

PERSPECTIVE

Author publishes book on colonists for 400th committee

After reading David Stick's "Roanoke Island: The Beginnings of



English America," David Durant's "Raleigh's Lost Colony," or even after a dose of Lost Colony fiction from Inglis Fletcher and other novelists, some persons may want to read the contemporary accounts of the first English settlements in America.

Dr. David B. Quinn gathered an enormous number of documents concerning Walter Raleigh's colonial

ventures, filling two large volumes called "The Roanoke Voyages" published for the Hakluyt Society in 1955.

For those who can't get quite that interested, Quinn and his wife Alison have prepared a 200-page book "The First Colonists" under the sponsorship of America's Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee.

"The First Colonists" includes fifteen basic documents, from Arthur Barlowe's account of "the first voyage made to the coasts of America" in 1584 through John White's account of his own fifth voyage to the "parts of America called Virginia" in 1590.

In a preface and an introduction, the Quinns briefly survey the events which produced the documents and

the manner in which the documents were first collected and published in the sixteenth century.

A six-page "Chronology of the Virginia Voyages" is one of the most valuable features of the book. It places the sequence of events in an intelligible order. However, it is marred by at least one contradiction. This writer remains in ignorance concerning the departure date of Grenville's 1585 expedition, for the chronology says April 19, the voyage's journal says May 19, and Quinn's explanatory note says April 9.

Of particular local interest in Ralph Lane's "account of the particularities of the employments of the English men left in Virginia" in 1585 and 1586. It includes the first historical reference to what is now

Perquimans County.

Returning in haste from an Indian-troubled exploration of Roanoke River, Lane headed hungrily across Albemarle Sound to a village which probably stood near today's Snug Harbor. By 4:00 p.m., Easter Day, April 3, 1586, "we were at Chipanum," Lane reported, "where all the Savages that we had left there were fled, but their wears did yeelde us some fish...."

"The First Colonists" includes a smaller version of Quinn's map "Raleigh's Virginia 1584-90" which attempted to locate on a modern map the Indian villages, inlets, and other places mentioned in early documents. The locations are speculative, and this writer does not agree with Quinn's placement of certain Indian villages in and around

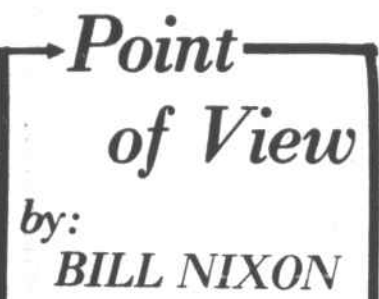
Perquimans.

(For those who insist on making idle and unfounded speculations, the list of names of the lost colonists provides much food for foolishness. Their surnames include many found in the early records of Perquimans, such as White, Harvey, and Sutton. Anyone want to claim the lost colony moved to Perquimans?)

The Quinns point out many insufficiencies, discrepancies, and contradictions found in the Elizabethan records. The general reader, however, may want to ignore them and concentrate instead on the fascinating narratives of those men who first brought our civilization to our shore. "The First Colonists" presents those narratives in handy manner; the cover illustration is well worth studying, too.

Journalists aide Russians in fight against freedom

It is very possible the Russians are winning the war against freedom with the help of American media. What is this hold they seem to have on American journalists?



From the very beginning, the Reagan administration has attempted to increase America's and the world's awareness of the real threat posed by the Soviets and their puppets.

Realizing America's ability to deter an out-right Soviet attack, either conventional or nuclear, has become limited, Mr. Reagan has continued to push for a build-up in our military capabilities, along with programs to assure more involvement on the part of our allies to protect themselves. To be sure, the Soviets are quite disturbed by these actions. And, so it appears, is the American media.

Rather than reporting the complete details of current Soviet strength and their build-up of totalitarian armies throughout the world, members of the press seem to be intent on displaying Reagan as out of touch with the reality of today's world—a man living in the past. They fail to realize that the Soviet threat is real, that the original Communist doctrine of world domination by force still exists.

While the Soviets continue to deny their own people the basic human rights deserved by all people and while their armies continue to slaughter thousands of adults and children in Afghanistan, the American media seems intent on destroying the ability of those few brave nations that are attempting to push the Soviets and their puppets out of their countries.

America's policy in Central America continues to receive the attention of our own news industries as well as that of other nations. There seems to be more emphasis placed on the social and economic ills of the

Guest Editorial

American farmer feeding the world

BY JOHN SLEDGE
N. C. Farm Bureau Federation
The American farmer supplies this country, as well as many other nations around the world, with the highest quality food grown anywhere on earth. This abundance has been possible only because of the farmer's outstanding productive capacity and his reliance upon the latest in technological advances.

Interest in better nutrition by people all over the world has put even more emphasis on high quality food during the past few years.

