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TWENTY-SIX MHS GRADUATES RECEIVE DIPLOMAS WEDNESDAY BEFORE LARGE ASSEMBLAGE

Commencement Week Activities Include Baccalaureate Services Sunday and Clever Class Night Program Monday.

Culminating event of the twelve years of their schooling and of all graduation activities came for the 26 members of the Class of 1951 at Manteo High School on Wednesday night of this week. Then, in the school auditorium, before a large crowd of relatives and friends the following young men and women received their diplomas and the best wishes of the entire community.

Class of 1951
Dorris Alford, Rose Austin, Laura Craddock, Evelyn Dowdy, Mary Beryl Gallop, Rose Gallop, Jean Henley, Barbara Midgett, Maxine Scarborough, Lelia Ward, Millie Ward, Ivadean Wilson, Doreen Midgett, Floyd Basnight, Brantley Brown, Jack Cahoon, Moncie Daniels, III, Pete Daniels, Everett Liverman, Dalton Mann, Chesley Midgett, Robert Owens, Willard Sutton, Jack Tillett, Carroll Westcott.

E. J. Rutan of the English Department faculty at East Carolina College was the commencement speaker. His inspiring and informative talk made a deep impression upon the graduating class and the members of the audience.

The program began at 8 p.m. with the processional of the graduating class. The invocation was pronounced by the Rev. H. V. Napier. The welcome in behalf of the graduates was delivered to the audience by Moncie Daniels. The chief speaker of the evening was introduced by Principal L. W. Huggins.

Presentation of Awards

L. G. Finch, after the commencement address, presented awards to class members who earned recognition for meritorious achievements. Betty Rae Rogers was awarded the Scholarship Medal. The Peace Medal awarded by the University of North Carolina for the best theme on the subject of world peace was won by Doreen Midgett. The valedictorian, Maxine Scarborough, and salutatorian, Doreen Midgett, were presented medals. Achievement medals for the boy and girl athletes who had demonstrated the greatest development during the school year just past were given to Everett Liverman and Jane Midgett.

The presentation of diplomas was made by Principal Huggins.

Baccalaureate Program

The program for the baccalaureate service in the school auditorium at 8 p.m. Sunday was as follows:

Prelude, "Shadows of the Night," Miss Holland Westcott. The processional. Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Prayer and scripture reading by the Rev. H. V. Napier. Anthem: "Sundown," choral ensemble.

The Rev. J. H. Overton preached the baccalaureate sermon. The theme of the address was "Marching to a Dream." The speaker told

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REBEKAHS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Manteo Rebekah Lodge No. 52 had its regular meeting Monday with Mrs. Gilda Swaim, Noble Grand, presiding.

New Officers

New officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Bernice Cannady, Noble Grand; Mrs. Lois Midgett, Vice Grand; secretary, Mrs. Anita Jessen; financial secretary, Mrs. Ann Basnight; treasurer, Mrs. Lessie Davis.

Deputy District President Mrs. Katherine Kennedy will be here for formal installation ceremonies for the new officers on July 2.

A meritorious award pin was presented to Mrs. Bernice Cannady in the name of the Sovereign Grand Master, Miles M. Peck.

Twelve Past Noble Grands were honored in special ceremonies.

At the conclusion of the session a white-covered table, bearing two large cakes decorated with lodge colors and candies, was brought in. Mrs. Mildred O'Neal, who was Vice Grand of Manteo Rebekah Lodge when it was instituted in 1907, was asked to cut the cake, which was served with ice cream to those in attendance.

Hostesses were Mesdames Margarette White, Tracy Ward, Hulda Wise and Francetta Adams.

DARE CO. BOARD DECIDES BUDGET REQUESTS TUES.

Wednesday Devoted to Appeals from Tax Valuations; Comparatively Few Complaints

The Dare Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, the second day acting in the capacity of a board of equalization and review. Commissioner Albert Austin, who remains confined in a Norfolk hospital, was unable to attend the meeting for the second consecutive month.

