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## LOST COLONY'S METROPOLITAN DEBUT MONDAY

Guests and Press To Be Entertained At Youpon Tea Party In New York Prior to Show

The stage is all set for the first showing of Lost Colony drama scenes away from Roanoke Island where the Paul Green spectacle has been presented for 15 summer seasons and where the 16th season will begin on June 30 this year. Four dramatic scenes from the show, on next Monday night, will be presented in the Metropolitan Opera House, New York City, as an historical phase of the N. Y. Journal-American's Oratory Finals.

Preliminary to the Lost Colony's debut at the Met, will be a youpon tea party, sponsored by Mrs. Lucille Purser of the Carolinian hotel. The tea party, to be held at the Barclay Hotel, will be the first of its kind ever presented in New York City, or probably anywhere away from the Dare Coast.

Members of the Lost Colony cast, members of the press, also distinguished guests, will be present at the party. Governor Hodges has stated that he and Mrs. Hodges, who will be unable to attend due to other commitments, will be represented by Mr. and Mrs. Smith Richardson of Greensboro and New York. The Lost Colony's local press representative will fly to New York to help entertain newspapermen and photographers.

Most of the actors in the four scenes to be presented will be cast principals now living in New York or away from Roanoke Island during the winter months. Among the principals will be Frank Groseclose, historian; Marvin Gordon, Uppowoc and choreographer, Oliver Link as Sir Walter Raleigh; Harold O'Tuel as Governor John White; Mary Long as Queen Elizabeth; and David Singleton as Father Martin. Local persons having roles in the show will be Mrs. Grace Jordan and Mrs. Wayland Fry, as ladies in waiting, and Julian Oneto as the messenger.

Other persons in the cast will include: Gloria Chavis, Claire Williams, Odette Blum, Charles Nicoll, John Cripps, Edwin Yim Kim, George Trautwein, Iantha Smart; and Hedley Yost as organist. In New York to see that the show runs smoothly will be Dick Jordan, business manager, and Clifton Britton, director. Costuming has been arranged by Irene Smart Rains.

The four scenes will include the Indian Village on Roanoke Island, the Queen's Palace, the Chapel at Fort Raleigh and then again the Queen's Palace. Paul Green, the author, who has arranged a special script for the Met debut, will also be in New York.

## ROBERT L. WESCOTT DIES IN NORFOLK HOSPITAL

Robert L. Wescott, 64, husband of Mrs. Ella G. Wescott and son of the late O. J. and Alethia Wescott of Manteo, a retired veteran of the Coast Guard, died Tuesday night in the Marine Hospital, Norfolk, Va., after an illness of six months. He served in France and Germany while in the Army during World War I. On his return home, he entered the Coast Guard service where he served for 27 years.

He is survived by three brothers: William Wescott of Manteo; Carlyle Wescott and George R. Wescott of Norfolk; by five sisters: Mrs. Lena Pearsall, Mrs. Guy Lennon, Miss Ione Wescott of Manteo, Mrs. Mary Johnson of Raleigh, and Mrs. W. R. Hale of Ocracoke.

He was a member of the Seth Perry Post, American Legion of Elizabeth City. Although a quiet man, seldom appearing in public since he was retired, he was highly regarded and esteemed by all who knew him and especially his comrades in service.

He is also survived by three stepsons: Earl Green of Manteo; Jasper and Edward Green of New London, Conn.

Funeral services will be conducted at two o'clock Friday afternoon in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home in Manteo, Rev. L. A. Aitken and Rev. Henry V. Napier officiating.

## MINISTERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Dare County Ministers Association at the community center in Manteo, Monday, May 7, 1956, at 10:30 a.m. All ministers of all denominations are urged to attend.

## MANTEO GIRL MEMBER OF SWEET HEART COURT



MISS ANNIE LAURIE KEE of Manteo was one of the nine beautiful young girls chosen by State College students for the Sweetheart Court which held sway over the sweetheart ball last Saturday night, April 28, of the Delta Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Miss Kee, with Wilson Jones of Elizabeth City, was a member of the dance committee. This is one of many honors accorded Miss Kee during her exceptional scholastic record. She is a student at Meredith College in Raleigh.

