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## NATION'S FOREMOST 1937 EVENT IS 350TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN JULY-AUGUST

### Sport Fishing Manteo to Hatteras Begins

**SPORTFISHING BRINGS DARE \$50,000 A MONTH IN SEASON; RIVALS COMMERCIAL FISHING**

*County's Most Important Means of Livelihood May Soon Need Drastic Measures for Its Protection; Entire Section Famed for Fine Fishing and Large Variety*

By FRANK STICK

If better sport with rod and reel can be had anywhere in this country than it is to be discovered here in our coastal county, then this scribe concedes his limitations as an investigator of matters piscatorial. For a good many years now I have pottered up and down the coast from Maine to Florida, have dabbled my various lures and baits in mid-Western and Western waters, and have yet to locate a territory where game fishes abound in greater numbers or in more satisfying variety. Yet this form of sport is in its infancy in our section, both in regard to methods employed, territory to be fished and varieties to be sought.

Within the past three years the numbers of anglers who visited Dare County has increased at least a thousand percent and it is just beginning.

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ONE OF TYRRELL'S ADOPTED SONS



J. ERNEST NORRIS, Mayor of the Town of Columbia, although a native of Wake County is one of the Southern Albemarle's biggest boosters. He tried practicing law in Raleigh, but failed in 1922 later he came to Manteo where he has been ever since, enjoying a lucrative law practice. He has been mayor of his town since 1935; chairman of Tyrrell County's welfare board; chairman of the county board of elections; adjutant in the American Legion post and superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school. (Photo by Frisby)

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Forty Four Bass in Three Hours

The use of artificial lures is to be commended for specific seasons and for certain varieties of fish, but it has its disadvantages, particularly under some conditions. There is no doubt at all that if our guides were to resort more to still fishing, particularly when the state of the water precludes trolling to advantage, far better catches would be made, and the schools would be less harassed. Unquestionably the average results would be better and the sportsmen themselves better satisfied. I remember several years ago, my good friend and mentor in the ways of channel bass, George Mann, now deceased, with myself and two companions, in three hours fishing with floating cut bait, landed 44 bass ranging up to 56 pounds in weight, while the best catch among trollers that day, was but 9 fish. I might add that only five of our fish were killed, the remainder being released from the hook without removing them from the water. I am not deprecating the use of artificial lures, by any means. For I was one of the pioneers in utilizing metal gadgets for channel bass and trout, in this section. But it is far over-done, and the ultimate results may prove exceedingly harmful.

Personally I like to fish with plenty of elbow room, and therefore, most of my fishing for channel bass is done late in the season, when our waters are less crowded, and at a time when the great schools have broken up and scattered up and down our coast. Compared with records made at other points in Virginia and the Carolinas, the results hereabouts are truly phenomenal. I have known of over six hundred large channel bass to be taken in one day in the neighborhood of Oregon and New Inlets. Compare this with the results at Wachapreague and Chicoteague in Virginia and at Morehead, where frequently the total recorded for the entire season will be far less than this number.

**CHEAPER LIGHT FOR ROANOKE ID NOW IN EFFECT**

New Rate Established April 1, Enables People to Enjoy More Current

New rates for lights and power on Roanoke Island, put in effect by the Roanoke Utilities Company, assures the people more enjoyment of electric current. Under the new rates which will make possible reductions up to forty per cent, people will begin making use of many electrical conveniences not hitherto enjoyed.

Household appliances, as well as machinery, will in time come into more general use once the savings become evident to the people. The rate is expected to create a large increase in business among the people of Manteo and Wanchese.

**Large Bluefish Catches**

Bluefish in the past several years (Continued on page two)

### Discovery of Roanoke Island

Amadas and Barlow Forgotten Men in History  
By FRANK STICK

No achievement in the entire history of the American continent has been more outstanding from the standpoint of romantic glamor and sheer drama than the Raleigh colonization of Roanoke Island in the years 1584-87. Yet, from a standpoint of historical importance and in its effect upon the subsequent economic and social development of our nation, the actual attempt at the establishment of a permanent colony is overshadowed by the earlier act of discovery and territorial acquisition. Notwithstanding its momentous significance, historians in general have deigned to give but little credit to those staunch mariners, Philip Amadas and Arthur Barlow, who, under the patronage of Sir Walter Raleigh, and armed with letters patent from Queen Elizabeth, entered Trinity Harbor and took possession of this land on the 18th day of July, 1584. The names of these two shipmasters are missing from both the monument within the Fort Raleigh reservation and from the gateposts erected by the United States government at the entrance. The latter, in artistic and incongruous though they are, do at least serve to suggest federal acquiescence in our efforts toward the perpetuation of this historic spot.