At the beginning of Tuesday's session Mrs. Rennie G. Williamson of Manteo appeared before the board to request its attention to securing more help at the Dare County Library. She explained that the demand for books in the county is increasing each week, and said that the present staff is inadequate to handle the demands of the public for service.

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BUSINESS MEN IN CURRITUCK KNOW TOURIST VALUES

County's Income Enhanced Considerably by Sportsmen and Tourist Dollars

become famous for its fresh water fishing. And it has shared a lot of business with other sections because of traffic to and from The Lost Colony and Dare County beaches.

Many leading business men advertising in the Coastland Times call attention to their facilities for serving this trade, and the people of the Coastland, and pledge co-operation in working for progress of the whole region. A dozen of them point out their facilities for giving service and to help the traveler enjoy his visit.

Many new businesses have sprung up in Currituck during the past few years, and have enjoyed great success. One of the most popular and successful businesses anywhere on the coast is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Walton Griggs, their cafe at Point Harbor. It has more than statewide fame for its good food.

Smaller places have sprung up, and are proving successful. Take for example the lunch room business established by Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Sowers, called the Minjamar near Harbinger. Mrs. Sowers for some time had been successfully raising canaries for the wholesale market. She thought she might do better with them during the tourist season by setting up a roadside stand. About the time the stand was completed, a tent show opened up across the road and it developed that there was a need for lunches and drinks. This new business

ELIZABETH CITY BAND TO PLAY FOR OPENING

Elizabeth City's famous and widely publicized High School Band will play a concert prior to curtain time when Lost Colony has its opening performance of the 1951 season here on June 30. It will not be the first time the band has played at performances of The Lost Colony. Each year, the group have played special concert music on August 18, which is Virginia Dare Day at The Lost Colony.

In addition to the appearance of the famous high school band the opening night will feature many celebrities in the audience including 25 or more Honorary Tar Heels, noted writers, photographers, and others who have been given the hard to get title for the efforts they have shown in promoting North Carolina in the press, magazines and on the radio.

MELVIN DANIELS SPEAKS AT RODANTHE COMMENCEMENT

Melvin R. Daniels, Dare county register of deeds, was the principal speaker at the Rodanthe high school commencement ceremonies Monday evening. The program was very well attended despite the rainy evening. Three seniors received their diplomas of graduation.

THE COASTLAND'S INDEBTEDNESS TO THIS MAN IS INESTIMABLE



HON. LINDSAY CARTER WARREN, Comptroller General of the United States

FIRST AND FOREMOST

in any evaluation of the wonderful progress in a few short years that has come to the Walter Raleigh Coastland of North Carolina stands out the resolute and indefatigable figure of the man who represented the First District in the House of Congress during the period 1925 until his appointment as Comptroller General of the United States in 1943. Of men in public life whose official acts and sympathetic interest have contributed to the development from which all of us share so many benefits, Lindsay Warren is the outstanding figure whose labors and dreams out-rank them all.

The magnificent profits in real estate that so many people have enjoyed during the past 20 years, would not have been possible, had not the work of this man directed national attention to our region, and brought innumerable tourists for the first time to see and enjoy the atmosphere of our coastland.

It was Lindsay Warren who worked through Congress to create the million dollar memorial to the founding of Aviation at Kill Devil

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LIONS RECEIVE TWO CONVENTION AWARDS

Edwin Midgett, the Manteo Lions Club's sole representative at the state convention in Winston-Salem two weeks ago, gave an interesting report of the convention's activities to fellow club members in session at the Hotel Fort Raleigh Tuesday evening.

Services Award to the club and a plaque to Fred Wescott, club secretary, for efficient performance of duties; both honors were awarded at the State Lions Convention.

The club was entertained by one of the most pleasing programs it has ever had: the Manteo High School Chorus, under the direction of L. W. Huggins, sang four numbers; Miss Millie Ward responded to the request of the group by singing a popular ballad. The Lions applauded the high school singers with enthusiasm.

