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FOUR-COUNTY GROUP TO BE GUEST OF MANTEO TUESDAY, AUGUST 17TH

Southern Albemarle Association to Hold Annual Convention Day Before Virginia Dare's Birthday as Guests of Dare County Group; Interest in Roads to Be Aroused

Plans to put Manteo in gala attire for the meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association to be held here August 17 were completed at a meeting here Tuesday afternoon of the members of the committee in charge and local business men.

Melvin R. Daniels, vice-president of the Association for Dare County, who is in charge of all arrangements, says the decorations for the streets of Manteo were discussed and will be taken care of by the Association. M. L. Daniels was named a committee of one to see that all the merchants of the city get together and decorate their buildings for the event.

It is still indefinite as to who the principal speaker will be but an announcement about this will be made as soon as possible as will a full account of the other activities which will include a fish fry.

C. Wallace Tatem of Columbia, president of the Association, who has been in conference with local officials, anticipates the largest convention ever held since the four-county Association was formed in 1935. The 200 official delegates will vote on resolutions and suggestions for better road conditions in the four counties. The proposed beach road down the Banks country to Hatteras will be discussed as will the fight for a bridge across Alligator river and other roads which gator river, Croatan Sound, Oregon Inlet, and other roads which main traffic arteries.

Besides the business session and the main speaker, there will be many other entertaining things planned. Bands from Elizabeth City and Edenton have been asked to attend the meeting and play.

Members of the committee working with Mr. Daniels are Roy Davis, C. S. Meekins, Sheriff D. V. Meekins, J. E. Pehree, A. J. Daniels and Martin Kellogg.

Last year the Association, which includes the counties of Dare, Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde counties met in Columbia.

LIGHTNING FIRES AUTO AND GIVES JOHN HEADACHE

Recent Storms Prevent Orphans' Concert; Affect Electrical Appliances

After meeting up with a business-like bolt of lightning which knocked him out for three or four minutes, John Waterman had only a severe headache as a souvenir of his experience Wednesday afternoon; but the car in which he had been parked in front of CCC camp Virginia Dare was burned up.

The automobile, a 1935 Ford, belonged to Tommy Thompson of the CCC camp. Young Waterman, recently of the camp, was sitting in it waiting for a friend to ride with him to Manteo when lightning struck the car at about 12:30 p. m. Regaining consciousness a few minutes later, Waterman and a number of CCC boys attempted to put out the fire which had started from the car's gas tank but they were unable to save the car.

The lightning struck in the midst of a severe thunder shower which pelted the Island for several hours Wednesday. It was one of the many heat-relieving rains visiting the region within the last ten days; but so far the rains have been well-timed for the pageant, either falling on nights when the play was not given with the exception of July 20, or else stopping before the Lost Colony's minister made his opening speech.

An electrical storm in Norfolk Monday night affected the light current on the Island, putting out lights, burning out several electric ice box motors, and preventing the concert which was to have been given by ten orphans from the I. O. O. F. Home at Goldsboro. When lights went out in the Manteo school building the youngsters were not up to singing in the dark.

TOWN CAN CHARGE ONLY \$1 ON RESIDENTS' CARS

Had the officials of the Town of Manteo not been too zealous in their pursuit of extra revenue, they might have continued to charge \$1 more than the law allows them to charge on automobiles. But they went further and decided to charge everyone who spent some time in the town, even though he lived outside. The law provides that towns may charge only \$1 on cars owned by residents, and it may not charge anything on cars owned by people residing outside. The following opinion was rendered Melvin R. Daniels, this week by the office of the North Carolina Attorney General:

"... under the provisions of Section 61 of Chapter 407 of the Public Laws of 1937, this being the 1937 Motor Vehicle Law, that cities and towns may levy 'not more than one dollar upon motor vehicles resident therein'. This office has further held in this connection that in order for a motor vehicle to be a resident of a municipality the owner thereof must be a resident; and it follows that if the owner of the motor vehicle lives outside the city limits, the city has no authority to levy any tax upon such vehicle, regardless of the fact that the owner of such vehicle is employed within the city limits."

