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OCRACOKE PERSONALS

OCRACOKE, June 22 — Jack Willis, president, called a special meeting of the Ocracoke Civic Club for tonight, to discuss promotion of the proposal to deepen Ocracoke Inlet. A committee was elected to take action on behalf of the Civic Club: R. S. Wahab, chairman, Benjamin O'Neal, Capt. Marvin W. Howard, Charles Stowe, Junious Austin, Benjamin E. Spencer, Oscar Burrus, Capt. Thurston Gaskill, Neafie Scarborough, and Theodore Rondthaler.

Today, Monday, showed a total of ninety persons at the National Park Campsite here, the most so far this summer. Hotels, inns, tourist homes and cottages are also filled to near capacity and advanced registrations indicate there will be many people here from now on through the July 4th week end. This past week end nine members of the Girl Scouts Mariner Troop No. 54 of Greensboro, and their leaders, Mrs. Luther Blue and Mrs. Lee Forbis, enjoyed a visit to Ocracoke, making the trip down from Washington, N. C. in a sailing yacht with Capt. Frank Cox.

Capt. and Mrs. Thurston Gaskill had a number of guests recently: Mr. and Mrs. Myron Garrish and daughter, Susan, of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Braxton of Ayden and daughters, Pat, Deborah, and Robin, Miss Kay Braxton of Greensboro and Cadet Edward Hamilton of West Point, N. Y.

Mrs. Vance Jones and son of Norfolk occupied the Carleton Kelley home this past week end.

Cecil Bragg, a native of Ocracoke who returns several times during each year, is here for his summer holiday visit and with him a group of friends from Philadelphia. They are staying at the Albert Styron Cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Houchens and daughter, Clay, of Davidson College are spending a month in the Kugler home here. Mr. Houchens is an artist and a teacher of art.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Farrow, who lived at Ocracoke for several years, were here for a Sunday visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McWilliams and Mr. and Mrs. Thad Gaskins and other friends.

Rev. and Mrs. William Clarke and Calvin O'Neal, Jr. left Sunday afternoon to attend the Methodist Conference at Wilmington, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Brooks met their daughter, Mrs. Mark Goedjen of Green Bay, Wisconsin, at Norfolk on Saturday. She will spend a month here. Mr. Goedjen will arrive about July 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler are leaving Friday for Nags Head. Mr. Rondthaler plans to attend the Friday afternoon meeting of the N. C. Cape Hatteras Seashore Commission at the Arlington Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Needham Simpson are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Edward Pronobis and family of Richmond, Va. Mr. Pronobis was here for the week end. Mrs. Pronobis plans to spend a month here.

Miss Fannie Pearl Fulcher of Raleigh arrived home for her vacation last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Duble of Elberon, N. J. are occupying one of Mrs. Daisy Gaskill's cottages this week and visiting around

with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Neafie Scarborough have as guests this week his son, Neafie, Jr. and family of Staten Island. After visiting here the family expect to move to Cleveland, Ohio, where he is to be stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Allen and sons of Homer, N. Y. came down for the week end with Bill Spencer, who is employed by A. S. Wikstrom of Shanteales, N. Y. Mrs. Spencer and the children returned north with them today, Monday, and will make their home in Skaneateles. The Allens were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Taft Howard.

Mrs. Irvin Garrish and daughters, Martha and Agnes Marie of Wilmington, Delaware, are here for the summer months. Also here from Wilmington are Mr. and Mrs. David Styron and children, who will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin O'Neal, Sr.

Capt. I. F. O'Neal was operated on recently at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bern. His daughter, Mrs. Jesse Garrish, is staying in New Bern during his hospitalization. John Gaskins is still at Morehead City hospital. Mrs. Gaskins is staying in Morehead during his illness. His daughter, Eleanor, returned to Ocracoke today.

Mrs. Doward Brugh and daughter, Deborah, visited her parents in Norfolk this past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. William Garrish are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Fletcher Hoggard and family, at Cape May, N. J. They made the trip north with Carlson O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Pendleton of Princeton, N. J. spent the past two weeks at one of Mrs. Daisy Gaskill's cottages. This is their second summer vacation at Ocracoke. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cochran of McGrann, Pennsylvania, are also there for a second summer holiday.

Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Mickey of Winston-Salem and son will spend two weeks beginning Sunday at the Togo Wynn cottage and Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Tesch, also of Winston-Salem, will be at the T. H. Wahab cottage.

S/Sgt. Potter Garrish, who has been spending his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Ruby Garrish, and brother, Ward, returned to Pease Air Force Base, Portland, Maine, today.

