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LOST COLONY IN FINAL WEEK ON ROANOKE ISLAND

America's longest-lived and original outdoor symphonic drama, The Lost Colony, will present the final performance of the 1952 season in Waterside Theatre on Sunday night, August 31. The finale this year will mark the 592nd performance of The Lost Colony since its premiere here on July 4, 1837, and during the years approximately 600,000 persons have seen the show which tells of America's beginning in song, dance, pantomime and the spoken word.

While all seats were reserved this year, attendance will be only a small number short of last season. Not counted the paid admissions now nearing 45,000 for the current season are several thousand school children, students of North Carolina history, who have seen the drama as guests of Roanoke Island Historical Association, Inc., sponsors. In addition about 1,500 4-H Club members from all parts of the state and many other groups such as Boy Scouts, Sunday school classes and others have seen the show at special group admission rates.

Officials in charge of The Lost Colony's free parking lot opposite the entrance to Fort Raleigh have reported that cars from every state and many of the territories and foreign countries have brought persons to see the show. See PAGEANT, Page Eight

LOST COLONY CHORUS IN CONCERT SUNDAY

Mixed Program in Manteo School Auditorium at Four O'Clock

The Lost Colony Chorus, which is a part of the Roanoke Island School of Fine Arts, will be presented in an interesting program of sacred and secular numbers including a number of spirituals, on Sunday afternoon, August 31, at four o'clock in the Manteo School auditorium. The public is invited to attend. A nominal admission will be charged, proceeds to go to the fund for Music in Veterans Hospitals.

The chorus, which consists of members of the Lost Colony choir and others enrolled in the Roanoke Island School of Fine Arts, will be conducted by Ralph Burrier, director of music for the Lost Colony. Accompanists will be Franz Engle, James Hart and Helen Reitmeyer.

AIR MAIL SOCIETY TO VISIT DARE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Kill Devil Hills.—In commemoration of the issuance of the new United National Air Mail stamp, members of the American Air Mail Society headed by Admiral Jesse G. Johnson, its president, will meet atop Kill Devil Hills on Sunday afternoon for a brief ceremony which will feature an address by George Kingdom.

Kingdom is an attorney of Conneant, Ohio, and a member of the Air Mail Society. The ceremonies at the monument are scheduled for 3 o'clock.

David Stick of Kill Devil Hills, chairman of the Museum Committee of Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society, is scheduled to speak briefly on the progress that has been made in the creation of a Wright Museum for the monument area.

Following the ceremonies at the monument, to which the public has been invited, the group, expected to number about 50 persons, will visit the fishing centers to see the catches of the day and then assemble at Dare County Shrine Club for a buffet supper, according to announcements made by Admiral Johnson. Following the gathering at the Shrine Club, many of the members are planning to attend the 12th season finale of Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony, which will be presented on Sunday night.

AGED WANCHESE WOMAN DIES WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Rebecca Meekins Payne, 71, native of Rodanthe, and widow of the late Joseph Farrow Payne, for many years a resident of Wanchese, died at the home of a niece, Mrs. Folger Payne of Wanchese, Wednesday night at 9:20. She was the daughter of the late J. K. and Celia Meekins of Rodanthe, and was a member of the Fair Haven Methodist Church, Rodanthe.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon by Rev. D. B. Lawrence, pastor of the Assembly of God Church, at 2:30 o'clock and burial will be in the Garrison Cemetery.

CHAIRMAN SIX-COUNTY BRIDGE COMMITTEE



DR. W. T. RALPH, Mayor of Belhaven, was named chairman of committee of ten from six eastern counties to seek the bridging of Alligator River and Croatan Sound, when 25 people from these counties met at Columbia Tuesday. The meeting was called by C. Wallace Tatem of Columbia, president of the Southern Albemarle Association, and was attended by members of his executive committee and of the Alligator-Croatan Bridge Association. Appointed on this committee were the following: Beaufort County, Dr. Ralph of Belhaven and Mrs. Scott Topping of Pantego; P. D. Midgett and Leon O'Neal of Hyde; W. J. White and Floyd E. Cohoon of Tyrrell; L. L. Swain and D. V. Meekins of Dare; Washington County: W. J. Woolard and Wade Hardison; Martin County: Hugh Horton and H. L. Swain. This committee was charged with task of pursuing methods to get bridges built by the State of North Carolina.

