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GRIFFIN MAYOR OF K. D. HILLS; WOOD RESIGNS

Two Vacancies Exist on Five-Member Board; Selection Expected Next Week

Commissioner Charles T. Griffin was elected mayor of Kill Devil Hills Tuesday night by the town board after Ted Wood, major pro-tem, resigned as both mayor and as a commissioner.

Wood had been serving as interim mayor since the resignation of Thomas H. Briggs several weeks ago due to reasons of health. Briggs, a hotel operator, served for several years as mayor of the beach community.

Wood told the board that his resignation was two-fold: "I am not interested in the mayorship and my future plans take me away three months during the year."

He has served six years on the board, but said he had no plans to run again. "I feel it only fair to resign now and allow our board to elect a mayor pro-tem and a commissioner who will be available in case of an emergency." His resignation was effective immediately.

Griffin has been on the board since 1965. Before his retirement almost two years ago, he managed the Outer Banks Trading Post in Kill Devil Hills. His son, Charles, Jr., runs Trading Post No. 2 in Nags Head.

Before moving to Kill Devil Hills almost nine years ago, Griffin lived in Edenton where he was general manager of a saw mill.

Two vacancies still remain on the town board, but Griffin said the commissioners hope to meet the first of next week to appoint people to fill these seats.

Wood asked the board to consider salary increases in their coming meetings.

"If you raise the mayor's salary, fine," he said. "If you don't, then the man's an idiot to accept as I'll tell you from my short experience."

Other Business

Rev. Hank Wilkinson of Kitty Hawk Methodist Church presented a three-point plan to the board concerning the circus tent on the highway, sponsored by the Dare County Ministerial Association.

He requested (1) another permit to operate the tent for a year; (2) a building permit to develop a permanent structure; and (3) a permanent permit to conduct the type of entertainment that is being offered at the tent.

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DARE TEACHERS OFFERED 5-DAY FREE WORKSHOP

A reading workshop for the benefit of elementary school teachers of Dare county will be offered Aug. 19-23 by the board of education through the sponsorship of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

The voluntary and free five-day workshop will be held at the Manteo Elementary School from 9 a.m. to noon daily, according to Steve Basnight, Jr., director of the ESEA program here.

The workshop has been approved by the state department of public instruction. Although the course is voluntary, teachers completing the workshop will receive one unit credit toward certification. All teachers in the state are required to renew their certificates every five years.

James Marlowe Sawyer, director of reading activities at the Learning Institute of North Carolina, will conduct the workshop.

Sawyer has B. S. and M. A. degrees from Appalachian State Teacher College at Boone. He has done post graduate work at George Washington University and the University of Florida.

Sawyer organized and directed a high school remedial and developmental reading program at Osburn High School in Massassos, Va., from 1958 through 1961. From 1961-66 he directed a developmental reading program for freshmen at Appalachian College where he was an assistant professor of education.

Basnight said Dare County is "extremely fortunate to have such an experienced, qualified, and dynamic person to conduct our reading workshop. His enthusiasm and dedication to his work as well as his knowledge of reading will make the workshop enjoyable and enriching for the Dare county teachers."

SEA OATS ADMIRED BY VISITING VIRGINIAN



JEAN SMITH, Vienna, Va., makes a lovely added attraction to the sea oats on Nags Head which she was admiring when this picture was made Wednesday while she was vacationing on the Dare Coast with her parents. (Aycock Brown photo)

EIC OFFICIAL UNABLE TO DISCUSS \$477,311 GRANT

Peter J. McNair, new area coordinator for the Economic Improvement Council (EIC) appeared hesitant when asked about a \$477,311 government appropriation for a 10-county area, including Dare County.

"I'd rather not answer that question," he said after first reaching for papers in his briefcase. "I feel it would be out of my authority."

The money is to finance the following anti-poverty programs for a year: Administration, Multi-Purpose Centers, Family Planning, and Full Year Head Start, according to a press release from the Governor's office in Raleigh.

It will serve low-income people of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Tyrrell and Washington counties, said the release from Raleigh.

The organization responsible for the administration of the funds is the EIC, with which McNair is associated.

McNair was in Manteo for a meeting of officials of the EIC and the Child Development Center (Head Start) Tuesday to work out communication problems arising between their offices.

Roy Lowe, executive director of EIC, called after the meeting had started and said he would be unable to attend. McNair was the only EIC official present.

Mrs. Woodson B. Fearing, II, Head Start director, told McNair a problem existed in deciding where the power of the child guidance program lay. He and the group agreed that the Policy Advisory Committee was the ruling force for the Head Start program and all decisions had to be channeled through it.

He said the ultimate right to run the program come from his group with recommendations from the parents and the county council board.

"We are concerned with the lack of communication between our program and the EIC," Mrs. Fearing said. "We have asked for communication in written form. We have seldom received it."

"We are concerned with one thing—the child development center and the children who are enrolled in it. But we have not been allowed to do our work because of other people's interferences with progress."

