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## 1961 PREMIERE OF LOST COLONY WILL BE "SALUTE TO PAUL GREEN"



THE LOST COLONY, longest-lived of all outdoor productions will open for its 21st season in Waterside Theatre at Manteo, on Saturday, July 1. The 1961 premiere of the show will be known as "A Salute To Paul Green, author of the play who is pictured in oval inset above and flanked by some of the dramatic scenes and characters of the show. Upper left are three of the large troupe of Lost Colony Indians as they watch the first English explorers approach the shores of Roanoke Island; at right above is Marjalee Thomas who stars again this season as Eleanor Dare and with her, Claudia Ann Fry as Virginia Dare, first child of English parentage born in the New World. Kenton Kyle, as Old Tom Harris, the Elizabethan drunkard of Plymouth, England, is shown repelling an attack from Indians on Roanoke Island, where he made good as he helped lead the colonists, who would disappear without leaving a trace; and, Mary Long as the dynamic Queen Elizabeth, who with John Whitty as Sir Walter Raleigh sent the expeditions and settlers to Roanoke Island. Lower photo shows Waterside Theatre which has been rebuilt following \$40,000 damage by Hurricane Donna after the show ended last year. Paul Green will be guest of honor at the launching of the season on Saturday—a season with a production schedule calling for performances nightly, Mondays through Saturdays, (no Sunday performances this year from July 1 through September 3. (Aycock Brown Photos)

## "Salute to Paul Green" Is Opening Feature at Lost Colony Saturday

By GLENN L. VERNON  
A special "Salute to Paul Green" is planned for the opening of the nation's number one outdoor drama, "The Lost Colony" here July 1st in the Waterside Theatre.

The show, written by Pulitzer Prize Winner, Paul Green, will begin its twenty-first season and its twenty-fifth year. Representatives from Green's other two outdoor dramas now in production, "The Common Glory," and "The Stephen Foster Story" will be present to take part in the intermission activities.

Other North Carolina writers, including Kermit Hunter and Thomas Patterson, both authors of currently running outdoor shows, have also been invited to participate. Green, a native of North Carolina and its most prominent playwright, has pioneered in the regional and outdoor drama movement in America.

He was born in March of 1894 in Harnett County, North Carolina. In May of that same year in Baltimore, Md., the initial meeting of The Roanoke Colony Memorial Association was held, and on October 23, 1894, at Raleigh, the organization was incorporated. Thus began in 1894 the life of a movement and a man whose path, 43 years later, were destined to meet in the telling of the story of the mysterious "Lost Colony."

Paul Green grew up on his father's farm near Lillington, N. C., where a combination of hard work and peaceful, carefree hours molded and shaped the artistic and sensitive creativity which is found in his works. Here his imagination fed on the beauty and loneliness of the wide fields and sky, the whites and negroes with whom he worked and who were later to figure so prominently in his plays and fiction.

Green entered the University of

North Carolina in 1916 after having graduated from Buies Creek Academy (now Campbell College) in 1914. During the two year period inbetween he had served as principal of a two-teacher—himself and one other—school in Harnett County where he had saved what he considered enough money to pay his way at the University.

During that freshman year he won a prize for a one-act play produced in the outdoor Forest Theatre and his poems appeared frequently in The Carolina Magazine.

After one year at the University he enlisted in the Army and before going to France he had published Trifles of Thought by P.E.G., a small collection of his poems. After two years he returned in 1919 to the University and began writing plays for Prof. Frederick H. Koch and the newly established Carolina Playmakers.

It was during these years that he first visited Roanoke Island and conceived the idea of a play about "the lost colony." In 1921, after a three-hundred mile trip by bus, train, mailboat and motorboat, he arrived at Manteo. The next morning he investigated the island, visiting the site of Fort Raleigh and wandering through the nearby woods. Inspired by what he had seen, Green went back to Chapel Hill where he wrote a play about Virginia Dare and her legendary love affair with the son of Chief Manteo. The play was not well received by Prof. Koch and the other members of the playwrighting class so he tossed it out and momentarily forgot the idea.

In the fall of that year he received a Kenan Fellowship and began graduate study at the University in the Department of Philosophy. After spending a year at Cornell where he continued his study of philosophy, he returned to Chapel Hill. See GREEN, Page Four

## NO SUNDAY SHOWS AT LOST COLONY DURING '61 SEASON

For the first time in the history of The Lost Colony, THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY NIGHT performances during the 1961 season which begins Saturday, July 1, it was announced today by Manager J. Sib Dorton.

