

PROGRESS CONTINUES ON PIER AT KILL DEVIL HILLS

Construction work on the new ocean fishing pier at Kill Devil Hills continues to go forward despite many unfavorable working days recently. About 500 of the 750 foot pier has been completed.

Owned by the Avalon Pier Corporation and located at Avalon Beach the pier should become a favorite spot for anglers. It is being built at an excellent location for good fishing, extending over the bar and near an old submerged shipwreck.

When completed for the 1960 vacation season the new pier will have cost about \$150,000 and will have a restaurant and tackle shop at the shore end in addition to the long dock over water. When completed the number of ocean piers in the Dare Beaches area will be increased to four. Already there is a pier at Kitty Hawk and two in the Nags Head sector.

There is a possibility of two additional ocean piers being constructed later this year on the Dare Coast, one south of Whalebone Junction in lower Nags Head and one at Rodanthe near Chicamacomico Motel.

COLINGTON PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bateman, Mrs. J. B. Jackson and children of Norfolk visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Parker, and son, Reid visited Mr. and Mrs. James Beasley and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Heath and son, Joey are in Norfolk with relatives. Mr. Heath is stationed at Pope Air Force Base in N. C.

Miss Eunice Midgette spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Meekins, their daughter, Myrtle Dough and grandchildren spent Sunday in New Bern with Mr. and Mrs. Meekins daughter, Mrs. Durwood Carraway.

Miss Lois Midgette of Norfolk was here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Rogers of Virginia Beach were here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pernel Perry and daughter, Sharon visited here and in Kitty Hawk over the week end.

Bryan Meekins of the Air Force, stationed in Goldsboro visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Meekins.

Marvin Toler of Rodanthe visited his mother, Mrs. Robanna Toler, and grandfather John Hawkins Meekins.

Mrs. Gene Daniels of Wanchese is staying with mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayward while her husband is on a voyage to Spain.

Miss Rae Meekins is in Georgia with her sister, Mrs. Linwood Beasley.

Vernon Perry has received his release after four years in the Air Force and is back home to resume civilian life.

A miscellaneous shower was given Friday night in Manteo in honor of Mrs. Sam Liverman, Jr., by her sister, Mrs. Judy Johnson of Manteo and Ruby Basnight of Colington. The honoree is the former Virginia Etheridge, of Manteo.



WHY DO WE KEEP UP THIS STUPID APOLOGIZING?

This column is lifted from the Greenville, (S. C.) News.

In our not so humble opinion, Caryl Chessman, the California rapist and sex criminal convicted in several other cases, should have been gassed, hanged electrocuted or subjected to the firing squad long ago for he has been sentenced and his state allows the death penalty.

For a dozen years he has been in and out of the courts, both state and federal, with a series of delaying legal maneuvers and has escaped the fate that a judge and jury long ago decreed for him because of his heinous sins against society and because of what he did to a series of much more worthy persons who seem to have been forgotten.

Just a day or two ago this creature won another reprieve from his just deserts when someone in the State Department of the United States notified the Governor of California that his execution might have unfortunate repercussions abroad. It could be, this officer said, that the people of the Latin American countries President Eisenhower plans to visit during the next few weeks might demonstrate against him.

What has happened to the United States that it has become afraid to follow its own folkways and to enforce its laws because of what the peoples of other lands might say or do? Shall our Congress be frustrated and our courts reversed because of a mob of Hottentots who might stage a demonstration? Are we so weak that we cannot protect our President wherever he goes, be it Moscow or the capital of Uruguay?

If things have gotten that bad, we will gladly volunteer to lead a couple of platoons of Marines and paratroopers to go along on the trip and fend off the rocks and the rotten eggs. And maybe help to install a few more friendly governments in the process.

America is a glass house; that we have long known. We do not deny that what the rest of the world thinks of the democracy that we preach and have tried so hard to export depends largely on how we practice it.

But how stupid can we get when it comes to telling the rest of the world the truth about how we practice it? How long will we continue to play into the hands of Red propagandists?

The facts of the Chessman case have long been known. They have not changed. If he had been executed on schedule, in accordance with the law as defined by the judges and the facts and found by the jury, no one outside of California would ever have heard of him.

But what happened? We have allowed ourselves to be pilloried before world public opinion because we have kept him in the death cell for 12 years while he presented plea after plea. There seems to be no end to it. Again and again he has gone back to the same courts which previously had affirmed his sentence. The sympathy he has received is due solely to the fact that he has been so long under the death sentence.

Why haven't we told our foreign critics that only in America could a man prolong his life for so many years when he deserved to die? Is there another country in the world where he could have obtained the benefit of so many doubts? Is there another country where one man, alone in prison, could learn more law than many lawyers ever knew and use it to fend off the verdict of an impartial jury chosen at random from among respectable citizens? The answers are obvious.

What should we do to mollify our foreign critics, turn this man loose to repeat his crimes, modify his sentence and place him in a comfortable cell to continue to mortify us with his cunning but psychopathic writings? We think not.

We survived the Rosenberg case, didn't we?

The case of Chessman is but the most ridiculous example of a long series of ridiculous instances of the sort of thing.

We have done it before. The State Department has told us that race relations, especially in the South, have hurt our prestige abroad. Perhaps so, but only because we have failed to make the truth known.

We have failed to point out that the Negro in the South has more real freedom and opportunity than his relatives in any of the new and highly nationalistic black republics in Africa. We have failed to point out the obvious truth that, as he qualifies for it, he will receive more.

What has happened to America?

