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LOST COLONY ATTENDANCE UP BY 15%

At Half-Way Point, Nearly 3000 More Witness Show Than Last Year

At the half-way point of the 58 regularly scheduled performances of the 1963 season of "The Lost Colony," paid attendance is running about 15 percent ahead of 1962.

Total paid attendance for the first 29 performances, through July 31, is 22,408 as compared to 19,665 for the first 29 shows last year, it was reported by John W. Fox, general manager of the Paul Green symphonic drama.

"Actually," said Fox, "we are playing each night to 25 or 30 percent more people because of the 18,000 free tickets issued to seventh grade students in North Carolina and Virginia schools through their teachers."

Special nights continue to draw attention to the 23rd season in the past 26 years of the historic entertainment at the Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island. The next on schedule is "East Carolina College Night" on Friday, August 2. Dr. Leo Jenkins, president of the Greenville college and other faculty and staff leaders, will be special honored guests during brief intermission ceremonies.

During the past week members of the North Carolina General Assembly were special guests on Monday night and the Lost Colony company took special note on Wednesday night of the anniversary of the birth of the late A. W. Drinkwater.

DISTINGUISHED ATTORNEY DIES IN GOLDSBORO

Was Long a Visitor to the Dare Coast; Father of Supt. Mary L. Evans of Dare Schools

Col. John Dallas Langston, 82, attorney, who had a long record of public service to the nation, the state and this city, died Monday at his home in Goldsboro.

He has suffered a stroke with partial paralysis about two years ago.

During World War I, he was special aide to the governor in charge of the State's Selective Service program, later serving as chief of the Classification Division of the provost marshal's office and chief of the Clemency Division of the Judge Advocate General Department in Washington.

In World War II, he was recalled to service as assistant State director of Selective Service and chairman of the Presidential Appeals Board. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his service during World War I and an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second DSM for his work during World War II. He also received the Army Commendation Medal and the Selective Service Medal. He was retired by the Army with rank of Colonel.

He had served as chairman of the N. C. State Board of Elections, president of the Duke University General Alumni Association, chairman of the N. C. Democratic Veterans organization, as a member of the United Dry Forces of North Carolina, and as a trustee of the East Carolina Industrial School for Boys.

He founded the Goldsboro News which was merged with the Argus in 1929. He served on the Goldsboro Board of Education for 25 years, was one of the founders and a life member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board in Goldsboro. A member of St. Paul Methodist Church, he served on the N. C. Methodist Conference Board of Trustees. He was a Mason, a Shriner and past exalted ruler of the Goldsboro Elks Lodge.

A prolific writer, he recently See LANGSTON, Page Three

ANOTHER DISTINGUISHED FAMILY RELAXES ON DARE BEACHES



THE LUTHER HODGES FAMILY has for the past ten days or so been enjoying a reunion at Kill Devil Hills, where they are assembled some sixteen-strong. Secretary of Commerce Hodges, former Governor of North Carolina, and Mrs. Hodges are shown with their children and grandchildren surrounding.

In addition to Sec. and Mrs. Hodges, shown here are Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hodges, Jr., and their children Hart and Anne; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bernard, Jr. (former "Betsy Hodges") and their children, Carol, Martha and Donald Bernard III; Mr. and Mrs. John Finlay (Nancy Hodges) and children, Vivian, Vary and Linda.

The Hodges family will remain on the coast through this week end.

AT THE LOST COLONY

EAST CAROLINA SALUTE SLATED FOR SAT. NIGHT

East Carolina College will be saluted for its educational leadership, especially in the field of dramatics, at the Friday night, August 2 performance of "The Lost Colony" outdoor symphonic drama.

President Leo Jenkins and Dean Robert Holt are among the administrative and faculty leaders who will attend and be recognized at intermission ceremonies in the Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island. Also scheduled to come here from Greenville for the occasion are Dr. James Butler, assistant director of public relations, and Miss Janice Harrison, director of foundations and alumni affairs.

A feature of the ceremonies will be the introduction of 14 members of "The Lost Colony" company who are graduates, current or former students or future students of East Carolina.

