

CHILDREN OF THE LOST COLONY PLAY A VALUABLE PART

Numerous Dare County Youngsters Make Big Contribution to Show

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In the script of THE LOST COLONY, Paul Green's symphonic drama which is playing its eighteenth season in the Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island, Mr. Green writes that in Raleigh's colony which was established here in 1587 there were 121 men, women and children. What of their counterparts, today's children of THE LOST COLONY? There are thirteen of them in this year's company, ranging in age from four and a half to twelve. There are six girls and seven boys, and each evening these youngsters fill their various roles capably and professionally. True, they are children and they act like children, but they obey with promptness the regulations for back-stage behavior. They love the show and are loyal to it; they take pride in doing their jobs, and are eager to fill in when there are vacancies due to illness or absences of any of the other children.

They use the lines from the show for daily conversation; they use them in their play, doing entire scenes perfectly; woven through their waking and sleeping moments is the spirit of this, their show. For most of these young thespians live on Roanoke Island, and feel, rightly, the pride and responsibilities of possession. In several cases, their mothers are in the cast also, and THE LOST COLONY is, for them, an inheritance, a family affair. Mothers and daughters use the same dressing room, and they have a good time together during the interim between the scenes in which they participate. The children bring color books, dolls, puzzles, games, books to enjoy during the long waiting periods between their scenes, and the mothers use this time to catch up on the news, to visit, to enjoy a vacation from

housekeeping. As one mother said, it is like a party every night, a way to be with people, to have fun, to leave troubles behind.

Each evening, the young actors can be seen, stealing a moment before their entrance or following a scene in which they have participated, standing quietly in the wings, eyes glued on the stage action, lips silently murmuring the lines of that scene. They know when scenery is going on or off stage, and they have learned to stay out of the way of dangerous flats as well as have their older fellow actors.

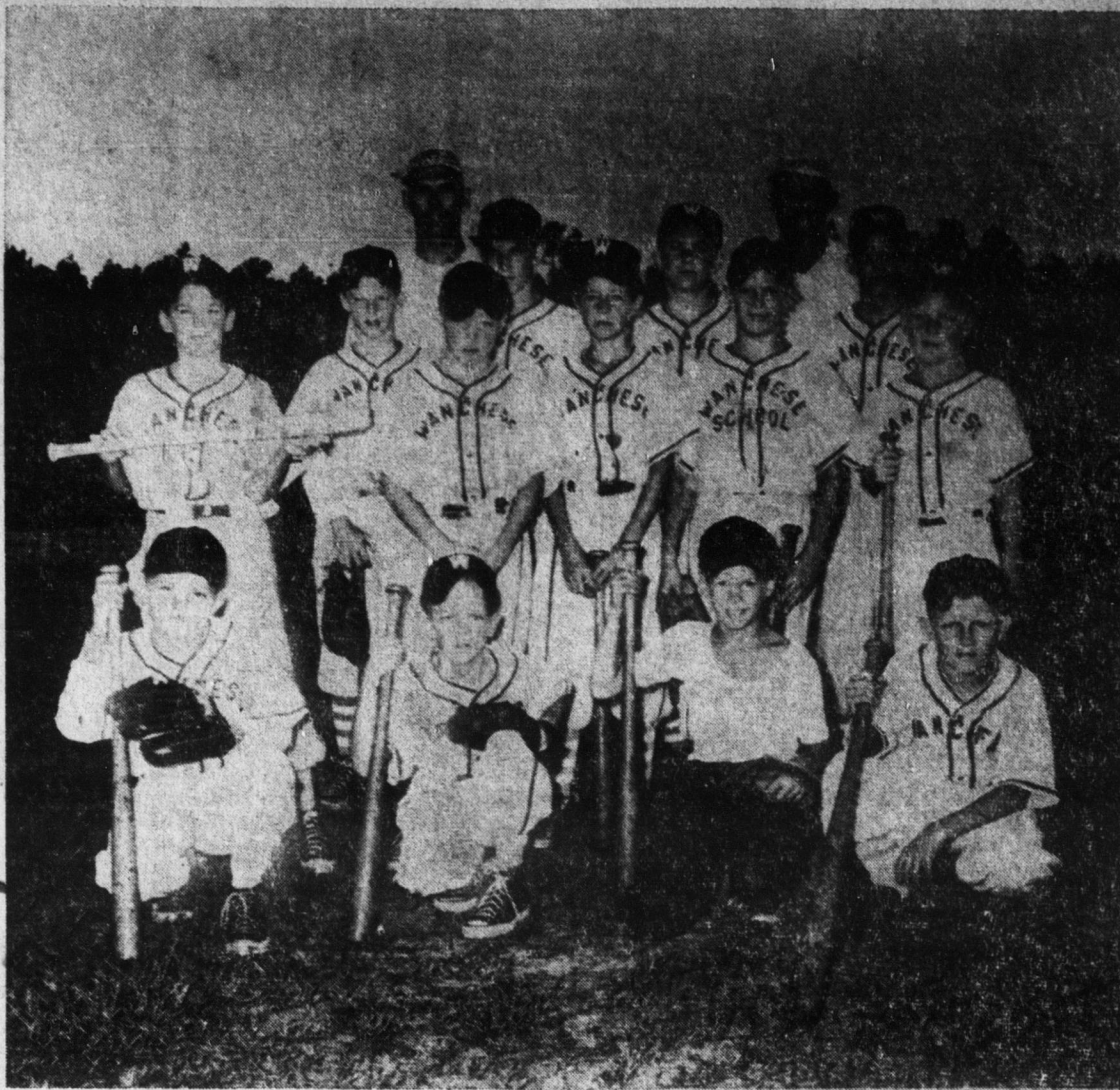
These modern-day Lost Colony children are normal, healthy, fun-loving youngsters; they swim, fish, yell, squabble, run around jumping over each other, forgetting to be silent all the time, but instantly obeying when reminded, and they are intensely interested in the show and everything that has to do with it.

