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GRIFFITH HEADS CELEBRITY LIST SATURDAY NIGHT

The 1,000th Performance of the Lost Colony Drama To Be Host To Former Players

Andy Griffith, who once played the role of an Elizabethan soldier and then for several seasons was cast in the colorful Sir Walter Raleigh role of The Lost Colony will top a great list of former cast members returning Saturday night, July 9, to attend the 1,000th performance of this show.

His wife, Barbara Griffith, a native of Troy, and the first North Carolinian to play the female lead role of Eleanor Dare in the Paul Green drama will also be present. They will light the candles on a gigantic intermission party between act one and two, and he will have words of greeting for the audience and the present and former Lost Colony Company members.

Since he played the role of Sir Walter seven years ago, Griffith, a native of Mt. Airy, has become one of America's outstanding stars of stage, screen, television, radio and recordings. He soon will star in his new CBS network "The Andy Griffith Show."

Also expected for the 1,000th performance of The Lost Colony, now in its 20th season are Julia Meade of the Ed Sullivan show—a former Lost Colony Eleanor Dare; Robert Armstrong, a former John Borden; Charles Briggs (of Kill Devil Hills) formerly Chief Manteo and now in television and movies on the west coast and others. Hundreds of former cast members have been invited to be special guests Saturday.

HAS BEEN 18 YEARS WITH THE LOST COLONY SHOW

Harry and Marjlene Thomas, now of Elizabeth City, have played important parts in The Lost Colony for many years.

Mrs. Thomas, formerly Marjlene Midgett of Manteo, has had roles in the drama for 18 summers, beginning as a flower girl. This is her second season, as Eleanor Dare, female lead of the show.

Earlier for five seasons she doubled as a member of The Lost Colony Chorus and played the part of Joyce Archard, when she understudied the Eleanor Dare role.

She was the first native of Roanoke Island to become a singer in the Westminster Choir College-voiced Lost Colony Choir, ten seasons ago.

She is a graduate of Greensboro College and has served as minister of music at Davis Street Methodist Church, Burlington, and soloist at First Presbyterian Church there, and at the First Methodist Church in Elizabeth City, where she is a teacher in the 5th grade.

Harry Thomas now in his 16th season with The Lost Colony is a native of Philadelphia. He is lighting director, having served for several seasons as member of the technical crew of the drama.

Before going to Elizabeth City two years ago to serve as assistant principal and guidance director, he was assistant principal and teacher of physics at the Williams High School, Burlington. He has been selected to serve as principal of Elizabeth City High School during the coming year.

Their son, Hunt, age 4, has many interests, chief among them the Indian scenes of the show which he often comes to see and frequently re-enacts the scenes, quoting lines without error.

BROTHERS' ARGUMENT ENDS WITH ONE GETTING SHOT

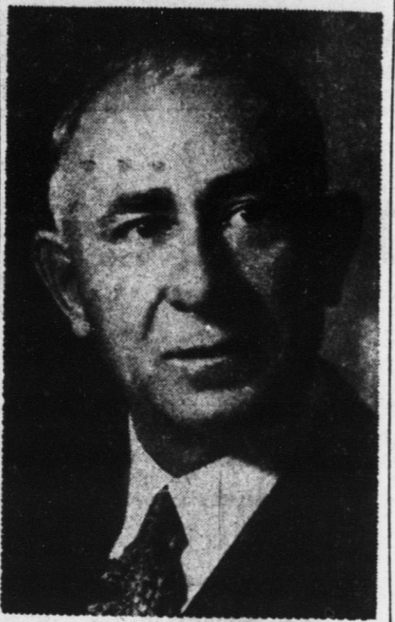
In a row early Saturday night, Willie McCleese, a Manteo negro was shot twice in the shoulder, and Sheriff Frank Cahoon issued a warrant against Jerry Bell McCleese, brother of Willie, charging him with the shooting, but no arrest had been made at noon Thursday, although McCleese is said to be living near Manteo. Willie McCleese bled profusely, and was taken to the Elizabeth City hospital by Twiford's ambulance shortly after the shooting, but was patched up and brought back the same night.

