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BOB SWEENEY OF HOLLYWOOD VISITS PLACES IN N. CAR

Former Fibber McGee, Now Andy Griffith Show Director, visits Dare Coast Region

By AYCOCK BROWN

Bob Sweeney, the "Fibber McGee" of the Fibber McGee and Molly Show who is now director of the Andy Griffith Television Show has returned to Hollywood after touring North Carolina and spending several days here on the Dare Coast-Outer Banks.

While on Roanoke Island, Sweeney was visited by Bob McQuain, now of Hollywood, but until last year had played the lead role of John Borden in The Lost Colony. McQuain had come east to visit relatives in Richmond and Washington after beginning his television and acting career in Hollywood where he had been cast in Pasadena Playhouse productions and also in the Andy Griffith Show.

Sweeney is a likable fellow. He made friends quickly wherever he went, whether on Hatteras or Ocracoke, or here in Manteo where he attended sessions of Superior Court, met and talked with court officials and members of the Sheriff's department. Before coming to Dare he had visited many North Carolina towns from the mountains to the sea and had been provided with a state Highway Patrol by Ed. Scheidt, the patrol's top official.

"I am a native of San Francisco, and the producer and writers of the Andy Griffith Show hail from New York, and other cities away from North Carolina. My visit has been to meet people, especially those who may live in communities such as 'Mayberry' the television town of Andy's show and to hear them talk, learn their brogue and their wonderful ways of expressing themselves," said Sweeney.

"Andy after reading a script often has made changes stating that the way he would say or speak the lines is the way it would be done in North Carolina," he added.

On the Dare Coast, Dr. W. W. Harvey arranged for Sweeney to visit Hatteras where Wheeler and Gamaleil Ballance showed him around. Later in Manteo he visited Waterside Theatre to see the place where Lost Colony is presented and the place where Andy was first a professional actor.

He met and talked with Albert Q. Bell and later before he departed for Hollywood he talked with, and heard talk, (making recordings of what he heard) the courthouse scenes and trials in superior court here this week.

LOST COLONY MANAGER ARRIVES TO MAKE READY

Sib Dorton Jr., general manager of Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony has arrived in Manteo to make ready for the 21st season opening of the show on July 1.

Also here to begin the monumental task of building new sets and properties to replace those destroyed in the high winds and tides of Hurricane Donna last September is Bill Long, in charge of the drama's properties, along with his staff.

Arriving later this week will be Mrs. Irene Rains in charge of the costume department of the show and on Monday June 5, Director Clifton Britton will arrive to start making ready for the beginning of rehearsals on June 19, and doing the many things that are necessary to have everything ready at the proper time.

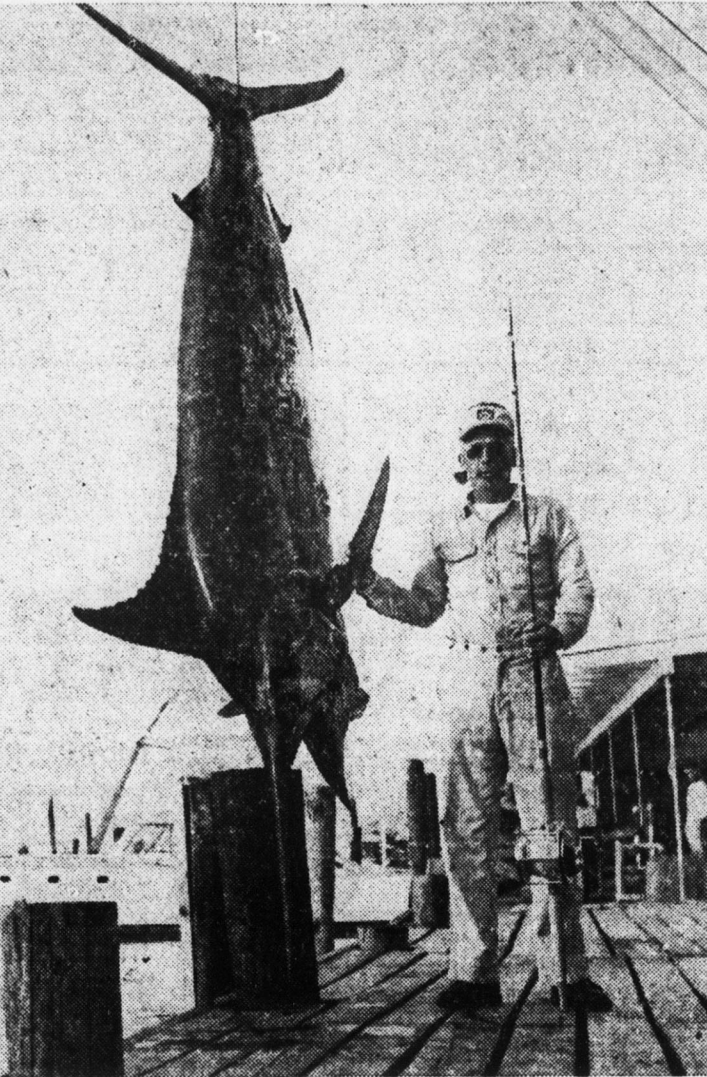
Waterside Theatre, which was damaged by Hurricane Donna shortly after the season ended in 1960, has been completely rebuilt backstage. The work has been underway since the day after the great storm hit, under direction of Albert Q. Bell, who designed and built the original Waterside Theatre and has maintained the properties through the years.