President Ralph Davis asked members who wished to go to the International Convention in Atlantic City at the end of June to signify their intention in order that reservations for them might be made at once. Clyde Biggs indicated definitely that he would go, and Adrian Ayres said that he would give the president final word on the matter in a few days.

Earl Green outlined the work that remains to be done at the parking lot prepared by the Lions, and it was agreed to follow his suggestions for completing the job in the near future.

R. E. BURRUS, 76, NATIVE OF HYDE, DIES, MANNS HBR.

Widely Known Citizen Had Been Active in Public Affairs All His Life

Robert Everett Burrus, 76, until two years ago a member of the Dare County Board of Education for many years, died 4:30 P. M. Sunday at his home in Manns Harbor, following a day's severe illness. He had been in declining health for several years.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church. The Rev. Tracey Varnum and the Rev. T. G. Grider conducted the rites.

He was born at Middletown, Hyde County, September 20, 1874, the son of Fletcher and Josephine Burrus, and had been a resident of Manns Harbor for 50 years. He had been married three times, losing by death his first two wives, Mrs. Lucetta Mann Burrus and Mrs. Minnie Tillett Burrus.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lula Twiford Burrus; three sons: Johnnie, Allen and Bobby Burrus, and one daughter, Carolyn Burrus all of Manns Harbor. One step-daughter, Mrs. Melrose Tillett of Manns Harbor; one brother, J. F. Burrus of Elizabeth City; one sister, Mrs. C. T. Tillett of Norfolk.

He was a loyal member of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church and was also a member of the Manns Harbor Ruritan Club. He had always been a generous and public-spirited citizen and contributor to all community affairs. He had served his county on both Board of Commissioners and Board of Education, and for many years as local school committeeman. He had spent his lifetime in the fishing business and during his active life was both industrious and prosperous.

DARE WILDLIFE CLUB TO MEET SATURDAY

The Dare County Wildlife Club will elect new officers at a meeting to be held in the courthouse at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, it was announced this week by Levene W. Midgett, president of the organization.

All members are urged to attend this important meeting, and all others interested in wildlife conservation in Dare county are invited to come to the meeting.

NATIONAL LEAD COMPANY EXPLORING FOR ILMENITE ON DARE COUNTY BEACH

Search for Valued Ingredient for Paint to Be Undertaken Along North Carolina Coast; Headquarters Set Up in Manteo This Week.

Exploration of the seashore sands of North Carolina for a valuable ingredient known as Ilmenite will begin at once, and the National Lead Company set up offices in Manteo this week, bringing in machinery for making tests. A field office is located in the Wahab Building, and about eight men are employed and tests will be made first in the vicinity of Oregon Inlet.

By digging to depth of 30 to 60 feet it may be determined if the sands carry the product in profit-

able quantity. If it is finally determined that it would be profitable to extract Ilmenite from these sands, there would be a considerable investment required, maybe running into millions.

Ilmenite says Webster's, is an iron-black mineral of sub metallic luster, usually massive, but occurring also in rhombohedral crystals. It is a compound of iron, titanium and oxygen.

The product is used largely in the manufacture of paint, and mostly in higher grades because of its resistance to fading.

Over 100 Rotarians Expected at Beach For District Meeting Beginning Sunday

District Gov. O. H. Broadway Will Arrive to Assist with Final Plans on Saturday. Rotary Annes to Go on Tour of Dare.

Reservations Chairman Wally McCown reports that advance reservations indicate approximately 100 Rotarians and their Rotary Annes will attend the Assembly of the 27th District of Rotary International being held at Nags Head, Sunday and Monday, June 10 and 11.

Governor-Elect Olin H. Broadway of Henderson will arrive late Saturday for a final conference with committee chairmen of the Manteo Rotary Club in preparation for the Sunday meeting. A "Dutch-luncheon" is being planned for Sunday noon as a "get acquainted affair" prior to the Fellowship

Dinner on Sunday evening. Tour for Rotary Annes

Visiting Rotary Annes will be taken on a tour of Historic Dare Monday morning while the business sessions of the assembly are held, and weather permitting, the ladies will also enjoy a boat ride. The Assembly Chairman, and President-Elect of the Host Rotary Club of Manteo, R. S. (Bob) Smith, announced that final plans for the program are in order, and that the Host Club expects the assembly to provide an educational program for the Presidents and Secretaries Elect, as well as good fellowship and recreation for the visitors and their wives.

