

Counties Are Making Plans For America's 400th Anniversary

Events don't start for another two years, but the celebration of America's 400th Anniversary already has official support from Manteo to Murphy -- literally!

The anniversary in question is the quadricentennial of the "Roanoke Voyages" of 1584-1587, which included the famous "Lost Colony." People around Manteo, in Dare County in the far northeast, have been planning for it for years, since Manteo is on Roanoke Island near where the explorers landed.

But now the people of Murphy and surrounding Cherokee County, tucked high in the mountains of the far southwest, are on record saying they want to be a part of the action, too.

In a resolution dated June 7, the Cherokee County Commissioners, the Town of Murphy and the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce joined forces to declare their full support for the commemoration of America's Four Hundredth Anniversary.

The resolution cites the importance of the celebration in attracting visitors and in reminding North Carolinians of their heritage.

It calls upon mountain organizations, such as Western North Carolina Associated Communities and Western North Carolina Tomorrow, for their support.

The resolution also pledges that the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce will conduct an essay contest in the county's public schools on a Four Hundredth Anniversary theme and will help distribute information.

The news from Cherokee County was greeted with delight in the Raleigh offices of America's Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee (AFHAC), the arm of the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources charged with coordinating the commemoration statewide. "We've said all along that the Four Hundredth Anniversary has to involve every person in every corner of North Carolina," according to John Neville, AFHAC's executive secretary.

"Dare County and Manteo have been hard at work for years, but this is the first official action we've seen from a county outside the northeast. Dot Mason from the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce promised us at the Governor's Travel Conference in April that her folks would spread the word from Manteo to Murphy, and they've done it!"

Neville expects support from other counties soon. Gov. Jim Hunt is appointing a county chairman for

America's 400th Anniversary in each county. Most chairmen are already in place and should have their committees organized by the end of the summer.

Cherokee County's local chairman is Phyllis Dyer of Murphy.

The "Roanoke Voyages," sponsored by Sir Walter Raleigh, were the first English attempts to settle North America. Plans for their commemoration have been underway for several years under the guidance of AFHAC, chaired by Lindsay Warren Jr. of Goldsboro.

The first official project will be a visit in April, 1984,

Flea Market

The Edenton Jaycee Flea Market will be held on Saturday, July 31, at the old National Guard Armory in Edenton.

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by an American delegation to Plymouth, England, from which the first Roanoke expedition set sail. An English delegation is due in Manteo in July, 1984, the anniversary of the landing of that expedition.

July, 1984, is also the date for the commissioning of a sailing ship built in the style of the 16th century, a project already underway under the direction of the private American Quadricentennial Corporation.

Plans for the ship, to be

named the "Elizabeth II," are complete, and construction will begin within the next few months in Manteo. The ship will be berthed in Manteo but will be able to sail to other ports in the state.

Also a key part of the commemoration is a joint exhibition with the British Library featuring documents and artifacts concerning Sir Walter Raleigh and the entire Elizabethan era. The exhibition will open in England in the spring of 1984

and travel to the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh in early 1985.

Archaeologists are already working on another aspect of the commemoration, the search for remains of the "Lost Colony."

The Town of Manteo is in the midst of ambitious plans of its own, including a massive overhaul of its downtown waterfront section.

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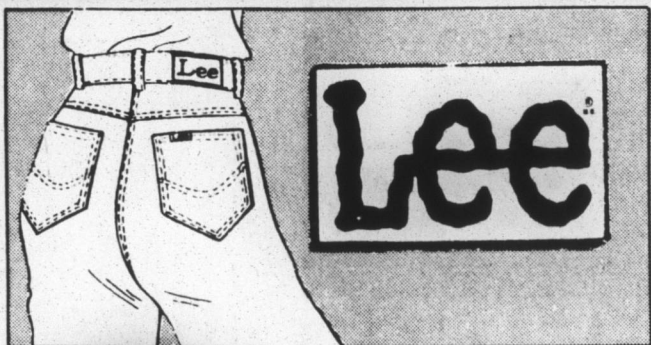
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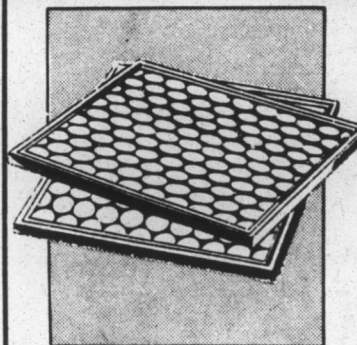
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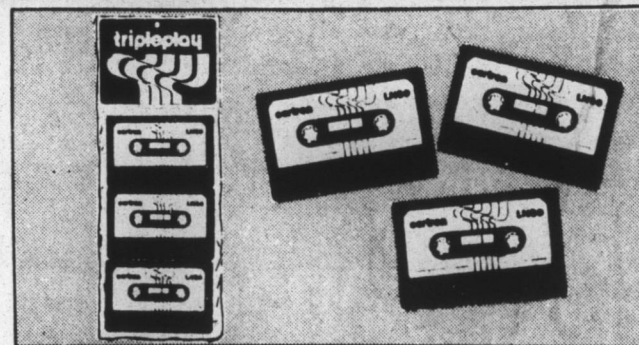
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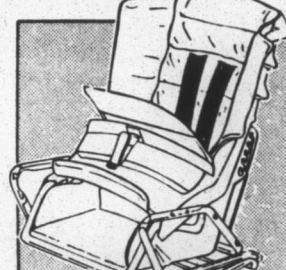
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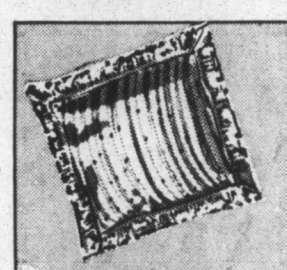
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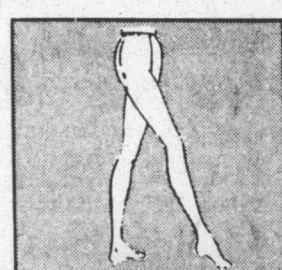
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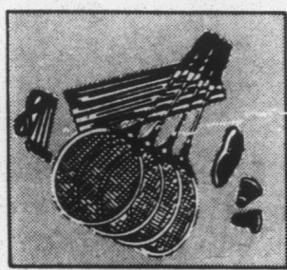
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