"We will have six shows weekly, Monday nights through Saturday nights," he said, "and performances will begin at 8:15 o'clock, as in the past."

Paul Green will be featured at the premiere on Saturday night. Monday night, July 3, will be dedicated to the former First Ladies of North Carolina, headed by Mrs. O. Max Gardner, chairman, Roanoke Island Historical Association Board, Mrs. Luther Hodges, Mrs. J. Melville Broughton, Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, and Mrs. W. Kerr Scott. Due to illness, Mrs. Gregg Cherry and Mrs. William B. Umstead will be unable to attend the performance.

## WATERWAYS MEETING SET FOR NEXT THURS.

There will be a meeting of the Dare County Waterways Improvement Committee Thursday evening, July 6, at the Dare County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m. for discussion and planning of a program to promote an increase in the Dare County waters. In addition to discussing a fishing program for 1961-62, small waterways dredging problems will be discussed and plans outlined how these may be taken care of.

All interested parties from Hyde, Tyrrell, Currituck and Camden counties and anyone interested in the waterways problems of the upper Pamlico and Currituck Sound are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

## NEW RESTAURANT IS OPENING SATURDAY FOR ROANOKE ID.

To Cater to Groups In Addition to Affording Accommodations for Tourists, Residents

Roanoke Island's new food establishment, the Manteo Motel Restaurant, is getting finishing touches this week, and on Saturday, July 1 will open, providing service thereafter from 5 a. m. to midnight. It is located in a new two-story brick building adjacent to the motel, and features a coffee shop downstairs and "The Roanoke Room" upstairs, which is also available for private parties and banquets.

Paul Green, author of the Lost Colony, on the coast this week end for opening of the show, has agreed to officiate at brief opening ceremonies for the restaurant at 6:30 p. m. Mr. Green and other Roanoke Island Historical Association officials and Lost Colony personnel will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Evans at a dinner at this time.

Seating accommodations are provided for around 30 guests downstairs, and approximately 40 upstairs, which may be arranged for up to 50 persons in banquet-style. Special attention will be given in the future to group luncheons or dinners, a service which has not heretofore been available on Roanoke Island in private commercial quarters.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans have operated the motel for seven years; in addition to the business which attracted them to Manteo some ten or more years ago. Mrs. Evans is the former Ina Meekins, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Earl Meekins of Burlington. Mr. Evans is a native of Georgia.

## OPENING NEW RESTAURANT FOR ROANOKE ISLAND SAT.



MR. AND MRS. BURWELL A. EVANS of Manteo, proprietors of the new Manteo Motel Restaurant opening Saturday, July 1. They are shown in this recent photograph, apparently quite happy over progress being made in the construction which started in April. The new facility is located about a quarter mile north of Manteo, and a part of the motel property which has been operated successfully by this team for several years.

## OCRA COKE PLANS USUAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Plans Go Ahead Despite Blackout Caused by Lightning; Marines and Red Cross Aid in Restoring Electricity

Ocracoke is recovering from a "blackout" suffered when a sharp thunderstorm Sunday afternoon blew out the largest of the three generators used by the REA plant. This caused an overload on the two diesels, and one of these blew a piston at six o'clock Tuesday morning. This left one 60KW outfit to furnish power for the island, and the power kept going off and on.

Telephone service to the mainland was out of order, as the telephones depend on the power plant for message transmission. Immediately, however, the Carolina Telephone Co. sent someone. The old Coast Guard line was used to contact Mrs. Gordon Kellogg, Red Cross Home Service chairman in Manteo, and according to grateful Ocracoke residents, Mrs. Kellogg took over and handled the situation wonderfully. She contacted Civil Defense in Raleigh to try to locate a portable unit. There was none nearer than one in Raleigh and it was too small. Finally two 75 KW units were located at Cherry Point and sent Wednesday on the Atlantic ferry. The REA engineers installed them but the motors still needed synchronizing. Power has been furnished to hotels, motels and cottages.

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## NEW REAR ADMIRAL FIFTH C. G. DISTRICT



REAR ADMIRAL HENRY J. WUENSCH yesterday (June 29) relieved Rear Admiral Peter V. Colmar as commander of the 5th Coast Guard District.

