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LOST COLONY HAS AUSPICIOUS START SATURDAY NIGHT

Opening Night Has More Than 1700 Attending; Five Former First Ladies Attend Monday.

The Lost Colony had an auspicious opening night of its 21st season Saturday, when more than 1700 people attended the show, which compares favorably with any of its predecessor shows. Author Paul Green was present, and was highly commended by several notables, including Mrs. O. Max Gardner, Chairman of the sponsoring Board, the Roanoke Island Historical Association. The entire company served as a back drop for the author's appearance. Mr. Green made a few remarks. Manager J. Sibley Dorton Jr. presided. A large number of the directors of the Association attended.

On Monday night a memorable event took place when five former first ladies of North Carolina attended. Mrs. Luther Hodges was in the list which included four widows, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Mrs. J. Melville Broughton and Mrs. W. Kerr Scott.

Saturday's was the 1,047th performance. The story of the first English settlements in America was re-enacted under clear skies before a near capacity audience. New Zealand's ambassador to the United States, George R. Laking, and two former North Carolina "first ladies" were among the spectators as the cast paused midway in the performance to pay tribute to the symphonic drama's creator, Paul Green of Chapel Hill.

"Here was a spiritual birthplace of America," Green told the audience.

"I believe a nation is like the heroes it honors and the shrines it tends and holds dear. And here on Roanoke Island long ago heroes lived and died worthy of our honor, and the island as a shrine is deserving of our care and continued love and respect."

The island shrine and Lost Colony Amphitheater which sit on the site of the first colony, survived the sharpest set-back dealt them since Green wrote the historical drama in 1937. Last September's hurricane, Donna, took a heavy damage toll on the island and patrons of the Lost Colony had to raise \$40,000 on short notice to keep the world's oldest show of its kind alive.

The cast also overcame hurricane-caused handicaps, because of last-minute repairs, and the show went on with only two weeks of rehearsal rather than the customary three.

"I have never seen such a hard-working bunch of people," J. S. Dorton, general manager of the drama, said of the cast.

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CONVENTION CENTER COMMITTEE TO SEEK BUILDING CAPITAL

According to a spokesman for the Outer Banks "Committee of Twelve" this week, corporation papers were signed Tuesday providing for the sale of stock to help finance the committee's Convention Hall project. The Convention hall is to serve the Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk areas.

The group plans to build the hall on a site obtained from Mrs. Diane Baum Voliva. The ten acre tract is located on the south of Collington Road adjacent to the Wright Memorial and has 500 feet of road frontage.

The corporation hopes to finance the \$275,000 project by selling stock at 100 dollars per share to raise \$100,000 locally and by borrowing the remaining \$175,000 from an outside source. The committee has placed a maximum limit of 1600 shares per person on the stock sales.

The structure, designed by William F. Freeman, Inc. will include an outer banks museum, meeting rooms accommodating up to 800 persons, and a banquet hall capable of seating 500. The building is designed in such a way that it can later be expanded if necessary.

The committee hopes to begin construction this fall and has stated that they will work toward completion early next summer. When it is finished they plan to collect revenue from museum admission and from groups using the hall for conventions.

Major J. L. Murphy, Chairman of the group, expressed hopes that the structure will "bring a lot of people to the area who wouldn't normally come here." He added, "We've been trying to compete with other resorts which have facilities which we do not have. This all will entice more people to visit the Outer Banks."

NEW POSTMASTER ASSUMES DUTIES AT NAGS HEAD



MRS. JAMES SCARBOROUGH took over duties as Postmaster of Nags Head Saturday morning to replace retiring postmaster R. Roy Kessinger who has served for almost 13 years with the Post Office there.

Mrs. Scarborough, a native of Cerro Gordo, North Carolina, will be acting postmaster for a period of six months. At the end of this period she will take the Federal Civil Service Examination in order to qualify for the position permanently.

