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MORE MURALS TO DEPICT SCENERY OF COASTLAND

Artist Kugler Painting Knapp Donated Murals for University Building

By AYCOCK BROWN
Fifth and sixth in a series of 13 murals depicting the progress historically of North Carolina, are now being painted by William Francis V. Kugler, a distinguished New York artist, under a commission from Mrs. Joseph Palmer Knapp, according to Albert Q. Bell of Manteo here on Roanoke Island.

Bell has just returned from a visit with Kugler and Mrs. Knapp at the latter's Lew Beach estate near Livingston Manor, Ulster County, N. Y., in the heart of the Catskills near the site of Washington Irving's "Legend of Sleepy Hollow." The Roanoke Island gardener and builder of outdoor drama theatres has been associated with Kugler in a historical research way on several of the murals painted or now being planned.

When the series is completed they will be placed in the administrative section of the new Institute of Government Building at the University in Chapel Hill as a gift of Mrs. Knapp. The building, one of the newest and most beautiful in Chapel Hill, was built for the University by the Joseph Palmer Knapp Foundation.

Studio In A Barn
Mrs. Knapp who has recently been very ill but is now on the way to recovery was anxious to be close to the work that Kugler is now doing on the fifth and sixth murals of the series. To make that possible, Bell stated, she set up a studio in one of the barns on the estate for the artist to paint the huge eight by eleven foot panels, Bell stated.

It was in a tool shed here at Bell's Roanoke Gardens that Kugler had painted the "First English Colony," first in the series of thirteen. That was in 1955 and models for the painting included Bell, his son Quentin along with several male and female actors of The Lost Colony. It was no small task to complete the first mural because it was necessary to be accurate.

SIR ALLEN LANE, BRITISH KNIGHT, SEES LOST COLONY

Sir Allen Lane of Stanwell Moor, England, was in the audience at the 869th performance of The Lost Colony at Manteo Wednesday night. With a party of friends, he has been spending a "holiday," as the English call a vacation, in one of the W. A. Williams' cottages of lower Nags Head.

Sir Allen is principal owner of the publishing firm of Penguin Books in England and returns to Great Britain next Tuesday on the Ile de France with his daughter, who is also in the Nags Head vacation party.

The Lost Colony was of particular interest to the British Knight, because he saw portrayed there the people who are his forebears and ancestors. He is a descendant of Ralph Lane, the "governor" of the 1585 colony which Sir Walter Raleigh and the first Queen Elizabeth sent to Roanoke Island to "build a fort and lay out roads."

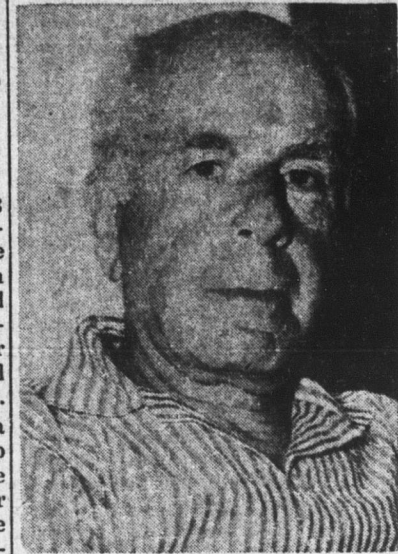
A replica of the Ralph Lane fort is now one of the main attractions of Fort Raleigh National Historic Site here. The fort is built on the exact spot of the original, according to National Park Service archaeological diggings.

Sir Allen, in conversations with Mr. and Mrs. Williams, recalled that his mother had told him during his youth that his ancestors "were the first to bring tobacco from the New World to England." The incident about the tobacco that was taken back to England by the Sir Walter Raleigh explorers and early fort and road builders is portrayed in The Lost Colony drama. The 16th Century tobacco was the "uppowoc" of the Indians who were living here when the first explorers and settlers arrived.

Sir Allen Lane was not the first British nobleman to see performances of the Lost Colony. A few years ago, Sir Evelyn Wrench, founder of the English Speaking Union, not only attended a performance but played the role of a 6th Century nobleman in the drama. It was Sir Evelyn, with Mrs. Charles Cannon and Mrs. Anglis Fletcher, that conceived the idea for the Garden Club of North Carolina-sponsored Elizabethan Garden here which is now in an advanced state of development.

Other Britishers who have seen the play by Paul Green have included members of the Embassy of Great Britain in Washington, and high ranking NATO naval officers.

