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"THE LOST COLONY" HAS ITS BIGGEST OPENING SINCE BEGINNING IN 1937

Roanoke Island and Dare Beaches Thronged With Visitors During Biggest Fourth of July Week End in History; Rep. Hamilton Fish, General Jacob I. Devers and General H. H. Arnold Among Spectators

With more than 5,000 spectators from every state of the nation attending the first three performances of Paul Green's historical patriotic drama The Lost Colony, now in its fifth big season at the Waterside Theatre here, had the most impressive opening since it was first presented in 1937.

Praise for this historic drama has been given by such notable figures as Rep. Hamilton Fish of New York, who found it a patriotic masterpiece of historic drama at the Birthplace of the Nation. It was also praised by a contingent of Fort Bragg officers, led by General Jacob I. Devers, Commander of Fort Bragg, General H. H. Arnold of Washington, found it most impressive.

Several members of the press who reviewed the opening night performance, including Jack Riley, of the News and Observer; Carolyn McKenzie, of the feature staff of the Atlanta Constitution; and Harry Braggiotti, fashion editor of the New York Post, who described The Lost Colony as one of the most magnificent outdoor dramas "ever seen in this country."

This little island village had its biggest number of visitors over a 4 week-end and did its best to accommodate them. Hotels, tourist homes extended friendly hospitality to hundreds that came from points as far as California and Oregon. From every standpoint this was the largest opening in the history of The Lost Colony. Those who have seen it for the past five summers described this production as the best and most brilliant.

MANTEO AIRPORT MAY BECOME A DEFENSE PROJECT

\$100,000 May Be Obtained From Government to Enlarge Field; Facilities

The grand sum of approximately \$100,000 may soon be available to develop an airport near Manteo, according to Representative Herbert Bonner. The money is provided under recent provisions of the Board of Commissioners of Dare County, Mr. Bonner this week wrote the requirements for obtaining this improvement.

Under the leadership of County Commissioner John E. Ferebee of Manteo and County Attorney Martin Kellogg, Jr., the county last year set out to develop an adequate landing field two miles north of Manteo, which is now in process of construction by CCC forces under the direction of Foreman Harry White. One runway, three thousand feet long from East to West, has been cleared and he other runway, North and South, is in process of clearing. The property is owned by Dare County and includes the old Poor House farm. It now appears that the county, in order to obtain the benefit of the \$100,000 grant, will find it necessary to acquire additional acreage to the South and East of the present site so as to expand the runways to a length of 4,000 feet.

The airport would, of course, be under control of the National Department of Defense. At the present time Dare County would have the advantage of a modern airport far superior to that provided for many other localities of like size. While airports are considered invaluable to practically every community, they will be doubly so to Dare County which is destined to depend almost exclusively on tourist travel for a livelihood. All authorities predict that within a few years airplanes will equal automobiles in number and importance as method of travel, and that aviation is expected to be an industry equal to the automotive industry and one of the principal methods of absorbing the slump that follows every period of intense war activity. Statements made this week by authorities in Detroit are particularly interesting in connection with the Manteo airport project and go to show how vitally important it will be to develop the local landing facilities under the present opportunity.

ON HIS WAY UP WITH AN EYE TO PROGRESS



THOS. E. SPENCER, just turned 21, has become vice president of The Times Printing Company, publishers of the Hyde County Herald, Swan Quarter, the Tribune at Columbia, and the Times at Manteo. Tom Spencer caught the eye of the local publishing business because his heart and soul is set on advancing the progress of Hyde County. He is an Engelhard boy, and he loves every part of his county. He is in sole charge of the editorship and management of the Hyde County Herald and he loves the entire county of Hyde first, and all the Southern Albemarle second. All his life he has dreamed of the opportunity to let the world know that Hyde is a region worthy of equal fame with its neighbor counties. It is his dream to see all groups of the county united, and he has done more than any person to bring this about. Without any desire to advance his own interests, he has treated all other interests fairly and impartially. The publishers have always wished to see young people who would take an interest in home affairs, and to encourage such people who would develop jobs and opportunities at home. Hence it is with pleasure that the announcement of Mr. Spencer as a shareholder in the business is made at this time.

MOVIE MEN MAKING PICTURES IN STATE

James Fitzpatrick, "The Voice of the Globe," has completed a travelogue of the Great Smoky Mountains. The motion picture globe-trotter and crew spent a week in Western North Carolina with Bob Thompson of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce and Bill Baker of the State News Bureau as guides and expressed satisfaction that he got some striking shots, especially of the Cherokees at the Qualla Reservation and of a pack trip leaving Cataloochee Ranch, Charles Parker, director of the State News Bureau said.