BELHAVEN POSTOFFICE GETS NEW EQUIPMENT

The interior of the Belhaven Post Office has been completely renovated; all equipment has been replaced with new, and is re-arranged. The new boxes are attractive and are equipped with precision combinations, quite different from the old ones.

Postmaster, E. Russell Johnston says he is both proud and appreciative of the complete NEW face that the post office has received; and he hopes the public will enjoy using it.

TO PRESIDE JULY 20 AT HAYMAN REUNION



REV. LOUIS D. HAYMAN of Southport who will be in Dare County during the week of July 17th, during which time he will preside at the big annual reunion of the Hayman Clan. It will be held at Manns Harbor on Wednesday, July 20th. These meetings, previously held for several years at Manns Harbor, Manteo, Wanchese and Kitty Hawk, where many kindred of this large family live, are happy occasions, with good food, and often during the time, a sermon by Rev. Mr. Hayman, who is a native of Dare County.

Mr. Hayman, the current president of the clan has already had conferences with Mrs. Ira Spencer, vice-president. Mrs. Oma Pearl Daniels, Treasurer; Miss Inez Gibbs, Secretary all of Manns Harbor; with Avery Tillett and Mrs. Oma Pearl Tillett of Kitty Hawk; J. W. Davis and Mrs. Ethel Tillett of Wanchese, all area officers pledged to make the forthcoming meeting a memorable one.

BELHAVEN'S FOURTH OF JULY DRAWS A MULTITUDE OF 5,000

Bath Beauty Wins Contest, Fireworks Blow Up Prematurely; But Event Was a Great One

A dark-eyed beauty from neighboring Bath won the contest for Independence, and most of the fireworks planned for the finale blew up prematurely, with some slight injuries to persons, but Belhaven's 4th of July Celebration went off even better than a long series of successful events held annually at this time for many years.

An estimated 5,000 people attended the celebration, which meant the population doubled for the day, and the usual fish fry followed the mile-long parade which lasted an hour. Many original and gaily decorated floats took part. Main street was lined with sightseers to watch the parade which got underway at 9:30 a.m., followed at 11:30 by a water festival.

At noon Miss Mavis Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sullivan of Bath was voted Miss Independence Day. She was picked as queen of the Beaufort County May Day tournament. Runners-up were Betty June Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin, and Ann Sadler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Sadler, all of Belhaven. Marilyn Russ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Russ of Belhaven was chosen Little Miss Independence Day for 1960, in the Teen-age beauty contest.

A concert was held at the community center in the afternoon by the Washington High School band. The Belhaven School Band also took part in the festival. Ball games were held in the afternoon.

When the fireworks display began at 8 p.m., the program shifted unexpectedly, and after firing the first rocket, the rest went off prematurely, making a spectacular effect. The fireworks were from the deck of a boat, and Millar Flowers, holding a torch, said it burned too fast and ignited the remainder of two boxes. The firemen had to jump overboard; Flowers got burns on the hand, another fireman slight facial burns, and one lost his glasses when he jumped.

But there was no tragedy like that in Pamlico River when Ed Chauncey got fatal burns late Monday night, and two others of a

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BLUES ARE PLENTIFUL

Bluefishing was not too good during the last half of June but early in July they became plentiful again at Oregon and at Hatteras Inlets. The blues of July have been small but plentiful.

Most of those taken have averaged less than one pound. "We call them panfish," said Capt. Jesse Etheridge of Wanchese who operates out of Oregon Inlet.

KITTY HAWK FIRST WITH NEW P.O. IN COASTLAND AREA

Manteo Couple Successful Bidders; New Quarters Projected For Manteo Too

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced a contract has been signed for the construction and lease to the Post Office Department of a new Post Office Building in Kitty Hawk. The successful bidders are Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Jr. of Manteo. Ground breaking and construction of the new post office is expected to begin immediately, with completion due December 1, 1960. The lease will run for ten years with two 5-year renewal options.

