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CURRITUCK COUNTY BEACH SITE OF MULTI-MILLION RESORT CITY PROJECT

Historic Whalehead Club Property at Corolla Offered to Public in Planned Development, With Proposed Golf Course, Airfield, Hotels, and Stores.

What has been anticipated in North Carolina a long time, and foreseen by many forward looking people who have recognized such possibilities on this particular span of beach has now broken into the news. It is the development of the historic Whalehead Club property, known by many as Currituck Beach. It is the scene of the brick tower lighthouse, and the community known by the postoffice of Corolla. Until his death in the 20's, it was owned by a wealthy Philadelphia architect, the late Edward Knight, who with his eccentric wife, a former French actress, have long since become fixed amid the fable of the Coastland.

The first public offering of ocean resort property at Corolla, N. C., was announced this week (June 24) by officials of the Whalehead Club, Inc., who said concurrently that a carefully controlled 25 million dollar resort city will be built on the historic site along the Atlantic Coast.

The full-fledged city, for which plans have been drawn by the Olmsted Brothers landscape architectural firm of Brookline, Mass., will be 33 miles south of Virginia Beach and located on the historic Outer Banks of North Carolina.

The five-mile beach area composing Corolla is bordered on the west by Currituck Sound, thus placing the resort city midway between bodies of salt and fresh water.

Long recognized as a haven for privacy, Corolla heretofore has been an exclusive hunting club with activities centering around the magnificent Whalehead Club. The Club is now exclusive owner of the property and membership in it will be a necessary requisite to purchase lots for home construction.

In addition, all building plans will be subject to approval by a club architectural committee.

The comprehensive development plan drawn up for Corolla will divide the city into two areas; the first for residential construction and exclusive golf course, yacht club, club house and private bathing areas.

The 18-hole golf course will be at the southern end of the area and the present Whalehead Club will become the basis of operations for the Yacht Club. The other see **PROJECT, Page Eight**

YOUTH BOUND OVER FOR ENTERING COTTAGE AT NAGS HEAD SATURDAY

Harry B. Zackrisson, Jr., 19, a smart alecky youngster from Arlington, Va., was bound over to Superior Court Tuesday by Judge Baum in Dare Records Court, under \$1,000 appearance bond. He was held for the entering of the home of Judge Edward L. Oast at Nags Head Saturday night, while in a drunken and silly condition. Judge Oast, is a circuit court judge of Portsmouth, Va. and caught the young man in his house. The Judge testified that young Zackrisson had a mask over his face, told him it was a stick-up, and stuck his hand in his pocket. The Judge knocked the young fellow down, and held a gun on him until officers came. He said the boy told him he had been drunk for 17 months.

On the witness stand the offender admitted being drunk. Said he was spending the week end on the beach with his parents at a nearby cottage, and started drinking Tom Collines with his parents in the afternoon, later going to other places on the beach, where he drank numerous beers. That he was being taken home by his father, and ran away from him. That later he found himself hiding under Judge Oast's house. He said he did not remember all he did.

The boy's father, a Government employe also appeared in court as a witness in his son's behalf. Other cases disposed of in Tuesday's court were the following submissions:

Ervin H. Price, Ayon, drunk on highway, \$10 and costs. Moses E. Peterson of Swan Quarter, operating a car on wrong side of highway, \$5 and costs. Ernest C. Fentress of Norfolk, operating car to left of center line when not in passing, \$10 and costs. Theo. R. Meekins Jr., Manteo, failing to observe a stop sign, \$5 and costs.

MAJOR MURPHY RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF AWARD



(Special to The Coastland Times)

KILL DEVIL HILLS, June 27.—A certificate of award from the National Wildlife Federation has been received recently by Major James L. Murphy of Kill Devil Hills in recognition of his years of service in the cause of conservation.

Since his retirement from active duty with the Marine Corps in 1946, Major Murphy has devoted his time and efforts toward the protection and preservation of our state and national resources, our wildlife, public lands, waters and forests, and served for a number of years on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. He was elected a member of the board of directors of the National Wildlife Federation in their annual meeting in March of this year.

Major Murphy has worked closely with Representative Bonner and **See MURPHY, Page Eight**

FRIDAY NIGHT SET FOR BEAUTY SHOW NAGS HEAD CASINO

Pretty Girls Lined Up For Miss Universe Contest Coronation Ball

A beautiful girl who will become the 1956 "Miss North Carolina" to represent the state in the Miss Universe Contest at Long Beach, California, later this summer will be selected at Nags Head Casino on Friday night in a pageant of beauty to be followed by a coronation ball in her honor.

