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## 25TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON OF LOST COLONY UNDERWAY MANY NOTABLES TO ATTEND

### Nation's Oldest Outdoor Drama By Paul Green Opening Sunday for Two Months Run; New Theater, Sparkling Talent and Brilliant Decorations Mark the Beginning of What Appears to Be A Bumper Year for Attendance.

The Lost Colony, Paul Green's brilliant drama of the New World, will premiere its Silver Anniversary Year on Sunday at 8:15 p.m., with Luther Hodges, Secretary of Commerce, Roberto Compos, Brazilian Ambassador to the United States and William Friday, President of the University of North Carolina as spectators, in the pine-encircled new Waterside Theater on Roanoke Sound.

Edgar Thomas, business manager for the production stated on Thursday that: "We believe this year, the 375th Anniversary of the birthdate of Virginia Dare and the 25th Anniversary of The Lost Colony will be remembered as one of the most exciting and memorable ever experienced by our audience." "We are doing our utmost to ensure its success, but realize that our efforts will be futile without the support of the people of the Dare Coast . . . who have always been the real heroes of this drama," Thomas stated.

The new manager has emphasized that "every effort will be made to make Sunday, our opening night, a memorable evening for those present." "Ralph Swain, Dare's decoration chairman has done a magnificent job," he said. The manager noted that nearly 200 Elizabethan flags bearing the Cross of St. George will be flying in the stores and streets way to Fort Raleigh.

On Sunday evening, Secretary Hodges, Ambassador Compos and President Friday will witness a star-studded cast create anew the stirring dream of a nation's destiny on the shores of Roanoke Island. "We are overwhelmed by the influx of brilliant talent with us this year," he said.

"We believe that the people here on the coast, who are the real critics of the play, will share our delight in the vivid performances by such newcomers as Jeff David, "Old Tom"; Robert Grubbs the new Sir Walter Raleigh, Gordon Clark, our John Borden, and Larry Steele, as the Rev. Mr. See SHOW, Page Six

### MRS. ANN BASNIGHT DIES IN ACCIDENT

#### Former Civic Leader is Killed by Auto Early Friday Morning

Mrs. Ann Gray Basnight, 58, was killed instantly on Friday at 9:15 a.m., when struck by a car as she attempted to cross the highway to her home. The accident occurred on U. S. 64 when John Griffin, a reporter for WTAR-TV in Norfolk, is reported to have hit Mrs. Basnight while driving towards Manteo, approximately 2 miles north of town.

No charges have been filed, according to Sheriff Frank Cahoon. A coroner's inquest has been scheduled for Monday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. Griffin, who was visibly upset and apparently in shock after the accident, stated that he was driving his Volkswagen towards town, in an attempt to reach Nags Head, when the collision occurred.

"The lady started to cross the road and stepped back. . . I thought she saw me. . . then she stepped out again." "I wouldn't have hit her for anything in the world," he said.

Mrs. Basnight, a native of Manteo, was a past matron of Roanoke Island Chapter 79, Order of the Eastern Star, past noble grand of Rebekah Lodge 52, and a member of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, where funeral services were conducted on Sunday.

The services were conducted at 3 p.m. by Rev. Harold F. Leatherman, pastor of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, Rev. Robert Pullman of Wanchese Methodist Church, and the Rev. C. W. Goodwin of Northside Baptist Church in Manteo.

Burial followed in Manteo cemetery, where grave-side ceremonies were conducted by Rebekah Lodge No. 52. Pallbearers were: Jack Cahoon, Arvin Basnight. See TRAGEDY, Page Six

### SEC. UDALL HAS HIGH PRAISE FOR SEASHORE PARK

#### Interior Department Director and Family Vacation at Cape Hatteras

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall and his family vacationed this week on the Cape Hatteras Banks as the busy Cabinet officer took a brief respite from his official duties in Washington.

The Udall family were housed in the old lighthouse caretaker's cottage at Buxton, and apparently enjoyed their stay to the fullest. They arrived late Friday night, and were met at South Oregon Inlet by Chief Ranger Anthony Stark, who guided them to the cottage.

Next morning, District Ranger Jack Stark, no kin to the chief ranger, took the visitors in tow in four-wheel-drive jeeps for a tour of the beach and the Buxton woods. They all went swimming, and the kids climbed to the top of Cape Hatteras lighthouse several times.

#### Fishing, Air Tour

Next on the program was a fishing trip. Balfour Baum took out the party in the launch, Butch, accompanied by Park Supt. Reese Smith, who had looked after the party from the time of their arrival. Superintendent Smith took Secretary Udall on a trip Tuesday over the Outer Banks in one of Bill Henderson's planes.

