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CURTIS LOVILL SPOKE MONDAY AT LIONS CLUB

Large Gathering of District Lions and Guests Hear Talk by Maine Newspaper Man

Curtis D. Lovill, Gardener, Maine, publisher and Director of International Lions Clubs, told guests and members of the Manteo Lions Club Monday night that the principles of Lionism afforded club members the opportunity to oppose the spread of communism in their own communities in a most effective manner. The spirit of Lionism, he said, is "to help others less fortunate than ourselves," and the Lions' principles are thoroughly democratic and designed to foster democracy in civic affairs.

The visiting official of the world's largest service organization compared the privilege of Americans at the polls—to vote for the candidates of their choice without fear—with that of the voters in countries behind the Iron Curtain, who must vote "right or they won't be voting at all in the future."

The dining room of the Ft. Raleigh Hotel in Manteo was full to bursting for the occasion of Mr. Lovill's appearance. Visiting delegations from the Weeksville, Camden and Elizabeth City clubs were in attendance, as well as nearly 100% of local Lions. Norman Trueblood, Elizabeth City, State Lions Club Secretary, introduced Mr. Lovill and other distinguished guests. Among these were International Director John T. Stickleby of Charlotte, who spoke briefly; Governor of District 31-E George T. Rogers of Apex, and Melvin R. Daniels, president of the Wanchese Ruritan Club. The Elizabeth City, Camden and Weeksville delegations were introduced.

Wilson Wade, John Mizell, Charles Millard and Harley Streiff of the Lost Colony Chorus entertained the group with several quartet numbers. An encore rendition of "The Whiffenpoof Song" was received with particular pleasure.

Edwin Midgett, zone chairman, was responsible for the program and the appearance here of the Lions officers.

NORFOLK HONORED FOR FIRST TIME AT LOST COLONY SUNDAY

Norfolk, one of the world's great port cities, will be honored by Paul Green's symphonic drama, The Lost Colony, in Manteo on Sunday night, August 12, it was announced today by General Manager William Hardy who is collaborating with Norfolk city officials and R. K. T. Larsen, executive editor of Norfolk Newspapers, Inc.

Chamber Music Group Special features of the special tribute to a city which is being honored for the first time in the 14-year history of the drama will include a pre-show performance by the Feldman Chamber Music Society Quartet with Gloria Whitehurst as guest pianist, and a brief talk by Mayor W. Fred Duckworth.

Mayor and Mrs. Duckworth will head the Norfolk delegation which will include a number of persons prominent in the city's official, civic and social life.

The Feldman Quartet will play the Dehnanyl Quintet for Piano and Strings preceding the show. This will be the first North Carolina appearance of the ensemble, and its third touring appearance in the last two seasons. Last year it won high acclaim in several appearances while on tour. The Dehnanyl work was performed as a feature of the regular concert season this year. Supporting Miss Whitehurst will be regular quartet members, Dora Marshall, Ronald Marshall, Vera Rugieri and Philip Nelson.

KENTUCKY MAN DROWNED AT NAGS HEAD SUNDAY

Vann Dowling, 52, of Louisville, Kentucky, was drowned near the Parkerson Hotel on Nags Head beach Sunday afternoon. Mr. Dowling was rushed to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, after he was recovered from the water, by Twiford's Ambulance Service of Manteo. But despite resuscitation efforts en route and after reaching the hospital, Mr. Dowling never regained consciousness.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowling were vacationing at the Parkerson Hotel. The body was sent to Louisville for burial.

GREENSBORO MINISTER AT COLONY SUNDAY



The Rev. John Chilton Mott, pastor of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Greensboro, will conduct services at 11 a.m. in Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island next Sunday. The Rev. Mott is a native of Norfolk, graduate of William and Mary College and the University of Virginia; he held the pastorate at Chatham, Va., and Henderson, N. C., before coming to Greensboro early this year.

Helyne McLain and Marjalene Thomas of the Lost Colony Chorus will be soloists at the Sunday services.

LAUGHTON SEES AND PRAISES THE LOST COLONY

Charles Laughton, celebrated British actor came to Roanoke Island and saw the Lost Colony Sunday night. After the show he met and talked to the cast, high in praise of what Paul Green has done with this drama, and the work of the cast as well.

