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MANTEO ROTARY OPPOSES 2nd CAST OF LOST COLONY

The Manteo Rotary Club Monday night gave vigorous disapproval to the proposal that the Lost Colony be cast and shown in New Jersey simultaneously next season. Rotarians were reminded by Martin Kellogg, Jr., that in the beginning the club as a new organization back in 1936 had sponsored and approved the Lost Colony and gave it loyal support in its feeble and difficult beginning, having faith in the assurance then given that it would not be shown any place but Roanoke Island.

Dr. W. W. Johnston, and others gave expression that it should be opposed by the people of this community, and the Club passed a resolution unanimously that the directors of the Lost Colony be urged to dismiss the proposal.

SEPT. 5 REGISTRATION DAY AT MANTEO SCHOOLS

Principal L. W. Huggins this week announced that Wednesday, Sept. 5, the opening day of school for the 1951-52 term will be given over in the Manteo schools to registration of pupils. There will be no regular classes on Wednesday, the principal said. Mr. Huggins urged all parents to register pupils eligible for school early and to insist upon regular attendance during the school year. The Manteo system loses one member of its faculty this fall because of irregular attendance during the past year, the principal pointed out; only through regular attendance can the teacher be regained by next fall.

FISHING FINE IN DARE

Fishing was never better than it has been during the current summer in waters of Dare County. Every kind of fish that will take a lure has been landed at one time or another since the big channel bass run began last spring. From lowly croakers to giant sailfish, have been landed by anglers. Best catches of the past week were made by E. H. Gatewood of Silver Springs, Maryland. He landed a 26 pound dolphin. Most unusual catch of the week was made by Paul Shively of Carnegie, Pa. His biggest fish was a 4-foot barracuda taken in the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet.

Roanoke Island's Oldest Colored Man, Henry Woodley, Lives Alone by Choice

Last Visit to Town for 87-Year-Old was Nine Years Ago. Remembers Town as Place of Four Houses.

"Mister, I sure enjoy having anybody come here that I can talk to, white or colored. And I've got lots of good friends that do come here to see me. They're all welcome here, as long as they behave themselves."

Those words, Uncle Henry Woodley's reply to a request to "talk with him awhile," describe accurately the simple hospitality of the 87-year-old, lifelong resident, oldest colored person living on Roanoke Island.

Uncle Henry lives alone in a small, well-kept-up house a few hundred yards off one of the runways of the Manteo airport, on a site not far from that of the long-vanished house in which he was born on October 25, 1864. He isn't far from kinfolk though; for his brother, John, ten years younger than he, lives in a neighboring house.

Forced to Move

Mr. Woodley was one of a number of householders who was forced to move when the Navy established an air base here early in World War II. He was reluctant to give up his homestead, but agreed to accept land in exchange for his own as close as possible to his old home. It is nine years since he moved to his present property; six years since he moved his present house onto the land. If there is any touch of bitterness in the cheerful old man, it is his feeling about the loss of his home—"as good as any on the island," he calls it—when the airport was built.

A casual acquaintance, who hears the little wrinkled old man with the heavy gray mustache talk about the bygone events of his life, might be misled into thinking all is right with him. The fact is that Uncle Henry is not able to get around much, and only with the help of two canes can he hobble in and out of his house. He declares that he "has to take four kinds of medicine to be able to get around at all." He has not been as far from his home as Manteo in nine years. But the sprightliness of his conversation doesn't suggest the difficulty he has getting about, nor would a listener easily guess that

THESE MEN TO HAVE THEIR DAY SEPT. 9



WILSE LEARY and E. G. (Dick) MOORE, who will have their big day on Sept. 9—Sadie Hawkins Day—when they give away all the merchandise in their stand. They will start at 12 noon and keep playing until they "have cleaned house," as they put it. This is the third "Sadie Hawkins Day" at Jones-Leary's bingo, but this promises to be the best yet.

SCHOOLS OPEN WEDNESDAY

Teachers for All Positions in County's 11 Schools to Report on Opening Day.

