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## STRONG SENTIMENT PREVAILS FOR EARLY ORGANIZATION OF DARE CO. TOURIST BUREAU

### Commissioners Offer Tentative Agreement to Underwrite Budget to Amount of 20 Per Cent Necessary to Maintain Full Time Office For Promoting Travel to All Parts of Dare County; Township Committee Named, and Invitations Issued Tuesday.

The proposal for maintaining a Dare County Tourist Bureau for development of travel business and general promotion of the interests of all parts of Dare County gained strong headway Tuesday when several representatives of various organizations in the county discussed the importance of this movement before the Dare County Board of Commissioners.

Following a motion made by Lawrence Swain, requesting that a general meeting be called of interested persons Tuesday, August 21, at 2 p. m. at the courthouse, a committee to represent the county as a whole was named as follows:

Mainland of Dare County, George M. Wise of Stumpy Point; Hatteras Township, Maurice Burus of Hatteras; Kinnekeet Township, Asa H. Gray of Waves; Atlantic Township, David Stick of Kill Devil Hills; Nags Head Township, J. Gordon Kellogg of Manteo.

Letters of invitation to these men were mailed yesterday, inviting them to attend the meeting, and letters were also sent to the following groups, inviting them to send representatives next Tuesday for further discussion of the plan:

The Dare Beaches Chamber of Commerce of Kill Devil Hills; the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce; the Roanoke Island Historical Association; the Dare County Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Manteo.

This does not contemplate the merger of any existing organizations, but invites all of them to join with the County Government in organizing a non-partisan, non-sectional Bureau to impartially advertise and promote all sections of the county.

In other words, it would implement and cooperate with the efforts of other civic organizations, and once organized on a sound basis would save all organizations considerable money and make for more effective promotion work.

It is left up to the various organizations, each to send their own spokesman to the meeting next Tuesday.

The plan is to maintain a full time promotion bureau, to provide ample publicity material for the needs of all interests of the county. The objective is to increase the tourist business of the county, and develop it more fully as a recreation area at all seasons of the year.

C. C. Duvall, Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners, was named temporary chairman for the meeting next Tuesday.

If such a Bureau is organized as contemplated, the County has agreed tentatively to underwrite the cost of 20 per cent of its maintenance.

## FHA DAY AT LOST COLONY TO BRING MANY TO COASTLAND

From the Raleigh office of Catherine Dennis, state supervisor of the Future Homemakers of America, came the news early this week that scores of towns and communities of North Carolina would have FHA representation at the first annual Lost Colony Future Homemakers' Day on Friday, August 17. Miss Dennis, herself, and other FHA leaders of North Carolina will be present.

No set program has been arranged for the occasion. "Our main thought is for the future homemakers to see America's longest-lived outdoor drama, which not only tells the dramatic story of English-speaking America's beginning, but also the attempts at homemaking by those brave men and women who came to the primeval wilderness which was Roanoke Island, during the late 16th Century, and attempted to build homes here and found a new nation," said Miss Dennis.

Lost Colony officials became interested in honoring Future Homemakers at a special Day at the Lost Colony several months ago. At that time, a newspaperman connected with the drama covered a district meeting of the FHA in Creswell. More than 700 enthusiastic young women attended the meeting in Creswell. But the great number and the great interest shown at that occasion resulted in plans for the first Lost Colony FHA day on Roanoke Island.

## PREACHES HERE SUNDAY



THE REV. SAMUEL TILDEN HABEL, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, will come to Roanoke Island this week end to conduct the Sunday morning services at Waterside Theatre, home of The Lost Colony.

## DeFEBIOS MAY GET HEARING ON AUGUST 24

Juvenile Court Judge Chauncey S. Meekins this week postponed a re-hearing on the matter of the care of the Frank J. DeFebio children, scheduled to be held here Saturday at 2 p. m., until Friday, August 24. Judge Meekins notified the DeFebio attorney in Washington, D. C., of his decision on Wednesday. Reason for postponement was that August 18 is Virginia Dare Day, a sort of quasi-legal holiday in Dare county.

