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BIG EVENT IS SLATED FOR ROANOKE ISLAND ON VIRGINIA DARE DAY

State, National and International Dignitaries to Pay Homage on August 18 to Virginia Dare of the Lost Colony.

By AYCOCK BROWN

State, national and international dignitaries will come to Roanoke Island, America's spiritual birthplace, Saturday, August 18, to pay homage to Virginia Dare, the first child of English parentage born in the 16th Century New World.

The dignitaries will include Governor Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina, his friend of long standing, Sir Stanley Spurling of Bermuda with whom he was closely associated as an International Rotarian for many years; Lt. Gen. Sir John Woodall, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Bermuda; and Felix Wormser, assistant to the U. S. Secretary of the Interior, assigned to National Parks.

Here the group, which for the first time brings a foreign British governor to Roanoke Island, will take part in a tree planting program at the Elizabethan Gardens during the afternoon, attend a lawn party and supper at the Roanoke Garden home of the Albert Q. Bells afterwards as guests of the local garden club and then following a concert at Waterside Theatre by Elizabeth City's high school band, the group will take part in a brief ceremony on the stage of Waterside Theatre immediately before The Lost Colony performance, the 809th in the drama's long history.

Saturday's performance will mark the 20th anniversary of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt's attendance at the 23rd performance in 1937. It was Roosevelt's speech here on that occasion which is credited with changing the Lost Colony's plans for an event of one season to a drama presented each summer since 1937 (except for four World War II years) and an outdoor production that has out-lived all others in the World.

Virginia Dare Story

Virginia Dare, the first child of English parentage in the land that became America, was the daughter of Eleanor and Ananias Dare. Her parents had come to Roanoke Island as members of the Sir Walter Raleigh expedition of approximately 150 persons that had arrived here during late July, 1587, under the leadership of Governor John White.

Governor White, father of Eleanor, remained here until Virginia, his grandchild was born on August 18, and her subsequent baptism two days later. Shortly afterwards Governor White returned to England with the ships that had brought the colonists to the New World where they would attempt to establish a permanent settlement. He was going after additional supplies.

His departure was the last contact with the little band of men and women left on Roanoke Island. England was at war with Spain upon his return and it was not until 1591 that he returned to Fort Raleigh in the New World with relief for the colonists. But the colonists had disappeared—without a trace, except for the word "CROATOAN" carved on a tree. The "Croatoan" of that day was said to be an island located approximately at the site of See **BIG EVENT**, Page Seven

DANIELS CLAN GATHERS AT WANCHESE SUNDAY

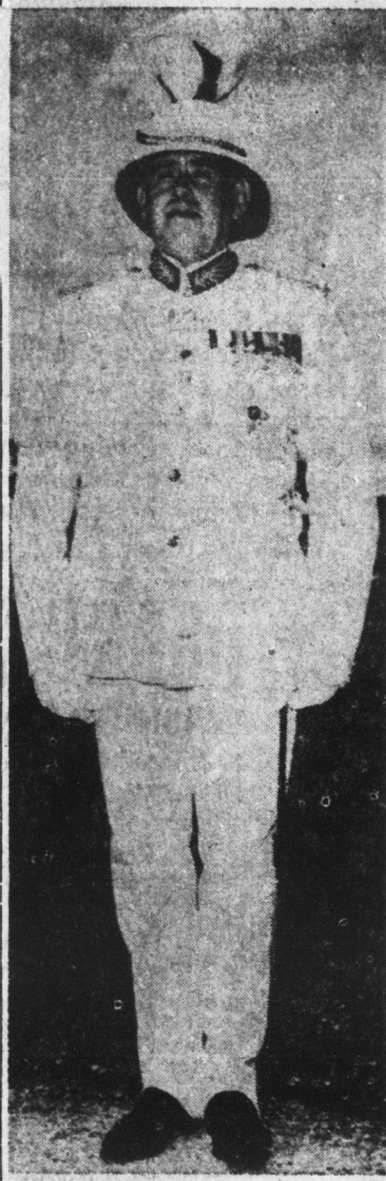
Dr. Frank Graham Speaker At Ceremonies to Start at 4:30 in the Afternoon; Other Notables Invited

Sunday, August 19, will see the gathering of several hundred members of the Daniels family, when they meet at 4:30 in the afternoon at the Wanchese Methodist Church for their annual reunion. Last year more than 400 people attended, and this year it is expected there will be more.

