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## BIDS OF \$951,600 RECEIVED FOR NEW U. S. 158 PROJECT

### Kill Devil Hills Board Reaches Agreement on Payment of Town's Right-of-Way Costs

Low bids for the relocation of Highway U. S. 158 down the Dare beaches of Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, and Nags Head were included among those for 30 projects that were opened Tuesday by the State Highway Commission in Raleigh. The project calls for 15.3 miles of grading and paving from a point 1.4 miles east of Currituck Sound Bridge to Whalebone.

F. C. Cline Paving Co. of Raleigh was low bidder for the roadwork with a figure of \$888,777.77. For moving the buildings, Crouch Bros. of Mooresville was low with \$62,650.

**Right-of-Way Approved**  
The Kill Devil Hills town board last week approved the town's entering into an agreement with the highway commission for the payment of the town's portion of the cost of the right-of-way for the project. Right-of-way costs through Kill Devil Hills have been estimated at \$190,000, making the town's share (29 per cent) \$38,000. The commission has agreed that the town will get credit for \$20,000 in right-of-way already donated and for any additional right-of-way to be secured free, either by the state or the town. The commissioners authorized Mayor Robert A. Young to enter into an agreement providing that the town pay whatever is left on an installment plan, not more than \$2,000 a year. The town expects to make its payments from Powell Bill funds.

Also included in the agreement drafted by the town board was a provision that the commission put in as many laterals connecting the new and old roads as any other five-mile area would get, with a minimum of six.

## S. NORFOLK YOUTHS ARE BOUND OVER ON ROBBERY CHARGES

Eight teen-age South Norfolk boys have been apprehended by Sheriff Frank Cahoon and charged in several recent cases involving break-ins on the Dare Beaches. Six of the boys waived preliminary hearings in Dare Recorder's Court before Judge W. F. Baum Tuesday afternoon and were bound over to the October term of Superior Court, with bond for each set at \$4,000; the other two boys are under sixteen years of age and their cases will be handled in juvenile court, which is under jurisdiction of Clerk of Court, C. S. Meekins. The boys who have been charged are Ralph Lewis Jr., Robert Lee Garrett, Paul Burk Dunlo Jr., Ronald Ainsley, Goldie Bryant Jr., Frank McLendon, Donald Massey, and Ray Brickhouse. The last two listed are age 15.

Lewis, Garrett, Massey, Dunlo, and Ainsley were all charged in three different warrants involving thefts that occurred the night of June 7th. The first warrant charges them with breaking and entering the home of Hazel V. Warrack Taylor "other than by burglarious breaking, with intent to commit a felony," the theft of property in the house. The second warrant charges them with stealing a 25-hp. Evinrude outboard motor valued at \$200, the property of George T. Stronach. The same five boys are charged in the third warrant with stealing a Mercury outboard motor valued at \$657, the property of Robert H. Cotton. Another warrant charges Bryant, Lewis, Garrett, and Dunlo with entering the home of George W. Long and wife and stealing two outboard motors, an Evinrude valued at \$350 and a Mercury valued at \$300. Brickhouse, McLendon, and Massey, in another warrant, are charged with breaking and entering George W. Long's home and stealing one small radio valued at \$30.

In all other cases which came before Judge Baum Tuesday, the defendants pleaded guilty as listed:

Robert Gerald Bennett, Elizabeth City, speeding 55 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone and driving to the left of the center line, \$25 fine and costs.  
Oville Tillett, Wanchese, careless and reckless driving, \$25 fine and costs.  
Elwood Lee Cutrell, Manteo, driving to left of center line, \$5 fine and costs.  
Bernadette Rosemary Wyatt, Newport News, failing to stop at stop sign, \$5 fine and costs.  
Raymond Earl Gibson, Statesville, failing to stop at stop sign, \$5 fine and costs.  
Aubrey May Whorley, Williamston, failing to stop at stop sign. See ROBBERY, Page Four

