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## MORE THAN 150 PERSONS IN LOST COLONY IN 1953

Thirteenth Season Begins June 27 in Manteo

By **AYCOCK BROWN**

Manteo.—More than 150 persons will be in the Lost Colony company this year when the famous symphonic drama by Paul Green begins its 13th season here in Waterside Theatre on June 27. From an economic standpoint the show is Roanoke Island's biggest industry and one of the three leading businesses of the Dare coast, which during the summer months are vacationing, sportsfishing and the drama which has now lived longer than any outdoor production in America.

In addition to 49 principal actors, not including the Lost Colony chorus, and a large number of persons having minor roles such as Indians, pages and heralds, flower girls, and milkmaid dancers, there are more than 30 persons on the technical staff of the show.

This year there will be 65 performances of the drama, a show each night of the week except Mondays through September 6. During the Lost Colony season the average weekly payroll will be approximately \$5,000, and this year from beginning of rehearsals until the finale there will be approximately 14 weeks, the longest season in the history of the drama.

Samuel Selden of Chapel Hill will be supervisory director of the Lost Colony this year with Clifton Britton of Goldsboro as his associate. Richard E. Jordan of Nags Head is general manager of the drama and Albert Q. Bell is his associate. Already many members of the staff are actively at work on this year's production.

## TOBACCO BOYCOTT ORIGINATOR RETURNS

John M. Wise of New Bern Led A Drastic Movement on Stumpy Point 35 Years Ago

John M. Wise of New Bern, N. C., a native of Stumpy Point, is back home this week visiting old friends and relatives, and on Wednesday went to Hatteras for his first time. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. M. V. Hooper, Mr. Hooper and their daughter, Mrs. W. W. Monette.

He went to New Bern some 30 years ago, after a short residence in Oriental, where he met and married a Carteret County girl, and for 25 years has been engaged in a successful store business. He has two children, Staff Sgt. John M., Jr., with the Army in Louisiana, and a daughter, Mrs. Belle Hyde Alstine of New York.

In his early days, Mr. Wise was a leader in Sunday school work and he well remembers the boycott of snuff and tobacco he started on Stumpy Point about 35 years ago. "At that time I was teaching a Sunday school class," he says, "and noticing one of my class members throw down a cigarette which was picked up by a small boy it struck me that here was something that ought to be stopped. I made the evils of it my subject that day, and it made such a hit that the Sunday School superintendent also brought it up, and we started a movement, which quickly brought the signatures of the majority of the people on a pledge to use no more snuff and tobacco."

Mr. Wise went on to say how the stores then refused to sell snuff, tobacco, or cigarettes, and how some of the old women jumped on him for taking their snuff away, claiming they would die of toothache. But the boycott lasted a long time, and created a lot of talk.

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## REV. J. L. ASHLEY TO PREACH AT ENGELHARD

The Reverend J. L. Ashley of Piedmont, S. C. will be preaching in the services at the Methodist Church, Engelhard, beginning at the 11:00 A.M. service, April 19, through Sunday morning, April 26. Save for the two Sunday hours the services will be held nightly at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Ashley is a member of the South Carolina Conference of the Charlotte Area. He is a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S. C. and has done special work at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Ashley comes to us with a great deal of evangelistic experience.

Visitors will be the Rev. William O. Connor, pastor of the Mattamuskeet Methodist Church, Lake Landing; Mrs. W. B. Payne, Gulrock; P. D. Midgett, III, Engelhard, and Leon Ballance, Lake Landing.

## CHARLES GREGORY DIES SUDDENLY AT RODANTHE W. E. D.

Charles B. Gregory, 47, merchant of Rodanthe, died suddenly Wednesday night at ten o'clock of a long standing heart ailment. He was the husband of Mrs. Rae Meekins Gregory and the son of Willis N. and Ethel Stone Gregory, late of Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Gregory was born Dec. 27, 1905 at Hertford, N. C., and grew up in Norfolk. For a time he made his residence at Sligo, N. C., in Currituck County, coming to Manteo about ten years ago, where for several years he engaged in the plumbing and heating business. He was well-known in eastern North Carolina, coming of a family prominent in the business life of the region.