The discussion then veered. See OFFICIAL, Page Seven

CHILD MOLESTORS REPORTED ACTIVE HERE RECENTLY

Police Chief Urges Parents To Keep Watch On Youngsters

Ken Whittington, Manteo police chief, renewed an age-old request Thursday to parents to keep close watch on their children. He also asked wrong-way parkers to stop such practice or suffer receipt of a \$15 citation. He said the bulk of wrong-way parking occurs at and in the vicinity of the Post Office.

Whittington said he had received several reports in recent weeks of unidentified persons attempting to pick up children on Manteo streets.

The chief said an elderly man driving a high-priced sports car bearing Virginia tags attempted to pick up two young girls and a small boy a few days ago. He said the youngsters reported the man asked them during mid-afternoon if they "wanted a ride." He said the children refused.

About two weeks ago, Whittington said, a car bearing Georgia tags circled an area on the north part of town and asked at least one young girl to accompany him. Whittington offered the child as saying he wanted to treat her to ice cream. The girl refused to enter the car. He said the incident occurred about 5 p.m.

Officers checked the town and Nags Head for automobiles. See CHIEF, Page Five

50 EXPECTED TO COMPETE IN SHARK RACING

August 28-30 Event Will Be Succeeded by Jollyboats and Regatta

Sailors and their sleek racing craft from at least five countries will compete for both national and world honors in two important sailing events scheduled in August and September on Croatan Sound.

An estimated 50 Shark-class boats from throughout the U. S. will vie for the American Shark Association championship August 28-30. Races are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. from the launch ramp at Manteo Airport, located on the east shore of historic Roanoke Island.

Sailing crews from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, England and the U. S. will compete for the World's Jollyboat Championship on September 4-6. More than 25 of the fast-moving boats are expected to participate in the event, with races scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily. The championship was last held in North Carolina in 1961.

A third event — the Outer Banks Sailing Regatta — will be held September 14-15 and is expected to attract sailing craft from throughout the coastal region of Eastern North Carolina.

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SPECKLED TROUT RUN BEGINS



SPECKLED TROUT were being caught in Roanoke Sound this week, and among the anglers who were there to get them were Rondal Lewark and Carson Creef of Manteo who caught 21 in the three-quarter to one-pound class with bucktail lures before breakfast on Monday near the Washington Baum Bridge. (Aycock Brown photo)

NAVY MAN RETIRES AND BRINGS HOME A BRIDE



CAPTAIN ELLERY C. MIDGETT, a retired Navy Captain and master mariner returns to the land of his first love to retire after more than 40 years' circumnavigating the globe. He says that every master who wishes to have a more enjoyable life and to keep the ship running smoothly needs a good first mate. Therefore, he brings along a new bride, the former Miss Lorraine Katherine Ward, daughter of Mrs. Albert Edward Ward of Rockville Centre, New York. They were married in Hempstead, New York, on August 10. Miss Ward resigned from a position as executive secretary in the New York City branch office of Sears, Roebuck and Co. The couple are now honeymooning on their yacht Lorraine in North Carolina waters. They will make their permanent home on Mother Vineyard Road, Manteo.

ENGELHARD WATER SYSTEM STILL SHORT 27 MEMBERS

There will be no Engelhard water system unless 27 area citizens change their minds and sign up for the service by Sept. 1.

Thus far, 197 heads of households have signed up. A minimum of 224 will have to sign before the Farmer's Home Administration will release the necessary funds.

Royden Clarke, chairman of the Engelhard Water Association, said last week that "unless we have the required number of subscribers by the first of September, then it is the feeling of this board that we would probably have to give up the idea of pursuing this."

Clark invites area citizens to change their minds: "Anybody who has been contacted and at the time he was contacted, didn't wish to become a subscriber, is invited to contact myself or any member of the board."

The other board members are: John L. Mann, Tommy Etheridge, Horace G. Gibbs and Robert L. Bryant. A \$122,400 federal loan was approved in June, subject to a number of conditions—one of those conditions being that a minimum of 224 Engelhard area citizens signed up for the service. The Economic Development Administration had previously okayed a \$183,000 grant for this purpose.

Of the 280 households in this area, 197 signed up for the service and the rest, stated that they did not want it. All of them have been contacted.

Thus Engelhard stands to lose a total of \$396,000 if the additional 27 signatures are not forthcoming.

Clark, executive vice-president of the East Carolina Bank in Engelhard, said the cost to the average home owner will be \$20. This includes a \$10 membership fee in the association (which is a corporation), a \$5 tap-on fee, and a \$5 meter deposit.

Receipts from members paying water bills would be used to retire the \$122,400 loan. This loan would be paid back over a period of 40 years.

NAGS HEAD C OF C OPENS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN TODAY

The Greater Nags Head Chamber of Commerce launches its membership drive today with hopes of topping the record 1967 collections.

In a letter signed by R. E. Parker, Jr., chamber president, and Miss Jewel Graves, membership committee chairman, businesses are asked for 100 per cent participation. Collections rose from \$5,984 in 1966 to \$14,168 last year when a permanent year-round office and an information center manned by a secretary were established.

