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CAPE HATTERAS MAN HEAD OF WANCHESE LODGE

Masons Install Officers
Thursday Night; Boyce
Midgett Worshipful
Master.

Boyce Midgett of Buxton, Cape Hatteras, was installed January 1 as Master of Wanchese Masonic Lodge. Mr. Midgett, an engineer with the State Highway system, had hardly been elected before he was transferred to Western North Carolina, but the members were determined that he should be installed since it was the first time in the half a century of the Lodge that a resident of Hatteras Island had been so honored.

The outgoing master is Charles Daniels of Wanchese.

Other officers installed are Valton Williams, Senior Warden; Willett Tillet, Junior Warden; M. R. Daniels, Treasurer; Holmes O. Bridges, Secretary; S. B. Tillet, Tyler; Spencer Daniels, Senior Deacon; Omie Tillet, Junior Deacon; Louis Cudworth, Senior Steward, and Dameron Payne, Junior Steward.

The Lodge was chartered in 1903. It has about 300 members, and owns a large and commodious hall at Wanchese, completely equipped with kitchen and dining facilities. The building has recently been painted and renovated at a cost of \$500.

COLINGTON CLUB SELECTS GAIMEL AS ITS PRESIDENT

Fred Haywood, Mrs. W. T. Beasley Are Other Officers for Current Year

Colington.—Election of officers and business concerning the school recently purchased occupied the Colington Community club, meet Monday night at the building.

Jepp Gaimel was named president with Fred Haywood as vice president and Mrs. W. T. Beasley as secretary-treasurer. The latter was re-elected, as she has served the unexpired term of her predecessor.

The club, which now has 46 members, bought the two-room school building in November. At Monday night's meeting members discussed taking steps to secure a deed to the property, which had not yet been turned over to the club and also arranged to check into taxes on the building. This was formerly an elementary school, but pupils are now sent to Kitty Hawk.

This club, organized in February, 1950, meets the first Monday night of each month.

WATERSIDE THEATRE UNDERGOING REPAIRS

First Lost Colony Tickets For Season of 1953 Reserved

First Lost Colony Tickets for the 1953 season which begins in Waterside Theatre here on June 27, were reserved on Tuesday of this week, according to Dick Jordan, general manager of the drama which will be shown for its 13th season this year.

Miss Annie Mae Slider of the Trust Company of Georgia, in Atlanta, made the reservation for herself and a party of friends who are planning to spend their vacation in the Dare Beaches and Cape Hatteras National Seashore area, near Roanoke Island.

The Lost Colony will go into rehearsal during early June and under the direction of Clifton Britton, it will be ready for its seasonal premiere by Saturday, June 27. Approximately 100 persons will be in the cast this year of which several will be doubling in one or more roles. About 60 per cent of the cast will be native born islanders but most of the persons having leading roles in the production will be back again in 1953.

Albert Q. Bell, in charge of the vast waterside theatre which has seating facilities for 3,000 persons is currently conducting off-season renovations at the site where the show is presented each year. Approximately \$7,000 in theatre repairs and improvements will be made during the off-season and prior to the opening date on June 27. One of the properties to be rebuilt this year is the "Pinnacle" which the company members call "Sir Walter Raleigh's Ship." This ship passes before the audience under a blaze of floodlights during Act II of the drama, first arriving from England in 1587 with the colonists who were to attempt settlement here and then a few months later returns to England. Up until the time the ship arrives from and departs for England Playwrite Paul Green follows See THEATER, Page Five

FIRST ISLANDER IN LOST COLONY CHORUS



MARJALENE MIDGETT THOMAS, minister of music at Burlington's Davis Street Methodist Church, is the first native-born Roanoke Island resident to be featured in The Lost Colony Chorus which for the most part consists of Westminster Choir College voices. During the 1953 season she will be in the Chorus for her third year as a soprano. The famous Chorus provides the musical background for Paul Green's symphonic drama, America's longest-lived outdoor drama, which will be presented in Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island for its 13th year beginning June 27. Mrs. Thomas is one of the veteran members of The Lost Colony cast having started with the show as one of the little flower girls. Last year in addition to being a member of the chorus she doubled as an actress and played the part of Margaret Lawrence in the colorful fish-net scene, the part she was portraying when this picture was shot during the Press Photographers Rehearsal in 1952 by Ed McCauley of the Burlington News-Times. Mrs. Thomas' husband, Harry, has also been a member of the Lost Colony Company for a number of years as a technician. He is a member of the Burlington High School faculty where he teaches science.

