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Archaeologists Are Studying Oldest N. C. Settlement

Federal Workers Delving Into History Of Roanoke Island And 'Lost Colony' In Attempt To Solve Mystery

(By Howie Norris) The earth of Fort Raleigh at Manteo is being sifted and studied by the U. S. Park Service in an archaeological survey to authenticate the site of the St. Walter settlement and determine the nature of the homes the "Lost Colonists" tried to establish on this rim of the New World in 1587.

The new diggings—the first of a series of projects planned around the Waterside Theatre, where Paul Green's The Lost Colony this summer will observe its 10th anniversary—are being made on the south end of earth fortifications thrown up by the colonists in what might have been their unequal fight with unfriendly Indians.

Melvin R. Daniels of Manteo, vice-chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, inaugurated the study by turning up the first spade of dirt in an area designated by J. C. Harrington, regional archaeologist for the Park Service.

"Our object in this work," Harrington told the delegation, "is to authenticate the site of the fortifications and determine the nature of the settlement that surrounded them. We want to know where the colonists built their cabins, whether close to the fortifications or rather widely scattered, and something of the fortifications themselves—whether they were earthen breastworks alone, or consisted of a log block-house or something of the kind."

In the area of the present study there remain shallow trenches and low mounds, mute evidence of a long-ago struggle for existence in a wild, new country. The outline of the fortifications was marked with stones in 1885 by Talcott Williams, who made a survey of the area for the newly formed Roanoke Colony Memorial Association, the predecessor of the Roanoke Island Historical Association. These stone markers remain around the monument placed at the site in 1896 to commemorate the birth of Virginia Dare, the first English child born in the New World.

Williams reported that the trench around the fort averaged 10 inches in depth and the mounds one foot and three inches in height at their crests. He marked each angle of the fortifications with a stone, making a star-like outline. The Roanoke Island Historical Commission, with WPA assistance, constructed a palisade at the site in 1935, approximating the outline of the trenches and mounds. This, with the stockade near the Virginia Dare monument, has been removed.

William's report, under the title "The Surroundings and Site of Raleigh's Colony," was published in

the annual report of the American Historical Association in 1935. Harrington's project eventually will cover the entire area of the fortifications. Other Park Service plans for the Fort Raleigh area include a fireproof administration and museum building, additional utilities, a custodian's residence, a public parking area, walk-ways, and new markers. This work cannot be undertaken immediately, as no funds are available this fiscal year. However, the Association has already begun work on rain shelters within the theatre. They will be ready when The Lost Colony on July 1 begins its seventh season.

The play first opened on July 4, 1937. Forty-nine performances are scheduled for this season, which ends Labor Day, September 1.

AT HOME ON THE FARM

— with — THE CITY COUSIN

"What about this rat control campaign you had down here in Gates county a couple of weeks ago?" I asked John Artz, genial farm agent the other day.

"Well, I'll tell you, Cousin," he says, inviting me into his inner office decorated with assorted photographs of livestock champs and outstanding 4-H Club boys and girls. "This was our first county-wide effort, and you might say it has met with varying degrees of success — and some failures."

"Is that so?" But tell me, John, how do you go about organizing such a large-scale ratrace?"

With this, my agent friend proceeded to explain that the Farm Bureau and the county's Home Demonstration Clubs were the big guns in this war to "make the county safe for feed bags." He said that 14 storekeepers took orders from the farmers in their territory, and that 19 4-H Club boys of the Gates high school spent half a day mixing the bait.

Unaccustomed as I am to going around knocking off rats, I was nevertheless keenly interested in the recipe for this gentle, tasty, if slightly murderous rat snack.

It seems that Brother Rat, who has been known to sharpen his teeth on such common, every day fare as corn cobs, stable walls, and an occasional morsel of asphalt roofing, is—for all his coarseness, a lover of life's finer things. Ground fish, for instance.

"Yes, sir!" John was telling me, "No self-respecting rat will stick up his nose at good old ground fish. That's why we used 480 pounds of it in more than 900 pounds of bait. And oat meal—you should see them go for oat meal!" he says.

So, as we put our recipe together, we find that 120 pounds of oat meal is a very necessary item. Throw in 34 pounds of nice yellow corn meal, and you have a rat's breakfast, dinner and supper all rolled into a quite welcome dish, I assure you.

"Aha!" cackled the agent, with a

FIFTY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ADDRESSES STATE DEPTAS

The principal of the Belvoir-Falkland high school, Lemmie L. Murray, delivered the Alumni Address at the State Convention of the National Beta Club in Winston-Salem, March 22, at the Robert E. Lee Hotel. Professor Murray has made an outstanding record in the Pitt county school system. He is principal of the Belvoir-Falkland high school, and this year is serving as president of the Pitt County Chapter, N. C. Education Association. He is lecturer of the North Carolina State Chapter of Wilson county. He is a Master Mason, a member of Bethlehem Commandery, No. 39 of Greenville, a member of Greenville Chapter, No. 50, and a member of the Sudan Temple of New Bern.

Mr. Murray received his education in the Wilson county schools, his A. B. degree at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, and his master's degree at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville.

FARM WOMEN ORGANIZE NEW CLUB IN GREENE

A new club, bringing to 12 the total number of home demonstration organizations in Greene county, has just been added to the county roll.

Formed in the Union Ginn and Friendly communities, members of the organization have not yet decided upon a name for their club. The organizational meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jack Parker, with the home agent, Mrs. Nell M. Butler, of the State College Extension Service, presiding, and the assistant agent, Mary E. Simpson, serving as secretary.

The business session was turned over to the election of officers for the new club. Mrs. Sam Tugwell was elected president, Mrs. Jack Parker, vice president, and Mrs. R. Phillips, secretary and treasurer. "Cleaning and Care of the Sewing Machine" was the demonstration presented at the meeting by Mrs. Butler.

At the conclusion of the program, a recreation hour was enjoyed, led by Miss Simpson. Mrs. Parker served refreshments.

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fendish roll of his eyeballs. "Now we add the poison. Put in just the right amount of Fortified Red Squill, and they drop like flies!"

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