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## MRS. GARDNER HAS MEETING OF BOARD FOR NEXT "COLONY"

Chairman of Roanoke Island Historical Association Makes Plans for Next Season

By AYCOCK BROWN

On Sunday night, (Labor Day Eve) when the season's finale was presented, Mrs. Gardner was featured as speaker during ceremonies that marked performance number 1,100 in the long history of the show. A beautiful silver gift was presented to Manager J. Sibby Dorton.

Returning recently from a European cruise, Mrs. Gardner had on Saturday morning presided at a meeting of The Lost Colony's sponsoring board of directors. During the meeting she paid tribute to Conrad Wirth, director National Park Service and his local superintendent Robert Gibbs; to Congressman Bonner and U. S. Senator Sam Ervin Jr., for the roles they played in securing approval for expansion of Fort Raleigh and to Representative M. Keith Fearing Jr., and Senator Lindsay C. Warren for doing the same in the State Legislature.

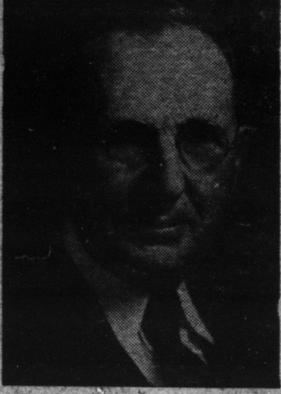
"I also want to pay tribute and express thanks to Governor Terry Sanford for picking up where former Governor Luther Hodges left off and for carrying on in a most active manner in behalf of the Lost Colony and for the appointment of the 21-member Commission to take the lead in 1962 commemorating the 375th anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare in 1587," said Mrs. Gardner.

During the directors' meeting he announced that Mrs. Albert W. Fard, Elizabeth City, would be chairman of the nominating committee to select new officers of the board for the next two years. Serving with her will be Mrs. Frank Porter Graham, New York City, Mrs. Dudley Bagley, Moyock, Miles Clark, Elizabeth City and Martin Kellogg, Manteo.

She also appointed William B. Aycock, Chapel Hill as chairman of a committee to select a new general manager for The Lost Colony of 1962 to succeed J. Sib Dorton, who is completing two years as manager, to return to an executive position he has with the University of North Carolina. Serving with Aycock on this committee will be Mrs. Fred W. Morrison, Washington, D. C., and retiring manager Dorton. The two committees will give their reports at the annual meeting in November.

## BELOVED BAPTIST PASTOR 83, DIES SUNDAY AFTERNOON

THE REV. JOHN THOMAS BYRUM, 83, died in Beaufort County Hospital Sunday afternoon.



He was a graduate of Wake Forest College, class of 1908; and had served in the Baptist ministry for 53 years until his retirement eight years ago.

He served pastorates in Ramseur, Belhaven, Kernersville, Winston-Salem, Wilmington, Chowan County and Elizabeth City.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helen Britt Byrum; five sons, Paul of Rowland, John, David and Porter, all of Charlotte and Dr. Clifford Byrum of Raleigh; two brothers, Arthur Byrum and Isaac of Byland; one sister, Mrs. Arthur Jordan of Raleigh; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from Ballard Bridge Baptist Church in Edenton Tuesday at 3 p.m. The Rev. Joe Teak, the Rev. Everett Marion and the Rev. Lamar Sennett officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

## AUTUMN DESCRIBED AS "FISHINGEST SEASON"

Tourist Bureau Manager Sends Call To All Sportsmen To Come To the Dare Coast.

Autumn is described as the "fishingest season" of the year in waters of the Dare Coast-Outer Banks by Aycock Brown, Manager of Dare County Tourist Bureau here.

In a one page Information Bulletin he has just prepared Brown mentions a score or more, of fish that will be challenging anglers who go for them inshore and off, and in the fresh and salt waters of the Dare Coast-Outer Banks until late autumn.

Largest of the varieties taken are the billfishes. During the past week off Oregon Inlet three blue marlin, the largest a 394 pounder had been boated. White marlin and sailfish have also been taken in good numbers off Oregon and Hatteras Inlets during early September.

Bluefishing continues well into Fall months and also Spanish and king mackerel.

Channel Bass probably won't be showing up until late September, but in the surf of Hatteras Island this species attracts many anglers during October and November.

