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## MIGHTY CELEBRATION AND HOMECOMING FOR HATTERAS ISLAND IS BEING PLANNED

### Meeting of Interested People of Seven Villages Being Held at Avon School at Eight O'Clock Tonight to Make Plans for Observance of Road Now Nearing Completion.

The contemplated celebration and homecoming of Hatteras Island folks which to take place about August 16 promises to attract the most interest of any event ever held in the Walter Raleigh Coastland. For one thing, it will mark the completion of a modern Highway the length of this island, which is known to every tongue and nation on the globe; for another it will come upon the anniversary of a famous shipwreck and rescue; and to add to the volume of visitors at this time will be thousands of people who annually trek to Roanoke Island for the birthday of Virginia Dare on August 18th.

The Hatteras Island Association, which initiated the successful drive causing Governor Cherry to build the first link of the highway in 1948, will sponsor the celebration, but it is the good people of the three villages of Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo who are original movers in the plan. Friday night, some 50 people from the three villages filled up Asa Gray's store at Waves to discuss the difficulties and the joys, the many duties and tasks before the committee, and to arrange for a general meeting of all the communities at Avon on Friday night, June 27 at 8 p. m.

By general agreement, leaders of the seven villages of the Outer Banks have said that it is the turn of the north end of the island to play host to a large gathering. Hatteras, Buxton, Avon, all have figured in, and have put on in See CELEBRATION, Page Eight

### FIRST GUEST MINISTER AT FORT RALEIGH



DR. D. RAY LINDLEY, president of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, will conduct the first in a series of Sunday worship periods here in Waterside Theatre on Sunday, June 29.

The Sunday services will be presented as usual each week during the Lost Colony season this summer.

A feature of these services are solos by members of the Lost Colony Chorus. For the worship on Sunday Franz Engel will be the organist.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

## OUTER BANKS HAS ITS APPEAL FOR RETIRED PEOPLE

### Wahab A Booster of Its Advantages For Economical and Healthful Living

A new part of the South Atlantic coast is now coming into its own since Ocracoke and Hatteras Islands have been made accessible by hard-surface road. The only barrier is a pleasant one, an interesting 20 minute ferry ride across Oregon Inlet which puts one on to Hatteras Island, served from end to end by a good road.

Ever since the island has been publicized through various feature articles through the years, intense interest has been aroused and from year to year outlanders have come to buy homes sites, to build and to establish their residences because of the fine climate, the splendid sport and the friendliness of the people.

The establishment of a free ferry by Governor Melville Broughton in 1941 early in his administration gave the island its first immense tourist traffic. Removal of the tolls brought hundreds of new visitors, and required increased ferry service. At that time the Hatteras Island Association was formed, and it did valiant work in advertising the island, and with seven villages united, it accomplished a great deal.

Governor Cherry followed Broughton, and the people of the island went to Raleigh some 50 strong, representing the Hatteras Island Association, and appealed to him to continue the recognition given this long neglected people by Broughton. According to request, Governor Cherry set up \$300,000 to build the first link of the road, some 18 miles connecting the larger villages of the island, Avon, Buxton and Hatteras, and a loop through Avon.

Under Governor Scott, the greatest development came about, for it was from his two million dollar road bond issue, that the half million dollars needed for the completion of the road to Nags Head was provided, and had it not been for the Scott road program, there is little likelihood that another foot of hard surface would be seen today on the island. Fortunately for the people of the island at that time, a Board of Commissioners held office who were determined that this long neglected people get justice, and held out against much opposition for the earmarking of enough of Dare County's road funds to finish this project.

### Wahab a Great Booster

Over on Ocracoke Island, the leader in the march of progress for roads and better communications and the better advertising of this area through the years has been Robert Stanley Wahab, a man with unbounded love for his community, its benefactor in many ways, and the prime mover, and head of numerous enterprises. He has devoted a lot of time and energy to the advertising of Hatteras and Ocracoke. He proved his faith in the area by investing heavily in real estate on Roanoke Island, Nags Head and Hatteras.

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### "DUCK GAME" NEW FEATURE AT LEARY'S

The newest thing in bingo at Nags Head is the "Duck Game" which began at Leary's Original Bingo last weekend, and has been attracting a lot of attention from bingo fans. Winners of the special games choose from a pool containing moving ducks, and may win from 3 to 20 prizes.