Dr. Frank Graham will be speaker for the occasion, and the family of the late Josephus Daniels will be represented by his son, Frank Daniels, of Raleigh, with Mrs. Daniels and their daughter. Also expected is Rev. J. Harrison Daniels of Baltimore, Md., who has written the Daniels family history from 1630 through 1951. A second volume is to be published, possibly within the next year.

Governor Luther Hodges and his party, including the Governor of Bermuda and other notables, who will be in Manteo Saturday, have been invited to stay over for the event.

BERMUDA'S GOVERNOR



LT. GENERAL SIR JOHN WOODALL, governor and commander-in-chief of Bermuda, is scheduled to arrive on the Dare Coast with Governor Luther H. Hodges and Mrs. Hodges of North Carolina early Saturday afternoon. Traveling aboard a North Carolina National Guard plane the party will also include Sir Stanley Spurling of Bermuda whom Governor Hodges has known for a number of years through International Rotary. Assistant Secretary of the Interior Felix Wormser, joins the party here. Here the distinguished visitors are scheduled to have roles in a tree planting program at Elizabethan Garden during the afternoon and later will be guests of honor at a lawn party and supper sponsored by Ro- See **WOODALL**, Page Seven

A SPECIAL ELECTION AMENDMENTS FOR SCHOOLS SEPT. 8TH

Books Opened Last Saturday. Registration Closes Sept. 1

This is a year of many elections. Another special one has loomed up for Saturday, September 8th. It will pass on several amendments to the Constitution of North Carolina, the important one having to do with the public schools.

The books opened Saturday of last week at the usual places. Those already registered as voters will not have to register again. The books will close on August 25, Sept. 1 is Challenge Day.

This may prove one of the most critical elections in recent years. It may determine the future course of the public school system in North Carolina as we know it. Its results may say whether it is wise or foolish to issue bonds that have been recently voted in various districts in this state.

GREEN GROW THE LILACS TO BE SHOWN MONDAY

A large audience is expected to attend the 1956 production of the Roanoke Island School of Fine Arts, which will be "Green Grow the Lilacs". The play by Lynn Riggs is the original story of "Oklahoma", and will be shown in Waterside Theatre, Roanoke Island, at 8:15 Monday evening, August 20.

Tickets are on sale at the Lost Colony office, Fearing's, Inc., and The Oasis on the Nags Head highway.

MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL'S FIRST GRADUATES HAVE A REUNION



MEMBERS OF MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL'S FIRST GRADUATING CLASS, that of 1916, met for a reunion on Friday, August 10, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lennon of Manteo. The meeting was in the form of a dinner party, those in charge of the dinner being Mrs. Lennon's sisters, Mrs. Lena Pearsall of Manteo and Mrs. Henry Johnson of Raleigh. Out of a class of 13, nine members were present, and are shown above as follows: seated, left to right, Miss Callie Jones of Manteo and Camp LeJeune, where she holds a year-round teaching position; Mrs. Naomi Wescott, widow of the late Eber Wescott of Manteo, who is employed in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Dare County; Edward Meekins of Raleigh, with the extension department of N. C. State College; Mrs. Annie Griffin McCoy of Norfolk, Va., a housewife; standing, left to right, Mrs. Madge Daniels Barber of Ardmore, Pa., who teaches in the winter, and who in summer conducts European tours; Mrs. Louise Meekins of Manteo, who is with the National Park Service, Fort Raleigh; Mrs. Hattie Forbes Minton of Virginia Beach, Va., who combines a job with being a housewife; Mrs. Guy (Gladys Wescott) Lennon of Manteo, a housewife who with her sister Mrs. Pearsall also creates unusual and artistic aprons; Mrs. Edna Evans Bell of Manteo, who operates the Eleanor Dare Tourist Home.

Others present, but not shown in the picture were Mrs. Pearsall and Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Lorena Daniels of Manteo; D. E. Evans of Manteo; Guy Lennon, Mrs. Edward Meekins of Raleigh and Mrs. Leo Midgette of Manteo.

The group organized an alumni association, and plan to extend the membership to other classes, with the idea in mind of establishing a future fitting memorial.