In an interview this week she expressed an interest in the proposed new post office building for Nags Head but commented that no definite date for construction has been set. She said, "Nags Head is in the process of getting a new post office, but we are not sure when the work on it will begin. Until it is completed the post office will remain where it is."

Presently the Post Office operations are carried on in a building jointly occupied by a store which is managed by retiring Postmaster Kessinger.

Kessinger moved to Nags Head in 1938 from Washington, North Carolina in order to be in a more healthy climate. At that time he began operation of his store on the present site. In 1948 he became postmaster and has operated both the store and the post office since that time.

Before coming to Nags Head Kessinger lived in California where he homesteaded 320 acres of land. He has also lived in Philadelphia and served with the army in World War I.

He plans to continue operations of the store and will remain in Nags Head.

Between comments and greetings to postal patrons who have become his friends over the years here he agreed that the Nags Head climate had been beneficial to his health.

His wife has worked with him in the post office and will continue to serve there under the new postmaster.

HUGH B. HINES JR. BECOMES GREENSBORO CITY MANAGER

The city of Greensboro has given its \$17,500 a year job as City Manager to Hugh Bennett Hines Jr. a man who grew up in Manteo where his parents were popular citizens for many years while his father, Rev. H. B. Hines served as minister of the Baptist churches of the area. Mrs. Hines taught in the Manteo school.

Young Mr. Hines, now 49 years old formerly served as City Manager of Jacksonville, N. C.; and was City Manager of Rocky Mount the past three years, where he resigned at \$12,500 a year job. In Greensboro, he will succeed J. R. Townsend, 67-year-old retired Army general who has held the position more than 13 years.

There is considerable satisfaction in Manteo among his old friends. The several Hines children have successful careers to bear witness to their splendid home training.

WEEK END WEATHER

Temperatures will average one to three degrees below normal with highest afternoon readings between 80 and 83 and lowest morning readings 70 to 72. Warm Friday, slightly cooler Saturday and Sunday. Scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers over the weekend. Fishing weather fair to good.

HOLIDAY CROWDS BRING BUSINESS BOOM TO BEACH

According to reports, the Outer Banks area saw a "fabulous fourth" this year. Business men in the area have enjoyed a holiday boom and most of the visitors seem to be enjoying the crowds as much as they do the sun and sea.

One restaurant owner commented, "Monday night we couldn't seat all our customers fast enough". A Nags Head hotel owner reported, "Everybody was rushed this weekend," and another commented, "We had to turn away many patrons, there just wasn't room for everybody".

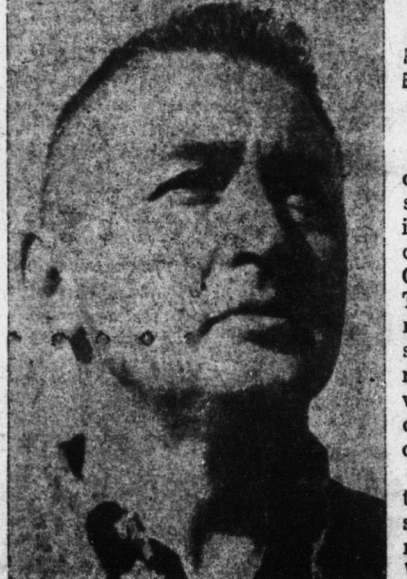
Streams of automobiles crowded the beaches and "no vacancy" signs dotted the area as the holiday crowd reached its peak. Reports of a tremendous influx of visitors came from all areas of the beach. In the Hatteras and Ocracoke areas, cars were lined bumper to bumper waiting for ferry service across the inlets.

As the crowds began to thin near the end of the week one business man from the beach section said, "This is a god sign for all of us on the beach. A heavy fourth usually means a good season for the rest of the summer."

Notwithstanding a big "business boom" this week mishaps have been relatively few in the Coastal area. The highway patrol has reported no major accidents in the Dare beach-Roanoke Island area. The Kill Devil Hills police department reports very few disturbances and Dare County Sheriff Frank Cahoon said, "It has been an unusually slow week end. There have been no accidents except a few of a minor nature and there have been no injuries which required medical care. We only had one person in jail the whole week end."

