

Virginia Dare Day Will Be Held The Week of Aug. 12

By VICTOR MEEKINS

Manteo, N. C., July 12.—Let's arouse North Carolinians as the Virginians have been aroused over their historical shrines, to a true sense of the importance of Virginia Dare day, and what its significance means to the nation. With that battle cry, D. B. Fearing of Manteo this week assumed the Chairmanship of Dare County's third great homecoming celebration to be held all the week of August 12, and culminating in a big celebration at Fort Raleigh, Roanoke Island, on the 347th anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare.

This celebration also marks the 350th anniversary of the landing of the first English settlers on the American continent. In some years it is held on only a small scale, but always some observance of the birth of Virginia Dare takes place. Twice before, events of national importance have been held, once in 1928 when the first homecoming took place, and more than 5,000 visitors were brought to Roanoke Island, and in 1931 when 8,000 visitors came. The first time, there were no roads and bridge, and all the visitors arrived by boat.

But that celebration was easily the beginning of Dare County's greatest development. International publicity was given the event. Interest was nation-wide. More than a thousand former residents of Dare County scattered throughout the world were invited home. Most of them returned to their native soil for the week, and felt the warm handclaps of friends of their childhood; reviewed old memories, and talked of other days.

From Washington came Sir Esme Howard, the British Ambassador, with tidings of good will from his people. The important men of the state stood on the hallowed soil of Fort Raleigh and did homage to the memory of Virginia Dare and the "Lost Colony." And from then on, Roanoke Island and Dare County was before the public. In a short time a bridge connecting Roanoke Island with the beach was completed, later came a modern highway, and in two more years the county's physical connection with the outside world was consummated in the construction of the Wright Memorial Bridge, spanning three miles of beautiful Currituck Sound.

During this time, the Congress spent over a quarter million dollars, in the construction of a beautiful granite memorial commemorating the feat of Wilbur and Orville Wright, in flying the first airplane at Kill Devil Hill in 1903. It was during the 1926 homecoming celebration, that the idea that the Government should build this memorial was advanced by D. B. Fearing, who was later to head the 1931 homecoming, and who today is working so avidly in behalf of the forthcoming celebration of this year.

The idea of the Wright Memorial was promptly heralded throughout the country by the many newspapers sent from various sections, at that time and through the able work of Congressman Lindsay Warren of the First District, and aided by the impetus given the movement by the Kill Devil Hill Memorial Association headed by W. O. Saunders of Elizabeth City, the beautiful memorial today is the marvel of all tourists, and it attracts thousands of them to Dare County annually.

Near to Their Hearts
Virginia Dare Day, on August 18, is near and dear to the hearts of all people of the great Albemarle section. For many years it has been observed through the faithful work of venerable and cherished men of the section, like Rev. Robert Brent Drane of Edenton, W. D. Purden of Edenton, and A. B. Andrews of Raleigh, and those with them who formed the Roanoke Colony Memorial Association. Celebrations have been attended in great numbers by people of Edenton, Elizabeth City and other towns nearby. In the old days, all of the visitors came by

boats, and great steamer loads of excursionists made one grand day of it. Now, the visitors may drive from Edenton or Elizabeth City in less than two hours, enjoy the beaches at Nag's Head or Kitty Hawk, see other great historic shrines and return home the same day.

The 1931 celebration so ably carried on by Mr. Fearing and his associates, brought a far greater number of North Carolina celebrities than did the first. The present Governor, the delegation in Congress, the present Senators, the heads of the various state departments, and many others were here.

Mr. Fearing expects the forthcoming event to completely eclipse both of the past ones. Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, all the heads of the state departments are expected to be present, and many other national figures as well.

Mrs. Roosevelt Invited
Invitations will be forwarded to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Governors of Virginia and South Carolina, and a committee including Senator Joseph T. Robinson, and Congressman Sol Bloom of New York, who are on a congressional committee named to make plans for a mammoth celebration in 1937, and indications point to a tremendous interest everywhere. There is a strong movement on foot to have August 18th set aside as Children's Day throughout the United States, in observance of the part the little Virginia Dare has played in the development of American civilization.

