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FIRST DISTRICT I. O. O. F. CONVENES WITH LOCAL LODGE NEXT MONDAY

Orphans Concert Climaxes Day's Events; Singing Class Touring Many Other Towns in Dare and Adjoining Counties; Many Notable Oddfellows to Visit Manteo

The Virginia Dare Lodge No. 3, of the I. O. O. F. will be hosts to representatives of the First District Odd Fellows of North Carolina when the group convenes here Monday. R. E. White, of Manteo, who is president of the First District, will open the convention at 10 a. m. in the Pioneer Theatre.

Chaplain T. J. Wilder, Edenton, will give the scripture reading and prayer and the visiting members will be welcomed by J. E. Perebee of Manteo. Responding to his message will be Deputy Grand Master H. V. Beamon of Gatesville.

Afternoon Session
The Rebekahs will hold a separate business meeting in the morning but both groups will meet together in the afternoon for addresses by Grand Master R. V. Pate, Goldsboro, Grand Secretary John W. Clapp, Burlington, and Past Grand Secretary H. A. Holstead, Mooresville. Mr. Beamon, Past Grand Master C. G. Smith, Goldsboro, and M. P. Jennings, of Elizabeth City also will have parts on the program. Mr. Jennings is the Trustee of the Home for Orphans at Goldsboro which is supported by the I. O. O. F.

Orphans Sing
Ten members of the home will give an eight o'clock concert in the Manteo school building as a climax to the day's activities. These boys and girls are expected Sunday to see The Lost Colony, which comes as a break in a full singing school.

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McABEE, FHA DIRECTOR WELL KNOWN IN DARE



AUBREY G. McABEE, now state director of the Federal Housing Administration with offices in Greensboro, North Carolina is well remembered by the people of all the coast country. A quarter of a century ago, when our folks used to go to Elizabeth City in their boats to buy goods, they became acquainted with this lad, who grew up in the store of his father, the late Jos. T. McCabe, who was one of the most popular and able merchants of his day. When he was barely in his majority, the folks of Elizabeth City drafted him to run for Mayor, and he served in that office from 1924 to 1925. For six years, he was associated as partner in the business of his father, which he sold to the Belk Department stores in 1935. He then became connected with the Federal Housing Administration as field representative for Eastern North Carolina, when he resigned to enter the mortgage loan field as correspondent for several insurance companies, maintaining his office in Wilson, N. C. Mr. McCabe is vice-president and a member of the Board of Directors of the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, which operates the Manteo exchange. He was educated at the Elizabeth City High School and the University of North Carolina. The coastal people in whose hearts the McCabe's hold a high place are much pleased at his advancement.

GIRL BORN TO TILLETTS

A nine-and-a-half pound daughter was born Sunday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew R. Tillett of Wanchese.

NEGROES INVOLVED IN BOLD MOYOCK BANK ROBBERY STILL ELUDE POLICE

Three armed Negroes, who held up and robbed the Bank of Currituck in Moyock of \$2,245 on Tuesday morning, were still eluding police today, although an abandoned automobile found in Princess Anne County in Virginia, Wednesday, has been identified as the one used by the Negroes in their get-away.

The automobile, which had been reported stolen by A. W. Temple, of Portsmouth, was identified by two F. B. I. operatives. A bank note, bearing the legend, "Bank of Currituck" was understood to have been found in the abandoned automobile. Police are attempting to obtain fingerprint evidence from the car.

For the second time in their experience, W. W. Smith, cashier, and J. R. Thorne, his assistant, witnessed a holdup when shortly after 11 o'clock on Tuesday three armed Negroes entered the bank and flourishing pistols, ordered Mr. Smith and Mr. Thorne to lie on the floor back of the tellers cage. Two customers, who happened to enter the bank during the ten minutes when the robbers were in possession, were ordered to do the same thing. Expertly the Negroes proceeded to rifle the vault and cash drawers and immediately escaped to a waiting automobile, in which the engine had been left running, and headed with all speed toward Norfolk.

The total amount taken, in a robbery,

FERNANDO FAILS TO DISSUADE COLONISTS



The 10th consecutive performance of Paul Green's historical drama The Lost Colony at the Waterside Theatre, Manteo, Roanoke Island, North Carolina, is marked Saturday, July 22. In the above scene, the Pilot Fernando tries to persuade the colonists not to go to Roanoke Island for Sir Walter Raleigh.

KENNEDY HOME CHORUS SINGS HERE SUNDAY

The Kennedy Home High school chorus, which has broadcast on many of the radio stations of the state, is scheduled to sing at eight o'clock Sunday evening at the Manteo Baptist church, but will arrive Saturday to take in The Lost Colony.

The 43-member chorus has a large repertoire and has been invited for three consecutive years to play before the annual State Baptist convention. Miss Verna Blow, accompanist, has made many of the musical arrangements. To give variety to the program, trio and sextette numbers have been planned and Director Pat Alderman, who is also scoutmaster for one of the home's three scout troops. According to Superintendent J. C. Hough, "Music and scouting have almost removed the major discipline problems from the institution."