Also making movies in the Great Smokies last week was Tye Sanders of Atlanta, who covers the South for Universal Pictures.

Tommy Baltzell, Pathe's roving newsman, was at Camp Davis and the Marine Base in Onslow County during recent maneuvers at those new defense bases.

Parker said that plans were shaping up for one or more motion picture expeditions to the Outer Banks later this summer, and that one of the major picture magazines contemplated shooting a picture sequence in the proposed National Seashore Park area between Kitty Hawk and Hatteras.

NEW ENROLLEES CCC CAMP

The following boys were enrolled in Virginia Dare CCC camp on Roanoke Island, Tuesday, July 8th: William Haynes O'Neal of Wanchese; George Henry Simmons, Jr., of East Lake; Elliot Brown Stewart of Fairfield.

Almanac a Big Seller
Poor Richard's Almanac, published by Benjamin Franklin for 25 years, sold 10,000 copies annually

AMERICA'S OLDEST GRAPEVINE AT MANTEO, N. C.



One of the most outstanding historic sites in connection with the anniversary celebrations on Roanoke Island and the 5th season of The Lost Colony, which opened at Manteo, North Carolina, July 3rd, is Mother Vineyard—the nation's oldest grapevine which was planted by Sir Walter Raleigh's pioneers more than 350 years ago. The celebration will run through Labor Day, September 1.

S. W. WESTON WINS FREE SUBSCRIPTION

The first Hyde County farmer to bring a cotton blossom to The Herald office for the free subscription to this newspaper was S. W. Weston of Swan Quarter.

The blossom was brought to the office Saturday, July 3. Mr. Weston found it on July 1. It is the first blossom that we have heard of this season.

STATE EXPERT FIGHTS DISEASE IRISH POTATOES

Dr. L. W. Nielsen, a native of Idaho where Irish potatoes hold the same rank as tobacco in North Carolina, has joined the staff of the N. C. State College agricultural experiment station, and has begun a vigorous disease research program with "spuds."

Robert M. Salter, director of the station, said that Dr. Nielsen has been engaged for the past six weeks in making a survey of the Irish potato disease situation in Eastern North Carolina. A research program looking toward the solution of major potato disease problems will be based on the results of his survey and on other information available at the college.

Dr. Nielsen spent two weeks recently in the Beaufort County area and a week in the Elizabeth City section, studying pathological conditions in potato fields and shipping centers. He set up a temporary laboratory at Washington, to make quick tests of certain diseases he encountered.

The new research plant pathologist will devote his entire time to potato research, Director Salter said, and he will work closely with the Horticultural Department in the improvement of Irish potatoes through the breeding of disease-resistant varieties.

Dr. Nielsen did undergraduate work at Utah State College, and received his doctor's degree in plant pathology at Cornell. He is married, and has two children.

TWO DREDGING PROJECTS IN SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner was advised Monday by Colonel Earl I. Brown, North Carolina District Engineer, that bids for dredging in the channel from Manteo to Oregon Inlet, North Carolina will be open July 2 and bids for the dredging in Silver Lake, Ocracoke Island, will be open July 31 and that work on both projects would begin at the earliest possible date. Both projects to carry a six foot depth. These are the only two River and Harbor projects approved for North Carolina this year and their improvement was based on the fact that they are necessary to the National Defense and had been so recognized by the War Department.

Wool
Much of the 1941 wool clip has been marketed and is now moving from producing centers, with prices received by farmers this spring about 30 per cent higher than a year ago.

Show
Gaston County 4-H Club members are getting ready for the Junior Dairy Show to be held in Statesville this fall, says W. Z. Smith, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College extension service.

W. J. WHITE IS NAMED AUDITOR IN STATE OFFICE

Local Man Leaves Thursday To Begin Work As Revenue Department Auditor

W. J. White, prominent Columbia business man, was notified this week end of his appointment as field auditor in the State Department of Revenue.

Mr. White says he plans to leave Thursday for Raleigh to undergo a short training course preparatory to beginning work. He will continue to maintain his home and department store here for the present.

One of Twelve
He was one of 12 Revenue Department field auditors appointed this week end, 10 of which filled posts created by the 1941 legislature and two vacancies, bringing the total of field auditors with the department to 54. The auditors, who will work in all the general fund tax fields, will receive \$125 a month.