Rehearsals for the drama's opening July 1 will begin on June 19. There will be more than 100 persons in the cast and company again this year. More than half of the company members are from Roanoke Island.

STATE COLLEGE GRADUATES

1961 graduates of N. C. State College, Raleigh, include the following from this area: Melvin Bryan Poulson, Engelhard, civil engineering; Erving Harold Gray, Avon; and Charles Norman Davenport, Creswell, electrical engineering; and Clyde Wilson Davis, Pantego, mechanical engineering.

LAND BIG BLUE MARLIN WHILE FISHING OFF HATTERAS



DEPUTY SHERIFF RAYMOND BASNETT of Buxton landed this big blue marlin the hard way on May 24 while skipping bait from Capt. Tex Ballance's new Hatteras cruiser "Escape II." State Highway Patrolman D. S. Skiles was also aboard when the fish was caught. The 395-pounder which measured 11 feet from tip to tip and 55½ inches around the girth made a plunge for the skipped bait, missed it, but the hook caught the fish in the tail. Two and half hours later the big fish was boated, one of 21 blue marlin caught off Hatteras during past 10 days, not counting the season's first, at Oregon Inlet which was landed on May 29 by Skipper Olds of Great Bridge, Va., a 495-pounder he caught from Omie Tillet's cruiser Sportsman. (E. H. Schinke Photo)

BELHAVEN WITNESSES BUSINESS CHANGES

Voliva Lumber Company has recently built a new modern lumber shed for storage of the many sizes of dimension lumber they sell. The Planing Mill is also rebuilt and a dust bin has been added.

G. B. (Gilbert) Paul, of Sidney Cross Roads has purchased the 'Mecca' on Pamlico Street and will soon open for business.

The Bell Building formerly occupied by Johnston's Grocery on Main Street, has been completely renovated and equipped with a new front.

J. R. (Ralph) Tarkington, long time (30 years) Main Street grocer has completely refinished the interior of his building back of the bank and has added on a 27 by 17 foot place for a Dairy Bar, the main part will be a skating rink and Mr. Tarkington plans to open the new business about July 1.

Ernest Jefferson, Main Street sage and golf enthusiast is now operating Jeff's Place formerly Tommy's Grill, next to City Hall.

James Younce is commuting to Columbia and is operating as the Columbia Mill Company, the large mill formerly known as the Williams Lumber Company. Several Belhaven men are working there with him, including Dick Taylor, as lumber checker.

Doyle Nixon has taken over the operation of the Carolina Delivery Service Truck for the Belhaven area, having relieved his father Charlie Nixon, who has retired.

Conway McKinney has purchased a Service Station, garage and house on the corner of Lee and West Main Street from Arthur Zambos. Conway is employed by the Norfolk Southern railway and his father, Ernal McKinney will operate the station selling Gulf products.

The curbing project along Main Street in front of The John A. Wilkinson school is coming along nicely, and will aid teachers and patrons visiting the school.

LETTER-MAIL BOX SET UP AT OREGON INLET

A mail box for reception of first class mail was set up at Oregon Inlet, near the ferry slip and fishing center Wednesday, for the accommodation of the travelling public. Collections will be made daily at 2 p. m. by the carrier of the Star route between Manteo and Hatteras, and these letters will be dispatched from the Manteo postoffice at 5 p. m. daily, according to announcement by the Manteo postmaster. A petition for Rural Free Delivery service sent by residents of the area is now pending before postoffice officials.

