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CARLTON MORRIS ENJOYS NEW KIND OF HUNTING TRIP

By CARLTON MORRIS
(Editor, Gates County Index)

Since earliest boyhood, I have enjoyed hunting and fishing and in years gone by, I was interested in the amount of game I could take during any hunt, but of late years I have become more and more interested in the hunt rather than in taking game.

Last week I went on a hunt with men as the quarry.

Dropping in at Prison Camp 108, I found Bob Turner just in the act of taking off for Manteo to help round up some reluctant prisoners, three to be exact, who had escaped from a work gang from the Currituck prison camp.

We loaded in Bob's car, two men from the camp, Bob and I, plus the famous bloodhound, Mabel and away we went—fast.

Reports began to come in on our two-way radio thick and fast. Going along as a sort of a lark, I was pleasantly astonished to find that I was as excited as a kid. Bob, who is prison supervisor for this district, is an excellent driver and proved it over and over as we rapidly approached cars of every sort and description. Some were hugging the middle of the road while others drove on the wrong side but we passed them all. When we approached a couple, driving straight down the middle and it was difficult to tell whether the man or woman was driving, Bob reached down and touched the siren on his car which is equipped much like a patrol auto. They moved over without separating and as we slipped past them, I noticed a grin on the man's face that reminded me of a mule eating briars.

We loaded up with gas at Elizabeth City and were on our way in a matter of minutes, then began the long haul to Roanoke Island. Bob was the first man I ever saw who was thankful for not having a new car. The State department for which he works had a new one for him, but he had failed to get it that day and was glad because he would have been unable to make much speed.

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MAANTEO SENIORS WILL PRESENT "ANOTHER SPRING"

The seniors of Manteo High School are presenting their play, "Another Spring," Friday, May 2, at 8 o'clock. The rehearsals are developing it into a very good play. It is a love story of Nancy and David taking place in the 18th century and follows to present day times. Don't miss this wonderful play under the direction of Mrs. Hal S. Ward and Mazie Tillett the assistant director. The characters are as follows: Nancy, Jackie Forehand; David, Marvin Forbes; Browning, Hudson O'Neal; Gay, Tracy Midgett; Dr. Masden, Clarence Gibbs; Miss Penn, Katie Hassell; Miss Allen, Mazie Tillett, and the comedy pair, Sugar, Betty Rogers; Washington, Randell Holmes.

HOME CLUBS TO MEET IN HERTFORD APRIL 16

The Northeastern district meeting of Home Demonstration clubs will be held in Hertford on April 16 at 10:00 a. m. Dare County will have charge of the registration at this meeting.

Miss Neeley, head of the Home Economics Department at East Carolina College, will be the speaker.

A bus will be chartered from Manteo and will load at the bus station at 7:30 a. m. All members are urged to attend.

HATTERAS RED CROSS DRIVE COMPLETE

Mrs. M. L. Burrus reports that with the aid of members of the Hatteras Youth Club, Hatteras has reached its quota in the 1952 Red Cross Drive, with seventy-nine persons contributing \$60.

The following young ladies assisted Mrs. Burrus: Minnie Gillikin, Yvonne Latham, Roberta Byrd, Lida Stowe, Sonja Oden, Geraldine Fulcher, Mitzi Oden and Sara Burrus.

DARE SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY

All schools in Dare County will have Easter Monday as a holiday, according to announcement by Mrs. Mary Langston Evans, county superintendent. The school at Stumpy Point closed Monday because of a measles epidemic had absented the greater part of the student body. Authorities hope to be able to reopen the Stumpy Point school on Tuesday after Easter.

KNOW YOUR SCHOOLS

By MABEL EVANS JONES

At Wanchese, not to disturb the apparent intentness of the school work, I stepped quietly into the vestibule of the elementary school there about lunch time. An informal line of small boys and girls began coming from the primary classroom. A shy young voice said, "Cuse me, please." Another repeated it. The children had realized that they were passing in front of me, and I was conscious that they were being taught something other than the three R's. The gleaming cleanliness of the recently painted classroom walls was characteristic of the way the entire school was kept. A new central heating plant gave a cheerful warmth throughout the building and an exploration of the new furnace room was made more interesting by the teaching principal saying that she and the lunchroom manager had learned to run the heating plant in case of any absence of the janitor.

In the lunchroom there was generous space and the children sat down at the tables as if in large family groups, chatting happily with a minimum of noise. As they left the building for play after lunch there was definite evidence of self control. On the school yard around the play ground equipment there was laughing; even little chirps of song. A junior baseball team was practicing with equipment that had been bought for them by a helpful P. T. A.

