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## "THE LOST COLONY" ANNOUNCES THIRD SUMMER SEASON

Manteo, N. C .- The third summer season of Pulitzer Prize Winner Paul Green's "The Lost Colony" will begin a twelve-week season at the huge Waterside Theatre here July 1, according to an announcement made today by D. Bradford Fearing, President of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, which is sponsoring the historical drama.

Produced originally as part of the 350th anniversary celebration of the founding of the first English colonies in the New World and the birth of Virginia Dare - the first English child born on American soil-"The Lost Colony" is being repeated by popular demand from both sides of the Atlantic. More than 175,000 persons saw it during its past two seasons.

The cast of 150 performers will include most of the original players. Of this number the majority of the actors are native islanders and fishermen who have never seen a play in their lives. These people hope someday to even playthe lead roles, making "The Lost Colony" a sort of patriotic Oberammergau at the cradle of American civilization. It is presented on the very site of the original Lost Colony.

The entire production is a nonprofit venture sponsored by vari-ous state historical societies and groups devoted to popularizing the history and lore of North Carolina. Paul Green wrote the play specifically for Roanoke Island and production elsewhere is forbidden. Although it is his biggest hit, Green receives no royalties from the drama. His other successes are "Johnny Johnson," "The House of Connelly," and "In Abraham's Bosom," for which he won the Pulitzer Prize in 1927.

Among the many thousand to see the initial production were President Roosevelt and Brooks. Atkinson, drama critic for the New York Times. In a nation-wide radio broadcast direct from Roanoke Island, the President praised the heroic efforts of the first colonists. Mr. Atkinson wrote in the Times: "Paul Green has written history which turns his characters into unconscious symbols of a brave new world. .

Director Samuel Selden, who was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship last year to do a book on basic art principles in scenic design, will return from Europe May 1, to again take over directorial duties. Howard Bailey, the production manager, will leave his post as head of the dramatics department at Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., to resume his Lost Colony activities the following month.

Music for the drama will again be supplied by a full chorus from the Westminister Chair School. of Princeton, N. J., Based on 16th century English ballads, carols and songs collected by Paul Green, the score was arranged by Lamar Stringfield, noted American composer and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for music.

In "The Lost Colony." Paul Green tells the dramatic story of 121 men, women and children sent over in 1587 by Sir Walter Ral-







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eigh to colonize the American wilderness. Following the birth of Virginia Dare, the colony disappeared from the Carolina coast and left only a single trace of its existence-the word "Croatan" carved on a tree. The mystery of what happened to these heroic nioneers has haunted historians here and abroad for many years.

Across Roanoke Sound from the palisaded Waterside Theatre is the Wright Memorial, marking the first sustained flight, in aviation history. Other sites of interest in this area are an entire 16th century village line through-hewn juniper log tradition of the period; Hatteras, the Graveyard of the At lantic: Nag's Head, where Blackbeard flew the skull and cross bones; and Rodanthe, the Old Christman village.

Pumpkinseed-Were you out in all that rain? Woodhead-No, just the part

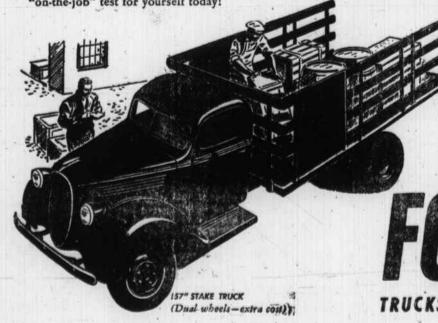
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