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## LOCAL PLAY MAGNETIZES WELDERS OF BRUSH AND PEN AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

### Hirschfeld Sketches Island Life and Pageant Scenes; Life Magazine Sends Photographer Here; Writer Hergeshimer, Editor Mencken Photographer Eckenberger Expected Next Week; Gibbons Flies From Washington

With more than fifty pages of his sketch book crowded with scenes from The Lost Colony and of the island, A. Hirschfeld, top-flight artist on the dramatic staff of the New York Times departed for New York Monday afternoon after a two days' visit to complete the formal drawing of illustrations for an article planned by Brooks Atkinson when he, with Mrs. Atkinson, comes to the island presently.

Hard upon the heels of Hirschfeld came a staff photographer from "Life" who, after witnessing Wednesday night's performance, asked Director Sam Selden for opportunity to photograph a dozen or more scenes from the drama, and who spent most of Thursday making studies of natives and native scenes about the island. He is the second staff member to photograph the show.

And in the while that "Life" was about its pictures, word came that William Eckenberger, No. One photographer of Times Wide World Pictures was enroute, with his family, to the island for both work and vacation. Mr. Eckenberger spent more than a week on the island in the early spring of last year and promised himself and his hosts then that he was returning for a vacation and visit.

Expected during this week end or the next is Joseph Hergeshimer, regarded by many as the ranking American writer of fiction, and by everybody as the outstanding exponent of "color," now a staff contributor to the Ladies Home Journal. With him will come H. L.

### PREACHES SUNDAY



REV. C. D. BARCLIFT, Methodist pastor of Wilmington, will deliver the sermon Sunday morning at the Waterside amphitheatre.

### DARE YACHT CLUB BIDS FOR INLAND WATERS TRADE

Booth Leads Reorganization of Group; Vannote Is Elected Commodore

That Manteo will make a determined bid for the trade of yachts passing to and fro by way of the ports and Florida's winter play-inland waters between northern ground was evidenced this week in the revival of the Dare Yacht Club with the express purpose of seeking to have at least some of those yachts stop over here.

John Booth, as leader of the reorganization move, told a group of 15 assembled in the courtroom Monday night that with little effort Manteo can be made a port of call and suggested that the channel into the harbor be charted and an effort be made to get the chart in some of the national yachting magazines.

Hearty seconds came from T. S. Meekins and O. J. Jones, each of whom saw great possibilities in the idea.

Jim Vannote was elected commodore of the newly organized club, which had not been functioning for two years. Vice-commodore is Lee Hassell, and purser is Willis Pearce, with Lawrence Swain as assistant purser and secretary. A board of governors is composed of O. J. Jones, T. S. Meekins, Dave Driskill, Clyde Hassell, M. L. Daniels, John Booth and Ralph Davis.

A drive for members was started this week, and tentative plans for holding a motorboat regatta on August 20 were made. Lee Hassell, John Booth and Ralph Davis were named on the regatta committee.

### ANNUAL ALBEMARLE MEET POSTPONED TO AUGUST 17

The annual meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association will be held on Roanoke Island on August 17 instead of August 9, according to announcement by Melvin R. Daniels, vice-president of the association for Dare.

Daniels said the postponement for a week was occasioned by another meeting at Belhaven which members of the association from Washington County had already planned to attend. The Belhaven affair was planned in advance of the Southern Albemarle Association gathering.

### SHORT CIRCUIT

A short circuit in the electric motor of a water pump at the home of O. J. Jones late Wednesday afternoon ruined the motor, with a loss estimated at \$50.

The fire department was called out but there was no fire. The motor was located in an outbuilding back of the Jones home.

### A PRIZE FOR NAMING EVERYBODY IN THIS FINE GROUP



THIS PICTURE is going to embarrass a lot of people. For it was made 25 years ago by Victor Meekins, when these folks were going to school in the old building that stood on the lot where Herbert Creef's house now stands. E. W. Joyner of Nashville, N. C. was then the principal. Miss Bessie Dameron, who married Will Gray, and who is now dead, and Miss Eunice McCoy of Dunn, were teachers then. The Dare County Times will give a year's subscription free to the first person who can name everyone in the group. See if you can find Postmaster Charlie Evans, or Mrs. Guy Lennon, or Mrs. Ernest Meekins, or Miss Dorothy Drinkwater. There are many others, including Mrs. Walter Etheridge, Mrs. Leo Midgett, Mrs. Trell Craddock, Mrs. Lee Dough, Miss Effie Westcott, Mrs. Roy Etheridge, etc. Some of these are grandmothers now. How the time flies.

### BASNIGHT RESCUES LOST WASHINGTONIANS

Visiting Fishermen Burn Rags to Guide Searchers to Their Boat

It was a tense moment in the lives of a few visiting Washingtonians last week end who were stranded at Oregon Inlet until almost midnight Saturday, when Captain Tom Basnight came to their rescue in the cabin cruiser, Croatan.