PREDICTS DEVELOPMENT OF CRAFTS IN COASTLAND



HAROLD S. NASH, a summer resident of Roanoke Island for the past six years, said last week that he is convinced that this area is going to see an increasing interest in the crafts field in the next few years. And Mr. Nash speaks with authority on this, since he is professor of ceramics at the State College of Ceramics in Alfred, New York.

In comparison with most of the northern states, Mr. Nash said that Dare and surrounding counties are a fertile field for crafts which has hardly even had its surface scratched yet. He explained that, while there are a number of people locally who have become interested in various types of crafts, most of these people have been making things only to satisfy their own desire and not to appeal to other folks as would be necessary in order to make the products salable. He noted also that there are increasing numbers of artists visiting this area each year and finding it an interesting place to do drawings and paintings; he predicted that this number of artists will continue to increase in view of the fact that many other spots, particularly in the New England states, are now becoming overcrowded with the artists.

On Mr. Nash's first visit to Dare County over eight years ago, he crossed over from Engelhard to Hatteras on the boat then operated between these two points by Capt. Frazier Peele, and he enjoyed the trip so much that he returned the following summer. He and Mrs. Nash also tell of going to visit Ocracoke and Portsmouth Islands at that time, long before improved roads and ferries began to reduce their remoteness. It was on one of these trips that Mr. Nash missed a ferry and was obliged to stay overnight at the old Engelhard hotel. He noticed the spoil from the nearby canal that had recently been dredged contained quantities of clay, so he took some of the clay back with him. From this clay, he made a See NASH, Page Six

SAILOR IS INJURED IN DIVE IN SHALLOW WATER

Bob Wells, sailor stationed at Little Creek, Va., was injured Tuesday afternoon when he dived into shallow water at Avalon Beach at Kill Devil Hills. He suffered a fractured neck and a possible broken back. He was taken to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City by Twiford's ambulance and the Navy transferred him from there to the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va.

SUBMARINE SINKS OFF CAPE HATTERAS MONDAY

The decommissioned submarine Tarpon sank Monday 30 miles off Cape Hatteras while being towed from New Orleans to Baltimore to be scrapped. No one was aboard the 22-year-old submarine when it began taking on water and went down while being towed by a tug. Since the sub went down in 150 feet of water, salvage operations would be costly, and the craft will probably remain at the bottom of the Atlantic; the Coast Guard said it is not a menace to navigation.

EPISCOPAL BAKE SALE NAGS HEAD AUGUST 30

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, the Episcopal church in Nags Head, will have a bake sale on Friday, August 30th. They will have for sale home-made cakes, pies, cookies candy and baked goods. The sale will be held at Sea View Inn, which is diagonally across from the Nags Header Hotel in Nags Head. The proceeds will go for much needed repairs to the church.

MACNEILL HOME IN BUXTON

Ben Dixon MacNeill has returned to his home in Buxton, and is recuperating from a major operation which he underwent several weeks ago in the Veterans Hospital, Keocoughtan, Va.

WE WONDER — FREE OCRACOKE FERRY TO BE OR NOT TO BE

Governor Grants Respite After Threat State Would Return to Tolls.

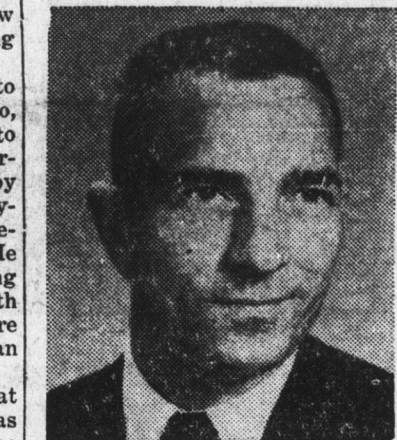
Announcement by highway employees that the new Highway Commission after a week's free ferry service between Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands was going to return to letting private interest charge toll, aroused a storm of protest Sunday.

Hyde County officialdom as usual was inaccessible to Ocracoke Island; but turning to Dare County as usual, Ocracoers found ready support from all the business men of Hatteras and Manteo. Telegrams of protest went to the Governor from these businessmen, from Rep. R. Bruce Etheridge of Dare, Theo. Rondthaler and R. S. Wahab of Ocracoke with their wires won the governor's decision to continue the free ferry on a temporary basis.