Following his meeting with the Lost Colony cast, Laughton was a guest at a party at the home of organist Jim Hart, and he entertained the group with readings until the wee hours.

Laughton likes to read and to quote Shakespeare. He had originally planned to return to New York and thence to Hollywood on Monday, but he liked the Dare coast, and the Lost Colony people he met here. He also liked Nags Head; he liked the surf of the ocean.

Meets Fellow Englishman At Waterside Theatre he met English-born Albert Q. Bell, architect and designer of The Waterside Theatre who has been with the show officially since 1937, excepting 1941.

Laughton and Bell discussed their homeland together. Both are from the southern part of England.

On Monday afternoon after a visit to Fort Raleigh and Waterside Theatre during daylight hours he visited Bell at the latter's Roanoke Island Gardens. Here the actor showed a deep interest in the shrubs and the things which Bell has gotten to grow in his nursery.

It surprised Laughton to learn that gardenias grow in such profusion on the island. He was amazed to see the loquat and other citrus plants which thrive at Roanoke Island Gardens. He wanted a peach, but there were none ripe on the Bell trees. He settled for an August Pippin, and as he munched it he quoted Shakespeare, one verse especially for Bell the nurseryman and landscape architect:

"And make conceive a bark of baser kind
By bud of nobler race: this
is an art
Which does mend nature, change
it rather, but
The art itself is nature."

The lines, which pertain to a Shakespearian viewpoint on grafting from A Winter's Tale, the quote being from Polixenes, King of Bohemia.

Receives Gifts Autographed copies of Paul (See LAUGHTON, Page Four)

PARTY BOAT BURNS AT OREGON INLET

A new 40-ft. party boat, Mrs. Kay, owned by Billy Baum of Wanchese, was a total loss from fire of undetermined origin at Oregon Inlet Wednesday night. The cabin of a boat owned by Sam Tillett also caught fire and was badly damaged.

DARE COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE \$256,131

According to a balance sheet received by Melvin R. Daniels on Thursday morning from the State Highway Commission, Dare County still has \$256,131.23 unallocated from the original amount of \$306,131.23 bond fund money set aside for highway purposes in the county.

MAN WHO MAKES FIRE FLY, TURPENTINE DRIP, PLANS TO RUN 'THE STATE'



BILL SHARPE, Tarheelia's most widely known publicity agent, is known the length and breadth of Carolina. For the moment he's the public relations expert for the Carolina Power & Light Co., but he's planning to take over The State Magazine, which he recently bought into, and which has been running for some 18 years with Carl Goerch, its founder, at the helm. With Carl Goerch now getting old and rich, and having lost his desire—for hard work, he couldn't have found better hands in the country to turn this popular family journal over to. Bill Sharpe knows the newspaper business inside and out. His columns are still published in many state papers, some of them being headed, "Turpentine Drippings," "Manteo to Murphy," "Hell-Bent for Hokum," and many other salubrious and refreshing titles. He has published several books about North Carolina; he organized the order of Honorary Tar Heels, is now writing a history called "Alcoholics Unanimous, Ancient and Modern." For six months we have been trying to get Aycock Brown to write suitable cut lines to go under this big engraving which cost us about five dollars—we paid more than it is worth—but finally came to the conclusion that Aycock must be afraid of his boss, Bill, so we have had to do it ourselves, well knowing that one newspaper man cannot depend upon another.

So Now! The reason we wanted to run a picture of Bill Sharpe is because he is the president of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, sponsors of the Lost Colony. Many great people have headed it, including Governor Broughton, Jonathan Daniels, Mrs. Charles Cannon. However, these being gentle and kindly folks, it remained for a cold-blooded news-hound to wield a hefty axe, if he hoped to stop buying red ink, so he came down with two axes, one in each hand. It hurt, and it hurt bad when some of the expenses were lopped off; cutting something off, always hurts somebody, if only their pride, and pride being great in a patriotic and historical organization, most folks couldn't see the use of money going out to a few patriots who weren't too proud to take a little of it for nominal services rendered. We have to admire him a little bit because he said "somebody has to be the S.O.B. and since I am already one, I might as well go ahead and do it." Anyway, God being with us and barring too much bad weather, it looks like the Lost Colony, because of lopping Bill and plugging Aycock, is going to come out, at least under Goosewing and jib," as the old sailing men might say. (Photo by Miss Pinkie Perry of Catfish Corner.)