JAPAN'S EMPEROR OPENS LARGEST ROTARY CONVENTION

Twenty Thousand Members From 60 Countries At First Convention Held in Asia

Tokyo, Japan, May 28 (Special)—The largest convention ever held by Rotary International, worldwide service organization, convened here today with an attendance of more than 20,000 Rotarians and members of their families from some 60 countries. The organization's 52nd annual convention—the first it has held in Asia—has brought to Japan's capital Rotarians from Europe, Asia, Africa, and North, South and Central America. Attending from North Carolina were Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Ralph of Belhaven. Dr. Ralph is District Governor of Rotary District 773.

Emperor Hirohito is to open the convention officially on Monday morning, May 29th. Following his appearance, the prime minister of Japan, the governor of the Tokyo prefecture, and the president of the Rotary club of Tokyo will welcome Rotarians and their guests to the convention city.

A Sunday entertainment feature, entitled "Impressions of Japan," precedes the official opening. Among its performers are the Takarazuka troupe that appeared in the motion picture "Sayonara," scenes from the Kabuki theatre, Shinto dancers, the Tokyo Philharmonic chorus, a water show, and the Nichigeki dancers, famed for their precision routines.

Keynote of this five-day gathering of business and professional executives will be the internationality of the Rotary organization. Speakers will emphasize the opportunities of Rotarians to further world understanding and good will through their global fellowship. At five "International Friendship Meetings" on Wednesday, May 31st, Rotarians, their wives, sons, and daughters will hear panelists talk about their part of the world and answer questions submitted to them by the audience.

Among speakers scheduled to address the convention are Henry T. Heald, president of The Ford Foundation. Sir Leslie Munro, former president of the U. N. General Assembly and now U. N. special representative on Hungary; Taizo Ishizaka, of Tokyo, president of the Federation of Economic Organizations in Japan; J. McLaughlin, of Ralls, Texas, president of Rotary International, and Richard L. Evans, of Salt Lake City, Utah, third vice-president of Rotary International.

Since some addresses will be delivered in Japanese and some in English, an instantaneous translation system is being used. It is being done through the use of a radio broadcasting system installed in the convention hall. To receive translations in any part of the auditorium radios, equipped with earplugs, are tuned in by those requiring Japanese or English. See ROTARY, Page Six

CONVENTION FACILITIES PLAN NEARING COMPLETION

Plans for a convention hall to serve the fast growing resort communities of Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk will be presented to the public at a meeting Monday night, June 19, at 8:00 p. m. at the Dare County Shrine Club, Nags Head.

For the past two months a committee of twelve businessmen, has been assembling preliminary data. At the June 19 meeting, Julian Oneto and Orville Baum will report on the site which has been approved by the committee; Robert A. Young and William C. Foreman will present the preliminary plans, prepared by the firm of William F. Freeman, Inc., engineers and architects of High Point; and Major J. L. Murphy will explain the financing program. B. M. Ivey is in charge of arrangements for the meeting.

According to an announcement by Major Murphy, the facility will be able to accommodate more than 99 percent of the conventions annually held in North Carolina, with banquet facilities for as many as 500, and seating capacity for approximately 800 in the main meeting hall. There will be smaller conference rooms, offices, and kitchen and storage facilities. The main hall will be so constructed that it can be divided into smaller rooms for smaller conventions.

Members of the "Committee of Twelve" are: B. M. Ivey, M. W. Davis, Orville Baum and Russell Perry of Kitty Hawk; Major J. L. Murphy, Wm. C. Foreman, Robert A. Young and C. A. York of Kill Devil Hills; and Julian Oneto, George Crocker, P. J. M. Bayne and Lionel Edwards of Nags Head.

NEA LEADER TO SPEAK AT MANTEO HIGH FINALS



DR. CORMA MOWREY, former president of the National Education Association, and now NEA associate director of lay relations, will be the guest speaker at Manteo High School commencement exercises on Friday night, June 2.

A U. S. representative to Germany for four weeks of study in 1955, she was named by President Eisenhower in 1956 to serve as co-chairman of the education committee of the "People-to-People Program for World Understanding." In 1957 she went to Rome as a representative of this program. Dr. Mowrey served as NEA President in 1950-51, has been a member of the NEA Board of Trustees since 1952, and has served on the Educational Policies Commission. She also was on the Advisory Council of the Department of Classroom Teachers from 1945-47.

In her new position, Miss Mowrey works with Glenn E. Snow, NEA assistant executive secretary for lay relations, in the NEA headquarters building in Washington, D. C. Her special assignments include directing projects with youth serving agencies, women's national auxiliaries and other women's groups, with religious organizations, and professional and business groups. She also will direct cooperative projects with state education associations.

Before accepting the position as director of professional services for the West Virginia Education Association, Dr. Mowrey had been a classroom teacher for 21 years in her native state.