STUMPY POINT PERSONALS

Mrs. Lucy Best, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Best attended the funeral of Mrs. Lucy Best's brother, Tooley Cuthrell at Middletown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nunneri of Norfolk visited Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Payne Sunday.

Glenn Twiford was in Washington on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Payne were in Norfolk Monday. They were accompanied home by their son, Mike who was taken from the light ship "Chesapeake" last week to the U.S.P.H. Hospital where he has been a patient.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Barbee left Sunday to make their home in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hooper, and children of Buxton visited Mrs. Gertrude Wise and Mrs. Frances Hooper Sunday.

Mrs. Carson Meekins and Mrs. Gertrude Wise accompanied their mother, Mrs. Frances Hooper to Belhaven for medical treatment Saturday. Mrs. Hooper is improving slowly.

Estelle Knight returned to Washington, D. C., Sunday where she is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Golden visited Mr. Golden's father, George Golden of Sea Level, a patient in U.S.P.H. Hospital, suffering from an eye injury.

Billy Best was home for the week end from State College.

Charlie Brinn visited relatives in Engelhard.

Doan Midgette visited his family while on a weeks leave from Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gray visited Mr. C. W. Mann in Manns Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wise attended the thirty fifth wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Midgette in Norfolk Sunday. Mrs. Midgette is a sister of Mrs. Wise.

Mrs. William Gray visited her husband in Maryland Sunday. Mrs. Bruce Gray and Mrs. Bob Midgette were in Norfolk Friday.

Mrs. D. R. Nixon, Johnny and Joan of Camp Lejeune visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Midgette.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Litchfield of Engelhard visited Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hooper.

Attending the third Quarterly Conference of the Dare Charge at East Lake Church Sunday evening at three o'clock were: C. E. Payne, M. V. Hooper, Charles E. Meekins, Ralph O'Neal, Mrs. Geo. Wise, Sr., Mrs. R. D. Wise, Mrs. Florine Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gray. Reports showed all items paid up to date.

We have made mistakes, of course, but since 1776 and until the last decade or two we have defied the greatest powers on earth to assert and secure our rights. Why should we now run for cover every time some temporary dictatorship or some Communist-inspired mob questions a matter of domestic policy?

The fate of Chessman, even the race issue, is relatively, if not totally, unimportant. What is important is that the United States should stand tall in the saddle of world leadership and make no apologies for trivialities that are nobody else's business.

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RURITANS TO MEET TO CONSIDER MERGER, MARCH 18

Continued plans by Ruritans to merge the Manns Harbor and Wanchese clubs will be brought to a final decision on March 18, if present plans carry.

Manns Harbor Ruritans attending the meeting Feb. 19 and expressing interest in merging were Past Presidents Stanford White, Jacie Burrus and T. O. Sutton. They agreed that with the travel facilities improved to such an extent that it is a matter of minutes to go from one community to the other that it would be practical to merge the clubs. The Manns Harbor club has not been active in recent months," said White, "And I believe most of our members would like to be associated with the more active Wanchese club."

"Our Wanchese Club would welcome the Ruritans of Manns Harbor," said M. R. Daniels who has been one of the active figures in the Wanchese Club since it was organized.

The Rev. Harold F. Leatherman, pastor of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church was the speaker at the Wanchese meeting. The theme of his talk was community betterment through the sharing of civic efforts with others.

NURSE PUBLISHES BOOK OF INSPIRING POETRY

NEW YORK.—"Pause for Meditation," a book of poetry by Nelle June Reid, Superintendent of Nurses at District Memorial Hospital in Andrews, North Carolina, published on January 30, by Exposition Press of New York. (Price: \$2.50). It is a rewarding uplifting little volume that leaves the reader with a feeling of warmth in his heart—and one that will call him back to its pages again and again.

Mrs. Reid, who has been writing poetry since she was in the first grade in public school, was born in Asheville, and educated at the Youngstown City Hospital School of Nursing, Ohio, and at Pittsburgh University in Pennsylvania. She was head nurse of the United States Veterans Hospital in Pittsburgh for eighteen years.

DARE COAST RACCOONS SENT TO WESTERN N. C. TO RESTOCK PRESERVES

Approximately 150 raccoons taken alive by Dare mainland trappers during the past season have been transferred to Western North Carolina counties to restock hunting preserves, according to State Game Protector W. S. White.

The final shipment was made last week and as result of the opportunity to sell the raccoons, the mainland trappers realized about five times as much as they would have received had they sold the pelts of dead coons. The average coon skin brings only one dollar.

The selling price was \$5 each of which the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission paid half and owners of game preserves paid the remainder. "Usually about one out of four raccoons trapped can be kept alive," said White.

In addition to raccoons, many mink and otter were caught by trappers during the past winter. The biggest money-maker for trappers are mink. About 50 otter were taken during the season. "The average trapper realizes an income of about \$500 per season," White added.

CHANGES IN PENSIONS FOR WIDOWS, CHILDREN, VA SAYS

Pension eligibility requirements based on the war service of a veteran become alike for widows and children of World Wars I and II and the Korean conflict after June 30, 1960, the VA pointed out today.

The VA explained that at the present time pensions are granted to widows and children of World War II and the Korean conflict only if the veteran had a definitely ascertainable service-connected disability at the time of his death.

No such restriction is at present placed on the widows or children of deceased World War I veterans. The new pension law, going into effect July 1, 1960, removes this restriction and places widows and children of World War II and the Korean conflict on the same basis as World War I dependents in this

regard, the VA said.

This "equalization clause" of the new pension system is expected to add approximately 200,000 widows and orphans to the pension rolls, the VA estimates.

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