Colmar will become commander of the 13th Coast Guard District with headquarters at Seattle, Wash. He came to the 5th district in 1958 as chief of staff and became district commander in 1959.

An informal change of command ceremony was held in the Federal Building Thursday at 10 a.m.

Wuensch graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1929. He came to this district from Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C., where he was chief of Coast Guard office personnel.

## BIG CELEBRATION IN BELHAVEN FOR FOURTH OF JULY

Attractions Include Sudan Drill Team, Fireworks, Parade, Fish Fry and Other Events

"Bigger and better than ever" is the aim of the Belhaven American Legion, sponsoring group for the Independence Day Celebration. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the variety program for the day.

The celebration will start off with a bang; The Sudan Temple Patrol Drill Team will lead off at 10:30 with a drill performance and the big parade will get going at 11:15; others participating will be the Washington Grays and the Washington High School Band. Candidates for the Title of "Miss Independence" will be featured in the parade, and will be judged at that time and will be crowned at the teen-age dance that night.

A new feature of the celebration is the boat parade on the Pungo River at 8:00 P. M. replacing the usual fireworks display. Spotlights and rockets will light decorated boats as they float down the river.

At noon there will be the usual free fish fry at the Community center followed by a concert by the Washington High School Band. Other features of the day are a water ski show at 9:00 A. M. a bicycle race at 10:00, greasy pole climbing contest at 1:30, pie eating contest at 2:00, greasy pig contest at 3:00 and a baseball game with the Beaufort County All Stars at 3:00.

There will be two dances, the teen-age dance at the Community Center beginning at 9:00 and an adult dance at the Legion Hut also beginning at 9:00.

The Sudan Temple Drill Team is composed of 45 members from New Bern, Kinston, Havelock, Dover, Bayboro, Jacksonville, Vanceboro, Washington and Pantego. There are 110 movements in their drill which is executed with no commands except by whistle. The patrol has won high honors in precision drill in Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, New York and Washington, D. C. and other cities where the Imperial Council meeting has been held. Officers of the unit are Jimmie Silverthorne, Captain; Sam Cook, 1st Lt., Jimmie Ippock, 2nd Lt. The patrol colors are red, white green and yellow.

## NEW TECHNIQUES LEARNED IN FIRE CONTROL PROBLEM

Manteo Firemen Interested in Burning House for Training Purposes Soon

Elwood Inscow, instructor from the North Carolina Firemen's Training agency, spent last week in Manteo, at the request of the Roanoke Island Fire department. The Training Agency is a division of the State Department of Insurance. Thirteen of the thirty volunteer members attended three-hour sessions nightly Monday thru Thursday. Troy Shephard of the Nags Head department also attended all sessions.

through slides and films Inscow illustrated his lectures and using the locally-owned trucks and equipment, new techniques in fire control were learned by those attending. Several hundred gallons of used cylinder oil from local service stations were used at the gravel pit Thursday night to give the firemen practice with real fire. Mr. Inscow highly complimented Mitchell (Mike) Gallop on the maintenance of the equipment. Those attending all sessions were treated to a steak dinner by Chief Raymond Wescott preceding the Thursday session. Mr. Inscow offered to return for further instruction if a house could be set fire for the members to learn the techniques of entering smoke and flame filled rooms. Anyone knowing of an available house for this purpose is requested to contact Raymond Wescott, Chief of the department or Jack Wilson, president of the organization.

## COL. AND MRS. JAYNES SELL BUXTON HOME; MOVE, TRYON

After three and a half years at Buxton, where he built a large home Col. Alfred B. Jaynes, and Mrs. Jaynes are moving to Tryon, having sold their home to Ed and Helen Lightner of Washington, Pa. Mrs. Jaynes is the former Dr. Grace Harris who thought she had retired, but there is no retirement for a doctor on the Outer Banks. She has been rendering yeoman service to her new neighbors, during her stay at Cape Hatteras, but doesn't expect to continue her medical practice in Tryon. They expect to build a home right away in the Folk County hills.

## WEATHER SUMMARY

After a rainy week on the coast, vacationers may look forward to improving weather conditions beginning late Friday or early Saturday, according to veteran weatherman A. W. Drinkwater of Manteo, who reports a total of 6.34 inches of rain from Saturday noon through Thursday morning. Record fall for the reported period is 2.50 inches which fell Tuesday night.