This new post office will be located on the east side of Main Street. It will provide 1639 square feet of interior space, an outside loading platform, and ample space for parking and truck maneuvering. Specifications call for new modern lighting and equipment, including a low, open patron-service counter.

Manteo is on the list to get a new postoffice building which will provide not only sufficient working space, but parking room calculated to serve the area's needs for the next 20 years.

Postmaster General Summerfield stated, "this is another important step in the Post Office Department's Modernization Program authorized in the last session of the Congress to improve postal services for the public by providing new buildings and equipment, designed See POSTOFFICE, Page Six

TENNESSEE MAN SERVES BAPTISTS IN BELHAVEN



JOE F. PEEK, a native of Knoxville, Tennessee. Graduate of Carson - Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., with a B. A. Degree. Now a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

He formerly pastored at North Hills Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. He is married to the former Betty Jean Cooper of Sumter, S. C. One child, a son, John. Pastor at Belhaven since September, 1959.

ONE NEEDN'T BE RICH TO GO MARLIN FISHING

Jim Mays Says It Costs No More Than A Goose Hunter Pays For Less Time and Fun Than Fishing

Billfishing continues to make the biggest big fish news in the waters off Oregon and Hatteras Inlets. There have been increasing catches of sailfish and white marlin. Peak fishing for neither of these smaller billfish has reached its summer peak. The best sail and white marlin fishing, is usually expected during late July and August.

Many tons of blue marlin have been taken this year. Of the many marlin brought in at Oregon Inlet and Hatteras, average weights have been much greater than in previous years. Two weighing over 500 pounds have been landed and approximately 20 have weighed more than 400 pounds each. The smallest blue of the season to date sealed at 172 pounds.

Since the International Tournament at Hatteras in mid-June there have been various comments by outdoor writers on the cost of such fishing. Some have indicated that it is strictly a "rich man's sport."

James Mays of Norfolk Virginia Pilot, and an official of the Virginia Salt Water Sports Fishing Association, has pointed out that a person does not have to be rich to go marlin fishing. He stated in a recent column that a day of blue marlin fishing costs no more than the average day of going hunting, and not as much as some types of popular hunting. Basing a trip to the Gulf Stream at \$100 per day for charter of boat, refreshments and tips including \$85 for actual charter, a party of five persons pays only \$20 as his share. And more blue marlin are taken by the folks paying a \$20 share for a trip than by the millionaires who may be skipping bait for the big billfish from a private cruiser that may have cost anywhere from \$40,000 to \$90,000.

U. S. ENGINEERS REVIEW WATERWAYS PROJECTS



COL. R. P. DAVIDSON, his wife, mother-in-law and two young daughters stopped at the Carolinian at Nags Head this week, and attended the Lost Colony Thursday night.

In his report on the status of waterways projects in North Carolina, Col. R. P. Davidson, District Engineer of Wilmington says that the construction program for the year 1960-61 totals an estimated \$7.4 millions with a majority of the projects scheduled to be completed during the coming 12 months.

Projects of interest in this area include maintenance work for channels into Manteo, Wallace Channel near Ocracoke, Stumpy Point, and the waterway through Core Sound from Pamlico to the Inland Waterway.

Also is development of a drainage project in Washington, Beaufort and Hyde Counties, affecting some 35,000 acres of farm and wood lands at a cost of about \$600,000 a part of which will be borne by local interests; and a study to determine whether or not five bridges on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway should be replaced by new bridges.

Cecil Henderson of the Wilmington office was in Dare County this week looking over several projects currently of interest; at Oregon Inlet, Hatteras, Avon and Ocracoke.

