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PARK SERVICE TO FURNISH FOREST FIRE PROTECTION

Robert C. McCabe On Duty As Civil Engineer Succeeding Eubank

The National Park Service is planning to furnish forest fire protection facilities to Hatteras and Bodie Island according to A. C. Stratton, the Project Manager of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Stratton stated that it is the policy of the National Park Service to attempt to protect not only Park lands but other lands from which fires might spread into the Park area. This will entitle the Park facilities to be used on any grass or woods fires between Whalebone on Bodie Island and Ocracoke Inlet.

All fire fighting facilities and the fighting of going fires will be under the supervision of G. P. Hultman, the Chief Park Ranger who recently entered on duty at Buxton, North Carolina. Fires can be reported either to Mr. Hultman, who can be reached by telephone through the Cape Hatteras Coast Guard Station or to the National Park Service office in Manteo, where the telephone number is 243. At night and on week ends Manteo calls can be routed to Charles S. Marshall at Manteo 29J. Fire tools of sufficient quantity to fight the average size fire on these islands have been ordered and will be available early in July.

The furnishing of this fire protection is only a single phase of the services which the National Park Service will render to the communities and to the visiting public. Other services and facilities will be announced as rapidly as funds and personnel become available.

Robert C. McCabe of Richmond, Virginia has entered on duty as Civil Engineer with Cape Hatteras National Seashore, it has been announced by the Park Service. Mr. McCabe replaces William C. Eubank who recently resigned from the National Park Service to go into private business in Newport News, Virginia. It will be Mr. McCabe's responsibility to make land surveys on Bodie Island, Hatteras Island and Ocracoke in connection with land acquisition for the National Seashore.

Mr. McCabe is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana. He attended high school in Richmond, Virginia and then received his engineering degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1948. His college education had been interrupted by military service in the European Theatre during and after World War II. Since graduating from VPI he has worked with the Navy Department at Dahlgren, Virginia and, more recently, with the Army Corps of Engineers in Richmond, Virginia. He is married to the former Mary Elizabeth Richart of Richmond, Virginia.

The McCabes will live at 218 East Main Street in Manteo.

DARE BOOKMOBILE TO RESUME SERVICE JULY 7

The Dare County Bookmobile service will be resumed on July 7, according to announcement this week by Mrs. Van Ness Harwood, librarian. Mrs. Robert Balfante of Manteo will be the new Bookmobile librarian. The schedule will be as follows: July 7, Wanchese; July 14, Manns Harbor, Stumpy Point, etc.; July 21, Kitty Hawk, etc.; July 28, Avon, Buxton, Hatteras, etc.

The librarians have requested that all books which were not collected before the Bookmobile trips were discontinued be turned in when the next trip is made. It is necessary for all books to be returned in order for the library authorities to make an accounting to the State in the annual report.

WILLIAM M. HARRIS IS HOSPITALIZED IN GEORGIA

William M. Harris, son-in-law, of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Etheridge of Manteo, has been a patient in a hospital in Augusta, Ga., for several weeks, following an accident in which he suffered hip, knee and facial injuries. Mr. Harris, who was employed in Salley, S. C., was injured when the car he was driving was run into by a truck. Mrs. Harris is at his bedside in Augusta.

THE "LOST COLONY" HAS MANY NEW AND INTERESTING FEATURES



America's longest-lived outdoor production, Paul Green's symphonic drama, *The Lost Colony*, opens in Waterside Theatre at Manteo on Roanoke Island, on Saturday night, June 27, for its 13th season, with performances nightly (except Mondays) throughout the summer and until September 6. Those seeing the show this year will find many new features in scenes from the drama which tells of English speaking America's beginning in the New World during the late 16th century. Some of the scenes are shown in the above layout. In upper left Lillian Prince as Queen Elizabeth the First, inhales a whiff of "uppowoc" smoke, the Indian tobacco the first explorers found growing on Roanoke Island. An innkeeper is shown chasing Old Tom Harris, tragi-comic fool of the show, from his establishment in Plymouth, England. John Lehman, choreographer of the drama, who plays Uppowoc, the Indian dancer and medicine man, is shown in center of layout. North Carolina born Barbara Edwards Griffith, the leading lady of the show, who plays Eleanor Dare, is shown in lower left cuddling her baby, Virginia, first child of English parentage born in the new world that was to become America, and at lower right the christening of Virginia Dare scene. Since *The Lost Colony* premiere in 1937 more than 600,000 persons have seen the show which is sponsored by Roanoke Island Historical Association, a State agency.