State School Board Reappoints Survey Committee to Examine Possible Sites

Lawyer for Avon Interests Questions State's Right to Overrule the County School Board's Decision As to Location of School.

Arguments presented to the State Board of Education by attorneys representing two Dare County factions, those who wish Cape Hatteras Consolidated School to be located at Avon, and those who wish it to be located at Buxton, accomplished very little more last Thursday than the production of a streamer headline in the Raleigh News and Observer on Friday morning.

Raleigh lawyer J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Jr., spoke for the Buxton site last Thursday. The legal representative of the Avon people has been Harry McMullan, Jr., son of the Attorney General.

Same Committee Named

After the oratorical fireworks, the State Board decided to send a committee to survey the two sites and make recommendation to the State Board of the most suitable. Joker in the game, so far as the supporters of the Avon location are concerned, would seem to be that the committee appointed is the same one which strongly recommended Buxton after making a survey in June of 1950. Committee members are A. S. Brower of Durham, chairman; Paul S. Oliver of Marietta and Claude Ferrell of Elkin. Supt. Clyde Erwin will accompany the group, as will a board of education engineer. The committee is to report its findings at the September Board meeting.

Attorney Ehringhaus, who said he was speaking "for a majority of the people of Dare County," challenged the legal right of the State Board to refuse to accept the decision of the County Board of Education about the location of the school; he asked the Board to seek a ruling from Attorney General Harry McMullan on the question. There was an implication in Ehringhaus' talk that, if the State

Board persisted in its refusal to accept the County Board's decision, legal action might be forthcoming.

Superintendent Clyde Erwin objected to the statement that the State Board was attempting to fix the school site. "We have simply disapproved of certain sites offered to us," he declared.

To which Ehringhaus retorted, "By ruling out all but one you are in effect picking the site."

Ehringhaus sharply criticized former Dare School Board Chairman E. P. White of Buxton although, as a Raleigh newspaper reported, he disclaimed any intention to criticize. The newspaper account put it thus: "The people of Dare would stand for it no longer and defeated Mr. White and the faction led by him," he said. But before the defeat, he continued, White (1) refused to call meetings of the board and (2) refused to put questions to a vote at the meetings he did call "despite repeated insistences by board members and after long discussions." White favored the Buxton site.

When all the claims and counter-claims were over, an agreement which could lead to the actual building of Cape Hatteras School seemed as far away as ever. The Board must consider the question once more at its September meeting, when the Survey Committee will make its report.

Writer's Opinion The writer of the Under the Dome column in the Raleigh daily added an interpretative postscript on Wednesday of this week. He opined: "There's a chance that Dare County's Avon-Buxton school squabble may get the State Board of Education involved in a court fight."

"If it does, the line-up of at See SCHOOL, Page Four

ASKS CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE TO MERGE AND ENTER BROAD COUNTY PROMOTION PROGRAM

County Commissioners Pledge Liberal Financial Backing to Unified Organization; Board to Send Letters Inviting United Mass Meeting of All Three Chambers At Early Date Convenient to All Interests.

NOW IN AIR FORCE



PVT. WILLIAM R. MIDGETT, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Creedon Midgett of Manteo, is completing his AF basic airman indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

Lackland, situated near San Antonio, is the world's largest air force base, site of Air Force basic training for men and women, headquarters of the Human Resource Research Center, and home of AF's Officer Candidate School.

BOARD SUES TO STOP CASH BINGO AT NAGS HEAD

Mater Defies Board Ruling and Opens Game on Cash, Full Blast Right Away

Al Mater, one of the three bingo operators at Nags Head asked the Commissioners of Dare County Tuesday to abrogate the contract made with the Board requiring the Bingo games at Nags Head to refrain from using cash, but the commissioners stood by the original agreement on the ground that to change the rules now, to which all had agreed, would work a hardship on operators who had bought large stocks of prizes.

Ras Westcott told the board that on the strength of the license granted him he had bought some \$28,000 worth of prizes, and would be as good as broke if Mater was allowed to pay off in cash. W. K. Leary, another operator said that he was stocked with prizes also, and felt that letting down the bars to Mater would result in ill-will for bingo.