The Kill Devil Hills fire truck left the station only once to attend a blaze. The blaze was under control when the firemen arrived.

HOTEL MANAGER MADE FIRST NAGS HEAD MAYOR



JULIAN ONETO, one of the town commissioners appointed in the recent bill which incorporated Nags Head as a town, was elected mayor of Nags Head in the first session of the town Board of Commissioners Thursday afternoon. Oneto, unopposed in the election, was sworn in Wednesday. He is manager of the Carolinian Hotel.

The bill, which appointed Oneto to the Board of Commissioners along with Tom McKimmey, Lionel Edwards, James Scarborough and Carl Gilliam, a non resident member from Windsor, was introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly by Representative Keith Fearing. In addition to converting Nags Head into a municipality and appointing the Board of Commissioners the bill provides for non resident property owners to vote in all town elections except bond issues.

The bill is unique not only in its multiplicity but also in deviating from the usual procedure of leaving the appointment of the new town's first Board of Commissioners to the County Board of Commissioners.

NO SHRIMPING ALLOWED IN PALMICO SOUND WATERS

By authority of Substitute Regulation No. 8 of Rules and Regulation of Commercial Fisheries Relations under shrimp, the Commissioner with the approval of the Director of the Department of Conservation and Development and upon recommendation from the Institute of Fisheries Research, declares all of Pamlico Sound, Pamlico River, Neuse River and all of their tributaries closed to shrimping with trawls or other means of taking shrimp, July 5, 1961 at 12:01 A. M., according to C. G. Holland Fisheries Commissioner of Morehead City.

H. C. BONNER HONORED BY WASHINGTON YACHT CLUB



CONGRESSMAN HERBERT C. BONNER, Chairman of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, was the honored guest and featured speaker at the meeting of the Propeller Club, Port of Washington, at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, on June 29.

The occasion marked the 25th Anniversary of the signing by President Roosevelt, on June 29, 1936, of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936.

This Act has become known as the Magna Charta of the American merchant marine. This far sighted legislation has been the foundation upon which our vast foreign commerce has been built.

Congressman Bonner was presented with a plaque by the National President of Propeller Club of the United States, Colonel Ray Hicks, former Executive Vice President of the United States Lines. The plaque was presented in recognition of the services which Mr. Bonner has unselfishly rendered his State and Nation in this field during his 21 years as a member of Congress.

Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman of the Senate Committee See BONNER, Page Six

DARE ABC STORE SALES SHOW GAIN OF \$50,000

Past Years Sales Up Resulting From Businesslike Management; Income to County Large.

The gain in sales over the preceding year fell only a few dollars short of \$50,000 for the year ending June 30th, according to figures compiled by L. D. Hassell, Dare County ABC Board chairman. There has been a steady gain in returns from the county's two stores since the present management was installed early in 1959, whereas, sales had been dropping off steadily month by month as compared with preceding years.

Some of the cause contributing to improvement in business at the store at Manteo and Nags Head resulted from abolition of the Wednesday closing, and of early closing on Saturday nights which caused many people coming to the beach for a vacation to bring their supplies from other towns. Most people prefer to buy their refreshments after they get to the beach, rather than carry them in a car. On learning they would not get to the beach too late, they made their purchases here on arrival. This, with finding the stores open on Wednesdays, helped business.

The new management, aware that tourist wanted the higher priced merchandise, stopped emphasizing the sale of low priced poor grade goods which had been stocked previously to supply the demand of the less discriminating local element. Instead of stocking the stores with cheap stuff to please the negro and rough neck trade, they put in stocks to satisfy those willing to pay for something better. The labor and paper involved in handling the higher priced stuff was no more but sales and profits were larger.