### FORMER MANTEO GIRL IN ONE OF LATEST MOVIES

Mrs. Adam Stirling, the former Maxine Meekins of Manteo, appears as a Wave in one of the latest movie hits "Skirts Ahoy," starring Esther Williams. Maxine, who is a graduate of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, joined the Waves shortly after her graduation. She now lives in Des Moines, Iowa, with her husband and two children, and with several other ex-Waves was called on to take part in the movie. A recent Des Moines daily carried a picture of five ex-Waves, shown seated in the Fox studio in Des Moines. Maxine is in the group, and in our opinion is the best-looking of them all.

## THE COASTLAND HAS REAPED RICH DIVIDENDS BECAUSE OF THE GENIUS OF THIS PLAYWRIGHT



PAUL GREEN. His earthly tenement houses a big heart and mind and soul. His magnificent genius has served well the people of his state. His life work has shed lustre upon his homeland. He was a Harnett County farm boy, and straight from the soil, like others who have sprung from the good earth of North Carolina his life and work will be remembered in all lands, long after he has gone back to the dust.

No eulogy is needed for Paul Green, but if there is anyone who should be most grateful to him, it is the people of the Walter Raleigh Coastland. It is true the whole nation should be grateful, and most people are, for the wonderful inspiration given by his masterpiece THE LOST COLONY. No one who is worthy of the name "American," can see this matchless drama penned from the mind of Paul Green without going away a better person, and with inspiration for greater service to his Maker and mankind.

Strange to say, Paul Green has never gotten any profit from the Lost Colony which he has given to the people of North Carolina. Many others have profited immensely. Some who opposed it at the start, now pose in the forefront claiming to be original backers of the project.

But those who owe most to Paul Green are the people of the Coastland themselves. Everyone has profited within a hundred miles of Fort Raleigh. Roanoke Island and the Dare Beaches are worth millions now that would not have been created had not this great drama been staged. More than any other thing, Paul Green's genius and generosity has attracted visitors, developed business, and built the way to fortune for many people, and brought prosperity and competence to others.

## DARE COAST WATERS YIELD WHITE MARLIN, SAILFISH AND WAHOO; ALL TAKEN BY ANGLERS DURING WEEK

By AYCOCK BROWN

A six foot, 11 inch sailfish, a 72 pound white marlin, a 61½ pound wahoo and hundreds of amberjack, dolphin, albacore tuna and other Gulf Stream fishes have been landed by anglers fishing along the Dare coast during the past week.

Inshore thousands of bluefish have been landed by trollers operating from boats at Oregon and Hatteras Inlets, and from the fishing piers of Nags Head. It is truly the most remarkable fishing ever experienced by anglers along the North Carolina coast so early in the season.

The big sailfish was landed by John Laskey of Washington, D. C., who was fishing with Capt. Ernal Foster, widely known big game fishing guide of Hatteras. The blue marlin was hooked by James Q. Yowell, an Arlington, Va. fireman fishing with Capt. Ken Ward of Manteo aboard the cruiser Cherokee. The wahoo, believed to be the largest ever taken north of Florida, native habitat for the fish, was hooked and brought to gaff by Dan Henderson of Danville, Va., while trolling from aboard the Caradot skippered by Capt. Maxie Berry.

Hundreds of anglers from all

parts of the country shared in the dolphin, amberjack and albacore tuna catches, and the big hauls of bluefish. Every day was perfect for fishing during the past week and parties aboard inshore boats were bringing in from 100 to 400 bluefish to each boat, throughout the period.

### EAST LAKE NATIVE DIES IN ELIZ. CITY FRIDAY

Glispie Blane Holmes, a native of East Lake, Dare County, aged 68 and a resident of Elizabeth City for the past 14 years, died Friday in the Albemarle Hospital, and was buried in Hollywood cemetery Sunday afternoon, Twiford's Funeral Home directors. Rev. D. J. Reid pastor City Road Methodist church conducted the funeral. He was the son of Jerome and Penelope Basnight Holmes, husband of Mrs. Fannie Hayman Holmes, a member of City Road Methodist Church and a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, Pasquotank Tribe 8.

Surviving besides his wife are three brothers, H. J. Holmes and M. P. Holmes, of Elizabeth City, J. M. Holmes, of Camden.

## 12TH LOST COLONY SEASON OPENS SATURDAY BOOSTED BY BUSINESS INTERESTS

### Drama on Site of First English Settlements Telling Story of Raleigh's Colonies Expected to Draw Record Breaking Crowds During July and August.

### HAYMAN CLAN IS COMING JULY 9th MANN'S HARBOR

The annual re-union of the Hayman Clan, long a leading family in Tyrrell, Dare and Currituck will be held at Manns Harbor July 9th, according to Rev. L. D. Hayman of Carolina Beach, president of the Clan.

