

## Happenings In Hollywood

By WALTER BURRELL

**THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW**  
If you've wondered about the scarcity of dark faces on the "Andy Griffith Show," you're not alone. The NAACP brought the fact to the attention of CBS last year and the problem was aired in calm and intelligent tones at that time. But not until recently has anything tangible been done about it.

In a most cordial interview with the show's star, Andy Griffith, I gained an insight into the problems and attitudes of the actors and executives associated with the popular show—and how they've wrestled with the tricky problems of race.

"I don't think I've ever made a statement on this subject before," admitted Andy. "I'll have to be very honest and I hope you'll quote me that way. The problem we face is simple: we have to remain honest to the types of people depicted in the small, rural town of Mayberry (the fictional locale of the story), North Carolina. "In a series like 'Dr. Kildare,' for instance, you can have any number of Negro doctors. It's logical; it's a big hospital in a big city. But put a Negro doctor in a town like Mayberry and the people most probably wouldn't go to him. "A story like ours, which is set in a small Southern town, just naturally leaves itself open for problems—especially when the show is a comedy. We wanted to do a story centered around a Jewish family, but it just didn't work because it turned out to be drama; it wasn't funny at all. "We're not trying to avoid anything. It's just that the show has to remain honest. If we stretch the point just to accommodate certain groups, then things could easily become ridiculous.

It goes without saying that all of us on the show would like it just fine if we could put people of all races on the show regularly. In recent months Andy, his fellow cast members and the show's producers have kept their heads together constantly in an effort to come up with an honest script involving a Negro. Story ideas were discussed in detail and then discarded—until finally they hit upon the right idea. A segment titled "Opie's Piano Lesson," which completed production only a week before this interview, is centered around Flip Conroy (played by Rockney Tarkington), a Negro and former end for the New York Giants who has returned to Mayberry to help his father with his business and agrees to help the kids form a team. According to the script, Opie (Andy's teenage son on the show) is torn between spending his afternoons practicing the piano or playing on the coach's football team. Like any good father, Andy tells the youngster he can't do both if he plans to do either one well. When Tarkington finds out about Opie's problem he visits the boy and his father, tells

## With Our Men in the Service



McKENZIE

Airman Second Class Gus L. McKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos McKenzie of 900 South Washington St., Rocky Mount, on duty at Da Nang AB, Vietnam. Airman McKenzie, a post-al specialist, is a member of the Pacific Air Forces, the nation's combat-ready air arm guarding the 10,000-mile Bamboo Curtain. Before his arrival in Southeast Asia, he was assigned at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. The airman is a 1965 graduate of Booker T. Washington Senior High.

Airman Apprentice John D. Hodges, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hodges of 3616 Guess Road, Durham, is attending the Aviation Boatswain's Mate School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Lakehurst, N. J.

He is studying the handling and storage of aviation fuels, aviation safety and firefighting.

Airman First Class Douglas C. McBroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker McBroom of Rt. 1, Durham, is now in Vietnam in the fight against Communist aggression.

Airman McBroom, a protective coating specialist, is a member of the Pacific Air Forces, America's overseas air arm in Southeast Asia, the Far East and the Pacific.

Before his arrival in Southeast Asia, he was assigned to the 3345th Civil Engineering Squadron at Chanute AFB, Ill.

Clarence E. Mangum, son of Mrs. Mary H. Mangum of 808 1/2 Briggs Ave., Durham, has been promoted to staff sergeant in the U. S. Air Force.

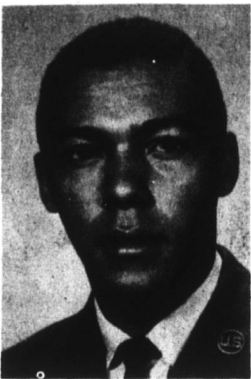
Sergeant Mangum, a supply inventory specialist, is on duty at a forward U. S. Air Force combat base in Southeast Asia. He is a member of the Air Force Communications Service in support of the Pacific Air Forces which provides air power to maintain the U. S. defense posture in the Pacific and conducts air operations in Southeast Asia.



WILSON

Marine Private Michael A. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wilson of Durham, has completed four weeks of individual combat training at this Marine Corps Base.

During his more than 200 hours of training, he learned about weapons and combat techniques from combat veteran instructors. They taught him how to conduct combat patrols, detect and remove mines and booby traps and use the standard Marine Corps infantry weapons.



SMITH

Floyd G. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith of 4132 Burbank Drive, Charlotte, has been promoted to airman first class in the U. S. Air Force.

Airman Smith is a vehicle operator at Maxwell AFB, Ala. He is a member of the Air University which conducts advanced professional military education programs for Air Force officers.

Airman Smith is a 1960 graduate of Torrence-Lytle High School at Huntersville.

## Johnson Plans War On Measles

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. President Johnson announced Monday that common measles can be wiped out as a threat to the nation's children and the goal is to do it by the end of 1967.

Vaccinations by the millions will be the weapon.

The government's goal of ending the scourge of common or rubella measles by the close of the year was established in a memorandum to the president from his secretary of health, education and welfare, John W. Gardner. Nothing was said about German measles. A more severe disease and one for which no widely used vaccination technique has been developed.

"The extensive collaboration — national, state, and local, public and private — which is taking place throughout the United States," the memo said, "assures success in our drive to eliminate measles as a threat to America's children."