BIG MAJORITY FOR SCHOOL BOND ISSUE IN SPECIAL ELECTION

The vote for decision in the matter of the Manteo School District on Saturday, August 11, showed an overwhelming majority of the voters for the issue.

The vote by precincts was as follows:

Precinct	Voters	Pro	Con
Nags Head	29	17	10
Manteo	385	319	12
Wanchese	97	47	7
Mashoes	13	11	1
Manns Harbor	64	43	6
Stumpy Point	25	14	6
East Lake	18	0	14
Total	631	451	56

FLOOD INSURANCE IS PROMISED IN "A MONTH OR SO"

Senator Scott Reports Administrative Details of Program Being Worked Out

By BILL WHITLEY

The Housing and Home Finance Agency, the parent agency of the Federal Housing Administration, is working overtime to make disaster insurance policies available as soon as possible.

Sen W. Kerr Scott, after contacting the HFA last week, said it would be "a month or so" before administrative details of the program could be worked out. See **INSURANCE**, Page Seven

NEAR TRAGEDY AT KILL DEVIL HILLS ON MONDAY

Quick action saved three vacationists from drowning in the surf at Kill Devil Hills Monday. Three swimmers in deep water off Avalon Beach, got in trouble, lost consciousness and were washed ashore.

R. E. Parker Jr., who operates the Bel-Air Motor Court nearby, caught E. L. Dunn, a Suffolk, Va., policeman, as he washed ashore and administered artificial respiration. He then worked on J. M. Boyette, an express company employee in Suffolk, until the Coast Guard came and used newer methods of artificial respiration.

The Navy Shore Patrol brought oxygen, and a rescue squad from the Manteo Fire Department brought a pulmotor with the result that Boyette also was revived.

Mrs. Boyette did not swallow as much water as the men and did not have to be revived. All three were taken to the Harvey Clinic in Manteo, where they were treated and kept several hours.

Dunn's wife said she was on the beach playing with some children while the two men and Mrs. Boyette were swimming. When she first realized that something was wrong, all three appeared to be in deep water and having trouble.

ROBBERY AT MANTEO ICE PLANT TUESDAY NIGHT

Two Young Negro Men in Dare County Jail Following Confession

Two young Negro men of Manteo, Paul Davenport and Joe White, Jr., are in the Dare County jail, following a robbery at the plant of the Dare County Ice and Storage Co. Tuesday night. The cash register was removed from the office of the plant, taken behind the old light plant nearby and partially demolished. There was between five and seven dollars in change in the machine, and it was taken and has not been recovered.

The theft was discovered about 11:20 p.m., when the night man on duty went to the office from another part of the plant. Policeman Dan Cannady was notified, and as the ice plant is not within the legal limits of the Town of Manteo, deputy sheriff Donovan Twyne was also called in. They checked the situation and followed a lead which led them to the two men, who confessed the theft.

APPEAR ON TV PROGRAM

D. Victor Meekins, editor of THE COASTLAND TIMES, and Judge Fentress Horner of Elizabeth City, appeared briefly on the early morning Will Rogers, Jr. TV show Thursday morning. Mr. Meekins and Mr. Horner were delegates to the National Democratic Convention, and were on the show long enough to tell their names and where they lived.

COASTLAND EDITOR SEEING NATIONAL CONVENTION SAYS GREATEST SHOW STILL LIVES

Chicago Called a City of Many Surprises With Numerous Worthwhile Sights; Says Democratic Convention This Week May Well Adopt the Old Circus Slogan; High Enthusiasm Raises Hopes of Democratic Victory.

COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING

By VICTOR MEEKINS

Special by Wire and Wireless To Coastland Newspapers

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Others have said before that the National Democratic Convention is the "Greatest Show on Earth," and now "since Ringling Bros.-Barnum-Bailey have abdicated, I agree that it must be true. For in this city of many surprises and a multitude of interesting sights, a great carnival has been going on this week. Here, men with ambition and love for glory; some with noble and some with more earthy motives have been exerting super-human strength, pulling wires, making both friends and enemies, betraying old comrades, shoveling out promises and anon rising to great heights, or climbing down lower and making of themselves monkeys.