DARE COAST SEES BIGGEST CROWDS WEEK END OF 4TH

Hundreds of Visitors Unable to Find Room Sunday; Hatteras Island Filled

The July 4th week end proved the largest in the history of Dare County. Rooms were all filled on the beaches and on Hatteras Island on Saturday and on Sunday facilities in Roanoke Island and Manns Harbor overflowed, even private homes opened to help the hapless visitors.

Dozens of people were turned off Sunday night, as many came long distances to spend the 4th in Dare County. Arriving at the Fort Raleigh hotel in Manteo was one couple who had driven all the way from Baltimore, arriving about 8 p.m., after having sought lodgings everywhere along the beach on the way in. Another couple came in about the same time, after having left Morehead City, crossing three ferries by way of Hatteras and Ocracoke.

By Saturday night it was reported that some visitors had failed to find rooms on Hatteras Island and had come back to Nags Head looking for places to sleep. The National Park Service camping areas at Cape Hatteras were filled beyond normal capacity and likewise at Oregon Inlet, where hundreds were tented on grounds normally equipped for dozens.

The thousands of extra visitors through the week end depleted the pantry stocks of hotels and restaurants, and dining facilities were greatly handicapped for lack of bread. Calls were made on all local stores for bread, but they had been cleaned up by the demands of campers who do their own cooking. Frantic calls were made to bakers serving the area to bring in more bread.

Fortunately for Dare County, due to the increased number of highway patrolmen in the area assigned to the Lost Colony crowds, there was a minimum of traffic mishaps, and no fatalities. Normally, one might have expected many injuries. The new by-pass now operating between Kitty Hawk and Nags Head and the park service road on Bodie Island beach have eased up the traffic situation. Formerly, many accidents occurred on the comparatively narrow Nags Head road where a 65-mile limit is in effect.

ENGELHARD ROTARY TO BE HOST JULY 21 TO TWO CLUBS

Program on Park Service Activities planned; New Officers To Take Over

Two weeks hence, the Engelhard Rotary Club will be host to the clubs of Pantego and Columbia, as the concluding meeting of a series between the three clubs. Englehard will install its new officers on this date, Earl Pugh, Nebraska community merchant, heading the list as president. He succeeds P. T. Long. New Vice-President is Joe Swindell; and the Secretary-Treasurer re-elected is Leon Ballance. J. H. Jarvis, Jr., is retiring Vice-President.

Rotarian Robert F. Gibbs, Superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore will be featured on the program. Mr. Gibbs will present color film of the development on this coast in Dare and Hyde Counties which continues to attract a tremendous number of visitors to the area.

The meeting on July 21st is expected to tax the capacity of the Hotel Engelhard's dining room, and arrangements are being made for an interesting program. The meeting last week was well attended, but regret was expressed that the club was losing one of its valued members, Rev. Angus Cameron who has been transferred from the local Methodist Circuit to Northampton County.

Victor Meekins of Manteo was a visitor to the club last week, and there was a round-table discussion concerning tourist business, which is of considerable importance to Hyde County, by reason of its attraction for fishermen and hunters. Tourists bound for the beaches are also important, in that a great many of them travel U. S. 264 all the way through Hyde, and they spend money going along. The business they create on the beaches stimulates the market for Hyde County produce and for Hyde County labor employed in Dare County. Economically, the tourist industry is of great importance.

However the Rotary Club is giving more attention each year to the development of stable, year-

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WORTH GETS OVER HALF MILLION FOR BODIE ID. LANDS

Litigation Ended Giving Elizabeth City Attorney \$233 per Acre for Beach

After a legal battle extending over eight years, the Government last week paid \$554,244 to W. A. Worth of Elizabeth City for the 2,400 acres of beach and marshland, known as the Bodie Island Club property, now a part of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The amount awarded represents about \$232 per acre. Mr. Worth bought the property 15 years ago for \$6,000 and he told the court he had spent \$50,000 on it for improvements.

Funds for buying the land were donated largely by the Avalon and Old Dominion Foundations, and the State of North Carolina which made the grants of funds for National Seashore. In June 1952, the Government took over the land and offered \$185,000 as a fair price. Mr. Worth, an able attorney himself, employed other able counsel, and fought a strenuous battle for a higher price.

