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LOST COLONY TO CLOSE SEASON ON AUGUST 31

Many Tarheel History Students Seeing Drama During 12th Season

Paul Green's symphonic drama, The Lost Colony, now being shown for its 12th season at Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island, will present its final performance for the year on Sunday night, August 31. Until that time there will be performances every night except Monday, August 25.

The drama this year has attracted patrons from every state and many foreign countries. The drama has also attracted several hundreds of North Carolina history students who were given complimentary passes to the show.

More than 1,500 4-H Club members have attended the show this year. They came from counties throughout the state.

Many of the persons seeing the show this season had witnessed performances during previous years. One new scene, an Indian attack on Fort Raleigh, has added much to the second act and won the acclaim of all who have seen it. During this exciting scene, through clever work of technicians, the fort in which the colonists have taken refuge is set afire. This scene is also a turning point in the drama's love interest, as Eleanor Dare's husband, Captain Ananias Dare, is slain by the Indians and from there on out his widow and John Borden lead the group of colonists until they march away into the wilderness at the drama's finale.

By the end of the current season more than 600,000 persons will have seen The Lost Colony. The drama's premiere was on July 4, 1947. It was not shown during four war years. It is now the world's longest-lived outdoor drama and it tells the story in pantomime, song and the spoken word of Sir Walter Raleigh's ill-fated attempts to establish a colony in the New World that became America, and of an unsolved history mystery.

DARE SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 3

First Graders Must Present Birth Certificate; Teachers Announced

All schools in Dare County will open Wednesday, September 3.

Parents are reminded that all children entering the first grade must be six years old by October 1. The attorney-general has ruled that if a child's birthday falls on October 2, the child is eligible to enter, but under no conditions, will children whose birthdays come after October 2, be allowed to enter until the following school year. A beginning first grader must present a birth certificate before he can be enrolled.

Due to the acute shortage of teachers there is still one vacancy in the county. The superintendent hopes to have this filled before the opening of schools.

Teachers for the 1952-53 school term are:

Manteo
A. O. Ayers, Principal, Mrs. Willis Pearce, Mrs. Bertie S. Ward, Mrs. Essie N. Westcott, Mrs. Jennie B. Davis, Wayland H. Fry, L. G. Finch, Mrs. Jean T. Ward, Mrs. Matilda Inge, Mrs. Mary D. Meekins, Miss Bonnybel Evans, Mrs. H. R. Ashmore.

Avon
T. G. Wilson, Mrs. Mildred S. Parks.

Kitty Hawk
R. B. Cobb, Principal, Miss Alice Sumrell, Mrs. Elizabeth Atkins, Mrs. Irene B. Midgett, Mrs. Fannie Lee Kessinger, John Miller.

Manns Harbor
A. L. Mercer, Principal, Miss Callie Jones, Mrs. Bettie Twiford. See SCHOOLS, Page Ten

DARE AUTUMN BUSINESS PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD

September and October business along the Dare Coast will be best in the history of the resort if present reservations from persons planning vacation trips here at that time is any indication.

Most of the beach hotels will remain open throughout September and some will remain open until late October or throughout the winter season. One of the big attractions planned for the autumn season is the Surf Casting Contests sponsored by the newly organized Nags Head Surf Fishing Club. The fishing contest, expected to attract many organized clubs here will be held October 3, 4 and

ISLANDERS IN PRIZE WINNING LOST COLONY PHOTO



Three Roanoke Islanders and the female lead of the drama, posed for this prize winning Max Tharpe photograph which won first prize in the annual Press Photographers Rehearsal of The Lost Colony this year. Tharpe, a Statesville free-lancer, also won first prize in 1951 with a closeup of Barbara Griffith who plays the role of Eleanor Dare. The islanders in this photo with Barbara Griffith are Sarah Alford, Ruth Flowers and Marie Etheridge. The picture was made during the India nattack on Fort Raleigh, a new scene added to the play this year and the characters in the picture are expressing fear during the attack. The first prize was \$100.00 (Lost Colony Photo by Max Tharpe)

LIVELY WEEKEND IN OFFING FOR DARE

This will be one of the liveliest week ends of the summer season for Nags Head according to things to do, now planned.

Nags Head's Club Casino will present Charlie Spivak and his internationally famous music makers.

The Shrine Club of Dare will also have a special dance for members and their invited guests featuring a well-known orchestra and also a floor show by members of Lost Colony cast. Andrew Griffith, the serious Sir Walter of the symphonic drama, will be head man of the floor show featuring talent from the drama. It will be the second floor show of the season to be presented at the Shrine Club by members of Lost Colony cast.

