current benefits and is not invested for current benefits and is needed in Government securities.

Benefit payments for the 12-month period ending December 31, 1956, totaled \$5.7 billion, or about 86 cents of each dollar received during the year.

The total assets of the Trust Fund as of December 31, 1956, were \$22.5 billion.

Beginning January 1 the social security tax which workers pay, and which is matched by their employers, is raised from 2 percent to 2 1/4 percent.

The social security tax paid by self-employed people on their earnings in 1957 will be increased from 3 percent to 3-3/8 percent. The additional tax will be used to finance the new disability insurance program, which provides monthly social security payments to qualified disabled workers between the ages of 50 and 65.

The first of two types of benefits based on disability which were provided by the 1956 amendments will become payable in January. These are payments to the disabled sons or daughters of workers who are now receiving old-age insurance benefits, and to the disabled children of workers who died after 1939 and were insured for survivors insurance benefits at death.

The disabled child may receive benefits regardless of his age if he is unmarried and has been totally disabled since before his 18th birthday. The mother also receives benefits if the son or daughter is in her care. Payments to a disabled child can continue throughout his life.

The second type of monthly disability benefit provided by the 1956 amendments will become payable for July 1957. These payments will go to people 50 to 65 years of age who are so severely disabled that they are unable to work, and who have worked under the law for 5 out of 10 years before they were disabled and also for 1 1/2 out of the 3 years before they became disabled.

As 1956 drew to a close, Mr. Motley pointed out that disabled people, regardless of age, should not wait too long to find out about the disability provisions of the law. Those who are 50 or over should ask about disability benefits, and those not yet 50 should inquire about having their social security earnings record "frozen" to protect future benefit rights.

MANTEO OCTOGENARIAN HONORED WITH PARTY

Mrs. A. C. Mann of Manteo celebrated her 81st birthday with a surprise party at her home on Tuesday night, January 1, 1957.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mann, Mrs. Charles Midgett and daughter, Lois, Mrs. Marvin Rogers, Mrs. Ryan Midgett, Mrs. Carther Liverman and Mrs. Leonard Midgett of Manteo; Mr. and Mrs. Theibert Tillett and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Will Tillett and Chester Tillett of Manns Harbor; and Mrs. Eloise Cartwright of Grandy.

Cake and ice cream were served to all the guests.

AVON PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Oley Hooper and children Graydon and Faith were in Manteo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray O'Neal and children of Norfolk and Earl O'Neal, U.S.C.G., Elizabeth City visited their mother, Mrs. Carrie O'Neal and attended the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. Cynthia O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Williams and children of Beaufort visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Williams of New Bern visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gray.

Mrs. Reginaid Meekins of Camden, N. J. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Moody Meekins.

Carson Hooper of Portsmouth spent the week end here.

Jean Gray of Norfolk is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gray Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie O'Neal of Manteo attended the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Cynthia O'Neal, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Meekins and Mrs. Moody Meekins were in Elizabeth City Friday. While there they visited Mrs. Martin Pritchard also visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Creel at Point Harbor.

WORK RESUMED ON OCRACOKE ROAD AS HOLIDAYS CLOSE

Ocracoke, January 7.—Work has been resumed on the Ocracoke Island road after a brief Christmas respite. The rough road-bed work is completed as far north as Green Island Club, which is the present terminus of the road; marl has been put on as far north as Parker's Hill. Reports have it that a survey has been made in Pamlico Sound to ascertain the best place for a ferry landing on the Ocracoke Island side of Hatteras Inlet, though it is not assured that a ferry slip will be established along with the completion of the road itself.

The Ocracoke Burial Association met on January 4th, and named William Garrish as its 1957 president, Chris Gaskill, vice-president, Mrs. Flora Spencer, secretary and treasurer. New board members are W. B. Scarborough, Owen Gaskill, and Van H. O'Neal.

The Civic Club will meet at the school library next Monday night, January 14th.

The Willing Workers Class will meet Tuesday night, January 15th, in the church recreation hall.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Howard are enjoying a trip to the mainland with plans to visit various relatives and friends. Their final destination was not known to them at the time they left Ocracoke, but they plan to be gone a week or two.

Mrs. Flora Spencer, who was hospitalized at Sea Level before Christmas, is back home under medical care. She wishes to express appreciation to the many friends who remembered her during her illness.

Bill Gaskill has recently joined the U. S. Coast Guard and has reported for duty at Cape May Training Base.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Gaskill visited relatives and friends in Buxton and Norfolk during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald O'Neal of Wilmington, N. C. and family are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert O'Neal.

Mrs. Marie Womac and Mrs. Nina Williams were flown to Morehead City this past week end for medical diagnosis at Morehead City Hospital.

Word has been received from the N. C. Cooperative Extension that Mrs. Callie C. Hardwicke, home development specialist, and several others in extension work will be at Ocracoke School January 24th and 25th to hold an upholstery workshop. This project had been planned for October, and had to be postponed at that time. Miss Jean Woodley, home agent of Hyde County, plans to be here also at that time.

Advertisement for 666 medicine with text: 'FIGHTS ALL COLDS SYMPTOMS AT ONE TIME... IN LESS TIME! IT'S THE PROVEN COLDS MEDICINE'

Advertisement for TYPEWRITERS with text: 'ONE FOURTH TO ONE THIRD ORIGINAL COST. While new machines have jumped recently as much as \$20, we can sell you reconditioned models in top working condition at one fourth to one third original cost, and in some cases for less.'



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