The action in charging fees of non-residents of the town met with much opposition.

MRS. MEEKINS RETURNS

Mrs. Victor Meekins and baby daughter, Mary, arrived here Thursday after a visit with Mrs. Meekins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Deaton in Mooresville, N. C. Her sister, Miss Mary Moore, Deaton, accompanied them.

Miss Jane Stewart has returned to her home in Henderson, N. C., after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones for a week.

Miss Bobby Parker has been visiting her aunt Miss Pauline Daniels of Wachese.

DOESN'T IT LOOK COOL AND INVITING THESE DAYS?



THE OLD OCEAN is rolling right along in on the Dare County Beaches, and sends you a mighty strong and refreshing invitation these days to come down, and especially urges you to not miss the Seashore during August. Dare County has 85 miles of ocean waves, besides the great expanse of sound and rivers that make it a veritable summertime paradise.

Old Showboat Has Had A Romantic Career

Three Times it Has Gone Down, Yet it Remains a Great North Carolina Institution

Three times the "James E. Adams", built here in 1913, has been to Davy Jones' locker, and no one will say how many financial catastrophes have befallen her. Yet she floated quietly on the river, put down a gang plank and announced her 26th season was not so bad. The old boat, first to be successful on the Atlantic coast, today remains the most romantic by-product of the golden age of melodrama, and is now the only exponent of thrills, heroism, villainy and Little Nell along North Carolina's inland waterway.

The showboat took the name of her skipper and director. When James E. Adams saw the hull and plans for his boat in 1912, he remarked that "it will take all the damn timber in North Carolina to board her up." But board her up they did, though it took a lot of timber. The Adams looks like nothing so much as a big sea-going tug, as a tug tows her down the waterway. But before the port towns had movies, the showboat was a floating palace of glamour, and lucky was the small boy who

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NOTICE TO READERS OF THE SEASHORE NEWS

During the month of August the Seashore News will be combined with the Dare County Times. This will give readers and advertisers a two-fold benefit, in that all of our readers will receive in addition to the material in the Seashore News, all of the Dare County Times; and advertisers will be given the benefit of the circulation of the Times, which goes to other counties. Further, more space, than is contained in the limited four pages of The Seashore News will be available to chronicle the doings of the beaches.

This week The Seashore News will appear on Sunday, instead of Friday, the usual date of publication.

Another season, when we shall have had time to increase the force of The Seashore News, we expect to give the beaches an even better and larger paper than this season. We are extremely grateful for the support given the News this year, and for the reader interest and compliments paid the paper.

Readers on the beaches may look forward to receiving the Seashore News and Dare County Times combined during the month of August.

Those who have subscribed to The Seashore News will continue to receive during the term of their subscription this season, the Dare County Times.

THIS SUMMER PACKED WITH MANY EVENTS

July-August Calendar Teeming With Attractions From Mountains to the Sea

With the tourist season virtually at its height, the last summer months in North Carolina are replete with vacation activities and events.

In the coastal section fishing continues to be the favorite pastime, with July and August red-marked as the best months for surf-casting and Gulf Stream fishing. In the northeastern corner of the state, the famed Lost Colony pageant, now in the midst of its third summer season, continues to be the greatest single drawing card North Carolina has ever held. The symphonic drama, performed on the spot where Sir Walter Raleigh's ill-fated colonists worked out their destiny, has played to an estimated 175,000 people in its three-year run.

In North Carolina's western highlands, vacation activities include a series of golf matches and tournaments, played on the coolest and highest golf courses in the east, horse shows, tennis tournaments, and other events. The Blue Ridge Parkway, 60 miles of which will be opened to traffic August 1, will afford visitors an easy and scenic access to the heart of the Blue Ridge mountains.