One wonders why the highway people can be so stupid as to build a road to Ocracoke, spend a lot of money on conversion of a ferry boat, start it operating on a free basis, then turnabout and be willing to penalize the people and allow a commercial operator to charge five dollars on every car that crosses.

However, it would take a mighty wide mind to understand the workings of some highway engineers' minds. The one thing which they stick to with consistency is their absolute surety that they know everything, and that natives who have spent their days on the coast know nothing. Just let a native offer one of these engineers a well-intended suggestion for his own good, and the exactly opposite See FERRY, Page Six

LIONS DISTRICT GOVERNOR TO BE IN MANTEO TUESDAY



ROBERT M. LANGLEY of Bath, District Governor of Lions International District 31-J of North Carolina, who will meet with the Manteo club next Tuesday night, September 3.

Lion Langley is a past lion tamer, vice president, president, director, zone chairman, and deputy district governor, all of the Bath club. He is instructor of industrial arts in Washington High School.

His term of office began July 1st and will run through next June. During this period he will make at least one visit to the various clubs in his district. At present there are about 35 points for him to visit. Langley is a great admirer of the coast country, enjoying mainly the good fishing.

A good attendance is anticipated for this meeting.

EXAMINER FOR OUTER BANKS AND ENGELHARD

Drivers License examiner service is being brought to the people of Tyrrrell, and Hyde County and the Outer Banks. Mrs. Sibyl Etheridge of Manteo, who for several years has served Dare County as a part time examiner, has recently been appointed a full time examiner and will begin her new schedule next Tuesday, and it will be continued as follows: Tuesdays at Engelhard; Wednesdays at Columbia; Thursdays and Fridays at Manteo and on Mondays at Avon for the convenience of people of Ocracoke and Hatteras Island.

FORMER LOST COLONY CAST MEMBER VISITS IN DARE

Jean Jousse, former member of the Lost Colony cast, of Montreal, Canada, left Wednesday after spending a week at the Sea Otel, Nags Head, and visiting the show, old friends and points of interest in the county. He was accompanied by his daughter, Gail, and his mother, Mrs. H. Jousse. Mr. Jousse, who was with the Lost Colony for three years, teaches English literature and dramatics in Verdun High School, Montreal. His last season with the show was 1950, and he has missed visiting it only two summers since.

BISHOP TO CONDUCT LOST COLONY SERVICE SUNDAY



THE RIGHT REVEREND THOMAS H. WRIGHT, of Wilmington, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, will be guest theologian and preacher at the final Sunday service of The Lost Colony season in Waterside Theatre at Manteo on Sunday morning, September 1, beginning at 11 o'clock.

He is one of America's outstanding Episcopal leaders and has served on state, national and international boards and committees of the church. Locally he is no stranger, as he has often appeared as guest minister in The Lost Colony and is a member of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, sponsor of the Paul Green play. He has also often made visitations here to St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, the Episcopal Church on Nags Head, which serves communicants of the Dare Coast and lower Currituck County and summer vacationists and residents of the area.

As a member of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, he is chairman of the Lost Colony's religious services committee and has charge of making the arrangements for the appearance of guest ministers of all denominations for the weekly services on Sunday morning during the drama's season.

A feature of the services Sunday will be choral music by the Lost Colony Chorus under the direction of Dr. Elwood Keister. George Perry, of Lost Colony Chorus and assistant organist, will be at the console of the drama's Hammond Organ. On Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, Bishop Wright will be the Celest See WRIGHT, Page Seven

MANTEO SCHOOL SET FOR OPENING NEXT TUESDAY

The opening of the Manteo School is set for 9 a.m. next Tuesday, September 3, according to Principal W. H. Bunch. At that time, all pupils in grades five through twelve are requested to assemble in the auditorium of the school, while pupils in grades one through four are to report directly to the teachers in their respective classrooms in the primary building. Parents and other friends will be welcome on the opening day, Mr. Bunch stated.

Each day for the first week, September 3 to September 6, a short schedule will be followed, and school will dismiss each of these days at noon. The school lunchroom will not open before Monday, September 9.

The following high school teacher assignments were also announced by Mr. Bunch: Mrs. Matilda E. Inge, English and social studies; A. O. Ayers, physical education and social studies; R. E. Mims, English; P. D. Mavromatis, math; Mrs. Goldie H. Meekins, science; and Mrs. Maggie D. Cannady, commercial.

