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## EXPECT LOST COLONY DRAMA NEXT YEAR ON BIGGEST SCALE EVER

Plans Launched This Week to Begin At Once for Super-Production in 1945 Which May Cost \$100,000 to Stage; Roanoke Island Historical Association Meets With Chairman J. M. Broughton, and Elects Directors; Observe Anniversary of Virginia Dare's Birth

The Lost Colony, Paul Green's gripping drama of the struggles of early English settlers to found a colony in the New World, may be resumed next season—in 1945. That is the hope of the Roanoke Island Historical Association which launched plans Friday, and will seek to raise a fund of \$150,000 for the purpose.

Governor J. Melville Broughton told an audience at Fort Raleigh today that the drama in its five years of successful operation had brought a million dollars of business to the section surrounding Dare County. Over 300,000 people have seen the show.

The Governor, who was recently elected chairman of the Association which sponsors the show, says the state should underwrite the play because of its great value not only commercially to the state, but because of its influence in moulding interest and appreciation for the history of the state and the Nation's early beginnings.

Accordingly, the Association elected on its board of 21 directors, many of them outstanding citizens over the length and breadth of the state who have manifested interest in the play, and have advocated greater pride and interest in North Carolina's history and progress.

The Governor spoke at Fort Raleigh in commemoration of the birthday of Virginia Dare, first white child of English parents born on American soil, a daughter of the colony founded by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1587 of the third expedition, the first of which was in 1584.

D. Bradford Fearing, known and loved universally and whose untimely death last year reminded all of the tremendous place he had occupied as a promoter of the Lost Colony, was honored by the presentation of a plaque placed in the Chapel at Fort Raleigh.

The officers elected today for the Roanoke Island Historical Association were J. M. Broughton, chairman, Melvin R. Daniels, vice chairman, C. S. Meekins, treasurer, I. P. Davis, secretary, and Martin Kellogg Jr., general counsel. Josephus Daniels of Raleigh was named honorary vice chairman, the only person in the state to hold this position, and Dr. C. C. Crittenden, of the State Historical Commission, was named historian.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Midgett, owners of the First Colony Inn at Nags Head, generously extended the courtesies of the hotel to the party Thursday night, and entertained Governor Broughton and party at a clam chowder, fish, and chicken dinner. Governor Broughton with Sam Selden and Billy Carmichael spent the night at the Midgett cottage. Those present at the dinner were Governor Broughton, Sam Selden, director of the Lost Colony, Billy Carmichael, controller of the State University; Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University; Roy Davis, Theo Meekins, Melvin Daniels, John Ferebee, Harry P. Deaton of Mooresville, D. V. Meekins, Herbert Peele of Elizabeth City, and I. P. Davis.

### CHARLES ETHERIDGE INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Charles Etheridge, AMM 1-c, U. S. Coast Guard, who has been visiting his mother at Wanchese, left about two weeks ago for Florida, where he was being reassigned, going by way of motorcycle. Enroute he became the victim of an accident and was in a hospital for five days. He has now been released and has arrived in Florida. No details of the accident had reached his mother this week, but she had word that he was getting along all right.

U. S. wheat production is estimated at 1,128,000,000 bushels, the largest crop in history.

### Japanese Vessels Trapped Off Saipan



Photo by Corp. E. G. Wilbert  
Marine Corps Combat Photographer

U. S. Marines have a grandstand view as artillerymen shell Japanese vessels in Tananah harbor. Fleeing Japs tried to escape from Saipan in a few ships they had anchored in the harbor but they didn't quite make it. The puffed oil drums in the foreground are part of an enemy dump which suffered direct hits from American naval gunfire.

## Gov. Broughton's Speech

Remarks by Governor Broughton at the Meeting of the Roanoke Island Historical Association at Manteo on the Anniversary Date of the Birth of Virginia Dare.

North Carolina is rich in its history and traditions. In its more than three and a half centuries there have occurred within the boundaries of this commonwealth many epic and dramatic incidents of historic significance. It is our singular misfortune that the recitals and accounts of these dramatic and historically important events have been inadequate and too frequently lacking in the drama that was attended by the events themselves.

The outstanding contribution to the record of the early history of North Carolina is the notable production of "The Lost Colony," written by North Carolina's brilliant son Paul Green, staged and directed by him and his associates, and sponsored by the Roanoke Island Historical Association. Nothing in all our history has quite so signally dramatized any event in our long period of existence or brought so graphically to the attention of the Nation those traditions and attributes of character which entitle North Carolina to its place among the Nation's greatest commonwealths.

It is highly fitting, therefore, that on this anniversary date of the birth of Virginia Dare the Roanoke Island Historical Association should assemble to make plans for reviving this epic of pagantry which in its years of presentation attracted visitors from all over the United States and other parts of the world.

I would first like to pay tribute to the memory of one of the founders of this Association, a man without whose untiring energy and unflinching faith in this project the success of the early days could not have been achieved. I refer to Dare County's great son, Representative and Senator D. Bradford Fearing, whose death about a year ago saddened this entire section of the state and brought sorrow to all who were associated with him in this notable undertaking. I would likewise pay tribute to all of the charter members and those later associated with this endeavor. Their courage, their faith and their willingness to give unstintingly of their time and resources made possible the complete success of this achievement.