Outstanding attractions in eastern Carolina during July and August will be the second annual Coastal Festival at Morehead City, July 27-29, and the second annual Water Carnival at Wrightsville Beach, August 4-6. At nearby Beaufort will be held the First International Goggle-Fishing tournament, August 5-7, with an entry list from at least a dozen states and several foreign countries. Of interest to devotees of boating will be the Carolina Yacht Club's Invitational Regatta to be held at Wilmington August 10-12 on the easy-sailing waters of the Cape Fear River. August 25-26 the Yacht Club will play host to members of the Maryland Yacht Club when they make their late summer cruise to Ocracoke Island, N. C.

Historic Roanoke Island will deck itself on August 18 for its annual joint celebration commemorating the 352nd birthday of Virginia Dare and the founding of the first English Colony in America at Fort Raleigh. Vacationists seeking the unusual will find it at the annual Folk Music and Dance Festival to be held at Asheville August 3-5. Featured at the Festival this year will be the Soco Gap Mountain Dance Team, which recently performed before the King and Queen of England in Washington.

Outstanding golf tournament of the season will be the sectional qualifying round for the National Amateur Championship of the U. S. Golf Association scheduled for August 29 at Linville. Other tournaments are scheduled throughout the

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HIGH SCHOOL BANDS OF FIVE TOWNS TO BRING US MUCH MUSIC TODAY

More Than 100 Girls in Group of Enthusiastic Musicians Who Plan to Come to Fort Raleigh Exercises; Program Starts in Waterside Theatre at 6:45 P. M. Friday

DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN ISLAND AND ITS PLAYS



By W. O. SAUNDERS

Repeated references to Paul Green's great music drama as "The Oberammergau of America" gives me a pain in the neck. Paul Green's drama can by no stretch of the imagination be called "The Oberammergau of America."

Not Paul Green's drama, but Roanoke Island itself is the "Oberammergau of America." There's a difference.

Oberammergau, the home of the most successful and most highly publicized of the European Passion Plays, is a Bavarian village or community in the southern part of Germany.

Oberammergau is a place, not a pageant. Its Passion Play has centered the eyes of the world on this small community in the Bavarian Alps. The name, Oberammergau, is as familiar as the names of London, Paris, Berlin, Rome. But it is a place, a very tangible and material fact that can be spotted on the map.

Then let's quit calling Paul Green's great dramatic spectacle "The Oberammergau of America," and put our emphasis on Roanoke Island as "The Oberammergau of America."

Pardon me for feeling a bit sensitive about this, because I was the first to suggest that the production of a great drama presenting realistically the spiritual birth of English speaking civilization in America, with a cast of native characters, should spotlight Roanoke Island as "The Oberammergau of America." But we start a thing only to see our ideas seized upon and perverted by others who have failed to perceive or understand the vision that was the author's.

I have visited Oberammergau in Bavarian Germany and witnessed its famous Passion Play. I can say honestly and sincerely that it does not begin to compare in dramatic or musical excellence, or in its pageantry, with Paul Green's drama of The Lost Colony. I do not believe it would get so much as a two weeks' run on Broadway if brought to this country. To me it was disappointing and highly overrated as a spectacle. But I enjoyed my brief stay among those Bavarian Germans; they are more like our own native North Carolina stock than any people I found on the whole continent of Europe—more like our own folk, in fact, than the English from whose loins we sprang. I found the Bavarians a simple, friendly, hospitable, kindly folk. And the Bavarian villagers are as eagerly cashing in on their "Passion Play" as Roanoke Islanders are inclined to commercialize.

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MRS. SALINA PUGH

Mrs. Salina Pugh, 79, widow of the late Ben Pugh, died Thursday morning at her home in Collington. She was one of the best loved citizens of that community. She is survived by three sons, Benjamin, Charlie, and Anthony Pugh of Collington. Funeral took place in the family burying ground nearby.

