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ANDY GRIFFITH FAMILY VACATIONS ON ROANOKE

By ARTHUR LESTER
Andy Griffith, popular television and motion picture star, has returned to his home near Manteo for a stay of several weeks. He arrived Friday, bringing with him his wife, Barbara, and children Sam and Dixie.



His visit will end after an appearance in Charlotte at the North Carolina International Trade Fair later this month. Along with him at the festivities will be other Tarheel show business personalities.

Currently occupying much of busy star's time is a new 24 foot "pontoon" boat, which he hopes to christen soon. The craft is made of light fiberglass and is supported by two large metal cylinders. It is powered by a 40 h.p. outboard motor.

Our interview took place over Andy's shoulder while he and several friends were working on the boat. Never stopping his work for a moment the lanky celebrity answered questions with the same casual good humor that has endeared him to millions of television viewers of the Andy Griffith Show, which begins its fourth season in September.

We asked when the boat would

be ready.
"No telling," he said. Would there be a gathering for the launching?
"Yes," he answered over his shoulder. "Several people will be out for the dropping."

MILLER IS APPOINTED TEMPORARY POLICEMAN

The Kill Devil Hills Town Commissioners have appointed Errol Dewood Miller as temporary policeman. Mrs. Ruth B. Frank, Town Clerk announced. Miller was appointed April 12 for a temporary position.

He is replacing N. Avery Tilt, who died several weeks ago after an accident involving his police car and the town truck. Mr. Miller is the selection of the Board after they decided to leave the permanent appointment to the new Commissioners after their election next month.

ROANOKE ISLAND RESIDENT

RAY LEWIS AT 69 THE BABY OF FAMILY OF EIGHT LIVING

A world's record may be held by a family of which Ray Lewis of Manteo is a member. Mr. Lewis, who at his next birthday will be sixty-nine, is the "baby" of a family of seven brothers and a sister, all of whom are living.

The family grew up in North Central, Indiana, where Capt. Ray lived until he was fourteen. The other seven still live in Indiana and Iowa.

We couldn't help being amazed at this family. We asked Ray if it wasn't some kind of record.

"I guess it is," he said, unconcerned about something that may well be unique. Beginning with the oldest, they are: Edward, Monterey, Ind.; Omer, Rochester, Ind.; Clara Fecce, Wannamack, Ind.;

\$250 AID TO HATTERAS FOLKS KICKED AROUND

Tourist Bureau Declines to Accept Mandate of County Commissioners

At the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Dare County Tourist Bureau which was held Wednesday at the Manteo Motel Restaurant, a request that the annual appropriation of \$250 to the Pirates Jamboroom Fish Fry at Hatteras be supplied by the Tourist Bureau was denied. The Commissioners who called the Tourist Bureau "the promotional instrument of the Board of County Commissioners," had asked that the necessary funds be supplied by them, to be repaid by the County Commissioners, if a Tourist Bureau deficit were determined at the end of the year.

In a following vote made upon a motion by Mrs. Ina Evans that the request be denied, four were in favor and three opposed. Two votes were withheld. A second vote was made upon the motion of Lawrence L. Swann that the request be granted, but was denied five to four.

In an ensuing discussion of the matter, the opinion was expressed that no one wanted to do the funds to Hatteras which had been in the past presumably the responsibility of the County Commissioners. It was generally felt that if the Commissioners thought they could no longer handle the expenditure under the present administrative set-up, then the matter should lie in the hands of the voters.

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AT KILL DEVIL HILLS BRITISH AMBASSADOR GETS A BIT OF COASTAL REST

A thrilling and unusual look at the world and the North Carolina coast was given as the British Ambassador in Washington, Steven Oliver, United Kingdom Ambassador, granted us an interview at the cottage in Kill Devil Hills, where he and his family are guests of Dr. and Mrs. Fred W. Morrison.



Ambassador Oliver is a slight, silver haired Englishman. He met us in an ascot and sunglasses, looking as if he had recently left the surf at the French Riviera. Besides speaking in perfectly correct English, we heard him once lapse into fluent Italian to his wife, Maria, whom he met at the Embassy in Italy. Playing nearby was his son, Lawrence, who is eight years old, and already displaying a fine intelligence and European charm.

He has been the British Ambassador to the United States for two years. He has several times visited the Outer Banks, where he comes for relaxation.