Arvin Basnight was host to the group composed of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Crofts, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Carlson, and Ted Moss, all of Washington, D. C. The party had enjoyed a day of good fishing before a dead motor left Arvin and his friends in the middle of the Inlet late at night with no visible rescuers coming to aid them. Their hope of being missed and the sight of rags they were burning to guide the searchers finally brought the Croatan to their rescue.

It all ended happily with a jolly return to the island. But it's a fishing adventure the visitors won't soon forget.

### JOHN WATSON EVANS ATTENDS PATROL SCHOOL

John Watson Evans, son of Mrs. Mabel Evans, has gone to Hendersonville, N. C., where he is taking the officers training course for the State Highway Patrol. The school, located high in the mountains of Western North Carolina, takes in candidates for patrol jobs who have already passed their preliminary examinations. They train for a 30 day period before being assigned to the force.

John Watson Evans is a well-known Manteo boy who worked for his uncle, R. C. Evans at the Manteo Supply Co., before going to Hendersonville. He was assistant fire chief of the volunteer Manteo fire department.

### INDIAN RITES

Pembroke—Four thousand Indians gathered at final rites for Bricey Hammonds, Indian murderer who died in the gas chamber at Raleigh.

### WATCH FOR OUR SPECIAL HATTERAS ISLAND SECTION

Within a few weeks, a special section of The Dare County Times will be devoted to Hatteras Island, and its villages from Rodanthe to Hatteras. It will deal with the exceptional fishing and hunting of Hatteras Island and many points of interest.

The advertisements of many of the leading merchants on the island are already in. If you wish your business to be represented in this number, make arrangements at once by addressing

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### POSTMASTERS PRAISE PLAY, ENJOY SATURDAY FISH FRY

STATE MUSEUM MAKES CAST OF BLUE MARLIN

The 593½ pound blue marlin caught off the coast of Hatteras last week which has caused much comment among national fishing editors will be perpetuated in cast form by the State museum.

Harry Davis, director of the state museum, Miss Roxie Calle, taxidermist, and Owen Woods, assistant, worked all day Wednesday making the huge cast of the largest marlin ever caught off the Carolina coast. This big fellow is the second marlin landed off Hatteras in the past two years, both being caught from the boat of Hugo Rutherford of New Jersey and this last fish was landed in 55 minutes.

### BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Manteo: Bible School each Sunday morning at 9:30 followed this Sunday morning by a 10:30 worship service. Mr. I. G. Greer, General Supt. of our Baptist Orphanage writes that he will be with us for this service, and bring us the morning message. B. T. U. at 7:00 p.m. Prayer meeting evening has been changed from Friday evening to Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Roanoke Island: Bible School at 9:30 each Sunday morning. We are not holding morning worship services during the pageant season. B. T. U. each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. This Sunday evening service will follow the B. T. U. Mr. Greer, Gen. Supt. of our Baptist Orphanage will be with us to bring the evening message at 8 o'clock.

C. C. PERRY, Pastor.

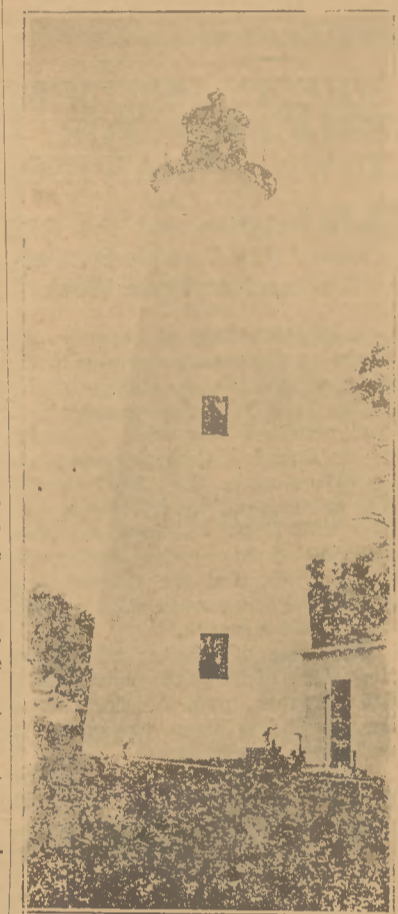
### WILLIE BURRUS DIES

Willie Estelle Burrus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Burrus of Manns Harbor, died Monday morning at five o'clock. Besides her parents, she is survived by one sister, Carolyn Davis, three brothers, Johnie Everett, Allen and Hughes, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Twiford.

## ARMY AIR SQUADRON MAY BRING AIRPLANES TO MANTEO AIRPORT

### Commander 36th Pursuit Squadron of Langley Field Inspects Local Field; Target Practice Would Extend About Six Weeks; Many Fast Planes in Group That Might Base Here

### OCRACOKE LIGHTHOUSE



THIS interesting old landmark is still in active service on the island of Ocracoke and is one of the most important lights on the coast. It is in Hyde County, but its keepers, Capt. Joe M. Burrus and Capt. Crawford are both from Hatteras, Dare County. The lighthouse is kept in splendid shape, and its quarters and grounds are most attractive.

