

Islanders Try Out For Parts In "Lost Colony"

By Hoke Norris

MANTEO—"And see the sas—sas—" Wayne Bratten, who's only ten but wants to be an actor in The Lost Colony, floundered when he came to a fearsome word in the script. "Say, what's this here word?" he asked in desperation, turning to John A. Walker, general manager of the production.

"That's 'sassafras,'" Walker told him.

"And see the sassafras roots," Wayne read now without a hitch. "They will make good tea for father's fever."

As George Howe Jr., whose father was killed by the Indians, Wayne or some other moppet will proudly display the sassafras roots to his mother innumerable times in rehearsals and 49 times in performances this summer during the tenth anniversary season of the Paul Green Symphonic Drama in the Waterside Theater at Fort Raleigh. He and nearly 200 other residents of Roanoke Island, of all ages and nearly all professions, turned out when Samuel Selden, director of The Lost Colony, came to the Dare County courthouse to cast the more than 100 roles played by local people.

It was the seventh time Selden,

who's head of the Carolina Playmakers at the University of North Carolina, had come here on such a mission. His first session with the Roanoke Islanders was held 10 years ago, before the show opened on July 4, 1937, and he's seen colonist boys grow up and become colonist men, and flower girls put on long dresses and become ladies in waiting to Queen Elizabeth.

The 200 who signed up for speaking parts and roles as colonists, Indians and members of the court represent a sizable slice of Manteo. Their number—and their enthusiasm—indicate the strength of this drama which literally grew out of the people of this small island between Roanoke and Croatan sounds on the northeastern North Carolina coast. Many of them have long records with The Lost Colony. One of them who responded when Director Selden called for volunteers for the role of "colonist women" was Mrs. Mary Mann Evans, who's been acting in historical plays here since 1921. The first one was a movie made by the State Department, of Public Instruction to help teach North Carolina pupils the history of their country. Next came a pageant in 1934, and out of this grew The Lost Colony, in which

Excess Planting Burley Penalty Is 16c Pound

Information was received Friday at the Haywood Triple-A office that the penalty on excess plantings of burley tobacco will be 16 cents per pound on the 1947 crop. This is the same penalty that was in effect for last year's crop.

The penalty on excess flue cured tobacco is 19 cents per pound.

Growers who plant within their allotments can market all their tobacco without penalties and are eligible for government price support loans. Any excess planting, however, disqualifies the grower from any support loan at all and subjects him to the penalty.

Maine Forbids Imbibing At Dances, Parking Lots

AUGUSTA, Me. — Gov. Horace Hildreth last night signed a bill making it illegal to drink or offer a drink to a companion in public places.

The bill forbade the use of liquor in "any building, dance hall, entertainment, amusement sport or parking lot" and provided a maximum fine of \$50 for violators.

Exempted were hotels and other places specifically licensed for the sale of liquor. Governor Hildreth described the legislation as "most constructive" and said it would curb drinking by juveniles in unlicensed places.

Broughton Will Address WCTC Graduates

Graduation exercises at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 26, with Ex-Governor J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh announced as principal speaker.

The Rev. Sankey L. Blanton, dean of the School of Religion, Wake Forest college, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, May 25.

A book published in 1600 is believed to contain the first published reference to platinum.

Mrs. Evans has been a colonist woman at each of the 275 performances.

The enthusiasm of the people here has become traditional. It was responsible for the first season, it has enabled the show to run through six seasons, and it will put it over this year. Many of them had never seen a professional play before Paul Green wrote one for them in 1937, but their part in the show—and this includes fishermen, coastguardsmen, soda-jerkers, school kids, businessmen, teachers—has been growing with the years.

Which is just as Author Green and Director Selden want it. They envision, in the years ahead, a production in which Roanoke Islanders will take all the leading roles—those now played by professionals from New York or the Carolina Playmakers at the University. To help this along, the director has announced that the actors and stage experts will give instruction to the local people this summer—in acting, in the techniques of the stage and allied subjects—and that the Westminster Choir, which yearly sings the powerful music of the drama, will provide teachers of music. And eventually, it is expected, there will be a drama summer school here as part of the University, and perhaps as well a summer music school conducted by the Westminster Choir College.

Meanwhile, the show will go on. It started in 1937 as a more or less local, one-season production to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the events which occurred at Fort Raleigh, where the Waterside Theater now stands—the establishment of Sir Walter Raleigh's "Lost Colony" and the birth of Virginia Dare the first English child born in the New World. But the show was so enthusiastically received that first year that it was played each season through 1941. Over 52,000 persons saw it last year, in its post-war revival.

Blind Couple Adopt Boy In 'First Case of Its Kind'

CANTON, O. — A blind couple has been given legal custody of a five-year-old boy here in what is believed the first case of its kind in Ohio.