Three graduates are Tom Hull, who plays the part of "Old Tom Harris"; Bob Tilley, a member of the choir; and Frank Keaton, an Indian dancer.

Students at East Carolina now or in the past are Edward Pilkington, who plays "Father Martin"; Brad Weisiger, cast as "Annanias Dare"; Donald Edwards, "Chief Wanchese"; Robert A. Gooden, "A Soldier";

FOOD-A-RAMA, MANTEO MARKET GRAND OPENING SALE UNDERWAY

Free groceries, valuable prizes, refreshments and favors are highlighting the grand opening sale of Manteo's new market, Food-A-Rama, which began Thursday and will continue through Saturday evening.

Included on the prize list are such items as a watch, badminton set, electric iron, percolator, and a grand prize award of a television set. In addition to these bonuses, many other special awards are in store, as well as bargain prices on many food-stuffs and household items.

Chesley Midgett, Jr., owner and operator of the recently remodeled and renamed store, has been in business as a grocer in Manteo for five years. He said this week that the business had outgrown the existing facilities and he was practically forced to remodel. Midgett also reports that he thinks increased services, additional stock, and improved convenience will add to his business even further.

The old building, operating under the old name—Burrus Grocery—contained about 2200 square feet of floor space. Midgett's remodeling has more than doubled the size of the store. It now has 4700 square feet of floor space. Work on the building, which was started in April, was not completed until last week and even a day before the grand opening clerks were busy putting shelves in order and making last minute stock additions.

In addition to a new building which includes an all glass

WATERSPOUT STORMS WREAK HAVOC IN HYDE

A water spout twisting across Lake Mattamuskeet about three o'clock Tuesday afternoon knocked down four utility poles and disrupted electric service for about three hours.

Service to the Fairfield community was cut off when 13 poles on the other side of the road were broken.

Severe thunderstorms accompanied the winds and set off two fires, one in Dare County, where the rain soon put it out; the other on the Outfall Canal near Pamlico Sound. It was thought no damage was done to crops.

BEN DIXON MacNEILL was a true and helpful friend of the Outer Banks, and when his last days were spent at Cape Hatteras, and his infirmities were a severe burden he did some of his finest works, toiling like O'Henry to the last, and some of his writing will last forever.

He had a wide acquaintance and through his contacts with officials, did many things to help members of the Coast Guard Service, and his many contributions to newspapers gave the coastland the finest advertising it ever got. During this period he wrote the book, "The Hatterasman," which is a best seller and won for him the Mayflower cup, a distinction greatly coveted by writers, and won by few. It will be news to many, that he wrote an unpublished novel "Sand Roots" which has been published, and which he wanted to St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, the area of his birthplace. This novel is published by John P. Blair of Winston-Salem.

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BENEFIT DANCE IS SET FOR TONIGHT; HATTERAS

Members of the Hatteras Island Civic Association have announced a dance will be held at the Hatteras Village Community Center tonight.

The dance, which is scheduled from 8:30 until 12:30, will feature music by the "Navetts", a musical group from the Buxton Naval Facility.

Proceeds will go toward the completion of a medical facility at Hatteras Village. Plans for the health center have been underway from several months and in recent weeks it has been learned that a site for the medical building has been secured.

In addition to music and dancing, refreshments will be available at the Community Building.

MANTEO LODGE FISH FRY

Manteo Lodge 521 will have a fish fry Saturday, August 3, at the Lodge Hall from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Fish, potato salad and hush-puppies will be served. All you can eat for \$1.

Cake and pie by the slice will be sold extra.

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WATERWAYS IN DARE CO. INVESTIGATED

Chief of Navigation, N. C. Water Resources Commission, Confers With Manteo Mayor

General Henry C. Wolf, the Chief of the Division of Navigation of the Water Resources Commission of North Carolina recently visited Manteo to discuss with Mayor W. W. Harvey waterfront improvement in Shallowbag Bay and Doug's Creek.

A proposal was presented to General Wolf to erect a rubble breakwater across the entrance to Doug's Creek and Shallowbag Bay for protection of the harbor. The improvement of the docks, and mooring space for both commercial and recreational convenience was also discussed.

