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MY WEEK

By BOB BOWERS

Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, Christy Mathewson, Indian Joe Bender and Three-Finger Mordecai, illustrious as they may be in the annals of baseball, are about to be crowded into one corner of baseball's hall of fame. The whole of the great American pastime's history will be scrapped; for the game has entered into a new era. The Lost Colony cast has taken to the diamond.

It all began with a challenge from the choir to a softball game out at the Fishbowl. Now, a popular idea is that those engaged in the arts are not supposed to know anything about or be able to play any sports, but after the initial game in which the singers walloped the cast, the actors came back and the chorus began to chant a different tune. . . . and it wasn't Justin. The Lost Colony cast began to hit. A million dollar outfield went into action. Harry Davis, associate director, pitched the ball up with a lightning speed, and the rest was easy. The best little ball team that ever missed a pop fly was a-bornin'!

Bedford Thurman, otherwise known as Preacher Martin in the Lost Colony, looked like a prestidigitator the way he snagged those balls on third base. Fred Howard used all of his skill as a dancer tripping around shortstop to make that position impregnable. On second base, Howard Bailey looked like the reincarnation of Frankie Frisch. On first base, Martin Kellogg covered the diamond like the sand. And in left field, Wanchese Rosenberg, bent double to prevent the ball from passing between his slender arched shanks.

Because of the name, softball may sound easy, an innocuous pastime to be indulged in by the portly members of the Rotary Club or the Kiwanis. But battered heads, stubbed fingers, sore legs and charlie horses among the members of the Lost Colony prove otherwise. Minor disabilities haven't slowed the show up at all, but there are some pained expressions and groans whenever someone has to kneel on stage.

Backstage, little groups are gathered in every dark corner discussing the chances for the next game, and the actors have all lost their identity as characters. So-and-so is no longer Sir Walter Raleigh or Governor White or Essex; he is a "dead left field hitter" or a "sucker for an inside ball". Even the cries of the colonists have been affected by the new fad; for at the Queen's entrance a few nights ago, instead of crying "God save our Queen", a shrill voice came out with "Slide you sonof-a-gun slide."

If the attendance at these friendly games continues, it is rumored that the management is seriously considering dropping The Lost Colony and backing the cast team against all comers. It is a certainty that from now on when try-outs are held for the choice of actors each year, the first query will not be, "How many and what plays have you been in," but what the Historical Association wants to know is "Can you hit?"

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE, VEP TO BE AT BEACH THIS WEEK END

The Women's Committee of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, of the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Suffolk offices, will entertain at a week end party to be held at the Nags Head Hotel, at Kitty Hawk Beach.

Those attending will be: Mrs. Agnes Rose, Mrs. Elsie Brown, Mrs. Dorothy Whitehurst, Mrs. Evelyn Clarke, Mrs. Ruth Kane, Mrs. Mabel Bibb, Mrs. Pattie White, Mrs. Clara Vaughan, Mrs. Dorothy White, Mrs. E. M. Jesse, Mrs. Mary Cook, Misses Mildred Perry, Margaret Shoop, Campie Powers, Ella Chase, Martha Graham, Alma Jakeman, Eva Fishbeck, Georgie Darden, Anita Minter, Mildred Thatch, Jeanie Graham, Eunice Dickinson, Bessie Ives, Julie Robinson, Barbara Jarvis, Alice Tudor, Mary Virginia Clark, Mary Taylor, Alice Hodges, Jeanette Flagg, Edith Neville, Dolly Harcum, Bessie Fisher, Nancy Boyce, Naomi Shank, of Richmond.

Staying at the F. Brown cottage are Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Winston, Mrs. W. R. Winston, all of Raleigh; Dr. and Mrs. William Kemp of St. Louis, Mo.; and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stinemates of Elizabeth City.

CASINO TO HOLD FREE TEA DANCE EACH AFTERNOON

Every afternoon from 3:30 until 5 o'clock for the remainder of the summer the Nags Head Casino will hold free tea dances in their upstairs ball room, manager "Ras" Westcott announced yesterday.

First in the series of free dances will be held Friday afternoon, and at 3:30 every afternoon for the remainder of the summer the management will provide an hour and a half of costless dancing.

Westcott said that his nickleodeon is stocked with records of the most popular numbers, played by the nation's outstanding orchestras, and the dancers will be allowed to choose any of the records they wish to have played.

Free music and ball room space for an hour and a half each afternoon is something that few dancing enthusiasts would care to miss, and Westcott said everyone is invited to attend the tea dances.

Although the Beach Club and the Casino generally hold free concerts or tea dances Sunday afternoons, this will be the first time in the history of the Dare County beach resorts that free dances have been held every afternoon.