She was born in Big Isaac, West Virginia, and after graduating from Washington Irving High School in Clarksburg, combined school teaching with her college career. She received the A. B. degree from Salem (W. Va.) College, and the M. Ed. from Duke University in Durham.

Two honorary doctorates have been bestowed upon her, a Doctor of Pedagogy degree from Salem College and a Doctor of Humanities degree from West Virginia State College.

She has taught in the elementary schools in Wolf Summit, Bristol High School, and Victory High School, in Clarksburg.

Miss Mowrey's professional background includes the presidency of the West Virginia Classroom Teachers Association, the West Virginia Education Association, and the Harrison County Education Association, of Clarksburg, W. Va. She is a member of the Delta. See SPEAKER, Page Six

TRAGEDY LAYS HEAVY HAND ON GRAHAM PONDER FAMILY

The wife and 5-year-old son of Graham Ponder, Gaston County superintendent of welfare, were killed in a collision of two cars at an intersection near Gastonia on May 17.

The victims were Mrs. Margaret Ponder, 42, and her son, Christopher, Ponder, 44, and a daughter, Elaine, 7, were injured seriously.

Elaine died in a Gastonia hospital May 25. Her father had been released after treatment for injuries he received in the accident.

Police said the car carrying the Ponder family collided with one occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Wiggins of Charlotte. The Wiggins received minor injuries. Police said that warrants have been issued against Wiggins and Ponder charging manslaughter in connection with the accident.

(Mr. and Mrs. Ponder lived at Swan Quater in the 1940s where Mr. Ponder was superintendent of welfare in Hyde county.)

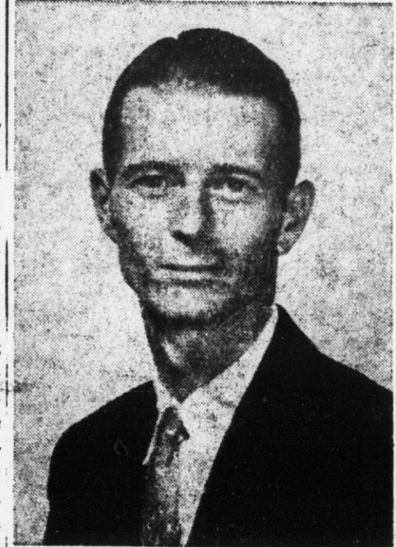
MRS. GAYLORD ALUMNI HEAD

Mrs. Beulah Gaylord of Manteo was recently appointed district director for East Carolina College alumni. Mrs. Gaylord has plans for organizing chapters in several sections in this district, where no chapter now exists.

SUPERIOR COURT IN DARE HAS VARIETY, INCLUDING 2 MURDER CASES THIS WEEK

Judge Joseph Parker of Windsor Presiding Over Term Hearing Assault, Liquor and Traffic Violations, Breaking and Entering, Forgery; Two Murder Cases Rounding Out the Week's Session.

A FORMER STUDENT IS BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER



P. D. MIDGETT III, former student of the Engelhard High School. Now a Methodist Minister, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class Sunday afternoon at Engelhard. Other ministers who participated in the program are Rev. Joe Lang, Baptist Minister; the Rev. J. A. Williams, minister of the Mattamussett charge of Methodist churches; the Rev. George Harris, Hyde county Episcopal minister; and the Rev. Frank Wibral, pastor of the Engelhard and Middletown Christian churches, serving as choir director and pianist.

The graduation exercises were held Wednesday night, May 31, at 8 o'clock with Julian Brown, of the high school faculty, giving the address.

Class Reunion
The Graduating Class of 1941 of Engelhard High School held a reunion Saturday Night, May 27 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald McKinney (Grace Watson).

Refreshments were served from a table decorated with the Class color of lavender and white.

It was brought out that of the 23 original members of the class, only 2 had died, Sarah Roper and Leewood Swindell. Class members reported having 60 children.

The original President, Grace Watson (Mrs. Reginald McKinney) presided. The Secretary, Christine Fulford (Mr. Eddie Ramon) read letters from 2 of the classmates who were unable to attend. The other officers were Treasurer, Sunny Harris (Mrs. Elwood Midyette), and Vice President P. D. Midgett, III.

Attending were Class Supervisor, Mrs. Carolyn Harris of Swan Quarter, Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Midgett, III of Oxford, Rev. and Mrs. Horace Thompson (Mary Elizabeth Midyette) of Fountain, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barber of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blanchard (Evelyn Hodges) of Portsmouth, Mrs. Eddie Ramon (Christine Fulford) of New Orleans, La., Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Midyette (Sunny Harris), Mr. and Mrs. Royden Neal (Charlotte Marshall) Mr. and Mrs. Mack Carawan (Verna Gibbs), Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Gibbs (Mildred Mason), Mrs. George Thos. Gibbs (Margaret Gibbs), Mr. and Mrs. Reginald McKinney (Grace Watson) and Gilbert Gibbs of Engelhard.

