



REHEARSAL — (Left to Right) Jeff Wallace (Sullivan), Barton Breen (Doyle Carte), and William Arvay (Gilbert) rehearse for the upcoming "Lost Colony" Children's Theatre Production of "The Great Red Carpet Controversy."

Lost Colony Children's Theatre To Open This Summer

"Welcome to topsy turvey land!" These lyrics are from a world premiere children's show to be presented this summer by The Lost Colony Children's Theatre, entitled "The Great Red Carpet Controversy." The show, created by Rosalind MacEnulty, the musical director of "The Lost Colony," opens July 3 at the Manteo Marine Resource Center and plays each Wednesday and Saturday at 10:30 A.M. through August 14. Tickets are \$1.50 at the door, and children under 4 years of age are admitted free of charge.

"The Great Red Carpet Controversy," deals with the works and lives of Silvert and Sullivan, is being mounted by members of Joe Layton's Professional Theatre Workshop (PTW). The purpose of PTW is to help young artists gain experience on their way to becoming theatre professionals. Each summer the children's show is a good way for PTW students to get this experience. Three Colony members, from various parts of the country, are in charge of the children's show this year.

Jim Sweetland of Clinton, New York, serves as producer for the production. A theatre major at Indiana Purdue University, Sweetland was selected after a series of interviews with John Gullucci, artistic director of PTW. As producer, Sweetland is in charge of the overall production. It is his responsibility not only to distribute funds, but also to select a director and a production crew which consists of a lighting, set, and costume designer. Sweetland says his main interest in theatre deals with the producing and managing end of the business. "This will give me the chance to see if this is actually what I want to do."

Tim White has the difficult task of directing the show. White, of Windsor, North Carolina, is a theatre major at East Carolina University and has directed many shows in college, high school, and community theatres in his home town. "At this point," he says, "my interests are in directing rather than acting. I am open to acting opportunities as well though." He is pleased with the cast he assembled for the production, adding that "they have the energy, talent, and dedication needed for this type of show."

Jeannette Parke serves as musical director for the production. Parke, of Charlotte, North Carolina, has a Masters in music from the University of Colorado and is a former high school music teacher. She feels her teaching background has prepared her for the busy summer ahead. Like White, she auditioned a group of people to participate in the show.

The audition process took three days to complete. Actors read scenes from the script, while singers sang a prepared musical selection for their audition. From the many talented people available in "The Lost Colony" company, White and Parke chose the cast. Those selected for the show were Barton Breen as Doyle Carte, William Arvay as W.S. Gilbert, and Jeff Wallace as Arthur Sullivan. A group of nine singers were selected for the chorus roles in the show.

One unique aspect of this production will be the use of puppets as main characters. Pat Brymer, a professional from Hanna-Barbera Productions in Los Angeles, spent a week training a group of students in the construction and manipulation of the puppets. "The Great Red Carpet Controversy" promises to be entertaining for adults as well as children," White says. "It's going to be a fun show."

51st Reunion

The Mt. Gilead High School class of 1931 held its 51st-year reunion on June 5 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter G. Kirk. There were 17 members in the class, four could not come and three are deceased.

A brief social hour was held prior to the dinner in order to greet each other and renew acquaintances. Following the social hour, a buffet dinner was served with Charles Dorsett giving the invocation. Food, fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Many experiences were recalled and teachers remembered from the first grade on up.

Mary Elizabeth Upchurch Belch presented the ladies with a gold peanut stick pin and the men a tie tac. Each one also received a bag of peanuts, representing the peanut growing section of North Carolina where

she lives. At the conclusion of the occasion pictures were taken and a flower representing the class colors of green and orchid was given to each one by Louise Kirk.

Those attending were: Helen Batten Garrett of Atlanta, Ga.; Charles Dorsett and wife, Jean, of Mt. Gilead; Eunice Hoover Ussery and husband, Kitchen, of Asheboro; Adelyn Ingram Ogburn of Atlantic Beach, Fla.; Mabel Lisk Troutman and husband, Hoyle, of Concord; Louise Lowdermilk Kirk and husband, Baxter, of Mt. Gilead; Elizabeth McKay Taylor of Mt. Gilead; Sam Alexander Robinson and wife, Evelyn, of Charlotte; James Marcus Ross of Brandenburg, Ky.; and Mary Elizabeth Upchurch Belch of Tyner.