(Lost Colony Photo from Aycock Brown)

L. C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NAMED BY CHMN. KELLOGG

An executive committee of Roanoke Island Historical Association was named in Manteo this week by Chairman Martin Kellogg of the board of directors of the sponsoring organization. Duties of the committee will be to act as a steering committee for the promotion and presentation of The Lost Colony, now America's longest-lived outdoor drama which opens for its 13th season in Waterside Theatre here on June 27 this year.

"This committee will have regular meetings, especially during the season of the drama to cooperate with the general manager in all problems relative to the operation of the show," said Kellogg.

R. E. "Dick" Jordan will be general manager of the drama during its 1953-54 seasons. A resident of Nags Head, he is the first general manager since the late Bradford Fearing, to live in the immediate vicinity of where the play has been presented each summer (except for the War years) since 1937.

The Kellogg-appointed Executive Committee consists of Russell Grumman, of the University of North Carolina Extension Division, Chapel Hill, R. Bruce Etheridge, Guy Lennox and Melvin R. Daniels of Manteo and Miles L. Clark of Elizabeth City.

General manager Jordan will leave here next week for Chapel Hill to confer with Supervisory Director Samuel Selden, and former general manager William Hardy who resigned from The Lost Colony to manage Horn in the West See COMMITTEE, Page Five

ATLANTIC TOWNSHIP TAXPAYERS PROMPT TO LIST ASSETS

Kill Devil Hills.—The first day of tax listing at Twiford's store here brought "pretty fair" response, Mrs. Beulah Perry, tax lister for Atlantic township, reported.

After spending Wednesday and Thursday at that location, Mrs. Perry said, she is at Kitty Hawk school today (Friday) and will be there again Monday and Tuesday. As soon as possible after that she will turn the books in, and those who have not listed taxes with her or at the court house will be subject to a penalty after Feb. 1.

Mrs. Perry explained that because so many owners of beach property live elsewhere she does not list nearly all of it. Blanks are sent to owners whose addresses are known so that they can list their taxes and return the blanks to Manteo.

BOARD PLANS TO BUILD A HEALTH CENTER IN DARE

Commissioners Plan \$29,000 Health Center In Manteo Next Community Bldg.

The Dare County Commissioners this week approved plans for the building of a health center in Manteo, which will cost about \$29,000. Lawrence Swain was named to work out the plans and W. M. Weber was appointed architect to draw the plans.

The building will be financed with state and Federal funds. The Federal share will be \$9,921, the State share \$13,335, and the balance of \$5,973 to be put up by the county.

The board voted to put in the 1953 budget the sum of \$450 to aid the Cape Hatteras Health Center in buying equipment. W. A. Gray, chairman of the Health Center, Dr. D. W. Tharp, E. R. Midgett of Rodanthe and Asa Gray of Waves appeared in behalf of the project.

The board voted to increase from \$300 to \$400 the pay for collecting garbage once a week on the Dare Beaches.

Motion was made to ask Rep. Bruce Etheridge to pass a law whereby building permits will be required in Dare County, and a law permitting a liquor referendum on Hatteras Island.

B. M. Hedrick and Sherman Culpepper were appointed to fill vacancies on the Dare Beaches zoning committee.

The Board asked for hardsurfacing the west end of Broad Street in Manteo, and for some improvements to roads in Hatteras.

The Board urged the plumbers of the county to get together and plan a plumbing code to be enacted into law.

DARE RECORDER HEARS TWO TRAFFIC CASES

Judge W. F. Baum in Dare Recorder's Court Tuesday heard only two cases. C. L. Ziegler of Elizabeth City paid \$25 and costs for driving without an operator's permit.

John T. Pendleton, colored of Manteo, was taxed with the costs for driving his automobile too close to the car ahead. He was arrested by Patrolman O. L. Wise.