On Roanoke Island, Saturday night and the current week end is expected to be one of the biggest of the current season for Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony. Already several large groups, some of them coming by the bus loads will be present for the Saturday night performance. Lost Colony Housing Secretary Helen Baum has stated that there will be adequate accommodations for persons coming to stay overnight.

Accommodations for many scores of persons will be made available at the Roanoke Island 4-H Camp which by the week end will be closed for the season and the rooms and barracks they have been occupying being made available to overnight groups or individuals. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Manteo have charge of renting the rooms at the 4-H Encampment.

General Manager William Hardy has announced that while many See WEEKEND, Page Ten

BLITHE SPIRIT TO BE PRESENTED MONDAY NIGHT

Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" will be presented Monday night, August 25, by members of the Lost Colony cast, starring Lillian Prince and Fred Young. The fantastic comedy, which is being directed by Victor Michalak, will be staged in the Dare County Shrine Club, and will begin at 8:15. The public is invited to attend. A nominal admission charge will be made.

NEW BRIDGE SHORTENS TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN NAGS HEAD — MANTEO

Vacationists coming to Roanoke Island and the Dare beaches this summer have found one great improvement which has shortened and made safer the drive from Nags Head and Manteo. This is the new all-concrete State Highway bridge. Formerly it was a half hour trip to Nags Head from Manteo. With the new bridge, the distance and time required to make the trip has been reduced to a matter of minutes.

Actually the distance between the island and the ocean resorts has not been reduced, but in recent years, due to a dilapidated wooden bridge the time of travel was considerably more than at the present when the bridge with its concrete decking is actually the best driving along the route.

The new bridge spans Roanoke Sound.

As a result of the new bridge Manteo is getting a larger bulk of the beach resort business at many of the local firms, especially drug stores and food centers.

NAVY MEN ESCAPE INJURY WHEN AUTO OVERTURNS

Two Navy ensigns, enroute to the beach for a holiday, met bad luck Saturday afternoon while southbound around the curve at Currituck courthouse. Miraculously they escaped serious injury. The car skidded, turned around and turned over the ditch across the road, and they were unable to get out of it until a wrecking truck had turned it over. Once on its feet the motor was easily started, and the car was capable of operation. The car was a Chevrolet sedan, Maryland license No. 198-437. One of the occupants was R. B. Abernathy. The mishap occurred during a rain at 2:30 p.m.

BLUES PLENTIFUL ON COAST

Bluefish, which attract more anglers to the North Carolina coast than any other species of fish, have been very plentiful in the waters of Oregon Inlet, Hatteras Inlet and along the ocean surf during August. Scores of fishing parties have caught hundreds of blues daily.

MEETING IN COLUMBIA TO TALK BRIDGE TUES.

President C. Wallace Tatem of Columbia has called a meeting of the four-county road committee of the Southern Albemarle Association in Columbia at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 26. Likewise, a meeting of other organizations and public officials is expected to be called jointly to seek a discussion with the Governor at an early date toward building of bridges over Croatan Sound and Alligator River.

BIGGEST FISH BEING LANDED BY WOMEN

While women anglers are in the minority along the Dare coast this season they are still catching the most newsworthy and biggest fish. Mrs. Mary Black of Chillicothe, Ohio, started it all on June 4 when she hooked and brought to gaff a 97 pound cobia. It was the largest of its species ever taken by a woman angler, bettering by more than 10 pounds, the previous all tackle record for women, for this species. She landed the cobia off Oregon Inlet.

Latest news to be made by a woman angler was on Monday this week when Mrs. W. T. Wilkins, Jr. of Piqua, Ohio, hooked and boated a 279-pound blue marlin in one hour and 15 minutes. She was fishing with Capt. Ernal Foster aboard his Gulf Stream cruiser Albatross II, off Cape Hatteras. The big fish, measuring 10 feet, 7 inches from tip to tip and 47 inches around its girth, was taken on 39 thread line loaded on a 12/0 reel. She was using a glass rod with 14 ounce tip and the hook was baited with a whole mackerel. Skip bait on the Albatross' outrigger was a side of dolphin.

Previously the first blue marlin of the season to be taken along the North Carolina coast, also was taken by a woman. Mrs. Ross H. Walker of Richmond was the angler and she too was fishing from Capt. Ernal Foster's Albatross II, in the Gulf Stream off Hatteras. Her marlin weighed 367½ pounds, was 10 feet, 10 inches long with a 52 inch girth. It took Mrs. Walker four hours and 20 minutes to land her marlin.