Higher prices in Virginia stores also helped those in North Carolina. Now that the recent legislature has caused prices to go up in this state, some decline may be expected for this reason.

Total sales the past year were \$398,744.90, a gain of \$49,948.35. Gain during June alone \$49,842.70 over \$42,087.55, net gain \$7,255.15.

BLIND SALE FRI-SAT. IN DOWNTOWN MANTEO

The N. C. State Commission for the Blind, under auspices of the Manteo Lions Club, will hold its annual sale under a tent set up in downtown Manteo Friday and Saturday, July 7 and 8. All goods available for this project are made by blind people of various localities of North Carolina, and are reported to be top-quality. Proceeds will further blind-aid activities throughout the state.

HAYMAN REUNION IS SET FOR JULY 20 AT MANNS HARBOR

The Hayman Reunion of North Carolina will meet again at Manns Harbor this year at 10:30 a. m., July 20th, according to Reverend L. D. Hayman, President of the reunion. For the past three years the Clan has been invited and has accepted the invitation to meet at Manns Harbor. The two main reasons being the people there invite the clan, and the conveniences and privileges of the community building are made available for this meeting. Also, with good roads, bridges, and ferries, those from a distance may come from all directions and share in the pleasures of the day.

Of interest this year is the arrangement for the noonday lunch which is always a feature. This year, the Directors—after hearing from several members of the Clan are arranging with the local committee of Manns Harbor to provide for the lunch, and thus relieve visitors from preparing and bringing picnic baskets as heretofore. This plan came first from the Committee of Manns Harbor, headed by Mrs. Shirley Spencer, and officially relayed to the president by Miss Ines Gibbs, secretary of the Clan. Many have expressed approval of this change relating to the dinner hour.

Plenty of food is assured for every one attending. All one has to do is to come, and the food will be provided.

The general procedure this year will follow somewhat that of other years. The officers will be present—See HAYMAN, Page Six

A DARE COUNTY MINISTER RETURNING TO COLUMBIA

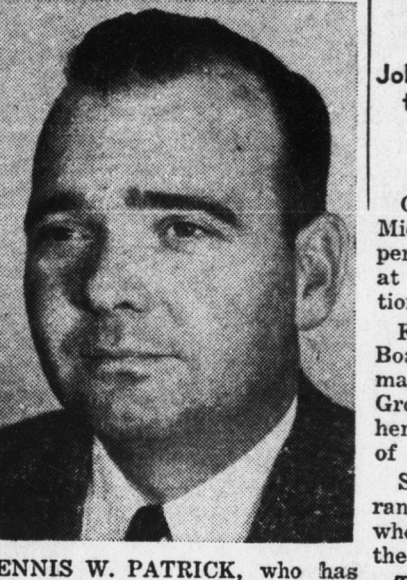


REV. EARL R. MEEKINS after serving in the Burlington area, has been assigned to the Columbia Methodist church for the coming year, succeeding Rev. H. Worth Pearce. Mr. MEEKINS has previously served in Columbia. He is a native of Stumpy Point in Dare County, and his friends believe there is now hope of bringing him back to Dare as pastor of the Manteo church at some early date. He served his first charge at Hatteras and later in Chowan County. Of interest in this area are other assignments made at the Methodist Conference in Durham last week. P. D. Midgett III of Engelhard, has been assigned to Aldersgate church, Chapel Hill; Rev. R. N. Knight of Columbia will go to LaGrange; Rev. C. R. Olson to Dare Cironi, Rev. Harold Leatherman to Manteo and Rev. H. L. McLauring to Kitty Hawk.

Rev. W. B. Gregory to Bath, Rev. R. D. Shinkle of Ocracoke, Rev. Van E. Cash of Hatteras are all being returned to their charges.