The Dare County Schools will open for the 1951-52 school year on Wednesday morning, September 5, according to an announcement from the office of Mrs. Mary Langston Evans, Supt. of Schools. There will be a principals' meeting in Manteo at 10 a.m. on September 4; the meeting will be held in the Manteo school library.

Faculties

The roster of teachers for the various schools as announced by Supt. Evans is as follows:

MANTEO: L. W. Huggins, principal; W. H. Fry, L. G. Finch, Mrs. Jean Ward, Miss Esther Wynne, Sam L. Guthrie, Mrs. Bertie Ward, Mrs. Essie N. Westcott, Mrs. Jennie B. Davis, Miss Ruth Bray, Miss Bonney Evans and A. O. Ayers.

KITTY HAWK: W. H. West, principal; Mrs. Norma B. West, Eugene Smith, Mrs. Sue V. McCown, Mrs. Eugene Smith and Mrs. Elizabeth Atkins.

COLINGTON: Mrs. Irene B.

Middett, building principal.

WANCHESE: Mrs. Louise F. Tillett, building principal; Mrs. Cleopatra Daniels, and Mrs. Chauncey S. Meekins.

MANNS HARBOR: A. L. Mercer, building principal; Miss Callie Jones, and Mrs. Bettie M. Twiford.

STUMPY POINT: Mrs. Elva Lowe, building principal.

RODANTHE: Mrs. Edna Bate-man, building principal.

AVON: Thomas G. Wilson, principal; Mrs. Mildred Parks.

BUXTON: J. E. Derrick, principal; C. P. Gray, Charles M. Byrd, D. M. West, Mrs. Mary Ellen West, Miss Sue Williams and Mrs. Janet G. Finnegan.

HATTERAS: Miss Maggie Bridgman, principal; Mrs. Inez D. Austin, and Mrs. Mary S. McCarthy.

ROANOKE: T. R. Lamb, principal; Mrs. Lillian T. Boone, and Mrs. Eva A. Bethea.

HIGHWAY COMM'N MEETS HERE ON SATURDAY MORN

At ten a.m. Saturday, September 1, the State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting in the courtroom of the Dare County Courthouse. All members of the commission are expected to be here for the despatch of business. The meeting will be open to the public.

At the conclusion of the meeting in the courtroom the group will adjourn to the home of A. W. Drinkwater, where the commissioners and their wives will be entertained socially prior to a 1 o'clock luncheon at the Roanoke Island Inn.

Commission Chairman Henry W. Jordan has been spending the week at Kill Devil Hills with his family, in the Corbell Cottage; he has visited many of his acquaintances in this area during the present week. Saturday's meeting coincides with the birthday of Chairman Jordan.

BIG GAME SEASON OPENS OCTOBER 15

Big game hunting seasons in North Carolina this year will open October 15.

Regulations adopted by the Wildlife Resources Commission will permit hunting from that day through January 1 for bear, for deer (in eastern counties), and for the rare Russian wild boar in the Santeetlah country of the Great Smoky Mountains.

The popular deer hunts in the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests of western North Carolina are expected to be held in late November and early December. Dates and regulations for these will be established later by the Wildlife Commission and the U. S. Forest Service.

The quail, rabbit, wild turkey, and ruffed grouse seasons will run from November 22 through January 31, with local exceptions.

A split season for squirrels has been adopted for the central and some mountain counties of the State—September 15-October 1 and November 22-January 15. In most of the rest of the State the season will extend from October 15 through January 1.

Waterfowl hunting seasons for North Carolina are still to be announced. They are set by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

CUSTODY JUDGMENT UNCHANGED AFTER LENGTHY WRANGLING

Two and three-quarters hours were consumed last Friday afternoon by the persons involved in the re-opened hearing concerning the custody of the three DeFebio children. At the end of the oft-stormy, often-merely-repetitive discussions the case stood about as it has since May 22 when the children were made wards of the Welfare Department and placed in Mrs. Banks' licensed boarding home in Perquimans county.

