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PLANS TO BE MAPPED NEXT THURSDAY IN MANTEO FOR 20TH LOST COLONY SEASON

Mrs. O. Max Gardner, Chairman Has Called A Meeting at 10 A.M. January 7 in the Community Building to Decide on Plans For Getting Show Started; Large Attendance of New Board Expected.

Mrs. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, the newly elected chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association will come to Manteo for a meeting of the Board, to formulate plans for the 20th season of the Lost Colony scheduled to run through the months of July and August 1960. The meeting will be held in the community building, beginning at 10 A.M. Thursday, Jan. 10.

New Directors of the Association will give their time and expenses to come from Washington, D. C., Raleigh and other distant places in order to assist in the task which is shaping up with enthusiasm under the leadership of the new chairman. Mrs. Gardner, the wife of the late Governor, is a distinguished North Carolinian in her own right, and has given liberally of her abilities, time and money for the promotion of many good causes. In turn, in recognition of her lifetime of service, she was the honor guest of an elaborate turnout in Washington in November, held by the North Carolina Society, which numbers some 500 citizens of the State who, by reason of their occupations, sojourn in the Nation's capital.

Among the new directors who plan to be in Manteo next Thursday are J. Melville Broughton, Jr., of Raleigh, chairman of the State Highway Commission; Mrs. Fred W. Morrison of Washington, D. C.; William B. Aycock, Chancellor of the University of North Carolina; Paul Green, author of the Lost Colony and many other outdoor dramas, plays and movie scripts; and others. Other members of the new Board, elected Dec. 2, and not named above are: C. Alden Baker and Albert W. Gard of Elizabeth. See PLANS, Page Four

BELHAVEN MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS TUESDAY NIGHT

Some of Its Officers Travel 15 Miles to Attend Meetings of This Progressive Lodge

A unique feature of Belhaven Masonic Lodge No. 509 is that some of its newly installed officers will travel 15 miles or more to attend lodge meetings and to fill the chairs they have been honored with occupying since Tuesday night of this week when these men were installed.

Horace Elliott, the new master of the lodge lives at Hunters Bridge, Felton Allen, the Senior Warden at Pungo; Clyde Sutton, the Junior Warden lives at Rodmans Quarter. Other officers are Charles Midgett, Treasurer and Archie Thomas, Secretary, both of Belhaven; Dempsey Allen of Pungo, Senior Deacon; D. S. Tetterton of Yatesville, Junior Deacon; Ebbie Gaylord of Terra Ceia and Jack Alligood of Belhaven, Stewards.

The lodge, which was chartered 57 years ago, has 138 members. It lost several members last year by death. Within the past few years it has erected a new hall, and is now engaged in a project to complete the interior.

BELHAVEN POSTOFFICE LEASE IS CONTINUED

The Post Office Department has exercised the option effective Dec. 15, to renew the lease on the present post office quarters at Belhaven, North Carolina, for a period of five years, it has been announced by Postmaster General Summerfield, through the office of W. L. Crawford, Regional Operations Director in Atlanta.

The Post Office located on the east side of Pamlico Street between Riverside Avenue and Main Street, and contains 2,170 square feet of interior space.

There are 191 postal projects in North Carolina now receiving attention either from the Postal Inspector-in-Charge or the Regional Real Estate Manager or are awaiting departmental action.

It was explained that this does not mean 191 new buildings, since many of the projects call for enlargements, remodeling, lease renewals, driveway paving, and the installation of new equipment. All of these improvements are in line with the Postmaster General's modernization program.