Judge Meekins and the Dare Welfare Department have asked for information about the Washington home maintained by Theo DeFebio, mother of the children, from District of Columbia social agencies. If the reports were favorable, the judge has said, the children would be returned to their parents' custody from the Perquimans county boarding home where they are at present lodged as wards of the state. However, Judge Meekins said yesterday, all the information required has not yet been received. In the event that the information from Washington is not considered "favorable" to the DeFebios, the re-hearing will go on as scheduled next Friday; if it is "favorable," the judge says it will not be necessary to hold the hearing as he will sign an order returning the children to their parents at once.

## LOST COLONY ATTENDANCE

Attendance at The Lost Colony totaled 6,101 paid admissions during the six-performance period August 9-15. Largest crowd was present at Norfolk Night, August 11, 1,696. Crowds for the other five days were: 764, 747, 826, 1,040, 1,028.

## Lost Colony to Celebrate State's Most Famous Birthday, August 18th

### Virginia Dare, First White Child Born in America To Be Honored.

Virginia Dare, first child of English parentage was born on Roanoke Island in the New World on August 18, 1587. On Saturday, August 18, 1951, the famous baby of 344 years ago will be honored by Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony, which tells the tragic story of England's attempts, under the leadership of Sir Walter Raleigh, to found a new nation in the land that was to become North Carolina.

The events scheduled for Saturday of this week at Fort Raleigh and Waterside Theatre will be one of the outstanding birthday parties celebrated for Virginia Dare. But the date is always a significant one on Roanoke Island. Back in 1937, premiere year for The Lost Colony, the distinguished guest of honor was the late President Roosevelt. The spot from which he witnessed the 23rd per-

## ARCHIE SPENCER KILLED BY BOLT OF LIGHTNING

### Services Held at Stumpy Point on Wednesday. Father Also Injured

Lightning which struck their boat as they were shrimping a few hundred yards out of Stumpy Point bay, Monday afternoon, killed Archie Spencer, 20, and burned his father, Rudolph Spencer. The latter was able to leave Pungo District hospital in Belhaven Wednesday morning.

The Rev. Tracy Varnum, pastor, conducted funeral services at Stumpy Point Methodist church Wednesday afternoon for Archie Spencer. Burial was in the cemetery. See SHRIMPER, Page Eight

## ROAD MISTAKE COST COUNTY OF DARE \$36,756

### Repairs to Road Between Stumpy Point and Long Shoal Proved Costly

When the road between Stumpy Point and Long Shoal River was surfaced in 1948, somebody made a bad guess, and the road had to be ripped up, and rebuilt. The job cost Dare County's road allotment the sum of \$36,756.63 when it was ripped up and rebuilt in 1949, according to figures furnished the Dare County Commissioners by the State Highway Commission.

Figures shown for the period January 1, 1949, to August 1, 1951, for road allotments beside the above amount spent in Dare County other than bond money are as follows: Between Stumpy Point to Hyde County line, 6 mi. sand-asphalt \$44,343.98; Balance on Avon to Hatteras road, \$37,678.37; Stumpy Point toward the Hyde County line \$18,000; East Lake to intersection of Stumpy Point road, \$27,225.28; Purchase price of Oregon Inlet ferries, \$42,500. Five miles of paving north of Oregon Inlet on U.S. 64 to U.S. 158, grading and paving, 3.6 mi. \$50,000; Dredging ferry basin at Oregon Inlet \$22,000; repairs to road near Currituck Sound bridge, 1 mile, \$1,675; construction of Roanoke Sound bridge and approaches 1.4 mi. \$517,000; repairing main highway on Roanoke Island, U.S. 158 and 345 with retreat and seal \$29,000. Total \$826,179.26.

This does not include the construction of a marine railway at Manns Harbor for serving the state ferry boats.

## SERGEANT FINED FOR RECKLESS DRIVING

### Charges Against Willie Spencer Dismissed After Prosecuting Witness' Testimony Only Partly Taken

Sgt. William Earl Jones, stationed with the National Guard at Elizabeth City, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving and speeding by Judge W. F. Baum in recorder's court Tuesday afternoon. The court sentenced the sergeant to pay \$25 on the speeding charge and \$50 on the reckless driving count.

Attorney Dozier and Sgt. Jones based the case for the defense on the contention that Jones had not driven 70 miles per hour on the Sound Side road at Nags Head or 75 miles per hour on Highway 158, as charged by the arresting officer, Patrolman Boykin. The sergeant admitted exceeding the 35 mile speed limit, and said he was driving "perhaps 50 miles per hour." Judge Baum held, in giving his decision. See COURT, Page Eight

## NAGS HEAD MIDSHIPMAN GETTING ON IN MARINES



Official Marine Corps Photo.

