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CONTRACT TO BE LET FOR SCHOOL AT BUXTON SOON

Pupils Will Still Not Enjoy It This School Term; Four Years Late By Dispute

Hope looms anew for the construction of the Cape Hatteras High School to cost upwards of \$200,000 and for which funds have been available for four years. This possible ending of this tragic episode for the pupils of the Outer Banks will be welcome, but through stupidity and greed this school has been denied these years, and they have suffered irreparable damage.

Plans for a new school building at Buxton were approved by the Dare County Board of Education, meeting in special session Wednesday night. The board authorized school architect, B. H. Stevens to let bids for the building.

The new school will serve the whole outer banks area, replacing schools at Avon, Buxton and Hatteras.

Contracts are to be let within the next two months for the 12-classroom, cement block and brick building.

The building is expected to be ready for use by the fall of 1955, too late however for the coming school term.

GULF STREAM FISHES TAKEN OFF NAGS HEAD

Gulf Stream fishing, for dolphin and amberjack, has been unusually good, during recent days. Dolphin have been especially plentiful, and this year the catches of these colorful and fast fishes taken by anglers operating from fishing centers in the Nags Head region, have been much larger than usual. Some taken with rod and reel topped 30 pounds and one specimen sealed at 34½ pounds.

Amberjack fishing has been good on the days when the winds were favorable offshore. It is difficult to lie over the wrecks where these fishes are usually caught when the wind is blowing offshore and the water is choppy. A few 'jack weighing up to 35 pounds have been landed by anglers from the Nags Head region during the past few days, but mostly this species is running smaller than in previous years. With the dolphin, however, it is a different story and the fish are running larger than in previous years.

Among the hundreds of anglers fishing the Gulf Stream off Oregon Inlet during late June, a group from Washington, D. C., including Dr. W. W. Chase, Dr. H. K. Vann, Dr. F. X. Courtney and Dr. L. Raape, were topping the list for the number of big dolphin and amberjack taken.

George Dykstra of Dykes Fishing Center at the western end of Nags Head, Manteo highway bridge, stated that several dolphin had been landed there by blue water anglers during the past week that weighed more than 30 pounds, and the largest of the week taken by L. J. Jones of Colerain, N. C., tipped the scales at 34½ pounds.

Billfishing by anglers off Oregon Inlet has gotten off to a slow start this year. Only one sailfish has been taken to date. Last June both sailfish and white marlin were being caught frequently during late June.

Billfishing in Hatteras waters has been hindered by the weather. To date this year only two sails and one white marlin, and one blue marlin have been landed with rod and reel. This is less than for the same period last year, even though the blue marlin, a 442-pounder is likely to be a prize winning fish for 1954.

Choppy waters also prevented anglers from matching their skill at Hatteras against blue and white marlin and sailfish. Although each of these species have been taken off Hatteras this season, none have been released since mid-June.

Cottony Gibson, of Atlantic Hotel stated that generally speaking, sportfishing has been just as good during June as during a similar period in previous seasons. He listed a dozen or more ocean game fishes that have already been taken this year, some in quantities, and including, blue and white marlin, sailfish, dolphin, amberjack, red snapper, king mackerel, tuna, false albacore, barracuda, oceanic bonito and common bonito.

Bluefish, some weighing up to two and half pounds, and small channel bass, scaling up to 15 pounds have been landed in the See FISHERS, Page Four

PAYS TRIBUTE TO LOST COLONY AS IT OPENS

State Treasurer Edwin Gill Predicts Long Life for Drama

When State Treasurer Edwin Gill, representing Governor William B. Umstead at the opening of The Lost Colony on Saturday night, June 26, addressed the audience just before the drama began its first performance, he made the following pertinent remarks:

"It is a great honor for me, representing the Governor of North Carolina, the Honorable William B. Umstead, to speak briefly to you on this occasion. We celebrate here tonight events of great significance. We will be under the spell of tender feelings and deep emotions that animated human beings on this Island over 360 years ago.

"However, Paul Green, who wrote this the greatest of all symphonic dramas, those who act its parts, the choir that sings, and the people who come here from all parts of the nation to hear and see this thrilling production, are concerned not only with the storied past but with the future as well.

