

OLD CHRISTMAS-PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The "Old Christmas" festival at publicity that acrompanies the enjoyed. festival from year to year.

It may be of interest at this time outer banks "Old Christmas" lastto review the Old Christmas cele- ed longer in the two communities earlier days had observed this date ship between the two communities. two weeks earlier.

recent years when the last Thurs- north and south neighborhoods. giving any more.

ers saw their neighbors all about in many places so many of the finwhile the entire nation under the forgotten, it comes as a heart-liftpressure of the commercialized ing and inspiring thought to those ber 25th; they reluctantly gave in who treasure old memories of and Mrs. Odia Williams, Frances, years. Electrical customers on Deand went along. But without fail, childhood and other days; to those and Brice Williams, Mrs. Archie come each January 6th, they felt who cherish the traditions of their Carawan, Elvis Carawan and Ken- and gas customers 54,000 for a tothey had not done their duty, and forefathers. had not paid allegiance to old cusence to their forebears, if suitable has caused many people to come note were not paid "Old Christ- from afar to witness the celebra- and Mrs. C. A. Flowers Saturday. The twelve months ended in Octo- Mrs. Earl Berry. mas," as it came to be known.

Many of us recall when observ ance of this date was more general. place, there was observance of a

always 'kept' old Christmas." entailed in putting on the celebra-Gifts might be exchanged, or a special dinner prepared, or work would give way to visit to neigh-limited resources of the communication. The celebration and the celebration of the celebration, the oyster roast, etc. cannot be afforded by the few people and limited resources of the communication. The celebration is a second of the communication of the celebration, the oyster roast, etc. cannot be afforded by the few people and limited resources of the communication. The celebration is a second of the celebration and the celebration is a second of the celebration. The celebration is a second of the celebration is a second of the celebration is a second of the celebration. The celebration is a second of the

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"A DAY APART" PROGRAM HELD AT WANCHESE JAN. 15

"A Day Apart" was observed January 15th in Bethany Methodist Church, Wanchese, sponsored by the Wanchese W.S.C.S. All Societies in the sub-district were represented which includes Kitty Hawk, Manns Harbor, Manteo, Stumpy Point, and Wanchese. The leader was Mrs. F. J. Dupressey of Gates, North Carolina, Secretary of Spiritual Life of the W.S.C.S. Elizabeth City District, who gave food for thought pertaining to every day living and how to overcome every trial and temptation by taking God as one's con-Rodanthe was the theme of a front stant companion. Visitors included page feature in the Charlotte Ob- Rev. F. J. Duplessey, Mrs. Orlando server, illustrated with photo-graphs, on Jan. 13, by "Chuck" Gates. Each person brought a Hauser, a staff member who has sandwich. Dessert was furnished been to the event for the past two by the Manteo Society, and coffee seasons. This article is typical of by the host church. A day of praythe fast growing and widespread er, meditation, and fellowship was

bration in the old days, as com- which comprised Rodanthe, and for pared with the situation now. From a good reason. These people have time immemorial, and until 50 long been neighborly and indeyears ago, the observance of Old pendent people. They are friendly Christmas on January 6, often ac- and hospitable people. They share companied by a public program with each other; they return gifts the night before, was more or less and favors as something that is a general in the communities of the duty as well as a pleasure. They do N. C. Coast. It was a survival of not take from one what they are the general observance in England unable to return in kind. There and other countries which from has always been marriage and kinbefore the calendar change mov- It was long their custom to visit ing the new Christmas date some and share gifts and meals between the communities at Christmas The old timers didn't like the time, and all the gifts and fine idea of changing their Christmas things that were shared between time. They argued, despite all laws the communities during the uniwhich legally said an event could versal Christmas on December 25, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Richards be on a different date from the one were again revived and shared on they had always known and rever- Old Christmas. Then, on January ed, they would hold to the "proper" 6th, all accounts were squared, all Duke Hospital, Durham. Mrs. Bertime.' Laws, they said, could not gifts repaid, all visits returned, ry is there with him. Sammie Cuthchange facts. We recall in more and all had fared alike in both the rell is a patient there too.

