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MY WEEK

By BOB BOWERS

Dreams almost set Paul Green screaming in his bed last week. Attending rehearsals every night and reworking the show set his mind in a turmoil of fret and fury; so much so that he dreamed all sorts of things had happened to the *The Lost Colony*. In one dream the time was the opening night of the show. With everything in readiness: light, costumes, scenery and all of the expectations in the world, six people showed up. Not only that but it began to rain and the six lonesome patrons lost in the vast amphitheatre sat in solemn disgust. One dream of that kind wasn't dream enough. Another vision came to haunt him and make him skeptical of renewed success for his dream. This time a ship sailed up into the sound straight into the stage structure and tore away the whole theatre waking Mr. Green from a sound sleep with the feeling that it was all over. There being no medium about who could interpret his hallucinations, our playwright lived in a horrible state of apprehension until opening night when a good crowd came and went away well pleased. Even the first lady of the land came to add her stamp of approval to the *Lost Colony*.

Already with more history than she can celebrate, Virginia was given credit for the *Lost Colony* a few weeks ago. A book reviewer on the *New York Times*, and probably a provincial New Yorker who doesn't know much about the outside world, wrote in a Review of Paul Green's latest volume of plays, "Out of the South," which contains the *Lost Colony*, that the great drama was being presented each summer "down in Virginia." Now, what do you think of that? That was reason enough for secession from the Union, but the old North State kept her head, Virginia made a few apologies in her press, and the whole thing was settled in a very gentlemanly manner.

Many people have the idea that if it is history, it happened in Virginia; and if it is corn liquor it was made in North Carolina; but not all corn liquor was made in North Carolina and not all history was made in Virginia. There is no doubt that Virginia abounds in rich history and lore. The historians of that state early realized that they had a salable product and put markers all over the countryside that visitors might know what happened where. They read beside the road that just two miles north of here General Buckshot tied his shoes and then rush off to find out about this peculiar phenomenon. Thus the simple every day act of tying one's shoes becomes an occasion for open-mouthed wonder.

True, this whole territory was once called Virginia. With that in mind, the soreback state might make legal claim to Carolina's east coast. The modern way to take over would be to flood this section with Virginians, hold a plebiscite in the best Hitlerian manner and take it. That being impossible, why not make a deal with Virginia? Let the governors of the two states meet at the border in a checker game. The Governor of Virginia could play Williamsburg against the *Lost Colony*. Such measures are not necessary, however, since Virginia has already admitted with a sigh that the *Lost Colony* is not "down in Virginia," but belongs to those good-for-nothing Tar Heels.

Rawls Here

Mr. J. L. Rawls and party are staying at the Croatan Hotel for two weeks.

At Croatan

Dr. Frederick H. Koch and Bob Koch of the University of North Carolina and Dr. Arthur Hobson Quinn of the University of Pennsylvania were at the Croatan this week end. They also attended *The Lost Colony*.

At the Croatan

Mr. and Mrs. William Hayden of Atlanta, Georgia, are staying at the Croatan for two weeks.

Bell

Mr. John Bell visited friends in Kitty Hawk Saturday.

Walls

Allie Walls is staying at Nags Head this week.

NAGS HEAD COTTAGE LINE



THIS AERIAL PHOTO, taken two years ago, shows the old Nags Head cottage line looking north from the Arlington Hotel.

DELAPIDATED AUTOMOBILE IS PRIDE OF PAPER BOYS

Each morning when Virginia Dare Transportation Co. bus driver Sam Midgett pulls into Nags Head with his load of mail and passengers three boys from up Kitty Hawk way are on hand to meet him. And a couple of minutes after Sam heads on down the line toward Manteo these same boys pile into their delapidated Model A Ford and begin delivering daily papers to the cottages and hotels along the 14 miles of developed Dare County beaches.

The boys are Martin Jennings, Ashby Brown and Glover Grice, and they all hail from Elizabeth City. Jennings and Brown are the boss men in this newspaper delivery business, and Grice has sort of a hard time being the only hiring for both of them, but he turned the tables on the other fellows not so many days back and started a business of his own. He delivers Coca Cola anywhere on the beach at the rate of six bottles for a quarter and his business is suddenly booming. So now Grice is the boss of one business and Jennings and Brown are his assistants in the enterprise, which sort of evens things up in this business of who does the hiring.