He is survived by two children of a former marriage: Mrs. Robert B. Wyant of Olathe, Kans., and Willis Gregory, USA, Fort Bragg, N. C.; by a sister, Mrs. Vivian Duncan of Salisbury, and a brother, Wiley N. Gregory of Weldon.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo, Friday (today) at 11 a.m. and burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk, at 3 p.m.

## LEARY'S OPEN ON SATURDAY FOR SEASON

Former Market Location Converted Into Office and Taproom for Guests

Nags Head.—Formal opening of Leary's motor court and bingo will take place Saturday, when a new office and taproom for guests in the motor court will be in use for the first time. The general public will not be served.

What formerly was used for a market has been entirely remodeled to make room for the office and taproom, as well as for added rooms for the Leary family's apartment. What was the office has also been taken into the apartment.

All the walls in the remodeled section are knotty pine and the floor coverings are asphalt tile, in a yellow and maroon color combination. Chartreuse is the predominating color in the modern plastic upholstered furnishings. In the tap room, the walls are lined with settee lounges, in front of which are the tables. Indirect lighting is used in this section.

In the building devoted to bingo, paneling and tables have been re-varnished, floors and walls freshly painted. In a slight change of arrangement, the caller's position has been moved from the front to the center of the room.

William (Bill) Fulcher of Danville, Va., is to be the caller this year. He is a new member of the staff. Mrs. J. K. Brock of Norfolk, formerly Miss Betty Jane Leary, will be assisting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Leary, again this year and other employees will include Bill Branch of Rich Square and Elwood Pridden of Nags Head. Leon Saunders, colored stock man who has been with the bingo business since it was started, will be on the job again.

## MRS. MATILDA BAUM OF KITTY HAWK DIES

Mrs. Matilda Etheridge Baum of Kitty Hawk, who was 88 years old last month, died in Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, after an extended illness. She was the wife of the late George W. Baum who died 30 years ago; a lifelong resident of Kitty Hawk, and the mother of E. W. Baum and Miss Nora Baum. She was born on Roanoke Island, the daughter of the late Truxton and Mrs. Emmeline Etheridge. Surviving her are the following sisters: Mrs. H. Degarde Perry and Mrs. F. H. Midgett of Kitty Hawk.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Methodist church. Burial will be in the family burial plot at Kitty Hawk.

## REV. L. O. FOXWORTH TO BE AVON'S VISITING MINISTER

When the Avon Methodist Church begins its evangelistic mission April 19, the visiting minister will be Rev. L. O. Foxworth of Townville, S. C. The charge, consisting of Fair Haven and Clark's Bethel, will meet together for the Sunday School and church hour, and lunch will be served. Afternoon services will be at two o'clock and evening services at 7:30. Rev. P. M. Porter, pastor, invites the public to attend.

## A BATTLE WITH RATTLESNAKES ON THE CAPE

Ma and Pa Snake Vanquished By Hardy Surveying Crew at Hatteras

Buxton on Cape Hatteras, April 16.—First and last there has been a lot of committees on Hatteras island with divergent notions about the National Park Service and other matters but for the engineering party headed by Engineer W. C. Zubanks the committee to end all committees confronted them somewhere west of the Great Light-nouse along Austin's Ridge one afternoon this week and for a brief moment the surveyors were ready to give the island back to the natives in its entirety.

This committee was headed by a spokesman who made apocalyptic noises. He was the grizzled grandfather of all the rattlesnakes on the island and he made noises with an incredible number of rattles attached to his tail. Also he had fangs about a yard long and when he struck, it appeared to the momentarily panic-stricken surveyors that his reach was from here to yonder—or from there to here.

Surveyors retired to previously unprepared positions, their line of retreat being marked by a considerable yardage of hide and garments which festooned the thick underbrush. After consultation their lines were re-formed and Seymour Gray, of Avon, a senior member of the assisting crew, advanced cautiously with a bush axe. The rattler lunged and Mr. Gray caught him neatly back of the ear with his bush instrument. The snake was stunned.