This same P. T. A. had also bought during the year a new refrigerator for the lunchroom, of which possession the school was very proud.

Back in the classrooms there was the same element of happy business. One grade showed with pride numerous designs they had recently made in an arithmetic study using a compass and protractor. These instruments were once used only in advanced mathematics of high school or college. On a chart frame in the same classroom hung a series of maps. "World News of the Week" on which the location of happenings all over the world was indicated anew each week. It was just what I had wanted for my own information during some months past. Those children will have world interests as they grow.

All the upper level grades were keenly interested in some new natural science textbooks and they were truly lovely even in illustrations to interest even the most unconcerned youngsters. There were evidences all about of laboratory work.

The school is looking forward to new green writing surface wall boards with mounting strips above, to protective door stripping and automatic closing devices to hold in the heat.

The faces of the children really twinkled when I told them that they were far better folks in the school than either their parents or uncles had been, and that their school was a most attractive center for Wanchese.

FINAL COUNTY TEACHERS MEETING APRIL 26

The final county meeting of Dare teachers will be held in Avon on Saturday, April 26, when it is hoped that a large representation will be present from each school.

Those living north of Oregon Inlet will drive to the inlet, and will be met by a special bus on the south side of the inlet. They should arrive in Avon about noon. Lunch will be served at the Avon school and the meeting will start immediately after lunch. The bus will leave for the return trip about three o'clock, so that connection can be made with the 4:50 ferry.

MRS. ESTHER SPENCER DIES AT OCRACOKE ID.

Mrs. Esther Simpson Spencer, widow of the late Capt. Summers Spencer, well known dredge boat master in Carolina waters for many years, died at her home on Ocracoke Island early Wednesday. She had been ill for several months.

Funeral rites were held on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock with the Rev. W. Y. Stewart officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Spencer is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Louisa Spencer and Mrs. Velma Spencer. Several nieces and nephews also survive on the island and in the Wilmington, Delaware, area. One of her nieces, Mrs. Aycock Brown of Manteo, and her daughter, Stormy Gale, attended the final rites.

L.T. COM. LEWARK SEEKS COMMISSIONERS PLACE



WILLIE H. LEWARK of Kill Devil Hills has thrown his hat in the ring for the post of Dare County Commissioner from Atlantic Township, seeking Lt. Commander of the Coast Guard, with a long record of distinguished service. He was a candidate in 1950 against Hallett F. Perry, present incumbent, and the popularity of the two men resulted in a close vote, with only a difference of 35 votes. Mr. Perry is not a candidate for reelection, and up to now, Mr. Lewark is unopposed.

Political activity in Dare is not stirring very lively this year. Other candidates who have filed, are as follows:

C. C. Duvall and Clarence Holmes for Commissioner from the Mainland District; Roy Gray and Ellis Gray for Board of Education member from Hatteras and Kinnekeet Townships, respectively; James W. Scarborough from Kinnekeet Township for Commissioner; R. Bruce Etheridge and Dewey Hayman for Representative. Lloyd Scarborough and Wm. A. Gray of Buxton have both been mentioned as possible candidates for Commissioner from Hatteras Township, which post is being vacated by Albert Austin of Hatteras. Lawrence Swain of Manteo will be a candidate for Commissioner to succeed himself. Dave O'Neal of Avon filed yesterday for County Commissioner.

TARHEEL HISTORY PUPILS TO RECEIVE FREE L. C. TICKETS

Every public school pupil in North Carolina, some 30,000 or more will receive free tickets to witness a performance of Paul Green's symphonic drama here during the coming summer, it was announced in Chapel Hill Saturday by William Hardy, general manager of the show which begins its 12th season in Waterside Theatre on June 28.

In Manteo this week, Martin Kellogg, chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, sponsors of The Lost Colony said:

"This marks the beginning of a move which we hope will result in every North Carolina school child seeing the famous Paul Green drama which tells the story of history's beginning on Roanoke Island in the New World where English-speaking America got its start during the late 16th Century."

Aycock Brown, manager and news director of Dare County Tourist Bureau who has handled publicity and public relations for The Lost Colony during the past four years stated that each year thousands of requests come from public school pupils in North Carolina and other states requesting information on the drama and the historic Sir Walter Raleigh Coastland. "It is a worthwhile step the sponsors of the drama are taking in giving free tickets, to history pupils of North Carolina schools," he said, adding, "And it also means that many of the pupils will be accompanied by admission paying parents."