HARD ROW FOR FAILURE TO SHOW CAFE'S RATING

Operators of restaurants and other public eating places who fail to cooperate with the public, as required by Chapter 186 of the Public Laws of 1921, as amended, and refuse to prominently display their rating cards will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, it was announced by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer.

"Of course, we had rather not resort to the more drastic procedure of having offenders arrested and brought into court," Dr. Reynolds went on, "but if it takes that well, it will have to be that way. Those who are called upon to suffer the consequences will have only themselves to blame."

"I have just received a report from M. M. Melvin, one of our district sanitarians, who secured the arrest of Chris Gallos, manager of the Presto Lunch, in Winston-Salem. He was fined \$50 and costs, but the fine was suspended on condition that he abide by the public health law for a period of three years."

"Entering any public eating place," Dr. Reynolds pointed out, "a patron has the right to a full view of the rating card of that place. If it is not in sight, he should demand to see it, and if the proprietor or manager cannot or will not produce it, then the patron, who is entitled to the protection of the law, should feel obligated to report the incident."

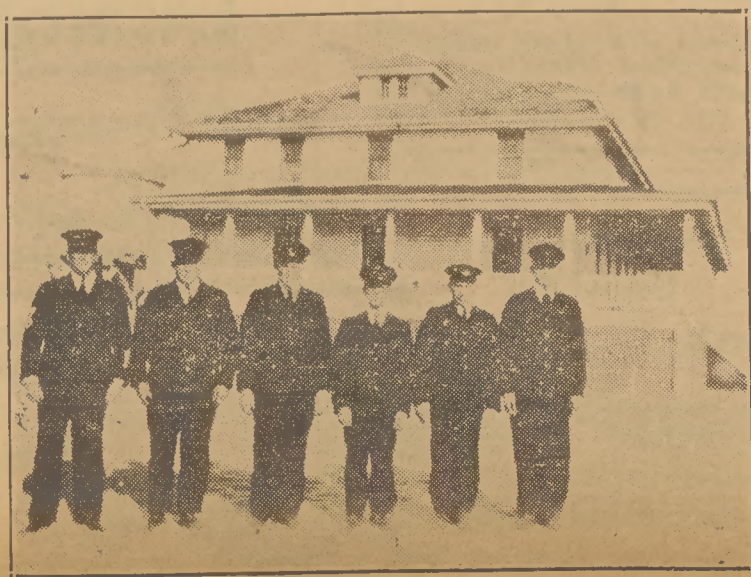
"The law plainly says that the proprietor or manager of any hotel or restaurant, immediately upon receipt of his certificate of rating, shall post it where it may be easily observed by guests, that is, in a conspicuous place."

"This law must be enforced; our people must be protected!"

Brown

Staying at the Frank Brown cottage at Kitty Hawk are Capt. Walton Stevens, Mrs. Walton Stevens and son, W. Eugene Stevens, from Baltimore, Md., and nephew Ross D. Stevens from Indianapolis, Ind. Before coming to Nags Head, Ross Stevens toured the country with his parents, taking in the fair at San Francisco.

KILL DEVIL HILLS COAST GUARD



LOOKING DOWN



Most of us are accustomed to looking up at the great Wright Memorial on top of the grass covered Kill Devil Hills, but few of us have had the opportunity to look down on the monument from above. This photo shows how Kill Devil Hills looks to the many aviators who circle the monument, in passing along the coast.

FIELDS & MEEKINS PROMOTE FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE

Colonist Inn Is Scene of Affair; Milgram's Band To Play

Friday night when the Lost Colony actors finish their grand march and the audience begins to slowly file out of the amphitheatre, across the street in the Colonist Inn, Count Milgram will strike up his band, and the big dance will be on. Wheeler Fields and Bill Meekins, promoters of the Friday night affair, say they are planning to hold a series of dances in the Colonist Inn during the remainder of the summer if the one tomorrow night meets with the popular approval of the citizenry.

Milgram's band will be returning to this section after a week on the road, and a large number of the beach visitors are expected to be on hand for the return engagement.

The Colonist Inn, located directly opposite the Fort on the north end of Roanoke Island has been the scene of many gay dances in the past. Admission for the affair will be \$1.00 per couple, and the dancing will begin as soon as the Lost Colony is finished.

Members of the Lost Colony cast say they are planning to go to the

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SOFT BALL LEAGUE

Representatives of the Nags Head, Lost Colony Camp, Lost Colony Choir, CCC camp, and WPA camp softball teams will meet in the court house at Manteo Monday night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of forming a regular softball league.

The meeting will be taken up with the election of league officers, the drawing up of a schedule, and the naming of the proposed league. All teams are urged to send representatives, since the future of the league depends entirely on the results of this meeting.