Other members of the crew advanced, boldly now. Jim Gray, also of Avon, got in a lick. Presently the snake was annihilated, reduced to exceedingly and insignificant fragments. But not before some thought was taken of his size. He was six feet long, not including the 12 rattles and one button and "as big around as my thigh." It takes a thigh of considerable roundness to cope with running land lines down Austin's Ridge.

And scarcely had the triumphant surveyors got themselves launched upon a congratulation of themselves, both for escaping the savagery of the snake and concerning their own prowess as snake killers, but they became stupefyingly aware that they were not alone. Mrs. Rattlesnake arrived. She had no rattles with which to make apocalyptic noises, but she had a good long reach with her neck and fangs that looked at least six feet long. Actually, she was a foot shorter than her deceased lord and master but she was a willing wife. And she was quite fat, rather larger than the thigh of a surveyor.

Here the narrative becomes a little blurred in outline and it cannot be said with much certainty who killed Mrs. Snake. It does appear.

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MEET AT BUXTON

The annual business meeting of the North Carolina District Council of the Assemblies of God will be held at the Buxton Assembly of God, April 21 through April 23, announces Rev. Robert Rayle, pastor of the church.

The opening service at 7:30 Tuesday evening will be a visual demonstration of the Sunday School work entitled, "The Good Ship S.S. Evangelism." The nautical theme will be carried out in scenery and music. Narrators will be Rev. Andrew Stirling, superintendent of the district, and Violet Bluhm, S. S. director. Local and other talent will participate.

Full schedules on Wednesday and Thursday will include a communion and memorial service followed by the state superintendent's annual sermon on Wednesday morning and business sessions both afterwards. At 7 p.m. Thursday, an ordination service for ministers will take place.

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and 8 p.m. Thursday, Rev. Fred Vogler, an assistant superintendent of the Assemblies of God, from Springfield, Missouri, and director of the home mission department which includes missionary work among the American Indians and in Alaska, orphanages, and ministry to the deaf, at penal institutions and in pioneer fields, will be speaking. He also will address the ministers and Christian workers at the 10 a.m. service Thursday.

Visitors to Buxton from across the state are expected to number over one hundred. The Assemblies at Avon and Hatteras are cooperating in entertaining the delegation.

Evening services will be of special interest to the general public and Rev. Rayle extends a cordial invitation to all to attend.

## DR. HARVEY B. MANN NAMED U.N.C. TRUSTEE



DR. HARVEY B. MANN of Lake Landing is among 28 nominees picked by a joint House and Senate committee of the State Assembly for the board of trustees of the Consolidated University of North Carolina.

Dr. Mann, president of the American Potash Institute with headquarters in Washington, D. C., is a graduate of North Carolina State College in Raleigh where he did his undergraduate work and received his master's degree in agronomy. He received his doctor's degree at Cornell University.

Dr. Mann and his family maintain their residence in Hyde County. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mann of Lake Landing.

He also owns a beach cottage at Nags Head.

## ROTARIANS HOLD LADIES NIGHT MANTEO MON.

Upwards of 50 Rotarians and Rotary Anns enjoyed annual ladies night Monday in the Community Building in Manteo. The meeting was called the most successful event of the kind in nearly 20 years of the club's history. Rosebuds were presented the ladies. Mrs. Jessie Mann presided at the piano with old fashioned numbers and Mrs. Millie Brown and Mrs. Joan Numemaker of Nags Head sang.

The address of welcome was given by Wally McCown and the response for the ladies by Mrs. E. E. Meekins. A turkey dinner was served by Mrs. Hilda Ballance.

## HATTERAS GIRL CHOSEN AS MISS DARE OF 1953

Manteo.—Teen-age Roberta Byrd of Hatteras village was chosen as Miss Dare County of 1953 in the Lions Club-sponsored beauty contest held here in Manteo. She will represent Dare in the annual Albemarle Potato Festival.