DARE NEXT HOST TO SCHOOLMASTERS CLUB

On Monday, April 21, the Albemarle Schoolmaster's Club will meet with the Dare County teachers. This is the first time Dare County has been host to this group in about seven years.

The club will follow the constitutional requirements which provide for a dinner meeting, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Since Dare does not have a school cafeteria large enough to take care of the expected number (about 100), arrangements have been made to have the meeting at Parkerson's Hotel at Nags Head.

MISS DARE CO. OF 1952 WILL BE CHOSEN APRIL 28

Miss Dare County of 1952 will be selected from representatives of all Dare County communities in Manteo on April 28, it was announced today by George Creef, manager of Pioneer Theatre where the contest will be held. Miss Dare County of 1950-51, Mrs. Lionell Willis of Hatteras, formerly Miss Lila Peele, is expected to be present to place a crown on her successor who will represent Dare in the annual Albemarle Potato Festival in Elizabeth City next month.

Efforts are being made this year to have a representative from each community of Dare, it was stated by Creef. Arrangements are now being made to have the civic clubs in the various communities select their candidate and send her to Manteo to compete for the title "Miss Dare County," an honor which in the past has resulted in considerable publicity for the coastal area and also the winner of the contest.

41-POUND DRUM LANDED ON FLY ROD BY WOMAN

Mrs. John C. Russell of Bayside, Va., accomplished a feat on Hatteras Island Thursday morning that few persons have ever been able to do.

Fishing from the surf between Frisco and Cape Hatteras with a light fly rod, a channel bass struck her bait and she started reeling in as the rod bent itself into a circle. She finally beached the fish, a 41-pounder, the first landed by a woman along the Dare coast this season.

She and her husband decided to try the surf casting while three other members of the party, Walt Leveridge, Gene Bazemore and W. L. Roberts went trolling in the Inlet. Hers was the only catch of the day.

SWEDISH REPORTER VISITS DARE COAST

Student at Haverford and Wife Find County Interesting; Swim in Hatteras Surf Last Week End

Among enthusiastic visitors to Dare County last week were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Boissevain of Haverford, Pa., who were honeymooning during spring vacation from Haverford College, where Mr. Boissevain is a student. The couple, on studying maps, had decided to go further south after having a quick trip along the Dare coast, but after arriving on the beach at Kill Devil Hills they were so delighted with the terrain, the warm sunshine of last week end and the hospitality of the Dare coast people that they decided against going further, and spent the remainder of their vacation there. On Friday they tried their luck for a while fishing at Oregon Inlet, but went on to Hatteras and had a swim in the surf, which they found a little chilly but much warmer than they had expected to find this time of year. The only flaw in their trip was the fact that they got stuck in the sand twice between Oregon Inlet and Hatteras. Both times, however, the Coast Guard came to the rescue and Mr. and Mrs. Boissevain were high in their praise of the friendly Coast Guardsmen.

Mrs. Boissevain is a native of Sweden and has been in this country only a few weeks, but she speaks excellent English. She says that English is taught in the Swedish schools and that there is quite a large English-speaking population in her country. She and Mr. Boissevain met in Paris, where they were both students at the University of Paris. In Sweden she was a reporter on a daily newspaper, the Sundsvalls Tidning. She and her husband visited the Times office in Manteo, and were very much interested in observing the operation of a country printshop, in contrast to the large daily on which she had worked.

WESTS LEAVE FOR THEIR NATIVE IOWA

Replaced on Buxton Faculty By Mr. Martin and Mr. Rayle

Mr. and Mrs. Dave West and two-year-old daughter, Inez, have left for their native state of Iowa, after making their home in Dare County for about 18 months. Coming first to Manteo, where Mr. West was employed as managing editor of the Coastland Times, they made a host of friends. Going to Buxton last fall as members of the faculty, they have made their home there for the past seven months; but being so far from the home folks, Mr. and Mrs. West decided that the best thing they could do was go back to Iowa, where they will not be separated by so many hundreds of miles from their families.

Their places on the Buxton faculty have been taken by Frank Martin of Bethel and Robert Rayle of Buxton. Mr. Rayle replaces Mr. West as high school English teacher. Mr. Martin replaces Mrs. West as teacher of the seventh and eighth grades. Mr. Martin and his family moved to Buxton about a week ago.

MRS. CLAUDIA RIDDICK

Mrs. Claudia Riddick, 92, widow of the late Frank Riddick, died Friday afternoon at the Beacon Nursing Home in Manteo, after an illness of six months. Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church in Gatesville. Mrs. Riddick is survived by one son, Mills Riddick of Coinjock; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES AT NAGS HEAD BAPTIST

Good Friday services will be held Friday night at the Mission church at Nags Head. Members of the Roanoke Island Baptist church will worship jointly with the Nags Head congregation.