"When this drama was first produced in 1937, there were some who thought that it was magnificent, that it was a thrilling accomplishment, but that it would probably never be produced again. How wrong they were! For 'The Lost Colony' has lasted longer than any other outdoor production. This is its fourteenth season, its 653rd performance. It has thrilled and entranced a total audience of more than 600,000 souls.

"I think this great drama has survived for many reasons—the genius of the man who wrote it, the loyalty and the faith of the good people of Roanoke Island who have given their support and enthusiasm, the skill and the art of those who have assisted in its production, the passionate beauty of the music that is sung, and the fact that its production is rooted uniquely and irrevocably in the sacred soil of this island—all of these have helped it to live. But above all, this symphonic drama has survived and will continue to live because of its great theme—because it carries for the future; for here in the lines of its story a fair promise lines that are spoken, the songs that are sung, and in this historic ground, we find the seeds of democracy—the hope for a free world.

"There is a character in this show known as 'Old Tom' who suggests this great promise of which I speak. He was of no account in England. He was not needed by his Queen, but as a part of Sir Walter Raleigh's immortal company, he becomes a man of destiny, a man of great consequence.

"So in the person of this comic, pathetic, and yet noble character created by the artistry of Paul Green, the common people of this country are symbolized. Like 'Old Tom', every man, woman and child in America is important. As you will see tonight, the spirit of Roanoke made a man of 'Old Tom'.

"This same spirit has made us a great nation.

"So I predict that The Lost Colony will go on to be enjoyed and to be an inspiration to generations yet unborn—as long as the spirit of democracy lives and dominates this land.

FORMER RESIDENT TO SPEAK AT STUMPY PT.

Former Minister's Son to Be At Homecoming on July 4th

Rev. C. A. Johnson, who lived at Stumpy Point as a boy, when his father served the Methodist Charge here, is to be the principal speaker at Stumpy Point July 4th, the annual church Homecoming day. Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, the pastor, says the morning service will begin at 11 a.m. following Sunday school. Following the sermon, dinner will be served on the grounds.

A similar homecoming three weeks ago at Manns Harbor was attended by more than 50 people. Rev. C. Freeman Heath, the District Superintendent preached. Another will be held at East Lake in September.

Mr. Johnson, who will preach at Stumpy Point on the fourth of July, lived at Stumpy Point from the fall of 1925 until the fall of 1927. His father, C. A. Johnson, was serving the charge at that time.

JONATHAN DANIELS NEW BOOK WINS GOOD REVIEWS

Raleigh Writer Does Another One; Deals With Father's Career



JONATHAN DANIELS

It is of interest in the North Carolina Coastland when Jonathan Daniels writes a new book, for this brilliant young North Carolinian and his father Josephus, of beloved memory, have figured greatly in the life and progress of this region. Their sympathetic understanding and their love for the people of the Coastland has caused them to lend and expend liberally of their prestige and energies through the News and Observer, to the boosting and constructive upbuilding of our land.

The new book, "The End of Innocence," is being widely acclaimed. It deals much with the era in which his father moved, and because of the interest it has aroused, we print herewith a typical review by Ralph McGill, distinguished Atlanta writer. Mr. McGill says:

In the last year of Josephus Daniels' life he came to Warm Springs, Georgia to speak before the little white house where Franklin D. Roosevelt had died and where he had made his winter home. The occasion was the dedication of the house and area as a state park.

A special train came from Washington and I boarded it at Atlanta. It was just at breakfast time. Because I had loved and respected him for a long time I sought out compartment "B" and Josephus Daniels. I found him at that moment trying to fix the studs in his always immaculate linen shirt. I knew, too, that his shoes were not yet tied. Old men of 85 often leave those things to the last. Without saying as much as by your leave I did the studs and then knelt and tied his shoes. For me it was a sort of symbolism as well as a Boy Scout good deed. I thought then, as now, that he was the greatest Southerner and one of the truly great Americans.

There was a sense of bitterness on the train. The tides were rising against Harry Truman and the New Deal, and many a Democrat in the Senate and House had found excuses not to be on the train. It was already becoming unfashionable in some quarters to be a Democrat, though to be sure there always have been those who held that opinion. But there was no expressed bitterness in Compartment "B." At the "speaking" following the dedication, his voice was the only one raised. He alone seemed to know what he really felt and what needed saying: "Only the already lost can think of our future as besieged. . . . we need not be the captive of our fears. . . . We have more to give than to guard. . . . Our powers are not weapons but tools with which to build the promise of democracy into the purposes of mankind. . . ."