The Secretary then was flown to Norfolk to board another plane for Washington. His family remained at Hatteras a few days longer.

The family consists of Mrs. Udall, the former Erma Lee Webb of Mesa, Ariz., and the children, Tom, 14, Scott, 13, Lynn, 12, Lori, 10, Denis, 6, and James, 3. Lynn and Lori are girls.

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### PUBLIC INVITED

The public has been invited to join in welcoming ceremonies at Manteo Airport for Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

M. K. Fearing, Jr., Vice-Chairman of the Governor's Commission for the Celebration of the 365th Anniversary of the Birth of Virginia Dare and Mrs. Fred W. Morrison, Chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association have encouraged everyone to join in welcoming the former Tar Heel governor to the coast.

At the airport, Secretary Hodges will be presented with a key to the City of Fort Raleigh by Governor John White (Clarence Felder) and Eleanor White (Marjalee Thomas) in a short welcoming ceremony.

At 4:15 a police escort and motorcycle will carry Secretary Hodges to Kill Devil Hills where he will vacation, before attending the premiere performance of The Lost Colony on Sunday night.

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### A GRACIOUS LADY, MOST LIKELY LOST COLONY'S SAVIOR



MRS. EMMA NEAL MORRISON, one of North Carolina's great women, who perhaps is most nearly responsible for having saved the Lost Colony, the prime attraction of the North Carolina Coastland from having been lost to the people of North Carolina.

Mrs. Morrison, wife of Dr. Fred W. Morrison an eminent attorney, heading the law firm of Gardner, Morrison and Rogers in Washington, D. C. and who with her husband is a part time resident of Kill Devil Hills, became a member of the Board of Directors of the Roanoke Island Historical Association some eight years ago. Somewhat removed from the scene of the Lost Colony theatre, she began to note with considerable dismay that the show was apparently going down hill. It appeared to be lacking in adequate promotion.

Mrs. Morrison, with a great record for doing things successfully, busied herself with reviving interest in the drama and pointed out its great value to North Carolina. She was instrumental in enlisting the dedicated support and interest of Mrs. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, and this noble and gracious North Carolina woman became the second woman Chairman of the Roanoke Island Historical Association. The Association and the show had flourished several years ago under the monumental leadership of Mrs. Charles A. Cannon of Concord. Mrs. Gardner became a worthy successor, and Mrs. Morrison became her right bower. There was no task too tiring or too large for Mrs. Morrison to tackle. Under the constant supervision of Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Morrison, memberships increased, contributions to save the show increased and there was a revival of interest on the local level to a higher peak than had ever before.

Another gala occasion is planned for July 4, when the Association will honor Paul Green on the 25th Anniversary performance of The Lost Colony. During intermission, a special tribute will be delivered to the author by Dr. Frank P. Graham, U. N. Ambassador.

Rep. M. K. Fearing, Jr., vice-chairman of the Governor's Commission will also be present to participate in the holiday ceremonies.

One of the outstanding events of any year will take place on Saturday, July 14, when the Association will honor the Secretary of the Interior, the See EVENTS, Page Five

### METHODISTS NAME LOCAL MINISTERS FOR AREA POSTS

Two local ministers were appointed as area superintendents at the North Carolina Methodist Conference held in Kinston last week. Bishop Paul N. Garber and a nine-member cabinet have announced that Rev. R. S. Pullman of Wanchese and Rev. Harold F. Leathman of Manteo will both assume important church duties in the coming year.

Rev. Pullman, pastor of Bethany Methodist Church in Wanchese, has been named as District Director of Christian Social Concerns, and Rev. Leathman of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church in Manteo, will serve as District Director of Christian Vocations.

Elizabeth City District appointments included: Belhaven, J. M. Waggoner; Bath, C. H. Beale; Hatteras, V. E. Cash; Kinnakeet, M. L. Johnson Jr.; Kitty Hawk, H. L. McLaurin; Manteo, H. F. Leatherman; Mattamuskeet, R. V. Mabe; Ocracoke, R. D. Shinkle; Stumpy Point-East Lake, R. M. Smithson, Jr.; Swan Quarter, D. T. Goodwin; Wanchese, R. S. Pullman; and Columbia, E. R. Meekins.

### DANIELS WINS DARE SEAT IN SECOND PRIMARY

#### Oil Distributor's Campaign Defeats Fearing In Big Vote

Moncie L. Daniels, Jr., Manteo oil distributor, carried 10 of the 16 county precincts with 1,094 votes to post a 125 vote lead and second primary victory over incumbent Keith Fearing, Jr. for the Dare seat in the North Carolina General Assembly last Saturday.

