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PAUL GREEN VISITS ISLAND FOR FLIGHT CEREMONY AND LOST COLONY CONFERENCE

Plans to Be Made For Training of Local Talent Under Direction of Fred Howard For Next Summer's Production; Playwright to Report on Fayetteville Play, "The Highland Call"

Paul Green will return to Roanoke Island during the coming week to shoot a goose if one can be brought within range of his gun, to confer with Bradford Fearing about plans for 1940's presentation of "The Highland Call" in Fayetteville recently and to attend the dinner for Pin-Feather Pilots at Fort Raleigh Saturday night. Mr. Green will be accompanied by Samuel Selden.

Among the details that Mr. Green will discuss with Mr. Fearing will be the starting of the Island's dramatic school here early next year, with Fred Howard as director and any Islander who seriously will undertake to work admitted as students. The idea is to train native talent to replace professional or semi-professional members of the company of "The Lost Colony." Mr. Howard has done intensive study in dramatics at the University since September.

Second on the list of matters for consideration is the future of "The Highland Call" and its relation to Roanoke Island, whether it has any chance to become a unit in a cycle of historical dramas of American history, beginning with the first effort at colonization here, continuing with the story of cleavage between the colony and the Kingdom in the Cape Fear Valley, and concluding with the end of the Revolutionary War in a third episode staged at or near Yorktown, Va.

Such a cycle of native dramas has been taking form in Mr. Green's mind since "The Lost Colony" became an institution in its first year. Opportunity for the second step in the cycle came when Fayetteville set out to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the Constitution and the establishment of the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Green was commissioned to write a play for the occasion, and as he worked at it the second episode began to emerge. Fayetteville in pretty large measure lost sight of the 150th anniversary in its effort to celebrate and moved back to 100 years. The play and the celebration finally centered about the 100th anniversary of the settlement of the Scottish Highlanders in the Cape Fear Valley. Although the play was inadequately presented in a cramped theatre, and with several thousand dollars worth of equipment borrowed from The Lost Colony, the play excited widespread interest, and Fayetteville began to think definitely about becoming a unit in the circuit.

In the meanwhile Williamsburg made definite overtures to Mr. Green for the third unit in the circuit. So far nothing definite has been announced. Tentative discussions have suggested a dramatic season, beginning here and continuing, probably in September, with an anniversary of the settlement of the Scottish Highlanders in the Cape Fear Valley.

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In serving refreshments at the Monday meeting, the hostess used a Christmas motif. Cakes, candy, nuts and grapes were served.

Mr. Roy Kessinger is sporting a beard and gives various excuses for it. First he said he aimed to get part in the Lost Colony and cards come in handy for that. His excuse was that a beard is an arm, besides serving as a blind—duck blind. Mr. Kessinger bagged one of the birds Monday. But as we see it, there's no excuse for that beard.

HATTERAS WOMAN, 92, IS SPRY HOUSEKEEPER



MRS. COURTNEY GASKILL, of Hatteras, on November 29th, observed the 73rd anniversary of her marriage to the late W. W. Gaskill with whom she lived for more than 50 years. She was 92 years old on October 3, and is cook and housekeeper in the home she has lived in for nearly three-quarters of a century. A son and grandson live with her. She is very active, and takes long walks about the neighborhood.

DRIVE ON IN DARE JACKSON DAY DINNER

County Chairman M. L. Daniels Announces Names of Precinct Chairmen.

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BRIDGE CLOSED

Due to the construction of the new highway bridge across the Inland Waterway at Coinjock, N. C., it will be necessary to alter the existing bridge for the purpose of making the detour. While these alterations are being effected, the bridge will be closed to highway traffic between the hours of 12:01 a. m. and 6:00 a. m. on December 16, 1939.

M. L. THOMAS, 1st Lieut., Corps of Engineers, Military Assistant, and declare it a National Park.

A. H. SUNDERLAND RETURNS TO HUNT AND SEE COUNTRY

During June Visit, Major General Brought Down 19 Crows With 19 Shots

Maj. Gen. A. H. Sunderland, of Washington, Chief of Coast Artillery of the United States Army, who paid his first visit to Dare County last June, will return to Roanoke Island at the end of the week and remain in the county for a week or more, according to advices received by friends here. He will be quartered at the Fort Raleigh Hotel during his stay in the county.