## ARTHUR V. MIDGETT, ONE MIRLO RESCUE CREW OF CHICAMACOMICO DEAD

Arthur V. Midgett, 81, next to the last of the famed rescue crew of Coast Guards who in 1918 under the leadership of John Allen Midgett, rescued the crew of the British ship Mirlo, died Friday evening in the Marine Hospital, Norfolk, after a long illness. He was a native and lifelong resident of Waves, the son of Erasmus and Matilda O'Neal Midgett, and the husband of the late Dorothy Midgett. He was a veteran of World War, retired after long service in the Coast Guard. Three daughters survive him: Mrs. Nelson Midgett, Mrs. A. H. Gray of Waves and Mrs. W. A. Meekins of Rodanthe. A sister, Mrs. Newcomb Midgett, a brother, Christopher A. Midgett, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was a member of the Red Men.

Funeral services were conducted at Fairhaven Church Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. by Rev. Aaron Tyson. Burial was in the family plot. The church was filled by a large group of friends and relatives, and there were many floral offerings. "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Abide with Me," were sung by the choir, and accompanied by Miss Norma Gray. The casket was covered with a pall of red and white carnations and fern. Pallbearers were Dewey Midgett, Cecil Midgett, Horatio Midgett, Tazewell O'Neal, Newcomb Midgett and Ernal Foster.

## LIONS ELECT OFFICERS FOR COMING TERM; TAKE OFFICE EARLY IN JULY

The Manteo Lions Club, at its regular dinner and business session Tuesday night, nominated and elected officers for the coming fiscal year.

D. A. Rogers was elected president; Wayland Fry, vice-president; M. K. Fearing, Jr., second vice president; Willett Tillett, third vice-president; H. A. Creaf, Jr., secretary; R. D. Sawyer, Jr., treasurer; A. H. Ward, Jr., lion tamer; and Ellsworth B. Midgett, Jr., tail twister. Directors are as follows: Clyde Biggs, Jim Vannote, four-year term; Ralph Umphlett and Edwin Midgett, two-year term.

The above will take office the first meeting night in July, Tuesday the 3rd.

## REVIVAL SERVICES ON DARE MAINLAND

Revival services at the Manns Harbor Methodist Church are to begin Monday evening, May 7, at 7:30. The Rev. Alton S. Lancaster of Goldsboro is to be the visiting evangelist. Services are to be held each evening during the week, including Saturday, and run through Sunday night, May 13.

Revival services at the Stumpy Point Methodist Church will begin Sunday night, May 20, with the Rev. John R. Poe of Burlington as the guest speaker.

At the East Lake Methodist Church revival services will begin Monday night, June 4 and run through the following Sunday night. The Rev. Mr. Hale, Methodist minister of Ocracoke is to be the guest speaker. The public is invited.

## STUMPY POINTERS ASK FEDERAL AID TO PROTECT LAND

Petition Signed by Most Citizens Asks for Sand Barrier Break-water Along Shore

A petition which has been circulated at Stumpy Point during the past few days has met with favorable response from the citizens of that community. Practically all of the adult citizens of the village have their names on the petition. Of the few who did not sign most of them were not at home when the petition was circulated. There are 120 names on the petition. Only five citizens were unfavorable toward the proposal; one was undecided.

The petition reads as follows: "Inasmuch as an engineer from the Council of Civil Defense has investigated the proposal of the Stumpy Point Men's Club that sand be pumped from the bed of Stumpy Point Bay and thrown into the marsh to create a barrier against high water for the protection of the village of Stumpy Point and has decided that this is a feasible project and in as much as Gen. Edward F. Griffin, Director of the Council of Civil Defense has given his assurance that his office will strongly recommend that this project be approved, we the undersigned citizens of Stumpy Point, in Dare County, North Carolina, hereby respectfully request that Lawrence Swain, who is in charge of the Dare County project, put in a supplemental application for this project. We also respectfully request that the Commissioners of Dare County support this project.