The official returns gave Daniels 1094 votes to 971 for Fearing. All returns were in by 8:40 p.m. on Saturday and Elections Board Chairman Jack Tillett reported an orderly vote from all precincts, in what may be a record turnout for a second primary in Dare.

Daniels, the current vice-chairman of the North Carolina Oil Jobbers Association and a former member, for 10 years, of the Manteo town board, increased his 37 vote margin in the first Democratic Primary by 86 votes in his win over Fearing.

Rep. Fearing, who announced on Monday that he intends to "return to making a living for Lib and Keith Fearing and family." "I have personally extended my congratulations to Mr. Daniels. See ELECTION, Page Five

### PLANE CRASHES NEAR SCENE OF WRIGHT FLIGHTS

#### Pilot Suffers Minor Injury in Kill Devil Hills Mishap

Kill Devil Hills had its second plane crash Tuesday.

As in the first one, damage was chiefly to the plane. Allen W. Watts of Goldsboro, piloting a rented Cessna 172, came down for a visit to the Dare beaches. He spied the Wright Memorial, and flew over for a closer look.

North of the monument there is a considerable level area. Watts circled the area once, then came back and flew close to the ground, looking for a landing place. He found none, and gunned his motor to raise.

The motor failed to respond. The plane dipped, nosed into the sand and flipped over.

Others on Plane

Aboard, besides Watts, were his wife, Mrs. Jean Watts, daughter, Beverly, 8, and her playmate, Linda Carter, 9.

Watts suffered only a skinned shin. The others were unharmed. Damage to the plane included a crumpled fuselage and nose and wings scuffed up. It was estimated at \$1,000 or more.

A friend flew down from Goldsboro in the afternoon to take the stranded party home, and the damaged plane was towed away for repairs. The accident took place about 11:45 a.m., and National Park Service rangers were quickly on the scene to render assistance.

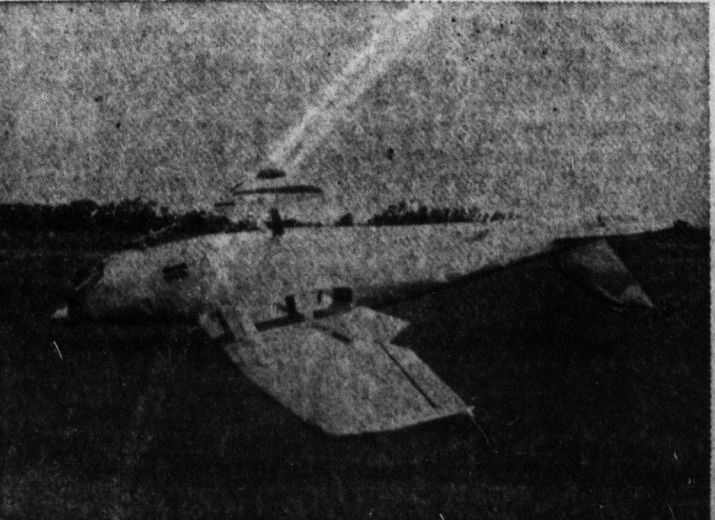
Near Flight Marker

So far as could be learned, the crash, which occurred about 300 feet southwest of the First Marker—the spot where the Wrights took off on the world's first plane flight—was the first since December 17, 1903.

During their fourth flight on that memorable day, the Wrights' plane was wrecked when a strong gust caught it and whirled it over and over.

At various times during the intervening years, planes have landed in the vicinity of the Wright Memorial without mishap.

### CRASH ON HISTORIC GROUND



THIS CESSNA 172 plane lies on its back where it crashed and overturned Tuesday morning, about 300 feet from the spot where Orville Wright took off on the world's first plane flight December 17, 1903. A few hundred feet to the south is the Wright Monument on Kill Devil Hill.

## MAJOR CHANGEOVER IN TELEPHONE FACILITIES EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1

### Roanoke Island Gets Dial System Along With Toll-Free Service To and From Dare Beaches; Great Improvement for Hatteras Island; Microwave Towers Go Into Service for Long-Distance Usage.

### HATTERAS ISLAND GETS RATE CUT, BETTER SERVICE

#### Phone Company to Initiate New Rates, Additional Lines to Outer Banks July First

L. S. Blades, Jr., President of the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company announced this week that residents of Hatteras Island will receive a reduction in telephone rates as well as additional service beginning July first this year.

According to Mr. Blades, "The rates for Hatteras have now been established by order of the North Carolina Utilities Commission on motion of the telephone company and have been made the same as Kill Devil Hills and the Nags Head beach area."

