

400th Organizers to hold meeting in Manteo

Momentum continues to build as the July 1984 start of America's Four Hundredth Anniversary celebrations draws closer. Although many of the key historical events to be commemorated took place in Dare County, on North Carolina's eastern coast, virtually all of the state's one hundred counties will organize festivals or events of their own to mark the four quadricentennial years.

To help county leaders plan these events, and simply as a pleasant way for the organizers to get to know one another, a three-day series of dinners, meetings and workshops will

take place in Manteo, on Dare County's Roanoke Island, on October 21, 22 and 23.

The entire week-end has been conceived and organized by Mrs. J. Emmet Winslow of Hertford. Mrs. Winslow is chairman of the Liaison Subcommittee of the North Carolina America's Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee, Lindsay C. Warren Jr., Chairman.

Activities scheduled for this three-day gathering of county committee leaders include:

Friday, October 21

4:30 p.m. — Annual meeting of the Roanoke Island Historical

Association (producer of "The Lost Colony"), Marine Resources Center. The meeting is open to "400th" participants as well as the general public.

6:00 p.m. — Hospitality Hour, the Lost Colony Building. Co-hosted by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Dare County Board of Commissioners.

7:30 p.m. — Elizabethan Banquet and Entertainment, New Manteo High School. John P. Kennedy Jr., chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, will preside at this event which is the

Association's annual membership dinner as well as a major week-end activity for the county chairmen.

Archaeologist Dr. David S. Phelps will present a slide program entitled "America Before Amadas and Barlowe."

Saturday, October 22

9:00 a.m. — Coffee Hour at the Dare County Courthouse, hosted by the Town of Manteo.

10:30 a.m. — Visit to the Elizabeth II construction site, hosted by David Latham, site manager.

11:00 a.m. — Film and tour of Ft.

Raleigh National Historic Site, guided by National Park Service historian Phil Evans.

12:00 noon — Luncheon at the Elizabethan Gardens, hosted by the Garden Clubs of North Carolina and the Dare County Board of Commissioners. An Elizabethan fashion show will be presented by Dr. Vicki L. Berger, East Carolina University School of Home Economics.

Afternoon — Optional workshops including one on the making of Elizabethan costumes based on currently available dress patterns,

flags and banners, involvement of schools in county activities, fund raising and publicity.

Sunday, October 23

8:30 a.m. — Buffet breakfast, Duchess of Dare Restaurant, Manteo. A general discussion period will include a message from "400th" chairman Warren, on the importance of the first English voyages to this country, delivered by historian and author David Stick.

Week-end organizer Lucille Winslow noted that contributors to the success of the event include governmental agencies, private organizations and businesses, and many hard-working individuals.

"That's one of the things we hope our visitors will take back home with them," she said. "...a wonderful example of how so many different people and agencies can, and will eagerly work together to make special 400th-related events happen."

On her way to a television appearance to discuss this very busy weekend, event chairman Lucille Winslow commented that "not only is this a time for our county chairmen to see where our four hundred years of English culture began, it's also a wonderful opportunity for the people of Dare County to become acquainted with all these Four Hundredth Anniversary organizers from across the state."

The general public is welcome at any or all of the activities noted above, although prior registration is requested. All events are free of charge excepting the Elizabethan Banquet and the Buffet Breakfast.

Respectively, tickets to these are \$7.50 and \$5.00 per person. For complete information, or to make reservations, call 473-2127.



Planners of the upcoming week-end of combined events hosting members of the Roanoke Island Historical

Association along with America's Four Hundredth Committee Chairmen are (l.

to r.): Mollie Fearing, Ina Evans, Lucille Winslow and Della Basnight.

Area obituaries

HARRELL

EDENTON — Thomas Osmond Harrell, 67, a retired farmer and a native of Chowan County, died Wednesday, October 12, in a hospital. He was a member of Yeopim Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma Stanton Harrell; a daughter, Carolyn H. Winslow of Hertford; a son, T. Stanton Harrell of Edenton; three sisters, Sarah Margaret Harrell of Edenton, Mary Beach of Oak City and Catherine Thomas of Portsmouth; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, in Willford-Barham Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Stanley Nixon. Burial followed in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

PTHISIC

Tabatha Dawn Pthisic, stillborn infant of Milton Elias Pthisic Jr. and Carol Eastlake Cutillo of Route 2, Hertford, died Saturday morning in Chowan Hospital.

Besides the parents, survivors include two half-sisters, Miss Sybil Cutillo of Rt. 2, Hertford and Miss Vallarie Rose Pthisic; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Eastlake of New Castle, Delaware; and maternal grandparents, Mrs. Henry White of Rt. 2, Elizabeth City and Milton Pthisic Sr. also of Elizabeth City.

Graveside services were held Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in the Pthisic Family Cemetery near Belvidere by

Rev. Roland Cooper. Swindell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BLANCHARD

HOBBSVILLE — Ores Melvin Blanchard, 79, a retired carpenter and a native of Chowan County, died Sunday in a hospital.