FOUND \$700 AND LIVED HIGH ON OCRACOKE ISLE

Was a Lot of Wealth 70 Years Ago When Man Discovered Cash in Sands

An interesting story of the finding of \$700 in the sands of his happy island by an Ocracoke citizen some 70 years ago, and how the finder spent freely and entertained his friends on such fat as the land afforded in those times, is contained in a letter to the Editor by Thos. W. Howard, one of Ocracoke's beloved citizens, a retired postmaster.

Here's how Mr. Howard tells the story:

To the Editor: I read an article—"Outer Banks Wealth Rumor Spiked" by Aycock Brown of Manteo. Some time ago some one posted a clipping from "Virginia Pilot" at a conspicuous place here at Ocracoke, which every sensible person, in my opinion, knew the reason why it was done. I am quite an old man and have made my home here on Outer Banks since birth; it seems strange to me that it has just come to light there is wealth in the sands on the beach. I do remember, however, at one time—I think in the 80's a native here while "beach combing" came across quite a sum of silver and gold money. It was stated the amount was around \$700. It has been thought it was the money stolen from the Post Office at New Bern, N. C. As I remember, a young man got in the safe and got the money and fled during the night by a small sail boat. Some time early next morning while in Pamlico Sound a heavy wind and sea floundered the boat and he was drowned. It has been thought by old citizens of Ocracoke that the money found here by the "Beach Comber" was the money, though at the time, I suppose to have been kept a secret.

During the 80's very few people had money here at Ocracoke and high living was unknown, but it has been stated this "Beach Comber" lived sumptuously, he being a very generous fellow invited his friends to dine with him, serving the best food obtainable. The story goes—he served two kinds of butter, in color, the pale and yellow; also two kinds of cheese, strong, and mild. Of course, by such See WEALTH, Page Eight

DARE COUNTY PEOPLE HURT IN AUTO MISHAP

Mrs. John E. Herbert of Rodanthe was a visitor in Manteo Wednesday, and told friends of an automobile accident which occurred several days ago when her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Julian L. Gray, were returning from a visit at Rodanthe to their home in Englewood, Colorado. The accident occurred in Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Gray, their daughter, Miss Norma Gray, and Mrs. Herbert's daughter, Miss Jazania Herbert, were taken to the hospital at Scott Air Force Base. Mr. and Mrs. Gray, who sustained serious injuries, remained patients there. The girls, who received only minor bruises, are being cared for by the Red Cross nearby.

Mr. Gray, who is in the Coast Guard, is being transferred from Colorado to an East Coast station, and he and Mrs. Gray and their daughter were returning home to pack their things after a visit in Rodanthe. Miss Herbert was accompanying them for a visit.

WEST VIRGINIANS MAKE BIG FLOUNDER CATCH

This is the season for flounder and some big catches of the big flatfish are being caught in local and nearby inlet waters. One of the better catches this week was made by a party of five West Virginians using shrimp for bait and bottom fishing near the Inlet. They caught 110, the largest weighing three and one half pounds. In the party were F. B. McLoy, Charles E. Nortman, Benjamin J. Rosenbloom and John E. Wise. They were from Wheeling, W. Va.

RICHARD I. MIDGETTE TO ENTER ANNAPOLIS

Richard I. Midgette, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Midgette, of Hempstead, Long Island, New York, has recently passed entrance examinations to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and is to be sworn in as a midshipman June 29. Young Midgette entered the Naval Prep School at Bainbridge, Md., in September and has just completed the preparatory courses there. He is the grandson of Mrs. Minnie Midgette of Manteo, and has visited her often.

RECEIVES AWARD FOR YEARS OF SAFE DRIVING

J. O. Basnight of Manteo, better known to his friends and bus passengers as "Mose", recently received his 19-year service award pin from the Markel service, which is an insurance service covering transportation vehicles. While the pin was for 19 years of driving without a chargeable accident, Mr. Basnight has actually driven without accident for the Virginia Dare Transportation Co., for 24 years. Only the last 19 years have been serviced by the Markel organization, but the previous years he drove for the bus company were equally without accident.