DARE SCHOOLS OPEN WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK

On September 3, 1952, at nine o'clock in the school auditorium, the Manteo High School will officially begin its 1952-53 school year. There will be a short program. All friends of the school are cordially invited to attend.

The principal, A. O. Ayres, will observe the following hours in the school building for the two weeks prior to the opening of school: 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:30, Monday through Friday. He will be glad to confer with parents and students who wish to see him.

On Saturday, August 30, the Senior Class is requested to call at the school building from 8:00 to 12:00 for the purpose of registration for the coming year. On Monday, September 1, the 10th and 11th grades are requested to register. The principal and the high school teachers will confer with the students, consult their past records, and make recommendations for the courses to be taken during the coming year. Students having credit for 4 units of work are classified as sophomores; those with 7 units as juniors; and those with 11 units as seniors. This system of classification is a new ruling of the Board of Education.

FORMER DRAFT BD. MEMBER RECEIVES THANKS OF CHIEF

V. G. Williams of Wanchese, who resigned July 14 as a member of the Dare County Draft Board, has been replaced by Guy Mann of Manns Harbor. Mr. Williams, who agreed at the State Director's request, stayed on until August 20, has received a note of thanks from Col. Thos. H. Upton, State Director of Selective Service, as follows:

"We thank you for the services you have rendered to the Selective Service System and particularly for your consideration in allowing us to hold in abeyance our action on your resignation until a replacement could be secured."

Mr. Williams resigned because of the press of other duties. He travels for Quinn Furniture Store of Manteo.

The draft board now consists of John E. Ferebee and Warren O'Neal of Manteo, and Guy Mann of Manns Harbor.

CANCER CLINIC

The next cancer clinic will be held in Elizabeth City, Friday, Sept. 5th at 2 p.m. at the health department, according to Mrs. W. A. Hoggard, Jr., Pasquotank County Commander the American Cancer Society.

VACATIONS NOW GROW POPULAR IN DARE IN AUTUMN

By AYCOCK BROWN

There was a time when Labor Day marked the end of vacation time at coastal resorts, but today, when the once three months season greatly increased the end of summer means the beginning of an autumn vacation period which will extend through October and into November here on the coast of Dare County.

Hotels and other vacation facilities which in the old days closed for the season on Labor Day, will remain open until October and many will be open for the reception of guests throughout the winter as they, or many of the hotels and motor courts, now remain open the year around.

Autumn brings a different type of vacationist to the Dare coast. There are fewer children and students than in the summer, but the months of September and October bring in older persons coming to relax, or sportsmen who come to match their skill against the game fishes which are available in coastal waters of Dare.

This year, too, emphasis is being placed on the "coastal color parade" which many persons think outclass the color of the mountains. Here in coastal forests the leaves of hardwoods will merge with the evergreen pines in coastal forests. Autumn, too, presents a more colorful array of maritime color, the various hues of ocean and sound waters, the bluer sky and more clouds providing backdrops for colorful and ever changing marshlands, sand dunes, and miles of glistening ocean beaches and the surf.

Biggest of the new Dare coast attractions for tourists this year will be Hatteras Island and its seven fascinating villages. This year for the first time it is possible to drive over a new paved road from Nags Head southward through the island villages to the town of Hatteras. It is one of the most unusual oceanside drives in the world.

Fort Raleigh National Historic site on Roanoke Island and the Wright Brothers National Monument on Kill Devil Hills, both units of the National Park Service, will be open for the reception of tourists and vacationists throughout the autumn and winter, and already this year attendance at the two historic shrines have broken all previous records.

Vacation travel to the Dare coast beaches between Kitty Hawk and Hatteras this year has shown an increase of approximately 35 per cent over last year, according to L. L. Swain, chairman of the board of directors of Dare County Tourist Bureau.

COASTLAND NEWSPAPERS TO GIVE \$115 IN AWARDS TO WRITERS OF LETTERS ABOUT OUR SERVICE MEN

Our Subscribers Will Be Given A Chance to Win a Prize as Well as To Render a Great Community Service

Our readers want to know about the men of our coastland who are serving their country in Korea or in Europe. This newspaper is going to make it possible to get more articles about these boys who are away from home. Readers of this newspaper who live in Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, or eastern Beaufort, will be given a chance to win the \$115 in prizes to be paid out as follows: For the best letter of about 500 words or more, \$50; second best, \$25; third best \$10; and for fourth prize, three cash prizes of \$5 each. For the fifth prize, there will be six \$2.50 annual subscriptions, whereby six people will get a free year's reading of this, their home newspaper.