He was a member, deacon and trustee of Warwick Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Humphlett Blanchard; a daughter, Helen B. Davis of Tyner; four brothers, Lyman Blanchard of Hobbsville, Julian Blanchard of Portsmouth, Ellsworth Blanchard of Tyner and Marvin Blanchard of Philadelphia; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Warwick Baptist Church by the Rev. Joseph Willis. Burial followed in Beaver Hill Cemetery, Edenton. Willford-Barham Funeral Home, Edenton, was in charge.

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Methodist women hold Celebration

The Elizabeth City District of United Methodist Women will have a Centennial Celebration at its District Meeting on Thursday, October 27, at 10:00 a.m. in the Edenton United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Ethel Born, Vice-President of the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, will speak on the Centennial theme.

Mrs. Born is from Fairfax Station, Virginia, and is presently serving her

second quadrennium on the Board of Global Ministries. In 1981 she led a Travel Study Seminar to the Middle East.

A Candle Burning Service will be held, representing money given to missions in honor and as memorials. There will also be a Memorial Service in remembrance of members from the District who have died during the past year.

Special features will highlight the Centennial Celebration. Prizes will

be given to the persons who bring the oldest copy of Methodist Woman and the oldest copy of Response.

During the business session, officers for 1984 will be elected and installed.

Lunch will be served by women of the host church.

CUSTOMER UPDATE

choices & changes

What do the new access charges mean to you?

Earlier this year, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ruled that all telephone customers must begin paying a separate monthly charge for access lines. The charges are to be known as interstate access charges and are to become effective January 1, 1984.

To comply with the ruling, we have filed proposed interstate access charges with the FCC. The proposal calls for these monthly interstate access charges: \$2.00 for residential customers and \$6.00 for business customers, per access line.

This customer update explains the reasons for the FCC's decision.

What are access lines?

Access lines are the lines and related facilities which connect your telephones with the telephone company's switching equipment. Our switching equipment actually sends your calls where you want them to go—to another telephone in your local calling area or to a long distance service.

In other words, access lines give you the ability to make local and long distance calls.

How are access lines now paid for?

You now pay a monthly rate for basic local service which pays part of the costs of access lines. Part of the remaining cost is paid for with a portion of the money the telephone company receives from interstate long distance calls.

How does this process work?

All the money from interstate long distance calls is pooled. Then, the money is divided among the participating telephone companies. The amount is based on how much a company has

invested to provide long distance service. And a company's investment depends, generally, on how much its customers use long distance. In other words, the more customers of a particular company use long distance, the more that company generally receives from the pool to help pay for access lines.

As a result, heavy long distance users pay the greatest share of access line costs.

How will this process change?

The FCC has said to do away with this method of pooling and dividing interstate long distance money. According to the FCC, a new method is needed because heavy users of interstate long distance are paying far more than their fair share of access line costs. The FCC has ruled that all customers should pay their own access line costs.

How will access lines be paid for in the future?

The FCC has said that beginning January 1, 1984, rates will be set up this way:

—You will continue paying a monthly rate for local service. Part of that rate will pay part of the costs of connecting you to the telephone company's switching equipment.

—You will begin paying a separate monthly charge to help pay for the remaining costs of access lines. This will be known as an interstate access

charge. This is not a rate increase for telephone companies. Instead, the access charge replaces the interstate long distance support. The FCC thinks that as a result, rates for interstate long distance calls will go down.

How much will access charges be?

To ease the impact on customers, the FCC has said that access charges will be phased in over a six-year period—January 1, 1984 to December 31, 1989. During this six-year period, both customers and long distance companies will pay access charges. The customer access charge will gradually increase each year, while access charges to long distance companies will decrease. At the end of the six-year period, all customers will be sharing equally in the costs of access lines.

The FCC has said that during the transition period residential customers will pay a flat charge of \$2.00 per line per month in 1984; \$3.00 per line per month in 1985; and \$4.00 per line per month in 1986. Business subscribers will pay \$6.00 per line per month for the first three years of the transition.

If you would like more information about our changing business, and how it is affecting you, fill out this coupon and mail it to the address shown. We'll send you the free brochures, "Telephone Service. What Does it Really Mean?" and "Access Charges. Each Part Pays For Itself."

Community Calendar

Fruit sale

The Perquimans County Band will begin their annual fruit sales campaign this week. Each band member, grades six through 12, will participate in these sales.

Proceeds from the fruit sales will be used for various band events including band camp. Profits from individual sales are credited to each student to be used at any approved band event.

NAACP Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Perquimans County N.A.A.C.P. will meet at the First Baptist Church, corner of King and Hyde Park St., Hertford. Mr. John Edward of the North Carolina Voters Education will be speaker. The public is invited to attend.

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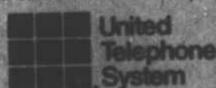
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