TO GET A JOB DONE FIND A BUSY PERSON

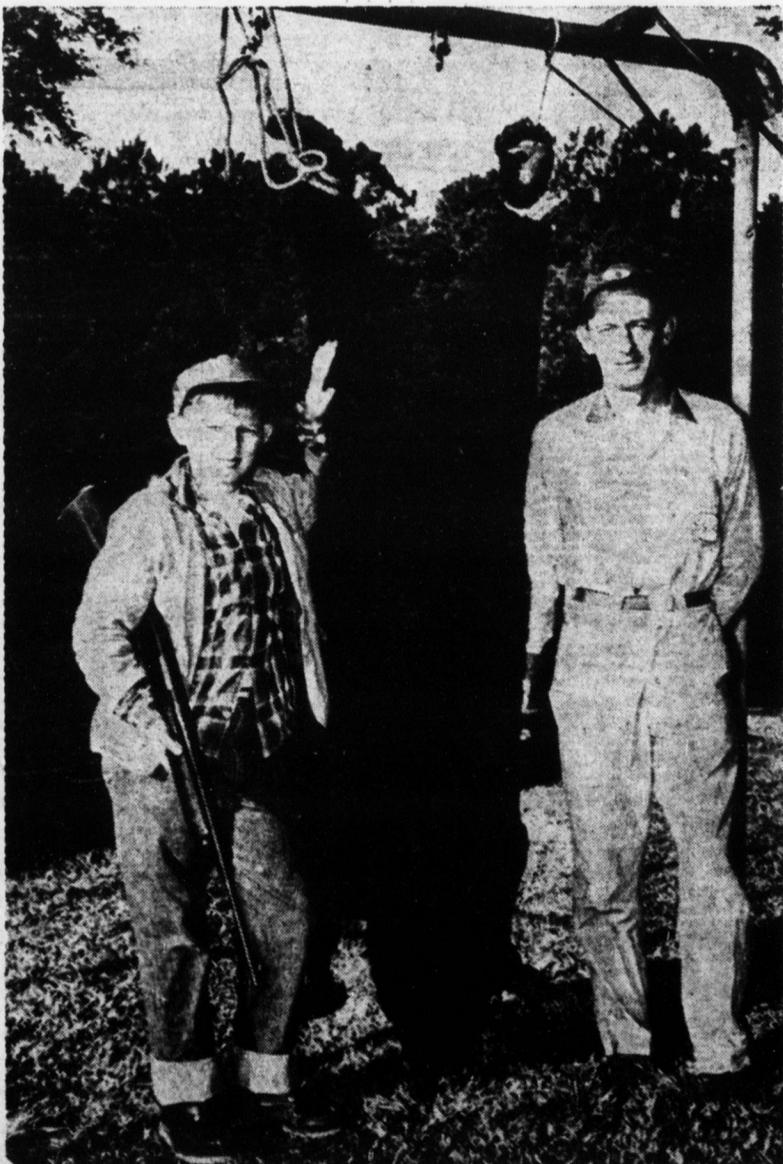


—Glogau Photo, Washington.

EMMA NEAL MORRISON of Kill Devil Hills, Laurinburg and Washington, D. C., is a dynamic exponent of the old adage that "if you want a job done, get a busy person to do it." Mrs. O. Max Gardner well knows this truth, and she has chosen Mrs. Morrison for her right-hand helper in the new effort to energize the Lost Colony. They have long been personal friends, for Mrs. Gardner began her public career as Secretary to Governor Gardner 1933-40. The multitude of things Mrs. Morrison can manage is amazing. At present she is President of the North Carolina Society in Washington, D. C., where a year ago she staged a big reception and dinner honoring North Carolina's latest successful actor, Andy Griffith. A similar event later this year honored Governor Hodges, and another for Mrs. Gardner. She is Vice-chairman of the Historic Bath Commission in N. C.; a national trustee for the Harry S. Truman Memorial Library since its foundation in 1953; a member of the Board of Directors of the R. I. Historical Association; a life member of the Woman's Nat'l Democratic Club of Washington, D. C.; the YWCA of D. C.; the Davis Memorial Good-will Guild of D. C.; and the N. C. Society for the Preservation of Antiquities.

She has previously served as president of the Woman's National Democratic Club, in Washington, 1950-52; on the Board of Governors of the D. C. Girl Scouts of America; trustee of Davis Memorial Good-will Industries 1953-55; co-chairman Stevenson-Kefauver Campaign Dinner Oct. 1956 at the Statler Hotel, Washington, D. C.; representative of the Mothers' Committee National Cathedral School for Girls, 1957-59; staff Secretary Commission consolidation of the University of North Carolina.