The Friday night events will bring to a close the three-day state-wide Miss North Carolina for Miss Universe events that started at noon on Wednesday.

Only five contestants had shown up by Friday night, but Buck Cowling of Virginia Beach, who has been working with Tom Briggs, George Crocker, George Fearing, Miss Sarah Halliburton and other Nags Head Chamber of Commerce officials say that by the time of judging on Friday evening there will be a minimum of 10 or 12 persons taking part in the event. Already here to lend assistance in planning is Gracie R. Coggin, the state's Miss North Carolina in the Universe event last year and by Friday evening Miss Virginia of 1955, Jeanne Asbel, will be on the scene to also help with details.

On Wednesday afternoon the five arrivals, Dell Hargis, Miss Charlotte; Betty Brinson, Miss Washington; Shirley Bagwell, Miss Raleigh; Sylvia Crocker, Miss Rocky Mount and Barbara Taylor, Miss Nags Head, and Miss North Carolina of '55 were honored guests at the Beacon Motor Lodge for a meet the press swim party and buffet luncheon. Miss Diane **See CONTEST, Page Eight**

DRINKWATER TO APPEAR ON DAVE GARROWAY'S PROGRAM ON JULY 13

A. W. Drinkwater, Manteo's man of first flight fame, now Ground Observer in Manteo, is to be featured on Dave Garroway's TV program in New York on July 13th, and will fly there with R. H. Stone, principal of the Manteo School of last term, who is now serving as Post Supervisor of the GOC in Manteo.

Master Sergeant L. L. Scott of Elizabeth City, head of the GOC in nine counties of eastern N. C. and Virginia was in Manteo Wednesday making arrangements with Mr. Drinkwater and Mr. Stone about attending this show.

COUNTY OPERATING EXPENSES CONTINUE TO CLIMB HIGHER

Budget Proposed This Year To Run County, Higher Than That of Last Year

The Dare County Commissioners are having their usual budget troubles, trying to find enough money to run the various offices, as requested by department heads, and also to keep their promise to reduce the taxes. Up to now, it looks as if this is going to be a hard job.

The proposed budget sought this year is \$225,793. Of this sum \$168,401.80 is proposed to be raised from ad valorem taxes. The rest, to come from court fines, various costs, and fees, and other sources, and an estimated profit from ABC stores of \$20,500, the same amount being received the fiscal year just closing. These sums total \$57,572 in income estimated from other sources than taxation on property.

Last year the budget was higher. It totaled \$260,967.12. But in this sum was included \$40,000 to buy land at Manteo and Kitty Hawk for school sites. The \$40,000 doesn't have to be included this year, so leaving it out, the budget proposed this year will then be some \$4,600 greater than last year for operation of the county. Provided of course the present budget estimates are adopted.

However the Commissioners have embarked on building a new jail, and making courthouse improvements, nobody knows how much will cost in the end. This week they have begun the task of tearing down the old jail in preparation for construction of the new addition.

The estimated income this year from sources other than taxation will be some \$12,000 short of last **See EXPENSES, Page Eight**

RECTOR OF ST. PETER'S MANTEO SPEAKER SUNDAY



THE REV. WILFORD T. WATERHOUSE, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Washington, N. C., will be guest minister at Waterside Theatre, on Roanoke Island, Sunday morning, July 1, when the first in a series of Sabbath services will be presented during the Lost Colony season which opens Saturday night, June 30. He is rector of the largest Episcopal church in the Eastern Diocese.

A feature of the Sunday services will be music by the famous Lost Colony Choir under the direction of Elwood Keister with Hedley Yost, one of the drama's organists, providing musical accompaniment.

It will be the Rev. Mr. Waterhouse's first appearance here as guest minister for the services which during the summer months changes Waterside Theatre into a place of worship for all peoples **See RECTOR, Page Eight**

PAUL GREEN, LOST COLONY'S AUTHOR, AND ROBERT HUMBER WILL APPEAR AT OPENING

Both Will Be Speakers Saturday Night When Show Opens For Its 16th Season at Old Fort Raleigh Amphitheatre. Prospects For Busy Season Now Appear Good.

BONES OF DEERING REMOVED TO YARD OF SAMUEL JONES

Famed Attraction on Ocracoke Island Taken to Village Home This Week.