COLONY'S TARHEEL-BORN LEADING LADY



BARBARA EDWARDS GRIFFITH, native of Troy, N. C., saw THE LOST COLONY when she was 10 years old. From that night back in the thirties she planned someday to be in the show herself. After finishing college she applied for a role and for the past five seasons she has been cast in the role of Eleanor Dare, female lead of the drama which has lived longer than any other outdoor production in America. (Photo by Aycock Brown)

BOARD SEEKS SCHOOL SITE COMPROMISE

Chairman Walter Perry Authorized to Consult With State Education Group

When the county board of education holds its next meeting, at 1 o'clock the afternoon of July 7, the chairman, Walter Perry, probably will be able to report on the possibility of acceptance of a compromise site for the proposed \$200,000 school for Hatteras Island.

When it met last week, following a ruling by Judge John J. Burney in Wake superior court that the state board of education was justified in refusing approval of the use of state money to build the school at Avon, the county board authorized Perry to confer with the state board about a compromise site.

Buxton was first chosen as the site of the consolidated school and the choice was approved by the state board. This action was protested by Avon residents and the county board swung over to a site at Avon. The state board, however, called this seaside location unsafe and refused to approve use of state funds to build there.

The proposed school, when actually built, will take care of all pupils on Hatteras Island from the first through the twelfth grades.

The board also approved appointment of three teachers, Stanley Matthews for Manns Harbor, Mrs. Elizabeth Peterson for Manteo and W. E. Hall for Roanoke school.

Chairman Perry also announced that the county commissioners had approved a \$38,000 school budget.

LOST COLONY WORSHIPS BEGIN AT MANTEO SUNDAY

Manteo. — With the Rev. Carlos Gardner, Methodist minister formerly of Richmond and Norfolk as guest speaker, the first in a series of Sabbath worship periods to be held in Waterside Theatre during the *Lost Colony* season will be held on Sunday morning, June 28, at 11 o'clock, it was announced today by R. E. Jordan, general manager of the drama which celebrates its 13th season premiere here on Saturday evening.

The Rev. Mr. Gardner will be introduced by Thomas L. White, host minister for *Lost Colony* services during the current season, which changes Waterside son.

A feature of the worship period into a "cathedral-by-the-sea" on each Sunday morning will be music by The *Lost Colony* Chorus, under the direction of Ralph Burrier. See SERVICES, Page Eight

"LOST COLONY" OPENING FOR ITS 13TH SEASON TOMMOROW NIGHT AT OLD FORT RALEIGH

Longest Running Outdoor Drama in America, Written by Author Paul Green, Expected to Maintain Its Best Season Through July and August, Manager Dick Jordan Believes.

By AYCOCK BROWN

Following many days' and nights of rigid rehearsal periods *The Lost Colony*, now America's longest-lived outdoor production is all set for a gala premiere in Waterside Theatre here on Saturday night at 8:15 o'clock. The performance on Saturday night will be the 593rd since the drama started on its long run, July 4, 1937.

North Carolina's secretary of state, Thad Eure, will make a brief curtain speech as the 1953 season begins. He will be representing Governor William B. Umstead who had to cancel plans he had made to be at the opening due to his recent illness.

The production schedule this year calls for performances each night, except Mondays, through September 6. It will be one of the longest summer seasons in the history of the drama.

Under the management of R. E. Jordan several new policies have been adopted for the drama this year, the principal one being that ticket prices are now within an easy to pay range of everyone.

The show this year has been directed by Clifton Britton in cooperation with Samuel Selden, supervisory director. There are approximately 200 persons in The *Lost Colony* Company including a large group of technicians and the famous *Lost Colony* Chorus made up of Westminster Choir College voices under the direction of Ralph Burrier.

Most of the principal actors are veterans of the cast. Eleanor Dare is played by Barbara E. Griffith; John Borden by Robert Armstrong; Sir Walter Raleigh will again be Andrew Griffith and the dazzling Queen Elizabeth is again Lillian Prince. Fred Young, popular "Old Tom Harris" of the cast will be seen in that role again this year.

More than 600,000 persons have paid admission to see *The Lost Colony* since its original premiere in 1937.

Since Paul Green wrote *THE LOST COLONY* during the mid-thirties to be presented in its premiere at Waterside Theatre in 1937, he has been very pleased with every phase of the drama, except the finale. The finale which Green planned was one which would produce during the final marchoff from the great Waterside Theatre stage the effect of angelic voices coming from the Heavens in pity and solitude. Until this year, despite Green's planning with electronics engineers failed to produce the dream of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play writer.