Mater contended that he would be broke unless he could pay off in cash because he owed \$2,500 rent, and had only a few weeks in which to take in enough dough for the business.

The Board was firm in refusing to change the contract, and Mater went back to the beach and opened for cash anyway. It is reported some \$700 was paid Tuesday night, and much business moved over from the other two games, to try out Mater's cash plan. Everybody didn't win, but some samples of awards reported, are as follows: Tull Lennon, \$90; Mrs. Rowan Quitley, \$50; Herman Sears, \$43.

Wednesday the Board of Commissioners instructed County Attorney Martin Kellogg, Jr., to bring an action in court seeking to restrain Mater from operating his game for cash. Mater said Tuesday afternoon he expected to operate for cash anyway, and would sue the commissioners for damaging his business if any action was begun against him.

And so in good old Dare County tradition, which demands that there must be a row about most everything undertaken in these parts, the Bingo war is on. Mater was represented before the Board by W. A. Worth and Forrest Dunstan of Elizabeth City, who contended it was no worse to play for cash than for prizes, and they further contended that winners of cash would have that much more money to spend with the local merchants.

Martin Kellogg, speaking for the Board, upheld the position that bingo was not approved by everyone, and that by keeping out See BOARD, Page Four

For some weeks there has been bandied around a proposal that a fairly large sum of money be raised to enter on a broad program of publicity and promotion for Dare County, including the employment of a full-time Chamber of Commerce manager and publicity director.

The method suggested for this fund first came to the Dare County Chamber of Commerce with headquarters in Manteo, and was then forwarded to the Dare Beaches Chamber of Commerce at Kill Devil Hills, and the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce at Nags Head.

No definite commitments had come from these organizations in response. The proposal was to ask the Lost Colony management for \$2,500, the Dare Beaches Chamber of Commerce and the Nags Head Chamber for \$1,000 each, the town of Manteo for \$500; the Dare County Chamber of Commerce for \$3,000, and the county of Dare to make up the balance to bring the total fund to about \$10,000.

From this fund it was suggested that a full time promotion and publicity office, with a full time manager, clerical help, travel, postage, etc., be set up to impartially advertise all sections of the county on a broad scale.

The proposition sounded pretty sensible, and it was brought to the attention of the Dare County Board of Commissioners this week.

Differences of opinion arose from various members of the board as to the feasibility of the undertaking.

Commissioner Lawrence Swain expressed the opinion that by uniting their efforts, the money and labor now expended by the various organizations in promotion and publicity work would be many times more effective if it could all be directed through one channel. Commissioner Perry expressed the opinion that it would be impossible to get them all united. Most of the Board were of the opinion that they would get into mighty hot water in many parts of the county, if funds were contributed to the various organizations separately, and the complaint of impartial distribution and use of the money would arise, so long as so many differing organizations exist.

Commissioners Scarborough and Austin, as well as Perry, favored the county setting up some money for advertising the whole county, but were opposed to entering into any agreement with so large a number of participants involved. See PROGRAM, Page Four

LOST COLONY TROUPE ON TV NEXT MONDAY

Next Sunday is Norfolk Night. Miss North Carolina of 1951 to Be Guest Actress on Tuesday

A group of cast members of The Lost Colony troupe will go to Norfolk Monday for a television appearance at 6 p.m. over station WTAR-TV. This is the first live telecast of any portion of the Lost Colony, although several members of the group have made television appearances as individuals.

Although no performance of The Lost Colony has yet been cancelled because of rain, intermittent showers during the daytime hours have made inroads in the audiences at Waterside Theatre so far in August. Total paid admissions for the first seven performances in the month have been 5,871. Attendance during the past week was as follows: August 2, 500; August 3, 577; August 4, 1,720; August 5, 713; August 7, 983; August 8, 831.

"Norfolk Night" Sunday night will be Norfolk night. A large attendance is expected for this first special Norfolk night in the history of the outdoor drama. Mayor Duckworth and other city dignitaries will be on hand for the event, and special musical entertainment will be offered by members of the Norfolk Symphony Orchestra.

Curtis D. Lovill, Gardner, Maine, publisher, and Director of Lions International, was the guest performer at Tuesday's celebrity night. Next Tuesday the guest star will be Miss North Carolina of 1951, LuLong Ogburn of Smithfield.