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## LOST COLONY IN NEW YORK FINDS BIGGEST AUDIENCE

Some 4,000 Persons Witness Paul Green's Drama in Metropolitan Opera House.

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In New York City on Monday night before an audience of 4,800 persons filling every available seat in the orchestra section and the glittering "Diamond Horseshoe" of famous Metropolitan Opera House The Lost Colony which in 1937 gave a "new look" to the American Theatre, presented four colorful scenes from the play which never in its long history had been presented anywhere except in Waterside Theatre at Fort Raleigh at the site of the original 16th Century happenings on Roanoke Island of the story it tells.

There for the famous play's "debut at the Met" were its author, Paul Green, and Mrs. Green, Dick Jordan, its manager, and Grace his wife, who played a role in the show, Clifton Britton of Goldsboro, its director, Mrs. Lucille Purser of Nags Head who honored the group of actors and many important New York friends of North Carolina at a youpon tea party before the performance began, and many others.

Perhaps the most important person there to many people was Richard Nixon, who studied law at Duke University and is now Vice-President of the United States. The nation's Veep was there for a purpose, to present awards to winners of the N. Y. Journal-American's 14th Annual Oratory Finals, an event along with many added attractions, of which The Lost Colony was one. Jim Morton, an editorial executive of the world's largest circulated afternoon newspaper which sponsored the events, was the man responsible for the great success of the presentation which began at 8 o'clock and continued until after midnight.

Morton, a summer resident of Nags Head, not only supervised the direction of the various features.

## CROATAN SOUND BRIDGE COMPLETE FOR INAUGURATION

Prospect of Being Opened Early in 1957, Contractor Says; Weather Made Delay

It looks as if the best we may expect for the opening of the Croatan Sound bridge will be in time to enable friends of Governor Hodges to drive over it en route to Raleigh about the first week in January 1957 to witness his inauguration.

John Loving, of the contracting firm building this bridge, told this newspaper this week that he doesn't hold out hopes of completing the bridge before the end of 1956. This week's statement is in line with previous statements he has made that he didn't see how the bridge could be completed before about Christmas. In fact he has said all along it would be late in 1956 at the best, before it could be finished.

Mr. Loving said on top of all the weather set-backs that have prevailed during the past year, the unusually bad weather of this spring has further delayed construction. He says he sees no prospect whatever of getting the job finished before Christmas.

The contractors have a given number of working days in which to build the bridge, and the actual time of completion depends on the weather. Leeway is given also for other mishaps which might occur.

At the end of the week, less than 50 pilings remained to be driven. The work of the floating pile driver is about complete. Deck and rail of the bridge is complete for about 60 per cent of the length of the bridge from the east end at Roanoke Island. Materials are mixed at the Manteo airport and transported by truck to the job.

## DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN MANTEO 2 P.M. SATURDAY

The Democratic County convention will convene at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Dare County courthouse in Manteo, according to M. L. Daniels, Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee. At this time delegates to the State Convention on May 17th in Raleigh will be elected, and other business attended to.

Saturday of this week is the final date for registering to vote in the forthcoming primary of May 26. The following Saturday, May 19th, will be challenge day.

## BOAT RACES NEXT WEEK IN MANTEO FOR TWO DAYS

The Dare Power Boat Association has added three more inboard classes for its May 19 and 20 races, bringing the number of inboard groups to seven.

The Dare races, which were scheduled for April 29 at Manteo, were postponed until the third week end in May because of choppy water. DPBA officials decided to turn the race into a two-day affair, instead of the originally scheduled one day of racing, and add more inboard classes.

Outboard racing will be held Saturday to allow the outboard skippers to attend the Hopewell race Sunday.

Inboard racing will be Sunday. Besides the 235, 136, 225 and 266 hydro classes, already included in the race, the DPBA will add the 48 hydroplane class, the Pacific One design hydros, and the D&E runabouts.

According to Ty Bain, president of the Tidewater Power Boat Racing Association, the Manteo races will be the first big affair for inboard pilots in this area.

He also predicted that the addition of the new classes will bring many more boats to the race. Bain, who owns a 48 Hydro, said he would take his boat to Manteo if he could get it in top-notch condition by that time.

Other 48 Hydro owners from the Tidewater area that will probably attend the Dare affair are Rudy Browning, George Loeb and See RACES, Page Four

## TWO DAY MEETING OF 200 FARM AND HOME AGENTS ENDS

Nags Head Hotel Host to Unusual Gathering in Dare County This Week

One of the largest conventions of the season for Nags Head has been conducting a two day group meeting at The Arlington Hotel, concluding on Thursday. Approximately 200 farm and home agents of the eastern and northwestern districts met along with administrators and specialists of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

Sessions were held in Dare County Shrine Club where Extension Director D. S. Weaver of Raleigh made keynote speech Wednesday morning and at The Arlington where a banquet was held Thursday night honoring three veteran extension workers for their long service.

