

GLIMPSES OF THE PAST

By CAROLYN LLOYD

Every time mankind begins to get too big for his britches Mother Nature slaps him on the wrist and puts him in his place.

People of my generation heard their elders tell tales of the hurricane and flood of 1913 and the big freeze of 1917, and we entertained a certain amount of skepticism concerning them.

In such times as these, the most sought after man in the country is not the missile-man, but the plumber. He alone can ease the miseries that come with frozen water pipes.

My sympathy goes out to those who were beset with bursting pipes, for I have served my time in the past at mopping up icy water; nevertheless, it is hard not to laugh at some of the tales of woe.

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dashed downstairs, flung open the swinging door and went sailing feet first across a layer of ice. The sink drain had frozen, the water had overflowed—ergo, a skating rink! The shock to the man was great enough, no doubt, but think of that poor cat.

How beautiful the sound of water gurgling through the pipes! How luxurious the hot bath! Let those who will worry about getting to the moon; these days most of us are chiefly concerned with keeping warm and keeping clean.

MARGARET SWINDELL HAS PARTY ON THIRD BIRTHDAY

A number of friends helped Margaret Swindell celebrate her third birthday Saturday, when she entertained at a party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swindell, near Manteo.

The featured attraction was a novelty birthday cake, shaped like a kitten on a pillow. The kitten was white on a pink pillow, and the cake was cut and served with ice cream and cookies.

Guests included Trena and Jan Bullock, Billy Brickhouse, Martha Peele, Ella Shannon, Jacqueline and Andrea Tillett, Paula Green, Billy Swindell, Warren and Holly Meekins.

WINTER FERRY SCHEDULES

Effective Oct. 1, 1957, through May 31, 1958

Table with columns for Alligator River Ferry and Oregon Inlet Ferry, listing departure times for various routes.

Table with columns for Hatteras Inlet Ferry, listing departure times for routes to Ocracoke.

OCRACOKE PERSONALS

Ocracoke, Feb. 25.—On Friday night of this week, February 28, at 8 p.m., in the school recreation hall, several members of the Ocracoke Civic Club will take part in a one-act comedy entitled "Ocracoke at Mailboat Time."

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Esham left Sunday morning for Philadelphia, having received word that Mr. Esham's father, King Esham, is in serious condition following long illness.

Several people were home this past week end. Some who came earlier found themselves marooned here during last week's freeze; still others got as far as Manteo and chartered plane service to Ocracoke from there, due to the fact that the Hatteras ferry was icebound.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Flieg, who have been here recently, returned to Norfolk Sunday.

Mrs. W. N. Cullifer of Norfolk, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Laura Bragg, returned to her home on Saturday, making the trip to Norfolk with Leslie Garrish, USCG, who will be stationed at Portsmouth for duty on the "Mistletoe."

Mrs. Charlie McWilliams has returned from a visit in Norfolk with her daughters, Mrs. Fannie Jones and Mrs. Corinne Roberts. Her grandson, Kenneth Tillett, in the U. S. Marines, has recently been assigned to Puerto Rico.

The Ocracoke Electric Appliance Shop, operated by E. S. Tolson, has moved from the Travis Williams building to a section of the Jack Willis Store on the dock. Mr. Williams is tearing down the old building and plans to build a new and larger one.

Rev. W. W. Clarke, pastor of Ocracoke Methodist Church, has announced a revival service for the week beginning Sunday, March 16th, at which time Rev. Alvis Daniel, pastor of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church, Carteret County, will preach.

Mrs. Flora Spencer has returned home from Atlantic, where she stayed following hospitalization at Sea Level.

Little Mack Tolson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Tolson, fell while playing and broke his arm in two places. He was taken to Beaufort. He and his mother returned home today.

Graham Burkirk went to Norfolk this week to re-enlist in the U.S. Coast Guard. He has been stationed here for several years and with Mrs. Burkirk and son, Laverne, makes his home here.

Ocracoke Scouts and Cub Scouts got together again last Friday night after a recess of several meetings. Several of the Cub Scouts are now joining the Boy Scouts, and there are one or two new Cub Scouts. Scoutmaster Marvin Howard and Cubmaster Murray Spencer, and Assistant Benjamin L. O'Neal and others in the Scout work are making plans for Spring activities.

The February meeting of the P.T.A., postponed a week because of cold weather and pipe-freezing conditions, was held this Monday night. Henry Wilder presided; Mrs. Monford Garrish, secretary, made her report, and Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler read the treasurer's report in the absence of Eph Esham. The P.T.A. voted to postpone the March meeting one week on account of the revival to be held at the Methodist Church the week of March 16th. The P.T.A. will meet on March 24th and enjoy its annual pot-luck supper that evening.



MOTOR MAIDS



AAA Urges Positive Approach For Improved Traffic Safety

By Jeanne Smith, Dodge Safety Consultant

"SAFETY EXPERTS, lawmakers and police officials can promote safety in their states by putting 'common sense' into traffic laws."