I recall that I, a sentimentalist who inherited from the Welsh on my mother's side no ability to sing, but only moods and the ability to weep at high emotional moments, walked back to the edge of the crowd to hide my eyes. I can hear his voice yet—the voice of a man born before Lincoln's funeral—the voice of a man whose own inborn faith had been tempered by the association with Woodrow Wilson and with Franklin D. Roosevelt—and the fires of the revolution they made. It was, and is, a peculiarly American revolution, made without guns, but with the consent of the people. And all these, Bryan, Wilson and more

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LOST COLONY TO OPEN SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS MON.

Courses Open to Anyone in Dare County Without Charge

The Lost Colony School of Fine Arts will begin registration at the Community Building in Manteo on Monday, July 5, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. An outstanding curriculum is being offered this season, and the school is once again under the supervision of Professor Elizabeth Welch of Salem College.

Classes will meet twice each week. No tuition will be charged and attendance is voluntary, but more than two consecutive absences from a class without a valid excuse will constitute reason for elimination from the class. Each student may take no more than 3 courses, and any resident either permanent or temporary in Dare County may take these 3 courses. The management of The Lost Colony is anxious this year to have as many permanent residents of Roanoke Island enroll as possible so that they might receive instruction to prepare them for future roles in The Lost Colony. The curriculum will stress speech, diction, and vocal training as well as choreography, costume, stage design, and lighting. Following is a detailed description of the classes:

CURRICULUM AND STAFF:

CHORUS: A beginning study of the basic principles of choral technique from the singer's standpoint. This course will be taught with the assistance of the Lost Colony Chorus. Open to those 17 years of age and over, regardless of previous musical experience. 4 hours per week. Instructor: Nena Williams.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Open to those 10-16 years of age. Instructor: Nancy Gregg.

CHOREOGRAPHY: A survey of choreographic forms and techniques with practical experiments in certain form. Instructor: John Lehman.

ADVANCED TECHNIQUES (DANCE): The study of modern dance in its more advanced stages. Instructor: Ed Green.

BEGINNING DANCE (CHILDREN): A general introduction to dance, involving basic techniques of movement and body development; creative work in rhythm, dramatic improvisation and beginning dance composition. Instructor: Bunny Mendelsohn.

BEGINNING DANCE (ADULT): Fundamentals of dance technique; concentration on projection and movement for non-dancers. Instructor: Ernesto Gonzalez.

STAGE DESIGN: A creative approach to the fine arts involving See SCHOOL, Page Four

ENTRANCE FEE TO BE CHARGED AT FORT RALEIGH

Superintendent Allyn F. Hanks has announced the resumption of fee collections at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, effective July 1, 1954. An entrance fee for Fort Raleigh was first established in 1941 but, because of reduced visitation to the area and because of reduced wartime appropriations, its collection was suspended in 1944 and has not since been resumed. The original fee was in the amount of \$0.10 which was the same as for other Service areas for comparable visitor benefits. With few exceptions all of the former \$0.10 fees have been increased to \$0.25 as is the per adult entrance fee to Fort Raleigh.

The fee system generally applies to all areas administered by the National Park Service. The President in submitting his 1955 Budget to the Congress, stated that "Consideration is being given to adjustments which would result in increased receipts to the National Park Service, thus returning to the Treasury a larger amount of the costs of maintaining and operating the national parks." The fee increases are also in line with Congressional policy which provides that any service, benefit or privilege furnished shall be self-sustaining to the fullest extent possible.

The charging of the fee at Fort Raleigh is not intended to interfere with the Roanoke Island Historical Association's presentation of the pageant "The Lost Colony". The regulations provide that the fee will not be charged after 6:00 p.m. on days when the pageant is presented.

BOYS AND GIRLS ATTEND 4-H CAMP FOR WEEK HERE

Leadership, Citizenship, And Sportsmanship Are Camp Goals

Many Roanoke Islanders probably do not realize that the summer visitors who most enjoy visiting their area are probably not the well heeled tourists who swarm here to see the Lost Colony, to fish and enjoy the other coastal attractions.

No, those who visit Roanoke Island with the most enthusiasm and pleasure are surely the 100 odd 4H Club girls and boys who spend a busy week each year at the Roanoke Island 4H camp on Croatan Sound.