Included in the list of numbers sung by the group are: "Sanctus" and "Send Out Thy Light" by Gounod, "The Heavens Resound" and "Judge Me O God" by Beethoven, "The Lord's Prayer" Forsyth-Kraft, "O Lord Most Holy" Franck, "Largo" and "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel, "Recessional," Kipling-Koven, "The Oratorio 'Redeemer' Dickinson, "The Crucifixion," Stainer, many numbers by Shelley and several Bach Chorals.

CLAM BAKE

Fred Howard and Wheeler Fields were hosts to 20 of their friends at a clam bake Monday night on Nags Head Beach.

KUNCHS HAVE DAUGHTER

A daughter weighing nine pounds was born Monday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kunch of Manns Harbor. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

MEET TOM FEARING AND HIS WHISKERS



The first Roanoke Islander to take seriously the advice they should grow beards and long hair to play in the Lost Colony, is Thomas Fearing, the popular son of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Fearing. Here he is, playing the part of Ralph Lane as he prepares to kill the Indian chief Wingina. This shedding of blood started all the trouble between the whites and the natives. From a scene in Paul Green's historical drama The Lost Colony which marks its 100th consecutive performance at the Waterside Theatre, Manteo, Roanoke Island, North Carolina, Saturday, July 22. It opened as a non-profit summer attraction, as part of the 350th anniversary historical celebration here, July 4, 1937. (Presented nightly, except Monday and Tuesday, through Sept. 4.)

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Manteo: Bible School Sunday morning at 9:30. B. T. U. at 7 p. m. followed with musical program given by High School Chorus of the Kennedy Home of our Baptist Orphanage. Choir practice each Tuesday evening at 7 and 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Ordinance of baptism will be performed Sunday afternoon at 3 at the Fort.

Roanoke Island: Bible school Sunday morning at 9:30. No worship service Sunday morning in favor of the worship hour at the Fort.

C. C. Perry, Pastor.

FAMILY GATHERS TO HONOR G. MIDGETTE

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie Midgette, Sunday, July 16, in honor of Mr. Midgette's 64th birthday.

The following children were present: Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Midgette and Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie Midgette, Jr., of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Winfield W. Ballance of New London, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Davis, Mrs. Alice Mae Etheridge and Miss Inez Midgette of Manteo.

The grandchildren present were: Guthrie Midgette III, Bill Pugh, Jr., Betty Marie and Robert Oliver Midgette of Norfolk; Carole Ballance of New London, Conn.; Chesley Midgette of Buxton; Patricia Davis and Webb Etheridge, Jr., of Manteo.

TWO THOUSAND COLORED PEOPLE EXPECTED TODAY

Two thousand Negroes from various parts of the country are expected to take part in the observance of second annual Negro Day of Paul Green's historical drama The Lost Colony at the Waterside Theatre here Friday, July 21, according to an announcement made by Dr. James E. Shepherd, President of the North Carolina College for Negroes.

The special day set aside at the request of leading Carolina figures, including Governor Clyde R. Hoey, is sponsored by a number of Negro leaders in addition to Dr. Shepherd. They are: Dean J. L. Tilley, of the religion department at Shaw University; Mrs. L. B. Yancey, president of the State Negro Parent Teachers' Association; and Dr. N. C. Newbold, director of the division of Negro education in the state department of public instruction.

Four outstanding Negro choruses will be featured during the exercises. Two hundred singers will be from experienced choruses of anam, Raleigh, Elizabeth City and Weldon. They will sing a program of Negro spirituals and lyrics by a poet program will be opened by Weldon from the late James Weldon Johnson's "Creation of the Negro." Other sponsors include Mrs. L. of the program Professional and the Ralston, of WPA, Atlanta; Frizce projects regional Director of Wrentley, Re-Mrs. May E. Campbell; education; for WPA professional director Mrs. Elizabeth C. Morriss; director of adult education; and Lucille Purser, area supervisors the adult education program North Carolina.

A Connecticut Yankee in Manteo

To begin with, we are going to insist that Victor Meekins print this, although this little piece may turn out to be a bit personal so far as he is concerned. We encountered the good sheriff of Dare County at the Atlantic View Hotel in Hatteras, at supper, and immediately took a liking to him.

Since we had already planned to come to Manteo to see The Lost Colony it was most fortunate to be invited to make the trip up with him. To those of you who have not made the ride on the beach or in the sand ruts, it's a very fascinating business.

We have found Manteo a very interesting and forward looking town that should go places. Of course the whole atmosphere of the community is flavored by the pagan performers. This circumstance lends a theatrical touch to the town that lifts it out of the ordinary and makes it interesting just to be here.

