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WRITERS PARLEY TO BE HELD AT HATTERAS IN JULY

Fifth Annual Event To Be Attended By Many Authors

The fifth annual North Carolina's Writers' Conference will be held in Hatteras, Friday through Sunday, July 23-25, it has been announced by Dick Walser of State College, Raleigh, who has been in charge of arrangements. Noel Houston, well known author of Chapel Hill is chairman of the conference this year.

Headquarters for the various sessions planned by the writers will be in the old life-boat room of Durant's Life Saving Station, now a privately owned tourist court owned by A. S. Austin. Housing arrangements have been booked for the Durants Cottage Court and Gibson's Atlantic View restaurant will be the eating place for the group.

The schedule calls for an informal meeting of all delegates to the conference at Durant's at five o'clock, July 23, followed by a meal at Scotty's. During this first evening of the conference at 8:30 o'clock Aycock Brown of Manteo will talk to the group on the subject, "The North Carolina Coast Country."

Saturday's schedule begins at 9:30 o'clock when William T. Polk, author of several books and on the editorial staff of Greensboro Daily News gives a discussion on "The Writer and Today's South." Following this conference there will be ocean bathing, lunch and during the afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock Josefina Niggli of Chapel Hill will give a talk on "The Writer and His Techniques." During the evening session Harry Golden of Charlotte will speak on "The Writer and His Conscience." At 10 o'clock Sunday morning, Noel Houston will lead a discussion on "The Writer and His Markets," followed by a short business session which will conclude the conference. . . . "Enroute to Hatteras, many of the writers will stop over in Manteo on Thursday night to see a performance of The Lost Colony," said Walser.

MANAGER JORDAN ALL SET FOR DRAMA SEASON

Lost Colony to Open Saturday Night, June 26; Several Major Changes



General Manager Dick Jordan of the Lost Colony stated today that everything is running smoothly towards the opening of the drama's 14th season in Waterside Theatre here on Saturday night, June 26. Full scale rehearsals will be underway next week and already the dancers are here practicing for the important parts they will play in the show.

As in recent years, the Lost Colony during its 14th season will be presented nightly (except Monday) through Labor Day Eve which will come on September 5.

There will be several major changes in the cast of the drama this year and even Waterside Theatre, under the direction of Associate Manager Al Bell, has been completely redressed for the 1954 season. Changes in the theatre have involved the elimination of some of the seats in the rear of the amphitheatre, where special landscaping has been created. There have also been many changes made in the general staging and the lighting system has been completely revamped under the supervision of Lighting Director Jim Byrd and Carl Swaim, sound technician for the drama.

FIRST SAILFISH OF SEASON

Hatteras.—First sailfish of the 1954 season was landed by Douglas Mann of Montclair, N. J. in the Gulf Stream off Hatteras on Monday while he trolled from Captain Edgar Styrton's cruiser "Twins II." The fish measured five feet and nine inches from tip to tip and weighed 22 pounds. Captain Styrton reported that on this day they sighted several more of the same species but failed to connect with them. The party did get several dolphin, one of 30 pounds.

TO RECEIVE DEGREE FROM UNC MONDAY

WILLIAM I. COCHRAN, JR., of Swan Quarter will receive a B. S. degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina, Monday, June 7th.

"Bill" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William I. Cochran of Swan Quarter and is a graduate of Swan Quarter High School, where he was active in school affairs and especially in Vocational Agriculture. He is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity at the university and has participated in many activities on the campus.

"Bill" is going immediately to Wilmington, where he will be employed in the branch office of Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company.

50% INCREASE IN FERRY TRIPS TO HATTERAS ISLE

State Gives No Increase In Service Over Alligator and Croatan

New toll-free ferry schedules announced by the State Highway Commission effective Saturday, June 5, through September 30th, show a 50 per cent increase above last season for the Oregon Inlet ferry, but no increase in service over Croatan Sound, nor for Alligator River, which latter point was a sore spot last year because of inadequate service.

Oregon Inlet, with two boats, will run 18 round trips a day, beginning with the trip from the North side at 5 a.m. and ending with the trip from the southside at 7 p.m., which two trips will be discontinued August 15th.

There will be no boat leaving Roanoke Island for Manns Harbor at 6 a.m. Instead, the first boat will leave at 7 a.m. Ferries will run every hour until 8 p.m., leaving Roanoke Island and Manns Harbor simultaneously.