Those unable to attend were George Midgett of Charlotte, Mrs. Gertrude Pugh Jakeman of Norfolk, Mrs. Mary Spencer Clifton of Norfolk, Mrs. Louise Berry Weatherly of Portsmouth, Mrs. Elizabeth Cahoon Lyons of Newport News, Mrs. Melba Neal Hall of Newport News, Mrs. Delia Hooker Lemerick of Ohio, Chester Selby of Minn., and Dorothy Davis of Asheville.

MASONIC FISH FRY

The Manteo Masonic Lodge will have a fish fry, on Saturday, June 3 at 5:00 p. m., at the new Masonic building site. The price is \$1 for all you can eat.

WEEKEND WEATHER

Temperatures will be a little warmer although average a few degrees below normal. High 79 and low 68. Chance of scattered showers late Friday and again Sunday. Overall good fishing weather is indicated.

In Superior court in Manteo this week with Judge Joseph Parker of Windsor presiding, breaking and entering a dwelling without intent larceny was reduced to wrongfully entering a dwelling without intent to commit a felony crime but the defendants in the case were found guilty of the latter charge and placed on probation for five years.

The defendants, K. F. Wilson, John W. Council, Charles H. Baker Jr., Jon C. Pascarosa and Howard Gibbs Jr., were each given suspended sentences totaling 36 months and ordered to pay fines of \$50 each plus court costs.

The Buxton case involving charges against Bateman Miller for obstructing a highway was continued until a survey can be made to determine if he was obstructing public property of the road involved which he claims is his land.

Robert Lee Garrett, charged with breaking, entering and larceny was found guilty. He was given a 36 month road sentence and ordered to pay a fine of \$150 and costs.

A three to five year road sentence was ordered in the case against James D. Perkinson Jr., charged with forgery and intent to defraud. On a damage to property charge the court ordered prayer for judgement and continuance.

Found guilty wrongful entry, instead of a more serious charge of breaking and entering with which he was first charged, resulted in a 12 months suspended sentence and three year probation order against Bruce Shepherd.

Charges of speeding at 80 in a 55 mile an hour zone was continued until another session against Pearl Lewark Wise as the defendant now in hospital was unable to attend trial.

A mistrial was ordered in the case of James A. Perkinson, charged with reckless driving, following a jury deadlock. The case will come up later.

Since the arresting officer failed to show up to testify the charge against Silas Berry Seymour Jr., charged with speeding at 65 in a 55 mile an hour zone was not pressed.

Nina Cooper Daniels was ordered to pay \$25 and costs plus a bill for personal damage amounting to \$6.62 when found guilty of trespass.

Since the defendant could not be apprehended, a charge of having liquor in his possession for purpose of sale against Walter E. Sharpe was continued.

Concurrently with a sentence he is now serving in another county, John D. McDermid was sentenced to six months on the roads on a charge of breaking and entering and larceny.

The case against J. C. Sims, charged with disorderly conduct was not pressed with leave.

Marvin K. Forbes and Albert J. Daniels each were found guilty of reckless driving and given 60 days suspended sentences and ordered to pay \$50 and costs.

Bobby Ray Harrell on a reckless driving charge was given a 90 day suspended sentence, ordered to pay \$50 and costs and must forfeit his drivers' license to the Clerk of Superior Court for a period of three months. See COURT, Page Six

RANDOLPH O'NEAL NAMED FOR WANCHESE POSTOFFICE

Randolph Garland O'Neal, Jr., who was 21 in October, 1960, has been recommended by Rep. H. C. Bonner for the acting postmastership at Wanchese, and is to be sworn in shortly. Mr. O'Neal, was born at Rock Hill, S. C., the son of Cape Hatteras people; his grandfather, the late George O'Neal having been a merchant at Frisco, and Buxton, and shortly after his death the family established residence at Wanchese several years ago.

Mr. O'Neal married the former Shirley Adams of Henderson who is now employed as a secretary with McCown & McCown of Manteo. He attended East Carolina College in Greenville and has been employed recently by Mack Etheridge, well-known Wanchese merchant. There were no other eligibles on the list for the Wanchese postmastership, which has been filled by Miss Rowena Midgett, since the retirement last year of Herbert L. Davis who had held the office for some more than 45 years.