While measles often is thought of as being a mild disease, Gardner said, it can be accompanied by such serious complications as pneumonia, deafness, sleeping sickness, mental retardation, and even death.

## Solons Eye CIA Funds In Secret

WASHINGTON — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a three-hour secret inquiry Monday into Central Intelligence Agency subsidies of the National Student Association.

Chairman J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., then told newsmen "it's none of your business" what went on.

There were two witnesses, both former officers of the student association, and they were questioned separately.

The committee's independent inquiry ran counter to the stand of Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., who said again Monday that he sees no need for a special investigation of the controversial subsidies.

Michael Wood, formerly in charge of student association fund-raising programs, testified first. He then was dismissed while former NSA President Philip Sherburne was questioned.



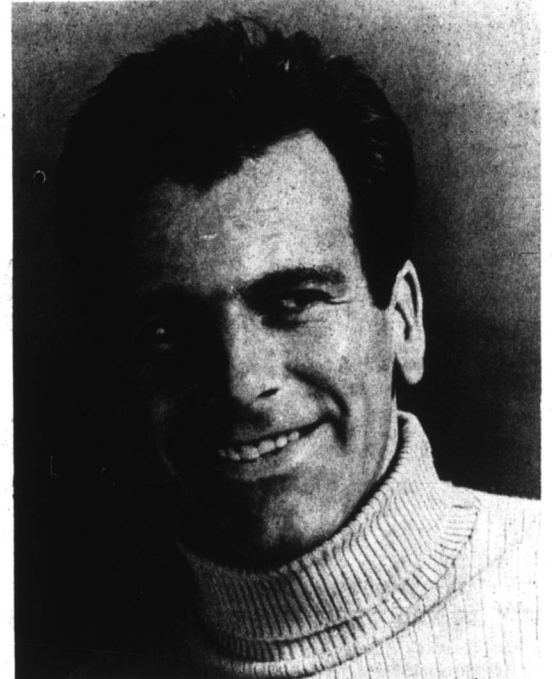
THE VEL-VETS turn it on with their first single, "What Now My Love," and "I'm Gonna Find Me Somebody," in a rhythmic and blues beat. Oldtimers at the average age of twenty, these youngsters have toured key cities of the United States, and have successful engagements behind them in Japan and Honolulu, winding up at 20th Century-Fox Records with an exclusive five-year recording contract. Left to right: JANET TERRELL, DONNA SLATER and IMOGENE BROWN.

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**FUTURE BRIDE?** — Ena Hartman, actress under contract to Universal Studios, insists that despite Maximilian Schell's wedding announcement, no definite plans have been made.



**ANNOUNCES WEDDING TO TAN ACTRESS**—Famed Swiss actor Maximilian Schell started Hollywood with recent announcement of his intended marriage to Universal contract actress, Ena Hartman. Two met while he was starring in "The Battle Horns," she in "Games" —both on the Universal lot.

## TAU GAMMA DELTA SORORITY TO CONVENE IN JACKSONVILLE SAT.

JACKSONVILLE—The Southern Regional Conference of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority will be held in Jacksonville on Saturday, March 11, with Phi Chapter serving as hostess. Delegates and members from all chapters in the Southern region are expected to attend the one-day session.

In addition to committee meetings and other business on the agenda, a workshop and symposium are planned. Mrs. Agnes Fischer, Supreme Basileus of Detroit, Mich., will give the keynote address goes on the theme, "Accept Opportunity — Assume Responsibility."

Breakfast will be served at the home of Soror Alma James and the sessions will be held at Horne's Hotel with registration beginning at 8:30.

### THE FOAL TRUTH

When Chuck Farley reported an hour late for his role in Universal's "Rough Night In Jericho," he explained he'd just helped deliver a baby—a 40 pound, 10 ounce foal born at his 300 acre Malibu, California ranch.

Quitters never win; winners never quit. —Hugh Chalmers



By Mary Whitman

Catalogues and reference books are essential for most hobbies — and stamp collecting is no exception.

"No person could ever carry in his head all there is to know about stamps, even generally speaking," points out Ervin J. Felix, stamp editor at Whitman Publishing Company, Racine, Wis.

First of all, you need a standard postage stamp catalogue, which lists and describes every stamp ever issued, by paper, color of printing, perforation, varieties and errors. Stamps also are priced to a point of valuation, in used and unused conditions.

More detailed information is provided by the Stanley Gibbons Catalogues of England, published in three volumes.

The next requirement is a stamp handbook or guidebook. While catalogues furnish statistical information, guidebooks cover the entire subject in layman's language and tell you how to improve your collection.

Eventually, you'll probably branch into specialized fields of interest, continues Felix, whose firm produces a colorful new line of stamp collecting materials and supplies. Specialized works might deal with a single stamp; a nation; or a political subdivision which brought about certain issues.

Opie that if he juggles his free time right he can pursue many interests, then sits down to family's piano and proceeds to play.

"With a show like this," says Griffith, "we can remain honest and yet make a point I think Negroes want to see made once in a while: that here is a man who's not only the white man's equal, but in many his better I think this show is going to be very well received.

"There's no reason," Andy concluded, "why we can't continue to work Negroes into our story lines and keep it realistic. That's certainly our honest intention."

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