A. L. G. Stephenson, H. E. Best, James G. Meekins, Alton Best, Talmadge Best, Lucy C. Best, Ruby Best, Riley Payne, G. W. Francis, M. B. Twiford, M. M. Twiford, Elizabeth Midgett, Lena Twiford, Mabel Shelton, Lillie Payne, Luther Hooper, Edie Midgett, Marjorie Midgett, Matilda Payne, Preston Gray, Margaret Best, Mabel Payne, Alva Wise, Maria Wise, A. G. Wise, Gertrude Wise, Frances Hooper, Charles Knight, Edna Knight, Edna Wise, Myrtle Burgess, Grace Golden, Cora Twiford, D. M. Gray, H. O. Golden, W. W. Monette, Eloise Monette, T. R. Midgett, Ruby M. Gray, Phine Wise, R. D. Wise, Geraldine Stephenson, Edith Best, See AID, Page Twelve

## DR. SPAETH LANDS A 43-POUND DRUM

Dr. Walter Spaeth of Elizabeth City landed a 43-pound channel bass in the surf at Oregon Inlet on Saturday. On Friday several fish of this species had been caught in Hatteras waters, where Walter Rostrom of Grand View, Penna., won first Jamboree prize for a 38 pounder. There were reports of a few being caught from boats at Oregon Inlet on the weekend, but generally speaking, weather conditions have been too unfavorable for good fishing.

There are still reports of large mouth bass being caught in the fresh waters of the county. A few bluefish and sea mullet have been reported and at times bluefishing was especially good for commercial netters. Anglers were beginning to catch a few fish from the ocean piers in the Nags Head-Kitty Hawk sectors, but so far all angling, for this season of the year, has been below par as compared to other seasons.

## MUCH CRITICISM OF PRACTICES OF REMOVING SAND AND GRAVEL FROM VITAL SEASHORE AREAS

Numbers of people have approached this newspaper during the past several weeks with reports of serious damage being done to our beach areas, and particularly in the Cape Hatteras vicinity with respect to removing sand and gravel from the seashore.

Attention is called to what residents believe a dangerous practice in removal by the Navy and State Highway Commission of hundreds of tons of sand in the area of the old Buxton Club property for filling in a swamp back of Cape Hatteras to make a road bed, and other purposes.

This particular spot, it is said, when the elevation is lowered, may become a most vulnerable part of the beach. It was built up many years ago at the private expense of the Phipps family and considerable expense by the Federal Government's sand fixation program in the thirties. Had this area not been high, many people believe it would have been cut through by high sound tides and the whole of Hatteras township isolated, during the succeeding storms.

## MANTEO WOMEN ENJOY GRASS SKIRTS IN HAWAII



MRS. MARVIN (Janie) ROGERS of Manteo is getting to be quite a world traveller. She is just getting over a nice long trip to Hawaii where she visited her sister, Mrs. Grace Lee, whose husband John, is in the service and stationed in Honolulu. The picture shows them with Mrs. Rogers on the right, dressed in the traditional garb of the islands in a grass skirt in front of a grass hut. Mrs. Rogers brought home an ample supply of sun-tan and a lot of grass skirts and other souvenirs to show her friends. She thinks the climate and other features of Hawaii are out of this world. Mrs. Rogers took a trip to several European countries two years ago, while her son, Capt. Aubrey Rogers was stationed in Germany with the Air Force. She hopes on her next trip to visit Japan.

## PRECINCT MEETINGS SHOULD BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 5th

Registration books are now open for those who wish to vote in the Primary on May 26, and will be open for registration of voters on May 5, 12 and challenge day will be on May 19th. No one may register on Challenge Day.

Saturday, May 5th, is the date for the holding of Democratic precinct meetings in the various precincts in the county, to elect precinct officers and delegates to the county convention. And on the following Saturday, May 12th, the county convention will be held. Registration books are to be open from nine a.m. to sunset.