It is planned by the Manteo town council to do extensive repair work and improvement to make Manteo an "outstanding yachting facility" with dockage providing deep water, lights, water, marine supplies, electricity, and other necessities for visiting and local boat owners, Mayor Harvey has said.

Other matters discussed relative to waterway problems in Dare County were the grassy conditions, shallow water, and unmarked channels in Kitty Hawk Bay and the possibility of putting Kitty Hawk on the Rivers and Harbors Congress agenda to qualify Kitty Hawk Bay as a federal navigation project.

Additionally, the shoaling See WATERWAYS, Page Three

ROCK HILL PROFESSOR FESSENDEN PRESIDENT



PROF. WILLIAM L. McDERMOTT, professor of fine arts at Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S. C. was elected president of the Fessenden National Memorial Association at a meeting of members in Manteo held Friday night of last week. He is an avid radio fan, and is interested in the project to set up a National Memorial to the father of Radio on Roanoke Island where in 1902 Professor Reginald A. Fessenden perfected the wireless telephone, forerunner of radio and TV.

Prof. McDermott has called a planning meeting to be held at a luncheon at the Manteo Motel on August 23, at which time the board of directors will be enlarged and plans discussed for creating the memorial. Five Vice-Presidents were elected: Miles L. Clark of Elizabeth City, Agnes L. Starrett of Pittsburgh, Oscar Hines of Becross, Mrs. See GROUP, Page Six

DARE TOWNS MAY BEGIN WATER WORKS PROJECT BY SEPTEMBER FIRST

Contracts Tentatively Awarded This Week; Only Federal Approval and Bond Sales Are Needed to Begin Work on Water Systems for Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills; Officials Optimistic.

NEW MANTEO BAPTIST PASTOR ASSUMES DUTIES



THE REV. WILLIAM BROWN, pastor of the Woodville Baptist Church for the past four years, has been announced as the new pastor of the Manteo Baptist Church. Rev. Brown will succeed the Rev. M. J. Davis who died several months ago. Rev. Brown will take over his duties in the local church this week.

The towns of Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills made tentative contract awards this week toward construction of water systems in both towns and informed sources anticipate that work may begin as early as September first.

The contracts, awarded tentatively, still are subject to the approval of the federal Housing and Home Finance Agency and to the sale of bonds to finance the project.

C. C. Tilley of William F. Freeman, Inc., Engineers and Architects, was on hand to help coordinate the awarding of the contracts and to give advice and assistance to local officials. Tilley's firm has been employed in an advisory capacity by the two towns to inspect the projects as they progress.

According to Tilley and others involved in the new water systems, work is anticipated to begin about September first and is expected to be completed by the first of June. Contractors have been given 270 calendar days to complete their projects and a penalty will be imposed if extra time is taken.

Nags Head's new system, when complete, will have a water treatment capacity of 1000 gallons per minute and Kill Devil Hills will be able to treat 500 gallons per minute. The treatment plans are being designed to draw water from the fresh water ponds, located at the town line between Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills, add chemicals to the water, and pump it into an elevated tank ready for use.

Lime and Calgon will be added to the water as needed to soften it and to remove iron. The end result of the process will be less rust in pipes connected to the system and easier suds in local washing machines and sinks. Chlorine will be added to kill bacteria living in the fresh water taken from the ponds.

The system will be available to all residents of both towns. See WATER, Page Six

WOMAN'S CLUB MEMBERS FETED AT RECEPTION FRIDAY NIGHT



TOP LOCAL AND STATE OFFICIALS of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs are shown at the reception in Manteo Friday night following a performance of "The Lost Colony" which honored the statewide organization.

Left to right they are: Mrs. C. Gordon Maddry, Ashokie, chairman of the Fine Arts department of the general federation; Mrs. Jerry Liebhart, Morganton, 2nd vice-president of the State organization; Mrs. C. G. Mackintosh, High Point, 1st vice-president; Mrs. M. K. Fearing, Jr., president of the Manteo Woman's Club; Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., Southport, president of the state federation and Mrs. Edwin P. Brown, chairman of the heritage committee for the federation.