Finally, a price was named by a board of three referees, but the Government, with less counsel, and a case not very strong, objected, but was repeatedly turned down in the courts.

Nearly three miles of shoreline, on both ocean, and on Roanoke Sound skirts the tract of land which was for many years the property of the Bodie Island shooting club. The late D. L. Lindquist of New York was the principal owner, and following his death in 1945, it was sold to Mr. Worth.

The actual award for the land was \$484,000, the difference of over \$70,000 being for interests and other expenses. The \$70,000 should cover original investment and all improvements, leaving a gain of \$484,000.

The old clubhouse has been removed up the beach, and is now owned by John Gaskill of Wanchese. The Bodie Island Lighthouse reservation is located in the northern part of the property.

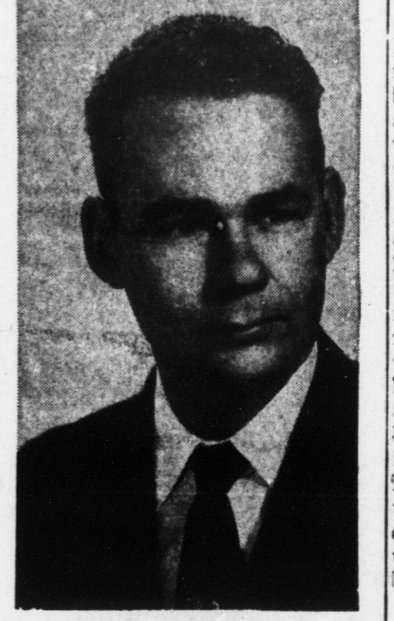
MASONS FISH FRY

Manteo Masonic Lodge will hold another in its series of fish fries at the new lodge site on the highway through Manteo Saturday from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Proceeds will be used toward the new building; the public is invited.

FINEST CROPS IN MEMORY IN PROSPECT THIS FALL SAY EAST HYDE FARMERS

Many Changes in Agricultural Methods With Advent of New Vegetable Crops, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Squash, Celery and Sweet Corn Prove Successful For Quick Money and Less Capital Outlay.

BELHAVEN'S MINISTER IN FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WILBUR A. BALENGER, JR., native of Columbia, S. C., is the new pastor of the First Christian Church of Belhaven. He studied at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson and Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, in addition to pastorates held while studying in Texas, he has served the Mount Olive Christian Church, and more recently the Wheat Swamp Christian Church near LaGrange in North Carolina. He is married to the former Peggy Lillian Martin of Greenville and they have three children.

OCRACOKE PROJECT FOR DEEP CHANNEL FIXED AT \$185,000

Recommended Sum in Public Works Bill to Provide 18-ft. Depth Across Bar

Included last week in the Senate's recommendation for a channel 18 feet deep into Ocracoke from the ocean is an item of \$185,000. Of course there is no certainty this effort will succeed into law, but it has been successful to now, backed first by Congressman Bonner and now steered by Senator Everett Jordan. There is also figure of 4.6 millions in the bill for a stabilizing jetty, if needed. The project would bring a channel 400 feet wide across the bar into Pamlico Sound. Money for dredging only is now being asked, and one of the prime factors in argument for the project is it would offer a haven for shipping and commercial fishing.

Such a project, if completed is believed would have great weight in bringing about the bridging of Hatteras Inlet. The project has been approved by the N. C. Department of Water Resources, the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of the Budgets.

MEETING, DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SAA JULY 20

To Be Held in Belhaven Jointly With Executive Committee of Six County Organization

A meeting of the Economic Development Committee of the Southern Albemarle Association has been called for 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 20th at the River Forest Manor in Belhaven, by the chairman, W. M. Darden of Plymouth.