The letters or articles must be written by a service man himself, who is serving in Europe, or Asia, or adjacent country; or by some member of his family or friends residing in the above named counties and which friends or relatives is a regular subscriber of this newspaper.

Our purpose in seeking these letters or articles is not merely to get a pointless letter with the bare fact that this or that person is in service. Our purpose is to show one or more of the following phases:

1. The ideals for which this service is being rendered our Nation, and the causes which are being defended and the rights that are being protected

HATTERAS ROAD CELEBRATION IS SET SEPT. 20th

Rodanthe.—Arrangements have been made to bring the famous Elizabeth City High School Band to Rodanthe on September 20 when the citizens of the seven communities of Hatteras Island will be hosts to visitors and friends from the mainland who will be here to help celebrate the new Nags Head-Hatteras highway.

Capt. Levene Midgett, chief boatswain mate in charge of Chicamacomico Coast Guard Station here is overall chairman of the event which is expected to bring more persons to Hatteras Island than any similar event ever staged.

A program that will not only include music by majorettes but also widely known state and government officials, and many local competitive local events has been scheduled for the celebration which will be held on a Saturday, according to Capt. Midgett.

DARE COUNTY SEAMAN SAVED FROM FREIGHTER

Archie Scarborough, Jr., Taken From Ship in English Channel by British Lifeboat

When the freighter American Farmer went down in the English Channel last Thursday, Archie Scarborough of Cape Hatteras was one of the seamen rescued by a British lifeboat.

Thirty-seven United States seamen were landed safely at Dover, England, after a losing six hour battle to save their 7,239-ton Liberty ship Western Farmer, which fell apart after a collision in the stormy English Channel.

The men had clambered to safety aboard two British lifeboats just in time to see the Western Farmer break in two in the heavy channel seas shortly before midnight last night.

By noon, the bow half of the Western Farmer—keel up—was floating at anchor in mid-channel off the Ramsgate holiday resort.

The after half, still upright, was swept by the channel's treacherous tides towards the French coast.

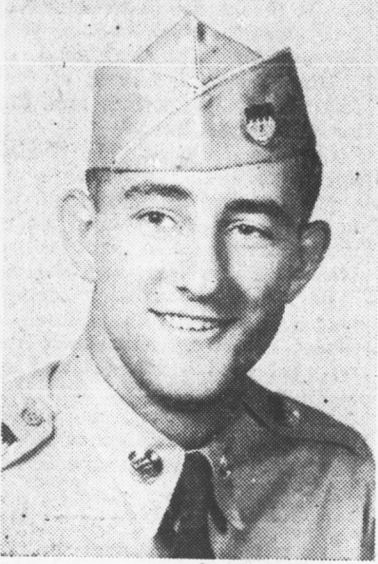
A dispatch from Calais said French tugs had taken it in tow and raised the French flag to mark their prize.

Survivors said the Western Farmer, carrying 10,000 tons of coal from Newport News Va. to Bremen, Germany, was hit squarely amidships on the port side by the Norwegian tanker Bjorholm.

As passing vessels and lifeboats from channel ports headed for the spot, the crew began a fruitless battle to close the gaping

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MANTEO BOY TELLS OF ARMY LIFE IN GERMANY



PFC JULE BURRUS

An interesting letter from a soldier at home has been received by the editor, and reminds us that we would like to see more letters from our service men.

Friends of Pfc. Jule Burrus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Burrus of Manteo, will be interested in reading what he has to say. Pfc. Burrus has been 15 months in Germany. His letter, dated August 17, reached us five days later, coming by air mail. Now let's read what he says about the rough 15 months he has been undergoing training:

The story is this: During the first 12 months I spent nine in the field, training to face any problem I would run up against in war. I think I can say no training in the way of warfare has been overlooked.