"The diplomatic life means being with people all the time," he said, leaning back in his chair. "Naturally a vacation for someone in the diplomatic service means getting away to himself."

Ambassador Oliver explained his choice of the Dare beaches. "It is a perfect meeting of solitude and the chromium and glass element. Here I can be away from the crowd and still be near modern conveniences." We asked about the differences between our beaches and the

beaches of England. He told us that since England is a country no larger than one of our middle-sized states, the beaches were somewhat crowded during the summer months. The most striking difference, he told us, was the use of the pier in England piers are huge structures, containing amusement parks and slot machines, and sometimes a theatre. He said that they were not used for fishing.

"Another difference is the American sport of surf casting. This is something I never encountered until I came to America." He informed us that charter boats are run nearly the same in England, but that fishing from the surf was unheard of.

The Ambassador is visiting with Mrs. Morrison, who is President of the Roanoke Island Historical Association. He was naturally interested in the Lost Colony outdoor drama. He commented on the excellence of the production and the way it is received by the public.

"We have our counterparts in England, of course, but it seems to me that the people take them too much for granted. Traditions like the 'Changing of the Guard' at Buckingham Palace are less important to the English."

"America has come into tradition in her own right. Her people show a greater appreciation for her heritage."

We asked if there was a noticeable difference in the style of living between the north and south of England. He replied that the difference was not as great, but that it existed. He felt, however, that this was for a different reason.

He said that the warmth of the climate in the American South was responsible for the "easier" pace of living. This was not the reason in England, however.

"The English have no region in which the weather is really hot. It is naturally warmer in the South, but the reason for the difference is southern England's proximity to the Continent. People there need to pay only about five pounds to get to Paris (about \$15). The northern inhabitants may pay three times that much. Being near the influence of the Continental cities is the cause of the difference."

Comparing the areas, he told us that the South roughly compares with the North Carolina. See REST, Page Six

TARGET RANGE HEARING THURS. IN WASHINGTON

Dare Board Presents Views Opposing Range Location on Mainland

A delegation of Dare County officials left Wednesday for Washington, D. C., to attend the hearing which has been arranged for them before the Senate Armed Services Committee. The meeting, scheduled for Thursday at 3 P. M., was expected to be the final attempt to block the proposed Navy-Air Force bombing range in Dare County.

The meeting took place in Sen. Sam Ervin's office. Besides Sen. Ervin, who arranged the hearing, and the members of the Senate Committee attending were Lawrence L. Swann, Chairman of the Dare Commissioners, and Commissioners W. Stanford White and Pennell Tillet, Rep. Monroe L. Daniels, Jr., and County Attorney Wallace McCown.

Word of the hearing was announced shortly after the meeting which took place in the Dare County Courthouse. See RANGE, Page Four

COLUMBIA HOSPITAL'S NEW OPERATORS ASSUME DUTIES ON THURSDAY

Columbia Hospital, the only hospital facility in Tyrrell County, was returned to the use of Tyrrell citizens after a brief period of alarm in which it was feared that the hospital would be sold. Jean B. Combs, a Columbia businessman, announced that he and Mayor Hoyt Davenport of Creswell assumed official control of the facility Thursday.

Mrs. S. C. Chaplin, widow of the surgeon who founded the 30-bed private institution in 1924, sparked alarm when she announced that the hospital would close and go up for sale for \$60,000 April 1st. The announcement was made after the resignation of the hospital's resident physician to resume private practice.

Combs said that a Duke Endowment would provide temporary administration until a permanent administrator could be hired. The facility was purchased by Combs and Davenport with the understanding that a license to operate the institution must first be obtained.

PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM

STORM BARRIER TO AID FT. RALEIGH BEACH FRONT

Advance preparations are underway for beach stabilization at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site under the Department of Interior's Accelerated Public Works Program. National Park Service Superintendent James B. Myers announced today that this work will be done with an appropriation of \$40,000 under provisions of Public Law 87-658 entitled The Public Works Acceleration Act.

Work will consist of a protective barrier to be constructed with a mixture of sand and cement in bags to be laid in the sand surf for prevention of further land erosion during storms.

The major purpose of this program is to employ the underemployed and unemployed in Dare County. Superintendent Myers said. Workers are hired through the U. S. Employment Service office in Elizabeth City, N. C., and must be 18 years of age or over.