Those honored included J. I. Wagoner of Guilford County since 1924; Mrs. Grace Pope Brown, home agent in Surry County for 18 years and Jere W. Bason, county agent in Alamance County since 1937.

Weaver said one of the big problems facing the Extension Service and Nation's agriculture is how to provide the two million low-income families in the country with a good living.

"Up to now," he said, "no one seems to know how."

Using as topic "The Over-all Extension Program and Significant Changes and Trends in Agriculture," Weaver said, "The world today needs more of the philosophy underlying the Extension Service, —trying to help people help themselves." He described the work of the agricultural agency as putting science to work for the benefit of all.

The original aim of Extension was to help farmers increase production and thereby enable them to increase their income and release workers to industry," he said, adding, "but in our changing situation our work has become more complex and involves many more problems of the farm people."

Citing progress made by North Carolina farm people in past 30 years Director Weaver pointed out that "flue-cured tobacco production per acre has more than doubled; cotton and peanut yields have increased by one fourth; Broiler production has gone from less than million in 1924 to almost 70 million in 1955; and diets have been improved as the level of living generally has been raised.

Looking into future Weaver sees great potential in increasing egg production, milk production for manufacturing purposes and increasing horticultural crops in many sections of State. "North Carolina has a big stake in farm legislation since 66 percent of State's farm income is derived from the six so-called basic crops—a higher percentage than any other state of the nation," he said. Following banquet at Arlington tonight a dance in honor of Mrs. Brown, Wagoner and Bason in Dare County Shrine Club.

## AVON LADS COMPLETE 12 WEEKS COAST GUARD TRAINING



HARVEY D. SCARBOROUGH

These two Avon boys have completed their 12-weeks training course at the Coast Guard Receiving Center at Cape May, N. J. Price, 19 is the son of Mrs. Alvin Price of Avon. He attended Hatteras High School until June 1954. He entered the Coast Guard in January and was assigned to Recruit Co. Lima-27 at Cape May. Scarborough is a graduate of Cape Hatteras High, both boys joined up in January. Price will continue at Cape May for awhile. Scarborough will report for first duty at the Fifth District, Norfolk. They are now on 10 days leave.



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## BOARD APPROVES CHANGES IN DARE SCHOOL BUDGET

Agrees on New Line For Health Center Property at Buxton; Leases Property at Wanchese; Draws Jury

The Dare County Commissioners Tuesday agreed to an increase in the budget for the school year just closing, whereby the Board of Education may spend \$80,804.55 for the current year instead of the original appropriation of \$73,450.55. The School board has recently received the additional \$7,354 desired to be spent, from the sale of school property at Avon and Buxton.

The Board agreed to lease to Bernie Davis of Wanchese a 100 foot strip of County Owned property for \$500 a year, the lease to be renewed from year to year. The resolution didn't say how long the lease might continue.

The Board agreed to accept a new line recently run, as the boundary of property used as the Buxton Health Center.

June 5th was set for the date of opening bids for the removal of garbage on the Dare beaches.

## PRECINCT MEETING HELD IN MANTEO SATURDAY

Charles R. Evans of Manteo was elected precinct Democratic Committee chairman at the meeting held in Manteo Saturday. Mrs. Mary M. Basnight was named Vice-Chairman. She was not present. Martin Kellogg Jr. served as Secretary of the meeting. Mrs. Basnight, W. M. Jolliff, Sheriff Frank Cahoon and C. S. Meekins were named to attend the county convention in Manteo Saturday of this week.

Also attending the meeting was M. L. Daniels, County Chairman.

## \$18,000 PROVIDED TO DEEPEN HATTERAS CHANNEL TO INLET

Chief of Engineers Allots Money From Special Fund To Open Natural Channel

Continued effort in behalf of the channel and harbor at Hatteras meets with success. Congressman Herbert Bonner this week was notified that the Chief of Engineers in Washington had allotted \$18,000 from his special fund to open the natural channel from Hatteras Harbor to Hatteras Inlet. This is in addition to the construction of a breakwater at Hatteras which contract is now underway, and the deepening of and improvement of Rollinson channel which enters Hatteras Harbor from Pamlico Sound.

Through several years there has been steady effort on the part of the Congressman, which good supporting aid from several citizens of Hatteras to get improvement for this important harbor. The harbor serves all the island of Hatteras, and is more important now than ever, since it is the only deep water harbor on the island, and is the distributing center for fuel oil. There have been times when the light plant came close to shutting down because prevailing low tides over a long period prevented the oil tankers from bringing cargoes into the port.