MOUNTAIN BOY COMES A FAR PIECE TO KILL BEAR



Coming all the way from Spruce Pine, where bears abound in N. C.'s distant, rugged mountains Roger Wiseman killed a whopping bruin in the woods west of Manns Harbor during Christmas week. The bear, weighing 357 pounds is believed by hunters to be the largest killed by a lad in these woods. He is a 6th grade student and is shown here on the left, with his bear, and with his guide, Lloyd K. Midgett of Manns Harbor. Accompanying Wiseman on the trip was Roy L. Wiseman of Spruce Pine. Twenty one bears have been slain in Dare this season.—Aycock Brown photo.

MRS. TOPPING CALLS SOUTH ALBEMARLE PLANNING MEETING

New President To Have Officers at Her Home Near Pantego on January 13th.

An early start on a program for the Southern Albemarle Region is being planned by Mrs. Scott Topping, new president of the six county Association, and a meeting and luncheon has been called by her, at her home near Pantego at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13th. The meeting is expected to last four hours and luncheon will be served the visitors by Mrs. Topping.

To this meeting all officers of the Association, the Legislative representatives of the six counties and some others are being invited to set up working committees for the coming year. Besides Mrs. Topping, there will be the secretary, Mrs. John Winfield of Yatesville, M. A. Matthews, treasurer, and the following County Vice-Presidents. Sam T. Moore of Beaufort; W. W. Edwards of Dare; Wm. I. Cochran of Hyde; Robert H. Cowen of Martin; Wm. Chas. Cohoon of Tyrrell; and James H. Ward of Washington.

Others who will attend the meeting are Senators Elbert Peele and Lindsay Warren; Representatives Wayland Sermons of Beaufort, Dick O'Neal of Hyde, Dr. J. M. Phelps of Washington, R. Bruce Etheridge of Dare, and B. F. Everett of Martin.

Also several past presidents of the Association including Dr. W. T. Ralph of Belhaven, P. D. Midgett of Engelhard, Melvin Daniels of Wanchese, W. J. White of Tyrrell, Leon Ballance of Engelhard, A. Corey of Jamesville, Victor Meekins and L. L. Swain of Manteo, and W. W. Watson of Hyde.

Mrs. Topping is assembling a list of recommendations to submit to the committee to aid in shaping a program for the year.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS HARD TO ROUSE IN DARE COUNTY

Congressman Scheduled to Address Rally and Oyster Roast in Manteo Jan. 22

The Young Democratic Party Organization in Dare County, after more than a year of activity is still finding it hard to maintain interest in the attendance and contributions necessary to creation of a club of formidable proportions. Coming to the assistance of Dr. W. W. Harvey, Jr., County YDC president, is Keith R. Moore, representative of the State Dept. of Revenue, now living in Manteo.

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has accepted the invitation of Mr. Moore to speak in Manteo, Friday 22, at 8 p.m. at a rally and oyster roast, to which all interested Young Democrats from anywhere in Dare County or elsewhere are invited.

Dr. Harvey sent out letters this week asking for contributions to support the work of the party and aid the state campaign chest. Henry Armstrong of Manns Harbor is the treasurer of the clubs, and it is requested contributions be sent to him.

Dr. Harvey says: "for the past few years a few active Democrats have carried the work . . . and financial burdens . . . All of us have benefited in the past and our future is bright with the Democratic party. Now is the time for all to aid their party. Lip service and hollow promises do not make a strong county . . . Let us all join in upholding the pride and future of Dare County and show those outside the county, who have helped us, that their support has been worthwhile and that our political strength is growing."

There is a wide open and challenging field for some good party work to be done in Dare County, since so little has been done for a quarter of a century. A party organization has existed mostly in name. Democrats, discouraged because political recognition has not been shared with those who do the work, nor party favors distributed throughout the county, have grown to consider it futile to attempt to have a voice in party affairs. In turn, they have failed to arouse and inspire the succeeding generations, and party support reached the low ebb of allowing the county to go Republican in 1956.