Her runnerups were Phyllis Sawyer of Kitty Hawk and Sandra Saunders of Manteo. Competition for "Miss Dare" was keen this year with 29 beauties from all parts of the Dare Coast participating.

It is the fourth year that a Hatteras Islander has won the "Miss Dare" title. Previously for two years Agnes Fulcher of Buxton won the title and on the previous year lovely Lila Peele was chosen as the Dare coast queen of beauty.

## ART EXHIBIT IN MANTEO DISPLAYS MANY ITEMS

An art exhibit in Manteo Tuesday night, sponsored by the Manteo Woman's Club, displayed art in various forms, and attracted a small but appreciative crowd. Items ranged from crude drawings and paintings by a number of school children, through many pictures by local amateur artists, to a display by the nationally famous artist Frank Stick, who makes his home at Kitty Hawk.

Mrs. Charles Marshall placed on display a number of her ceramic creations, and Ernest Yates showed framed applique work done by Santo Dominicans. Aycock Brown showed a collection of his prize photographs.

Others placing paintings in the exhibit were Albert Q. Bell, Ralph Tillet, T. D. Etheridge, Mrs. R. B. Etheridge, Mrs. O. J. Jones, Mrs. Bessie Williams, Billy Brown, Mrs. Francis Meekins, Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Sr., and Michael Hayman. Jack Marshall displayed a piece of bronze work.

The Community Building, in which the affair took place, was decorated with a profusion of spring flowers. Refreshments were served from a table covered with an Italian cutwork cloth and centered with spring flowers. Mrs. O. J. Jones presided at the punch bowl, and Mrs. William C. Eubank served sandwiches and cookies.

## POSTMASTERS OF FIRST DISTRICT AT NAGS HEAD

R. R. Kessinger Host Saturday at Dinner at Carolinian

Postmaster R. R. Kessinger of Nags Head will be host Saturday at Nags Head to the spring meeting of postmasters of the First District. More than 100 postmasters are expected to attend. This meeting is the last meeting in this district before the annual meeting in May at Carolina Beach.

Postmaster Russell Johnston of Beilhaven plans to attend, taking with him postmasters Hal Harris of Leechville, Mrs. Louella Swindell of Swan Quarter and W. W. Watson of Lake Landing.

The dinner Saturday will be held at the Carolinian Hotel.

While Mr. Kessinger is host, W. A. Armond of Ayden will be toastmaster, Mrs. Effie A. Brickhouse of Columbia is program chairman. All state officers of the association and North Carolina national officers have been invited.

## PARK SERVICE PLANS SHORE IMPROVEMENTS

Gives Funds to State for Parking Area at Lighthouse; Spillway and Drainage at Cape Planned

The National Park Service has started the first of its development program in connection with the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Funds have been made available to the North Carolina Highway Department to stabilize the two parking areas that are being constructed on the new road from Buxton to Cape Point. One parking area, 22' x 200' will be located near the lighthouse, while the other will be located near Cape Point, the latter parking lot will be 22' x 500'. The stabilization of the parking areas is necessary to keep cars from sinking through the roadway during the extremely hot summer weather.

The Park Service is also issuing invitations to bid on a contract for the construction of a headwall and spillway on the drainage outlet for the Cape Point section. Without proper drainage and tide gates, much of the area around the Point, and what was formerly part of the State Park, stays under water a considerable portion of the time. The tide gates will be installed to let surface water drain from the area but will not admit seawater during high tides. The cost of the above work is estimated to be approximately \$3500.00.

## PARK SERVICE GETS FERRY FOR INLET

The State Highway Department has advertised for bids for the conversion of a landing craft, LCU 621, on April 13 for use at Oregon Inlet. The bids are to be opened April 27 and a contract awarded immediately thereafter. A time provision in the contract invitation authorizes 60 days to complete the conversion.