The camp is operated jointly by the Dare County Board of Government and the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. Dare County maintains the buildings and grounds while the Extension Service provides staff and program.

The weekly program is designed to teach leadership, citizenship and sportsmanship to young farm boys and girls from all over North Carolina through assumption of new responsibilities, classes in conservation and electricity and competitive sports.

The camp week begins on Monday afternoon and lasts through Saturday breakfast. 4H campers may choose between 4 camps in the state and Roanoke Island campers come from all over North Carolina. This year children will come from as far away as Yancey and Mitchell Counties.

The daily camp schedule begins at 6:30 with a rising gong and flag raising. The morning period is occupied with classes, handicraft, swimming, conservation and electricity. In handicraft classes the campers this year are making leather billfolds. In previous years they have learned to make such useful articles as lamps and bookends. Conservation classes are being taught by a representative of the North Carolina Wild Life Resources Commission, U. T. Ellison. Representatives of power companies teach use of electrical appliances to the girls and use of electric motors and tools to the boys.

Following lunch and a rest period, organized sports and swimming occupy the afternoon. An evening program provided by the campers themselves and vespers come after supper. Plenty of free time is provided for fellow camper to get acquainted. The day usually ends with taps around 10:30.

In addition to the regular schedule activities are planned. One night is reserved for attending the Lost Colony, a tour of Roanoke Island and Nags Head occupies one morning, campers who do not come to the Island by ferry get a ride across and back and talent and stunt nights give the 4Hers an opportunity to display their talents.

For all activities the campers are divided into four groups each designated by one of the four Hs, Head, Hands, Heart or Health. Last year 1200 campers attended. This year attendance is expected to be slightly less because of a bad crop last year.

The Camp Staff is made up of well trained experienced workers with young people. Lyman B. Dixon, Assistant State 4H Club leader, is camp director, Mrs. J. F. Beaman of Chowan College is dietitian and Miss Syble Lennon from Columbus County, a graduate of Mars Hill College, is handicraft director.

Swimming instructors are Frank Farrell Jr. from Lillington and Scotty Singleton, a State College student from Raleigh. Miss Ann McIntosh from Creedmore, a sophomore at Womans College in Greensboro, directs social recreation. In addition to the regular staff, farm and home agents from the various counties accompany the campers.

114 campers here this week See 4-H CAMP, Page Four

POOR MAN'S PARTY BOAT IS OPERATING

Wanchese.—Mack Etheridge of Mack's Fishing center at Wanchese has been operating his large party boat recently taking anglers out on half day trips to the best still-fishing waters on the nearby sound and in the vicinity of Oregon Inlet. Fishing has been fair, with flounder, perch, trout and sea mullet being caught. This "poor man's" fishing boat operation charges only \$2.50 for individuals going out for a half day of fishing.

HEAD SUNDAY SPEAKER AT OLD FORT RALEIGH



DR. SYLVESTER GREEN, executive vice-president of the Medical foundation of North Carolina, and one of the best known speakers of the State, will deliver the sermon at Waterside Theatre on Sunday in the second of a series of Sunday worship services scheduled for Roanoke Island during the current Lost Colony season.

Since his graduation from Wake Forest in 1922, Dr. Green has been successively a teacher, preacher, college president and newspaper editor. He went to Chapel Hill in January, 1950, to head the newly created Medical Foundation.

He has continued his writing across the years, and has also been active in Rotary, having been president of clubs in Durham, N. C., Richmond, Va., and Hartsville, S. C., and governor of District 190, 1942-43.

Dr. Green has since graduation from Wake Forest earned degrees from Wake Forest and the University of North Carolina.

In addition to Dr. Green as speaker on Sunday, the Sabbath Worship period will include music by the famous Lost Colony Chorus, under the direction of Nena Williams, with solos by outstanding singers of the Chorus. James Litton, will be at the console of the Organ during the worship.

DRIVING VIOLATIONS IN DARE COURT PREVAIL

An illegal passing charge against Robert Ellsworth Perry of Colrain occupied recorders court for several hours this week before the case was finally thrown out. Perry attempted to pass a car in front of the Kitty Hawk Hotel when it turned into him. The case was thrown out on the grounds that Perry was not responsible for the accident.