For once, description in legal terms of the result is an adequate description of what occurred in Judge C. S. Meekins' juvenile court last week: the motion entered by Dennis Hollowell, Washington, D. C., attorney representing the DeFebios, to restore the children to their parents was denied. In denying the motion, the judge said that written expression of intention to supervise the care of the children in Washington, D. C., by the District of Columbia Welfare Dept., was necessary before he could act to change his order concerning the children's custody. There were some hot and bitter exchanges between Mr. Hollowell and Mrs. DeFebio on the one side and County Attorney Kellogg and Mrs. Meekins, welfare supt., on the other about the part that the welfare department could properly take in determining the judge's decision—which were at least fervent, if not very enlightening.

Arguments

The case of the Washington attorney ran something like this. The N. C. State Welfare Board has written the Washington Welfare Dept., asking the answer to two questions: one, whether the D. C. dept. will agree to supervise the family if they are allowed to be reunited in Washington; and two, a question requiring an answer from the mother of the child, Dannie, whom the lawyer said cannot be found. According to Hollowell, the District Welfare Dept. was ready to agree to supervise the family, but, since it could not give the information sought in the second question, it had not replied to the letter; the lawyer said that the answer to the second question was believed in Washington to be of special importance to N.C. authorities. Mr. Hollowell told the judge that he might call a supervisor in the Washington department, whose name he gave, and receive a direct See DEFEPIO, Page Five

FOUR YOUTHS CONFESS PARTS IN WRECKING ROAD MACHINES NEAR SALVO ON AUGUST 19

Started Up Machines on Way Home from Hatteras at 2 A.M. Discovered When Officers Trace Car.

PLAY AUDIENCES APPROACH NEW SEASON RECORD

With nearly 50,000 persons paying to see The Lost Colony since June 30 this year, the current 11th season will present the finale of Paul Green's drama here in Waterside Theatre on Sunday night, September 2. With good weather prevailing, the closing days of the 1951 season will break all previous records according to indications from advance sales of tickets early this week.

Extra Performance (?)

General Manager William Hardy has given the assurance that should the finale attract more than 3,000 persons on Sunday night a double performance will be given in order that all who come coastward will have an opportunity to see the show.

It was necessary on the closing night of the 1941 season to present two performances, it was recalled here this week by C. S. Meekins, treasurer of the sponsoring organization.

Attendance for the six performances August 23-29 were as follows: 911; 1,038; 2,408 (largest single night of the season); 1,090; 869 and 746.

During the current season persons from all parts of the United States and all parts of the world have come to America's birthplace to witness a performance of the show that has become the longest lived outdoor production in America.

LAST RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT WATERSIDE THEATRE

The Rev. George F. Hill of Christ Episcopal Church, Elizabeth City, will be guest minister at Waterside Theatre Sunday for the last Lost Colony religious observances of the season, beginning at 11 a.m.

STATE SEEKS LANDS AT CURRITUCK BEACH

Bonner Introduces Bill to Convey Lighthouse Tract to Wildlife Resources Commission

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner announces that he has introduced a Bill in Congress for the sale of the Currituck Beach Lighthouse Reservation to the State of North Carolina. The Wildlife Resources Commission, which requested him to introduce the Bill, will pay a consideration of \$3,000.00, approximately one-half the fair value of the land.

Approximately 24 acres are to be conveyed, located north of Kitty Hawk near Corolla, North Carolina. This property consists of about 50% beach and 50% marsh land fronting approximately 400 feet on the ocean and running to the sound.

A lighthouse situated on the land and two buildings adjacent to it are not included within the contemplated transfer; this consisting of approximately 0.82 of an acre is necessary to the vigilance maintained by the Coast Guard of ocean going commerce beyond the Great Barrier Reef. There is also excepted from the proposed conveyance a right-of-way for the construction of the coastal highway by the Carolina-Virginia Coastal Highway Corporation, and a right-of-way of the Virginia Electric and Power Company for electrical distribution lines.

Congressman Bonner further stated that the land is to be used as an experimental station for research and development of musk. See STATE, Page Five

FORMER DARE TEACHER CAPITAL AIRLINES HOSTESS

Washington, D. C.—Miss Betty Lou Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Davis of 1818 Grace Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and a former teacher in the Kitty Hawk School during the past two years, has completed training as a hostess for Capital Airlines and has been assigned to the Pittsburgh station, according to Mrs. Althea O'Hanlon, Director of Passenger Service. Miss Davis graduated from Reynolds High School and also from the University of North Carolina where she received a B.A. in History.