Advertising receives all funds over the budgeted amount which are collected. A program to reach cities which furnish the bulk of the chamber's mail patronage has been started by Wayne Melchor of Chesapeake Advertising Agency.

Of the 4,897 inquiries to the chamber office to date, 2,970 are a result of this chamber's new advertising program. In the entire fiscal year 1966-67 only 3,581 inquiries were received.

In addition to the 100 per cent participation of the business, the chamber hopes to increase participation of boosters and non-resident members and consolidate its gains.

GOP GUBERNATORIAL ASPIRANT TO VISIT DARE CO. NEXT WEEK

Rep. Jim Gardner of Rocky Mount, gubernatorial aspirant who faces Bob Scott in the November general election, is scheduled to visit parts of Dare County next week. He will be accompanied by Bill Negle, state campaign manager.

According to V. G. Williams of Wanchese, chairman of the local Republican committee, Gardner will fly into Manteo Airport where he will be met by local dignitaries of the GOP. A breakfast session will begin at 8:45 at Spencer's, Manns Harbor, following by a precinct workers' meeting there. A question-and-answer period will occur.

In addition to Williams, other Dare Republicans expected to accompany Gardner are E. A. Gammage of Buxton, Elroy Gard of Manns Harbor and Victor Daniels of Wanchese, all executive committee officials.

A tour of the Manteo business district is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Later in the day the candidate will travel to Elizabeth City where he will address a group that evening.

OLD OFFENDER ON PAROLE GIVEN MORE ROAD TIME

Colington Youth May Have 10 Months Added To Existing Sentence

Jesse Royce Perry of Colington appears headed for more time on the road unless he can produce bond of \$500 pending an appeal of convictions designed to deprive him of liberty for six, and perhaps ten, months.

Perry was convicted in District Court Friday of consolidated charges of careless and reckless driving and damage to town property in Kill Devil Hills and to another set of consolidated charges of speeding 70 miles per hour in a 55-mile zone and driving without a valid license.

He got six months on the roads on the first set of charges and notice that an appeal to Superior Court would necessitate a bond of \$500. On the second set of charges, he was sentenced to four months on the roads suspended on payment of a fine of \$100 and costs. The second term was ordered to start at the expiration of the first.

Perry has made more than isolated appearances in the courts. Presently he is out of jail on parole. When he was arrested on the current charges a warrant for arrest because of parole violation was ordered. Parole authorities, however, withdrew this warrant. This action will permit him to get out of jail on bond to await trial in Superior Court if he can raise the bond.

Perry's case was the last of the relatively short court docket Friday, compared with those in recent weeks during the resort season. Most of the other cases involved drunk driving and speeding with some charges of shoplifting, minor traffic violations, and trespass thrown in.

Judge W. S. Privott of Edenton conducted court in the absence of Chief Judge Pentress T. Horner. Horner, who lives at Nags Head during the summer, was asked by the state's chief justice to sit at Newton in the west-central area for a couple of weeks to help clear up a clogged docket. He is due back here Aug. 23.

Johnnie Perry, brother of Royce Perry, pled guilty to trespassing at the recreation center. See COURT, Page Seven

LIMITS FOR FIRE DISTRICT SET BY PLANNING BOARD

Limits for a proposed fire district for Kitty Hawk residents were set at a public meeting of the Dare County Planning Board Tuesday at Kitty Hawk Elementary School.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, board secretary who presided at the meeting, said the petition for Kitty Hawk set the boundaries at the Kill Devil Hills line north to the northern boundary line of Southern Shores. It extends from the Atlantic Ocean on the east to Currituck and Albemarle Sounds on the west.

Mrs. Smith explained that Duck and Colington were not included in the district, but separate petitions would be drawn up for each of these areas.

About 45 people attended the meeting, but there was very little representation from Duck or Colington.

Kitty Hawk was served by the Kill Devil Hills fire department until July 30, when the department informed Kitty Hawk residents of suspension of service.

Mrs. Smith explained that the fire district would necessitate an additional tax, the state maximum being 15 cents per \$100. A survey done by the commissioners showed that 60 people who answered were in favor of the tax. However, over 300 questionnaires were sent out.

If the petitions receive the required 15 per cent of signatures of residents freeholders—persons who reside, vote, and own property in the area—they will be presented to the commissioners.

Mrs. Smith said the planning board hopes this can be completed by the commissioners' September meeting so that the vote can be held during the general election in November.

If this passed, then three fire commissioners would be appointed by the county board to manage the fire districts. Circulating the petitions are: Kitty Hawk, Mrs. Kathryn Perry; in Duck, Fred Scarborough; and in Colington, Sherard Ward.

INSTANT ACTION ON THEATRE STAGE



THIS AVAILABLE-LIGHT SHOT of the opening Indian dance scene in The Lost Colony is unusual. Insofar as known, no one ever before has been successful in getting the scene at the half second instant of the flash of flame at the base of the live totem pole. This exciting phase of the colorful scene occurs as if by magic on the command of Uppowoc the Medicine Man, a sensational dance role played by Johnny Walker of The Lost Colony Cast. (Aycock Brown photo)