GRADING BEGINS ON NEW DUCK HIGHWAY

Work of grading the 3.7 miles of road connecting the village of Duck in Dare County with U. S. 158 began yesterday. The contract for the road was awarded to Balenger Paving Co. It is not expected the actual paving can be done before warmed weather.

CURRITUCK SOLDIER HAS SERVED 2 YEARS



PFC. HILTON M. BRINSON, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brinson of Norfolk, formerly of lower Currituck County. He has been in the army for two years, 13 months of which he has spent in Germany. He attended school at Poplar Branch and Portlock, Va. During his school years and during the summer he visited frequently with J. T. Stetson, mail carrier of Kitty Hawk, and helped with delivering mail. His address is RA 13360881, Co. A 370 A. I. B., APO 46 c/o Pm., New York, N. Y., and he would like to hear from his friends.

OLD BUCK AND OLD DRUM FEATURED AT RODANTHE CHRISTMAS

Old Buck, the traditional wild bull of Trent Woods down on Hatteras Island made his usual appearance and Bradford Payne of Wanchese was there with his old drum, which he beat with the gusto of a Gene Krupa at the annual Old Christmas party in Rodanthe on Monday night. Due to good roads connecting the villages, the celebration this year was attended by its biggest crowd with an estimated total of nearly 400 persons from on and off the island taking part in the festivities.

The traditional Old Christmas observances began in the schoolhouse with young islanders singing Silent Night, followed by a spiritual message from the Rev. Mr. Porter of Fair Haven Methodist Church. Old Buck was then presented to the audience after which there was music for square dancing by harmonica, piano, guitar and the ancient drum on which Mr. Payne performed. A total of 45 bushels of oysters were roasted on the school grounds and everyone had a big time.

Credit for the success of the event goes to several residents of Rodanthe and Waves, especially to See BUCK, Page Five

THE FIRST LIGHTHOUSE AT CAPE HATTERAS



MORE THAN 150 YEARS AGO the Federal Government built the first lighthouse at Cape Hatteras, about which we recently carried a story. This tower was built back when Alexander Hamilton was Secretary of the Treasury. During the Civil war it was blown down by Federal soldiers. Another light, the one now in use was erected in 1870. This picture represents the old tower. For many years its ruins remained unnoticed, but during the 30's, the large granite blocks used in its foundation were carried away for various purposes. Some of them were used in the construction of fireplaces in buildings on Hatteras Island. Not much now remains of the mound that was once its foundation.

UMSTEAD URGES HIGHER PAY FOR TEACHERS AND REFERENDUM ON LIQUOR

New Governor Recommends Ten Per Cent Increase for All State Employees, Another Bond Issue for School Buildings, Inspection Law for Autos; More State Aid for Morehead and Wilmington Ports.

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—William B. Umstead of Durham, the new Governor of North Carolina, presented a broad and comprehensive program for the consideration of the General Assembly and the people of North Carolina in his inaugural address here today.

Speaking at formal ceremonies in Memorial Auditorium, Umstead told the legislators that "this is an hour of great responsibilities for you and for me. I have complete confidence in your patriotic devotion to North Carolina. Ahead of us there are new and unpredictable problems. Let us not be afraid. Let us meet with a courage that is characteristic of our people the uncertainties of a swiftly moving future."

The new chief executive made a number of important recommendations, with major emphasis going to public education, roads, highway safety, agriculture, conservation and development, treatment and care for mentally ill, labor, prison and paroles changes, liquor referendum, and taxes.

He recommended a 10 per cent salary increase for public school teachers and other state employees, retroactive to July 1, 1952, and asked that as much increase in the salaries of teachers be made during the next biennium as can be provided within revenues.

The present school construction program is not meeting the needs of a rapidly increasing school population, the Governor asserted, and he asked the General Assembly to submit a bond issue to the people for funds "to provide the necessary aid to counties for the construction of school facilities for all our children."

He also called for further reduction of the teacher load, the safest school bus transportation possible, improved vocational training programs, and a new study of requirements for elementary teachers. These requirements have been said to be so rigorous that they deter young people from seeking to become elementary teachers, where a serious shortage of trained personnel now exists.

Umstead spotlighted the need for better treatment and care of mental patients in state institutions, describing the need so urgent that it can be met adequately only by the proceeds of a state bond issue.