## SCENES FROM THE LOST COLONY, WHICH OPENS NEW SEASON SATURDAY



THIS MONTAGE, made during a previous season by the Island Studio, Manteo, shows some of the dramatic scenes from The Lost Colony, which opens its 17th season on Roanoke Island Saturday evening. In these photos: top left, Old Tom Harris argues with an unfriendly Indian in one of the tragicomic scenes; top center, Dame Coleman, the colonist midwife, tells of the coming birth of a child who will be the first of English parentage born in the New World; top right, Governor John White pleads with Queen Elizabeth back in England for ships to take relief to the Roanoke Island colonists, who, when help finally did arrive, had disappeared forever to become the unsolved history-mystery of centuries now known as "the lost colony;" lower left, one of the blockhouses at the entrance to the federal government's Fort Raleigh National Historic Site is shown; and lower right, in one of the drama's tense moments, Eleanor Dare protects her newborn baby, Virginia Dare, from the Indians who soon attack the colonists' little fort and village. (Lost Colony photos)

## HIGHWAY, PRISON COMMISSIONS ARE NAMED BY GOV'NOR

### New Appointments Made As A Result of Reorganizations Voted by General Assembly

Governor Luther Hodges last Friday announced the appointment of a new seven-member State Highway Commission, a State Highway Department public contact man for secondary roads, and a new State Prison Commission. All these appointments were made as a result of reorganizations brought about by legislation enacted by the 1957 General Assembly. Colonel William T. Joyner, prominent Raleigh attorney, was appointed by the governor for a four-year term on the highway commission and will serve as the chairman. Others who were also named for four-year terms were: Ralph Howard of Elkin, a veteran newspaperman now serving as director of public relations at Chatham Manufacturing Co. in Elkin; E. L. White of Wilmington, former mayor and a retired businessman; and Fletcher Gregory of Weldon, vice-president of the Bank of Halifax at Weldon. Named to two-year terms were: Robert Bunnelle of Asheville, publisher of the Asheville Citizen-Times; Lee White of Concord, farmer, businessman, and chairman of the Cabarrus County Commissioners; and Outlar Moore of Lumberton, business leader and farmer.

The seven members of the new commission were named on a statewide basis, and each commissioner will represent the entire state and not any particular division. The commission itself will be a policy board under which will be an executive officer, Director of Highways W. F. Babcock. In the past, there have been 14 highway commissioners, with each representing a particular division; Governor Hodges announced that in the interest of fairness he would not reappoint any of the present commissioners. Harold T. Makepeace, former mayor of Sanford, was named to the new position as public contact man for secondary roads for the highway department. Working under Director of Highways W. F. Babcock, Mr. Makepeace will have the responsibility of coordinating the paving of secondary roads according to new and uniform standards to be set up and of contacting county officials and others with reference to the program.

The new State Prison Commission, created by recent legislation in the 1957 General Assembly, will be composed of seven members. The governor appointed for four-year terms: Linn D. Garibaldi of Matthews, a telephone company executive, who will serve as chairman of the commission; Mrs. J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh; Dr. M. B. Davis of High Point, a Negro physician; and W. W. Shope of See BOARDS, Page Five

## "Lost Colony" Has Seen Its Ups and Downs From Humble Beginnings Twenty Years Ago

### Many Persons Labored Long Hours to Get Pageant Started; Setbacks of Fire, Hurricanes, Wars Have Been Overcome

By EARL DEAN  
It has been twenty years since that memorable July night in 1937 when "The Lost Colony" held its first audience spellbound in the great Waterside Theatre at Old Fort Raleigh. And many and startling have been some of the changes which have taken place on historic Roanoke Island since this nationally-known outdoor drama became a North Carolina institution.

Few people who sat out under the stars that night and saw it for the first time ever dreamed that Paul Green's stirring drama telling the tragic story of the struggle of Sir Walter Raleigh's first English settlers to establish a colony in the New World would be going strong two decades later and that nearly a million people from all over the United States and many foreign countries would make a pilgrimage to Roanoke Island just to see it.

For as originally planned "The Lost Colony" was to have been the highlight of the 350th anniversary celebration of the discovery and settlement of Roanoke Island to be repeated only on certain commemorative occasions. It wasn't long, however, before the people of Dare County realized that they had a hit that could be continued indefinitely.

It has been said that most great things usually spring from humble beginnings and "The Lost Colony," as we know it today, is no exception. There are still people around who can recall the shaky start it had back in the days of the Great Depression. It was an expensive undertaking in those days and but for the help of various government agencies and the great self-sacrifice of some local citizens there might never have been any "Lost Colony."