This opinion was expressed by officials of the American Automobile Association at the recent AAA convention in Phoenix.

Miss Smith

"Laws and methods used in many states are negative in their approach," Joseph H. Braun, chairman of the AAA legal advisory committee, told delegates.

"The primary approach," he said, "has been to 'crack down' on the motorist with heavy emphasis on arrests, prosecutions and license suspensions."

"In many instances, no particular effort is made to secure the driver's respect for, or cooperation with, law enforcement efforts."

There are several examples of this negative approach which were adopted by state legislatures and administrations last year, according to Braun.

"For instance," he said, "several states announced plans to increase the use of unmarked police cars and road blocks for ordinary highway patrol work, despite the fact that other areas have abandoned such techniques after unsuccessful experience with them."

Other AAA officials pointed out that marked patrol cars influence motorists to slow down and drive more safely, thus preventing far more accidents than unmarked cars.

Another negative approach, according to Braun, was the adoption by a number of states of fixed, absolute speed limits, permanently written into the law, and applicable to all highways in the state regardless of

varying conditions, weather or the road.

"The proper purpose of speed limit laws," he said, "is to expedite highway travel consistently with prevailing conditions affecting safety. The logical way to control unsafe speed is through flexible speed limits which allow motorists and enforcement officers to take into account the condition of traffic and the road, as they vary from time-to-time and place-to-place."

Enforcement of fixed, absolute limits or the use of unmarked police cars seldom have the desired effect of reducing the average speed at which traffic moves, Braun points out.

"Often they have produced the opposite result and almost invariably they have lessened general public respect for the law," he said.

Braun and his committee believe that a positive approach to traffic safety can best be achieved by this three-point program:

- 1. Stop putting major reliance upon fear of arrest as the basis for traffic law enforcement. States with the most impressive records in reducing highway accidents have achieved these records through a coordinated program of driver improvement, traffic engineering, improved highway design and enlightened traffic supervision. 2. Improve driver licensing procedures so that public officials can reach and deal with the "problem driver" more effectively. 3. Recognize that public acceptance, rather than legislative decree, is the basis for successful traffic regulation, and that constructive leadership is the most effective force for the promotion of highway safety.

KITTY HAWK PERSONALS

George Washington O'Neal celebrated his 81st birthday at his home on Saturday evening Feb. 22. Friends and relatives who dropped in for coffee and cake were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah O'Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Henley, Francis, Sadie Flo, Carol, Mike and Danny and little Ervin.

Mrs. Dalton Beasley and twins, Mike and Danny, have moved back to their home here after a stay of several months in Norfolk. Her husband, Ensign Beasley, is stationed aboard the U. S. Coast Guard weather ship, Absecon, out of Norfolk.

Due to isolation by ice and damages to the bridge; with sickness, and flu rampant, the people of Kitty Hawk are grateful to a good neighbor and nurse, Mrs. Marie Perry, for services rendered, inquiring and visiting, giving aid to any and all who were in need.

Several local people last week end were caught on on the other side of bridge and had to drive home by way of Engelhard and Stumpy Point, due to damage to bridge and the Alligator River ferry being frozen in. Will Perry went across with several of the children. He had a merry time. Mrs. Bertie Beacham, Mrs. Will Tillett and Edith Best went on to Norfolk and down by way of Virginia Beach.

Tuttle Stetson made two round trips up the beach to Norfolk, getting stuck in the pebbles at Caffey's Inlet each trip.

Mrs. Wade Register, local game warden's wife, and children were one of the first to try crossing the bridge from the west side, in fact drove her car out on the bridge behind the state trucks until being

stopped, had to turn around and go back around by Engelhard and home at Avalon Beach, where they reside.

The father-in-law of S/Sgt. Kenneth Clay Tillett, Robert Lindsey, of 625 Davis St., Vacaville, Calif., left his home in a private plane, with a friend, enroute to Reno, Nevada, crashed. And after an eight day search, were found within eight miles of their home, both dead.

The WSCS served a turkey dinner at the Kitty Hawk lunch room on Wednesday evening for benefit of the Methodist Church building fund.

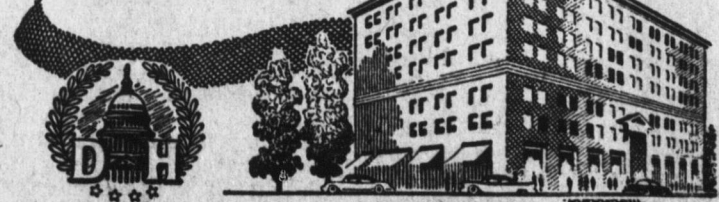
HATTERAS SEAMAN RETURNS

Norfolk, Va. (FHTNC). — Edward A. Austin, hospital corpsman first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Austin of Hatteras, and husband of the former Miss Nancy M. Willis of Hatteras, returned to Norfolk, Va., Feb. 17, aboard the ammunition ship USS Suribachi after taking part in a U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Canadian Navy joint anti-submarine warfare exercise off the coast of Florida.



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