Surf fishing is so popular along the Outer Banks from Kitty Hawk to Ocracoke during autumn two nationally famous surf classics are presented each year. Dates of the surf classics this year, the first in Nags Head area, the second on Hatteras Island are shown on the Bulletin or Information Sheet.

Information about accommodations, landing ramps, marinas and fishing centers are also provided. The sheet is available to all anglers writing Sportsfishing Dept., Dare County Tourist Bureau, Manteo, N. C., asking for same and general area information will also be included in the response, Brown stated.

## MANY ATTEND HOMECOMING OF ROANOKE ISLAND BAPTIST

Dare County's oldest church, which has been established more than 160 years, held its annual homecoming Sunday. A picnic dinner and singing program followed the sermon at Roanoke Island Baptist church on Sept. 2, by Rev. C. W. Goodwin, pastor.

Many out-of-town former members of the church were back for the event. Choirs of all Roanoke Island churches were invited to participate in the afternoon's singing.

## WEEK END WEATHER

Warm weather is indicated with temperatures averaging 2-5 degrees above normal. Normal high temperature 81, and low temperature 72. Rainfall is expected to be above normal with scattered showers Friday and Saturday and more general rains Sunday.

## THE LOST COLONY 1961 ATTENDANCE WAS OVER 40,000

Gain of Nearly 4,000 Despite One Week Shorter Season Than Usual

Almost 4,000 more persons saw The Lost Colony drama in 1961 than in 1960, it was announced by J. Sib Dorton, general manager of the show.

The total for 1961 was 40,293 persons as the 21st season finale was presented on Sunday night.

"These figures may be altered slightly, due to certain refunds made as result of a rainout in August, but we are confident that more than 40,000 persons paid to see the show in 1961," said Dorton.

Of the 56 performances scheduled for 1961, there was one total rainout in which refunds or rain checks had to be issued.

Dorton retires as general manager of the drama later this year. He is returning to position with the University of North Carolina from which he had been given leaves of absence to operate the show during the past two years. Dorton's successor as manager of the drama will probably be named at the annual meeting of Roanoke Island Historical Association in Raleigh during late November.

## FAMOUS TEACHER OF THE SOUTH ALBEMARLE DIES



Joseph Stewart Midgett, 63, retired carpenter and Navy veteran of World War I, died Sunday at 10:30 p.m. in Koughtan Veterans Hospital, Hampton, Va., after seven months' illness.

The son of Lancaster and Alwilda Mann Midgett, he was a native of Mashoes and lived in Manns Harbor 25 years. His wife was the late Lelia Mozelle Horton Midgett.

A sister, Mrs. Mary Midgett of Manns Harbor, survives.

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## MRS. MATILDA SPRUILL HATHAWAY, 87, RETIRED TEACHER, DIED WEDNESDAY MORNING IN A WINDSOR REST HOME AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.

A lifelong resident of Tyrrell County, she taught in Tyrrell County, she taught in Tyrrell and Washington County schools 40 years before retirement.

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## DARE COUNTY MAN WINS DISTRICT LEGION HONOR

ISAAC P. DAVIS, a Roanoke Island native who has been active in public life for some 50 years, teacher, county representative, Welfare officer has been named commander of District 4 of the American Legion which embraces posts at Ahoskie, Enfield, Littleton, Pendleton, Rich Square, Scotland Neck, Warrenton and Weldon with a combined membership of 502.



The appointment also puts him on the state Legion executive board. Mr. Davis formerly served two terms as commander of the Third district before the recent organization into a fourth district.

Mr. Davis, who is due to retire in December as Director of Welfare for Hertford County, has been expected to return to Manteo to make his home. He has been active in Legion affairs for 40 years, and has held many offices in the state.

## CELDON FRANCIS IS NEW MANTEO NIGHT POLICEMAN

Celdon Francis of Manteo has been appointed new night policeman for the Town of Manteo, succeeding Russell Sears, who stepped up to the position of Manteo Chief of Police following the recent retirement of Chief M. C. Mitchell.

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## HARKNESS ON COAST

Richard Harkness, noted news commentator of Washington, D. C. Dare County, making his headquarters at the Sea Ranch, Kitty Hawk. With him are Mrs. Harkness and their two sons, Chris and Peter, the latter entering the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill soon.