Besides his manifold duties as head of White's Department Store, Mr. White is also teacher of the Men's class at Wesley Memorial Methodist church and chairman of the County Democratic executive committee. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

HIGHWAY OFFICIALS GET TRUE PICTURE AT LAST OF "OUTER BANKS" NEEDS

Viewed Both From Land and From Air, and Experiencing the Daily Hardships of Residents, the Chairman and Resident Commissioner Wonder Why Nothing Had Ever Been Done to Relieve Conditions

INVITES ROAD OFFICIALS MEET IN DARE COUNTY



For the first time in the history of North Carolina's road building program two Highway Commissioners at one time visited and saw every part of Dare County and gave minute and thorough inspection in Columbia on Wednesday of its problems. After having attended the Southern Albemarle day when the program of the Association was so ably presented along with its claim for bridges connecting Dare and Tyrrell, Chairman L. B. Prince and District Commissioner Carroll L. Wilson of Roanoke Rapids joined the party and came over the ferries to Roanoke Island in company with Maurice L. Burrus, president of the Hatteras Island Association and Dan Oden, both of Hatteras, and John A. Meekins, County Commissioner of Rodanthe, a vice president of the Hatteras Island Association. The highway commissioners were accompanied by their wives who joined them for the week end in Dare County. Commissioner E. G. Flanagan of Greenville accompanied the party as far as Manns Harbor and went home by way of Stumpy Point.

The Alligator River ferry was loaded with cars and the boat grounded before reaching the wharf. Being maneuvered to its dock with much difficulty and to the great discomfort of Captain Bob Pledger, who with a remarkable skill finally got the heavily loaded boat ashore, the cars set Manns Harbor, and the Manns forth over the dusty 15 miles to Harbor ferry was loaded to capacity. Captain Tom Baum, the ferry owner, had obligingly waited both his boats in order to accommodate the party that they might see the operation of the ferries. The party found the ferry across Croatan-Sound operating right speedily. Arriving at Roanoke Island they were joined for dinner at Fearling's Cafe by a number of Dare County citizens, including Sheriff D. V. Meekins, Representative Roy Davis, Theodore S. Meekins, County Welfare Officer I. P. Davis, and others, all of whom pointed out the hardships under which Dare County had been allowed to suffer during the past several years, and added their invitation to that of the Hatteras Island people, urging the Commissioners to visit that section by all means before their departure from the county. Mr. Burrus and Commissioner John Meekins and the Sheriff set out early Thursday morning with the two Commissioners for Hatteras.

They inspected the ferries at Oregon Inlet and Captain Toby Tillet of Wanchese quite obligingly carried the party across between schedules, and the Commissioners appeared to be well pleased with the service and appearance of the equipment. The ferry crossed in less than 20 minutes and the party proceeded down the beach. Mr. Burrus driving. The trip was almost without event. Mr. Wilson had flown over the territory before, but it was Mr. Prince's first view of the island, and they were pointed out the Oregon Inlet Coast Guard station, the negro Coast Guard station at Pea Island, and the New Inlet situation. They drove almost the entire 12 miles of the Pea Island Migratory Bird Refuge, which is operated by the U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey, before getting stuck at San Ridge Lodge. Chairman Prince and Mr. Wilson were photographed pushing with all their might, trying to get the car out of the sand, which was finally accomplished after the tires had been deflated and the motor had been heated because the water had boiled out, and thus they were initiated into some of the mysteries of beach driving.

Under the skillful driving of Mr. Burrus and following a brief stop at Podanthe, where Commissioner Meekins left the party, the trip was continued to Avon, a distance of about 35 miles south of Oregon Inlet. The various characteristics of the beach and the maze of roads which have been facetiously dubbed Route 110—take your choice of the tracks—were observed by the Commissioners. They were told about the splendid citizenship living at Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo, and as this was a rush trip for the purpose of observing the beach, (Please turn to page eight)

A. J. DANIELS, Chairman of the Dare County Commissioners was joined this week by the whole Board in an invitation to the State Highway and Public Works Commission to visit Dare County. "I am certainly pleased with the interest shown by the Chairman and Mr. Wilson, and with the manner our people have received them," Mr. Daniels stated.