"We expect to make these celebrations not only of national but of international importance," Mr. Fearing stated this week. "While our homecoming is planned largely as a great get-together day for the former residents of this section, who will appreciate an opportunity to return to the old homeland, it is open to people from everywhere. This however, is only a forerunner of a greater event we plan to stage through the help of the national Congress in 1937, which will be of international importance." Plans for this greater celebration have been launched by a State Committee headed by Editor W. O. Saunders of Elizabeth City, who is working in connection with the Congressional Committee referred to above.

A New Fort Raleigh
Visitors to Roanoke Island this year will be thrilled and delighted with the change in Old Fort Raleigh. A project now under way is reproducing the old fort as first built by the English when 115 people landed and started life in this strange new world. Log houses here and there take form and bring back the homes in which those daring English took up their life so far from their native soil. A little chapel, as the colonists might have worshipped in, and such that where Virginia Dare and the friendly Indians may have been "baptized" is being built. The old fort itself, and stockade is being reproduced.

Largely through the efforts of Frank Stick, of Manteo, nationally known artist and sportsman, D. B. Fearing, T. S. Meekins, R. Bruce Etheridge, director of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, and many others, this project has been brought about through Government aid. It is believed the work will be complete by the celebration date.

Mr. Fearing states that an average of 400 tourists a day are now visiting Fort Raleigh and observing the work of restoration. The site of the old fort is marked by a granite tablet erected there in 1896 through the efforts of Dr. Drane's associates. The gateway is marked by two handsome pillars, placed there by the Federal Government through the efforts of Congressman Warren, Jeff D. Hayman, one of the most interesting and likeable characters of this section, a man full of the fascinating lore of the coastland, is on duty daily to render service and information to all visitors.

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Folks all over North Carolina Virginia will be getting out their road maps these days, and looking over the routes to Roanoke Island. For all roads will lead to the shrines of American civilization in August, and all North Carolina will honor in a fine spirit the memory of Virginia Dare, the first child of English parents born on the American continent, who lived in a strange new world, and then vanished forever from the eyes of men, but now reborn in inspiration to live forever in the hearts of our people.

Rabies And Remedies

By OBEDIAH FRAZIER

Dear Bro. Editor:
On seeing our friend, the Honorable Mr. Carlton's article in the last week's issue of Courier, it interests me to the extent I am prompted to write. While Mr. Carlton's subject is worthwhile prompt consideration I can't say that I agree with him.

And as I am what you would call a dog lover myself, I am prompted to say in behalf of dog lovers and the poor dumb animals themselves that Mr. Carlton is very much rash, but don't misunderstand me. I don't mean to esteem the love of dog beyond humanity, because if there is anybody that is interested in the safety and welfare of humanity both spiritual and physical, I believe I am. I think though that there are other means and steps that can be taken other than what Mr. Carlton recommended. It would be a poor dog keeping a cat muzzled or confined. Also it would work a lot of hardships on the owner to keep his dog muzzled or confined all the time. I think the sensible thing for dog lovers to do is to look out after the welfare of their dog. There is an old saying that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. I don't think a healthy dog is very apt to go mad unless some other dog bites him. I think it is when a dog is in a rundown condition during the time or after having a severe case of distemper is when he is most apt to go mad. So I think if dog owners will look after their dogs, tonic them up after a case of distemper and as for diet sweet milk is good. If you keep a dog in good shape and if there should come a mad dog through that is really mad, then put him out of the way. If we will use these simple means we will be gone a long way toward the safety of humanity. Due to a few dog haters I don't think that the dog has had a fair deal. There has been an effort made to tax them out of existence, and I am very sure that will remain a failure. I think our dogs should have some considerations as well as our horses, our mules, our cows, and the other dumb animals. The same great Creator that created the mule, horse, cows, and all other dumb animals also created the dog. I have owned and kept dogs for a good many years and in my knowing I have not ever had one to go mad, and also every one I raise and keep myself I am never bothered with these running and barking fits, simply because I look after their welfare from puppy up. Speaking about mad dogs and rabies, I am not corresponding humanity with the dumb animal, but results and after effect is even greater and very much greater than it is with the mad dog, and I don't hear as much protest as I would like to against it either. Also I would like to hear more protest and steps taken to prevent it altogether and that is the rabies of reckless ones who travel on four wheels up and down our highways, and also they get lots of their rabies out of the pint or half pint flasks, and the consequences is terrible and shocking. It is nothing rare to hear about these rabies carriers running into some other car and one or more being killed. According to our esteemed friend, Mr. Carlton's idea about the mad dog these rabies carriers ought to have more strict attention for the welfare and safety of humanity. These rabies carrier not only take life as they go but they also are wrecking the morals of our young generation. The rabies of sin, how terrible! Every since Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden ate the forbidden fruit those rabies have existed in humanity. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so much the Son of Man be lifted up that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have eternal life. Thanks be to our Heavenly Father for the gift of His Son Christ our Lord, because there is a remedy for the rabies of mankind. It is the blood of Christ that taketh away the sin of the world.