I arrived in Germany June 15 of last year where I went directly to Mannheim and spent ten days in a tent. We were moved by truck to Mintz and stayed in a tent for two months. From Mintz I walked some 70 miles in three days. This brought me to Baumholder where we spent ten more days in tents.

Well, after more than two months of moving from place to place, taking and digging a fox-hole in every hill, we moved to Wildflecken. This spot was my home for ten months. Very strict and rigid training was carried on there.

My company was given a bed and roof over their heads here, but they were only occupied about four days of ten. This was to take a bath, get a haircut or wash a few clothes.

In and around Wildflecken I have trained and slept in waist deep snow, and spent the bigger part of last winter snowed in and much to my sorrow I have seen drifts of snow 10-12 feet deep.

After receiving the name of Gypsy, our regiment moved to Glenhausen, which was our original destination 14 months ago. This, I think, completes my roaming in Germany.

But life in Germany hasn't been all work. At least once a month special arrangements are made for trips to France, Italy, Switzerland, Holland and various other places of interest. Unfortunately I have only seen France, Switzerland, and the U. S. Zone of Germany. I had intended seeing England and the Riviera but my time has run short.

In Switzerland I learned to ice skate and saw the Swiss Alps. In France I visited Paris and its historical background. Next to See LIFE, Page Eight

JONES' BINGO TO HOLD BIG DAY SUNDAY

"Sadie Hawkins Day" Feature to Begin at 12 Noon

Jones' Bingo, one of the three merchandise bingos at Nags Head, is holding their "Sadie Hawkins Day" Sunday, August 31. On that day they will give away the remaining stocks, and close for the season.

Beginning at 12 noon, they will play bingo until every article has been given away. Large prizes will be given away as well as the smaller ones. A special prize for the winner of the first game will be a Toastmaster toaster; winner of the last game will receive a General Electric television. Other large prizes will be given throughout the day. Featured items are dinnerware, luggage, lamps, household appliances, furniture, which will be awarded the winners. The management wants to help everyone have a good time.

Jones' Bingo has been located this season at Mann's Recreation Center. Plans are to reopen in the spring of 1953.

FISHING TOURNEY OCTOBER 3-5 BIG NAGS HEAD EVENT

Judging from the interest that has been shown by surf casting clubs in many states and by scores of anglers who prefer fishing from the beach instead of from boats and piers, the first annual Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament scheduled for the Nags Head area on October 3, 4, 5, will be the biggest event of its kind ever presented along the northeast coast of North Carolina.

That is the opinion of Dal H. Williams, president of the Nags Head Surf Fishing Club with which the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the tournament. Announcements of the event have been mailed to fishing clubs and surf casters in all surf casting centers along the Atlantic coast. Most response to date has come from New Jersey, and several clubs will be here to take part in the event and compete for the prizes from that state.

Trophies and prizes having a total value of more than \$1,000 will be awarded winning teams and individuals.

The Tournament is timed for the big run of channel bass which appear in the surf in great schools during late September and remain throughout October.

Already channel bass and many other species of surf feeding fishes are being landed daily by anglers fishing along the ocean beaches. The channel bass are running smaller than those which show up later in the season.

PARK SERVICE FILES PETITION FOR LANDS

Ehringhaus Firm of Raleigh Awarded Contract to Search Titles of Hatteras Island Lands

At the request of the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior, the U. S. Attorney General has filed in Federal Court a petition for the condemnation of lands on Hatteras Island to be included in the proposed Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. The lands in question include substantially all the acreage that the National Park Service anticipates acquiring from private ownership on Hatteras Island. Not included in the condemnation order are the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Avon, Buxton, Frisco and Hatteras. The National Park Service announced that substantial areas around these villages were also omitted in order that expansion of the villages could take place. It was stated that condemnation action is necessary to clear title to some of the land and should speed up the process of acquisition and prevent land speculation in the acquisition area.

The Land Acquisition Office at Manteo is making appraisals and securing title data on the properties included in the condemnation order as well as the lands to be acquired for the Seashore on Bodie and Ocracoke Islands. In this connection it has been announced that the law firm of Ehringhaus and Ehringhaus of Raleigh has been awarded the contract for preparing title abstracts.