The former restaurant building where the party was held had been uniquely decorated to represent a reproduction of the Elizabethan Garden on Roanoke Island. The decorative work which transformed the old restaurant building into a place of unusual beauty was designed and created by Miss Mabel Jean Basnight. (Aycock Brown photo)

ROLL OUT CARPET FOR WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS FRIDAY

The Manteo Woman's Club rolled out the grass carpet last Friday for visiting state club members attending "Woman's Club night" at the Lost Colony after the show. Grass carpet, live local flowers and greenery with artful decoration by chairman, Miss Mabel Basnight and her committee created an Elizabethan Garden atmosphere in the former Fearing's Cafe in Manteo. Further portrayal of the garden was a mural of the fountain by Miss Basnight, a statue of St. Francis of Assisi, and refreshments of yaupon punch and assorted sweets served from white stone pedestals.

Prior to the drama, state officers were dinner guests of the RTH Association and the Manteo Motel Restaurant at the motel.

State officers attending were president, Mrs. James Harper of Southport, Mrs. Charles G. Mackintosh of High Point, Mrs. Jerry C. Liebhart of Morganton, See WOMEN, Page Six

IN DARE RECORDER'S COURT

TRUE LOVE FAILS, TROUBLE TRAILS, LONG SESSION TUES.

Broken romances, public drunkenness, traffic violations and even a "peeping tom" case provided a variety in Dare County Recorder's Court Tuesday afternoon.

The first case heard involved Joseph Eppye Debnam III of Edenton, charged on two counts as result of a mishap July 13 on Route 64 near the turnoff to Fort Raleigh. Debnam was charged with careless and reckless driving, and failure to observe instructions of a police officer.

The accident occurred about 11 p.m. when the Debnam vehicle collided with a car leaving the Fort Raleigh road and proceeding into the south-bound lane of Route 64. Patrolman W. E. Williams, it was related in court, had to jump away from the path of the Debnam vehicle, in an effort to prevent injury to himself.

Despite a plea of not guilty, the defendant was found guilty of the first charge, fined \$25

and costs; the second count against Debnam was dismissed. Additionally, his driving was restricted for two years to the daylight hours, plus 1/2-hour leave-way before sunrise and after sunset.

George Thomas Barnes of Wilson was found guilty of public drunkenness, plus damages to property, despite a plea of not guilty. Fines and court costs which were paid totaled \$86.

Augustus H. Etheridge of Manteo requested a jury trial to oppose charges of drunken driving. Bond was set at \$250, for appearance at the October term.

David Meaux Ballance of Belhaven pleaded guilty to charges of driving without due caution and regard for life and limb, and paid \$15 and costs.

Thomas George Gregory of Shawboro, charged with walking on the wrong side of highway, was found guilty, fined \$1 plus costs of \$13.50. He and a See COURT, Page Three

CHAMPIONSHIP SAILING RACES BEING PLANNED

World Jolly Boat Championship in Dare Waters September 3, 4, 5

A call went out this week from the Outer Banks Sailing Association for volunteers to assist in staging the North American and World Jolly Boat Sailing Championships here in Dare County in early September.

The international sailing event which is being held in the United States for the first time this year, is scheduled for September 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 when Jolly Boat sailors from around the world will meet in the waters of Croatan Sound in competition for the world championship.

To date 40 of the speedy 18-foot boats have been entered in the competition and late entries are expected to bring the final contestant count to above 60.

Presently the Outer Banks Sailing Association, which through Dr. Lloyd Griffin, Jr., Commodore, was responsible for getting the international races in North Carolina waters, is completing final plans for the event. According to Julian Oneto, secretary of the group, volunteers are needed to help officials on the day of the race. In addition to volunteers, boats are needed to assist in patrol duty and to take sightseers closer to the race.

At the next meeting, scheduled for August 13, the Sailing Association plans to enlist local volunteers who wish to assist in the event. The group also plans to take in new members at this meeting and local people interested are asked to contact Secretary Oneto. The Association was formed to promote sailing and interest in sailing in the waters around the Outer Banks.

Commodore Griffin recently reported to the group that the See RACES, Page Six