The boys deliver the Norfolk Ledger Dispatch, Norfolk Virginian Pilot and Raleigh News and Observer each morning, the Elizabeth City Daily Advance each afternoon, and the Philadelphia Inquirer on Sundays. And beginning next

CATHOLIC CHAPEL IS CROWDED FOR DEDICATION

The little green and white Catholic Chapel, resting almost at the base of the great memorial to the Wright Brothers up at Kill Devil Hills, was filled to overflowing Sunday as high Catholic officials solemnly proceeded through the colorful ceremonies of dedication.

Although the official dedication of the chapel, which has been named the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, was not held until this week, regular Sunday services have been held there during the month of June.

The sermon Sunday was delivered by the Rev. John J. Scally of New York, who was instrumental in having the little chapel erected. The service was a Pontifical high mass, with Bishop Eugene J. McGuinness pontificating. Rev. Scally served as Deacon of the Mass, and Rev. Vincent Jeffers of New York served as Sub-deacon. Rev. Denis F. Lynch of Raleigh served as arch-priest, and Rev. Francis Kelly of New York and Rev. Edward L. Gross of Edenton were deacons of honor. Rev. Michael A. Carey of Elizabeth City, who will serve as rector of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, was master of ceremonies.

Attending also was Mrs. H. C. Lawrence of New Bern, a frequent visitor to this section, who donated the land on which the chapel was built.

TRIP TO VISIT MRS. ROOSEVELT NETS RESULTS

The First Lady of the land came down Saturday night to see the third season's opening of the *Lost Colony*, and Sunday morning the staff of the Seashore News piled into a borrowed automobile and headed for Goosewing Club, where she was reported to have spent the evening. We had intentions of cornering Mrs. Roosevelt and hot boxing her with pertinent questions dealing with her impressions of this section. After an almost uneventful journey over the sand roads leading to Goosewing (we had one minor flat tire) we arrived at the club at 10:47 on the dot, only to learn that Mrs. Roosevelt had left for Washington at eight o'clock. That left us at a definite disadvantage at the outset, but we quickly comforted ourselves with the thought that we probably couldn't have gotten any farther than the back door anyway. And we feel that it's a lot better not to be able to get any farther than the back door when

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WILBUR WRIGHT HAS CAPACITY CROWD FOR 4th

If a good beginning has anything to do with it the new Wilbur Wright Hotel up at Kill Devil Hills will prove to be a prosperous enterprise for Captain and Mrs. T. A. Baum.

Work on the Wilbur Wright was begun less than two months ago, but Saturday the Baum's threw open their doors and announced to the general public that the Wilbur Wright Hotel was ready for business. Saturday night all thirty of the Wilbur Wright's rooms were taken, and again Sunday and Monday night the Baum's had a full house.

Mrs. Baum, who is personally supervising the management of the new hotel, said yesterday that the week end's business exceeded the hopes of the management for the opening. She said also that there are still a number of things which they did not have time to complete before last Saturday, which will be finished during the next couple of weeks.

The Wilbur Wright is located on the ocean front directly opposite the Kill Devil Hills National Monument. It is finished on the outside with the popular white asbestos shingles, which have so greatly improved the appearance of new

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POSTMASTER



MRS. E. C. TWIFORD, the popular Postmaster up at Kill Devil Hills. She is the daughter of Captain and Mrs. W. H. Lewark of the Kill Devil Hills Coast Guard Station, and a hard working and conscientious postal representative. Mr. and Mrs. Twiford own and operate the Kill Devil Hills Service Station, which is one of the most attractive establishments on the beach.

CROWDS FLOCK TO BEACH THEN FLIT BACK HOME AGAIN

An estimated 5,000 persons from over half of the states of the nation and at least five foreign countries visited the developed Dare County beaches and Roanoke Island over the week end and July 4th, it was reported yesterday.

The largest crowds of the season were on hand to inspect the Wright Brothers' great national monument atop Kill Devil Hills, according to custodian Horace Dough; and over at Fort Raleigh all existing attendance records for this period of the year were smashed.

The new Wilbur Wright Hotel up at Kill Devil Hills, the Nags Head Hotel, the Croatan Inn, Parkerson's Hotel, the First Colony Inn, and the Arlington Hotel were all filled over the four day holiday, and boarding houses and tourist homes along the 14 miles of beach-land on Roanoke Island reported excellent business.

The usually acute feeding problem on Roanoke Island was eased considerably this week by the opening of the new Community dining hall in Manteo, and Roanoke Island Historical Association officials said that the addition of a number of new rooming houses has greatly improved the local housing situation, resulting from a sudden influx of *Lost Colony* visitors.