## MAINLAND METHODISTS CHANGE CHARGE NAME

Mrs. Florine Hooper Named Delegate to Conference T. O. Sutton, Alternate.

At the last quarterly conference of the Stumpy Point Charge of Methodists, it was unanimously voted to change the name to the Dare Circuit, by which name it was known for many years. All churches agreed to the change.

Mrs. Florine Hooper of Stumpy Point was named a delegate to the annual Methodist Conference which will convene in Greenville on June 25th. T. O. Sutton of Manns Harbor was named alternate.

The Dare Circuit consists of the Methodist churches of Stumpy Point, Manns Harbor and East Lake. A fourth church which operated at Mashoes was abandoned a few years ago as most of the citizens had left the community. Those remaining transferred their membership to Manns Harbor.

People now think it both funny and ridiculous that we should be splitting our shirts on the one hand to get the Federal Government to come to our aid and spend huge sums to restore and protect the beaches, where the Government previously spent millions, yet while the Government now may be doing untold damage by hauling the sand away.

Various situations similar in effect are existing along the N. C. Coast. It looks that commonsense never gets an inning, and most anybody who wishes, does anything he pleases. Disasters to our beach now can prove extremely costly since so great an investment has been made in these exposed areas. Those who have invested have no assurance of protection.

We don't know what the solution is going to be, but some agency of the Government will have to be invested with sufficient authority to control the beaches to prevent their complete despoilment. Unless steps are soon taken, all incentive to invest will be lost, and along with it, opportunities for making a living on this coast.

## DARE HOME CLUB LEADERS TELL OF MANY ADVANTAGES

Wanchese Womenfolks Recite Helpful Features Found During Meetings in Community

Wanchese Home Demonstration Club My appreciation of the Home Demonstration Club is unlimited. In a few words, it teaches better living at a lower cost, the latest trends in house furnishings and other home-maker duties. One may also obtain special help in any home problem from the agent. — Mrs. Lessie Tillett.

To me, the Home Demonstration Club is an expression of a desire of today's homemakers to better the standards of living for their families by keeping abreast with new ideas in the field of home economics and by comparisons of experiences of its members. The wholesome companionship gleaned from the gathering together of a group of women with mutual desires for better living is inspiring and satisfying. Of special interest are the demonstrations given by our home agent and project leaders, while our workshops are both practical and enjoyable. The enthusiasm and willing cooperation of each member guarantees the success of the club. The increasing importance of the proper understanding of home and family management makes the Home Demonstration Club almost a necessity for its harmonious accomplishment. The evident interest of the families of members is gratifying as it is proof that the good purpose of the club is being realized in day to day living. I am most grateful that the ever necessary spiritual thoughts are expressed at each meeting. — Mrs. Virginia Davis

It has been for my pleasure and information that I have been a member of the Home Demonstration Club. I have received some helpful information at each meeting. — Mrs. B. H. Davis

The Wanchese Home Demonstration Club formed this year has won many new members. It is a club formed for the people, especially those which take great pride in their homes. A decorative home is the beginning of a good family life. This club discusses certain topics each month based on the home. Each meeting is more interesting than the one before. There are many suggestions which make work easier and quicker. — Mrs. Joyce Baum

In attending the Home Demonstration Club meetings, I get the opportunity to collect the home making ideas of others and rearrange them to suit my own home. I enjoy the meetings and working together to accomplish something which helps everybody. We learn many things from preparing and preserving foods to fitting patterns and selecting materials. Occasionally we get the chance to show off a bit when our turn comes to lead a demonstration. All in all I do say my association with the Home Demonstration Club has been a both satisfying and rewarding experience. — Mrs. Rose Whidbee

Being a new member of the Home Demonstration Club, I have only had the chance to attend two meetings but already I can see it is a profitable club as well as enjoyable. Things that seemed hard to do around the house have been made easy. It is time taken out of a day, but for such valuable work, I have never regretted joining the club and taking part. — Mrs. Ruth Newman

## RED SKINS LOSE SERIES OF THREE GAMES

The Manteo baseball team lost to the Weeksville Bulldogs on a trip to Weeksville Friday afternoon.