Another woman's world record in angling was made during June See ANGLERS, Page Ten

STATE UPHOLDS CONTRACT FOR SEASHORE PARK

Murphy Resignation Boomerangs Against Opposing Forces in Raleigh

The N. C. Council of State voted this week to abide by its contract with the National Park Service for establishment of a seashore park on the Outer Banks, despite opposition led by W. A. Worth, owner of the Bodie Island land, and numbering some 40 people from Dare County who journeyed to Raleigh.

The resignation of J. L. Murphy of Kill Devil Hills from the N. C. Seashore Commission, apparently motivated from a dislike of Frank and David Stick, of Kitty Hawk, reached Raleigh about this time, and instead of discounting the park project, seemed to strengthen the Council of State toward it. Murphy, it seemed, was pistoff because Huntington Cairns had not let him into his confidence as to the identity of the donor of \$618,000 for buying lands, a sum which the state has matched. Mr. Cairns, a lawyer himself, is not given to revealing confidential matters.

Mr. Cairns of course, turns out to be an innocent bystander. It appears he knew of the donor, but the Sticks had no connection with the donation. The object in keeping the matter secret so long appears to have been to avoid an avalanche of requests from other sources, with which the donating foundation did not wish to be pestered. Announcement is being made today by the Park Service as to the source of the gift.

Major Murphy, who shortly before his appointment to the Commission, had been more or less indifferent to the park, was highly appreciative of this political preference, and entered into the proposition with a great deal of zeal and energy. He had pronounced opinions about the proposition, some of which he has aired at length in this week's newspapers. For several years he was employed as an engineer working with the project during the days when See PARK, Page Ten

BONNER WEIGHS ADVANTAGES OF SEASHORE PARK

Congressman Explains Features That Will Make For Future Benefit of All

Ocracoke, August 20—Congressman Herbert C. Bonner spent several vacation days at Ocracoke last week, resting and enjoying some successful sport fishing.

On Thursday night he gave Ocracoke residents the opportunity to ask questions about the proposed National Seashore Park, and expressed his own favorable viewpoint of the project for Ocracoke. Speaking informally in the school recreation hall to about a hundred people, he stated that the establishment of the Park would prevent private ownership of the land from curtailing the use of the ocean beach and the hunting and fishing privileges which the Islanders and the general public now enjoy, and at the same time bring in the "tourist dollar" to provide greater income in various occupations. He pointed out particularly that the original Act of Congress, passed in 1938, specifically guaranteed protection of fishing and hunting rights to the residents and the public. He stated that certainly some sacrifices would be involved on the part of individuals giving up land for Park use, and for those now grazing cattle on the Banks, but expressed the viewpoint that the benefits would far outweigh these sacrifices. He mentioned the probable protection and benefits of the Park Service in the matter of erosion control, and in the upkeep of the large Navy docks in Silver Lake harbor. He pointed out that the right to establish "village limits" within which the Park does not officiate, was left to the residents and that such limits would naturally include expansion areas.

After a brief talk, Congressman Bonner answered questions propounded by the residents, and when unable to give specific information asked for later written inquiries.

Mr. Bonner left his home in Washington, N. C., Monday of this week for the west coast, where he will preside over sub-committee hearings. He is chairman of the sub-committee dealing with wasteful practices of our armed forces. Efforts are directed toward establishing a unified purchase and supply system.

THIS ANSWERS THE QUESTION— WHO GAVE MONEY FOR THE PARK?

Secretary of the Interior Chapman announced Thursday in Washington that the Old Dominion Foundation and the Avalon Foundation donated \$618,000 for the purchase of land for Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. Both foundations were created by children of the late Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury under President Hoover. The Old Dominion Foundation, a Virginia charitable and educational foundation was created by Paul Mellon. The Avalon Foundation, a Delaware charitable trust was established by Mrs. Aisla Mellon Bruce. Recently Chapman announced that \$1,236,000 was available for the purchase of lands for the Seashore Recreational Area as an addition to the National Park System. He said then that the names of the donors of the private funds would not be disclosed and that the state had matched their gift. Today he said the donated funds have been accepted and deposited in the United States Treasury. He added that under an agreement dated July 15 with the State, a land acquisition office has been established by the National Park Service at Manteo and acquisition of lands is under way.

GUM NECK GROWS AS MODERN ROADS AND POWER COME

Tyrrell County's Largest Community Shows Value of Go Forward Program

The large and prosperous community of Gum Neck, largest rural community in Tyrrell County, having some six to eight hundred inhabitants, is showing many signs of new progress and more enjoyable living that has come since the "Go Forward" movement reached it.

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DANIELS REUNION HELD IN WANCHESE

Approximately 250 members of the clan attended the annual reunion of the Daniels family in Wanchese Tuesday afternoon.

Melvin R. Daniels of Wanchese and Manteo, head of the clan, presided at a meeting of the group which filled the Wanchese Methodist Church to capacity.