CHERRY POINT, N. C.—Taking advantage of the availability of new types of aircraft at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, by studying the instruments of a transport type helicopter, are Midshipman Fred O. Purser at the controls, and Midshipman John G. McCullen, Jr., looking on. Midshipman Purser is the son of Mrs. Lucille S. Purser of Nags Head, North Carolina, Midshipman McCullen, the son of Mrs. J. G. McCullen of Rocky Mount, N. C. The Midshipmen were two of the group of second class men from the U. S. Naval Academy who visited Cherry Point as a part of their summer training air-cruise.

## Dare County Ticket Purchases to Help Pay for Lost Colony's New Jet-Sprayer

### Local Sales for Virginia Dare Night Performance Tomorrow to Apply on Cost of Machine. Sprayer to Be Available for County and Town Use.

In commemoration of the birthday of Virginia Dare, Saturday night, August 18, will be observed as Dare County Night at The Lost Colony.

Author Paul Green will be in the audience for the occasion, and the Elizabeth City High School Band will present a pre-arranged performance beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Special tickets are being sold to Dare countians for Saturday's performance by the Manteo Lions and Rotary Clubs and the Wanchese Ruritan Club. These tickets, good for any performance during the remainder of the season but especially printed for use on Dare County Night, are offered to home folks to give them the opportunity to assist The Lost Colony in paying for the new Dyna-Fog jet-type spraying machine recently purchased with Lost Colony funds. As the chief financial gainers by the outdoor drama presented here annually,

## PIANO PLAYER IS FOUND DEAD IN NAGS HEAD SURF

### Bobby Warren, 19, of Charlotte Thought to Have Been Suicide Wednesday

Bobby Alton Warren, 19, piano player in the orchestra now playing at the Nags Head Beach Club, drowned early Wednesday morning while swimming near the Beach Club. His body was found near the shore by another member of the orchestra who had gone out for an early swim at 5:30 a. m. Warren was dead when his body was discovered.

The young man had been in a depressed state of mind, undergoing emotional upheaval, and which he seemed to think might be a religious experience, and he consulted Rev. Henry Napier, Baptist minister at his home in Manteo Tuesday.

A youthful love affair of some-time ago appeared to have been weighing upon his mind, and he was seeming to think he should leave off playing in a public dance hall, yet his conscience troubled him when he thought of leaving his associates in the soup.

He appeared to be laboring to some extent with a persecution complex.

He told associates that something was going to happen within four days. Suicide is the theory of his death.

The drowned man's body was taken to the Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo, and from there it was sent to Warren's home in Charlotte where funeral services were to be held.

Bobby Warren was the son of Garnett Benton Warren and Inez Purney Warren of Charlotte. His home was at 1933 Central Ave., Charlotte. Besides his parents, he is survived by two brothers and two sisters, Ray and Larry, Jean and Joy, all of Charlotte.

## FIGURES SHOW WHERE ROAD BOND FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED ON VARIOUS DARE PROJECTS

### Highway Commission Says County's Allotment Some \$50,000 Short of Original Estimate of \$860,000; Balance in Fund Aug. 1 \$256,131.23 with Additional \$200,000 due to be Refunded for East Lake Road.

## COLINGTON ROAD GRADING BEGINS; TO COST \$60,000

### Total Cost, Including Two Bridges; State to Do Surface Job

Work has begun on the long delayed Colington road, which is now to be built by State forces. The total length of surface is to be 2.7 miles. Including the two bridges built last year, the grading and pavement will cost a total of \$60,000, according to estimates made by the State Highway Commission.

The road will be built this fall, and in the spring will be given a new surface treatment, and finally completed in time for the tourist business next summer. Working crews are now on the job, despite the terrific heat of summer. Colington is now served with electric power, and the completion of the road is expected to make for an enormous increase in sport fishing business and larger income for the citizens.

## WANCHESE SCENE OF RE-UNION OF DANIELS FAMILY

### Judge Halstead Speaker Sunday Morning, August 19th; Picnic Dinner on Church Grounds

The annual re-union of the Daniels family will be held Sunday, August 19, at the Wanchese Methodist Church, beginning at 10:30 a. m. with a speech by Judge W. I. Halstead of South Mills. A huge picnic dinner on the grounds will be served at 12:30.