A few interested young people, and perhaps more of the older ones joined with Dr. Harvey two years ago in an effort to revive interest in the party. Considerable gains were made, some money raised and there are a few interested workers. There is a field wide open for someone who will give the cause most of his time and make an intensive campaign for throughout the county.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF ROANOKE ISLAND ASSOCIATION



MRS. FAY WEBB GARDNER who will visit Dare County next week in the interest of the Roanoke Island Historical Association's new effort to launch the 20th season of the Lost Colony during the months of July and August 1960. Mrs. Gardner, of Shelby, Cleveland County, was unanimously chosen chairman at the meeting in Raleigh on December 2. She is the daughter and sister of Judges, the wife of the late attorney and Governor O. Max Gardner who died while the couple were preparing to sail for London where Governor Gardner had been appointed to the British Ambassadorship. From 1929 to 1933 she was North Carolina's first lady during Governor Gardner's term. On November 19th, in Washington, D. C., she was the honor guest of the North Carolina Society, and has hailed as an outstanding citizen, patron and benefactor. Many distinguished leaders of the state and nation attended; and others, including ex-president Truman, Mrs. Roosevelt, Speaker Sam Rayburn sent messages of appreciation. She will be in Manteo Thursday, January 7.

OLD CHRISTMAS TO BE OBSERVED JANUARY 2

Interesting Annual Event at Rodanthe Planned Saturday Night; Once Widely Observed on the Coast

By AYCOCK BROWN

RODANTHE—Following a custom that was started long before the oldest resident of this Outer Banks community can remember, Old Christmas, once the traditional Christmas of the Outer Banks region of North Carolina, will be observed here again on January 5, since as it has been celebrated just—some say 1752.

The formal celebration will be held Saturday night, January 2nd at the Rodanthe Community building, which is to enable those working away from home to enjoy the event.

It was in 1752 that Great Britain and her English speaking colonies changed from Old Style to New Style calendars insofar as keeping a record from day to day was concerned. To make the changeover from the calendars it was necessary to drop or literally lose, 11 days. Eleven days from January 25 then fell on January 5.

The English, especially those which had been transplanted to 18th Century colonies thought there was something sacrilegious about changing the date of Christmas. They adhered to the old custom of celebrating on the date that would have been December 15th according to the Old Style or Caesarian Calendar. That placed their date of Christmas on the New Style calendar 11 days later or on January 5.

Anyway, it's the date Rodanthians celebrate their Old Christmas today, and Rodanthe is the only

MANTEO MASONS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS MONDAY

B. A. Evans Heads Lodge Which Now Has 118 Members and Is Building New Hall

Burwell A. Evans, Dare hardware merchant was installed as Master of Manteo Masonic Lodge No. 682 Monday night. The lodge, which meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights has 118 members. It began operating 12 years ago, and is now engaged in building a new hall.

The other officers installed Monday are Senior Warden, D. F. Twyne; Junior Warden, George M. Powell; Treasurer Edwin R. Midgett; Secretary Ervin G. Hines. Senior Deacon Rudolph Peele; Junior Deacon, E. P. Priest; Tyler James D. Groce; Stewards, William H. Jones and Ralph Humphlett. Hubert Gubrie, Chaplain. The meeting place is the town hall.

THE STEEL DELAY ADDS DANGER AND FIVE PERSONS DIE

Detour on Currituck Bridge Due to Steel Strike, Brings Fatalities to Ten

Five persons died Christmas morning in Dare County when a car driven by Milton L. Gibbs, 41, went through the rail of a detour on the Currituck Sound bridge in Dare County early Christmas morning. The detour has been kept for an unduly long time, due to inability to get steel for a job of installing a wider draws-span, and it would have been finished long ago, but for bull-headed David McDonald's steel strike.

Gibbs and his party of five, whose address are all listed as 290 New York Avenue, 16, N. Y. were bound for Washington, N. C., to visit his mother.

He got on the wrong road and went to Nags Head, having come through the same dangerous detour where his party met death shortly afterward.

Not knowing he could continue on across Croatan Sound, and apparently not having been told, he retraced his route, and shortly after sunrise Christmas morning was approaching the detour and apparently too fast. His 1958 Buick skidded as he attempted to turn left through the detour bridge, and went overboard. He swam to a low part of the construction job, got on the bridge and hitch-hiked to the nearest phone.