## 46 TEAMS ENTERED IN 2 DARE SURF FISHING TOURNEYS

Two Big Events Scheduled For Oceanside During Fall; Nags Head and Hatteras

By AYCOCK BROWN

Forty six teams have already entered the two annual surf fishing classics which will be held again on the Dare County Coast this Fall.

On Nags Head where it will be the 11th annual Inter-Team and Individual Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament, sponsored by the Nags Head Surf Fishing Club, 27 teams have already been entered as of this week. "And we are expecting at least 35 teams before the tournament is held on October 12-14," said Bob Preston, president of the sponsoring club and a vice president of the Association of Surf Angling Clubs which will sanction the event.

Headquarters for the Nags Head classic will be The Carolinian. Complete information about the event or official programs may be obtained from either Preston or any of the officers of the sponsoring club. The officers, in addition to Preston: Ben Ivey, Kitty Hawk, N. C.; Abie Williams, Nags Head, N. C. and Mrs. Elnora Preston, Nags Head, N. C.

Nineteen entries have been received from teams which will participate in the fourth annual Cape Hatteras Anglers Club sponsored tournament on Hatteras Island scheduled for November 2-4, according to Rany Jenett, vice president of the sponsoring club.

"Last year at this time we had received only eight entries," he said.

Headquarters for the Hatteras Island tournament will be the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club in Buxton, N. C. Officer of the club, in addition to Jenette, include: Bill Dillon, president, Mrs. Carol Dillon, secretary and Harry Lang, treasurer, each of Buxton, N. C.

The Souvenir program of the Hatteras Island event will go to press at an early date and may be obtained along with additional information from either of the officers named above.

## VACATIONED IN EUROPE WHILE THE SHOW WENT ON

MRS. O. MAX GARDNER has demonstrated her qualities as a highly capable executive and organizer. Being head of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, which sponsors the Lost Colony, has consumed a great deal of her time during the past two years, but it did not stop her from a European voyage this summer. After she had seen several performances of the show early in July, she sailed July 18th on the Moore-MacCormack ship Brazil and after more than a month away, landed back in New York City on August 25th.



Mrs. Gardner had enjoyed many trips away from the United States. With her husband, the late Governor Gardner, she had been overseas, and to Southern Countries. In 1934, Governor Gardner went to Washington and established with Fred Morrison and others, the law firm of Gardner, Morrison and Rogers which continues to operate, with the Gardner in the firm now being Ralph, son of Governor and Mrs. Gardner. In 1946 President Truman chose Governor Gardner to be Ambassador to Great Britain. The Gardners were looking forward to this assignment, were packed; their belongings were aboard ship in December 1946 but went to England without the owners. The tragic death of Governor Gardner in his hotel room following a heart attack, the night before he was due to sail, ended a distinguished career, and valuable service was lost to his state and his country.

Mrs. Gardner has continued to carry on in the family tradition of graciousness and public service. There are many causes which have succeeded because she lent her name and fame, and enlisted in their behalf many of her great circle of influential friends. Her amazing energy, thoughtful consideration, generosity and philanthropy are marvelous to all who know her. She not only does things herself, but knows how to get other enthused in working for the causes she espouses.

During her recent trip to Europe, she gained many helpful impressions and broader understanding of the conditions which keep the world today in a state of constant crisis. She wishes our own people could see the problems that face other nations, the conditions under which their citizens live, and could have more zeal for doing something for our own country.

Standing out in Mrs. Gardner's memory, is the beautiful white city of Helsinki, capital of Finland, gleaming white in the brilliant northern sunlight. Finland, it will be remembered, is one of the many countries which have shared in the extravagant beneficence of the United States; yet is the only one recorded as having fulfilled her obligation, and paid her indebtedness. This nation is remembered further as having offered such frightful resistance to the Russians, who brutally invaded her, in November 1939, so that the Russians were glad to sue for peace, after three months of fighting. Russia got over 16,000 square miles of Finland's territory, all of which was returned to her following World War II. In 1948 Russia and Finland signed a friendship and mutual assistance pact. This little country, of only 130,000 square miles, with a population of over 4,000,000, less than that of Cuba, or of North Carolina despite a rugged climate, has much agriculture, lumbering, pulpwood and iron works and numerous mechanical plants. Its president is elected for a term of six years, and military service is universal from ages 17 to 60; males reaching 21 are summoned for one year of military service.