Celebrations had been held at the birthplace of Virginia Dare near Old Fort Raleigh since 1880 when a few Roanoke Islanders and a handful of people from the mainland began to talk an annual festival commemorating the importance of the first colony in American history. Four years later the Roanoke Colony Memorial Association was organized and in 1896 the first Virginia Dare monument was erected and dedicated largely through the efforts of a group of history-minded Edenton friends led by the late Dr. Robert Brent Drane, the venerable rector of old St. Paul's Episcopal Church there.

Along about 1921 Mrs. Mabel Evans Jones, then superintendent of Dare County schools, wrote and helped produce a playlet which was filmed at Fort Raleigh by the State Department of Education and shown for many years in public schools throughout the State. Six years later D. Victor Meekins, of Manteo, then an enterprising young newspaperman, was one of the first to see that the future of any "Lost

Colony" celebration at Old Fort Raleigh depended on crowds of interested people. He sparked the 1926 Dare County Homecoming which attracted some 5,000 persons to the pine thicket on the north end of Roanoke Island in spite of the fact that in those days there were few good roads and no bridges in this section at all.

In the fall of 1931 the late W. O. Saunders, of Elizabeth City, who as editor and publisher of the old weekly "Independent" had long talked and wrote of the great future ahead of Dare County, hit upon the idea of a community-wide annual celebration featuring a pageant telling the story of the Lost Colony where it happened, at Old Fort Raleigh. He came to Manteo bringing with him Paul Green, the University of North Carolina professor and playwright, and Dr. Frederick H. Koch, founder of the Carolina Playmakers at Chapel Hill. With a group of local people which included the late D. Bradford Fearing, Martin Kellogg, Jr., I. P. Davis, Melvin R. Daniels, Chauncey S. Meekins and D. Victor Meekins he climbed the sand hills near Fort Raleigh where a site for a great natural outdoor theatre was selected.

The year 1934 was first selected for the 350th anniversary celebration but as the nation was then in the throes of a great business depression that was getting worse instead of better all thought of a celebration of any magnitude for that year had to be abandoned.

Meanwhile the Manteo group, led by D. Bradford Fearing, and encouraged by Representative Lindsay C. Warren, of Washington, N. C., then a young and influential Congressman in the Nation's capitol, worked quietly towards a gigantic celebration set for the year 1937.

Various governmental agencies, set up to relieve unemployment and combat the Great Depression of the 1930's were called on for aid. Many local people worked long hours with little thought of remuneration to help make the 350th anniversary celebration a success, for in those days "The Lost Colony" was a local enterprise operating almost on a shoestring basis from Fearing's office in the courthouse.

The first 43 days of pageantry unprecedented hereabouts began on the morning of July 4, 1937, with religious services at Old Fort Raleigh conducted by the late Bishop Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington. That night, as the lights were dimmed in the big theatre on the shore of Roanoke Sound, many an anxious eye was scanning the skies for it threatened to rain. Then, as the first moving scenes of "The Lost Colony" came into view the storm clouds dispersed, as though by magic, the moon came out, and See LOST COLONY, Page Four

## GOVERNORS COME TO DARE CO. AS GUESTS OF HODGES

### Heads of At Least Ten Other States Take Advantage of Chance for Two-Day Visit Here

Governor Luther H. Hodges arrived at the Manteo Airport by plane Thursday morning with the first four of a group of governors of other states who, along with their families and other state officials, will be his guests for two days in Dare. The governors came to Dare from Williamsburg, Va., after adjournment of the National Governors' Conference there. Six other governors, Republicans, had definitely accepted Governor Hodges' invitation but first flew to Washington, D. C., for a conference with President Eisenhower before flying to Manteo later in the day.

Those who arrived Thursday morning were Colorado's Van Pat McNichols, Iowa's Herschel C. Loveless, Minnesota's Orville Freeman, and Kansas's George Docking. Flying to Washington first were Stratton of Illinois, Aronson of Montana, Davis of North Dakota, O'Neill of Iowa, Foss of South Dakota, and Clyde of Utah. South Carolina Governor George Bell Timmerman Jr. also hoped to arrange to join the group later.