Now, the effect that Green had planned for the world's original symphonic drama has been worked out to perfection, and no electronics are involved. Credit for the sensational and dramatic finale goes to Ralph Burrier, director of *Lost Colony* Chorus, made up of voices from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J. and Clifton Britton, director of *The Lost Colony*. Samuel Selden, the supervising director of *THE LOST COLONY* heard this singing finale on Sunday night upon his arrival from the mountains where he is also director of Kermit Hunter's "Horn in the West" at Boone.

The finale, when first presented during a rehearsal on the week end brought tears to the eyes of Lillian Prince, who in *The Lost Colony* for many years has played the role of hard-boiled Queen Elizabeth the first. Samuel Selden, supervisory director of the drama, when he heard the finale for the first time on Sunday night was spell bound. Paul Green, the drama's author, now enroute to Denver for an engagement on Friday night heard of the finale that Burrier and Britton have worked out and his reaction was this, "If there is a place in Denver that will get me to Norfolk in time for someone to meet me on Saturday night in Norfolk, I will be there for the premiere of *The Lost Colony* to hear the extraordinary finale our technicians, See LOST COLONY, Page Eight

MAIL AND OTHER GOODS BURN WITH BUS WEDNESDAY

Many Dare County residents are wondering whether or not they lost mail or other items in the fire which burned a Virginia Dare Transportation Co. bus Wednesday afternoon shortly before two o'clock on highway 158, 10 miles east of Elizabeth City.

A considerable amount of mail assorted merchandise, silver coins, and even baby chicks, were burned when the bus, enroute to Manteo, caught fire and was destroyed.

The bus driver, Lloyd Banks, of Mamie, and his sole passenger, an unidentified woman coming to Manteo, escaped injury. Total loss of mail and consigned merchandise is as yet undetermined.

Banks said he smelled smoke and pulled onto the shoulder of the road to discover that the entire baggage compartment was in flames. A passing motorist helped him fight the fire with an extinguisher and called the Elizabeth City Fire Department, which responded at 1:59 p. m. and battled the blaze until about 4:15 P. M. The big vehicle was a total loss, all that remained being wheels, headlights, and motor block.

Although origin of the fire was not definitely placed, it was believed caused by wiring in the rear-mounted engine of the bus.

Scattered on the highway amid a mass of ashes was \$500 in silver for the Manteo Bank, beachwear, cosmetics, groceries, chicks, etc., consigned for Manteo stores, and an undetermined amount of mail, including registered shipments, for the Dare Post Office.

R. L. Garrett, Elizabeth City Postmaster, and Postal Inspector J. T. Johnson, said it was the first such loss experienced by that office. They dispatched a pick-up truck to recover the mail and went to the scene themselves, as did Chester Hawkins, manager of the bus company, and W. B. Riddick, of the State Highway Department.

POPULAR THAD EURE OPENS LOST COLONY FOR ITS 13TH YEAR

Governor William B. Umstead has designated his popular Thad Eure, secretary of state, to officially open Paul Green's symphonic drama *THE LOST COLONY* for its 13th season in Waterside Theatre here on Saturday night, June 27. The Governor, recovering from a recent illness expressed regrets that he could not be present for the opening performance, due to that illness, "But I'm sending you our Secretary of State to act in my behalf," he said.

THE LOST COLONY, sponsored by Roanoke Island Historical Association, a state agency, is now America's longest-lived outdoor production. Since its premiere in 1937 (the drama was not presented during four World War II years) every North Carolina governor has made personal appearances at curtain talks during seasonal openings. Several months ago Governor Umstead had agreed to be here this year as the 13th season was launched, but due to a serious illness, from which he is now convalescing, he was unable to fill the date.

"Thad Eure will represent me and I am sure he will do a good job in launching your 13th season, which I have hopes will be the best in the history of Green's magnificent symphonic drama," said Governor Umstead in Raleigh on Monday. He was talking to Miles L. Clark, Elizabeth City, N. C., long time member of the sponsoring organization at the time he made his statement.

"My talk will be brief and to the point. I will give your audience a greetings from our great Governor and from official North Carolina," said the Secretary of State. "It will be a pleasure for me to be there again and for me to have this opportunity to bring a message from our Governor," he added.