David Garrish of Southport is visiting his mother, Mrs. Annie Garrish.

Mrs. Tressie Howard had as recent guests her daughter, Mrs. David Ballance and Sherrill Tunnel of Norfolk and other friends.

Mrs. Mary Crocker of Norfolk is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hurst and son are visiting at the home of Mrs. Horace Gaskins.

Supt. and Mrs. Robert Gibbs and daughter, Patricia, and Mrs. Ambrosia, Mrs. Gibbs' mother, visited Ocracoke recently. Also here were Asst. Supt. Floyd Taylor, Verde Watson, and Jeff Stamey, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Allen of Chicago are spending two weeks at the Rondthaler cottage.

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GLIMPSES OF THE PAST
By CAROLYN LLOYD

It was hard to believe, but there it was in black and white: an army Pfc. has been acquitted on a court martial charge that he wilfully destroyed government property. The charge. Slicing the eyes of potatoes instead of digging them out with a knife. To make the story more astounding, the name of the accused is Andrew God, Jr.

That must have been an interesting trial. Imagine the tense stillness in the court room when the prosecuting officer demanded, "Now, God, did you or did you not slice the eyes out of those potatoes?"

My sympathy goes out to that soldier. He must have suffered greatly at the hands of his comrades-in-arms. No doubt he is accustomed to hearing, "Who do you thing you are—God?" and other supposedly humorous cracks. No wonder the boy lost his perspective and lashed back at the army and the world by committing the heinous crime of slicing when he should have dug. It was a crime that any cook could understand. Getting the eyes out of a pound of potatoes is tedious enough, and the thought of tackling enough for an army mess is enough to drive one to desperate measures.

Seriously, though, such a trial makes the U. S. Army look ridiculous. To a civilian a court martial sounds like an important trial. His mind pictures the scenes in the court martial of General Billy Mitchell, who defied his superiors over the question of air power, or the Marine, McKeon, charged with leading men to their deaths. In comparison, a trial over peeling potatoes seems like going from the sublime to the ridiculous.

It is comforting, however, to know that someone in the army is concerned about wasting money. We hear tales of surplus equipment discarded and rotting and the duplication of materials that cost the taxpayers millions. Perhaps Congress, in an economy drive, sent out an order to balance the budget by saving on potatoes. Our own General Assembly, definitely an economy-minded one, might have profited by the idea. They could send out a directive on potato peeling to all state institutions and to the headquarters of the National Guard in Henderson.

Pfc. Andrew God, Jr., was acquitted, and, if still on k.p., is probably now painstakingly digging out potato eyes. If that story got about widely, the army might be having a little trouble with recruiting right now. The real danger lies in the possibility that the story was picked up by the press in countries that are not overly fond of the U. S. A. They could hardly be blamed for using the

HEAVY PENALTY FOR SHOOTING NAVIGATION AIDS; WARNING GIVEN

NORFOLK, June 19.—A buoy light found extinguished by a shot from a small caliber firearm in Jones Bay, North Carolina has prompted Coast Guard authorities to warn hunters and practicing marksmen against using aids to navigation as targets.

The Coast Guard pointed out that interference with the proper function of aids to navigation is a violation of Federal Regulations, regardless of intent, and that those convicted are liable to fines up to and including \$2,500. Additionally, the individuals is liable for costs to the government in placing the "aid" back on operation.

Those shooting firearms on or near the water are cautioned against the possibility of ricochets striking navigation aids, thereby placing the shooter in a position of interfering with their proper function.

The Coast Guard also pointed out an additional hazard in shooting over water. Projectiles have a tendency to skip along the surface and carry greater distances than the normal range of the firearm. Accuracy is uncertain under this circumstance giving the shooter no control over his target and heightening the possibility of striking an unintentional object, possibly human.

FAIRFIELD PERSONALS

Miss Rebecca Swindell returned to Raleigh Sunday after visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Averette and Debbie of Elizabethtown visited Mr. and Mrs. Carol Smith last week.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Mann of Middletown visited Mrs. Murray Mann Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Florence Spencer and D. W. Sears were in Edenton and Hertford Thursday.

Miss Alice Beed Berry of Tarboro is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Berry.

Bill Murray of Norfolk visited Mrs. E. N. Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Pearce and children have returned to their home in Okeechobee, Fla., after visiting Mrs. R. G. Roebuck.

Robert Cobb of Portsmouth spent the week end here. Mrs. Cobb and children returned home with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mooney and children of Norfolk were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Mooney.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cutrell and son of Norfolk were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris.

Mrs. Virginia S. Williams of Norfolk visited Mrs. Ina Simmons and Miss Morna Williams.

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