"We call the institution at Kingston the Caswell Training School," he said. "It is and has been a detention home for feebleminded children, who grow into feebleminded men and women, and there they stay through the years. There has never been a place which has even been called a training school for feebleminded children of the Negro race. There is not sufficient room in our institutions for the adults who need attention."

He declared that "we have worked at it in a piece-meal fashion long enough. We must make every effort to cure both children and adults, where such is within the capacity of medical science, and sufficient medical personnel must be provided. These people have no spokesman except those whose hearts have been touched by the condition of those affected by this program."

Here are highlights of other major views and recommendations presented by Governor Umstead:

Roads—A task never finished, the state must continually maintain improve and build roads. New study should be made of present road revenues to determine what See UMSTEAD, Page Five

COLOR PICTURES OF JAPAN AT ROANOKE ISLAND BAPTIST

Moving pictures in color will be shown on Sunday evening, January 11, at the Roanoke Island Baptist Church near Manteo, by the Rev. Frank B. Dinwiddie, pastor, in connection with his regular evening service at 7:30. The pictures were made by Phil Saint, the artist whose program at the Nags Head Baptist Mission on Monday night filled the church, while he was in Japan during the last several years. The pictures will show the land, people and customs of Japan, also something of the political movements, the forms of worship and the work of the Christian missions. The public is cordially invited to attend.

MANTEO SCHOOL LOSES VALUABLE FACULTY MEMBER

Miss Bonnybel Evans Resigns Due to Ill Health; Has Taught Many Years

One of Dare County's best known and best loved teachers last week resigned her teaching position in the Manteo school, due to ill health, and the news that she would teach no more this year has brought sorrow to the many pupils who love her, and to the mothers and fathers who appreciate the fine quality of her work with their children. She is Miss Bonnybel Evans of Manteo, who has for more than 42 years taught in the North Carolina schools, most of that time in Dare County. Teaching for many years in the intermediate grades in the Manteo school, a number of years ago "Miss Bonnybel" was persuaded to take over the first grade, and since that time every child who has entered the Manteo school as a beginner has almost worshipped "Miss Bonny".

It is hard to tell who is most regretful that "Miss Bonnybel's" health has required her temporary resignation, the children, the parents, the school faculty, or the teacher herself. She recently stated that she had been in the school room for so many years that she felt out of place elsewhere. Beginning her teaching career in 1910, Miss Evans has missed very few days of school, and until she became ill last year and had to be away for several months, never for a long period of time. She has always been an untiring teacher, faithful to the trust reposed in her to give of her best to the students who came under her supervision. She has spent many hours over and above the line of duty preparing interesting methods of presenting lessons to "her children". She has also given unstintingly of her time and effort to all worthy causes sponsored by or for the school; and all worthwhile community projects. Indeed, the teacher who tries to fill her place until such time as she can return to her See TEACHER, Page Five

PAUL E. GARBER, MEMB' OF KILL DEVIL SOCIETY

He Is Person Who Assembled Original Wright Plane For Smithsonian

Paul Edward Garber, curator of the National Air Museum of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., became a member of Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society this week, according to Miles L. Clark, chairman of the Society's Board of Directors.

Already Garber was on the Society's Museum Acquisition Committee headed by David Stick. Garber is one of several outstanding aviation personalities now directing efforts through the Stick committee to build a Wright Brothers Memorial Museum at the site of the first flight here at the base of Kill Devil Hills where Wilbur and Orville Wright successfully flew a heavier-than-air powered machine on December 17, 1903. The committee also has as its objective the creation of a Memorial Runway at the site of the first flight where there are no facilities at present for handling modern planes.

Paul Garber is the man who re-assembled the famous first flight plane "Kitty Hawk" when it was returned from England in 1949 for permanent display in the Smithsonian Institution. It is one of many famous aircraft on display in the national air museum of the Smithsonian Institution.

Clark stated this week that a membership drive by the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society is underway at present. Individual memberships are \$1 per year, payable at \$5 for the first five years. C. S. Meekins is secretary-treasurer of the association and the person from whom membership cards may be obtained. The money from memberships is used in promotion of annual First Flight Anniversary Celebrations at Kill Devil Hills.