

## Barbara Edwards Plays Eleanor Dare In 'The Lost Colony'

### Eighth Season Will Begin In Waterside Theater Thursday, July 1

Beautiful Barbara Edwards, native of Troy, N. C., will play Eleanor Dare in Paul Green's exciting symphonic drama "The Lost Colony" when it opens for its eighth season on Roanoke Island in the Waterside Theatre, July 1. It is the first time she has appeared in the show and also the first time a native of North Carolina has taken this stellar role as the female lead.

Miss Edwards' acting and singing career started in Spartanburg, S. C., at Converse College where she appeared in Dark of the Moon, Family Album, Cavallero Rusticana, The Marriage of Figaro and many Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

She has a bachelor of Music from Converse, and has been taking special courses in drama at the University of North Carolina this year. She appeared with the Carolina Playmakers in An Enemy of the People, The Mikado, and sang the soprano role in Haydn's Season's Orotoro. Miss Edwards is headed for grand opera and is currently preparing herself for such a career.

During the religious programs to be featured in the Waterside Theatre each Sunday morning during the show's run which will continue until Labor Day, Miss Edwards will frequently be guest soloist in addition to singing by the famed Westminster Choir and the presentation of noted theologians who will conduct religious worship.

### Cannon Company Calls Off Drill Friday Night

Captain William Jones, commanding officer of the Edenton Cannon Company, has announced that the drill scheduled for Friday night, June 11, has been cancelled. The next drill will be held Friday, June 18, at which all members of the company are urged to be present.

The training of children is a profession, where we must know how to lose time in order to gain it. —Rosseau.

### Warning Is Given On Haying Hazards

"Approach of the haying season on America's farms ushers in that period of the year when accidents to farm people occur most frequently," C. W. Overman, Chowan County agent for the State College Extension Service, asserted today.

According to records of the National Safety Council, the peak of such accidents is reached in July and August. Therefore farm people need to take extra precautions to insure safety at this time of the year. Haying machinery especially is important because it is usually operated with high speeds and cutting mechanism.

To reduce hazards and avoid disastrous losses, Mr. Overman suggested the following steps:

1. Carefully check all equipment for defective hitches, ropes, pulleys, lifts, hay racks or ladders. Loft floors should be put in good repair and hay chutes guarded.

2. Make starts and stops gradually in all haying operations and watch out for falls from hay racks, hay stacks and hay mows.

3. Machinery should be stopped and thrown out of gear before oiling, adjusting or unclogging, and safety guards should be kept in place at all times.

4. Pitchforks are dangerous; always place them where they are in plain sight of all workers. Never throw a pitchfork.

5. Do not wear loose or ragged clothing which may catch easily in moving machinery.

6. Damp hay is one of the principle causes of barn fires. Therefore, be sure that the hay is well cured. Check regularly for several weeks for any signs of heating.

### N. C. Safety Program Is Showing Progress In Saving Of Lives

#### Year 1948 Expected to Result In Safest on State's Highways

After nearly 11 months of operation, North Carolina's new Highway Safety Program has shown definite signs of progress—progress in the saving of human lives by preventing

needless highway accidents.

The 1947 traffic death toll of 836 persons killed was 19 per cent lower than the 1946 toll of 1,028 killed.

And the 1948 figure through April stands at 186, which is exactly 100 fewer deaths than the 286 recorded for the same four months' period in 1947.

Officials of the Motor Vehicles Department are encouraged at the decrease in highway fatalities and point out that if the current trend continues, the death figure at the end of the year will probably be somewhere around 600. Even that is far too many lives lost, but it will show definite improvement over 1947, and will likely make 1948 the safest year on record for North Carolina on the basis of the number of vehicles now on the roads.

Latest registration figures show there are 829,850 vehicles on the roads, while last year at the same time there were around 56,000 less.

Officials point out that full credit for the reduction in highway deaths should go to the motoring public of North Carolina, who have cooperated with the new Highway Safety Program passed by the last General Assembly. The program with its new laws calling for mechanical inspection of vehicles, driver re-examination, doubled force of highway patrolmen, stiffer penalties for certain traffic violations, and a financial responsibility act, has tended to make

the motoring public more "safety-conscious."

All phases of the new program are now in operation. Perhaps the "most talked-about" law passed by the 1947 General Assembly was the Mechanical Inspection Law, which is proving to be a big factor in the prevention of accidents.

Since the law went into force in January, 36 inspection lanes operating throughout the State have inspected 171,110 vehicles. Some of the vehicles had to visit the lanes more than once to get their approved stickers, thus requiring 252,421 total inspections. A report from the Mechanical Inspection Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles, shows that 51.4 per cent of the vehicles inspected have been approved on the initial check, while the remaining 48.6 per cent have been found defective and have had to return to the lane for a second check.

Twenty-seven per cent of all rejections have been for faulty headlights; 29 per cent for other lighting defects; 18 per cent for braking inadequacies; 12 per cent for faulty steering mechanisms; and 14 per cent for all other defects, such as mirrors, horns, windshield wipers, glass and exhaust system.

It is easy to know and do right. When in doubt simply do whatever you least want to do.

—Anon.

### Busy Years Ahead For North Carolina Schools

There are busy years ahead for North Carolina's little red school house, says Dr. Selz C. Mayo, associate professor of rural sociology at the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station.

Dr. Mayo recently computed estimates of the number of new first graders that white and non-white schools might expect during the next six years. He concludes that in 1954 first grader enrollment in white schools will be half again as large as it was in 1946. In non-white schools there will be a third more new first graders in 1954 than in 1946.

on the birth rates from 1939 through 1947, correcting each for infant deaths. He assumes that babies born in a given year will be ready for school about seven years later.

Using 1946 enrollment as 100 per cent, Dr. Mayo says the percentage of white first graders should be 107.6 in 1948, 117.4 in 1949, 125.4 in 1950, 118.5 in 1951, 113.0 in 1952, 134.6 in 1953, and 151.4 in 1954.

In other words, for every 100 white children born in 1939 and starting school in 1946, there will be 151 starting school in 1954. For every 100 non-white children born in 1939 and starting school in 1946 there will be about 134 starting school in 1954.

A snapper-up of unconsidered trifles. —Shakespeare.

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