The remains of the famed schooner Carroll A. Deering which have reposed on Ocracoke Island for many years, were taken some ten miles down the beach this week by Sam Jones and placed on his premises in Ocracoke Village. The removal of this famous beach attraction from the property of the U. S. Park Service gave some concern to residents who wished it to remain where it was most likely to have tourist appeal, and it gave concern to National Park Service officials, who began an investigation into the circumstances.

Elbert Cox, regional director of the National Park Service said in his office in Richmond that his men had gotten in touch with Mr. Jones, who said he had brought the wreckage home to save it, and that he would not only return it to the Park Service on demand but would assist in bringing together other parts of the wreck which are now located at other spots on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

During a storm in 1955, the **See DEERING, Page Eight**

Paul Green, author of the play, and Robert Lee Humber, board chairman of Roanoke Island Historical Association, sponsors of the drama, will make introductory remarks as the Lost Colony's 16th season is launched here on Saturday night in Waterside Theatre at the same spot where it had its original premiere on July 4, 1937.

General Manager R. E. Jordan stated today that advance tickets sales were up to par with other seasons and that if weather conditions remained as perfect as during the past several days a large audience should be present on Saturday when the show's 766th performance is presented.

"This year we have had the advantage of a more varied type of advance promotion than in previous seasons, and this, plus the fact that many vacationists are now in the area seems to be an advance assurance that we will have a large audience Saturday night," he said.

"This year too," Jordan added, "we have we believe, overcome a problem that existed during previous seasons. We believe we have the mosquito problem virtually solved insofar as the theatre itself is concerned through our system of spraying and the installation of electric devices for killing night-flying insects. These electric insect killers add a colorful touch of neon blue in the dark spots where they have been installed."

Director's Opinion
Director Clifton Britton who has been whipping the show in shape through many days of strenuous rehearsals seemed to be well pleased today with his 1956 edition of the world's longest-lived outdoor production. There are more new principals in the cast this season than in any year since Britton succeeded Samuel Selden as director of the show. "The new actors have been doing an excellent job with their parts, far better than I expected, especially from those new to the cast who had never before seen a performance of the Lost Colony," said Britton.

There are new actors this year in such roles as Eleanor Dare, the female lead played by Jan Saxon of Charlotte; Simon Fernando, by Charles Barrett; Dame Coleman by Margaret Joslin; David Singleton as Father Martin; Governor White by Harold O'Tuel; Uppowoc by Charles McCraw; Harvey T. Warren as the historian and Phil Bruns in the comi-tragi role of Old Tom Harris.

Also there are the veteran actors in lead roles, Martin F. Gerish as John Borden; Mary Wood Long as the dynamic Queen Elizabeth; Harley Streif as Ananias Dare; Grace Davis as Agona; Oliver Link as Sir Walter Raleigh and Woody Fearing as Chief Manteo. About half of the cast this year are natives of Roanoke Island and included in this group in addition to Woody Fearing and Grace Davis, mentioned before, are Marjalee Thomas, first island native to become a member of the choir, who also plays Joyce Arch **See COLONY, Page Eight**

LENNON W. HOOPER; RETIRED MERCHANT DIES AT STUMPY POINT

One of the best known men of Stumpy Point, Lennon W. Hooper, 69, died Sunday morning at his home after several months illness. He was the son of the late Lorenzo and Bethania H. Hooper. He was a lifelong resident of the community, and until a year ago, a leading merchant. For many years he, with his brother E. M. Hooper, operated Hooper Bros. general store. He had served on the Dare County Board of Education and in many posts of community and church responsibility, having been a lifelong member of Shiloh Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Midgett Hooper, by a son, L. W. Hooper Jr., a daughter, Mrs. Jack Gaskill of Elizabeth City; two brothers, Jones Hooper of Elizabeth City, and E. M. Hooper of Winfall; a sister, Mrs. Bettie Nixon of Stumpy Point.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 3 p.m. from the Methodist Church by Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, and burial was in the community cemetery. The Berry Company of Swan Quarter directors.

Comments on 25 Years of EDITING A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER A QUARTER CENTURY IN A BARREN FIELD WHERE NONE FLOURISHED BEFORE

We Feel Grateful and Humble For Your Patience and Goodness; We Hope We Have Been Helpful; We Look Forward With Faith To Greater Days

By VICTOR MEEKINS

This week rounds out 21 years of publication of The Coastland Times. There have been a lot of changes in our area of North Carolina in 21 years. We have no doubt that most of them have been for the better and many of them have been influenced by the efforts of this newspaper. Before The Coastland Times began operating, there was no newspaper devoted solely to fighting for things essential to this area of the state. No other paper had the interest we had. Some other papers could not afford to stand up and fight for the things we needed.