Rev. J. M. Carroll leaves Wanchese for Pasquotank; Rev. A. E. Brown goes to Maury-Mt. Herman in the Goldsboro District; Rev. D. T. Goodwin goes to Swan Quarter; Rev. Louis D. Hayman goes to Ocean View in the Wilmington district; Miss Ethelynde Ballance of Hyde County will be deaconess in the Raeford church; Rev. W. O. Connor, goes to Salem; Rev. Angus M. Cameron returns to Northampton; Rev. Frank W. Fotesque goes to Oriental; Rev. L. A. Aitkin goes to Ayden; Rev. Tracey Varnun goes to Marshallburg; Rev. Aaron Tyson goes to West End near Fayetteville; Rev. W. J. Freeman goes to Bladen County; Rev. R. S. Pullman is the new pastor at Wanchese; Rev. C. W. Guthrie is to be Associate minister at Kitty Hawk. Rev. J. A. Williams goes to Mattamuskeet. Rev. M. W. Warren to Rockingham; Rev. M. L. Johnson Jr. to Kinnakeet; Rev. C. M. Treighart to Creswell; Rev. G. E. Allen to Currituck; and continuing as retired ministers are Rev. Louis Hayman, Rev. C. W. Guthrie, Rev. P. M. Porter, Rev. M. O. Fletcher, Rev. J. A. Tharpe, Rev. B. T. Hurley, Rev. W. J. Freeman, Rev. G. M. Kelley, and several others.

HEADS NORTH CAROLINA'S HIGHWAY FERRY SYSTEM



DENNIS W. PATRICK, who has been an engineer with the State Highway System since World War II where he served in the Pacific Theater has been appointed ferry operations manager for the State Highway Department with offices in Manteo. Under his supervision will be Alligator River ferries soon to be replaced by the Lindsay Warren bridge, the Oregon Inlet and Hatteras Inlet ferries, and the Ocracoke Sea-Level ferry. Mr. Patrick has been serving as District Engineer in the Second Division with office in Washington since October 1959. He is a native of Hertford, having attended school in Auander and at VPI. He married the former Catherine Morris, and they have two daughters and a son. He is a Baptist and a Lion.

THREE NEW FERRYBOATS FOR OREGON INLET SOON

Colonna's Shipyard in Norfolk, Promised to be Ready in 45 Days; Total Cost \$217,380.

Colonna's Shipyard in Norfolk, where so many mechanics from coastland area have been employed during the past 45 years, has the contract for converting three Navy landing craft into ferry boats for use at Hatteras and Oregon Inlets. The cost of the job is to be \$217,380. Two vessels for Oregon Inlet are promised before summer is over, 45 days, and the third for Hatteras Inlet in 60 days.

The vessels are former Navy LCU's each 119 feet long, and will carry 20 cars and 200 foot passengers. The vessels are to be towed to Norfolk this week from Green Cove Springs, Florida. These boats will make a sizeable addition to the N. C. ferry fleet. The ability to get so many of these boats free from the U. S. Government for conversion into ferries has stemmed largely from the immense traffic brought to the area by the improvements made by the National Park Service, which has always joined heartily with N. C. officials in requesting these boats to serve the people and the visitors to the Outer Banks.

One of the boats will be named the R. Bruce Etheridge, according to a resolution offered in the House by Rep. Keith Fearing of Dare County. Mr. Etheridge, served as a legislator from Dare County longer than any other man, and now in his 80's looks back on a See FERRIES, Page Six

NEW CONTRACT FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION BEGINS ON JULY 16

Several areas of Dare County will see a tax increase this month to pay for a recently authorized garbage collection contract.

The new garbage collection contract will go into effect July 16 by a tax levy approved in the 1961 North Carolina General Assembly House Bills 417 and 1037 which was requested by the Board of Commissioners of Dare County. This will pay for collection services in some areas of the county. The Commissioners will levy and collect an ad valorem tax on the property in the following areas:

All of Roanoke Island exclusive of the town of Manteo, and the Dare Beach area exclusive of the town of Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk village. Nags Head, recently incorporated as a town will receive the service this year. Present garbage collection on Hatteras is not included.