The five dead are two aunts of Gibbs, his mother's sisters, Fannie P. Pilowden, 35 and Hallie Mae Peartree, 45; James Smith 25, and his wife Wallier Eugene Smith, 21, Gerald Williams, eight, the son of Mrs. Pilowden.

Highway Patrolman Arthur Fields spent the day at the bridge while search was made for the bodies by Coast Guardsmen. Four of the bodies were found Christmas and the fifth on the 26th.

These five deaths raised the number of auto fatalities in Dare to ten during the year. Ervin Farrow died near Oregon Inlet July 4, and four died in a collision near Stumpy Point early in December.

MIGHT HAVE ROPED DEER SWIMMING IN RIVER

A deer, fleeing from hunters in Pungo River Christmas eve might have been caught with a rope by Mrs. W. T. Ralph, of Belhaven, who with her brother Thomas Wahab went in his boat down the river to get a Christmas tree. But the deer had no horns, and they let it go its way. The trip yielded a very fine tree however, to grace the Ralph home this season.

ELLISON RETURNS AFTER COMPLETING CHORE IN KOREA

Belhaven Man Studies Request For Loans For Industries Allied With Seafood

One of the most interesting slants on world affairs, is that while citizens of coastal North Carolina are pleading for someone to build plants to process seafood products and create employment for our people, our government calls into service a citizen of our own locality, William Ellison of Belhaven, to go to Korea on the bottomside of the world, to investigate requests that we build a multitude of such plants for the Koreans.

Mr. Ellison, a well-known marine biologist got back home on December 19th at the conclusion of five and a half months on this chore for Uncle Sam. Oddly enough, he left Tokio on the 17th, spent two days in Washington en route and yet got home on the 19th. The difference comes from the day gained in flying eastward across the International date line.

Mr. Ellison went to spend two months and it took more than five before he got through. The Koreans want Uncle Sam to lend them, through the International Cooperative Association more than a million and a quarter dollars to build seven projects. These projects include freezer plants, fish meal factories, a plant for baling seaweed, for the extraction of agar from seaweed and which is used in medicines, etc.

Mr. Ellison found that some of these requested projects offered little in the way of sound basis for making the loan.

It will be remembered he returned last year after a long stay on the Island of Formosa on a mission of the U. S. Government.

VARIETY OF BIG NEWS IN COASTAL REGION IN 1959

Liberty Ship Stranded and Saved; Many Killed on Roads; Bridges Soon; New Bank

A million dollar Liberty Ship drifted ashore and was later salvaged near Avon and on December 25, Christmas morning, five Brooklyn Negroes lost their lives when the auto in which they were passengers crashed through the rail of a detour at the drawbridge of Wright Memorial Bridge spanning Currituck Sound.

Those were big news stories on the Dare Coast in 1959, and even bigger stories for persons who are interested in fishing, was that anglers took more blue marlin off this coast than any in other locality in the world.

Important in the news for the region in 1959 was the announcement by the State Highway Commission that contract for a bridge across Alligator River would be let early in 1960, and a bridge across Oregon Inlet to be let later in 1960.

Announcement is also made that beginning in March 1960, the Taylor Brothers of Sea Level will establish car ferry service between Ocracoke Island and the mainland of Carteret County, thus eliminating Outer Banks dead end highways.

In the latter part of the year a new bank was being sought in Dare County and its promoters promise resources of a half-million dollars.

During 1959 also was completed the new National Park Service Highway between Whalebone Junction and Oregon Inlet and new State Highway (U.S. No. 158) between Kitty Hawk and lower Nags Head. The latter cost almost \$1 million.

Other big news in the making along the Dare Coast during 1959 was the beginning of millions of dollars worth of channel dredging in the Manteo. Wanchese and Oregon Inlet sectors; Mission 66 projects of the National Park Service which when completed early next year will represent a half million dollars in improvements to entrance highways and a new administration building-visitors center at Wright Memorial Monument at Kill Devil Hills, and many more thousands invested in the Mission 66 improvements of National Seashore projects between Nags Head and Ocracoke. During 1959 another million or so dollars was spent on improvements of vacation facilities here on the Dare coast—new rooms in hotels and motels, swimming pools, restaurants and recreational attractions.