Farmers recognize their responsibility in meeting this challenge and are obviously succeeding in this direction. Farmers support policies and programs to assure consumers of wholesome products, to provide consumers with full product information, and to require new food products to meet the same quality and health requirements as existing

region than the real threat of Soviet-led Cuban intervention.

That these Central American nations face a number of domestic problems isn't questioned. Economic deficiencies, political backwardness, and social injustice has made it easier for Soviet intervention. But from past experience, we must realize that the importation of Castroism will do little to alleviate these problems.

The above issues will have to be reckoned with before there can be true stability in Central America or any other nation where Soviet influence is strongly felt. However, as Americans with an interest in the future of our part of the world, we have to face the threat of Soviet build-ups in our back yard.

The people willing to put up a fight against Communism must have our support if they are to continue their struggle for freedom. Once their nations have become stabilized and the threat of a Communist takeover has been removed, then we can work with them in providing the social and political changes necessary to assure their future freedom.

There is no doubt that the Soviets are intent on destroying personal freedom throughout the world. Their fears of a democratic society have never been greater. As more and more Soviet citizens begin to question their way of life, Kremlin leaders will be striving harder and harder to continue their stranglehold on the people. More and more people will be threatened, beaten, jailed and murdered. The Soviets will do all in their powers, as they have proven over and over, to suppress any desires for freedom. As these efforts increase, the people's opposition will become greater, and the opportunity to rid the world of the dread communism will become greater.

America should unite in the struggle to allow every man the right to live in freedom. Realizing there is a real threat posed by the Soviets and their peers throughout the world is necessary, and every democratic nation in the world should put their resources behind the effort to remove this evil way of life from the face of the earth. The threat to our freedom is very real, and don't let anyone make you believe it isn't.

food products.

As consumers, we all desire an abundance of the very highest quality food possible. For this to be realized, however, it is necessary that a reasonable balance be maintained between the techniques of food production and the higher food costs brought about by regulations. The consumer must realize that someone must pay for additional costs caused by government regulations.

Farmers are concerned that excessive government regulations in the area of pesticides, animal implants and others that relate to food quality will seriously hamper their ability to produce adequately for a hungry world.

Government policies should support expanded research programs to enable those in agriculture to continue producing the world's most wholesome food.

Battling the empty nest syndrome

Graduation time is here again. Most of the college students have already received their degrees and are out in the world trying to find an employer that is willing to give them their first shot at bringing home the bacon.



High school students are counting the days to freedom, and trying to decide what direction they should take now that they are on their own.

Many parents are beginning to feel the first pangs of the empty nest syndrome.

My column this week is dedicated to the mothers that are "losing" their children due to high school graduation.

I'm sure that you are wondering what you will do to fill the long hours of the day now that Johnny is moving out on his own. You've spent the past 18 years or so catering to his needs and desires, and you really don't know if you can function as an independent human being after all those years.

There are several things that you can do to purge yourself of those empty feelings that you are experiencing.

The very first thing that you should do is go into Johnny's old room and pull out the drawer of athletic socks. There are probably a few hundred socks in the drawer by now that don't have a match.

Put them in a paper grocery bag, take them out to the trash barrel, and give them a match. Johnny won't need them anymore, because he's 18, free and on his own. Let him worry about trying to find his own socks from now on.

The next item on the agenda should be Johnny's closet. You have purchased about ten pairs of jeans every September for the past four or five years, giving you approximately 50 pair of shredded Levi's. The Salvation Army has no use for air-conditioned jeans, so while the trash barrel is primed up and ready, go add them to it, unless of course you'd like to take the time to make a patchwork quilt out of worn denim.

Now you have a ton of paper left to clear out. Johnny saved everything he ever wrote down and it's still stashed all over his bedroom. He's not coming back for it, but he doesn't want to give it up yet either.

There's only one thing that kids like more than their old papers, and

that's money.

Pack it up and take it to the nearest recycling plant. You'll get a fortune for that much weight in paper, and if it'll make you feel any better you can mail him the check.

The most important thing that you will need to remember when cleaning out his room is to never, I repeat never, try to clean out the stuff that's under his bed. Call an exterminator, that's what they're there for. You could be committing suicide if you crawled under there unarmed.

Now that you can look at the room without all those memories flooding back into your mind, you can begin to make plans for using the room to your own advantage.

You've always wanted a place that you could escape to after a long, hard day, here's your chance.

Johnny's old room has great potential for a study, or a sewing room, or even a small den. Go out and get some magazines that will give you some ideas of what you want to do and get busy.

You don't have to wash jeans everyday now, or sort socks, or prepare enough food to feed an army, or haul kids all over town, or nag him to pick up his room and do his homework, or all the other things that you have spent all your waking hours doing for so long, so you'll have the time now to re-decorate that room that so badly needs attention.