Archie Daniels of Draper made the address at the meeting, his subject being "The Value of Friendship." He stated that family reunions such as the Daniels reunion held each year here was an example of friendship.

Present from Raleigh were Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Daniels and their daughters, Adelaide and Mary Cleves of Raleigh and Mr. and Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Jr. The late Josephus Daniels attended the reunion here until the time of his death. He had said his forebears came from Wanchese.

Recognition was paid to the oldest and youngest members of the clan present. Mrs. Lucetta Daniels Montague, 85, was the oldest person present. Her great-grandchild, Lillie Daniels, four-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Daniels of Wanchese was the youngest.

The Daniels who came the longest distance to attend the reunion was Dr. William L. Daniels from the State of Maine.

Following the meeting in the church, an old-fashioned picnic dinner was held under the pines on the church ground. Mrs. Dallas Daniels Tillett, director of music, presented a musical program, and another member of the clan, Frank Harris of Elizabeth City gave the invocation during the formal program.

DESCEANDANT OF FIRST GOVERNOR SEES DRAMA

Raleigh-born Dr. William L. White, member of the surgical staff at the University of Pittsburgh and his three children, Jeffrey, Bill and Deborah, attended a performance of Paul Green's symphonic drama, The Lost Colony, recently. It was the first time the physician had seen the show and it was of special significance to him because the genealogical records of his family show that he is a direct descendant of Governor John White, the artist and cartographer, who was with the group of colonists making expeditions to Roanoke Island in the New World during 1584 and later in 1587. Governor White of The Lost Colony this year is played by Ainslee Pryor of Raleigh's Little Theatre group.

Dr. White left Dare Friday morning. During his stay at Nags Head, he visited the home of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Barach, also of the University Medical staff, who own the handsome estate, "Mountain Hill Farm," on Roanoke Island.

W'NCHESE SHRIMP PLANT STANDS AT BID OF THE R. F. C.

Government Agency Bids \$7,000 for Property Costing \$60,000; No Upsetters Appear

The four-year-old shrimp plant erected near Davis landing at Wanchese has become the property of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation which lent upwards of \$30,000 to enable it to be built, Henry Albert of New York erected the plant, and obtained part of his capital from the government lending agency. The loan was based largely on the proposed advantage the plant would be to the fishing industry in eastern North Carolina, and to local labor which was avid for employment.

It is said that more than \$60,000 was invested in the property. For a time it was in operation, employing many people, and providing a market for shrimp. It was the plan of the operator to bring shrimp from as far as the Gulf of Mexico for processing. This project was looked upon with some doubt by old hands at the game.

Several large buildings are on the property, including a freezer locker and storage room costing an estimated \$30,000.

At the sale of the property in late July, it brought no bidders. It was knocked down for \$7,000, a fraction of the amount of the mortgage held by the RFC. No one appeared within ten days to upset the bid, so it becomes the property of the RFC.

MANY WIN DEGREES AT EAST CAROLINA

Many Coastal Carolinians won degrees at Commencement Exercises Friday at East Carolina College, Greenville. There were 168 in all. From Roanoke Island were Grady Gaskill of Wanchese, and Mrs. Milah P. Meekins, wife of C. S. Meekins, who won the degree of Bachelor of Science. She teaches in Wanchese school. Others winning this degree were: Mark H. Moore, Jr., Bath; Edward Ieynolds, Creswell; Isabella O'Neal, Ocracoke; Anne House, Plymouth; Elizabeth Walston Forbes, Shiloh.

Master of Arts Degrees were won by Mrs. Nell Wise Wechter of Stumpy Point, who is a teacher of several years service; S. D. O'Neal of Middlesex, teacher in Engelhard school; Phillip Meekins of Stumpy Point, teacher at South Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland E. Meekins.

FORMER WANCHESE BOY IS KILLED IN BOSTON WRECK

William Dempsey Payne, 30, formerly of Wanchese, was the victim of an automobile wreck in Boston, Mass., at five o'clock last Friday afternoon. Funeral services were held in Boston at two o'clock Monday afternoon.

Mr. Payne, who was a retired Coast Guardsman, is survived by his father, Corbett Payne of Wanchese; his wife, Dorothy and one son, W. D., Jr., both of Boston; five brothers, Clarence Payne, Corbett Payne, Jr., Jarvis, Ronny and Don Payne, all of Wanchese; and one sister, Mrs. Norman Paquette, of Oxford, Mass.

Mr. Payne was the son of Corbett Payne and the late Volantille Etheridge Payne of Wanchese. He had lived for a number of years in Dorchester, Mass. He was only recently remarried.