The Manteo children are Cecilia Fields, age seven, who is one of the flower girls and a Colonist child; Barbara Beavers, four and a half, the other flower girl and a colonist child; Linda Jordan, nine years old, in her second season with the show, a colonist girl; the twins, Betty and Lovie Ward, age twelve, who have been seven years with the show—five as flower girls, the past two as pages; Lorna Fields, a colonist girl; Alma Etheridge, a herald.

The boys are Roscoe Beavers, age eleven, Colonist boy and understudy for Marc Basnight, or Lewis Midgett; Marc Basnight who plays George Howe, Jr., eleven years old; Lewis who plays Thomas Archard, twelve years old; Billy Long of Rock Hill, S. C., son of the Technical Director of the show and Chris Rankin of Norwell, Mass., son of Earl Rankin, the Historian. Billy is eleven years old, Chris is nine, and both have been leading the Noel line on stage for the past two summers.

Joe White, age eight, is keeping a family tradition going. He is little Manteo in the production, and every night Joe "puts the show to bed." He will not leave until he has seen the lights die

WINNERS IN COASTAL LITTLE LEAGUE



Pictured here are members of the Wanchese team of the Coastal Little League which won out over all League teams it played during the current summer season. The Coastal Little League includes in addition to Wanchese, Manteo, Kitty Hawk and Curri tuck. The players in picture from left to right: (Front Row) Rusty Stetson, Mickey Daniels, Richard Hultman and Johnny Garrison; (Second Row) David Daniels, Mickey Wescott, Richard Baum, Bob Hultman and Taddy Tillett; (Third Row) George Daniels, Kindale Daniels, Bobby Daniels, and Ralph Meekins. In the background is shown (left) Gus Hultman, president of the Coastal Little League and Ernest Walker, coach of the Wanchese team. The Wanchese team is sponsored by the Ruritan Club of that Roanoke Island community. (Aycock Brown Photo)

out on the Final March, and, frequently, during the show, when he is not on stage, he can be found sitting in the wings, intently watching everything going on on stage.

Alma Etheridge's entire family, except her father, has been with the show, and her mother is at the ticket window each day this summer.

THE LOST COLONY has always been a "family" show; entire families on Roanoke Island have taken active part in its production since the show's beginning, and it is their show. And so it is fitting that the Island children should be an integral part of each summer's production. The technical charts of Mr. Long which go back to 1947 are actually a record of all the men who have worked technically in the show, and many of those now on his technical crew are sons or brothers of those who worked in the first years. Linda Jordan's mother was one of the two first flower girls to the Queen; Joe White's father, brother and sister have been active members of the cast of the show in the past years. Mrs. Fields has two daughters in the show and two working with the show in other capacities. Thus, Mr. Green's drama, now in its eighteenth season as the "granddaddy of all outdoor dramas," and significantly produced on the very site where the Lost Colony of Sir Walter Raleigh lived for a short time and vanished, is a drama of real people who believe in their show, and whose children live the drama of it year after year.

WANCHESE PERSONALS

Mrs. C. W. Guthrie, Miss Rowena Midgett and niece, Miss Margaret Midgett of Hampton, Va. spent the week end in Winston-Salem as guests of Mrs. Guthrie's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Douglas Guthrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Murray have returned to Onancock, Va. after visiting Mrs. Murray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Daniels, and accompanied by Brenda Daniels and Lester Lee Creff.

Margaret Midgett of Hampton is visiting her aunt, Rowena Midgett.

Mrs. Woodrow Stetson visited relatives in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perkinson have returned to Portsmouth after visiting Mr. Perkinson's sister, Mrs. Ida Daniels.

Mrs. Charles Scarborough and daughter visited in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mavromatis and daughter, Kimberly and mother-in-law, Mrs. Carrie Tillett have returned from Chapel Hill where Mr. Mavromatis attended a summer course.

Theoff Wescott is visiting friends at Atlantic.

Mrs. Malcolm Daniels and children are attending a camp meeting in Windsor. Mrs. Leven Stetson, Jr. and daughter are also attending.

Mrs. Theoff Wescott is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Forbes in Norfolk.

Laurette Etheridge, Coffie Daniels, Earl Willis, Jr. and Elton Gal-

MARTHA J. MIDGETT NAMED ON DUKE DEAN'S LIST

Durham.—Martha Jane Midgett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Midgett Jr. of Engelhard, has been named to the Dean's List at Duke University for the past semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must have at least a 3.0 average out of a possible 4.0 average.

Miss Midgett will be a senior at Duke.

lop have returned from a week at Camp Caroline at Arapahoe.

Mercee Tillett of Washington, D. C. was the week end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crowder Tillett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tillett, Jr. and children of Norfolk visited relatives here Friday and Saturday.

BRIGIDINI-PEARCE VOWS ARE SPOKEN SATURDAY

Miss Margaret Winston Pearce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pearce of Manteo, became the bride of Chester Brigidini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Brigidini of Arlington, Va., in a quiet ceremony at eleven o'clock Saturday morning, August 9. The vows were spoken to the Rev. W. E. Cholerton in the Manteo Baptist Church parsonage. The marriage was attended by relatives and close friends.

The bride wore a beige dress with matching accessories and a shoulder corsage of yellow roses. She is a graduate of Manteo High School and was the 1958 Manteo school May Queen.

KILL DEVIL HILLS PERSONALS

Major J. L. Murphy of Kill Devil Hills, returned last week from Washington, D. C., where he attended a board meeting of the National Wildlife Federation. Major Murphy as a member of the Board of Directors in the National Federation, represents the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

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