

# THE SEASHORE NEWS

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## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FOR LOCAL RESORTS MAY BE HELD IN AUGUST

### Businessmen Back Idea to Celebrate Nags Head's 100th Birthday in Conjunction With Virginia Dare Anniversary

If the idea meets with the popular approval of local businessmen and cottagers a lavish centennial celebration for the Dare County beach resorts will be held here some time in August.

The first large beach hotel in Dare County was built in 1838, and 100 years ago the sound side settlement at Old Nags Head was a thriving summer colony.

There is a possibility that the centennial celebration may be tied in with the 352nd anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare on Roanoke Island, which will be celebrated at old Fort Raleigh August 18.

Tentative plans for the celebration call for boat races, a beauty contest, swimming races, some sort of parade with floats depicting the growth of the local summer colony, and a grand celebration ball to top off the grand doings.

The celebration will be the first of its kind ever held on the developed beaches of Dare County, and is expected to attract large crowds, especially from Tidewater Virginia and the Albemarle section of North Carolina. The only similar affairs that this section has known have been connected directly either with the Lost Colony or with the Wright Brothers' first flight.

If the residents of Nags Head, Kitty Hawk, and Kill Devil Hills are enthusiastic about the centennial celebration idea, a committee for arrangements will probably be selected within the next few days.

Although the beaches of Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills are comparatively new, as far as well populated summer resorts go, the settlement of Nags Head is one of the oldest beach resorts along the Atlantic coast. Time was, almost a hundred years ago, when folks from all over north eastern North Carolina sailed to the sound side at Nags Head for their summer vacations. And more recently the steamer Trenton served as the most popular means of transportation from Elizabeth City and points north to Nags Head.

The celebration, though, would not be limited to Nags Head, but would include Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk as well.

It has been suggested that some sort of a homecoming be tied in with the centennial celebration, but nothing definite in this regard has been announced as yet.

A number of beach businessmen have already pledged their help in the event that the celebration plans are carried through, and quite a few cottager owners have expressed enthusiasm over the idea.

Further developments in plans for the celebration will be published in this newspaper at an early date.

### ACTORS WHO LIVE PARTS

#### Bearded Cents Are Frightful to Look Upon

The stranger, unsteeped in the lore of Dare County, who visits Roanoke Island for the first time, is pretty apt to see some unusual and astonishing sights before his stay has lasted many hours. There are the ox drawn carts, fishing craft of modern and ancient vintage, reed thatched log structures and dozens of other spots of greater or lesser

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### LOST CHORDS

By FRED HOWARD

The LC choir again defeated the east Tuesday afternoon at baseball. The cast threw the game away on errors after it was in the bag. Having arrived too late to get into the line-up, I sat in the stands and wondered whether I would have played as wild as my team-mates. That reflection kept me from being too hard on them with my sideline chatter.

Monday Rietta Bailey's family and Gib Lee's folks and a few others of us went in to fish with Ken Ward just in time to get caught in the squall that came

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### BEGINNERS LUCK NETS 28 BASS

#### Out of Staters Do Themselves Up in Royal Fashion

The proverbial luck of the beginner was amply exemplified one day last week, when a party of out of state anglers, fishing as guests of Father Michael A. Carey, made a catch of channel bass which stands as a near record for summer fishing.

The party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Alan M. Moses, of Forest Hills, New York, Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Moss, and their son, Peyton, Jr., of Roanoke, Virginia, Patrick Cahill of Pittsburgh, and their host, Father Carey, took twenty-eight large channel bass Tuesday afternoon. The fish ranged in size from twelve pounds up to thirty-eight pounds, and were all captured by casting into the shoals. Herbert Perry, their guide and mentor, states that in all his years of fishing he has never seen a greater number of fish of this species in a single day, and he gave it as his

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### DESERTED VILLAGE ON DARE MAINLAND ONCE AGAIN A PROSPEROUS MILL TOWN

C. C. DUVALL

Over on the Dare County mainland on the banks of one of the tributaries of the Alligator River there huddles today the almost deserted village of Buffalo City, N. C. Where once a hundred and more families of mill workers in then modern cottages and boarding houses gave at least the outward appearance of prosperity to the scene, now remain but a dozen or so tenable buildings, with their less than two score permanent inhabitants.

In years past Buffalo City was a thriving lumber mill town, with carefully laid out streets lined by well kept one, two, and three story buildings, all painted a rich red in keeping with the lumber company's color scheme.

