



Close inspection
Pipes, which are destined to replace the smoke stack near the McDonald Cafeteria at Hoke High, make an interesting playground for this Hoke County youngster during an evening last week.

Few clues for 'Lost Colony'

Archaeologists are used to solving mysteries, but in this case the clues were ridiculously few: some snippets of information from a journal and three letters carved on a tree on Roanoke Island to tell them where the first English settlement in America had been.

In his recent book, "Archaeology and the Enigma of Fort Raleigh," archaeologist J.C. Harrington describes the work he did between 1947 and 1965, allowing him to confirm the location of the fortress erected by the first English colonist.

The settlers who came to Roanoke Island in 1585 erected Fort Raleigh and some houses before returning to England a year later. The group who arrived in 1587, headed by John White, used these dwellings also. Governor White returned to England for Supplies.

When he finally got back to Roanoke Island three years later, the settlers had disappeared.

According to White's journal, all that remained to the "lost colony" were some letters carved in a tree and some remnants of the fortress.

Harrington's book, a 36-page paperback, is illustrated with photographs of artifacts found during the author's digs, as well as plans of the fort and the "outwork."

The book is available for \$2 a copy, plus \$1 for postage and handling, from the Department of Cultural Resources, Historical Publications Section (N), 109 East Jones St., Raleigh, 27611, 919/733-7442. It may be obtained at the North Carolina Museum of History Gift Shop in Raleigh, the Elizabeth II State Historic Site in Manteo, some other state historic sites and commercial bookstores.

Harrington, who was working under the auspices of the National Park Service, was unable to find the location of the settlers' home. However his efforts provide the background for current archaeological explorations on Roanoke Island.

Harrington's book has just been published by the Historical Publications Section of the Department of Cultural Resources, in conjunction with America's 400th Anniversary Committee.

As well as confirming the site of the fortress, Harrington made some other important contributions.

In 1959 construction workers came across fragments of clay and brick in an area which Harrington later identified as an "outwork" of Fort Raleigh, but not the location of the 1585 settlement site.

By 1965 Harrington's work had shown that the colonists had very likely made these bricks themselves, although they must have soon discovered that the local earth was unsuitable.

The official commemorative period for America's 400th Anniversary is spring of 1984 through summer of 1987.

Events began in late April with the visit of Governor Jim Hunt and a North Carolina delegation to England, where they attended several ceremonies. June 2-16, Durham hosts the British-American Festival, a major celebration of connections among ceremonies for the opening of the ship, "Elizabeth II," issuance of a commemorative stamp from the U.S. Postal Service and celebration of an Elizabethan street fair.

Committees in all 100 counties plan local events.

The 400th Committee is charged with coordinating the three-year commemoration of the Roanoke Voyages of 1584-1587, which brought the first English settlers of America to the Outer Banks.

As part of the commemoration, the 400th Committee and Historical Publications Section have worked together to publish a number of books and pamphlets for everyone from scholars to schoolchildren.

In "Archaeology and the Enigma of Fort Raleigh" Harrington describes these discoveries, and offers suggestions for further attempts to find the 1585 settlement site.

The National Park Service is continuing the search, using its own funds as well as a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation to the American Quadricentennial Corporation, the private, fundraising arm of the 400th.

Other activities during the three-year commemoration will include special exhibitions at the state art and history museums, and archaeology work at Indian settlements in northeastern North Carolina, as well as at the Colonial settlement site.

Heilig-Meyers pays dividend

Heilig-Meyers Company, the Richmond based home furnishings chain who operates a store in Raeford, announced a quarterly cash dividend of 9 cents per share payable June 9, 1984 to stockholders of record on May 25, 1984.

This represents a 1¢ per share increase over the amount of the quarterly dividend paid in February, 1984.

Blue finishes basic training

Army Pvt. Janice F. Blue, daughter of Bonnie Blue of Rural Route 1, Raeford, has completed training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

During the training, students receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, military courtesy, justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Blue is a 1984 graduate of Hoke County High School.



Striving for number one
After cleaning up on the awards during a recent district camporee, these scouts from Troop 401 are looking for more honors in upcoming scouting events.

Wadsworth receives Louisburg Col. Award

Over thirty awards were presented on the annual Awards Day, May 1, at Louisburg College.

Nadine Tamiko Wadsworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Route 1, Box 611, Raeford received the Felton R. Nease Award in Biology.

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Cardiovascular health class offered by Sandhills College

The Division of Continuing Education at Sandhills Community College will offer a course entitled "Cardiovascular Fitness: Fact or Fiction" on four consecutive Thursday nights beginning on May 24 and continuing through June 14.

The class will meet on campus in room 215 of the Administration Building. The cost of the class will be \$10. There is no registration fee

for N.C. residents 65 or older.

The instructor of the class is Dr. Keith Johnson, a graduate of the University of Iowa School of Medicine and currently President of Sports/Rehabilitation Services Inc.

The course will be of interest to runners, athletes, physical education instructors and anyone with heart disease or cardiovascular problems.

Topics to be covered in the sessions include understanding physiology, a review of heart lung and muscle functions (what they do and what they require to function) and coordination and cooperation of parts of the body.

Students may register at the first class meeting on May 24. For more information, contact the Division of Continuing Education at 692-6185, or toll free, 1-800-682-1848.

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