The scene will be the Manns Harbor school. All business this year is to be transacted before the big picnic dinner is spread. The public is invited to attend the dinner. Overnight lodging can be arranged if desired, by communicating with Miss Oma Pearl Midgett, Clan Secretary of Manns Harbor.

The dinner hour will be 12:30 to 1:30.

The meeting last year was in Kitty Hawk; two years ago at Manns Harbor. It is usually widely attended and highly interesting and well fed. Memorials and resolutions are usually adopted concerning deceased members. This year, there are two to be recognized: Capt. Dan W. Hayman of Norfolk, and Mrs. Maggie Midgett of Manns Harbor who died this year; perhaps there are others.

### OLD NAGS HEAD A WORTHY BOOK BY CAPT. OUTLAW

Those of us who love the Coastland and all of its traditions will get extreme delight out of a new book which goes on sale on all local newstands this week. It is called OLD NAGS HEAD, and is by Captain Edward R. Outlaw, Jr., who is known far and wide as one of the lifetime summer residents of Nags Head. He is now 71 years old, and has drawn from his many memories of the beach in compiling this book. It is illustrated with numerous hand drawings as well as photographs of many scenes, including the hotel which burned 52 years ago.

The book was printed in Puente, California, and contains a foreword by Tazewell Lamb, now living at El Centro, California. He will be remembered as a former editor of the Norfolk Landmark, and used to fish and hunt with Capt. Neil Midgett of Rodanthe.

We recommend this book highly as one of the finest things about this region.

### FEREBEE AND O'NEAL DRAFT BOARD MEMBERS

John E. Ferebee and Warren O'Neal of Manteo have been appointed members of the Dare County draft board, which up to last week, had only one member, Chairman V. G. Williams of Wanchese. Frank Hemilwright of Manns Harbor, who was appointed in April, resigned shortly thereafter. He was appointed to succeed the late Captain H. C. Smith of Manteo, who died in early fall of 1951.

### LEO PIEPER STARTS ENGAGEMENT SAT.

Beginning a two-week engagement at the Nags Head Casino tomorrow night is Leo Pieper and his orchestra, nationally famous aggregation. They will be at the Casino for three Saturdays, playing through July 12. "Ras" Westcott, Casino operator, expects the largest crowds so far this season, since this is the first big band of the season.

### DARE EDUCATORS TAKE PART IN CONFERENCE

Mrs. Mary Evans, superintendent of County schools and Mrs. Jean T. Ward, Manteo teacher, are participating in Duke University's centennial conference on teacher training, June 24, 25, and 26, at Durham, N. C., along with some 250 other educational leaders over North Carolina and surrounding states.

The conference is part of Duke's teacher education centennial. One hundred years ago Duke's forerunner, Normal College, was made the first Southern institution empowered to grant degrees in teacher education, by act of the North Carolina legislature.

The Lost Colony season begins tomorrow. Double welcome words along the Dare County coast, whose modern hotels of today and other tourist accommodations are largely the result of this big tourist attraction, first shown in 1937, written by Paul Green and witnessed that same year by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was brought to Dare County through the efforts of Lindsay Warren, who has done so many fine things for the N. C. Coastland.

The Lost Colony has a cast of more than 100 persons, and it employs scores of people to aid in carrying on the show. Through a large part of the year it employs others in getting ready for the show. There is always a maintenance job under the direction of its able Superintendent, Albert Q. Bell.

So much has been said and written about the Lost Colony that it is generally well known to the people of this state and of other states. At this time we will not attempt to list the names of all the actors or of others who take a leading part in its production. Our purpose is to say that from all accounts, it was never better rehearsed or staged than this year, and its finest performances may be expected, for it has many improvements in facilities, and some changes in script for the better.

When the Lost Colony began in 1937, it began on a shoestring. It had considerable backing for those days from county funds, and more from the WPA and other relief agencies which furnished many of the professional actors. It was also helped by the nearby CCC Camp, the WPA Work Camp; and always of course from the University of North Carolina there was strong support, for it was staged under the direction, as now of Sam Selden of the University, and with the help of the late Prof. Fred Koch.

Fearing the Spark Plug As in most institutions of like nature it takes some one strong personality to live with it day and night, and "spark-plug" it to success. The late Senator Bradford Fearing of Manteo was the man to do it. See SEASON, Page Eight

### GEORGE B. STATON WILL BE BLIND CASE WORKER

With Headquarters in Manteo, Will Serve Currituck, Dare, Hyde Tyrrell and Washington Counties

George B. Staton, of Rocky Mount, will begin his duties on July 1, as special case worker for the blind for the counties of Dare, Currituck, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington, with headquarters in Manteo. Mr. Staton, who is totally blind, and who is assisted in getting around by his seeing-eye dog "Noreen", is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, with a major in sociology, and has completed the first year of graduate training in the School of Social Work at the University. He will replace Miss Bernice White, who has been re-assigned, and now has headquarters in Elizabeth City.