LOST COLONY MANAGER OPENS BUSINESS OFFICE



William M. Hardy, general manager of Paul Green's symphonica drama The Lost Colony has opened business offices of the show in the Dare County Community Bldg., which was first planned as a one season production back in 1937, but which has become America's longest running outdoor production.

Hardy and his staff of assistants are busily engaged in making preparations for the biggest opening in the show's history on Saturday night, June 30. More than 700 tickets have been sold for the opening night performance.

During the past winter Hardy has been managing the up-state office of The Lost Colony which is located in Chapel Hill during the off season. The local office during the off season period has been operated by C. S. Meekins, treasurer of Roanoke Island Historical Association, sponsors of the show. Mrs. Mabel Basnight, box office manager, and Aycock Brown, news director of the drama for the past four years.

"CRUISE INN" OPENS AT KILL DEVIL HILLS

A new drive-in, "Cruise Inn," has opened at Kill Devil Hills, under the ownership-management of Ernie Beale and Henry Lawrence, formerly of Virginia Beach and Portsmouth, Va., respectively. One of the specialties of this new establishment is the "Cruise Dog," the ultra hot dog sandwich.

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

Figures provided by U. S. Govt. Meteorologist A. W. Drinkwater

	High	Low	Rain
May 31	83	62	
June 1	84	65	
June 2	87	66	
June 3	89	65	
June 4	87	70	
June 5	84	67	10
June 6	87	60	

TOMATOES, POTATOES GROWN ON ONE VINE

Mrs. Henry Chesson of Wanchese Plants Potatoes and Gets Double Crop

Mrs. Henry Chesson of the Baumtown section, Wanchese, has a garden that would be remarkable by any standard. But one part of her garden is downright extraordinary.

Mrs. Chesson is raising tomatoes and potatoes on the same vines—and nobody is more surprised than Mrs. Chesson. Or, perhaps, one man is more surprised—Hub Davis, who sold Mrs. Chesson the seed potatoes from which the strange plants were grown. The entire plot of what-should-be-spuds works at production both above and below ground — it's producing an excellent crop of potatoes and the plot's plants are all bearing clusters of tomatoes.

We've had the opinion of a good number of veteran gardeners on the spot—including Mrs. Andrew Tillett, Mrs. Lyna Harbour and George Hale Quidey—and none of them had ever seen anything like the odd vines before.

Mrs. Chesson said on Wednesday that Johnny Watts had made the original discovery of the tomato-potatoes. Johnny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Watts, a well-known gardener of Mrs. Chesson. She had said in Johnny's hearing that she was afraid she wouldn't have any tomatoes this year. "Oh, yes, you will," corrected young John. "There're lots of them on the potato vines." "Oh, s'n!" Mrs. Chesson said wearily, but she went on out with Johnny to see what kind of mistake he had made about the plants—in much the same attitude of skepticism that your reporter had in going to investigate the report of the freak plants. But there they were—tomatoes and potatoes, growing on the same vines.

And now a final note for skeptics: of course, you don't believe in such tomato-potatoes—but if you'll take the trouble to look in the display window at the Times office, you can see 'em for yourself!

TONSIL CLINIC HERE JUNE 12-14

Dr. W. W. Johnston, director of the Currituck-Dare Health Department has announced that a tonsil clinic will be held at the Community Building, Health Office, in Manteo, on June 12, 13 and 14.

Dr. F. E. Salters, assisted by Dr. Johnston, will be the surgeon for the clinic.

Anyone who wishes to enter his child in the clinic is urged to get in touch with the Health Department without delay so that the three-day clinic's schedule can be arranged efficiently.