On Sunday night, just prior to the evening service at 7:30, the children of the Roanoke Island church will present an Easter program in their church.

BILL HENDERSON TO RUN SERVICE MANTEO AIRPORT

Lease Made To Veteran Operator To Maintain Service For Two Years

A lease and agreement was effected this week for a two-year period between the County Commissioners of Dare and William M. Henderson to operate a flying service at the Manteo Airport for a period of two years. The action followed several recent conferences with the local officials and Civil Aeronautics Officials. Mr. Henderson has been at the Airport since Sept. 1, 1951, assisting in the rehabilitation project that has been underway.

Mr. Henderson is a veteran airport operator, having for some years operated the Queens Chapel Airport in Washington, D. C. He is a qualified A & E Mechanic, capable of any job of building and rebuilding airplane bodies or motors. He plans to engage in general repair work as well as to run a flying service for persons who want quick transportation to points along the coast and elsewhere.

He is a qualified instructor, and during the war, trained pilots for Uncle Sam in Florida and Texas.

Mrs. Henderson and his son George are with him at the Manteo Airport. Mrs. Henderson is a native of Currituck County. They have a home at Corolla, Currituck Beach. Mr. Henderson is a native western North Carolina.

EASTER DANCE SAT. NIGHT AT N. H. CASINO

Dare County dance fans have a treat in store for them Saturday night at the Nags Head Casino when Earle Williams and his ensemble will appear for the Easter dance. The group features Miss Dot Stalls as vocalist. "From all indications," says proprietor G. T. Wescott, "a large attendance will be on hand." The Casino's bowling alleys will also be open this week end.

The Casino Bingo is giving away door prizes Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with a 15-lb. ham going to some lucky person Friday night. Saturday night's winner will have a choice of articles as are shown elsewhere in this week's paper.

The bingo will also be open this Sunday with a major door prize award at 6 p. m.

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TWO GOVERNORS TO BE AT OREGON INLET ON FRIDAY



GOVERNOR W. KERR SCOTT of North Carolina and his guest Governor Sid McMath of Arkansas will fish at Oregon Inlet for channel bass on Friday, if the weather is favorable. The Governor's party, including his secretary, and several newspapermen, will leave Raleigh at 6 o'clock aboard a C-47 and their expected time of arrival here will be a few moments before 7 o'clock.

They will be welcomed at the Manteo Airport by Bill Henderson, manager of the port, officials of the Dare County Tourist Bureau and Charles J. Parker, director of the State Advertising Division. The party will proceed directly to Oregon Inlet, according to present plans, where the two governors will be guests aboard a boat operated by Captains Sam and Ommie Tillett. The press representatives will go aboard the State Patrol Craft Croatan, under command of Capt. Tom Basnight. The party will return to Raleigh during the afternoon.

DARE DRAFT BOARD CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

Chairman Robert O. Ballance of the Dare County Draft Board has submitted his resignation to Col. Thos. H. Upton, State Selective Service Director, he stated this week. Mr. Ballance, who has served as Board Chairman two years, and two years as a member before becoming Chairman makes it plain that he will not serve on the Board to which Frank Hemilwright of Manns Harbor, has recently been appointed.

The difference came, Mr. Ballance explains, because Mr. Hemilwright had declared himself before taking office, as being determined to continue the deferment of Lloyd K. Midgett, a 1-A registrant who has twice been deferred, through appeals to higher sources not completely explained, but who is now considered a fair subject for induction in the armed forces.

Mr. Ballance thinks Hemilwright, being a Forest Fire warden, and therefore subject to political pressure, is not a person with whom he can conscientiously serve on a Draft Board, and has submitted a final resignation. Hemilwright had been appointed on the recommendation of Clerk of the Court, who had also made affidavit recommending the deferment of Midgett, Ballance said in his letter of resignation.

CLUB SPONSORS DARE CLOTHING CHEST

The Manteo Woman's Club is sponsoring a clothing project. The committee, heading the Drive, is requesting that we contribute clothing for all ages—men, women, and children. This committee is comprised of Mrs. T. S. Meekins, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Fred Basnight, and Mrs. Isabelle Warren, who will pick up clothing in the section of the Midway Garage to the end of Roanoke Island, if such clothing can be left on the porch of each home the morning of Monday, April 28. The people of the other communities may aid in this program by bringing their clothing to the local Welfare Department any day Monday through Friday from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. The Chairman says:

"We urge you to assist in this campaign. Please bring only useable garments—clean, pressed and in good repair. Help us to meet our goal—to provide useable clothing for all ages and sexes for people in Dare County in need of these useable garments.