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Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. Charles E. Dunn
ELIJAH HEAR'S GOD'S VOICE

1 Kings 19:9-21
Golden Text: 1 Samuel 3:9

Our lesson tells of Elijah's recovery from despondency. First an angel commanded, "Arise, and eat." The worn out body of Elijah needed the refreshment of food. A square meal is a first rate means of banishing gloom. His appetite appeased, the prophet, like Moses, spent forty days and night in solitary communion with God. Then the Lord asked a searching question, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" Here was important work for the prophet to accomplish. A discouraged man usually needs not less work but more. The prodigal son, in his degradation, doubtless heard a query much like that hurled at Elijah. And he answered by going back to his old home, and getting to work. John Bright, famous English statesman, heard a similar inquiry as he mourned the loss of his beautiful young wife. It came to him in the appeal of Richard Cobden who urged him to give his life to the repeal of the unjust corn laws.

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the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire. He spoke, instead in a still small voice. And so Elijah learned that the Lord can speak softly, as well as loudly, peacefully, as well as in the storm.

Do we hear the dulcet tones of the divine appeal? Do we allow the Lord to enter the citadel of our affections on a wave of stillness? Listen to a great verse spoken by the psalmist, "Thy gentleness hath made me great."

WANT COTTON TO REACH 15 CENTS

Cooperative Association Says It Will Campaign For That Parity Price
N. C. Williamson, president of the American Cotton Co-operative Association has announced that the association would campaign for full parity price of 15 cents a pound for cotton.

The ACCA's program, he said, turns upon the "vital necessity of increasing the buying power of the farmer by restoring the parity between the prices of things he has to sell and the prices of things he buys."

He said this may be accomplished by a loan of 15 cents, basis midlings seven-eighths inch, with proper premium and discounts for grade, staple and location, "thus giving each farmer the just value of his cotton wherever located."

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A new schedule of prices for Bayer Aspirin tablets—the lowest in the history of the Bayer Company, went into effect in all Roxboro drug stores last week.

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The new consumer prices of Bayer aspirin are now effective in 60,000 drug stores throughout the United States.

'SOAP BOX DERBY' WILL BE RUN AUG. 18-19, IN DAYTON

Dayton, O., July 16.—A three-eighths mile hill in Dayton will assume national significance to American youth August 18 and 19, when the first nationally sponsored "All-American Soap Box Derby" will be run over the bricks of Burkhardt hill.

Originated as a local stunt feature last year by Myron E. Scott, Dayton Daily News photographer, the event attracted approximately 450 entrants and more than 40,000 spectators.

This year, through the cooperation of Chevrolet Motor Company and dealer organization, more than 40 cities in the United States will conduct local soap box derbies, and winners will have their cars shipped here to compete for the world's championship under the auspices of the Daily News and Chevrolet.

Present plans call for the Derby committee in Dayton to give the winner of the Soap Box Derby race a four-year college scholarship. There are also more than 100 ad-

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