Despite the filing of the condemnation suit, direct purchase of the lands in the condemnation area is still possible in those cases where the owner can convey a clear title and a mutually acceptable sales price can be agreed upon. A. C. Stratton, Project Manager for the Land Acquisition Office has stated that the National Park Service definitely intends, if possible, to acquire every single tract by means of friendly negotiation, rather than by use of court procedures, except where there is some cloud upon the land title which the Court must clear.

WOODROW PRICE NAMED ON SEASHORE COMMISSION

Woodrow Price of Raleigh, top-reporter on the News & Observer, and summer resident of Ocracoke Island, has been named by Governor Scott to fill the unexpired term on the Cape Hatteras Seashore Commission vacated last week by Major J. L. Murphy of Kill Devil Hills.

Mr. Price, an Elizabeth City native, formerly lived in Manteo as a newspaperman. He is an ardent hunter and fisherman and spends a great deal of time in coastal areas, writing a column for his paper each week. He plans to build a summer home at Ocracoke, on a lot he owns near the hotel.

NEW DOCTOR AND TECHNICIAN PLAN MANTEO OFFICES

Goldsboro Physician Will Head Medical Center in Pearce Building Near Town About October 1

Dr. Clyde B. Brown, for the past 18 years on the medical staff of the State Hospital at Goldsboro, with his technical assistant, Philip Smith, also with the same hospital for four years, were in Manteo this week making arrangements for the opening of offices for general medical practice about October 1, in Manteo. They have rented the homes of Mrs. Margaret Hoyle, and Mrs. Augusta Pennington, where they will reside.

Dr. Brown, who was accompanied by his wife, is a native of Potocasi, Northampton County. He is a member of Sudan Shrine Temple of New Bern. Prior to his entry into medical school, he was employed with the British American Tobacco Co. and worked for them in their New York offices, in New Foundland, China, and Costa Rica. He attended Trinity College and the Medical College of South Carolina at Charleston. He is a member of the American Medical Association and the N. C. Medical Association. The Browns have two children.

Mr. Smith, before taking his technical schooling, served for three years as a pharmacist's mate in the Navy. He is a native of Rockingham. They have three children.

They plan to set up a complete office with much equipment, having leased the Pearce house one mile south of Manteo. Their decision to locate in Manteo is largely due to the joint efforts during the past year of a committee from the several civic clubs on Roanoke Island, Rotary, Lions, Ruritan.

DARE TOURIST BUREAU TO MEET AND PLAN FOR 1952 PROMOTION

Manteo.—The first two of a series of meetings to be held along the Dare Coast for the purpose of making plans for 1953 promotion of this resort area will be held at Kill Devil Hills in the Hotel Edgewater Dining Room on Wednesday and Thursday, September 4-5, it is announced by David Stick, secretary-treasurer of Dare County Tourist Bureau. The meetings will be held at 8:15 p.m.

At the Wednesday night meeting all operators of hotels, inns and motor courts in the Dare Beaches area will gather to discuss the increased budget for the coming fiscal year and to hear reports of activities performed by the Dare County Tourist Bureau during the current fiscal year which ends on September 30. The report will show how through impartial promotion on the part of the Bureau the resort business has had an increase of approximately 20 to 25 percent this season.

On Thursday night all vacation enterprises other than Inns will have a similar meeting. Then before October 1, similar meeting will be held on Hatteras Island, which has experienced its first major vacation business this year and on Roanoke Island where The Lost Colony has long been the biggest attraction of the summer season.

The Tourist Bureau, headed by a Board of Directors of which L. L. Swain of Manteo is chairman, operated on a \$10,000 budget during the current year which ends September 30. At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, held in Hatteras Village, it was agreed that the tentative budget for the coming fiscal year or for promotion during 1953 had been increased. See BUREAU, Page Eight

FISHING TOURNEY ENTRY BLANKS DISTRIBUTED

Nags Head.—Anglers from many areas along the Atlantic coast are now receiving entry blanks for the Nags Head Surf Fishing Club's surf tournament here on October 5, the day on which the event will come to an end. The surf fishing tournament begins on October 3 and competition during the first two days will be between teams of organized clubs.

"Response to the tournament has been widespread," according to Dal H. Williams, president of the sponsoring club. "Already we have the assurance that there will be teams here for the competition from New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina."

"There will be special divisions for feminine anglers and also for boys over 15 years of age, for the Open Tourney off the Surf on October 5," said Williams.