During his stay here General Sunderland hopes to get in some duck shooting, to visit the country beyond Croatan Sound, going as far as Alligator River where, according to Raymond Camp in the New York Times, bear are hunted if not taken. After these explorations the General hopes to go below Oregon Inlet and visit the full length of the Hatteras National Seashore, parts of which he explored last June. He will attend the Pin-Feather Pilots' dinner at Fort Raleigh Saturday night.

Credited with being the best wing-shot in the United States Army, despite his approach to the retirement age, General Sunderland came pretty near proving the claim that he doesn't make when he went crow-shooting here last June when the fish wouldn't bite for him. In 19 shots General Sunderland brought down 19 crows for a perfect score. The day's 20th shot was made from an automobile traveling at 40 miles an hour, and it got four feathers from the wing of an astonished crow. From the day's outing were brought home four young crows that were naturalized at Fort Raleigh and were the center of wide interest until the last of them was carried off into captivity by tourists.

CLUB DANCE TUESDAY HAD GOOD ATTENDANCE

About 25 couples attended the dance given by the Junior Woman's Club at Camp Seaton Tuesday night. On the dance committee were Mrs. Laura Skinner, Misses Maxine Tillet, Mary Isabelle Quiddle and Delroy Burrus.

Mrs. Newton Davis, Mrs. Laura Skinner, and Mrs. Ray Jones prepared the refreshments served, and Mrs. O. J. Jones lent the club the use of the building. Proceeds from the dance will go toward buying a playground lot.

NATIONAL SEASHORE PARK GROUP MEETS WITH HOEY; SEEKS LAND DONATIONS

Members Will Visit Banks After Meeting in Raleigh Early in New Year; Bruce Etheridge Makes Meeting Plans; Bradford Fearing to Welcome Group; Van Campen Heilner and Stanley Wahab on Commission

Early in the New Year the organization meeting of the recently appointed Hatteras National Seashore Commission will be held, probably beginning at the Executive offices in Raleigh when Governor Clyde R. Hoey will outline the purpose of the Commission and his hopes for the realization of a great project.

Afterward, probably on the following day, the Commission will come to Roanoke Island to acquaint itself with detail and continue down the Banks for its first sight of the territory embraced in the projected recreational area. Details of the meeting and visit will be worked out between now and the end of the month by Bruce Etheridge, who, under the act establishing the Commission, is ex-officio chairman.

Here over the week end, Mr. Etheridge declared that until the organization meeting had been held, any discussion of the plans of the Commission would obviously be premature. Its work in general is definitely outlined by the act under which it is established. With a definitely limited appropriation it will not embark upon any land-buying campaign. It is a commission, primarily, in search of a Santa Claus.

Not one Santa, but as many as can be found who will donate lands now held to the required total acreage before the National Park Service is empowered under the Congressional Act to accept the area and declare it a National Park.

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VETERANS AND PIN-FEATHER PILOTS MEET HERE



MORE than sixty young pilots, besides experienced flyers, will gather tomorrow night before the 10-foot Fort Raleigh Museum fireplace for an informal chat about flying. One of Sunday's events will be the placing of the county's wreath at the base of Wright Memorial.

ISLAND CCC CAMP HOLDS ELECTION OF SUPERLATIVES

Compound superlatives may have no standing with the custodians of speech as it ought to be spoken but the enrolled personnel of the CCC's Camp Virginia Dare ignored the regulations in this week's election of camp superlatives and Moore county, with only two boys in camp, won two places out of eight and one Pasquotank lad compounded the infraction by winning two places, two superlatives out of the eight.

To Walter Smith of Carthage in Moore county went the most coveted place when he was overwhelmingly named the most popular youth in camp and to Hurley W. Jones, of Vass, went the honor of being the neatest boy among the 200. Smith is the company's supply sergeant and Jones is assistant to the educational director of Roanoke Island's camp, which is the oldest in point of organization in North Carolina.

Willard W. Williams, who landed on Roanoke Island two months ago as an enrollee won the double honor of being the most courteous boy in camp, and of being the hardest worker. He ran a close second to Jones for place as the neatest boy in Camp, which would have made him three times winner in elections that for three full days made the camp seem like a college campus in student-election times.

Other places of honor were more evenly distributed. To Senior Leader William E. Doughtie, who is the sort of benevolent tyrant that all first-sergeants have to be,

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OVERMAN ON AIR 2:45 SUNDAY FOR TIMES PROGRAM

Charles W. Overman, in a program of vocal selections accompanied by Miss Helen Evans, pianist, will appear on the air at 2:45 Sunday afternoon, instead of at 3 o'clock, the usual hour of the Dare County Times program.