the Thanksgiving period in this high order. It is an inspiring and Washington. country, and earlier dates substi- wholesome thing. It should be practuted, it didnt seem like Thanks- ticed in other places. It does good because it makes for happier peo- Rocky Mount. So it was with Christmas, and ple. In a world devoted too much while the reverent old Coastland- to commercialism and greed, where Magnolia and Mrs. Troy Sawyer throughout most of Virginia, the them yielding to the new trend; er things of life are apparently newer event adopted our Decem- who do not like to forget; to those

So from year to year interest able event.
throughout the land has grown. It Misses Anne Sawyer, Miss Pattion, until today visitors bring new While no elaborate observance took people of the communities, and the Duke Hospital. room which was sufficient for the neighbors, is now completely inade-Ransomville Sunday visited Mr. A person would say: "my folks the visitors. The work and expense the visitors. The work and expense Annie Powell.

> nity. Moreover, the type of entertainment rehearsed and staged, while having served its purpose in other had few opportunities to get away day. for amusement, is not now suffitors; nor for homefolks who have end at home. opportunity to see a wide variety of features on TV, or by way of in Belhaven. the good roads which take them quickly to towns and cities, with

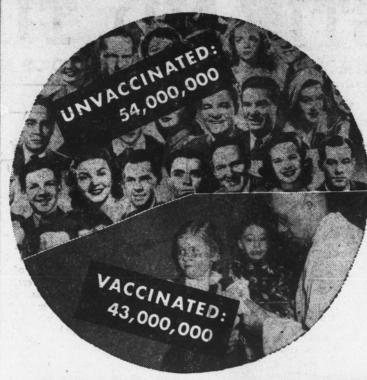
modern shows. Heretofore, the very things which visitors wish to witness, now at home. have not been incorporated in the The neighborly deeds, the numer- family. ous tableaus of community life, the neighborhood caroling and visits by ington with his daughter, Mrs. Ted young and old have not been re- Cutler. hearsed upon the stage, for they Blood donors for Garry Berry would not have been new and in- at Duke Hospital were Vernon and

But these things now, reminiscent of bye-gone days, would be of the week in Durham. tremendous interest to all. So the June Jennette and Annie Mae people of the community are be- Pittman spent Saturday night in ginning to discuss the possibility Belhaven with Mrs. Mabel Sawyer. of bringing a number of these old Mrs. Archie Carawan and Mrs. things together, and starting in Daisy Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. time, unite the talent of the com- Medford Daniels in Belhaven Sunmunity, in putting on a show that would be worthy of even two or three presentations for the enjoyment of the visitors. There has mediord Daniels in Bellius day.

Mrs. Clint Waters, Ponzer, and Mrs. Gilbert Sawyer of Pantego visited Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Sawbeen proven a great popular demand for such a production, both locally and from afar. There is only one road block now, and that only one road block now, and that is the problem of financing the Pantego visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenenlargement of their building, and neth Gray Sunday. making possible better accommolations for the larger crowds in Becky of Powells Point spent last all sorts of weather. Putting on Tues. with S. S. Jennette and Mr. he celebration and the free oyster and Mrs. Charlie Ayres. roast, and other things that follow t will call for more labor and ex- rish visited Plymouth Thursday. nense, and that is what is giving oncern to the mere handful of here Saturday. eople who up to now have carried he burden. A small admission harge for their work. The charges Mr. and Mrs

Washable silk becomes weak in Mrs. Aubrey Swindell, Eric and ater, so it should not be rubbed, Elaine visited Washington. water, so it should not be rubbed,

POLIO: UNFINISHED BUSINESS



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SLADESVILLE PERSONALS

Herman Smith of Washington was here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and were in Washington Monday.

Garry Berry is a patient at

Mrs. Edgar O'Neal is a patient day in November was discarded as The quaint custom has merit of at Fowle Memorial Hospital, service to nearly 89,000 customers

> Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Pope of of Belhaven visited Mr. and Mrs.

C. A. Flowers Sunday. Those attending the banquet neth Gray, who report an enjoy- tal of 439,000.

Oscar Berry spent the week end problems. For many years there in Durham with Mrs. Berry and has been a program arranged by son Garry who is a patient in

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Green in

ning.

days, bringing as it did colorful of Miss Cutler's niece, Miss Gracie interesting demonstration on "Bufand comical novelty to people who Carawan and Willie O'Neal Satur- fet Meals, How to give a party

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spencer were

er, C. E. Jennette, in Grifton.

