

# Record Crowds See Lost Colony Drama

## Rainy Weather Has Set Back Attendance By 4,000 Persons

Before the current week ends more than 30,000 persons will have paid to see Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony, now in its 14th season at Waterside Theatre at Manteo on Roanoke Island, N. C. This pushes the total for the 14 seasons to approximately 680,000 paying customers. The Lost Colony is America's longest-lived outdoor production.

Written by Pulitzer Prize Winner Paul Green and shown first in 1937 the spacious drama, presented on multi-level stages in a great amphitheatre at Fort Raleigh, actual site of the original happenings in the story the play tells, has been presented each summer since 1947, except during four World War II years when the show had to be closed as a coastal blackout security measure.

The story Paul Green's internationally famous drama tells is built up around attempts by Sir Walter Raleigh to establish the first colony in the New World. It also tells, in song, dance, pantomime and the spoken word of the events back in Elizabethan England of the 16th Century when plans were being laid to extend the British Empire to new lands, how the "New World" discovered by Captains Amadas and Barlowe was named "Virginia" in honor of the then ruling British Queen Elizabeth, and of Virginia Dare, the first child of English parentage born in the New World. (It was 200 years later before the immediate territory of the original happenings in 1584-87, became North Carolina and thus some students of Virginia history say that the commonwealth actually had its founding at Roanoke Island, instead of Jamestown, where the first permanent English settlement was planted in 1608).

The 1954 season, from the standpoint of weather, has been a rugged one for The Lost Colony. Already this year, four complete rainouts (and performance cancellations) and three partial rainouts, has set the attendance back more than 4,000 persons. But as General Manager R. E. Jordan explained this week, "the paid attendance is somewhat behind as compared to 1953, for the same number of performances, but ahead of 1952." In 1952 only 46,000 persons paid to see the show as compared to 52,000 last year.

Since the rainy weather of July this year, attendance has shown a steady increase each night. The rains, un-



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favorable for attendance at the time they occurred, may eventually mean larger attendance before the season is over, and Jordan explains it this way:

"General drought conditions were hitting the rural areas of North Carolina and Virginia in a very serious manner. The rains came, and the crops were saved. As a result, our patronage from the rich tobacco and farming lands of North Carolina and Virginia, is already on the increase."

### Town Council Proceedings

Edenton, N. C., Aug. 10, 1954. The Town Council met this day in regular session at 8 P. M. Members present: Mayor Leroy H. Haskett, J. Clarence Leary, John Mitchener, Jr., G. M. Byrum, Clyde Hollowell, George A. Byrum and J. Edwin Bufflap.

Motion was made by G. M. Byrum, seconded by J. Clarence Leary, that the Southern Mapping & Engineering Company be employed to prepare a five-year development plan for the sum of \$350. Motion carried.

Motion was made by George A. Byrum, seconded by J. Edwin Bufflap and duly carried that the following ordinance be adopted:

Be it ordained that when signs are placed, erected or installed it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour on East Church Street extended from Railroad to Mill Avenue, East Queen Street extended

from Railroad to Mill Avenue, Office Street from Railroad to Mill Avenue, Mill Avenue from East King Street to Highway 32 and Railroad Avenue from East King Street to State Highway 32. For violation of this ordinance, a fine shall be imposed at the discretion of the Court.

Motion was made by J. Clarence Leary, seconded by Clyde Hollowell and duly carried that the following resolution and franchise from the Town of Edenton to the Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co. be adopted:

Whereas, The Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company proposes to install what is commonly called an automatic exchange in the Town of Edenton, North Carolina, for the purpose of rendering local and long distance service to the residents of Edenton and the rural residents served by the Edenton Exchange and the said Telephone Company in its efforts to install said automatic exchange proposes to expend large sums of money so as to effectuate this service, and,

Whereas, the Town of Edenton wishing to encourage the development of this type of service and realizing that for the Telephone Company to build such an exchange it will require the attraction and expenditure of a large amount of additional capital and that before the attraction and expenditure of such capital can be made and the development of the service mentioned in the franchise, the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company desires to make certain its rights of franchise in the Town of Edenton and the Town of Edenton desires to establish said rights to the end that such development may be had, and,

Whereas, the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company is at present operating under a franchise granted on the 14th day of February, 1929, and that said franchise was for a period of thirty years and that this new franchise shall take effect immediately upon its passage, cancelling the remaining term of the present franchise.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the following is an exact copy of the franchise this day granted and ordained by the Commissioners of the Town of Edenton, N. C. duly assembled, to the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, and the Mayor and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to properly execute and deliver to the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company the following franchise, which is made part of these minutes:

#### FRANCHISE

Town of Edenton, North Carolina To The Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company

Section I Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Edenton, in the County of Chowan and State of North Carolina; that the permission, right and privilege be and they are hereby granted to the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, its successors and assigns,

to construct, maintain and operate poles, towers, wire, cables, conduits and other equipment necessary or appropriate for the transmission, relaying or receipt of messages or images by telephone, telegraph, teletype, telephoto, radio and television, or by any other means whereby messages or im-

mitted, relayed or received in, over, along, upon, under or through any streets, avenues, alleys, roads, lanes and other public and private places; provided said poles, wires, fixtures and other equipment shall be erected and maintained in compliance with the general ordinances now in force in said town, or hereafter enacted not in conflict with the general provisions of this franchise.

#### Section II

That this franchise be and it is hereby granted to the said The Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, its successors and assigns, for a period of thirty years from date hereof, with the right of renewal thereafter at the discretion of the governing body of the Town of Edenton.

#### Section III

This franchise is granted upon the following conditions and for the following considerations, viz:

1. That the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, its successors and assigns will furnish to the Town of Edenton free of charge local telephone service for the use of the town officials in the discharge of their official duties, such free local telephone service to be furnished to not more than 11 telephones, an extension being considered a separate telephone, the above phones shall be within the town limits of the Town of Edenton, and that the said Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, its successors and assigns will keep in repair the said telephones.

2. That the said Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, its successors and assigns, shall not interfere in any way with existing water or sewer pipes in the public ways of said town and shall make any good any damage to the same or of the public ways of the town done by the company or its workmen and the company shall, upon notification in writing of the town engineer or Mayor, that the town intends to repair or lay new sewer pipes or water pipes in its water and sewerage system, shall immediately proceed to relocate any conduits or subways that may interfere with the progress of the work.

3. That the said Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, its successors or assigns, shall indemnify and save harmless the Town of Edenton from any and all liability on account of injury or damage to persons, or property occasioned by the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair and operation of said companies' poles, lines, conduits and appliances, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to render the company liable for the negligence of the town, its agents, employees or any other person, firm or corporation.

4. This ordinance and franchise shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Motion was made by J. Clarence Leary, seconded by John Mitchener, Jr., that the E. & W. Department bills in the amount of \$16,290.70 be paid. Motion carried.

Motion was made by George A. Byrum, seconded by John Mitchener, Jr. and duly carried that the following Town of Edenton bills in the amount of \$3,205.88 be paid:

The Chowan Herald, \$144.00; Ever Ready Label Corp., \$4.34; Fred Ashley, Jr., \$10.00; Eastern Office Equipment Co., \$63; Owen G. Dunn Co., \$88.67; The Pioneer Mfg. Co., \$18.00;

Sinclair Refining Co., \$69.73; N. & C. Tel. & Tel. Co., \$8.25; E. R. Tolley, \$30.00; J. P. Shevenell Co., \$5.92; L. & C. Mayers Co., \$144.07; B.B.H. Motor Co., \$825.00; N. C. Dept. of Motor Vehicles, \$2.00; Republic Powdered Metals, \$30.00; B.B.H. Motor Co., \$43.14; W. U. Holmes Wholesale Co., \$12.00; Edenton Office Supply, \$18.39; Byrum Hardware Co., \$18.13; Chowan Hardware, \$2.40; R. L. Pratt, \$7.50; Sinclair Refining Co., \$2.33; N. & C. Tel. & Tel. Co., \$6.50; American-LaFrance Foamite Corp., \$170.36; pay for volunteer firemen, \$43.00; Sinclair Refining Co., \$342.51; Texas Company, \$15.20; Byrum Implement & Truck Co., \$9.00; Hampton Roads Tractor & Equipment Co., \$329.00; Hobbs Implement Co., \$6.15; B.B.H. Motor Co., \$15.63; W. L. Blanton, \$3.75; W. H. Bunch's Garage, \$27.11; Byrum Hardware Co., \$13.05; Dail & Ashley Machine Shop, \$2.75; M. G. Brown Co., \$17.63; Ack Ack Eptermation Co., \$15.00; Edenton Ice Co., \$1.90; J. R. Peete, \$17.50; Carlyle C. Webb, \$20.00; Jones Truck Line, \$60.75; E. J. Smith & Son, \$7.99; Colonial Refining & Chemical Co., \$157.50; Chowan Herald, \$58.22; Kennan & Corey Plumbing Co., \$15.52; Edenton Woman's Club, \$150.00; Norfolk Southern Railway Co., \$2.80; The Texas Co., \$92.56; Republic Powdered Metals, \$120.97.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned.  
ERNEST J. WARD, JR., Clerk.

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