The Board of Commissioners of Dare County discussed the visit of the Commissioners during their meeting in Manteo Tuesday and were so favorably impressed, not only with the attitude of the Commissioners, but with the reception given them by the citizens that they made official recognition of this visit and passed a resolution that the entire Highway Commission come to Dare County for a meeting in August where they might all see something of the great possibilities of this region, and at the same time be accorded the courtesies of the officials and citizens of the county. The following letter sent to the Highway Commission by Melvin R. Daniels, secretary to the County Commissioners, will illustrate the sentiment of the Board at this time:

July 8, 1941.
Hon. L. B. Prince, Chairman,
State Highway and Public Works Commission
Raleigh, North Carolina.
Dear Mr. Prince:

The Dare County Board of Commissioners in session today have directed me to write you that they are extremely pleased, not only with the interest that you and Mr. Wilson, the Resident Commissioner, have shown in visiting the various sections of this county, but in the attitude of our citizens who have been so favorably impressed with your sympathetic interest in our problems.

They also wish me to convey to you their sincere and earnest invitation that the entire membership of your Commission either hold a session in this county or visit it during the month of August, in order that we may express some measure of appreciation for the splendid interest you have manifested, and that they may at that time extend to you the courtesies of Dare County. As we understand it, Governor Broughton probably contemplates a visit to Hatteras Island during August, in which event the two occasions might coincide.

The Board wishes to convey their sincere thanks, not only to you, but to Governor Broughton for the interest he has recently manifested from time to time in this section. I assure you that all of us are very happy that you have so graciously accorded us several occasions to freely and frankly approach your Commission at this time,—something that seems to have been more or less restrained under previous administrations. The Board would appreciate hearing from you as promptly as possible as to your pleasure in this matter in order that further plans may be made in anticipation of your possible visit.

Sincerely yours,
Melvin R. Daniels,
Clerk to the Board.
Copy to Mr. C. L. Wilson.

31 21-YEAR-OLDS REGISTERED IN HYDE

Thirty-one young men, who had become 21 years of age since last October 16, 1940, were registered by the Hyde County Draft Board last Tuesday, July 1. Of the 31, 15 were white.

Four of those registered volunteered for a year's training in the Army. One white and three colored.

The men who registered last Tuesday will very likely be called to the colors within the next year, according to information out of Washington. A lottery to determine how the new draftees will be listed will be held in the near future.

OUTDOOR WRITERS GROUP TO RECEIVE WARM WELCOME IN DARE THIS WEEK END

Many Notables Among Those Expected to Be Present; All Types Fishing to Be Made Available For Guests; Trip to Hatteras and Dance at Nags Head Beach Club Planned

The Outdoor Writers Association of America will visit the shores of Dare this week end, meeting here for their summer convention. An extensive program of entertainment has been prepared for the group, including both fresh and salt water fishing, a showing of the Lost Colony, a dance at Nags Head, and a trip to Hatteras as guests of Tom Eaton. Fishing trips will include deep sea fishing for those who wish it, and it is expected some will try fishing for bass in the still waters of Collington.

On Saturday, July 12, the group will witness Paul Green's Lost Colony, and on Sunday they will make the trip to Hatteras, returning Monday to be guests at dinner that evening of Senator D. Bradford Fearing and the Roanoke Island Historical Association, who have also arranged a dance at the Nags Head Beach Club for the visitors.

Arrangements have been made for members of the party to stay at the Fort Raleigh Hotel in Manteo, and at one of the hotels on the beach at Nags Head. Part of the visitors, it is expected will remain on the boat which will remain anchored in the harbor for their use.

Among the distinguished visitors to be present are Governor J. Melville Broughton of North Carolina, Governor Herbert R. O'Conor of Maryland, and Governor Walter W. Bacon of Delaware, together with more than 30 of the foremost rod and gun writers of the United States.

WELL KNOWN MINISTER TO HOLD REVIVAL



REV. J. W. FRANK, 70-year-old Methodist minister of Mount Airy, North Carolina, will hold the second annual Lake Landing Township revival at the Engelhard high school auditorium from August 4 to August 15.

The Rev. Mr. Frank is very active in religious work despite his age and is well known as a missionary in the Far East, having worked in Japan for 37 years.

He is a graduate of the Western Maryland College, having graduated from that school in 1897. He received both his B. A. and M. A. degrees at WMC.

The announcement that the Rev. Mr. Frank would hold his district revival was made by the Rev. R. G. Regan of the Mattamuskeet charge. In making the announcement, the Lake Landing minister said that the public was not only cordially invited but urged to attend the services.