Although the Red Skins outfit Weeksville, seven to two, the Bulldogs made their hits count in winning 4-1. Meekins and Morgan were the opposing pitchers.

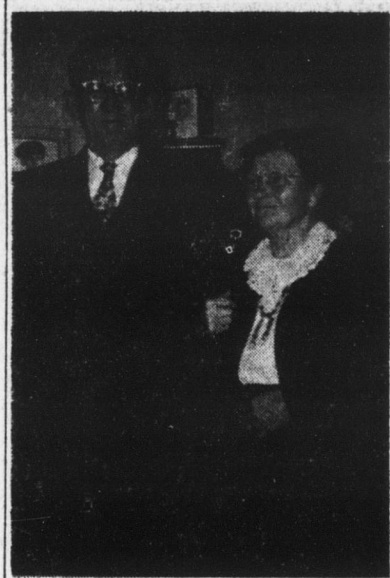
Monday the Red Skins lost to the Camden Rebels 8-3. The Manteo boys had seven hits, but scored only 3 runs. Meekins was on the mound for Manteo, Williams for Camden.

The Red Skins lost their third game in a row Tuesday afternoon, losing to Central 6-0. Manteo had only 1 hit, while Central had six. J. D. Simpson was on the mound for Manteo. Simpson was also the name of the Central pitcher.

## PIRATES JAMBOREE BRINGS THROUG TO DARE BEACHES AS FAIR WEATHER PREVAILS

Boat Races, Cancelled Because of High Winds Sunday Afternoon, Tentatively Planned For May 19 and 20; More Than 100 Craft Had Arrived To Enter Event

## POPULAR WANCHESE COUPLE MARRIED FIFTY YEARS



MR. AND MRS. RYAN H. MIDGETT of Wanchese observed their golden wedding on Tuesday, May 1, at their home. Mrs. Midgett is the former Addie Smith. Her father was the late Capt. John Smith, well-known skipper of vessels in North Carolina waters. Mr. and Mrs. Midgett are well and hearty. Their children are Murl Midgett of Norfolk, Ryan Midgett of Manteo; Mrs. B. W. Park of Duncan, S. C., Mrs. Glenn Dough of Canal Zone; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

They were married by Rev. Charles Taylor at Wanchese May 1, 1906. Mrs. Midgett has a brother, Dewey Smith of Delaware; two sisters, Mrs. C. C. Gibbs of Columbia and Mrs. Alethia Adkinson of Norfolk.

## HATTERAS COMMITTEE GRATEFUL TO VARIOUS AGENCIES WHO HELPED

The committee for the Jamboree celebration at Hatteras last Friday are expressing many thanks for the help given them in making a success for the occasion, in a statement signed by Scotty Gibson, chairman; Bill Burrus, Secretary, and Carlos Peele, Treasurer, they say: "While we are happy and appreciative for all the help given up by our local citizens, we wish to particularly thank the Coast Guard and Navy facilities, the State Highway Patrol, the Boy Scouts of Ocracoke, the Dare County Sheriff, and all others who participated in the day's program and helped us in many ways. We believe this is the spirit of the citizens of the Island who value the annual jamboree, and we look forward to a greater one next year."

## MRS. ELLA MANN DANIELS 85 DIES AT WANCHESE

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Mann Daniels, 85, who died Friday, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Wanchese Methodist Church by the Rev. C. W. Guthrie, pastor, and the Rev. Alvin Price, pastor of the Assembly of God Church. Burial was in Cudworth Cemetery. Mrs. Daniels was a native of Dare County, daughter of Louis and Vosia Mann and wife of Charles Bailey Daniels. A member of the Wanchese Methodist Church; she was a charter member of the Roanoke Chapter of the Eastern Star. Surviving are four sons, Willie O., and Paul M. Daniels, Skycro, and Cecil R. Daniels, Orland, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Ida Bamberg, Atlanta, Ga.; 21 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

## A FISH FRY

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Mount Olivet Methodist Church is planning a fish fry on Saturday, May 12 at 6:00 o'clock. The money received from this fish fry will go toward placing a religious center in our educational building. All you can eat for \$1.00.