But not so many years ago the lumber company was disbanded, and the majority of Buffalo City's buildings were abandoned and left to rot.

In more recent times Buffalo City has been termed by the casual visitor, "a dead village." Yet one who possesses sufficient interest to look beneath surface appearances, knows that here exists a purposeful community, and one far more important in the economic and social scheme of things, than that mushroom city, founded some many years ago on the basis of falsification and wildest speculation.

Today, as for many years past, the economic security of the inhabitants of this village has been assured by the energy, ability, and



Mr. Duvall, who runs Buffalo City's only store, is also owner of the Fort Raleigh Hotel in Manteo.

integrity of purpose of the Duvall Brothers, who own and manage the small lumber mill and store; the only commercial enterprises remaining active in that territory. Yet in that small mill are produced two items, which somewhat substantiate the old adage concerning the production of mouse traps. Here is manufactured what are probably the best juniper singles to

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### MR. AND MRS. CAIRNS EXTENDED THEIR VISIT TO MONTH THIS YEAR

#### Washingtonians Seem to Like the Section; Keep Coming Back For More

Mr. and Mrs. Huntington Cairns of Washington, D. C., are spending this month at the First Colony Inn. Mr. Cairns is Assistant Chief Attorney of the United States Treasury Department, and in addition is one of the outstanding book and theatrical critics of this country. He has over 8,000 volumes in his private library, for years has read an average of a book a day, and is the author of two books on law, the second of which is scheduled to be presented to the public within a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Cairns have been visiting Dare County for several years and have become so attached to the section that they have each season extended their stay.

Among the numerous magazine articles written by Mr. Cairns during the winter, was one on the Lost Colony, which appeared in the December issue of the highbrow Magazine of Art. His article, called, Experiment with Music—The Lost Colony, is one of the best pieces we've seen printed about Paul Green's symphonic drama.

Profusely illustrated with the best of the Lost Colony publicity

shots, the article is considerably different from the general run of reviews and criticisms that have gone out about the play. Cairns takes up much of his article with the communal aspect of the presentation, and shows ably where Paul Green has succeeded and where he has failed in attempting to "first write an historical drama—secondly write a play which would capture the interest of an isolated fishing community, which would be adopted to the acting abilities of a native cast and susceptible ultimately of complete production by the community. . . . and he has attempted finally to write what he terms a symphonic drama."

He says that "Music is an integral part of the play and represents a definite experiment on Mr. Green's part to further its use in the drama. It is not his first experiment with music, although it is probably his most ambitious one. . . . The music adds immeasurably to the effectiveness of the Lost Colony and assists in large part in the play's creation of the atmosphere of the period."

### WHAT HAPPENS TWICE—MAYBE

#### Publicist Is Fed Up on Radio Programs; So Is Most Everyone Else

Folks in this vicinity eagerly dialed their radios to one of the Columbia networks' many stations June 27 to listen to a scheduled half hour program dealing with Paul Green's symphonic drama the Lost Colony.

Rehearsal difficulties at that time caused postponement of the scheduled program, and put a definite cramp in the style of LC's energetic publicist, Tony Butitta. But little Tony came back the next week with news releases galore, in which he announced that the improved version of the radio program would be presented over all of the stations in the Columbia chain at 3:30 o'clock, Eastern daylight saving time, on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 11.

So Tuesday of this week, which was July 11, people in a majority of local homes once again sat down beside their radios and prepared to listen to a half hour's program about their favorite play. But at 3:30 that afternoon every station in the Columbia network was broadcasting the All Star baseball game, which actually was a mighty interesting ball game, even though we were pulling for the Nationals, but which didn't have much bearing on Roanoke Island or the Lost Colony.

Biggest mystery in this section at present, is not what happened to the Lost Colony (the historians have gotten a good start toward clearing that matter up for us). Folks, instead, are looking for the lost Lost Colony radio program, and some have even gone so far as to venture the suggestion that the whole thing was baljhyoo anyway. But this scribe just came from the office of the Roanoke Island Historical Association in the Court House at Manteo, where he has been engaged for the past few minutes in a most serious conference with ace publicist Tony Batitta. The information that Tony gave out this time, and so help me on my word of honor it's the truth, that unless another All Star baseball game is played off, the program will definitely be presented over the Columbia network next Tuesday afternoon. I got the information straight from Tony, and he got it from James H. Fassett, of Columbia's music department. And this Mr. Fassett, in case you haven't been reading Tony's releases, is in charge of the thrice scheduled program, which by next Tuesday afternoon should be worked into a top notch affair—we hope.