Preliminary work consists of clearing the access road to the Fort Raleigh sound beach and the construction of two wooden barges to transport sand bags for placement. The storm barrier will protect the entire beach front of Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and will be approximately 3 feet high with an 8 to 1 foot slope toward the sound.

Mr. Myers stated that 12 men are already employed and the project can use up to 40 men when fully underway within about one week.

DARE IS EXEMPT FROM BLUE LAWS SET FOR N. C.

Dare County, along with four other North Carolina counties, was exempted Tuesday from a bill proposing a statewide cessation of Sunday sales. The bill, sponsored by Wake County Sen. John R. Jordan, Jr., is called the "Blue Law". Jordan, however, calls it a "Sunday sales law to keep families together at least one day a week."

Dare was exempted because of its dependence on the tourist business. Rep. Monroe Daniels, while stating that he had not suggested the withdrawal of Dare County, called it a "good idea".

'FEAST OF THE PIRATES' LAUNCHES JAMBORAMA BEGINNING FRIDAY NIGHT

Varied and Interesting Program Contained in Four Week Ends of Entertainment on Dare Beaches, Hatteras Island and Manteo, with Events of Appeal for Family Members of All Ages.

SPECIAL TERM OF DARE COURT WILL HEAR MOORE CASE

To Begin on April 29th, Session Will Air Charges of Unlawful Burning

A special term of Dare County Superior Court is scheduled to begin April 29th in the Court house, for the trial of Edwin G. Moore III, who is charged in three separate bills of indictment with the unlawful burning of the Parkerson Hotel at Nags Head April 25, 1961. The case has been postponed for more than two years because of indolence as to where it should be tried.

The case was scheduled for a special session last June 8th, over which Judge Henry Stevens was presiding. Judge Stevens, however, decided against a previous ruling by Judge Chester Morris, in which Judge Morris refused to let the case be moved to another county after the defense counsel claimed that Moore could not get a fair trial in Dare County.

Judge Stevens ruled that the case be transferred to Pasquotank County. An appeal by the State to the State Supreme Court resulted in a reversal of Judge Stevens' ruling, and finally the case is to be held in Dare County with a jury from Perquimans County.

According to Clerk of Court Chauncey Meekins, a list of 85 names as a selected jury is now in his hands. He has no information as yet as to which of the persons are to be excused.

The regular session of the Superior Court is scheduled for May 27th.

A banquet at Dare County Shrine Club, the Feast of the Pirates, will officially kick-off four week-ends of the Pirate Jamborama starting on Nags Head this weekend.

The feast, which will start at 6:30 o'clock, will be a buffet style supper prepared by Eastern Star members.

This will be the first of four week-ends of Pirate Jamborama events. On Saturday night, following the Feast of the Pirates, the Jolly Roger Ball will be held at Nags Head Casino with Harold Presdown and his orchestra making the music.

Chairmen of the current week-end events are Mrs. Ina Evans and Ralph Swann.

They announced, again this week, that all persons attending the Feast of the Pirates in Pirate Costume will receive a silver dollar (of course the banquet, of course) valued at \$2.50 per person.

During the half-supper the new Pirate King and Queen for the coming year will be announced. Their names and royalty will be selected by secret ballot. The names will be selected not only by the royal authority, but also for work they have done and for their character. The names will be announced at 10:00 p.m.

A finale to the banquet buffet will be the awarding of trophies to the winning royalty.

The Jolly Roger Ball will start at the Nags Head Casino at 8:30 o'clock. This will be a costume dance, and during intermission of the dance, a royal court will be selected to serve with the new king and queen during the coming year.

An important role in all of the festivities during the coming week-end (the Jolly Roger Jamborama week-end) will be played by King Clarence Winslow and Queen Nelda Davis, the buccaneer royalty who served during the past year. Only recently they were featured in two travel shows, the first at Charlotte, the second at Cincinnati.

Next week-end, April 27th, the Hatteras Island Jamborama will be presented starting with a fishing contest in the Buxton to Hatteras Inlet area at 8 a.m., on Saturday and continuing until 12 Noon. Cape Hatteras Anglers Club is sponsoring the fishing contest and complete information about same may be obtained from Mrs. Ormond Fuller of Buxton. There will be trophies awarded to the persons catching winning fish.