## DELAYED MEETING

The Dare sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship has been postponed from Saturday, May 5 to Saturday morning, May 12, at 10:15 at Stumpy Point. The meeting was put off on account of the junior-senior banquet of the Manteo High School.

Perfect weather prevailed during the first two and half days of the second annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree and the varied program of events was well received by thousands of persons who came here for the festivities. Everything planned went off on schedule excepting the model plane contest which had been cancelled due to lack of sponsorship by the American Model Plane Association. Then on Sunday afternoon due to high winds it was necessary to cancel the concluding spectacle of the Jamboree, the Dare Power Boat Association-sponsored speed races in Manteo's Shallowbag Bay.

Officials of the local boat club stated this week that the speed boat classic, with additional classes added, has been tentatively set for Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20. "We are waiting now for approval from the American Power Boat Association before making that date definite," said Commodore Ralph Davis.

More than 100 boats and drivers had come to Manteo to take part in the races. The boats and drivers had come from many States, as far north as New Jersey and as far south as Florida. Some of the boats had record speeds of up to 180 miles an hour.

On Sunday morning Dr. Sylvester Green, vice president of Wake Forest College, speaking at joint religious services in Waterside Theatre in which the Rev. Louis Aitken of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, the Rev. A. C. D. Noe of St. Andrews by the Sea and Jamboree Chairman W. H. McCown had roles, used as a sermon topic "Things We Have Not Used." A combined choir under the direction of Mrs. Victor Meekins with Mrs. Rennie Williamson at the console of the great Lost Colony organ, provided music for the occasion. Several hundred persons attended the services.

Saturday Events More than 150 children participated in the special Treasure Hunt staged for them on the grounds of Kitty Hawk School during the morning and many a youngster was made happy with treasures they found, or lollypops.

To the tunes of Elizabeth City's famous High School Band at Journey's End during late morning, Governor Luther Hodges and Al Plews of Glen Burnie, Md., pulled the cords which unveiled the second largest blue marlin taken along the Atlantic Coast in 1955. Governor Hodges spoke briefly at the unveiling ceremonies made possible by Basil Wells and the Harringtons of Journey's End Restaurant and Motel, through the mounting and displaying of the big 464 pound fish. Plews had caught the marlin off Hatteras last May 28.

In his talk Governor Hodges, who was accompanied to the Dare Coast by Mrs. Hodges and Senator and Mrs. Lunsford Crew of Roanoke Rapids, was high in his praise for the splendid job the sponsors of the Jamboree had done. "It is events like this which are making North Carolina famous throughout the country as a vacation land," he said.

One of the most colorful and exciting events of the Saturday program was the landing of the Pirate crews on the shores of Kitty Hawk Bay at Avalon Beach. Naval officers and personnel from Elizabeth City and Buxton were on hand to repel the pirates, and the Elizabeth City band was there to play. Following the landing of the pirates, which featured the king and queen receiving a key to the Outer Banks from Mrs. Emily Mustian, mayor of Kill Devil Hills, events moved swiftly to Jockey's Ridge where the jeep obstacle races chartered by George Sides were held and attracted thousands of spectators.

Later in the afternoon E. D. Sawyer, Jr., and his brother Byron Sawyer won first and second places in jalousie races along the beach near Jennette's Pier.

Coronation Ceremony During the Grand Pirates Ball, the king and queen, John Donoho and Mrs. Sue McCown were crowned by Mrs. Lucille Purser, chairman of the Jamboree last year. Guy Midgett of Manteo won first place for best pirate costume for men and Mrs. Pat Payne won first place for best costumed woman pirate. Mrs. C. P. Midgett of the First Colony Inn, Nags Head, won See JAMBOREE, Page Twelve.