No serious accidents were reported either on the beach or on Roanoke Island, which is something of a record for Fourth of July vacation periods. The traffic situation was kept well under control by the ever watchful group of State patrolmen stationed in this section, and no disturbances from fireworks were reported.

The Nags Head Beach Club, the Nags Head Casino, filling stations and other amusement centers along the beach reported excellent business. Although the new fishing pier down at the southern turn of the beach highway has not as yet been opened to public use, the builders announced that a large number of tourists inspected the new pier.

Around three thousand persons, including Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and a number of other celebrities saw the *Lost Colony*, and indications point to good business for the coming week.

Today, though, the beach was settling down to its regular summer routine, in preparation for a two month season that should be one of the most prosperous in local history.

CONGRESSMAN WARREN RENTS DEWEY COTTAGE FOR THE SUMMER

This newspaper is happy to report that Dare County's favorite adopted son, Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, has taken the Dewey cottage at Nags Head Shores for the summer. Mrs. Warren, as pleasant and attractive as ever, has already moved in with her charming daughter and two boys. Congressman Warren returns from Ocracoke this week and will be with us for several days before he journeys on to Washington.

Not everyone in this section, we are afraid, is fully aware of the many manifestations of Congressman Warren's love for Dare County and friendship for our people, which have been evidenced through the period of his incumbency in office. They range through legislative labors necessary to drafting and passage of the Wright Memorial enactment, dozens of bills of prime importance to our Coast Guard service, WPA, CWA, U. S. Army engineering projects, to a culmination in the enactment of the National Seashore enabling bill. A comprehensive description of them all would fill this newspaper.

One of these days, perhaps, the citizenry of Dare and the other South of the Albemarle counties, will get together to show their appreciation of Mr. Warren's labors in their behalf in a practical way.

MISS HANNA ACCEPTS POSITION WITH NEWS

Miss Margaret Hanna of Elizabeth City, has replaced Mrs. Harold Graham as office manager for the Seashore News. Miss Hanna has had considerable experience in this sort of work and has spent much time in this section during the past few years.

CRITIC COMPARES LOST COLONY WITH FAMOUS PASSION PLAY

Considering the short time the company has been in rehearsal, Sam Seiden has done a remarkable job on this drama of early Colonial days. To our lay mind, this present cast is far and away the best balanced and most talented group of actors this capable director has had to work with to date, and before many days have passed, it is our belief that Mr. Seiden and Mr. Green will have here as polished and smooth running a histrionic production as has appeared on Broadway this season. The second performance, given last Sunday, was marked both improved staging and the sober sincerity of the players. (We give you the word sober in its most literal interpretation.) With scarcely an exception we believe the newcomers in the cast to be better qualified to portray their parts than were their predecessors of a year and two years

ago. This belief, notwithstanding some criticism heard at random. The new historian, Henry Buckler reads his lines with resonance and feeling, and does much to carry the spirit of the play. Beatrice Hendricks, as the queen, has voice, carriage and personality, and the artistic qualifications to portray her part faithfully. If her acting in the beginning has been marked perhaps by too great reserve, yet it was noticeable for that certain dignity one would expect in a queen. Undoubtedly, as she gains in confidence, Miss Hendricks will deliver her lines throughout with greater feeling. The difficulties embodied in an outdoor production such as this, are not generally understood by the public. A voice, for instance, that would carry beautifully in an indoor theatre, may be lost entirely here. It is necessary therefore, for each member of the cast to discover or to be taught an entirely different pitch than they have been accustomed to. The scene in the palace, upon the return of Governor White, was outstanding, and here Miss Hendricks really lives her part.