There are four important features to be considered in the improvement of this harbor, and tributary channels. 1. The necessity for a breakwater to diminish the force of the seas from Pamlico Sound. 2. The maintenance of Rollinson channel to a suitable depth. 3. The maintenance of the channel between the harbor and the inlet. 4. The necessity now, because of tremendous increase in boating, to See CHANNEL, Page Four

## RODANTHE EVENT TO INCLUDE BOAT RACES AND DANCE

Planning Committee Now Working on Three Day Affair to Honor Surfmén

Several committees named recently at Rodanthe are working on a program for a three day affair, June 15-17 honoring men of the Coast Guard, and constituting a general homecoming of former residents of the villages on the outer banks.

The program will begin with a dance on Friday night. Principal events will take place on Saturday, with speeches, Coast Guard drills, fishing contest and boat races for several local groups. The Elizabeth City High School band will attend. Boxing matches will be held on Saturday night.

One of the most interesting features will be a religious service on Sunday, June 17th at Fairhaven Methodist Church. Capt. Roy E. Bishop, USN Chaplain of the Atlantic Fleet will deliver a sermon during a service which will pay tribute to the memory of the dead of the Coast Guard.

At the meeting held Tuesday night of this week at Chicamacomico Restaurant at Rodanthe, the following attended: A. H. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Gray Jr., H. G. Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. Levene Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. John Herbert, Nelson Midgett, Newcomb Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gray, R. D. Owens, Chairman, and D. C. Todd, Secretary, treasurer.

## ONLY TWO WEEKS BEFORE MAY 26 PRIMARY; LIGHT VOTE EXPECTED IN DARE

Due to the limited number of candidates seeking nominations in the forthcoming primary, a light vote is expected on May 26 in Dare County. Contests appear in only three instances. A heavy vote is expected in Atlantic Township where four candidates seek the nomination for commissioner. Jas. L. Murphy of Kill Devil Hills, O. L. Baum, M. M. Meekins and Hallett Perry of Kitty Hawk are out for this place. Mr. Perry is a former commissioner who served four years, from 1948 to 1952.

In Nags Head township, James W. Davis of Wanchese seeks the nomination for board of education against R. O. Ballance of Manteo. This may be a close race. There are no other candidates for the board of education with opposition. Mrs. Susie Briggs of Kill Devil Hills is without opposition for board of education in Atlantic Township, Leland Wise of Stumpy Point is without opposition in the Mainland district, Ellis Gray of Kinnekeet and W. L. Scarborough of Hatteras are without opposition for re-election.

The following commissioners have no opposition for the Democratic nomination: L. L. Swain of Manteo, C. C. Duvall of East Lake, E. P. White of Buxton.

James W. Scarborough of Avon is opposed for Commissioner by Newcomb Midgett of Waves. This may be another close race. Midgett, two years ago, came within six votes of Scarborough in a similar contest.

Two Republican candidates are in the field, seeking nominations. Victor Daniels of Wanchese wishes the nomination for county commissioner and an opportunity to See VOTE, Page Four

## ABOVE FOUR MILLION DOLLARS ESTIMATED IN 10-YR. PROGRAM HATTERAS SEASHORE PROJECT

Visitors Expected to Increase to Two Million in Ten Years; Heavy Traffic Now Predicts Early Bridging of Oregon Inlet; Four Fishing Piers May Be Permitted in 70-Mile Area As Demanded By Public.

Two million visitors a year are expected to visit the Cape Hatteras National Seashore by 1966, ten years from now, Director Conrad Wirth of the National Park Service said in Washington this week. This will be nearly a ten-fold increase over present traffic. Last year 264,545 visitors came to the area.

This area stretches about 70 miles, between Bodie Island Beach and Ocracoke Inlet. The heaviest traffic is now at Oregon Inlet, which sometimes requires four ferry boats to keep moving. A ten-fold increase would require forty ferry boats. It is obvious now that a bridge will be built in this area within the next five years, judging from the increase in traffic during the past three years. This increase bears out the Director's estimate of two million visitors a year in ten years.

The National Park service is proceeding with its development of the region on the assumption of a heavy increase in traffic. Director Wirth said the Government plans to spend \$4,375,000 on development of the area in the next ten years. He said the program is designed to preserve the wilderness qualities of the area and at the same time provide facilities to handle upwards of two million visitors annually by 1966.

Last year the area had 264,545 visitors. Wirth said he expected there may be a ten-fold increase in 10 years.

In the program submitted to acting Secretary of the Interior Clarence A. Davis, Wirth said more funds also will be necessary for the area to meet increased staffing and operational costs as the development progresses.

The Cape Hatteras development is planned as part of the nationwide "mission 66" program designed to develop the 181 areas of the National Park System by 1966 so that they can handle 80 million visitors a year. The units had 50 million visitors in 1955.