HE TOOK COBB'S ADVICE



R. BRUCE THERIDGE, a Dare County man, as head of the Department of Conservation and Development of this state must have gotten tired of hearing the outworn expression "North Carolina Needs a Press Agent," attributed to Irvin S. Cobb some years ago. At any rate, last year, Mr. Theridge got busy and started a campaign for a quarter million dollar appropriation to advertise North Carolina, and this session of the Legislature made the appropriation for the next biennium. It will be spent under the direction given the Department of Conservation and Development by the Governor. Mr. Theridge will render his state a great service.

Amadas and Barlow were not only the actual discoverers, but they also explored and mapped the surrounding region and located the point of subsequent settlement. It is a matter of good will of the abolitionists, tenants; and it may be added, that (Continued on page four)

Proof Enough of Finest Fishing



HERE'S the proof of good fishing. This catch is one landed at Oregon Inlet, near Rodanthe. Because of the splendid fishing at the Dare County Inlets, the fine surf casting, and other forms of fishing that provide the best of sport, the region becomes more popular each year, and guides have developed a large business. Channel bass, shown above, as well as Rock or striped bass, bluefish, and trout are found all through the season. The fishing season has just opened and reservations are pouring in.

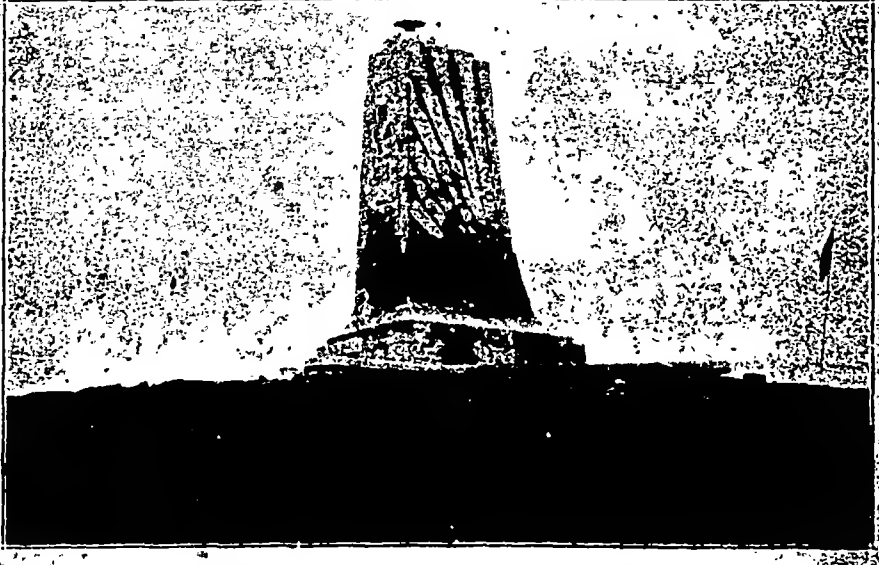


### The Entrance to Fort Raleigh



FROM the highway, one enters this gateway to Fort Raleigh, the first English colony. The Memorial gateway was obtained from the Federal Government through the efforts of Lindsay Warren, Congressman. Just back of the gateway will be seen the block type entrances to the Fort grounds. The beautiful brick and stone columns are now hid, because some CWAPAERA or some other sort of "engineer" has had the wooden blockhouse moved in front. In spite of all the so-called bright ideas advanced by relief engineers, Fort Raleigh has materialized into a place of great interest.

### The Wrights Honored With a \$250,000 Pylon



CONGRESSMAN Lindsay Warren put over the job of getting Uncle Sam to set a \$250,000 granite marker on Kill Devil Hill as a memorial to the founding aviation. Here Wilbur and Orville Wright in 1903 flew the first airplane. A half million dollars in all have been spent on this project.

### LOST COLONY'S GRIPPING DRAMA TO BRING THROGS FROM ALL OVER THE NATION

Greatest Celebration of the Year; Nationwide in Scope; International in Interest To Take Place on Roanoke Island in July and August; Many Notables to Be Present; Preparations for Pageant Calls for Huge Program, and Preparations Move Forward Rapidly.