Willy Spencer and Ephraim Daniels Jr. found guilty of fighting by Judge W. F. Baum were sentenced to 30 days in jail suspended on payment of a \$20 fine each and costs of court.

Three violations of a 35-MPH speed zone in Nags Head were tried. Garfield Cures of Kitty Hawk charged with driving 60 miles an hour in the 35 mile zone received a \$25 fine. Francis Cameron Cast of South Norfolk paid a \$20 fine for speeding 55 miles an hour in the zone and Fred Chandler Griscorn Jr. of Newport News received a \$25 fine for speeding 60 miles an hour. All paid costs of court.

The case of Margaret Scarborough Evans of Kill Devil Hills charged with drunken driving was suspended until Tuesday, July 6.

FRESH WATER FISHING FAIR NEAR KITTY HAWK

Kitty Hawk.—F. W. Warrington, Charlotte and W. P. Saunders of Southern Pines, struck it rich, with the black bass fishing in Kitty Hawk Bay this week. They had no difficulty landing their limit and then some. The "thensome" were released after being reeled into the boat.

A Greensboro couple, J. A. Lybrand and G. B. Eason, had good luck with the bream and white perch in fresh waters near the tiny village of Mashoes on the Dare mainland, a few miles north of Manns Harbor.

Fresh water fishing, whether for black bass, bream or perch, is usually a sure bet for anglers casting in the waters of the sounds, lakes and streams of the Dare Coast from mid-spring until December.

BIG FIRE SWEEPS OVER HUGE AREA PULP CO. LANDS

May Be Result of Resentment Over Company's Methods of Taking Over Lands

The forest fire that raged through some 3,500 acres of wood land on the property of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company in the vicinity of Stumpy Point was brought under control by Wednesday of this week according to reports from the company office in Manteo.

The blaze is now confined to ground fire and there is no immediate danger of further damage. Started last Thursday, by Saturday the fire was threatening Stumpy Point. It burned three miles along the highway in the direction of Engelhard and one-half mile deep on the east side of the highway and one mile on the west.

District Forester S. A. Dowdell, assistant district foresters, W. R. Gregory and T. F. Lowry, forest rangers and volunteers brought the fire under control.

Because of the dryness of the wood, the fire, of causes not determined, spread rapidly.

Origin of fires of this nature are difficult of determination. However some are of the opinion that it might have been the work of some person in whom smoulders resentment over the company's methods in taking title to lands. Coming into Dare County some three years ago, they immediately set up a legal proceeding under the Torrens Land Law whereby they embraced numerous tracts of land which many people had long occupied, or of which they believed themselves and their ancestors at law and of title to be the owners. Most of those who saw their holdings so engulfed gave up without a struggle, knowing the futility of attempting to combat the millions of this big company and its battery of high power lawyers. While the lands they claimed seemed of great value to the erstwhile owners, they could never raise the funds nor hope to justify the expense essential to a legal tilt with the land company, well expecting to find themselves and their cases worn out in court, and the outcome dependent upon legal circuloction rather than justice itself.

More than 800 persons saw Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony in Waterside Theatre on opening night June 26, according to General Manager Dick Jordan. It was the show's 653rd performance. And the current year is the 14th season for The Lost Colony.

Even though half of the company of approximately 200 persons are new this year, they became regular troupers after two or three days rehearsal in the hot sun of day and the cool breezes of evenings. More than two thirds of the company are residents of Roanoke Island, where English-speaking America had its beginning in the late 16th Century. After the discovery of Roanoke Island in the New World, Queen Elizabeth first named the new lands "Virginia" in honor of herself, England's virgin queen.

This year The Lost Colony will have performances nightly except Monday throughout the remainder of the summer and until Labor Day Eve on September 5. There has been no advance in admission prices of the play. During its 14 seasons more than 600,000 persons have seen the show.

PIER FISHING SPOTTY DURING PAST FEW DAYS

Nags Head.—Generally speaking the pier fishing over the ocean in the Nags Head region during the past few days has been below par. This could be credited to the weather, because normally mid-summer is the time when plenty of fish are landed from the ocean piers.

Warren Jennette, owner-operator of Jennette's Fishing Pier here at Nags Head who reported spotty fishing, stated that patronage from anglers had been up to normal for late June and that speckled trout, bluefish, perch, a few flounder and some sea mullet had been taken during the past week.