The Navy Department brought the landing craft to Little Creek, Virginia from Newport, Rhode Island. While the shipyards are making estimates of the cost of repairs, the Navy is stripping the vessel of equipment not desired by the National Park Service and the Highway Department. This will be completed by the time for the contract for the conversion is let, at which time the Navy Department will officially transfer to the National Park Service who will in turn make it available to the Highway Department on a Special-use Permit. The craft will aid materially in easing the congestion that now exists at Oregon Inlet.

## MRS. EVELYN HARRISON BURIED AT BUXTON THURS.

Mrs. Evelyn Midgett Harrison, 53, wife of Albert McDonald Harrison, 121 Cushing Street, Cradock, Va., died Monday morning in a Portsmouth hospital. She was a native of Buxton and daughter of the late Abraham and Rebekah Midgett of Dare County and had lived in Cradock for the past 12 years.

She is survived by her husband, Albert McDonald Harrison, one daughter, Mrs. Celus F. Weeks of Cradock, a brother, William Riley Midgett of Lake Worth, Fla.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Buxton Methodist Church at Buxton, the Rev. W. B. Gregory, pastor, officiated. Burial followed in the Buxton Cemetery. The body lay in state one hour prior to funeral services.

## PULP COMPANY LAND CLAIMS BEING FOUGHT

East Lake.—Claims to certain lands in East Lake Township now being made by the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. are being objected to this week by answers filed in Superior Court of Dare County through LeRoy & Goodwin of Elizabeth City, attorneys.

These attorneys represent P. P. Gregory of Shawboro, and D. V. Meekins and Catherine D. Meekins of Manteo. Mr. Gregory opposes the claims of the company to certain lands in the Beechland section on Mill Tail Creek. Meekins claims that the company attempts to take 50 acres of Cypress Swamp and other lands in the Lake Neighborhood section, and title which he holds has been continuous for some 200 years.

The Pulp Company recently instituted action in the Superior Court to perfect titles to upwards of 200,000 acres of land in Croatan and East Lake Townships, under what is known as the Torrens land law. Notice was served on several hundred persons who are or may be parties in interest in lands adjoining, or encompassed by surveys made by the company last year. Under this action, if no defense is made of titles in question, the Pulp Company may be adjudged the owner of the entire area it seeks under the petition.

## TAXPAYERS WORKING UP A STORM OVER HIKE IN VALUES

The general talk on the streets of Manteo this week has to do with the turbulent minds of many taxpayers of Dare County about notices of hikes in valuations of property, and they are planning to go before the commissioners next week with some mighty pointed questions.

Four years ago, following a general revaluation, the commissioners in two years paid off a \$40,000 operating deficit and during the second year cut the tax rate ten per cent. It was apparent that a further cut of ten per cent might easily follow. In spite of all this, the board the year following jumped the tax rate ten per cent, and since then have been allowing some departments of the county to get away with some mighty high budgets.

The taxpayers want to know why it is necessary in the face of the tremendous increase in property constructed each year on the Dare Beaches it now becomes necessary to keep on kiting taxes. They insist on the other hand, there is every reason that reductions are in order, if good business judgment is exercised.

Anyway, it looks like the board will have a full session on April 21st, Tuesday of next week.

## NOTED AUTHOR VISITS ROANOKE IS. GARDENS

By **AYCOCK BROWN**  
When Joseph Hergesheimer and Huntington Cairns visited Roanoke Island this week to see the dogwood blossoms now splashing the area where English-speaking America had its beginning, they also stopped at Roanoke Gardens to buy some potted rose geranium.

"We were amazed to find a completely arranged nursery and hot-house filled with native and foreign plants here," said Cairns who is on the staff of the National Gallery of Art in Washington. He is the author of several books on art and rare paintings.

Hergesheimer, author of such best sellers as Java Head, Three Black Pennys and Balise Sands, was also amazed to see the gardens created here by British-born Albert Q. Bell, resident of Manteo for many years and associate manager of The Lost Colony.