"This drive will end April 28, 1952. Tell your neighbors and together bring in your contributions on or before that date."

SUMMER DRAMA NAMES LOCAL CAST MEMBERS

Ninety-one Roanoke Islanders Have Chance For Lost Colony Roles

By AYCOCK BROWN

Ninety-one names of Roanoke Island residents have been retained by Lost Colony officials to receive first consideration for roles in the famous symphonic drama when it opens at Waterside Theatre on June 28 for its 12th season, according to General Manager William Hardy. Along with Director Samuel Selden, Hardy had visited the island on Friday night, March 28, to conduct tryouts for the various roles.

At least 15 of the principal roles will be played by islanders, it was pointed out, and many of these have been members of the cast for one or more previous seasons. Two of the oldest actors have been assured of parts in the play again this year. They are, Capt. Wescott, age 67, who has played the role of colonist or Indian for 10 of the 11 seasons the show has been presented and Mrs. Mary Mann Evans, a colonist woman of many years with the drama.

Principals Retained

First consideration for principal roles are the following islanders: Louise "Bubbe" Wescott, Manteo's wife; Johnny Booth, Manteo's son; Robert Midgett, first soldier; Woodson Fearing or Ed Midgett, second soldier; Wally McCown and Leigh Hassell, Jr., John Cage and carpenter; Natalie Etheridge or Sue McCown, as spinner in fishnet scene; Ruth Flowers, as meal grinder; Marjalene Thomas, as Margaret Lawrence; Wade Nixon, courtier; Roy Gray, Jr., messenger; Edwin Midgett, as George Howe; Johnny Booth or Bobby Tugwell as George Howe, Jr.; Billy Brown, as Thomas Archard; Grace Davis, as Agona and Wally McCown as Landlord or Mark Bennett.

"Since a few persons from the island were unable to attend the casting on March 28, we may have to add later one or two names to the list or rearrange names already on the list," said Hardy. "The final selection and assignment of Island actors will be made after a meeting of all candidates in the School gymnasium on June 6."

Minor Roles

Islanders who applied for other roles in the show and who will be given first consideration follow:

Indian Maidens: Sally Alford, Louise (Bubbles) Wescott, Annie Laurie Keo, Pat Baum, Marie Etheridge, Donna Mann.

Indian Youths: Lloyd Walker, Harry Johnson, Carlye Davis, J. D. Simpson, Danny Mann, Roy Davis, Jr., James Stillman.

Indian Men: Robert Williams, Lloyd Walker, Cliff Topping, Harry Johnson, Danny Mann, Walter Gregory.

Heralds: Thelma Williams, Mabel Jean Basnight, Helen Baum, Doris Modlin, Donna Mann, Sarah Alford, Janice Gibbs.

Flower girls: Sylvia Cox, Betty Dee Ward and Loree Lee Ward.

Pages: Mabel Jean Basnight, Doris Modlin, Helen Baum and Ruby Creef.

Ladies-in-Waiting: Ruth Flowers, Edna Dowdy, Sally Alford, Sue McCown, Janie Etheridge, Betty Rae Sanderlin.

Milkmaid Dancers: Betty Skinner, Tracy Midgett, Marie Etheridge, Sara Alford, Betsy Midgett, Pat Baum, Carol Ann Allen, Annie Laurie Keo, Lois Sears and Donna Mann.

Colonist Women: Carrie Stillman, Maggie Mitchell, Mary Mann Evans, and Louise King.

Colonist Men: Danny Mann, John Wescott, Roy Gray, Jr., Ray Flowers, Harry Johnson, George Wescott, Wade Nixon, Cliff Topping, Steve Basnight, Walter Gregory, Lloyd Walker, Robert Williams, and Richard Bell.

Colonist Children: Patty Long, Nancy Basnight, Susie Warren, Betty Ruth Flowers, Della Basnight and Sylvia Cox.

From the foregoing list the island actors who will have roles in The Lost Colony this year will be chosen. In addition to the actors from the island, there will be many other jobs for local persons such as ushers, parking lot attendants, concession stand operators, and others.

SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE MEETING CRESWELL APR. 17

A meeting of the executive committee of the Southern Albemarle Association will be held in Creswell, Thursday morning, April 17, at 11 a. m. President C. W. Tatem urges a full attendance for the purpose of receiving reports of all committees.