MUSIN'S

Billy Watts invited Carlton Lister to the clam bake he and a couple of his colleagues were putting on the other night. Carlton graciously declined the invitation, saying, "I don't like clams." Billy was overcome with surprise. Said he: "Who ever heard of anybody serving clams at a Nags Head clam bake."

Funniest sight of the week—Oscar Owens, Jr., and Tommy Nash pushing Oscar's new car along the beach highway at 12 o'clock Monday night, with the aforementioned gentlemen both garbed in white suits, city shoes, and straw hats.

Woodrow Price, the Elizabeth City Daily Advance's ace news-hawk, has agreed to write a column for us in the near future. It was Woodrow who last summer so thoroughly debated the question as to whether the natives started going bare footed because they saw the visitors running around without shoes or vice versa. It all ended up like that "Which came first—the egg or the hen" riddle, with visitors claiming they started the fad, and natives also sticking up for their rights in the matter.

Marshmallow and Weiner roasts are losing out in this matter of popular beach pastimes. Time was when a fella could count half a dozen bonfires on the beach most any clear night, but nowadays folks seem to be getting too lazy to gather the wood, get the marshmallows and weiners, and start a fire blazing.

At Croatan

Among the guests at the Croatan Hotel this week were Eugene C. Bouton of Arlington, Va.; Mrs. Oliver G. Taylor; Albert L. Good, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dowling of Petersburg, Va.; Mrs. R. L. Lambeth of Greensboro, N. C.; Mrs. Rose Lambeth of Greensboro, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. George Brasfield and family of Petersburg, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Conklin and child of Kingsport, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Cromwell and son of Norfolk, Va.; Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Morgan of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sugler of Mount Airy, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Walker and son of Hartsville, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Greer of Thomasville, N. C.; Carrie S. Johnson of Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. Francis Carter Scruggs of Lynchburg, Va.; and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Shaw of Garret Park, Md.

Fuller Guests

Mrs. J. E. Creech, Mary Anna Newland, Miss Dorothy Creech, Miss Helen Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. John Love, Jr., and Bryant Mangum, all of Durham, N. C., are guests of Mrs. R. E. Fuller at Kitty Hawk Beach.

Dr. Harvey Shipp of Little Rock, Ark., is spending some time with his family at the M. G. Morrisette cottage.

CELEBRATION IDEA IS CATCHING ON; DARE YACHT CLUB PLANNING RACES

Motor and Sail Boat Races May Be Held on August 19th and 20th

A series of boat races lasting over two full days may be held late in August in conjunction with the proposed centennial celebration for the Dare County Beach resorts, it was learned yesterday.

Backers of the centennial celebration idea, in conference with officers of the newly formed Dare Yacht Club, unofficially agreed to hold power and sail boat races, probably in Shallowbag Bay, over a two day period during the height of the centennial celebration.

Original plans for the celebration, announced in this newspaper last week, called for boat races of some sort; but it was not until officers of the Yacht Club announced their plan for holding races late in August that heads of the two groups unofficially decided to hold the races and the celebration at the same time.

The Dare Yacht Club, was first organized several years ago, but was disbanded in 1937. The reorganized club was formed last week under the guidance of John Booth, who explained to the new members, how the dredging of the new harbor channel will greatly enhance the Manteo section as a stopping off place for passing yachts.

Officers, elected at the meeting were Jim Vannote, commodore; Lee Hassell, vice-commodore; Willis Pearce, purser; and Lawrence Swain, assistant purser and secretary.

A committee composed of Lee Hassell, John Booth, and Ralph Davis was named to take charge of preliminary plans for the boat races, which are tentatively scheduled to be held August 19 and 20. O. J. Jones, T. S. Meekins, Dave Driskill, Clyde Hassell, M. L. Daniels, John Booth and Ralph Davis were selected as a board of governors for the club. Membership in the organization will not be limited to year around residents but will be open to summer visitors on the Island and the beaches, as well.

An official decision regarding the merger of the Yacht Club and the Centennial Celebration committee for the purpose of holding the boat races in the latter part of August, will not be made until meetings of both organizations are held.

NINETY-NINE PER CENT OF SO CALLED POISONOUS SNAKES WON'T EVEN BITE

Harmless Hog Nose Snake is Only One Found on Beach; Poisonous Varieties Can't Live Here

Snakes, be they ever so harmless, are always news. Each year about this time, begins to appear in the public print, wild and improbable yarns concerning these humble creatures, which are generally more notable for an entire lack of knowledge concerning the subject, than for adherence to fact. We don't suppose that there is a single member of the entire animal kingdom so little understood and so universally and unjustly maligned as is this rarely dangerous, generally beneficial wild creature. Of course the thing all began with Adam and Eve, which seems like a mighty long time for abysmal ignorance of common and easily perceptible facts, to persist in the human mind.