A mass concert by a group of high school bands will be featured prior to the 105th performance of Paul Green's historical drama The Lost Colony as a part of the High School Band Day exercises at Fort Raleigh, July 28, according to Charles McCullers, grand director of the combined bands.

Five hundred youthful musicians, of high school bands from Elizabeth City, Belhaven, Columbia, Ahoskie, Henderson, Edenton, and Pasquotank County will take part in the special exercises at Fort Raleigh at a part of the 352nd anniversary historical celebrations here.

More than 100 members of the bands are girls and for that reason a beauty contest is being held to find the prettiest band-player represented. A committee of judges, composed of coast guard officers, staff of The Lost Colony and other leaders in Dare County, will officiate during the afternoon.

The Henderson band comes with traveling expenses paid by an altruistic person who liked their music during Carolina Day at the New York World's Fair. When asked what they would do with the funds, the youngsters decided in a body, "We're going to see The Lost Colony."

In order to give the youngsters ample time for a complete concert, Producer D. B. Fearing has announced that their program will begin at 6:45 Friday evening. While here they will be guests of the Roanoke Island Historical Association which sponsors The Lost Colony.



How easy it is to tell folks not to be discouraged. One recent afternoon I sat in the office of a man who has been prominent in the professional and public life of the district. His oratory has resounded through the capital of the state, his name makes some praise him and some revile him. But one thing certain, he made his name, and a small fortune with little encouragement. He launched into professional career that took all his time, and from the rugged strength given him by years of physical toil he has energized his career for many years.

But now, at middle age, he seemed discouraged. He had worked hard, maybe, this particular day. The air was damp and sultry, and the muggy heat was rather enervating, and crept unawares upon one deeply enmeshed in an office lacking ventilating breezes. I have been amazed at the strength with which he fought his way upward, and marvelled at that about him, if nothing else. I have thought how capable and strong he must feel at knowing his achievements were purely his own.

And yet he, too, becomes greatly discouraged as you or I. As I say, the heat had crept upon him, and he was tired and gave voice to the same regrets that trouble you or me—the unfaithfulness of friends, or the lack of ingratitude of those we have helped, and the lack of cooperation from those who would profit by combined labors or leadership.

And because I thought he deserved to be reminded that there are some inarticulate beings who appreciate what he has done, yet through lack of restraining, do not know how to tell him so, I reminded him that his achievements are prone to be forgetful. And before I knew it, I had found some place that gave me encouragement. Doubly so, because I know that many a smiling face hides an aching heart, and you or I are not the only one who has troubles. As this

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Fishing
and all
Out Doors
—By—
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If it is a less strenuous type of fishing, yet something packed with thrills, you want, find an old pier or breakwater and drop a hook overboard properly baited for a sheepshead. Although one of the commoner species along our coast and from Cape Cod to Florida, these slow but hard fighters are among the best known pan fish and from appearances they are the convicts of the fish family. That is because they are so easily identified by the five distinct dark stripes running vertical to the body.

The average size is from one to two pounds and according to L. S. Caine, fishing authority and author of "Game Fishes of the South," the largest unauthentic record was 20 pounds. But that record which was unofficial was made official down at Ocracoke a few days ago by a chap named Stanley of Sanford, Florida, who was fishing near the Old Dominion S. S. Pier pilings. Stanley's fish spotted in the clear water several days before he actually caught it tipped the scales at 18-pounds. And that is an official record—the second record fish taken on Ocracoke this season, and one of several records this season along the North Carolina Coast. The first record was a 75 pound channel bass landed (in a net) by Capt. Jamie Styron of Ocracoke. The second record was the Blue Marlin landed by Marshall Dana down at Hatteras. His fish tipping the scales at 593½ pounds was the largest of the species ever taken north of Cuba.

Earlier in the season a youngster from Norfolk broke all juvenile records for channel bass. His fish weighed 73 pounds—and is the largest to date taken with rod and reel or hook and lines on the coast this year in the channel bass class.

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