Congress must provide the money year by year if the program is to be carried through as planned. Beach Erosion Included

Wirth said the largest single item in the Cape Hatteras proposal would be about \$1,400,000 for beach erosion and sand fixation work on the 70 miles of Atlantic Coast line within the area.

He said the law establishing the seashore recreational area directs the service to develop certain portions for swimming, boating, sailing, fishing and other recreational uses and to preserve the remainder permanently as a primitive wilderness.

He said that almost 90 per cent of the area will be retained in its natural state after all development contemplated under the mission 66 program has been completed.

Among the projects planned are: 1. A combined visitor center and headquarters administrative building on lower Bodie Island. Parking space would be provided for 300 automobiles at the visitor center and facilities for additional cars would be provided at the nearby Coquina Beach public swimming area, where construction of a modern beach structure was recently authorized.

Facilities similar to those at Coquina Beach are proposed for the bathing areas adjacent to the settlements on Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands as needed, including visitor centers and parking facilities.

2. A new public service building at the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center and parking for 400 cars at the improved marina.

3. Improved camping facilities at Oregon Inlet and at Cape Point on Hatteras Island, with parking facilities at the latter site.

Wirth said in addition a number of roadside parking areas with walkways and trails to points of interest will be provided; the three museums in the area will be improved, and additional comfort stations and drinking fountains will be installed.

"If justified by public demand, construction of not more than four ocean fishing piers near existing communities will be authorized," Wirth said. "Such facilities would be financed and maintained by private capital under park service See PARK, Page Four

## TWO CHARGED WITH MALICIOUS BURNING OF LANDS IN DARE

Thurston Gray and Van Buren Twiford Held For Grand Jury, Result of Fire on Mainland.

Two Stumpy Point men were held for the Grand Jury this week on a warrant charging them with the malicious and felonious setting afire of the grass lands of the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. Thurston Gray, and Van Buren Twiford were arrested on a warrant sworn out by Sheriff Frank Cahoon, charging them with the crime on April 29th.

Judge Baum ordered them held for the grand jury on May 29, under bonds of \$300 each. Gray's bond was signed by his brother, Bruce Gray. Twiford went to jail. He has a considerable prison record, and has served time for other felonies.

This is the first action brought in Dare County against anyone for setting fires, and one of the few warrants signed by the Sheriff on information and belief. Woods fires in Dare County have come to be a continuing and costly problem. Some of them have no doubt been set maliciously by persons piqued about efforts to restrict trespassing of one sort or another. It is common belief also that other fires have been set by persons accused of trying to blackmail the owners into employment. The subsequent employment of some persons suspected of such crimes has given rise to the belief.

In Recorder's Court this week Judge Baum heard a number of other cases, James Clay Bryant was fined \$100 and costs for driving while drunk. Tully W. Jones of Ayldett also got the same fine for the same offense. Jethro M. Payne Jr. of Wanchese was fined \$10 and costs for speeding. Merlin C. Tillett was taxed with costs, See COURT, Page Four

## HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETS IN DARE NEXT WEEK

Annual Spring meeting of the N. C. Historical and Literary Association headed by Dr. Christopher Crittenden of Raleigh is scheduled for the Carolinian Hotel on Nags Head next Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18. Local arrangements are being made for the meeting by Dick Jordan of the Roanoke Island Historical Association and Julian Oneto of the Carolinian staff. David Stick, Kill Devil Hills, author of "Graveyard of the Atlantic," and "Fabulous Dare," who is now engaged in writing another book based on the authentic history of the North Carolina Outer Banks will be the banquet speaker at the meeting. On Saturday the group will make a tour to Hatteras and a large delegation is expected.

## TRAVEL COUNCIL MEETS WEDNESDAY

The Pamlico-Albemarle Travel Council will have a luncheon meeting at the Roanoke Country Club in Williamston on Wednesday, May 16, it has been announced by Grayson Harding, president of the group. The Travel Council, designed to promote travel and vacation business in the northern and southern Albemarle region, is working in close cooperation with the N. C. Travel Council. The group will also advertise this area of North Carolina as a vacation and historical sector.

## NOAH TOLER TO SPEAK AT KITTY HAWK MAY 30

Noah Toler, school supervisor of Currituck and Camden counties, and a native of this section will speak at the 8th grade commencement exercises in Kitty Hawk school May 30.

The class has 15 members, with Mrs. B. P. Ward as teacher. Those to receive certificates are Donna Midgett, Kathy Washburn, Virginia Perry, Elouise Mann, Karen Peterson, Gary Perry, Fred Murdock, Foster Spruill, Grady Rogers, LeRoy Williams, Dallas Beacham, Bobby Sullivan, Bobby Scarborough, Sam Liverman Jr., and James Miller.