The first performance of The Lost Colony took place in the summer of 1937 and it ran each summer—July 1 to Labor Day—until the end of the 1941 session when the emergency of war made it expedient to discontinue. In those five memorable seasons a total of approximately four hundred thousand people attended its presentation. It is doubtful if here is any comparable record of similar attendance to a presentation of this character. The attendance as carefully checked by the management came literally from every state in the American Union. Likewise, from many other lands people were attract-

ed to this remote but highly interesting section in the days before the imminence of war made travel virtually impossible.

From the point of view of state advertising alone the pageant was worth all the labor, effort and expense that was involved in its presentation. It was never conceived as a commercial or financial undertaking, and if the purposes of its author and original sponsors are maintained, it will never be lowered to any commercialized level.

Even from a practical business point of view, however, it should be noted that during the period of its five years representative an aggregate amount of approximately three hundred and thirty thousand dollars in admissions was collected. Likewise, a conservative estimate reveals that the visitors who attended his performance in the period of its presentation spent approximately three million dollars in that section of the state and that the State of North Carolina itself derived not less than sixty thousand dollars in gasoline taxes alone from the visitors.

Furthermore, the flood of visitors—and cash—wrought miracles in that section. Hotels, tourist homes and cafes sprang up, and many a house unaccustomed to paint got its first coat. Plumbing, once a rarity on Roanoke Island, became as commonplace as it is upstate: sport fishing boats did a thriving business; and the whole economic life of the island throbbled with new vigor.

Offers which have come for the presentation of the Lost Colony in other parts of the nation and on the screen have been declined. It has been the feeling of Paul Green from the beginning that this pageant should be presented only at the site on which the events occurred. In this sentiment he has been supported by this Association and by the people of the state.

The question which is now being considered by this Association is whether or not there should be a revival of this pageant upon an even larger and more ambitious plan. War clouds are beginning to clear and victory is in early prospect. It is therefore none too early for this Association to give consideration to the general question of revival and to plans in the event that course should be decided upon. On this question I may say, first, that the great author of this pageant, feels very deeply that the play should go on. It is of course well known that he has never derived nor sought any profit from this project. In fact, he has unselfishly and with a high spirit of devotion to his native state given unsparingly of his time and means in connection with the early presentation of the play. So deeply does he feel that this great event should continue to be memorialized that he has already been working on revisions of the script. In a letter which I received from him just a few days ago he expressed his regret at being unable to attend its presentation. (Please turn to page 8)

### BLAZE STARTED BY LIGHTNING DESTROYS HOME

Pilot Tries Unsuccessfully to Attract Help to Sladesville Fire

The S S Jennette home at Sladesville was destroyed by fire when lightning struck Wednesday afternoon. The meager information obtained by this newspaper just before press time said the building and furnishings were a total loss.

A pilot flying over the fire is said to have discovered the blaze and tried unsuccessfully to get help. Reports reaching this newspaper said the air man flew up and down the neighborhood, racing to the home and diving and spinning, but no one thought anything of it. They just thought it was some smart acting youngster trying to show-off.

### MANN'S HARBOR S. S. CLASS MEETS

The young Mann's Harbor Ladies Sunday School Class met Thursday night, August 10, at the home of Mrs. Willie Crain.

The business was transacted and the meeting was turned into a shower for Mrs. Darsey Beasley. Those present were Mrs. Willie Crain, Mrs. Bula Twiford, Mrs. Gailher Midgett, Mrs. Shelbert Twiford, Mrs. Jackie Burrus, Mrs. Richard Mann, Mrs. Stanford White, Mrs. Curtis Mann, Mrs. Cecil Midgett, Mrs. Odell Tillett, Mrs. Ralph Craddock, Mrs. Mary Craddock, Mrs. Leana Midgett, Mrs. Maggie Tillett, Mrs. Millicent Sawyer and Mrs. Bona Beasley. Games and contests were enjoyed and ice cream, cake and salted nuts were served by Mrs. Willie Crain and Mrs. Bula Twiford. The young ladies class will meet at the home of Mrs. Richard Mann in September.

### SGT. JACK SEALEY VISITS DARE BEACH

Sgt. Jack Sealey, U. S. Army, is spending a short leave at the Croatan Hotel at Kill Devil Hills. Sgt. Sealey, who is a tenor soloist and who was formerly with the Westminster Choir, has many friends on Roanoke Island and in other parts of Dare County, having been a member of the Lost Colony choir for several years. Besides singing on Friday at the Virginia Dare celebration at Fort Raleigh, he will also sing Sunday morning at the regular service at Mount Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo. Sgt. Sealey is at present stationed in Greensboro.

### MRS. JOLLIFF IS BRIDGE HOSTESS

Mrs. W. M. Jolliff entertained her bridge club Wednesday night at her home near Manteo. High score was won by Mrs. Juanita Parker. Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Balfour Baum won bingo prizes. Others playing were Mrs. Jolliff, Mrs. Hugh Basnight, Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. Vernon Davis, Mrs. McCoy Tillett and Mrs. Hugh Chesney.