The youth, a smiling, normal youngster named Corky, was left with his now legal parents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Corbett, by his mother when he was 10 weeks old.

Three years ago the couple and Corky moved here from Youngstown and Corbett became one of the sightless employes of a manufacturing company (Timken Roller Bearing). Legal custody of the child then was held by the Catholic Service Society.

Mrs. Corbett's vision is so slight she is considered legally blind. Her husband has no sight whatsoever.



HAPPY PARENTS: Probate Judge Reuben Wise (left) with Mr. and Mrs. Corbett and their legal son, Corky

Tent Revival At Maggie To Continue Next Week

The tent revival being conducted at Maggie will continue through next week, with Rev. Robert Harris preaching each evening. Special music is provided at each service.

The public is invited to attend all services.

AT THE CHURCHES

CRABTREE METHODIST CHURCH

Mrs. C. O. Newell, Pastor. Sunday morning services will be held at the Crabtree Church, Sunday School each Sunday at ten-thirty o'clock. Tom Kirkpatrick, superintendent.

Afternoon services at Mt. Zion at two-thirty o'clock.

HAZELWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School each Sunday at ten o'clock. Mrs. Cecil Mauney, superintendent.

Preaching every Sunday evening at seven-thirty.

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C. O. Newell, Pastor. Sunday School every Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

Mr. Glenn A. Boyd, Superintendent.

DELLWOOD CIRCUIT

J. C. B. Houser, Pastor. The pastor will fill his regular appointments at Maggie at 10 o'clock and Maple Grove at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The choir will be in charge of the service at Dellwood at 8 o'clock.

Special music, vocal and instrumental, will add to the flavor and inspiration of the service.

HAZELWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. S. R. Crockett, Pastor. There will be preaching at Hazelwood 11:00 A. M.

Subject: Stronger than Atomic Power.

Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Lawson Summerrow, Supt.

Prayer meeting Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.

The Young Peoples groups will meet 2:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. Sundays.

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FOR SALE—A team of horses, approx. 1,400 lbs., with harness and wagon. See Richard Trull at Barber's orchard. May 23-27

Cecil News MRS. EDGAR BURNETTE

Ned Moody spent the week-end at Hot Springs visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moody. Mrs. Moody has been quite ill but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen are both recuperating from serious illness. Mrs. Rhonie Allison, of Asheville, a daughter, has spent several weeks with her parents during their illness.

Miss Helen Justice has been the guest of Miss Alma Chambers and Mrs. Harlin Burnette at their home several days this past week.

Miss Betty Jean Shipman was the guest of Miss Barbara Jean Burnette on Sunday.

Rev. Gay Chabbers preached on Sunday at the Riverside Church on the subject "David Served His Generation by the Will of God," with the scripture taken from Acts 13:18.

Miss Gretchen Johnson sang a solo "Wherever He Leads I'll Go".

The Springhill Young People's group visited the Riverside B.T.U. on Sunday evening, and Miss Johnson spoke during the general assembly on the subject "The text book in all departments of church work is the Bible".

Mrs. Edgar Burnette has been asked to take over the place left vacant by Mrs. Floyd Burnette as song leader on Wednesday evenings during the choir practice.

A daily vacation Bible school is in progress at the Riverside church, and preparation day was held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, with the teachers and pupils meeting with Miss Gretchen Johnson, Haywood County Baptist Missionary in charge of instructions.

The school began Monday afternoon at 1:45 and will continue through Friday afternoon with a program to be given on Friday night by the pupils for the parents and friends.

Miss Johnson is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Messer for the week, and is visiting the families in the community. She was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Burnette on Wednesday evening.

The Cecil Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. A. M. Frazier on next Wednesday afternoon. Plans will be made for attending the district meeting to be held the following day at Waynesville.

Berlin Rabbi Sails



THE FIRST RABBI of Berlin since before the war, Dr. Michael L. Munk sails on the Meuretania from New York to the city of his birth, Dr. Munk escaped from Germany in 1938 at the height of the Nazi persecution of the Jews. His community will consist of Orthodox, Conservative and Reformed members of the Jewish faith. (International)

The law governing the present design of the United States Flag was passed in 1818.

Canada has an automobile for every 8.1 inhabitants. Most Eskimos live near the coast where they draw much of their subsistence from mammals of the sea.

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Jackson City Groups Oppose Loss Of Trade

Jackson City groups are opposing the proposed loss of trade to the city of the South. The Chamber of Commerce is holding a series of meetings to discuss the matter. The loss of trade would be a serious blow to the city's economy.

Seaman Earle Tour To Aust

Seaman Earle is on a tour to Australia. He is a member of the class of 1938 at the University of North Carolina. He is currently serving in the Navy.



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