An earlier ferry will leave East Lake for Tyrrell County at 6:30 a.m. and the last will leave Tyrrell at 7 p.m.

The new schedules are as follows:

SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULES

Effective June 5 through September 30, 1954

CROATAN SOUND FERRY	
Lv. Manns Harbor	Lv. Roanoke Island
7:00 A.M.	7:00 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.
9:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.	6:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
8:00 P.M.	8:00 P.M.
11:30 P.M.	11:30 P.M.
12:00 Midnight	
(Nightly Except Monday)	

ALLIGATOR RIVER FERRY

Lv. East Lake	Lv. Tyrrell County
7:00 A.M.	7:00 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.
9:15 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
10:45 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
12:15 P.M.	1:00 P.M.
1:45 P.M.	2:30 P.M.
3:15 P.M.	4:00 P.M.
4:45 P.M.	5:30 P.M.
6:15 P.M.	7:00 P.M.

OREGON INLET FERRY

Lv. North Shore	Lv. South Shore
5:00 A.M.	5:40 A.M.
6:40 A.M.	7:20 A.M.
8:20 A.M.	9:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:40 A.M.
11:40 A.M.	12:20 Noon
1:20 P.M.	2:00 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:40 P.M.
4:40 P.M.	5:20 P.M.
6:20 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
8:00 P.M.	8:40 P.M.
9:40 P.M.	10:20 P.M.
11:20 P.M.	12:00 Noon
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2:40 P.M.	3:20 P.M.
4:20 P.M.	5:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.	6:40 P.M.
7:40 P.M.	8:20 P.M.
9:20 P.M.	10:00 P.M.
11:00 P.M.	11:40 P.M.

Note: The 5:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Trips Will Be Discontinued August 15th.

AGED COLINGTON WOMAN DIES AT VIRGINIA BEACH

Mrs. Mary Christine O'Neal, 87, of False Cape, died at the Virginia Beach Hospital Tuesday at 5 a.m. after an emergency flight to the beach in a Coast Guard helicopter on Monday afternoon.

In ill health for a long time, she was severely stricken and needed immediate hospitalization. She was taken aboard the helicopter at South Little Coast Guard Station and flown to the beach hospital at 1:44 p.m.

Born at Bodie Island, N. C., she had been residing at False Cape 10 years. She was the wife of the late Thomas O'Neal. Her parents were Joseph and Mrs. Penelope Meekins Midgett, and she had spent most of her life in Colington.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Ray M. Beasley, of False Cape; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The body was taken to Colington Methodist Church Cemetery, near Kitty Hawk, for services at the grave and burial at 1:30 p.m.

ODDEST FISH IS CAPTURED

Buxton.—When Belton Rollinson felt the tug on his line he probably thought the hook was snagged into a submerged water-logged piece of timber. He played his "catch" carefully and kept reeling in and suddenly the oddest fish ever taken with rod and reel at the point of Cape Hatteras broke water. Finally he had it on the beach. The strange fish was identified as a mola mola or ocean sun fish. They are tropical water varieties and the specimen landed by Rollinson probably came inshore from the nearby Gulf Stream. It weighed 125 pounds and had been landed with a Hopkins Lure.

DARE COUNTY MEN COMPLETE AIR FORCE TRAINING



ELTON H. HAYES
Two Dare County men are completing their Air Force basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Hayes is the son of Marion Hayes of Colington, and Payne is the son of Folger Payne of Wanchese.



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STELWAGON, VOLLUM, WEEK-END AT HATTERAS

Harry W. Stelwagon, and Chas. M. Vollum of Philadelphia, spent the Memorial Day week end at Austin's Motor Court, Hatteras, where Mr. Stelwagon has been a visitor for some 30 years. Until recently, Mr. Stelwagon was half owner with Bert Lyons of the Gooseville Gun Club at Hatteras, and which they sold to the National Park Service for a price favorable to the park, conditioned on it being always restricted to shooting. Mr. Stelwagon for several years was holder of various records for Eastern coast fishing as well as records for certain fishing in Caribbean waters.

Mr. Vollum last year caught the first record channel bass at Hatteras within a few minutes after first casting his line in the surf. His fish, 56½ pounds was the largest caught. He held the Eastern U. S. championship in 1953 for distance tournament casting.