### MOVING SPIRIT OF CELEBRATION DYNAMIC FIGURE



D. BRADFORD FEARING is the moving spirit of the big celebration to be held on Roanoke Island this summer. Credit for the initiative and enterprise which went into the first plans for this great event goes to this dynamic and friendly personality. Only a man of foresight and vision can do justice to such an undertaking. D. B. Fearing, with his broad ideas, his enthusiasm and energy is the one man who could launch into (Continued on page eight)

By WOODROW PRICE

Drama so thrilling it surpasses the imagination of writers of fiction, adventures of a hardy colonial group on which a nation was built, tragedy so terrible that it has gone down in history as one of the greatest unexplained mysteries of all time—such is the heritage of historical lore that is Roanoke Island's, the heritage that surrounds reconstructed Fort Raleigh on the island's north end.

To that shrine of a nation, scene of the first English settlements in America, will flock hundreds of thousands of Americans and foreigners this summer to a huge celebration commemorating the 350th anniversary of those first English settlements and also the birth of Virginia Dare, America's first white child born of English parents, making the affair a double celebration.

Planned by a committee headed by D. B. Fearing, chairman of the Roanoke Colony Memorial Association (Continued on page eight)

The celebration will get underway on the morning of July Fourth, which this year falls on Sunday.

Far surpassing in magnitude all previous celebrations which have been held at Fort Raleigh, the affair will stretch over a period of two months, reaching its climax August 18, birth date of Virginia Dare, and ending on Labor Day, September 6.

Paul Green, nationally known playwright from Chapel Hill, is including all the drama of those early settlements in his play "The Lost Colony," which is going to be produced here this summer as the outstanding feature of the celebration.

### One of the Most Beautiful of Coins



HUNDREDS of orders each week pour in for the beautiful Memorial Coins, struck in honor of the 350th anniversary of the Colonization of North Carolina, will soon make this interesting memento unavailable to collectors. The coin has been characterized by many collectors as the most beautiful yet minted by any Government.

of endeavor feel the invigorating influence of this new fishing business.

"Suppose the sportfishing should play out?" asked the Drummer.

"Oh well, something would turn up maybe. But the people should not rely on faith altogether. They must learn to take care of what they have. If everybody had been saving and used foresight, they would not be bothered by hardships."

"Nobody uses forethought and saves money now," said the Drummer. "It is contrary to all custom in this nation."

"You're mighty right, bud; mighty right," said the Old Sea Captain.

The North Carolina State Fair will be held this year from October 11 through October 16, according to an announcement by J. S. Dorton, manager. Mr. Dorton has said that "new emphasis will be placed on the agricultural, industrial and educational features of the fair and it is the hope of the fair management and the Department of Agriculture that every phase of educational endeavor will be represented."

### THOUSANDS FOR MEMORIAL COINS BEFORE MINTING

Money Poured In From Coin Collectors Everywhere Months Ahead

Sales of the Sir Walter Raleigh-Virginia Dare Memorial coins issued to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the first English settlements on Roanoke Island were nearing the 20,000 mark by the middle of March. Coin orders were coming in at the rate of about \$100 a day.

Possibly the largest demand on record for a commemorative coin was created when news that the issue had been authorized was published late last summer.

Even before these 25,000 gleaming half dollars came off the mint at Philadelphia more than enough had been sold from the offices of the Roanoke Colony Memorial Association at Manteo to pay for (Continued on page eight)

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Based on the memory of Sir Walter Raleigh's colony which settled on Roanoke Island in 1585 and tragically disappeared while its leader, Governor John White, was detained in England by war with Spain, the play will have as its general theme the building of a new nation through the extension of the English empire on all the first abandoned by Sir Walter Raleigh's colony.

"My explanation of what became of the Lost Colony" won't fall in line with the generally accepted theory of the Croatan Indians," the playwright revealed on a recent visit to Roanoke Island. The theory to which he referred is that the colonists either went to live with friendly Croatan tribes on the mainland or were massacred by hostile Indians.

Mrs. Halle Flannagan, national director of the Federal Theatre, has promised the support of the powerful theatrical group and a dozen or more professional actors will be supplied from the stages of New York, Chicago and other large cities to take major roles in the pageant.

Under the general supervision of Professor Frederick H. Koch of the University of North Carolina, father of the Little Theatre in America, the pageant will be conducted on a mammoth stage which has been built amid a natural setting in an open air amphitheatre on the sound shore at Fort Raleigh. To be a success several times each week during the two months of the celebration, it will have a total cast of 120 actors, taking 175 parts. Most of the talent is to be supplied locally.

### The Fort Rebuilt

Reconstructed in all its early day glory, Fort Raleigh's 18 wooded acres now include 18 new low buildings and four others will be added before the celebration begins. Two of them dwellings along the circular driveway which leads around the interior of the fort, the side and the other two built near (Continued on page 3, section 4)