2nd LT. DALTON MANN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mann of Manns Harbor, has just completed Primary Basic Observer Course, at Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas. Following a 10 day leave with his parents, Lt. Mann reports for duty at McGuire Air Force Base in Trenton, N. J., where he will be a Navigator on the C-118.

I got into Chicago Sunday long before noon after a two hour non-stop flight from Washington on the new Viscount Service of Capital Airlines, and after spending two nights in Washington. My whole flying time from Norfolk, Va., consumed about three hours, much less time than it used to take us to get from Manteo to Elizabeth City 28 years ago, back in the days when Al Smith was nominated.

PLAN INFORMATION BOOTH NEXT YEAR FOR HATTERAS ID.

Business Interests May Provide New Tourist Courtesy North of Inlet

In order to give all tourists in the coastal area complete information about Hatteras Island and its facilities, including up to the minute news, and reservation service for motor courts and hotels, a public information booth north of Hatteras Inlet, may be set up and staffed during the 1956-57 season, which for Hatteras Island, because of its mild climate, continues through the greater part of the year.

While now only in its planning stage, the project has the endorsement of sufficient business men to insure its likelihood.

This venture is considered necessary by several business men, who say the Island is losing tens of thousands of dollars in business a month, because some tourists do not come prepared to stay long because of the false impression there is no sufficient drinking water nor adequate eating and sleeping places.

"As a matter of fact," one business man says, "we have a dozen motor courts and several hotels, service stations of the latest type, many up to date tourist homes, several excellent restaurants, etc. "Many of our visitors come down here to be disappointed at having not had prior information of all this, whereby they might have prepared themselves to stay for several days instead of leaving the same day.

"We believe we owe it to our friends to provide a service north of the inlet, whereby all people coming to the Dare County seashore may conveniently find ample literature, get latest reports on fishing and weather, and be assisted in making reservations of their choice.

"It would have to be financed of course, with contributions from our business men, but these men would be well repaid in the good will stimulated among our visitors, present and prospective, and the increased patronage brought to the various places of business."

CONCERT BY LOST COLONY CHORUS ON AUGUST 26

The Lost Colony Chorus, under direction of Dr. Elwood Keister, will present its annual concert on Sunday afternoon, August 26, at 3 o'clock, in Mount Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo. Complete details of the concert which is presented at no cost to the public and to which everyone is invited will be announced within a few days.

Having now the honor of being the first person from Dare County named a delegate to a National convention (There have been some alternates), I didn't see how I could fail to make this trip, and I'm glad I'm here, although I didn't look forward to coming during the hot season. But I surmise it is cooler here today than at home.

One may look out from the hotels upon Lake Michigan, which binds one side of Chicago. On this great lake there has always been heavy commerce; commerce which can go down the Mississippi to New Orleans, as well as to all the many other ports on the other four of the Great Lakes.

Let me add, if enthusiasm can achieve success for the Democratic party this Fall, then there is nothing lacking. One never sees more enthusiasm at a football game, and those who came here dispirited or lacking sufficient encouragement, have been imbued with new spirit by the life and movement and abundance of inspiring words and enthusiasm that has bubbled up here from every corner of the nation. If kept up, after the return home, there will be a Democratic victory this fall.

A Busy City It's a mighty busy week in Chicago, but then it is busy here most of the time, for this city has conventions throughout the year. There are 135,000 hotel rooms here, but only 35,000 of them are listed for transient accommodations, the rest being leased on long term basis to people accustomed to coming year after year to their respective conventions. This time, some 90 per cent of the transient accommodations have been booked for persons connected with the convention in one way or another.

Changes have been made in seating of delegates in the convention hall, and we who are delegates get choice positions up front on the floor, and the alternates are seated on the balcony. Everything is being covered by press, television and radio whose operators require 1,100 places. There are over 2,700 delegates and over 1,800 alternates, and many national and state dignitaries and others who are assured good seats. Since the convention hall seats only about 12,000 persons, it has been difficult for all the 20,000 who came for the convention, to find seats.

You folks at home with a good TV set can hear the convention better than us here with the best of seats. Half the craft is on its feet most of the time, and more than half are trying to talk, thereby drowning out the voices of the speakers.

Last week a fishing tackle convention was here, and after we leave there will be a convention of beauticians and barbers. It is more than five miles from our hotel to the convention hall, so trips See **CONVENTION**, Page Seven