When the Gooseville Club was established about 30 years ago at Hatteras, there were four members; Frank Cheek of the Maxwell House coffee fortune; Van Campen Heilner of New York, Mr. Stelwagon and Mr. Lyon. At the time of the sale of the property, the club was owned jointly by Mr. Stelwagon and Mr. Heilner.

Mr. Heilner, in business near Philadelphia, heads the century old firm of Stelwagon, Inc. manufacturers of roofing and other products, and on numerous houses along the Dare Coast are many roofs of his products specially designed to withstand the rigors of coastal weather.

Mr. Lyon for many years has been spending the larger part of his time in Bimini, where he has been developing a large private estate, and had practically given up Hatteras many years ago. At one time he was most active in shooting and fishing, and provided funds to build a large girl's club, which was rather pretentious and out of keeping with the interests of the community. It has since been converted to the use of the U. S. Weather Bureau.

THOMAS R. WILCOX DIES IN HOSPITAL

Thomas Raymond Wilcox, 56, of Wanchese, died Sunday night in the Marine Hospital, Norfolk, Va., after a short illness. He was a native of Chicago, Illinois, a former resident of Portsmouth, Va., and had been living in Wanchese about one year. He was a member of the Wanchese Ruritan Club, and a veteran of World War I.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Beulah Midgett Wilcox; two sisters, Mrs. G. R. Wilson of South Bend, Indiana, and Mrs. Ruth Pruitt of Buchanan, Michigan; and one brother, Bertrand Wilcox.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at three o'clock in the Wanchese Methodist Church, with full military honors. Burial will be in the Cudworth cemetery.

MANTEO TEAM PLAYS POPLAR BRANCH SUNDAY

The Manteo Baseball Town Team will play the Poplar Branch Team Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at the new ball field in Manteo. The proceeds will go toward development of the new field, it has been announced by Ray Jones.

FINAL TRYOUTS FOR LOCAL ACTORS TUES.

Important Roles Still To Be Filled; Rehearsals To Begin Wednesday, June 9



Under the direction of Clifton Britton, final tryouts for local residents seeking roles in the cast of the Lost Colony this season will be held in the Manteo High School auditorium on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock it was announced today by General Manager Dick Jordan.

Britton, director of the drama, who with Supervisory Director Samuel Selden have produced some of the best performances in the history of the show, will arrive this week end from Goldsboro where he heads the department of dramatic arts of the High School.

There are several important roles to be filled by local actors this year, especially such parts as Indian braves, Indian women, and colonists.

A preliminary tryout for most of the roles to be filled by local actors was held several weeks ago in Manteo and at that time it was announced that the final casting would be immediately before rehearsals begin this summer. Rehearsals on a hard-working, full-scale schedule will begin on Wednesday, June 9.

ISLAND HOUSING BUREAU MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT

An organizational meeting of the Roanoke Island Housing Bureau will be held in the Community Building at Manteo on Monday night, June 7, it was announced this week. Purpose of the meeting will be to elect new officers and complete arrangements for the placement of tourists and Lost Colony visitors in local guest houses, motor and cottage courts and hotels.

The Lost Colony management does not operate the bureau. It is operated by the persons who are benefiting from the influx of summer visitors seeking overnight accommodations on Roanoke Island. The Lost Colony cooperates to the extent of providing desk space in the Community Building and also for a telephone. All letters from prospective Lost Colony visitors seeking accommodation on Roanoke Island received by the drama's office and Dare County Tourist Bureau are given the placement bureau for processing.

DARE OFFICIALS RETAINED BY LARGE MAJORITIES BY VOTERS IN PRIMARY SAT.

Kellogg Wins Highest Vote But Nosed Out of Senatorship as Ross and Owens Are Nominated; Baum and Duvall Highest On County Ticket.

Mostly by wide margins, incumbent officials in Dare County won heavily over their challengers in Saturday's primary. Martin Kellogg, Jr. in his race for State senator carried in the highest vote 1,183 but being nosed out in the seven-county race. L. H. Ross of Washington and Edward L. Owens of Plymouth being the winners. In Dare Ross got 297 and Owens 310 votes.