Last Sunday Capt. Charlie Shannon made a big hit with his rough and ready music. It was the second appearance of Capt. Charlie's orchestra.

Mr. Overman and Miss Evans have appeared before and made a tremendous hit. Their return is by popular demand.

Breezes from the seashore will be discontinued after Sunday, and will probably be resumed sometime after the Christmas holidays.

DRAMA OF SEA OFF HATTERAS IS DESCRIBED

Another saga of the sea off the treacherous shores of Cape Hatteras was related last night by Kennedy Brown, 23, one of the four passengers taken aboard the Standard Oil Company tanker Robert E. Hopkins last Friday morning from the 50-foot auxiliary ketch Tempress, which was abandoned to its own resources in the "Graveyard of the Atlantic."

The Tempress, however, a staunch craft, and though built in 1890, weathered the heavy seas and was taken into tow Saturday night by the Coast Guard cutter Mendota about 45 miles south of the Diamond Shoals Lightship, and was brought to Norfolk.

Aboard the ketch was a two-year-old Pekinese which was none the worse for his experience, while damage to the craft proper was comparatively light.

Brown arrived in Norfolk Sunday afternoon by plane from New York, where he and his stepfather, Capt. J. J. Brewer, owner of the ketch; his mother, Mrs. Brewer, and his sister, Dorothy Brown, 19, were put ashore from the rescue tanker the previous night.

Drifted Against Tanker
"The Tempress," Brown said, "drifted into the side of the Robert E. Hopkins in high seas, and we feared that it would be smashed to pieces. We had no idea that the ketch could withstand the beating, and there appeared to be no alternative but to board the tanker."

The rescue of the four passengers was a dramatic incident, as described by Brown, who said that at one moment the ketch would be even with the deck of the tanker, and a moment later would be striking the heavier ship below its water line.

Brown said he flung himself aboard the tanker as it was level with the Tempress, but that his mother and stepfather were pulled aboard after tying a rope around their waists.

The Tempress left Annapolis on October 30 on a leisurely trip to Florida. It remained in Norfolk for two weeks before continuing its cruise through the Inland Waterway.

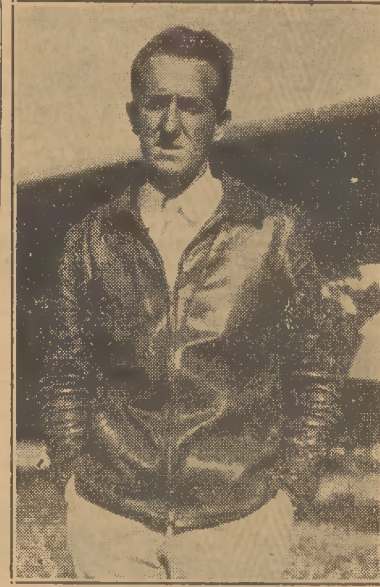
Thomas Langan, of Annapolis, a friend of the family, inspected the ketch at its Berkeley mooring, and said the repair bill would not exceed \$100. He said the bowsprit was gone, but otherwise the ship was in seaworthy condition.

The ketch has made frequent trips into Hampton Roads, and at one time was owned by Dr. A. C. Strong, of New York, a retired U. S. A. medical officer, who used the craft in a survey of harbors in the West Indies. He later published his findings in the book, "Bahama Harbours."

AVIATION ANNIVERSARY DRAWS MANY TO ISLAND AND TO KILL DEVIL HILL

Lindbergh's Flying Teacher Among Veteran Aviators Attending; Nearly 60 Pin-Feather Pilots Plan to Help Eat Duck Supper Saturday at Fort Raleigh Museum; Wreath to Be Laid Sunday Morning

PILOT FOR PILOTS



Dave Driskill is making plans for landing facilities for visitors who will arrive here tomorrow by plane to celebrate the 36th birthday of flight. Most of them will be routed to the Roanoke Island landing field but provisions have been made for using the Kill Devil Hills field also.

LOST COLONY ART BY HIRSCHFELD LOANED LIBRARY

Dare County Photographs, Exhibited at Fair, Also in Collection

Hirschfeld's original drawing of the baptismal scene in The Lost Colony which was reproduced in a half page in the New York Times' dramatic section last July, together with twelve super-enlargements of photographs of Dare County scenes included in the county's prize-winning exhibit at the State Fair in October will this week be placed in the Dare County Library.