Start out with some paint, a bright color will do nicely. It'll help cheer you up when you think you're going to miss him.

Carpet and curtains will give it a feminine touch, and will almost insure that he won't try to come back and muscle his way back into your domain.

Add a few specially chosen pieces of furniture, and you've got a room all to yourself to escape to anytime you feel like it.

You probably don't think that you will need to escape now that you're no longer plagued with a teenager around the house, but you're wrong.

After a few months you'll start to feel inactive. You've been so involved with the P.T.A., Band Boosters, Athletic Boosters, and so forth that you just won't know what to do with your spare time, so you'll start joining all kinds of committees, and doing all sorts of volunteer work in an effort to add some meaning to your life.

Believe me after a few weeks of all the meetings you'll attend you will be ready for a place to hide. Make sure that you don't install a telephone in your private sanctuary.

The most important thing that you should remember at this point is that you have not lost a child. He may not live there, but he'll still bring over his laundry, stop in at mealtime, and write for money at every given opportunity.

Letters to the Editor

Editor,
THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

Once again, the fine people of Perquimans County have shown their strong support for the College of the Albemarle. We have recently completed our 1984 Annual Fund Drive for the COA Foundation and have exceeded our goal by raising more than \$46,000 from the seven counties of our college service area.

Led by team leaders Bob Hollowell and Henry Stokes, Perquimans County's fund drive team has raised more than \$4,000 toward this year's efforts. These leaders were assisted by Willie Ainsley, Bill Cox, Tim Brinn, Pat Harrell, Erie Haste, Ben Berry, and Charlie Skinner in making the drive such a success in Perquimans County.

It is heartening to know that the College of the Albemarle has so many friends in Perquimans County. We depend heavily upon your support and your interest in the college. Please know that both are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
Parker Chesson, Jr.
President
College of the Albemarle
Elizabeth City, NC 27809

Editor,
THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

On behalf of the Perquimans County Band Boosters, I would like to thank everyone who helped in making our band day a success.

Without your support, our band program would not be possible.

Sincerely,
Joan Mansfield
President
Perquimans County Band Boosters
Hertford, NC

Editor,
THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

As a former candidate for Governor in the May 8 Democratic Primary, I want to share with everyone why I am convinced that Eddie Knox is a better candidate for Governor than Rufus Edmisten.

As I promised to do on election night, I met with both remaining candidates and discussed with them the major policy issues confronting this state. In addition, I observed them closely during the four televised debates. I am now firmly convinced that Eddie Knox stands head and shoulders over the Attorney General.

Looking back

20 Years Ago
BY VIRGINIA WHITE TRANSEAU
LARRY AYDLETT RESIGNS AS EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF PERQUIMANS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Larry Aydlett, Jr., executive manager of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, has resigned. The resignation 60 days from this day. Aydlett has accepted a position in Lincoln County.

BARBECUE SUPPER PLANNED MONDAY, JUNE 1, TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BASEBALL TEAM: Tickets will go on sale next week for a county-wide chicken barbecue supper being sponsored to raise funds to support the Little League and Pony League baseball teams in this county. The supper will be held June 8 on Memorial Field and the first game of the season will be played following the supper.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED: Mr. and Mrs. Eck D. Robertson announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ann Robertson, to John Earl Bunch, son of Mr. and

Eddie Knox is running a concrete, issue-oriented campaign which is a credit to our electoral process. Among the many issues which I find we agree upon are opening the state's major commissions and Council of State meetings to the public, creating a workable system to increase funding for education, and protecting our environment through establishment of tough toxic wastes management programs and the vitally important Right to Know laws which will disclose to all North Carolina citizens when they are coming in contact with hazardous materials in their worksites and neighborhoods.

Even when we disagreed on an issue during the first primary, I always found Eddie Knox willing to clearly explain his stands. This is in sharp contrast with his opponent's campaign which seems to be based on the use of his public office and staff as a political platform.

Eddie Knox is clearly the man with the proven leadership to be entrusted with the important office of Governor. I sincerely urge all North Carolina citizens to join with me on June 5 and vote for Eddie Knox.

Sincerely
Tom Gilmore
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Mrs. J. B. Bunch of Edenton. Miss Robertson is a graduate of Chowan College and Atlantic Christian College, where she received a BS degree. She is now teaching first grade at Central High School.

Mr. Bunch is a graduate of Chowan High School. The wedding will take place June 28 at 3:00 p.m. at the

Hertford Baptist Church.
SON ADOPTED: Mr. and Mrs. William Seth Umphlett of Route 3, announce the adoption of a son William Kevin Umphlett. Mrs. Umphlett is the former Miss Rita Charlotte Welsh of Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, Canada, who became a naturalized citizen of the United States on April 22, 1984.

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