On the county ticket, Judge W. F. Baum led all candidates, defeating Jesse C. Groce 950 to 337. Chairman C. C. Duvall of the county Board led the ticket for Commissioner, his vote being 809 against Ira Spencer of Manns Harbor. W. H. Lewark of Kill Devil Hills with a vote of 731 defeated Dan S. Harris, 220, and Sam Liverman 266 for Commissioner.

The race between James Scarborough incumbent, and Newcomb Midgett of Waves for Commissioner was close. The former's vote was 645 with 538 for the latter.

Dick Best incumbent of Stumpy Point, defeated Forrest Sawyer of Manns Harbor for a place on the Board of Education. Best 653; Sawyer 568.

In the race for U. S. Senate, Lennon's vote was 776 and W. Kerr Scott 538. For treasurer, Edwin Gill 696 and Joshua James 202. For Insurance Commissioner Gold 462 and Fletcher 415.

MELICKS CELEBRATED GOLDEN WEDDING IN DARE COUNTY SUNDAY

Kill Devil Hills—Anne Townsend Bragaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Goldsmith Bragaw, of Washington, North Carolina, was married on June 8, 1904, to Camden Weller Melick. The wedding took place at St. Peter's Church, Washington, N. C.

On Sunday, May 30, here at The Croatan, the Melicks, now residents of Elizabeth City, observed their golden wedding anniversary.

An interesting highlight of the occasion was an old letter which Mrs. Melick read aloud. It told of the golden anniversary of her grandfather, William Bragaw, who married Anna Townsend in Woodslee, L. I., on January 6, 1820. The young minister John Goldsmith, performed his first marriage ceremony and the couple later named one of their sons, John Goldsmith; he grew up to be Mrs. Melick's father.

In 1870 the William Bragaws celebrated their golden anniversary in the same room of the old family home at Woodslee, L. I., where the wedding had taken place in 1820. At the celebration here on Sunday Anne Townsend Bragaw Melick used a cup and saucer which Anna Townsend Bragaw had used at her golden anniversary. Also carrying out the "gold" motif were a few pieces of gold flatware inherited by Mrs. Melick from her ancestor Churchill Cambrelong, who was minister to the Court of St. Petersburg during the administration of Martin Van Buren.

Present at the luncheon were the bride's brother, John G. Bragaw and his daughter Lalla of Washington, N. C.; Mr. Melick's sister, Mrs. F. D. Viehe, of Arden Delaware; the Melick's daughter and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Brice, Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. S. Hayden and son Peter, Norfolk, Va., and See MELICKS Page Eight

BREAKS COLLARBONE PLAYING WITH BROTHER

Charlie Fearing, young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fearing of Manteo, received a broken collarbone last Saturday while at play with his brother, Woodson Fearing, Jr., at their home. Charlie was taken to the Albee Hospital, Elizabeth City, where a cast was put on the injured bone, and he returned to his home Sunday night. Woodson Fearing, Jr., only last week had a cast removed from a leg with a multiple fracture, after being confined to his bed for almost three months. He also received his injury while at play. Both were freak accidents.

HATTERAS BUS LINE ADDS EXTRA ROUND TRIP SCHEDULE DAILY

The Hatteras Bus line, which in the old days before modern highways was billed as "one of the toughest bus trips in the world", now operates the entire distance between Manteo (and connecting bus companies) and Hatteras, (a distance of approximately 60 miles) over modern highways. Beginning June 5, there will be two instead of one round trip daily between the Outer Banks village of Hatteras and all other communities on Hatteras Island and Manteo here on Roanoke Island, it was announced today by Stockton Midgett.

Midgett is one of three brothers who have owned and operated the bus line since the days of no roads on the Outer Banks.

The new schedules effective Saturday, June 5, call for bus departures from Hatteras daily at 7 a.m. and 1:10 p.m. From Manteo buses will depart at 9:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

With the new schedule effective it will be possible for a person to travel to south side of Oregon Inlet and spend time sportsfishing in the surf or visiting Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and the new maritime museum soon scheduled to be opened and return to Manteo on the same day. Likewise it will give persons on Hatteras Island an opportunity to visit Manteo or the Dare Beaches and return the same day.

In addition to the improved bus service, the Midgetts also offer a jeep taxi at Hatteras in which visitors may take trips to Hatteras Inlet, Cape Hatteras and other places, along the surf and through the dunelands without fear of getting stuck in the sand.