Mrs. Gardner's party toured West Germany, and noted the great progress that had been made and the high degree of prosperity prevailing. The party flew to Moscow, and found themselves served by educated guides, some of whom speak English.

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## BIG CROWD HEARS BONNER'S ADDRESS AT FORT RALEIGH

We Must Look Forward and Not Backward, Congressman Tells Large Lost Colony Audience.

One of the largest audiences of the entire season turned out Saturday night, and heard Congressman Herbert Bonner's stirring message to those attending the Lost Colony's 1099th performance. He paid tribute to Paul Green and said we must Look Forward and not backward in these times. His speech is reprinted herewith in full:

"Friends, you and I are honored to be here tonight, in attendance at this magnificent pageant conceived and staged by a great native North Carolinian, Paul Green, in celebration of the very beginning of Anglo-American civilization. You have seen — you will see — drama that is heart and soul of America today. It is drama that began nearly 400 years ago on this hallowed ground when intrepid souls set out from the mother country, England, in their tiny vessels, to found the dynamic civilization in freedom, which we now enjoy but, perhaps do not always appreciate.

"This week marks the end of the 1961 season for the presentation of THE LOST COLONY pageant performed by its able and dedicated cast of actors, musicians, dancers, and choristers.

"I must open my remarks with special recognition of the genius of Paul Green who felt the deeper meaning of the American dream — the American goal — by creating this tremendous outdoor symphony on this site some twenty-five years ago. Each year there has been some change — for he has sought to perfect this phase of his presentation of the meaning of the American heritage.

"America's greatness has grown from its variety, and Paul Green has extended his vast talents to other historical phases of our national growth with such successes as THE COMMON GLORY, now in its fifteenth season at Williamsburg, Virginia; FAITH OF OUR FATHERS in the national capital; WILDERNESS ROAD at Berea, Kentucky; THE FOUNDERS at Jamestown Island, Virginia; and THE CONFEDERACY at Virginia Beach, Virginia.

"In the light of all that, my friends, you must know that this is a night to remember, to feel deeply, and to cherish.

"When I was asked not so long ago if I, as Congressman from this First District of North Carolina, would participate briefly in this seasonal closing of our state's historic drama, the news in Washington, D. C. was exceedingly grim. The world seemed beset by cold fire — interspersed here and there with brutal bursts of passion that did not — do not — make sense in a civilized world. The intervening weeks do not look any better.

"Korea, though some ten years behind, has left scars which may still pain many who are here tonight. The Suez crisis of 1956 and 1957 made a deep impact on the nations of the world as the Arab states went through the pangs of extreme nationalism and flirtations with the untrusting Communist powers. China and India reached serious crises over boundary matters. A President of the United States was advised not to visit one country because of the possibility of disorders which might threaten his safety. And later, he and the United States were outrageously affronted by Premier of the Soviet Union at a meeting in Paris of top officials of the great world powers — the United States, Soviet Russia, the United Kingdom, and the Republic of France.

"Today we have one crisis on top of another. The West Germany-West Berlin situation is boiling and dangerous in light of the extreme measures which have been taken to seal off the unhappy East Germans from access to the West. The problems of the French in Algeria and between the French and the Tunisians, gravely, though indirectly, affect these shores. The turn of our near and formerly friendly neighbor, Cuba, to Communism and Soviet domination is frightening. Recent developments in Brazil are mystifying. Africa is in a tremendous ferment. And who knows what has really happened in Laos and Viet Nam.

"These things are of great concern to us in Washington, D. C., at the seat of our government.

"I know they are to all of you, national divisions, realignment, and inconsistencies seem to plague the world. We have a North Korea and a South Korea; we have a North and South Viet Nam. There is an East and West Germany-complicated by the city or cities of East and West Berlin located 110 miles within the World War II boundary of See SPEECH, Page Six

## BIDS IN ORDER FOR DREDGING FERRY SLIPS

The State Highway Department called for bids this week on 23 road projects in 19 counties across the State, involving more than 90 miles of roadwork. Bids will be opened at the letting to be held September 26 in Raleigh, and the Highway Commission will review low bids at its next meeting on October 5.