Mr. Staton will be in Manteo 11 days out of each month to aid financial assistance cases. Through work with the local Lions Club, he will teach classes in Braille and crafts.

### SCOUTS FROM VIRGINIA CAMP IN DARE COUNTY

Boy Scout Troop No. 39 of the Robert E. Lee Council, Richmond, Va., arrived in Manteo Tuesday afternoon and made camp on Roanoke Island near the 4-H camp. The troop which hails from Glen Allen, Va., included 14 scouts and two leaders, Walter Heeman of Glen Allen was scout leader in charge of the boys. The scouts ranged in rank from Tenderfoot to Life. They spent Monday night at Kitty Hawk, coming to Manteo to stay until Thursday, after which they will go to Fort Lee, where they will be guests of General E. C. Graham from Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock until Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. The boys left their home town last Sunday, traveling by bus, and making their first stop at Suffolk, Va.

## MILLION DOLLARS READY TO BUY LANDS TO FORM HATTERAS SEASHORE PARK

### Opposition By Group of Citizens in Area to Creation of National Park; Large Part of Lands Once Owned By State Granted to Natives For Small Sums and Resold by Them.

A surprising piece of news last weekend was the announcement that an unnamed benefactor, interested in seeing the beautiful Outer Banks of North Carolina saved for future generations, had donated a half million dollars to pay for lands in the area between villages, provided North Carolina would give a half million.

On Monday the Council of State agreed to provide the money. A number of citizens began working up opposition to the plan, and took their appeal before Oscar Chapman, Secretary of the Interior, who was in Norfolk.

The opposition included many of the leading citizens of Hatteras Island, and an attorney for land interests on the island, and numerous people who own no land in the area involved. The group included a number of people who were eager for the park plan back in the depression days when Government money was even more eagerly sought than now, and also a few people who drew nice salaries working for the park.

The plan has been greatly misrepresented in many instances, and not being thoroughly understood by some, is opposed because they fear it will restrict the hunting and fishing privileges they now enjoy.

While it is a fact that commercial fishing restrictions have about taken care of themselves, and mean very little profit any more, the law creating the park plan very carefully safeguards the rights of the commercial fisherman.

While it is a fact that wildfowl hunting isn't what it used to be, and is subject to restrictions regardless who may own the land, the bill safeguards whatever rights there might be, to the native citizens.

While the opposition is coming from a lot of well-meaning citizens (it actually is being engendered by a number of persons interested only in development of real estate at a profit to themselves, and certainly the general run of citizens would get no benefit if these leaders succeed. See PARK, Page Eight

### MRS. ELIZABETH FULCHER BURIED AT MANN'S HARBOR

Manns Harbor.—Funeral rites for Mrs. Elizabeth Burrus Fulcher, 63, of Manns Harbor, who died Monday in the United States Public Health Hospital, Norfolk, were conducted Wednesday at 2 p. m. in the Manns Harbor Methodist Church by the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Tom Grinder, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Burial in the Twiford Cemetery. Mrs. Fulcher was a native of Hyde County but had been living in Manns Harbor for several years. She was the daughter of Andrew and Sophia Burrus, of Hyde County and wife of the recently deceased Charles R. Fulcher and a member of the Manns Harbor Methodist Church. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ray Ives, of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Russell Langley, of Norfolk; one son, Woodrow T. Fulcher, of Norfolk; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Swindell and Mrs. Delana Twiford, both of Engelhard; two brothers, Claude Burrus and W. J. Burrus, of Engelhard; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

### "COLONY" HOUSING SERVICE

To aid overnight visitors to Paul Green's drama The Lost Colony, the business office of the show has set up a housing office under the management of Mrs. Helen Baum. Persons planning to visit Manteo to see the show are assisted in finding accommodations in the 70 or more guest houses on the island. In addition to local housing for Lost Colony visitors, there are approximately 3,500 rooms in hotels, inns and motor courts of Kitty Hawk, Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills, close by Manteo and this island.

### BANK OF MANTEO TO CLOSE JULY 4, 5

The Bank of Manteo will be closed July 4 and 5. The 4th is a national holiday and the fifth was declared a banking holiday by Governor Scott, as there would probably be little banking business conducted after such a holiday.