After being greeted at the airport Thursday morning, the party See GOVERNORS, Page Four

## VEPCO WILL TAKE OVER IN MANTEO ON NEXT MONDAY

### New Street-Lighting Equipment To Be Turned On at Ceremony Monday Night

Activity by Veeco crews in Manteo for the last two weeks will have a visible effect on the town Monday night at 8 p.m., when R. H. Goodman, vice-president of Veeco's Carolina division, will turn the new street lights over to Mayor Martin Kellogg. Mr. Kellogg will then throw the switch and light up the town. The general public is cordially invited to attend this celebration, to be held just across the street in front of the courthouse.

Modern up-to-date street-lighting equipment was used in this installation of street lights, which consist of twelve 6000-lumen lights and thirty-six 2500-lumen lights.

The work that has been done by Veeco is the beginning of an extensive rebuilding job to be undertaken by company crews on Roanoke Island in connection with the purchase of the Roanoke Utilities, Inc. The sale will be officially consummated next Monday, July 1, when Veeco takes over the operation.

A temporary office will be opened in Manteo Monday by Veeco and will be located in the Meekins building in front of the courthouse; a permanent location is planned later. George A. Whitfield, formerly located at Kitty Hawk with Veeco, will be the company's distribution supervisor in Manteo and in charge of the Manteo office.

## REA AT BUXTON GETS A \$50,000 LOAN APPROVED

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner Thursday wired the Times that the REA in Washington has approved a loan of \$50,000 to the Cape Hatteras Electric Membership Corporation at Buxton. The telegram said that the money will be used by the cooperative to lend to its members to help finance the installation of large electrical appliances. About 400 members will benefit, he said.

## KING MACKEREL IN SURF AT CAPE HATTERAS

Buxton.—J. C. Clemmons, who caught a 46-pound channel bass to win first prize in the annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree earlier this year, made another local record on Monday when he landed a 16-pound king mackerel in the surf at Cape Hatteras here. The "king" was not the first, but it was the largest caught in the surf this year.

Clemmons, a Coast Guard communications official, was using a Hopkins Lure and fishing from the surf at the Point of the Cape when his 16-pounder struck.

Previously on Sunday, Raymond Bassnett and Ephriam Midgett of Buxton had landed 56 king mackerel trolling from an outboard-powered fishing craft in the Cape Hatteras Point area. This was a record for the number of mackerel landed by anglers fishing from the surf. Maybe it was a state or coast record — because usually these fish are taken by anglers trolling behind charter cruisers in the inlets or nearby deep sea of the Carolina coastal area.

## THE LOST COLONY TO OPEN ITS SEVENTEENTH SEASON AT MANTEO SATURDAY EVENING

### Opening Night Guests To Include Conrad L. Wirth, National Park Service Director; Audience Will See Large Number of New Actors in Cast and Numerous Changes in Staging Made by New Director, Burnet Hobgood.

#### TO SPEAK AT OPENING OF THE LOST COLONY



CONRAD L. WIRTH, director of the National Park Service, is to be on hand for the opening of the Lost Colony's 1957 season Saturday evening and during brief opening ceremonies is expected to make a talk of definite importance. He has promised that he will make an announcement regarding plans for the dedication of the great Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, the nation's only seashore park. He also plans to discuss several points of the National Park Service's "Mission 66" for development of the park's facilities.

Mr. Wirth has been successful in interesting a number of wealthy people in contributing toward the preservation and protection of many of the country's natural beauties. These have included private donation of \$168,000 for the Cape Hatteras Seashore and \$100,000 for Kill Devil Hills. Over 24 million acres are in the National Park System which is under his supervision.

A native of Massachusetts, Mr. Wirth is the son of Swiss-born Theo Wirth, who was himself distinguished as a park man and conservationist.

## HOUSE AT NAGS HEAD DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire last Sunday completely destroyed an old two-story dwelling known as the John P. Wise house located in the woods on the sound shore at Nags Head. Unoccupied for some time, the house was owned by Mrs. John P. Wise, who still makes her home at Nags Head. It was uninsured.

The exact cause of the fire is not known, but it is widely thought to be a result of vandalism. Sheriff Frank Cahoon began an investigation immediately after the fire, but he reported Thursday morning that he had found no definite evidence on which to act. He did agree that there was a possibility of arson, saying that a group of young boys might have been responsible for setting the fire, either by accident or on purpose.