SCHOOL FINALS HELD MONDAY AT ENGELHARD

Principal Presents Diplomas to Eight Members of the Graduating Class

Eight members of the graduating class of 1954 at Engelhard High School were presented diplomas by Principal M. C. Holland at the school's graduation exercises Monday night, after having heard Dr. Leo Jenkins of East Carolina College in Greenville make the address to the class.

Sunday afternoon Rev. M. C. McKinney, pastor of the La Grange Christian Church and formerly a student at Engelhard High School, preached the baccalaureate sermon. Due to the unusually small senior class this year, the usual class night exercises were omitted.

Mr. Holland presented the following awards to outstanding students: the valedictory award, Sylvia Midyette; the salutatory award, Dorothy Barber; boys athletic award, Jimmy Cox; girls athletic award, Dorothy Barber; citizenship award, Bill Farrow; agricultural award, Edward Sadler; and scholastic awards to Martha Midgett, Franklin Swindell, and Edna Yoder.

The members of the graduating class were Wesley Cuthrell, Billy Farrow, Reginald Lewis, Wendell Midyette, Dorothy Barber, Sylvia Midyette, Mary Ann Payne, and Elsie Pugh. Bernice Cahoon, a patient in a Wilson sanitarium, will be given an examination to qualify her for a diploma.

FINED \$50 FOR SPEEDING AT 90 MILES PER HOUR

In Dare Recorder's Court Tuesday, Theo. Villarin submitted to a charge of speeding at 90 miles an hour and paid a fine of \$50 and costs.

Ebert Gallop for failing to grant right of way paid \$5 and costs.

R. W. Gray of Portsmouth, who had been ordered in J. P. court to pay costs and buy a non-resident fishing license also appealed to Superior Court when the Recorder sustained the judgement of the J. P. Gray claimed to be a resident of Halifax, N. C.

CONFERENCE ON CIVIL DEFENSE CALLED THURS.

Governor Urges Attendance on June 10th at Meeting in Raleigh

Full explanation of every aspect of Civil Defense will be given by best available authorities for the benefit of public officials invited by the Governor to attend a conference in Raleigh at the Sir Walter on June 10, 1954. State Civil Defense Director Edward F. Griffin said today.

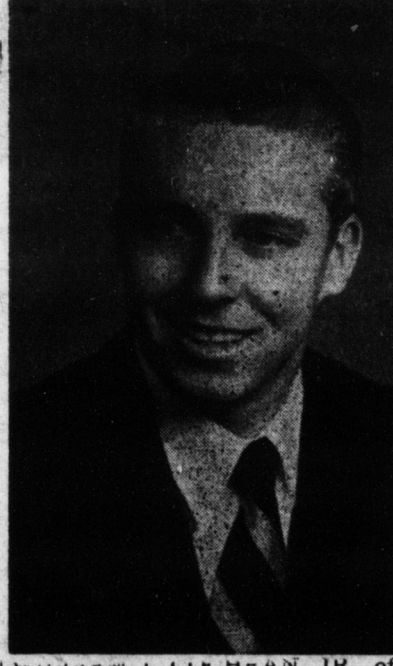
Letters from Governor Umstead have been sent to Boards of County Commissioners, all Mayors and City Managers and Civil Defense Directors, urging attendance at a conference relative to development of a sound effective Civil Defense program in North Carolina.

Director Griffin sent letters of invitation to all state department heads. N. C. highway commissioners and division engineers, members of the General Assembly and candidates for seats in the General Assembly.

The program will interpret Civil Defense with relation to the national defense picture, with relation to Aid Defense Command, its legal status, present N. C. status and future.

The possibility of germ warfare will also be considered. Speakers include H. L. Ait, executive assistant to Federal Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson; Brigadier General John C. Cary, commanding general of 35th Air Division; Assistant N. C. Attorney-General Wade Bruton; Dr. C. B. Kendall, State Department of Public Health; Dr. C. D. Grinnells, N. C. State College; and General Griffin who will preside and report on the present status of Civil Defense in North Carolina and future plans.

The conference is called for 10:30 a.m. on June 10, and according to Gen. Griffin will end at 1:30 p.m. with the showing of "Operation Ivy", official film of the H-Bomb tests made in 1952.



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