PRIZE-WINNING PHOTOGRAPH OF ELEANOR DARE



Max Tharpe of Statesville won first place in the annual Lost Colony Press Photographers Contest with this closeup of Barbara Edwards Griffith as Eleanor Dare suckling her babe, Virginia Dare, first child of English parentage born in the New World. The photo is from the Lullaby Scene of the symphonic drama by Paul Green. The final performance of the current season will be on September 2. Barbara Edwards Griffith, resident of Goldsboro but a native of Troy, N. C., is the first Tar Heel to play the Lost Colony's leading role of Eleanor Dare. Tharpe's photo won first place over 157 entries by more than 30 photographers from North Carolina, Virginia, and other states and his prize was a cash award of \$100 in cash.

Four Dare county youths, one sixteen years old and the others fifteen, confessed to Sheriff Frank Cahoon and W. W. Spence, SBI agent, last Friday that they had been responsible for the \$5,000-\$6,000 damage done to Ballinger Paving Contractors road equipment one-half mile south of Salvo in the early morning hours of August 19.

The boys were: Billy Middett, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Middett, Rodanthe; David B. Middett, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave M. Middett, Rodanthe; Dennis Middett, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Middett, Jr., Waves; Billy Hooper, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hooper, Salvo.

The boys' story to the officers was that they were on their way home from Hatteras about 2 a.m. when they noticed the three road-grading machines along the highway a short distance south of Salvo. They decided to see if they could start them up. When they had succeeded in getting the three machines started, they were driving them along in single file; the lead machine stalled, and the other two crashed into it.

Sheriff Cahoon and Mr. Spence spent the Tuesday preceding the day of the arrest trying to track down evidence that would enable them to discover the vandals. The first valuable evidence came into their hands when they were told by a citizen that he had heard the noise of the machines about 2 a.m. on the night the machines had been wrecked; the man had observed a car driving north through the village shortly after the noise of the engines ceased. The description he gave of the car to the officers made it possible to trace the car through persons who had seen it in Hatteras earlier that evening.

By careful inquiry the officers soon had a line on the boys in the car. When they talked to each of the boys, the officers kept the information they had received from the others a secret. Before long the whole story was reconstructed from the boys' confessions. No arrests have been made, according to Sheriff Frank Cahoon. Such action awaits the filing of information by Mr. Ballinger, head of the company which owns the damaged machines. The Sheriff said that he understood Mr. Ballinger was waiting word from his insurers before proceeding with the case.

MRS. MANSON W. MEEKINS PASSES AT AVON FRIDAY

Mrs. Rhoda Anne Williams Meekins, 70, wife of Manson W. Meekins and daughter of the late Isaac and Dorcas Williams of Avon died Friday afternoon at 5:30 at the family residence following a week's illness. She was the mother of the following children who survive: Wesley M. Meekins of Manteo; Edison, and Paul Meekins of Norfolk; Luther and Dorcas Meekins of Avon. Also a brother, Frank P. Williams of Avon.

She was a member of St. John's Methodist Church and funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment was in the family cemetery. She was known and loved as a good wife and mother, neighbor and community worker.

AGENTS GETS GOODS ON BOOTLEGGERS, RUMOR SAYS

At presstime on Thursday no confirmation had been received through official channels for rumors that were running up and down Main Street about the imminent arrest of local bootleggers, varying in number according to the credulity of the rumor-relayer from 17 to 35. Sheriff Frank Cahoon said that he had received no communication from the state offices of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, whose agents, rumor said, had made such a haul of local free enterprisers. If arrests result from state agents' investigations, the sheriff said, the warrants will be issued through the local clerk of the court's office.

KITTY HAWK SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 5

The Kitty Hawk School will open at 9 a.m. September 5. On Sept. 6, the lunchroom will be open, and the regular schedule will be 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., according to an announcement by William H. West, principal.