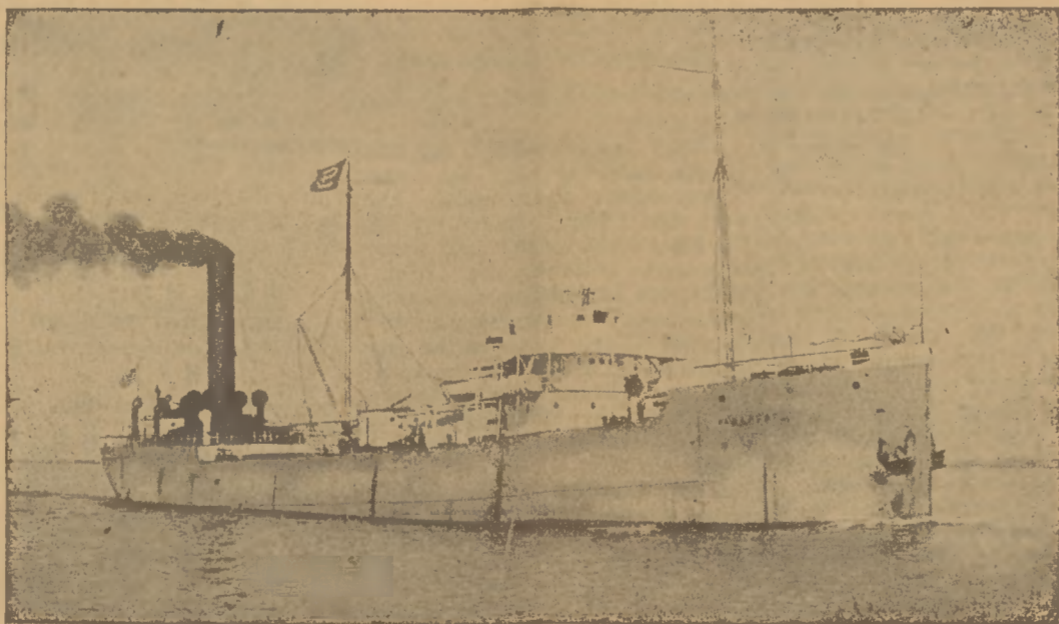
Robert Lowes as Sir Walter Raleigh and Russell Collins as John Borden offer ample testimony as to their abilities, and we are happy to note that Bill Shakespeare has matured from a country bumpkin to what, without under exercise of the imagination, one might conceive of as a prototype of the illustrious bard. However, Item. Is the introduction of the great poet into the very heart of this fine drama in any way essential to it? Would Shakespeare himself have yielded to the possible significance of a questionable casual acquaintance between two men, even though they were of some historic importance, so far as to project the figure of one of them episodically into a play in the action of which he takes no part whatsoever? We doubt he would have done so, even to establish a moot point in history.

Governor John White and Simon Fernando, as played by Bob Bowers and Sam Hirsch, respectively, are notable portrayals. And we are glad to hear sounds other than the falsetto chirpings of immature youth, emanating from the bosoms of sentimental number one and of sentimental number two. Rumble on thou men of might.

Perhaps we are inclined to cleave too strictly to the literal, but, considering the fact that this was to be a permanent embarkation; that they were journeying into a wilderness where entire dependence must be placed upon their own ingenuity, it seems to us that the colonists left the fort rather lightly burdened. It is somewhat of an old Dare County custom, perhaps, for we ourselves have travelled to distant points, on several occasions, with prominent citizens of

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THE PARAGUAY IN HER BETTER DAYS



COAST GUARD DID A GOOD JOB RESCUING PARAGUAY'S CREW

Wrecked Oil Tanker Up at Kill Devil Hills Was Pride of Sun Oil Company's Fleet

Twelve years ago there occurred on the coast between Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk Coast Guard stations a ship wreck which might have turned out to be a major disaster but for the highly efficient and heroic work of three Coast Guard crews. The wreck was that of the Paraguay, an oil Tanker, shown in a picture elsewhere in today's paper as she looked when she was the pride of the Sun Oil Company's tanker fleet.

When the above picture was taken, the Paraguay was considered as being perhaps the outstanding tanker then in operation. She was able to make the trip from Galveston, Texas, to Philadelphia in five

and a half days with 1,000,000 gallons of crude oil as cargo. The Sun people sold the Paraguay to the Costa Zylia & Co., of Alexandria, Egypt, a Greek oil concern.

While enroute from Seville, Spain, to New York City with \$75,000 worth of crude oil in her hold, the Paraguay sprang a leak in a gale off the Virginia Capes on December 2, 1927. Listing badly and driven steadily down the coast and off her course by a northeast storm, the tanker finally went aground early on the morning of December 4, about 300 yards offshore from a point about halfway between the Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills Coast Guard stations.

Because of the bad weather conditions and poor visibility, her plight was not discovered until around nine o'clock that morning, at which time the crews from the Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head stations were called into action.

By that time the Paraguay was in a bad way. Waves breaking over her sides poured water into her hold and put out her fires. The storm-driven waves swept the life boats from their davits, leaving the crew of 28 men at the mercy of the elements, with no hope of being saved unless the Coast Guards could work a miracle and save them.

The Coast Guards didn't work any miracle, but they did turn in a heroic performance and a lot of hard work and managed to save all the crew except four men who were

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