There will be costume contests, and children's entertainment in the vicinity of Hatteras village during the morning. At Noon a re-enactment of the "World's Biggest Free Salt Water Fish Fry" will be presented in Hatteras village. During the afternoon there will be beach buggy and dory races and on Saturday evening the Hatteras-famed Buccaneer Ball will be a high spot in the Community Center at Hatteras. A street parade—the first ever held on Hatteras—is scheduled as a feature of the Hatteras Island Jamborama phase of the four week-ends marking the 1963 Pirate Jamborama.

On the week-end of May 4th, designated as Jamborama Dagger Week-end, the teen-agers of the area will be honored at a special dance in the Shrine Club. On this week-end also there will be special children events at Jockeys Ridge, and also the exciting Pirate Battle and Landing, to be held this year in Manteo Harbor.

The Grand Finale of the Jamborama on May 11th, will feature another special surf fishing event sponsored by the Sea Hags and Nags Head Surf Fishing Club on the Dare Beaches—a street parade in Manteo, the official coronation ceremonies of the new king and queen of Buccaneer-land at Fort Raleigh and, the grand pirate ball at Nags Head Casino.

HATTERAS DUNE STUDIES WILL BE MADE SOON

Coastal engineers from the University of Florida have been granted \$20,000 from the federal government to undertake research on Hatteras Island. The engineers will study the various means of stopping the sand erosion and the cutting of freak dunes by storms.

Part of their plans are to build sand dunes, developing a method similar to the "sand fences" that already line the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Project Investigator Dr. Manohar said that the fences that now stand on the island are ineffective.

"The fences are only good for the growth of dunes as protection from waves and not from current action," he said.

The UF engineers have built a wind tunnel at the University, and have created a "bench" in the central Florida city. Sand from Indian Rocks, near St. Petersburg, is used because of its similarity to the sand at Hatteras. With this device, the group will study the patterns, angles and specifications which afford the highest degree of sand deposit under the established conditions.

IN DARE TOWNS

REGISTRATIONS UNDERWAY; FEW CANDIDATES SEEK OFFICE

Registration at Nags Head for the coming municipal election is progressing satisfactory, reported C. Sherman Culpeper, Town Registrar. Although no additions were made at his home during the week, twenty-six persons registered 1st Saturday.

The total is now forty-eight, after a two-week period. A previous registration was begun March 23rd, under an obsolete system which has since been replaced. Since the thirty-four names that were listed in the first registration contained some names of the nonresident freeholders who, under the amendment to the town charter are no longer allowed to vote, the 1st was stricken from the records, and registration began again April 6th. It will conclude April 26th.

Both Manteo and Kill Devil Hills began their registration this week end. Jean Perry Beacham, Kill Devil Hills registrar, opens her books April 19th, as does Mrs. Ruth Scroggins at Manteo.

At a meeting Wednesday afternoon, the Kill Devil Hills Town Board of Commissioners voted against a "purging" of the town's municipal election registration books. The suggestion had been made in order to simplify the registration procedure for the coming election.

According to Mrs. Jean Perry Beacham, town registrar, the operation would have involved taking the books of four to six years ago, canceling the names of those known to be deceased, absent, or otherwise ineligible. It was discovered, however, that such an action would exclude the names of some qualified voters.

FILING DEADLINE NEAR FOR TOWN ELECTIONS

Little more than a week remains for any of the townships of Manteo, Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills to complete the filing of candidates for office in the coming municipal elections. As of Monday, however, the lists were not yet complete.

In Manteo, Sam Midgett has entered his name for commissioner. This is the sole addition to incumbent mayor G. T. West's name entered last week. The deadline for filing is Monday the 22nd.

At Kill Devil Hills, Thomas H. Briggs has refiled for Mayor, and Mrs. Diane Voliva, Robert A. Young, and Jack B. Balance have filed for commissioner. This brings the KDH ballot to a total of six names. As of last week, only two names were listed: Mrs. Ruth B. Frank and Theodore R. Wood. The Kill Devil Hills deadline is April 19th.

Only one addition was made at Nags Head Julian Oneto, Mayor incumbent, filed Monday. As of last week, four persons had filed: W. A. Williams, Jr., Tom McKinney, Dewey L. Haynes, and Jess Newman, all for the office of Town Commissioner. Saturday, April 20th, is the last day for filing at Nags Head.