Teaching the elementary grades will be: W. H. Fry and C. H. Butler, eighth grade; Mrs. Grace W. Hooper, seventh grade; Mrs. Mary D. Meekins and W. W. Tarkington, sixth grade; Mrs. Bertie S. Ward, fifth grade; Mrs. Essie N. Westcott, fourth grade; Mrs. Fannie L. Kessinger, third grade; Mrs. Frances A. Leggett, second grade; and Mrs. Etta B. Midgett, first grade.

Mr. Mims, Mr. Tarkington, and Mrs. Goldie Meekins are new members of the faculty this year.

MANTEO SCOUT LEADERS PLAN WORK FOR YEAR

Adult Cub Scout leaders met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis on the evening of August 21 to plan work for the coming Scout year. They decided to adopt the themes for each month suggested by headquarters. After the business meeting, Mrs. Davis served a delicious light lunch. Attending were Fred Roush, chairman of the Pack committee; Gus Hultman, cubmaster; Mrs. Hultman, Secretary; Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Garrison.

OFF FREE AFTER KILLING BOY WITH SHOTGUN IN HYDE

Herbert Merrick, a 14-year-old negro boy of New Holland, Hyde County, has been released from jail by Sheriff Charlie Cahoon, who deemed it unnecessary to hold him for the careless killing of a playmate. Merrick blew off the head of 14-year-old Bobby Selby Monday morning.

The 12-gauge shotgun blast struck the right side of the dead boy's head. Tommy Sadler, another 14-year-old negro boy, said the boys were just playing with each other.

Selby, the dead boy, was the son of the first wife of Maxwell Selby and his mother lives in another state. "The Merrick boy is living with his grandmother, Mrs. Atmore Whitaker in New Holland, but his parents, Robert and Hazel Merrick, live in New York City.

BLUES AND CHANNEL BASS HITTING IN HATTERAS SURF

Bluefish, some going to three pounds each, have been landed in the surf near Hatteras Inlet this week, and at the same time channel bass have also been taken with rod and reel.

Willie Newsome of the Sportsman's Headquarter reported on Thursday that channel bass taken from the surf so far during August have been "yearlings," or fish that usually weigh between 12 and 18 pounds.

Fishing was spotty for several days last week during rainy and northeast weather, but by early this week the winds had shifted the sun was shining and almost immediately fishing in the surf improved.

Surf catches from other sections of Hatteras Island have indicated a good run of blues and a few puppy drum and yearling channel bass.

After Interesting European Honeymoon Mandells Visit Relatives at Nags Head

Following Term of Teaching in Finland, They Spend Ten Weeks Motoring Through Europe, England and Ireland

Dr. and Mrs. Maurice I. Mandell returned to Nags Head last week to visit relatives after an interesting year abroad. Mrs. Mandell is the former Natalie Gould, and the couple, who were married last July, have been visiting her mother, Mrs. N. E. Gould and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hayman at the Arlington Hotel.

Their next stop will be Bowling Green, Ohio where Dr. Mandell will teach at the State Teachers College. Mrs. Mandell was employed there several years prior to her marriage as assistant to the president, Dr. Ralph MacDonald.

The Mandells went to Turko, Finland, last year on a Swedish ship which took eight days in the crossing. There Dr. Mandell taught classes in two colleges. On holidays they made tours of nearby interesting countries. Following the closing of the school term in May, they set off to travel Europe, and visited all of its countries, save Portugal, Turkey and Greece. They even went over into Russia for five days.

They found Germany making greatest progress, with people working and producing. Here was a general air of cleanliness, something which is absent in most countries. They found Yugoslavia forging ahead somewhat under its intense nationalism, and Spain most interesting because of the fun loving, fiesta-minded temperament of its people.

NEW TRASH CANS ON MANTEO'S SIDEWALKS

The Town of Manteo this week placed four bright new trash cans on the sidewalks in the business district in a move to help reduce litter on the street and sidewalks. The cans are marked "Please deposit trash here," and are located in front of Fearing's Drug Store, between Fearing's Cafe and the Bank of Manteo, in front of Allen's Confectionary, and in front of the post office. Use of the conveniently-placed cans is strongly urged.

HAVE MOVED TO MANTEO

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wiggins and 11-year-old son Stephen have moved from Williamston to Manteo and plan to make their home here permanently. Mrs. Wiggins is the former Mary Lee Barnett of Elizabeth City. She has two sisters living in Manns Harbor, Mrs. Raymond Davis and Mrs. Robert Beasley. Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins, who have operated Frank's Barbecue at Nags Head this summer, plan to keep the restaurant open during the winter months.