A new zoning system on the island is responsible for the rate change. Under the new system many areas of the island will be considered as if they were in Buxton, the exchange location, and will be billed a flat rate. These areas include Buxton, Frisco, Hatteras, Avon, and Waves. Areas between these towns will be billed mileage according to the nearest village. For example, Buxton will be billed a flat rate. Frisco south of Buxton, will be billed the same flat rate as Buxton even though there are several miles of wire separating the two. The area between Buxton and Frisco will pick up mileage from each direction until a point of equidistance from the two villages.

Phone service from a point one mile north from Frisco and two miles south from Buxton will be billed for only one mile. This zoning system will be in effect for all areas south of Buxton. The rest of the island north of Buxton, except for the Avon and Waves area, will be charged mileage from Buxton.

A local exchange tariff for the Buxton exchange filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission. See FACILITIES, Page Five

### ENGINEERS REQUEST DREDGING FUNDS FOR TWO COASTAL CHANNELS

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers recommended a list of waterway improvements totaling \$625,000 to Congress, on Monday, for channel work on the Dare coast.

The recommendation calls for the deepening of Rollinson Channel and the construction of a new channel from Hatteras Inlet to Rollinson Channel. The improvements are contingent upon authorization, during the next session of Congress, by the House and Senate Public Works Committees.

The recommendation would provide for a new channel with a 12 foot depth and the deepening of Rollinson Channel from six to 12 feet. Maintenance for the project would cost \$20,000 a year.

One of North Carolina's last manual telephone exchanges will become automatic next week when the Manteo exchange of the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company changes to the dial system.

The change is part of a half million dollar program of expansion completed by the company in Dare County this year to provide better telephone service to a growing area.

Accompanying the change in service will be a 25-cent per month increase in rates. The rate hike was established by the North Carolina Utilities Commission along with a rate reduction for Hatteras Island recently. Both rate changes become effective July first along with changes in telephone service.

As Manteo and the beach area switch to the dial system, five new microwave towers at Manteo, Kill Devil Hills, Mamie, Coinjock, and Elizabeth City will connect the Dare area to the company's main office in Elizabeth City where eventually another microwave circuit will connect with Norfolk. The towers, which beam signals in a straight line from one to another, eliminate the necessity for land lines and are supposed to be hurricane proof.

As Dare County telephones become fully automatic, free service will be provided direct between Manteo and the Dare beach area. To call Manteo from the beach, customers will first dial "7" and then complete the Manteo number. To call the beach from Manteo, it will be necessary to first dial "44" before dialing the beach number. L. S. Blades, Jr., President of the telephone company, warned customers to consult their new directory until the new system becomes completely familiar.

Blades also commented that the Manteo rate hike will bring rates up to those paid by Hertford and pointed out, "The addition of the beach area will give them 100 more phones in their free area than Hertford has." Beach rates will not increase, nor will ten-party line rates in Manteo since they already equal Hertford rates.

An additional service offered in the beach area for the first time will be seasonal telephone rates. Previously the company has maintained a policy of a minimum 12-month contract for telephone service. The policy will be discontinued in favor of premium rates for seasonal service. Under the new policy if a phone is kept one month, the charge will be a three-month's billing; the second month's charge will be equal the amount due for See PHONES, Page Six

### DARE COUNTY GETS \$6,000 IN AID TO FINANCE PLANNING

Dare County is expected to receive approximately \$6,000 from a federal grant, announced on Wednesday, which will award \$34,225 in funds to the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, for development planning.

The county and 11 cities in the state get about \$42,000 in state and local funds to make various studies needed for growth and development planning. Approximately \$4,000 will be appropriated over the next two years in the county to supplement the federal funds, according to Ralph Swain, Chairman of the Dare County Planning Board.

Swain stated Wednesday that \$2,000 had been appropriated from the tentative budget for 1962-1963 to cover the county's share of participation in the various surveys which were needed for the current fiscal year.

The money from federal sources will provide for land use surveys, zoning, subdivision regulations, building codes, and an origin and designation study, he said.

Cities named to participate in the two year program were Burlington, Canton, Farmville, Hendersonville, Hot Springs, Mt. Holly, Murfreesboro, New Bern, Roseboro and Selma.

### TAR HEELS TOUT TOURIST TREATS IN LAND OF LOST COLONY



VOIT GILMORE, Director of the U. S. Travel Bureau, (left) Mrs. Luther Hodges, Mrs. Dean Rusk and Luther Hodges, Secretary of Commerce, (right) were shown discussing plans for promotion of Paul Green's "The Lost Colony," as the Tar Heels gathered in Washington recently. All have pledged their efforts towards making the 375th Anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare, and the Silver Anniversary Year for the outdoor drama, prominent dates in the minds of millions of tourists at home and abroad.