Ray Lewis, 69, is the youngest of eight living children of a family of seven brothers and a sister, all of whom are living.

He isn't sure of the ages of his brothers and sister, but he says they are all two or three years apart. This would put Edward, at least, in his nineties. Ray came to Manteo in 1928, "before there were any roads," and worked on the highways. When people ask him why he chose this part of the country, he says, "I worked in Minnesota and nearly froze to death, and then in Florida and almost died, so I came to the middle and just stopped."

In Minnesota, where he worked on a drainage canal, he rode horses to work and lived in tents. Nearby was Spirit Lake, the scene of one of the country's worst massacres. He remembers an old lady that for twenty-five cents would tell the story of the massacre. She claimed the bloody battle began over a rooster killed by a Sioux Indian. Capt. Ray spent many nights in the open near the famous lake just a short way from a reservation where the Sioux now live.

After working in Minnesota, Ray and his wife, Inger went to Florida where he built highways when the state was just beginning to open. They lived near Tampa, Fla. Living on the west coast of the state wasn't the luxury it is today. Ray remembers that their drinking water came from a spring several miles away, and had to be carried in huge jars.

"When the summer came, though," Ray said, "we didn't drink water. We'd just cut a hole in an orange and suck the juice."

He has spent most of his life in the outdoors, fishing and hunting whenever he had a chance. In the north, near Canada, he shot many pheasant and grouse. He went moose hunting, but to his great regret, never killed one. See LEWIS, Page Six

SHELL DREDGING ADVOCATES WIN COURT BATTLE

Measure So Long Opposed By Fish and Wildfowl Advocates Loses to Commercial Interests

A court battle over protection of fish and wildlife in northeastern North Carolina came to an end in Raleigh's Superior Court Tuesday. The case, in which the North Carolina Wildlife Federation filed suit against the State Conservation and Development Board, was removed from court by Judge Clawson Williams after it was proved that oyster dredging would not harm fish or wildlife if conducted south of a line running through Mashoes, in northern Dare County.

Attorney Frank Aycock, who represented the Wildlife Federation, said that his clients were satisfied with the judgment. Tests had shown that the dredging could be harmful to wildlife if conducted in Albemarle Sound. The Conservation and Development Board agreed to leave these areas out of the dredging.

"If they follow the recommendations of the scientific tests, we're out of it," he said. "That's all we've ever wanted." Aycock said that the Wildlife Federation was generally delighted with the prospect of an advanced shellfish industry in the region.

"We just don't want them to mess up our fish and ducks," he said.

Walton C. Jenette, President of North Carolina Shell Products, Inc., is the head of the firm most interested in conducting the dredging in Pamlico Sound. He said that he was certain that his company was still hoping to begin dredging the area.

"We're interested in all North Carolina waters," Jenette said.

POSTOFFICE HEARING

APRIL 22 IN NAGS HEAD

Next Monday, April 22nd, has been set as the date of the open hearing at Nags Head, in which R. H. Wilson from the Regional Office of the U. S. postal system in Atlanta will listen to comments regarding the proposed alteration of plans for the Nags Head Post Office. The hearing came as the result of a request by Rep. Herbert C. Bonner at the recommendation of the Nags Head Town Commissioners.

The meeting will begin at 2 P. M. in the Nags Head Casino. All interested citizens are urged to attend. Grievances concerning the Hollowell Ave. location for the post office construction will be heard and suggestions made for a site more centrally located and more easily accessible to residents of southern Nags Head.

WECHTER AWARD DUE

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED BY LIBRARY IN OBSERVANCE OF LIBRARY WEEK

Friday, April 26th has been set as the date for the local observance of National Library Week. Librarian Jean T. Ward announced. At a meeting March 29th, a committee was formed for the program, and plans were made for its observance in Dare County.

On Open House Friday will head the program. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the evening will feature the appearance of the Story Hour Children dressed in historical costumes, who will serve as usher as well as participants in a drama staged by the library officials.

During the evening, the winners in the Nell Wise Wechter contest will be announced, and awards will be presented. First place winner will receive the trophy donated by Mrs. Wechter.

Exhibits in the program will include a display of notable Adults', Young Peoples' and Children's books for 1962. The library also hopes to exhibit a supply of Tercentenary materials.

At their meeting Monday, April 22nd, the Manteo PTA will have a program in keeping with