Capt, Johnnie Moore is in Wash-

teresting to the residents. And on- Floyd Midyette, Henry Spencer, J. ly residents then could see them. D. Sears, Dickie Newman. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gibbs spent

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Newbern and Mervis Credle and Myron Gar-

Fenner Allen of Greenville was Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Jones and

sons of Belhaven visited S. S. Jencharge this season, paid expenses nette and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hodges of vould not have paid for the oys-ters alone, at any place where oys-ters are usually sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hodges of Tarboro spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Credle.

Credle. Mrs. Jeff Credle and Allen Credle, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Richards,

r ffin of Belhaven was

VEPCO NOW HAS MORE THAN 3/4 MILLION CUSTOMERS

The number of customres served by Virginia Electric and Power Company passed the three-quarter million mark in the year just end-

Vepco President Erwin H. Will said the utility at the end of the year was supplying electric service to 685,000 customers and gas for a combined total of 774,000. J. C. Bishop and W. P. Hodges This represents an increase of home of Mrs. Glenn Jarvis are in Park View Hospital in 35,000 customers during the year. regular monthly meeting. The company serves Norfolk

and Newport News areas, and Eastern fringe of West Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina. Customers served by Vepco have Saturday night at Creswell, Mr. nearly doubled in the past ten agent, Miss Jean Woodley, gave

cember 31, 1946, numbered 385,000 fet meals. There were 14 members Will said the average residential

customer in 1946 used 1,442 kilowhich comparative figures are 3,215 kilowatt hours. This comavailable, the average residential pares with a national average of customer of the company consumed 2,942 kilowatt hours for that

here Saturday. H D. Club Meets

The Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Earl Top-Mrs. M. L. Windley Saturday eve- Jeff Credle acted for the secretary, Mrs. Harvey, who was absent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cutler of After the business discussion Washington attended the wedding Miss Woodley, the agent, gave an and enjoy it yourself."

Royce Carawan and Garland Mrs. Topping entertained with ciently comprehensive for the visi- O'Neal of Hampton spent the week a game, Mrs. Frank Fortescue the winner. The hostess, Mrs. Topping, served refreshments to the following members; Mrs. Edgar O'Neal, Mrs. Linwood Lupton, Mrs. Frank Victor Jennette visited his broth- Fortescue, Mrs. Jeff Credle, Mrs. Sam Spencer, Mrs. Charlie Ayres W. O. Howerin of Norfolk is and Miss Jean Woodley. The meeting adjourned to meet again Feb. Mrs. Griff Gray of Pantego is 12, this meeting will be family program at the old schoolhouse. visiting her son, Kenneth Gray's night with covered dish supper at seven o'clock at the lunch room.



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ENGELHARD PERSONALS

son of Manteo spent the week end

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spencer who

with her mother, Mrs. Nancy Ber-

and Mrs. Belle Credle.

Belhaven Tuesday.

shrimping business.

the Town Tavern.

Sunday in Manteo,

he was away.

end at home.

the Lord's Prayer.

period, Will added.

Engelhard Homemakers Meet

Song: In the Evening by the

After the business, the home

the demonstration on serving buf-

present. The hostess, Mrs. Jarvis,

The February meeting will be at

the home of Mrs. Fred Berry; a

served tea and party cookies.

Moonlight was sung by the group,

cently.



STUMPY POINT PERSONALS

Milton Hooper of Norfolk spent the week end with his family. are at present residing in Norfolk Miss Wanda Midgett of Norfolk is visiting her mother, Mrs. Bob where Mr. Spencer is employed Midgett. spent the week end at their home

Miss Joann Hooper has returned from Norfolk where she visited Mr Mrs. Gordon Meekins and children left recently to spend the and Mrs. Sam Boomer.

winter in Key West, Fla. where Rev. and Mrs. A. L. G. Stephen-Mr. Meekins is managing his son had as their guests for the week end. their son Lewis, of U. Reginald Burrus who has been S.C.G. and Mrs. Stephenson's living in Elizabeth City has re- mother, Mrs. Summers of Aulandturned here, and is employed at er.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mason of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O'Neal of Norfolk spent the week end with