Mr. Hirschfeld's drawing was presented to Ben Dixon MacNeill by Brooks Atkinson, dramatic editor of The Times, and was shown with the County's exhibit at the Fair. At the time of its publication last summer, it excited widespread interest, and no little amusement by the adroit caricatures that occupy part of the foreground of the picture.

Alpheus W. Drinkwater's celebrated profile occupies no inconsiderable space, as does also Roy Davis and an unidentified Highway Patrolman. The Drinkwater sketch was made on the front porch of the residence in not more than three minutes when Hirschfeld called by to see him before departing from the Island. The drawing depicts the theatre, the audience and the Baptism of Virginia Dare.

Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University, greatly admired the drawing and wished that it might be added to the collection in the Gallery of the University, but its owner felt that it belonged in Dare County. It will remain at the Library on loan until the community's hope for a native museum is realized. Other pieces in the collection include Wright Memorial Hatteras Light, and others. Presently to be added to the collection are strip-map photographs done at night with searchlights, the Flying Fortress over Port Raleigh, by the Army Air Corps from 12,000 feet, showing the Island, Manteo and sections of the Outer Banks.

Valton Midgett, Norfolk, spent the week end in Rodanthe with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Midgett.

Mrs. John McClellan left Wednesday for home at Concord, after spending some time with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan.

C. C. Jones, who has been a patient at the Marine hospital in Norfolk for some time, spent last week end at his home near Manteo, returning to the hospital Tuesday for further treatment.

Youthful pin-feather pilots, trying their wings for the first time in cross-country flight, and white-thatched veterans of aviation whose wings have carried them across the world and back, will gather here at the end of the week to participate in Dare County's celebration of the 36th anniversary of flight, beginning with a dinner in the Museum at Fort Raleigh Saturday evening and culminating at the Wright Memorial at ten-thirty Sunday morning.

This year's observance will center primarily around the coming of nearly three score youngsters who are learning to fly under the auspices of the Civil Aeronautics Authority and the continued presence within the county of two of the three living participants in the epochal thing that came to pass on the brow of Kill Devil Hill on the morning of December 17, 1903, when reality came to centuries of dreaming.

Student pilots from North Carolina and Virginia, and veterans from these states and from Washington, Baltimore and New York will begin arriving here early Saturday afternoon, most of them coming in the small ships used in their flight-training. Veterans of the air, among them the man who taught Lindbergh to fly and who is now senior pilot of Pan American's European line, will arrive by air and by automobile. All of them will be over-night guests on Roanoke Island.

Little in the way of formality has been planned by A. W. Drinkwater, president of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association and Bradford Fearing, president of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, joint hosts, but every hospitality of the community will be provided to make the visit memorable to the youngsters and veterans coming to join hands in commemorating this notable event in the county's history.

Visitors will be welcomed upon landing by committees headed by Martin Kellogg and Roy L. Davis, with, of course, Mr. Drinkwater and Mr. Fearing in attendance and with Dave Driskill, veteran pilot of the National Park Service's flying party attending details of landing, parking and servicing the two score ships that are expected to arrive during the afternoon. In addition to the airport on the Island, landing facilities have been provided, through the cooperation of Horace Dough and Harry A. White, superintendent of the local CCC Camp, west of Kill Devil Hill.

At six-thirty in the evening a Dare County duck supper will be served in the big logged museum building at Fort Raleigh, cooked and served by the kitchen staff of the CCC Company under the personal direction of Capt. Frederick Ackerson, who a year ago staged a similar dinner to a great company of notable people who were here for the fogged-out celebration of the 35th anniversary. Plates have been planned for 96 guests, which is about the seating capacity of the building. If more come, the supper

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A TRAVELER PRAISES BUXTON CCC OFFICERS

Writing in a recent issue of the State Magazine, Henry D. Shacklette, (We don't know where he is from) told of a trip he made along the banks of Dare County this year, and of getting broken down at Buxton and stopping with the men in the CCC camp.

"That was an experience within itself," he says. "I slept in the barracks and ate in the mess hall, and personally I think it is a lot more fun than going to college. They were the swellest bunch of fellows—from the Captain on down—that I have ever met. The writer didn't like the mosquitoes he ran into at the time, but he wrote some nice things about the folks. "There are no pretensions whatever among the inhabitants, because there is no occasion for it. Instead of finding people reticent and clammy, as I had expected, I found them to be extremely friendly and hospitable."

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