These somewhat primary thoughts come to us as the result of several incidents which have occurred recently. Just the other day a very nice lady approached us in considerable perturbation, with the information that she had come upon a ferocious appearing snake which had flattened its head, opened wide a fang infested mouth, and hissed at her in a most terrifying manner. She added the information that a native had assured her that the snake in question was a sand adder, whose bite meant certain death. Another Nags Header informed us the day following that not one but two of these same coiled at her very doorstep, since which time she had forbidden either of her children to set foot outside the cottage.

These are but two of several snake stories which have gone the

VIRGIE PERRY



MISS VIRGIE PERRY, of Kitty Hawk, who this summer is co-manager of the Sea View Inn, located opposite the Beach Club at Nags Head Shores.

ARMOR ADDED TO MUSEUM DISPLAY AT FORT RALEIGH

Displays of the Fort Raleigh Museum are being considerably augmented by several loans of prints and Indian relics, according to Mrs. Caroline Stringfield, museum curator.

Four new steel pieces used by the foot soldiers at the time of Sir Walter Raleigh's attempted colonization of Roanoke Island in the 1580's arrived recently from England. The four pieces are a steel breastplate, dated 1580; two Halberds or spears, 16th century; and one Morion or steel helmet, 16th century.

Indian relics were loaned this summer by Mr. A. D. Capehart, of Oxford, N. C. The collection includes an Indian paint pot, three excellent pipes, several rough cache blades, and a varied group of arrowheads, spear and bird points and were arranged by Joffre Coe.

The University of North Carolina (Please turn to Page Four)

AUGUST 18, 19, 20 TENTATIVELY SET FOR BIG DOINGS

Beach businessmen and summer residents this week wholeheartedly endorsed plans for holding a large centennial celebration for the Dare County Beach resorts late in August.

Proprietors of the beach hotels, filling station and store operators, and managers of the Casino and Beach Club all expressed the opinion that such a celebration would be appropriate at this time. Every cottage owner consulted by this newspaper was definitely in favor of the idea, and many offered to give their full backing to the project.

Plans are already being formed for holding a series of boat races, lasting for two full days, in Shallowbag Bay, and tentative plans for a mammoth centennial celebration ball are also being made. The suggestion that a beauty contest, to determine the most beautiful young lady in this section, be held is fast catching the public fancy, and it is expected that this part of the celebration will prove to be one of the highlights of the two or three day affair.

The celebration will probably be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 18, 19, and 20. August 18 will be Virginia Dare day at Fort Raleigh, and a large number of periodical visitors to this section are expected to return at this time.

EASTERN INDIANS LIVED IN HOUSES

Only Westerners Used Conical Wigwam

The Lost Colony drama has been worked out with such careful attention to detail, generally, that the few incongruities which do exist are particularly noticeable. One which has been particularly evidenced to this writer is the use of the teepee or pole wigwam in a couple of the scenes.

The conical wigwam is peculiar only to the Indians of the Western plains, and was developed as a result of the distinct requirements of that territory. In the old days it was made entirely of buffalo hides, supported by long poles, which, because of the scarcity of lumber, were highly treasured and used also as travois poles when the tribe was traveling. It was not only quite different in structure from those used at Fort Raleigh, but the smallest this writer has ever seen was at least five times the size of those referred to.

The housing of the Eastern Indian was an entirely different problem. He was less of a nomad and lived most of his life in fixed villages. The type of dwelling used at that period is well shown in several of Governor White's drawings and quite fully described in his writings and in letters sent out by Harriott, Captain John Smith and others. These were quite literally "houses", oblong in shape, with rounded instead of peaked roofs; sometimes thirty feet or more in length sometimes with three or more rooms, and constructed of bent over saplings, covered with anything from birch bark, in the north, to grass mats and deer skins in the South.

UNIVERSITY RELEASES PLAY'S THIRD EDITION

The University of North Carolina Press today announced that a third edition of Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony, would be released within the next few days. Because of the popular appeal of the drama the price has been reduced to \$1 the copy. The new edition will contain all the revisions made by the famous North Carolina playwright during the past two years.

Keith's Kamp

Staying at Keith's Kamp at Kitty Hawk this week are Mr. and Mrs. W. Paul Allen and Doug Kooz of Raleigh; Priscilla Lambeth and James Idol of High Point; Hoke Shore and George W. Flynt, Jr., of Winston-Salem; and Virginia Moseley of Kinston.

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