Kitty Hawk visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Ada Hooper of Alex Geo. O'Neal and family here. Mrs. Ada Hooper of Alexandria, Va. visited here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Royden Neal and Mrs. Floyd Hooper was in Nor-

children visited Mr. and Mrs. Richfolk Saturday. ard Mann in Nags Head and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Tal Best and Mrs S. S. Neal visited with Mrs. Mary Lucy Best were in Washington

Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Creef on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hooper Miss Alice Pierce spent the week

were in Norfolk Thursday. end with her parents in Plymouth. Misses Grace and Ella Berry of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O'Neal and Swan Quarter spent Sunday with boys spent the week end with their parents in Kitty Hawk and Curri- Mrs. Gertrude Wise.

tuck. Geo. O'Neal and his father Glenn Twiford of Norfolk spent were visitors in Philadelphia while the week end with his family. Mrs. Nancy Gibbs of Engelhard H. C. Harris who is employed

visited her daughter, Mrs. Doris near Elizabeth City spent the week Meekins, Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Gray and Frank Midgett of Washington son were in Manteo Saturday. spent the week end with his family

Mrs. Carrie Vannote of Manteo visited Mrs. Doris Twiford Tues-The Home Demonstration Club Brantley Twiford spent Monday night with Coy Tillett, Jr., and Tuesday night with Byron Sawyer met on Monday night last at the home of Mrs. Glenn Jarvis for its

of Manteo.

Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson and followed by the reading of the 19th Alvin Hooper were in Durham Psalm by Mrs. Harry Jarvis and Wednesday.

WAVES PERSONALS

Mrs. Rowena O'Neal is visiting in Norfolk with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gard. Cora Joan Austin of Hatteras is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Camille Midgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Midgett spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. David L. Midgett and son of Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. Camille Midgett has returned from Elizabeth City, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pendleton. Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton accompanied her home for the week

Miss Janice Midgett is visiting in Portsmouth, Va. with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hayes and family. Mrs. Dewey A. Midgett is visit-ing in Norfolk with her daughters,

Mrs. H. J. Maddry and with Mrs. B. W. Williams at Fort Story, Va. Ernie Foster has returned to Hatteras after visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mid-

Mrs. Julia Midgett spent the week end in Manteo with relatives. Nelson H. Midgett attended court in Manteo this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Midgett spent Sunday at Hatteras with Mr. and

Mrs. Ernal Foster. Mrs. Esta Gray, Mrs. Alethia Meekins and Mrs. Odessa Midgett were in Manteo Friday.

Leland Midgett, U.S.C.G., has returned to his station at Elizabeth City after spending his leave here

with his family.
Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Edwards and daughter Judy Lynn were in Manteo Friday.

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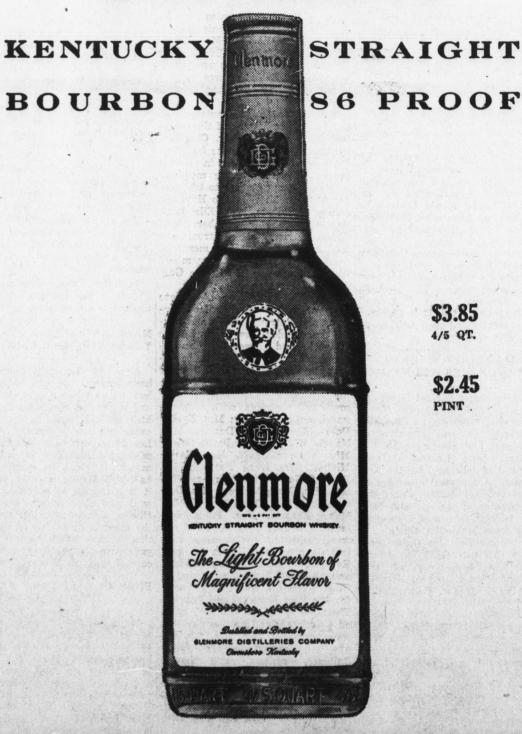
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