## STUMPY POINT NATIVE DIES IN ORIENTAL

Graveside rites for Mrs. Hortense Wise Barnett, 92, of Oriental were conducted in the Oriental Cemetery Saturday afternoon by the Rev. James Dissel.

Mrs. Barnett, widow of Henry W. Barnett, died at her home in Oriental early Friday morning. She was born at Stumpy Point in Dare County, daughter of the late Capt. Thomas and Nancy Midgett Wise.

Surviving are two sons, Pelage and Burnice Barnett of Oriental.

## MANTEO WOMAN ELECTED TO DUKE ALUMNI POST

Mrs. Dennis E. Evans, Manteo, has been elected Representative to the Duke University Alumni Association's Alumnae Council from the Class of 1922. The election took place at a recent class reunion on the Duke campus.

Mrs. Evans, the former Mary Langston of Goldsboro, is superintendent of Dare County Schools and has lived near Manteo for a number of years.

The Lost Colony, the Paul Green symphonic drama telling the story of the first English colony in America, will open its seventeenth season Saturday evening at 8:15 p.m. at the Roanoke Island Waterside Theatre near Manteo. Conrad L. Wirth of Washington, D. C., director of the National Park Service, will be a special guest for Saturday night's performance and is expected to make an important talk during brief opening-night ceremonies. Robert Lee Humber of Greenville, chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, will also be a guest and will introduce Mr. Wirth.

Richard E. Jordan, general manager of The Lost Colony, has announced that there has been a good advance sale of tickets for the coming season, which will feature "the new look at The Lost Colony." Several of the scenes have been revised by Author Green this year, and the show has a new director, Burnet Hobgood, and a majority of new leading characters. The stage has been rebuilt relocating the historian's booth; a sloping ramp now connects the main stage with the stage at the audience's left, which will serve strictly as Indian country. The narration formerly given by the historian will this year be given, at times from the stage itself, by Governor John White, one of the characters in the play. According to Mr. Jordan, there will also be several new dances, but the basic music for the show has not been changed. The choreography will be by John Lehman and the musical direction by Dr. Elwood Keister.

Among the important new members of the cast this year are Dianne Rousseau as Eleanor Dare, William Walsh as John Borden, Edward Reeves as Sir Walter Raleigh, and Earle Rankin as Governor John White. Mary Wood Long returns as the Queen of England. Cora Mae Basnight of Manteo is the new Indian squaw Agona, with Ray Smith as "Old Tom" Harris, the beggar. Manager Jordan estimated that 75 to 80 per cent of the Roanoke Island residents in the cast have returned from last year.

Performances of the drama, which has been seen by more than 800,000 persons, will continue each night except Mondays through September 1.

The Lost Colony arranged to give a special full-dress preview of the show Thursday evening for a distinguished group of governors from many states, who are visiting Dare as guests of Governor and Mrs. Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina. Approximately 200 persons were expected to attend; in addition to the governors and their families and accompanying officials, special invited guests for the preview showing included members of the press, who were extended a blanket invitation.

## COBIA ARE PLENTIFUL

Nags Head.—From Kitty Hawk to Ocracoke along the Outer Banks have been coming reports of the best cobia fishing in years. E. E. Edgar, national winner of the outdoor writing contests referred to cobia this week as the gamiest of all fishes in the inlets of the Outer Banks and the eastern shore of Virginia.

Cobia are plentiful in waters along the N. C. Coast. They are being caught daily by anglers aboard charter boats from Oregon Inlet and Hatteras and at Ocracoke, "a sort of home base for Cobia," the fish are striking the lures of anglers inside Pamlico Sound near Ocracoke Inlet.

Ranny Jennette, sportsfishing reporter of Cape Hatteras area stated that all those taken at the Cape during the past week, including the surf-record of 15 pounds by Clemmons, were taken on Hopkins Lures.

## BOY INJURED IN FALL FROM TRUCK AT HATTERAS

Michael Williams, 4-year-old son of Charlie Williams Jr. of Hatteras, reportedly suffered a fractured skull when he fell from a truck driven by Floyd Miller last Sunday evening. The boy was taken by Coast Guard helicopter to a Norfolk hospital.