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### KILL DEVIL HILLS BELLES TAKE MOVIES OF SUNRISE

It isn't news on the Dare County beaches for folks to stay up all night and watch the sun rise the next morning. But it is news when some of the cottagers get up early enough in the morning, after a good night's sleep, to watch old Sol ascend over the eastern horizon.

A couple of the girls up at Kill Devil were reported to have risen at 4 o'clock one morning recently in order to get out in time to take moving picture shots of the sun coming up out of the ocean.

What's the beach coming to nowadays?

### TOWN BOARD ENFORCES 25 MILE SPEED LIMIT

Warning Given That Manteo Speeding Ordinance Will Become Effective

Warning that the 25 miles an hour speed limit within the town of Manteo will be enforced more rigidly was given out yesterday by Woodson Fearing, member of the Town Board. The ordinance, in effect for several years, has been enforced only laxly since it was passed.

A charge of reckless driving will be entered against any person thought to be driving dangerously fast through the Manteo business section. The town limits begin at highway street.

Edlina

Staying at Edlina cottage this week are Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Hedgepeth from Roxboro, N. C.; Mrs. P. H. Stem from Stem, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith from Rocky Mount, N. C.; and Helen L. Smith of Baltimore, Maryland.

### MAY BE BROUGHT BACK



The old steamer Trenton, shown here landing at the old Nags Head sound side wharf, may be brought back to this section for the centennial celebration.

### BEACH ROMEO SAYS HE WOODED MOVIE STAR—THEN LEFT HER

When a country boy falls in love with a movie star it's hardly worth mentioning, but when the movie star asks the country boy for a date, that's news.

Bernice Atkinson, beach trouble shooter for the VEPCO, yesterday told a representative of this newspaper, that last fall he had a couple of dates with Bette Davis, considered by many to be the queen of film-dom, but because she seemed to be "just a country girl" and because he didn't especially like her "long honky talk" he wasn't too much impressed with her.

According to Bernice "she was right nice looking, and her seven passenger Lincoln car was a beauty," which should sort of square

things up.

The date came last fall when Bernice was called to Worcester, Mass., at the time that Florida hurricane got off its course and raised havoc in the New England states. Bernice was working about 20 miles out of Worcester one morning when he was called to a huge mansion to fix the lights. When he had finished the job he asked for the lady of the house and was escorted to Miss Davis, who seemed mighty pleased to have her lights fixed, especially since she was giving a party that night. She invited Bernice to the party, an invitation that no young man would rightly refuse, and after the party Bernice and

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### MISS JIMMIE GRIGGS IS ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

That Miss Jimmie Griggs has a host of friends all over this section was evidenced Tuesday night when she was given a gala birthday party at the Beach Club. Jimmie's friends from all over the beach were given considerable support by a Lost Colony and Manteo delegation in putting the party across.

Jimmie was feasted royally on cake and other niceties, Miss Edith Dubold, the Beach Club orchestra's new featured singer, sang a number especially for her, and the party, as a whole, was a very sumptuous and elegant affair.

Highlight of the evening's entertainment was a special dance by Jimmie and the Lost Colony's big chief Wanchese, Don Rosenberg. Jimmie, as special guest, was oblig-

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### CAPE HATTERAS AND THE BUXTON WOODS



BEN DIXON MacNEILL took his camera down the banks a while back and returned with these two interesting scenes of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The aerial photo on the left, taken from Dave Driskill's plane, shows the famous Cape, and the picture on the right is of the trail which winds its way through the beautiful Buxton woods.

### LOST COLONY MOVIE TO APPEAR HERE SOON

Paramount newsreel pictures of the Lost Colony drama and Roanoke Island are scheduled to be shown during the coming week at the Pioneer Theatre in Manteo. Already seen by millions of theatre-goers in large cities, the movie is expected to be viewed by more than sixty million throughout the nation before the pictures are withdrawn from circulation.

Cameramen Hugo Johnson and Al O'Leary were assigned the job of photographing scenes from the Lost Colony and spent a pleasant week end in Manteo.

### POSTMASTERS SEE PLAY AND TAKE OCEAN DIPS

When postmasters from all over North Carolina met in Elizabeth City this week, they topped off their convention with a trip to Dare County. The majority of them saw the Lost Colony that night and quite a few stopped over on the beach, took a dip in the ocean, and attended one of the dances after the drama.

Burgess

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Sanchin and children Robert, Bruce, and Carolyn of Washington, D. C., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Burgess.