This will be a joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association. A dutch luncheon will be provided. Members of this committee include Vann Latham, John Lach and A. D. Swindell of Beaufort Co.; Linwood Cuthrell and D. V. Meekins of Dare County; E. E. Harrell and Hilton Chesson of Washington; H. T. Davenport of Tyrell; P. D. Midgett, Jr., of Hyde County.

Thos. B. Broughton, chief of Community Development Section of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development will be the speaker on this industrial development program.

Mrs. Scott Topping of Pantego is president of the Association. County Vice-Presidents are Sam T. Moore, Beaufort; W. L. Cochran, Hyde; W. W. Edwards, Dare; Robert Cowan, Martin; Charles Cohoon, Tyrell; James H. Ward, Washington.

Saturday was an important day in Hyde County in one locality for it wound up a three weeks' cucumber season in which about 20 farmers in the Lake Landing area in Hyde County participated, when more than \$50,000 came into the hands of these growers. At the same time, some of these growers were also marketing tomatoes and butternut and acorn squash.

Only a few years ago, such crops as these were not grown in Hyde County, for the one summer crop had long been the lowly Irish potato. Now about 300 acres is all that is planted in spuds—only half the former acreage. The season is late this year, the yield is about 125 bags to the acre; the price about \$1.50 per bag. It will be two weeks before Hyde's Irish potato season is in full swing, and despite all the hard work and costly fertilizer, total gross income in money will be an estimated \$46,800, or less than the lesser acreage in cucumbers bring.

But these are not the only new crops, for a Florida concern, A. Duda and Sons who came up last year and rented the Pat Simmons farm near Fairfield has planted 100 acres in celery, and 250 acres in sweet corn. These are supposedly expensive crops to grow, and the operators have offered no reports on them, but a fair yield on 100 acres of celery is estimated by some farmers at 50,000 or 500 crates to the acre, with prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$2 a crate. A fair yield on 250 acres of sweet corn would be 150 crates to the acre at perhaps \$1.75 per crate, and this would run up to more than \$28,000. Add this to \$75,000—total \$103,000.

It takes a lot of money to set up a plant for proper cultivation of celery, and very few people are going into it. The important thing right now is determining just how good the soil and climate of Hyde County is for such crops. If everything turns out like people are now believing will happen, farming will soon be completely revolutionized in Hyde County—fewer acres will be needed to produce more money.

Getting back to the cucumber season which closed Saturday, it is no news in Hyde County that attention began to turn toward these new crops when Leon Ballance came home from college a dozen years or so ago. Ballance loves Hyde County and couldn't bear to go away to seek his fortune, but thought his new college education in agriculture challenged him to come home and turn what had long been a cucumber patch into a cash crop. See CROPS, Page Six

DOLPHIN FISHING NOW TOPS IN THIS AREA

Big Schools of Animals Near Wanchese Feeding on Same Thing Anglers Are Looking For These Days

This is the season for dolphin fishing and catches of these fast and colorful fish, are up to par and better. Anglers going offshore to edge of the Gulf Stream are also returning with false albacore, oceanic bonito, king mackerel, amberjack, barracuda, blackfin, yellowfin and big eye tuna, in addition to blue and white marlin and sailfish.

Dolphin brought into Hatteras and Oregon Inlet so far this season have ranged from a few pounds up to 45 pounds. So far no real giants of the species have been taken. Last year during late July and in August several dolopin scaling above 45 pounds were boated.

The flesh of dolphin, free of bones, is considered a great delicacy. It is not unusual for parties going after the fish to haul several boxes filled with the fish back home with them to be cleaned and frozen for future use.

BOARDING HOME PATIENT WAS 100 THURSDAY

Miss Martha White, a Windsor native, who has lived two years at the Boarding Home of Mrs. Sue Wescott in Manteo was 100 years old Thursday, and she was given a party by Mrs. Wescott, this included several visitors among the younger girls of Manteo who have become attached to the lady. Miss White has been bed-ridden a long time. She is devoted to a rag doll which a former patient gave her, and is not happy unless she has the doll in her arms. She has been ill for 14 years.