Melvin R. Daniels, who is master of ceremonies, says that the general public is cordially invited to attend, regardless of kinship, and that the folks will have plenty to eat. However, it is difficult to find anyone in this part of the state who cannot find some relations among the Daniels', by either blood or marriage.

For several years these reunions have proved to be mighty enjoyable occasions, and while he was living, the late Josephus Daniels of Raleigh, who claimed Wanchese as the home of his ancestors, always attended the meeting at Wanchese. Since his death, his children have attended. Some of them will be guests at Wanchese Sunday.

## AUTHOR TURNS ACTRESS FOR EVENING



Miss Betty Smith, whose novel, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," has been a best seller, will play the part of Agona, Indian squaw, in "The Lost Colony," Tuesday night at Manteo. Ever since celebrity nights were established for Paul Green's symphonic drama, Miss Smith has played this part at least once each season. This is not her only connection with the theatre, as the musical based on her famous novel, continues to be a Broadway hit.

During the campaign for the road bond issue figures released by the State Highway Commission listed Dare County's share as \$860,000. Recent figures furnished the Dare County Commissioners as of August 1, show Dare County's share of this \$200 million fund to be \$806,131.23 or some \$54,000 short of original estimates.

The commission reports that of this allotment, \$200,000 was spent on the road between Manns Harbor and East Lake, which was not a bond money project and is to be paid back from other funds and in turn spent on bond projects in the county. The report shows that there is also \$256,131.23 remaining unspent.

Total amount spent or allotted is shown at \$550,000, as follows: Colington road and bridge project \$60,000; Avon to Pea Island 17.8 grading and pavement \$225,000; East Lake \$200,000; Oregon Inlet project \$60,000. Total miles built is 37.5 miles.

The figures show that there is more than enough to finish the road through the Pea Island Refuge, and with the \$200,000 due from the East Lake project, there will be ample funds to finish the short roads in need of surface elsewhere in the county.

Figures published elsewhere in this newspaper show a total of \$826,179 spent in Dare County during the past two years from road funds other than bond money.

## COURT ORDER RESTRICTS CASH BINGO IN DARE

### Hearing in Case of Al Mater Set For August 27th; Board Follows Early Agreement

The playing of bingo for cash in Dare County is restricted in an order signed this week by Judge Chester Morris. The Dare Board of Commissioners brought suit against Al Mater, operator of one of three bingo games at Nags Head.

The complaint alleges that Mater along with the other two operators entered into a contract not to use cash in the bingo games. On August 7th Mater with his attorneys appeared before the Board and asked that the restriction be removed. He desired to play for cash. The Board took the action that the agreement should stand. That night, Mater operated on cash anyway with increased attendance and so operated until Wednesday night.

On Saturday Mater was summoned before the Board to show cause why his license should not be revoked. Mater appeared with his attorney, contending the contract was not a valid one. He told the Board he intended to continue to operate for cash. The Board passed a motion to revoke his license. He continued operating.

The Board appealed to Judge Morris for a restraining order, which the judge signed, forbidding the playing of Bingo for cash, and giving notice of a hearing before Judge J. Paul Frizzelle at Camden, 2 p. m. on August 27th. Mater said Wednesday he was going to obey the order, pending the court's ruling.

## DISTRICT ENGINEER ON VISIT TO OREGON INLET

Col. and Mrs. Roland C. Brown with their young daughters Pam and Penny were visitors to Roanoke Island this week, and spent Tuesday night off Wanchese Wharf on the Survey Boat Danora. Col. Brown is District Engineer of the Wilmington office, and Wednesday he went to Oregon Inlet with Capt. Tom Basnight to inspect Oregon Inlet.

Guests of the Browns were Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Howard and Mr. and Mrs. LaMont Edgerton of Goldsboro. Wednesday they visited Fort Raleigh, and Mrs. Brown being a district president of Garden Clubs in the State, was much interested in the Elizabethan Garden project at Fort Raleigh.

Melvin Daniels and Victor Meekins were dinner guests of the party Tuesday aboard the boat and outlined to the visitors the Oregon Inlet situation with respect to the fishing industry.