Hergesheimer and Cairns are no strangers on the Dare Coast. Cairns owns an oceanside cottage in Southern Shores at Kitty Hawk where Hergesheimer has often been his guest. They had visited Roanoke Island Gardens on several occasions to see the native and flowering shrubs, but it was the first time they had been here since Bell established his green house.

"We didn't expect to find geraniums here, especially rose geranium which in some sections are considered the rarest of the species," said Hergesheimer.  
Rose geraniums are not uncommon along the Outer Banks and in some of the island villages they are called "fish geranium."  
"That synonym," said Bell, "probably resulted from the fact that natives use water in which fish are cleaned to water their potted plants, and especially their geraniums."

## TOLL ROAD BILL PUT THROUGH BY REPRESENTATIVE

Warren's Blast May Have Brought Privately Owned Bridge Out of Bill

Where a man's treasure is his heart lies. As was to be expected, Representative Bruce Etheridge of Dare County who so reluctantly went along on the proposal for state owned toll bridges, because last session he went all-out for privately owned bridges, put a bill in the house for the five-year-old beach toll-road project. The object is now to overcome the ruling of the Supreme Court which opined that the Legislature could not give a company municipal powers nor the right to condemn private land.

Rep. Combs of Tyrrell was the introducer of a bill to cover the bridge situation. Yet it leaked out somehow that a bill was still going to be put through to give the bridge rights to a private company. Former Representative Lindsey Warren, who has long been a leader in the fight for free highways in this state, took a long blast at the project last week. A storm of opposition followed. When the private road bill was introduced, it left out the bridges. It was just too hot, it appears. This group of manipulators may have to wait two years longer, unless they can stall off or discourage the state officials as they have been doing for the past five years.

The separate bills for coastal toll roads and coastal toll bridges steered safely through House and Senate committee in Raleigh Wednesday.

Without an opposing vote, the Senate Finance Committee stamped its approval upon a bill which would permit State-built toll bridges to span Alligator River and Croatan Sound.

Without an opposing vote, the House Roads Committee favored a bill designed to permit private interests to build a seaside toll road from Virginia Beach south to Nags Head.

The coastal toll road bill, introduced by Dare's Rep. R. Bruce Etheridge and others, is similar to bills passed by the 1949 and 1951 General Assemblies. But the bill was redrawn to get around the objections of the State Supreme Court, which several months ago held both the 1949 and 1951 acts unconstitutional.

The new bill deletes all mention of bridges. Attorney James McMullan told the Roads members that the toll road will "tie into bridges already authorized" under the proposal which passed the Senate's Finance Committee.

The toll road bill allows the right of eminent domain to be exercised by private interests.

Asked why U. S. Comptroller General Lindsay Warren had attacked the toll road bill, Attorney McMullan answered that the reason seemed to be personal between Warren and a leader in the toll road plan.

The leader is Ray Adams of Washington, D. C., formerly a staunch friend of Warren, said McMullan. "But they don't seem to see eye to eye any longer." Adams is a member of the Carolina-Virginia Turnpike Authority which proposes to build the toll road. He also is a principal property owner along the route the road will follow.

Etheridge said Comptroller General Warren is a "fine man, a great friend of mine. He has his opinion and I have mine."

Warren's blast said that the toll road idea would advance a land speculation deal by a non-resident. He also blasted supposed plans of the developers for private toll bridges.

## METHODIST EVANGELISTIC MISSION GETS UNDERWAY

The Methodist Evangelistic Mission gets underway this week end throughout the North Carolina Conference. All Methodist preachers from South Carolina come to North Carolina on Friday afternoon of this week. Methodist preachers of this area will meet guest ministers in Elizabeth City Friday. A conference will follow for the purpose of instruction and inspiration. The evening meal will be served at one of the churches of the city.

Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock a mass meeting of young people will be held at First Methodist Church in Elizabeth City. Two bus loads of young people will go from Wanchese and Manteo. Each bus will have an adult counsellor. Young people from every charge in the Elizabeth City District are urged to attend. Next Sunday morning and evening guest ministers will preach in all Methodist churches; and also preach each evening in the local churches. Everybody is invited to attend the services.