We thought we had a vision of what was most needed for the development of our area. We knew no development could take place without roads comparable with those enjoyed in other sections of the state. We knew that our neighboring counties and ourselves could never join hands effectively for progress until the roads vouchsafed us by law had been built to unite us.

We saw that our once plentiful natural resources were fast being dissipated through wasteful practices, and believed that such wilful waste would eventually wind up in woeful want. We believed new sources of income would be necessary to sustain our people, and that roads would be of prime necessity in this event.

Without these roads, most of which are now built, we would now be in dire circumstances indeed, with our commercial fishing gone, our timber industry shut down and some other little enterprises depleted. Fortunate we are that such roads have been built, which has made possible for us a nice tourist business which grows steadily.

Bridges of course are a part of the system of roads essential to our timber industry shut down and some other little enterprises dehard surfaced, including construction of a long-delayed road to Hatteras Island and Ocracoke. We see the Croatan Sound Bridge nearing completion. We now look forward to completion of bridges across Alligator River and Oregon Inlet. And as before, we shall insist that these bridges when built shall be toll-free, as are all other bridges in North Carolina. There is no reason why we should be singled out and discriminated against by toll bridges, so long as we are North Carolinians, and our counties a part of our commonwealth. There is no place in North Carolina's exalted road program for toll-bridges.

In running a newspaper, we believe there is no place for a wishy-washy editor. One must take a positive position to be of any use to his people. Nothing can be accomplished through a spineless attitude of trying to please everybody. Naturally, if anything is to be accomplished someone must at times be offended. A newspaper that serves its people often stands in the way of selfish interests.

We sincerely believe that all factors in a community should unite in defense of the public interest. We cannot tolerate actions of those who while holding public office gained through the confidence of their neighbors, are motivated in their official actions by desire for personal gain. We have no patience with incompetent, blundering people who assume the responsibilities and duties of public office, waste the people's money, and continually tear down the quality of government and public service the people receive in return. We cannot tolerate those who, in filling offices and places of trust and responsibility at the expense of the people, demand first that these jobs be given to their relatives or close friends, regardless of honesty and ability.

We think every road that is put down, every schoolhouse that is built, every community service established, should be designed and executed for one sole purpose—the rendering of the most good where needed and for the greatest number of people. This rule, of course, works hardships always for a few people, but it were better than a few suffer than for the most to be deprived of their rights.

Our zeal and devotion for the cause, as stated herein, has led us to offend many people. Not only themselves but their friends have been offended. Many people of this type retaliate readily by withholding patronage from a newspaper. Some of them attempt to get others to boycott us. We have lost many thousands of dollars of business in this manner. And in turn, those who gave us this treatment, failed to get a lot of business from us, and which they would have **See PUBLICATION, Page Eight**

LOST COLONY'S 16TH SEASON BEGINS IN MANTEO JUNE 30



This montage by the Island Studio, Manteo, shows some of the dramatic scenes from Paul Green's symphonic drama The Lost Colony which will open at Waterside Theatre in Fort Raleigh on Roanoke Island for its 16th season, Saturday night June 30, with a production schedule of 56 performances during the summer of 1956. Saturday night's performance will be the 766th in the long history of the show that has lived longer than any other outdoor production in the world. There will be performances each night of the week (except Mondays) through Labor Day Eve on September 2 beginning at 8:15 o'clock, eastern standard time. The Lost Colony tells the story of the New World's 16th Century beginning on Roanoke Island and the play is presented at Fort Raleigh National Historic site, at the actual site of the original happenings of the story the drama tells, the story of Sir Walter Raleigh's attempts to establish a permanent settlement on Roanoke Island almost 400 years ago in 1584-87. In the above photos: (top section) Old Tom Harris argues with an unfriendly Indian in one of the tragic-comic scenes; Dame Coleman, the colonist midwife, tells of the coming birth of a child which will be the first of English parentage born in the New World; Governor John White pleads with Queen Elizabeth back in England for ships to take relief to the Roanoke Island colonists which, when help finally did arrive, had disappeared forever to become the unsolved history-mystery of centuries now known as the "lost colony". Lower left shows one of the blockhouses at the federal government's Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and lower right is a tense moment in the dramatic story as Eleanor Dare protects her newborn baby, Virginia Dare from the Indians who soon attack the colonists' little fort and village. General Manager R. E. Jordan stated this week that during the 1956 season special prices would be made to church and civic groups planning to see the show. (Lost Colony Photos)