

PREPARE FOR FIFTH YEAR OF "LOST COLONY" AT MANTEO, ROANOKE ISLE

Sponsors of Paul Green's Historical drama "The Lost Colony", opening its fifth season on the site of the original colony, July 3rd, predict its most successful summer as a result of the nationwide interest created by the recent appearance of featured stories on the famed "Lost Colony of Roanoke" in such publications as The Ladies Home Journal and the Saturday Evening Post.

Thousands of letters are pouring into the office of D. Bradford Fearing, president of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, asking for information concerning plans for the new season and accommodation of Roanoke Island. The Association sponsors "The Lost Colony" as a non-commercial venture in connection with the 354th anniversary celebration of the Birth of Virginia Dare and the founding of the Roanoke Island Colonies.

"There has never been such interest in our celebration", President Fearing said, pointing to a pile of inquiries which arrived in the morning mail. "Folks from all over the country are writing to us. Some still want to know how to get here and what kind of accommodations we have on Roanoke Island. Others, what nights 'The Lost Colony' will be given. Many of them are curious about those Dare Stones. I reckon we'll never hear the end of them."

In order to make adequate preparations for the big season which Roanoke Island expects, President Fearing is rushing plans for getting everything into shape by July 3rd. He conferred this week with Paul Green, famed Pulitzer Prize dramatist who wrote "The Lost Colony" gratis and solely for presentation here at the Nation's Birthplace, and Samuel Selden, who has won national recognition for his staging and directing of the drama since its inception.

More than 325,000 persons from all parts of the nation and several foreign countries have witnessed this spectacle of the first American pioneers since it was first presented in 1937 as the highlight of the 350th anniversary.

Miss Mildred May is spending a few days of this week in Raleigh on business.

DRIVE IS STARTED FOR USO

Unified drive to raise funds for the United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc., got underway in Halifax County today with an appeal from County Chairman Frank C. Williams of Roanoke Rapids to citizens for liberal contributions to assist the USO in providing wholesome entertainment and recreation for men in the armed forces of the nation while they are away from

the various training camps and military bases.

The county's quota of \$1,750, plus the expenses of the drive, has been split into sub-quotas for every township in Halifax and the drive will continue through Saturday.

In Roanoke Rapids a committee composed of F. J. Hawley, F. M. Sherry, W. J. Norwood, and C. T. Johnson are in charge of raising funds. Commercial establishments have been written letters asking that employees contributed enough to fill an assigned quota, and the various industries here have been assigned a certain sum to raise among employees of the mills.

Chairmen in charge of township drives in other parts of Halifax are: C. L. Kelly, Butterwood; Luther Parks, Conococona; D. Mac Johnson, Enfield; Ross Hedgepeth, Faucett; E. L. Travis, Halifax; Tracy Qualls, Hollister; Lovira Leggett, Kehukee; Paul Johnson, Littleton; Mrs. Ben Everett, Palmyra; Clifton Moss, Ringwood; H. C. Bass, Roseneath; Eric Rogers, Scotland Neck; D. W. Seifert, Weldon.

Other county officers are: Gor-

don L. Price, vice-chairman; William L. Medlin, secretary and treasurer; Carroll L. Wilson, publicity chairman; Mrs. Quentin Gregory, Woman's Chairman; and the Rev. A. C. Lee, Church Chairman.

SCHOOL FACULTY CHANGES

Superintendent V. C. Matthews of Halifax County Schools today announced that a number of resignations of school teachers have been received since the schools closed, and other faculty changes are anticipated.

Resignations of teachers have taken place in the following county school districts:

District One—Aurelian Springs: D. B. Taylor, Margaret Gunn, Mrs. Mary A. Early, Mrs. Bessie C. Liles and Mrs. Louise A. White. Darlington School—Mrs. Nannie H. Smith, who is to be succeeded by

Mrs. Helen S. Taylor.

District Two—William R. Davie: Miss Catherine Wright, Home Economics teacher, and Gerald D. James.

District Three—Scotland Neck: Mrs. Evelyn J. Veach.

District Five—Hardwee: Mrs. Bessie C. Hancock, who is to be succeeded by Mrs. Nannie H. Smith.

No changes have been reported in the city school units, and other county districts. It is understood that Gerald D. James who is leaving the William R. Davie School will teach in Roanoke Rapids next year. Zeb Denny, former News Editor of the Roanoke Rapids Herald, will succeed D. B. Taylor as principal at Aurelian Springs School, and Mrs. Denny will take the place of Miss Margaret Gunn.

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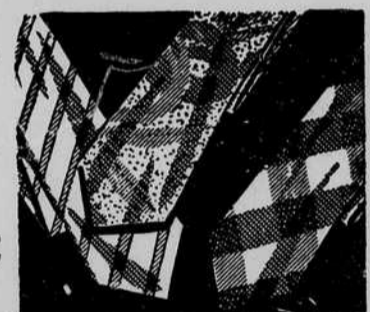
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