### HOME ECONOMICS WILL BE TAUGHT IN MANTEO HIGH

Department Revival Possible Through State Allotment of Fifth Teacher

A move taken last week by the county board of education will have a direct bearing on the welfare of future visitors to Roanoke Island. The board voted to re-install a home economics department in the Manteo High School. Perhaps members of the school board had no such idea in mind, but the training high school girls receive in that course will, eventually, be reflected in better living conditions and better cooking.

In summers to come, tourists here to see The Lost Colony, then, will find trained and competent housewives in any of the homes they choose for their abode while on the island.

The coming school term will mark the first time home economics has been taught in Manteo since 1933. In that year, a drop in attendance caused the department to be eliminated. But last year the average attendance was high enough for the State School Commission to allot Manteo an extra teacher, making five in the high school instead of the four previous.

### RECORD MARLIN CATCH TO BRING RETURN OF DANA

The Man who caught the biggest fish ever landed by a sportsman off the North Carolina coastland is due back in Hatteras next week for another fling at trolling in the warm waters of the Gulf Stream.

He is Marshall Dana of Cincinnati, who while fishing here with Hugo Rutherford a week ago landed a 593½ pound blue marlin. The big fish measured 14 feet and two inches and had a girth of 62 inches.

When they left Hatteras by plane last week, the party allowed Rutherford's yacht to remain over. It is the Mako III and will be used by them when they return for the second fishing expedition.

Rutherford, it will be remembered, caught a 439 pound marlin last year. It held the record until Denas catch made with Lloyd Styron as guide.

Possibility that the GHQ Airforce of the United States Army might take over the local landing field as a base for summer target practice became a probability Thursday after the field and its possibilities for immediate improvement were surveyed by Lt.-Col. W. E. Kepner, commanding officer of the 36th Pursuit Squadron, based at Langley Field, Virginia.

When facilities have been provided for their accommodation, Col. Kepner would bring the entire squadron, numbering 36 pursuit ships, with the personnel required to service them, housing them in tents on lands adjacent to the field. The target practice would extend over a period of about six weeks, beginning about the first of August if the field can be made ready.

After spending the morning here, Colonel Kepner returned to Langley Field where he expected to submit his report to Brig.-Gen. Arnold Krogstad, commanding the Second Wing of the Air Force. He did not indicate what his report would be, but the indications, from surveys and inquiries which preceded his visit, are that the report will be favorable, with reservations about improvements that have been assured.

Colonel Kepner brought to Roanoke Island the swiftest ship that has ever been landed here. He made the landing and take-off without difficulty. The ship is one of the Air Corps' newest Curtiss Pursuits, the ship that last spring astonished the world by attaining the record breaking speed of 575 miles an hour in a power dive. Taking off from the airport Colonel Kepner climbed it to 5,000 feet in 60 seconds. It is the world's fastest climber. No figures as to its cruising speed have ever been released by the War Department.

Use of the local landing field by the Air Corps as a base for target practice, the pursuit ships firing on targets towed by heavier ships, was first suggested during the visit of Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Corps, and by Lieut. Col. Robert Olds, pilot of the Army's great Flying Fortress both of whom were here for the opening of The Lost Colony two weeks ago.

During the past week end, Major E. E. Glenn, executive officer of the Second Wing, with Mrs. Glenn, were here to witness the week end performances of the show, and while here Major Glenn examined the field, and discussed its possibilities with Bradford Fearing and with Harry White, superintendent of the Roanoke Island CCC camp, Mr. Fearing and Mr. White assured him of every co-operation in putting the field in shape for the use of a large number of ships.

Major Glenn declared that the location was ideally suited to the needs of the Air Force, especially, for target practice. Ships towing the targets can be flown down from Langley Field, and within 90 seconds the squadron could be in the air and on the target. The congested conditions around Hampton Roads makes target practice of this sort, a sort so necessary to the tactical training of personnel, that it has had to be abandoned.

Colonel Kepner is in a good many respects the most remarkable flier in the world. He is the one man among flying men who holds a license to fly every type of craft that has ever left the ground. He is a balloon pilot, a dirigible pilot, having flown all types of lighter than air craft, and participated in three international balloon races. He also is licensed to pilot every type or heavier than air craft. His notable feat was as pilot in a stratosphere balloon which attained a record not since approached over South Dakota three years ago.

### WILMINGTON METHODIST PREACHES NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday morning's 11 o'clock services at the Fort Raleigh amphitheatre will be led by Rev. C. D. Barclift. Rev. Barclift is pastor of the Fifth Avenue Methodist Church of Wilmington, and the sermon he will deliver will be the third given this season at the pageant grounds. The Rt. Rev. William A. Brown and Rev. P. E. Monroe were speakers at the previous services.

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