Among the projects in the call for bids is dredging North and South Ferry Slips at Oregon Inlet in Dare County.

## BOOK SALES IN SEPTEMBER TO BENEFIT DARE LIBRARY

Friends of the Dare County library are well pleased with the results of the book sale which brought in \$52.10 for the building fund, and have decided to conduct a sale each Monday during September at the Community Building. Mrs. Hubert Guthrie and Mrs. Bright Evans will be in charge of the sale for Monday, September 1. Hours for the sale are 10-12:30 and 2-4:30. These are adult books; children's books are available. Thanks are extended to those who helped with Library Day Saturday. \$106.02 was received from the road block and \$68.23 from the contributions, bringing the total for the Library Building Fund to \$1,195.4.

## TRAVEL AHEAD OF 1960 ON THE DARE COAST

Official travel counts at National Park Service installations here on the Dare Coast through Labor Day week end reflect a considerable increase, not only for the calendar year to date, but with four months to go, more visitors have been counted through the first eight months of the year, plus Labor Day week end, than for the 12 months of 1960 at Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Fort Raleigh National Historic Site.

Visitation at Wright Brothers National Monument, is approximately 30,000 ahead of the first eight months of 1960, but not up yet, to the total for the 12 month calendar year.

## SWAN QUARTER COUPLE OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING



MR. AND MRS. J. HARRY SWINDELL observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary by entertaining at a reception Sunday afternoon, September 3, at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Swindell, in Swan Quarter. Throughout the house were arrangements of yellow roses and summer cut flowers. Mrs. Swindell wore a yellow cymbidium orchid corsage.

Guests were greeted by the Rev. Rowell Lane of Middleburg and Russell A. Swindell of Cary, and were introduced to the receiving line by Mrs. Russell A. Swindell. Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Swindell were seven of the twelve members of the original wedding party: Miss Frances Atkinson, Asheville; Mrs. J. E. Kanipe (nee Martha Decker), Asheville; Mr. Flint Hooten, Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Murphy Moore (nee Maude Hooten), Burgaw, Mrs. Frank Johnson (nee Lena White), Charlotte; Mrs. W. L. Vaughan (nee Mary Elizabeth Smith), Norfolk, Virginia; and Mrs. J. M. Colie (nee Kate Atkinson), Florence, South Carolina.

Mrs. Jack Watson invited guests into the dining room. The table was covered with an imported ecru linen cloth and centered with an arrangement of yellow miniature mums and gladioli, flanked by yellow tapers. Mrs. Granville Starke of Smithfield, Virginia, served the tiered cake. Punch was poured by Mrs. Joe Bell of Smithfield, Virginia. Mrs. Henry J. McGee, Jr., directed guests to the hall where Mrs. John H. Swindell presided at the register. Mrs. Ruel Carawan greeted guests in the Anniversary room where displays of the congratulatory anniversary messages and the 1911 wedding gifts and mementoes were arranged. Goodbyes were said to Mrs. Rowell Lane of Middleburg. Others assisting were: John H. Swindell, Henry J. McGee, Jr., Mrs. Flint Hooten, Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Ruth C. Muir, Norfolk, Virginia; Mrs. Carl Hyatt, Asheville; Miss Edna Powell, Smithfield, Virginia; Miss Nelda Howell, Miss Mary Jane Cuthrell, Mrs. LeLand Carawan, Mrs. Guy R. Cuthrell, Miss Betty Bonner, Misses Patricia, Lucinda, Mary-Anne and Sue Swindell. Mr. and Mrs. Swindell were married at 8:30 o'clock in the evening on September 6, 1911 in the Trinity Methodist Church in Belhaven. The ceremony was performed by the late Rev. C. A. Jones. Mrs. Swindell is the former Mary Atkinson and was born in Lemon, Pennsylvania. Mr. Swindell is a lifelong resident of Swan Quarter. Mr. and Mrs. Swindell have three children, John H. Swindell, Russell A. Swindell, Mrs. Henry J. McGee, Jr., a foster daughter, Mrs. Rowell Lane, and eight grandchildren.