## STUMPY POINT METHODIST CHURCH HOST AUGUST 27 TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Clyde R. Hoey, Former Governor, and Nominee for Senate to Deliver Principal Address at Which Many Notables and Hundreds of People from Eastern North Carolina Will Attend; Rev. W. B. Parkin, Pastor, Well Pleased With Interest Being Shown in Event

PASTOR



Rev. W. B. Parkin, pastor of the Stumpy Point Methodist Church is well pleased with the response to plans for the anniversary of Methodism on the Dare Mainland to be celebrated with his church August 27th, at which time Clyde R. Hoey, former governor, will be principal speaker.

Rev. W. L. Clegg, District Superintendent, will be present. The people of Stumpy Point will serve dinner on the grounds.

### MAIL CHRISTMAS GIFTS OVERSEAS SEPT. 15-OCT 15

Post Office Department Gives Advice on Mailing Parcels to Service Men

The Christmas gift mailing period for both Army and Navy overseas forces this year is the same, September 15 to October 15, it has been announced by the Post Office Department, and the local postmaster asks that all who wish to send parcels to men overseas to remember the dates.

Among the more important rules for Christmas mailings to the armed forces overseas are the following: The parcel must not exceed five pounds, and must not be more than 15 inches in length, 36 inches in length and girth combined. It should be marked "Christmas parcel" so that it may be given special attention to assure its arrival before December 25.

Not more than one parcel may be mailed in any one week to the same member of the armed forces by or in behalf of the same mailer.

When combination packages are made up of such items as miscellaneous toilet articles, hard candies, soap, etc., the contents should be tightly packed so that they will not become loosened in transit and damage the contents or the cover. Hard candies, nuts, caramels (including those covered with chocolate), cookies, fruit cake, and chocolate bars individually wrapped in waxed paper should be enclosed in inner boxes of wood, metal, or cardboard.

Perishable goods, such as fruits and vegetables that may spoil, are prohibited. Intoxicants, inflammable materials such as matches or lighter fluids, poisons, and anything that may damage other mail also are prohibited. Gifts enclosed in glass should be substantially packed to avoid breakage. Sharp instruments, such as razors and knives, must have their edges and points protected so that they cannot cut through the coverings and injure postal personnel or damage other packages.

Relatives and friends who know that the personnel in the armed services to whom they plan to send gifts are at far distant points should begin to mail their packages on the opening day—September 15—of the mailing period. Last year late mailings, causing concentration of great numbers of packages in the final days of the mailing period, threatened to defeat the program. It is stressed that success can be assured, with the limited personnel and facilities available, only if the public gives full cooperation through prompt mailings of the overseas gift parcels from the opening of the mailing period.

### ODDFELLOWS TO BE GUESTS OF REBEKAHS

The Manteo Rebekah Lodge will entertain the Oddfellows at an ice cream supper on the night of August 22. The affair will take place in the lodge hall and will begin at eight o'clock. All Oddfellows are invited to be present.

### MANTEO ODDFELLOWS ENTERTAIN VISITORS

About 25 members of Virginia Dare Lodge No. 3, Independent Order of Oddfellows, entertained several visiting notables Saturday with a fishing trip and ice cream social at the lodge hall. J. E. Ferebee, secretary, says the meeting was most instructive and inspiring. Grandmaster A. L. Lane of Greensboro, and Grand Secretary John W. Clapp of Burlington, attended, together with Grand Marshall Tucker of Sligo, and District Master Wynn of Washington, N. C. Edwin Midgett, vice grand of the lodge, presided.

### VISITORS HONORED AT DINNER PARTIES

Elwood Ingle, U. S. Engineering Department, and Curtis Lewis, U. S. Army, who have been visiting their families near Manteo for the last two weeks, were honored Tuesday night at a dinner party given by Mrs. Harold Glynn. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Basnight, Jr., and Mrs. T. A. Basnight, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wescott.

On last Friday night the two visitors were also honored at a dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Basnight Jr. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Basnight, Sr., Miss Lee Doring and Paul Corn of Norfolk, houses guests of the host and hostess.

### COUNTY COURT NEWS

Clarence Payne of Wanchese submitted to a charge of beating his wife, being drunk and disorderly and assaulting Rev. George Willis and was fined \$10 and the costs.

Judge Baum dismissed charges against both James Roy Manning, Representative elect of Washington County, and Walter B. Gray, Jr., 17-year old Nags Head boy, whose cars collided on the beach road.

Odell Tillett of Mann's Harbor drew fines and costs totalling \$23.95 for being publicly drunk and disorderly at Gaston Mann's store.

Other cases were continued.

### HELPS MANY GET HOMES

To whom it may concern: Any one who has no home and wants one should get in touch with W. J. Griffin, Manteo. He will help to get priorities for building materials. Van Lewark, Des Rogers and Clark Mann are building homes this way. W. J. Griffin helping them to get the priorities.

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