Much has been written about the performance of The Lost Colony. We should like to add our two-cents worth. Having been to the theatre 123 times on Broadway last season, we speak not as a novice.

This production represents definitely one of the most interesting experiments that has yet been made in American drama. To explain this further, we mean that The Lost Colony has brought to a part of the country not steeped in the theatre, a sense of the thrill which only an in-the-flesh performance

LOST COLONY'S 100TH PERFORMANCE TO COME OFF TOMORROW NIGHT

Bill Sharpe, State News Man, Writes About the Miracle of the Success of Paul Green's Great Drama Which Has a Success Equal to a Broadway Performance

SAYS ISLAND FAR FROM POVERTY STRICKEN

By BILL SHARPE

Dare County is accustomed to miracles and the celebrations thereof, but on July 22 it will celebrate one which was forecast, thrice denied, and persevered.

On that night Roanoke Island's own play, The Lost Colony, will be presented for the 100th time.

One hundred performances of a major spectacle involving 300 people constitutes a success even on Broadway, with its millions of clients. On Roanoke Island it becomes a miracle, matching almost the story of Virginia Dare itself, or the miraculous flight of the Wright Brothers at nearby Kill Devil Hills.

For Roanoke Island is as remote from Broadway as any place in this land can be. It is 75 miles from the nearest town, and it is a good 90 miles from Norfolk, Virginia, which ranks as a metropolis in this scale. Furthermore it is on an island which is just as poor or as rich as a fishing village can be in hard times and good.

And yet Roanoke Island's which originally was written by Paul Green for the 350th V. I. Dare anniversary celebration, is compelling, and the staging is so spectacular, and the setting so bewitching that it would not die.

After the first season—in 1937—the Islanders, who themselves were bewitched by the play, decided to present the performances again in 1938. More people came to the show in 1938 than in 1937. This year began the "permanent" performance of Green's brilliant play.

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At five o'clock this morning, a loud bump awoke me. My little boy, age six, had fallen out of bed. The two boys alternately sleep with me, their mother being on a visit with her parents.

The little boy's consternation was soon over, and he was sound asleep. But I was awake for the day. I not only realized I had much to do, but that I was 42 years old. So I got up, meanwhile meditating on life and its responsibilities.

Forty-two years ago, the Spanish-American war hadn't been fought, and folks remembering the Civil war of 32 years before, were probably saying there wouldn't be any more war. Some of them are saying it today, while many nations are preparing for it and the prospects for war never seemed greater.

Forty-two years ago, the folks on this island had no great wealth, but most of them had a few dollars laid aside for a rainy day. They were not in debt, their credit was good because they didn't use it much. Now all of us are in debt, so that a forced settlement would wipe out all we have and the end isn't in sight.

Forty-two years ago most anyone took off a week to attend the big meetings, or to sit up for a night by a sick neighbor, or work was usually kept hand, if fellow's crop got behind. The trouble to call in folks' household of visiting at in vague, and bedtime was still popular and of friends were more interested in the summer. I do not dwell on the sum-

hope of calling back nature in may call the good old nature which had many a disadvantage would be painfully apparent now. The thing that runs through my mind is how many of the things of life we are missing, because everyone has to work so hard to get a living, and even at that most folks are usually in debt.

As one grows older, he finds the years more crowded, not only with work, but responsibilities. And

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Fishing and all Out Doors

—By—

Aycock Brown

Authority on Fishing News



If the guides and inn keepers along the coast think they have had an increase in business this year, they have a still bigger surprise in 1940, because instead of slacking up in 1940, the State Division of Advertising, with its news bureau under the direction of Bill Sharpe plan to keep plugging in a big and bigger way the fishing available in this state—especially the big game species off the coast.

If you are a guide and have not gotten your share of the new business which involves the big game and Gulf Stream fishing—its because you are not properly equipped to take care of the parties who want to go off to the blue waters of the Gulf. Those in the Beaufort-Morehead City, Cape Lookout, Southport, Hatteras and Manteo areas who are prepared to take anglers off to the Gulf Stream have been experiencing one of the best and most lucrative seasons since this type of fishing off North Carolina first began only a few years ago.

This week from Bill Sharpe, head of the State News bureau came, a request to this columnist asking if it would be possible to have some of the boatmen and guides along the central Carolina coast equipped for deep sea fishing to go to the Southport area and base for awhile. In the Southport area, Sharpe wrote, there was a shortage of Gulf Stream fishing boats—those already based there being booked for weeks ahead. The Central Coast area is experiencing the same situation so we wrote and suggested that he (the State News Bureau) contact the r and g editors of New York papers, thinking that perhaps, the deep sea boats which go to Freeport each year might be available. This Sharpe did—and whether he is getting any encouragement of co-operation from that sector—I do not know.

One of the ways the State Advertising Division tells the world about the Carteret coast and the rest of the North Carolina coast and its fine fishing is through filler sentences. A current release follows:

ODDS AND ENDS: E. B. Crown

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