Tax increase in the Dare Beach areas will be levied at a rate of 15 cents per \$100 of property valuation for daily service. Roanoke Island property holders will pay 12 cents per \$100 valuation, but will get service only two days a week.

Total cost for collections in the beach area for this year will be \$10,800. The Roanoke Island services will cost \$2,400.

Leonard Midgett, who has contracted the collection, will use a new packer type truck in the beach area.

ANOTHER CAREER MIDGETT HEADS HATTERAS GROUP.

John E. Midgett, a Hatteras Native, Succeeds Melvin B. Midgett at Cape Coast Guard Unit.

CAFE HATTERAS, June 30.—Midgetts, Midgetts everywhere, or perhaps it just seemed that way at the Coast Guard Lifeboat Station here today.

First there was Chief Warrant Boatswain Melvin B. Midgett, Commanding Officer, of Cape Hatteras Group, who retired at ceremonies here today with more than 26-years of Coast Guard Service.

Secondly, there was Chief Warrant Boatswain John E. Midgett, who relieved him of Command of the Cape Hatteras Group.

Thirdly, there was Lieutenant Commander Harry W. Midgett, Fifth District Chief of the Communications Branch, in the area on a communications survey, who represented the District Commander in reading Melvin Midgett's retirement orders, and presented him with the retirement certificate.

Fourthly, there was Chief Warrant Ship's Clerk Milton M. Midgett from the Personnel Branch of Fifth District Headquarters, who was in the area on personnel accounting business and was able to attend the ceremony.

Fifthly, there was James G. Midgett, Jr., Engineman, first class, attached to Cape Hatteras Lifeboat Station.

And sixthly, there are the 20 other Midgetts on active Coast Guard duty in the Fifth Coast Guard District, who were there in spirit if not in person, plus numerous other relatives of the principals which made it a rather Midgett gathering.

Chief Warrant Melvin Midgett has been attached to the Cape Hatteras Group since June, 1958, coming here from Command of the Coast Guard Lifeboat Station, Sandy Hook, at Fort Hancock, New Jersey.

Chief Warrant John E. Midgett, was Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Depot, Baltimore, prior to his assignment here.

Melvin first entered the Coast Guard on December 23, 1934, at Bay Shore, Long Island, N. Y.

The 47-year old retiring Coast Guard Officer was first attached to Shinnecock Lifeboat Station. Since, he has served at the Lifeboat Stations at Rockaway, New York; See MIDGETT, Page Six

CLARENCE BUTLER NAMED PRINCIPAL MANTEO H. SCHOOL

Clarence Herring Butler, former principal of the Manteo Elementary School, will succeed Allison A. White as principal of Manteo High School this fall. White, Principal for the past two years, died recently.

Butler, a native of Sampson County, finished high school at Edwards Military Institute in Salem, N. C. He attended college at Edwards Military Institute and East Carolina College. He holds the B. A. and the M. A. from East Carolina.

Upon graduation from East Carolina, Butler taught in Grimesland, N. C. before coming to Manteo in 1954. In 1958 he was named principal of the elementary school. He held this post until recently when the Board of Education announced his new position.

Butler is married to the former Pat Miller of Kill Devil Hills. The Butlers reside in Kill Devil Hills and have one child, an infant daughter.

ELECTION ASKED ON BEER AND WINE IN HATTERAS

On Motion of George R. Fuller, the Board of County Commissioners this week adopted a resolution calling for a referendum to authorize the sale of beer and wine in Hatteras Township, and the Board of elections was called upon to set up machinery to hold the election at an early date. It was specified that no election be held in Kennekeet Township, where sentiment is overwhelmingly against such sales. About seven years ago a referendum was held in the two townships, and the vote was strong against sales being allowed to continue. Because beer dealers had refused to abide by regulations governing such sales, the people arose in indignation and turned out strongly against the beverages. Later, many citizens said, had they known the bootlegging of whiskey would follow with worse conditions than before, they would like an other opportunity to vote on the issue.