Highway Safety Program

RALEIGH — The Governor's Highway Safety Commission, pushing ahead on programs to help reduce the number of drinking drivers, passed a resolution in its quarterly meeting on June 21 commending the organization known as MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers), and called on citizens to "form chapters in every county in North Carolina."

MADD was started in California and chapters are now springing up along the East Coast. Mrs. Marilyn Sugg of Albemarle, president of the Stanley County chapter, spoke to the commission. She said that another chapter is operating in Richmond County, and that 23 others are in various stages of being organized. (Mrs. Delette Sibley, of Rockingham, is president of the Richmond County chapter.)

The commission also previewed a new slide show — "DUI Killers, Time for Action" — which will soon be available for public showing.

Floyd E. (Sam) Bass, who is with the Governor's Highway Safety Program, is serving as liaison with MADD. Persons wanting information about the organization, or about the new slide show, can contact him at: GHSP, 215 East Lane Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601; or call him at (919) 733-3083.

Ernest L. White, Sr.

HERTFORD — Ernest Linwood "Jack" White, Sr., 72, of 211 Woodland Street, Hertford, died June 26 in his home.

A native of Chowan County he was the son of the late Edward Walter White and Mrs. Mary Lela Boswell White and the husband of the late Mrs. Mary Louise Russell White. He was retired from the Town of Hertford having served as operator of the Hertford Ice Plant. He was a member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Mary Ann Simpson of Roper, Mrs. Catherine Hatchell of Jacksonville, Fla. and Miss Betty Lou White of Hertford; a son, E.L. "Jack" White, Jr. of Elizabeth City; a sister, Mrs. Bill Fowler of Hertford; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 28 at 4 P.M. in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by Rev. Raymond Needham. Burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Pete Riddick, Pete Owens, Noah Gregory, Bill Cox, Jimmy Kirby and Howard Simpson, Jr.

Obituaries

Bertha M. Alexander

COLUMBIA — Mrs. Bertha Mae Holmes Alexander, age 75, died June 27 in her home. A native of Washington County, she was the widow of John P. Alexander. She was a member of Creswell United Methodist Church.

Survivors include four sisters, Mrs. Mildred Holmes of Norfolk, Mrs. Hannah Madden of Jamestown, Ky., Mrs. Elizabeth Davenport of Edenton, and Mrs. Ruth Ambrose of Creswell; one brother, W. Trim Holmes of Creswell.

Funeral services were conducted June 29 at 2 P.M. in Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church by the Rev. Ralph Waters. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery. Obituary information provided by Williford-Barham Funeral Home, Edenton.

John H. Cuthrell

John Henry Cuthrell, 93, of Enfield, owner of Cuthrell Department Stores in Enfield and Edenton and the Betty Shoppe of Edenton, died June 28 in his home. He was a native of Halifax County.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Eunice Hall of Ahoskie; two sons, Elmer Cuthrell and Ralph Cuthrell, both of Enfield; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 30 at 3 P.M. in Branch Funeral Home Chapel, Enfield, by the Rev. Carlton F. Hirschi. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Enfield. Information was provided by Swindell-Bass Funeral Home.

Christine S. Boyd

Mrs. Christine Stroud Boyd, 39, of Walnut Cove, N.C. died at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N.C. on June 23 following a long illness. A housewife, she was the daughter of Florence Stroud of Charlotte and Joseph H. Stroud of Edenton, and the wife of

Darrell Boyd. She was a member of First Christian Church in Walnut Cove.

Other survivors include two sons, two daughters, one brother and three sisters.

Funeral services were held on June 25 at First Christian Church at 3:30 P.M. in Walnut Cove by Rev. Tom Bledsoe. Burial followed in the Church cemetery.

Gertrude Early

CHESAPEAKE — Gertrude Harper Early, 73, of 3121 Vernon Court, a native of South Norfolk and the widow of William W. Early, died Friday in a nursing home.

She was a member of South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church.

Survivors include a son, Henry W. Early of Chesapeake; four sisters, Mildred Pierce and Ethel Sherrard of Washington and Mary Ainsley and Ruth Venters of Edenton, N.C.; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A memorial service was held at 3 P.M. Sunday at 5709 Aspen Court, Virginia Beach, by the Rev. Frank Hughes, Jr. The body was donated to medical science.

Information was provided by Swindell-Bass Funeral Home.



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