MANTEO'S FAITHFUL AND UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANT



LIEUT. DOROTHY DRINKWATER, late of the Army Nurses Corp is a valuable public servant about whom little is written, but there is difficulty in finding words to do credit to her good deeds. She has proved a lifesaver indeed, to the people of Roanoke Island during the 11 years since her retirement from the Army in 1946. Without pay, and often furnishing her own medicines, she has served the public, in time of great need, white and black at all hours, in a capacity as nurse, friendly advisor, and counselor. Often there has been no other source to which the needy might turn. Above this big heart is a sharp tongue which speaks out at times against the community's failure to provide adequate medical facilities in See DRINKWATER, Page Seven

FISHING TOURNEY OFFERING \$1,000 WORTH OF PRIZES

Sixth Annual Nags Head Surf Fishing Event To Be Held October 18-20

By AYCOCK BROWN
Trophies and prizes valued at more than \$1,000 will again be offered in the annual Nags Head Fishing Club-sponsored Surf Fishing Tourney at Nags Head on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 18-20, it was stated today by Julian Oneto, president of the club.

This will be the sixth year the invitation Inter-Club and Open Individual Tourney has been held on the Dare Beaches. The event is presented under the auspices of the Association of Surf Angling Clubs.

H. W. Shaner of Margate City, N. J., will again be director of the tourney in collaboration with the captains of competing teams. Mr. Shaner has been instrumental in giving much publicity to the Nags Head event which has been largely responsible for so many New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and other non-resident teams participating each year.

George Crocker, secretary-treasurer of the tournament, has indicated that upwards of 40 teams will participate this year. Each team is composed of five persons and an alternate. Several women teams take part in the competition.

The Nags Head Surf Fishing Trophy, most coveted of all awards offered, was won last year by the Merchantville (N. J.) Fishing Club. This trophy, to become the permanent possession of a club, must be won two years in succession. The only team winning the trophy during the past five years for permanent possession was the Elizabeth City Club. The present trophy was given by Henry W. Stelwagon, president of the Association of Surf Angling Clubs.

Due to the great increase in the number of persons attending the tourney each year, the annual banquet, one of several social events presented in connection with the event, will be held this year at Ras Westcott's Casino. "This will give us an opportunity to entertain not only team members but also their wives and families," said Mr. Crocker.

Judging catches is on a point basis, and the usual fish taken ranges from whiting, weakfish (trout), croakers and flounder to bluefish, striped bass and channel bass.

During the past six years, several record fish have been taken during the Nags Head tournaments. The most outstanding was the world record 60½-pound channel bass landed from surf by Art Clark during the open individual on a 12-pound test line.

POWELL BILL FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED BY THE STATE

Manteo, Kill Devil Hills, Belhaven, Other Towns in Area Share in Money for Local Non-System Streets

The State Highway Department this week announced the allocation of Powell Bill Funds totaling \$6,477,032.18 to 405 qualifying municipalities for use in maintaining and improving their non-highway system streets.

Allocations to municipalities in this area included the following: Bath, \$1,493.79; Belhaven, \$11,685.33; Columbia, \$4,170.15; Creswell, \$1,912.47; Elizabeth City, \$43,310.55; Kill Devil Hills, \$8,973.15; Manteo, \$2,819.71; Panetgo, \$923.99; Washington, \$36,964.85; and Washington Park, \$2,675.72.

Half of the total allocations is to be divided among the qualified municipalities on the basis of population at a per capita rate of \$2.12, while the other half is divided on the basis of relative mileage of non-highway system or local streets of the municipalities at a per mile rate of \$485.38. For example, figures released by the highway commission's Division of Statistics and Planning show Manteo with a 1950 population of 635 receiving \$1,849.02 in the first phase and with a non-system mileage of 3.03 miles receiving \$1,470.69 in the second phase, for a total of \$2,819.71. The figures given for Kill Devil Hills are: population 735, \$1,561.46; mileage 15.27, \$7,411.69; total \$8,973.15.

KITTY HAWK BAKE SALE

The final bake sale in a series put on this summer by the Kitty Hawk WSCS will be held Saturday morning, August 31, at Perry's Drive-In. All sorts of pies, cakes, cookies, home-made jellies and other delicacies will be sold. Proceeds will go toward the building fund.