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## LOST COLONY BRINGS OVER THREE MILLION DOLLARS TO COASTLAND

### Four Hundred Thousand People Pay \$322,000 In Five Seasons To Witness Paul Green's Matchless Drama; North Carolina Collects \$60,000 In Gas Taxes.

The Lost Colony, Paul Green's stirring drama of the attempts of the English to plant a colony on Roanoke Island brought three millions of dollars in new money to Roanoke Island, Dare County and the counties of Hyde, Currituck, Tyrrell, and other counties through which the tourists traveled to reach the show.

Its patrons in five seasons, paid in \$322,000 in gate admission, which indicates that some 400,000 people came to see it, considering that a large number were children who saw the show at reduced prices.

During the short period of July and August each season including 1941 it paid the State of North Carolina some \$60,000 in gasoline taxes.

These figures are evident from statistics revealed Monday of this week, when Author Paul Green, and Director Sam Selden conferred with citizens of Roanoke Island looking toward the reopening of the show at the earliest opportunity on a scale more stupendous than ever before and with such numbers and advanced improvements as were not dreamed of when W. O. Saunders projected the idea back in 1930.

Under the dynamic leadership of the late Senator D. B. Fearing, the people of Roanoke Island and the surrounding country rallied to the project. Beginning in 1937 the show ran continuously until its close on Labor day 1941. War time lighting and travel restrictions prevented the reopening of the show, and it cannot be shown again until war conditions permit.

Senator Fearing, whose place in the history of the pageant is so firmly fixed, died in 1943. During the intervening two and a half years since the show closed, there has been a terrible depreciation in the wooden buildings at Fort Raleigh. Stage equipment, costumes, and other accessories have greedily disintegrated. Thieves and vandals have broken in and carried away many things. Erosion of the shore line menaces the waterfront buildings used for dressing and storage rooms.

One hundred thousand dollars must be raised before the show can be reopened. To make the show go properly, and to make it inviting to a public that will doubtless be more prosperous and demanding after the war, it must be brought up to par with the latest advances in the show world of the day.

The old Lost Colony cost variously from \$40,000 a season to \$96,000 to put it on. It took in just enough money to pay expenses. It was a vast advertising medium for eastern North Carolina and brought untold profits in many ways. The new Lost Colony will cost twice as much to meet the needs of the modern day. Much of this money will be needed to pay stage hands, actors, and other assistants. All through its five seasons it had the benefit of large funds from federal aid. It had the benefit of carpenters and other workmen, and material furnished by WPA projects. It had the almost free services of a hundred CCC boys. And it had local people on their toes, ready and anxious to take part and help a new cause.

It will have none of these things next season. Not even the local people, who in the old days had much leisure time on their hands, will be able to do so much for Lost Colony. The world is now attuned to the subject of money. Everything must be paid for in higher living costs face everybody; most of the old helpers have finished school and are in gainful jobs they cannot afford to leave.

But the new show while costing more, will be expected to bring in many more visitors. Instead of a gate of \$96,000 a year, \$150,000 to \$200,000 may be easily expected. Instead of \$3,000,000 in five years for the business people of this section, ten to fifteen million dollars, may be expected. And the continued operation of the Lost Colony will mean construction of badly needed hotels, cafes, and other places of business, all of which will pay taxes into the treasuries of the counties.

Mr. Green was accompanied to (Continued on page 4)

## LANGSTON APPOINTED CHIEF OBSERVER AT SWAN QUARTER POST

W. H. Langston has been appointed chief observer of the Swan Quarter aircraft warning service to relieve sheriff Pratt Williamson it was announced last Friday by S-Sgt Charles Lehner of the Norfolk Wing of the First Fighter Command.

Said Sergeant Lehner, "Mr. Langston promises to get busy and put the post back on its feet and Mrs. W. G. Credle and Mrs. E. K. Mann promise to help keep the post going Wednesday afternoons."

Sgt. Lehner said that he hoped the citizens of Swan Quarter would give their very best cooperation to Mr. Langston and that the Swan Quarter post would operate regularly on Wednesday afternoons.

## RED CROSS HAS MANY VOLUNTEER WORKERS IN N. C.

### More Than 30,000 Help War Effort In One Way Or Another

More than 30,000 volunteer workers in North Carolina are contributing their time and their work to the nation's war effort through the varied program of the American Red Cross, according to D. L. Berry, chairman of the Hyde County Chapter of the Red Cross.

These workers gave 992,000 hours of service in the many activities of the Volunteer Special Service program of the American Red Cross during the six months' period, July 1—December 31, 1943. "If these statistics for the last six months of 1943 mean anything, it is that the American women in this and in every other state can be depended upon to work—and work hard—in the interest of victory," Nat C. Wilson, manager of the Southeastern Area with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., said recently.

"This new year," he continued, "there must be no decline in enthusiasm of the effort by which civilian men and women, through the American Red Cross, are responding to the needs of a nation at war."

North Carolina Red Cross production, during the six months' period, maintained the level attained in the preceding fiscal year, Mrs. Meekins pointed out. During the half year the state's 122 Chapters made 56,791 garments and 56,791 miscellaneous articles. Much of this production has gone to aid men in the armed forces and into the Red Cross program of civilian war relief abroad.

North Carolina chapters made 7,471,657 surgical dressings, which go to the Army and Navy, and 16,118 in the preceding fiscal year, Mr. Berry pointed out. During the period, canteen workers served 114,822 meals, mostly to servicemen.

The state now has 442 volunteer nurses' aides and during the last half of the year chapters awarded 1,597 nurse's aide certificates. This training of volunteer women to serve as skilled laymen in hospitals and of housewives to render primary nursing care in the home is part of Red Cross efforts to compensate for the shortage of doctors and registered nurses at home.

In 1943, North Carolina sent 283 nurses to the Army and the Navy, recruited by the American Red Cross. During the last half of the year, more than 410 nutrition certificates were issued in the State; 1,818 life saving certificates and 1,616 swimming certificates.

Highlighting all of its activities during 1943 was the American Red Cross program of Services to the Armed Forces. In North Carolina during the last four months of the year, the Red Cross handled 81,868 cases dealing with the problems of servicemen and servicewomen and their families.

## CHERRY URGES PLANS NOW FOR POST WAR JOBS

### Every Local Community In State Can Do Much For Itself Now

Winston - Salem, March 5.—Warning that North Carolina will face numerous re-employment and reconversion problems after the war, as well as a possible return of unemployment in some measure, Major R. Gregg Cherry, candidate for governor, told the Men's Civic Club of Winston-Salem in an address tonight that "every local community in the State should reserve a large space in the blueprint of its postwar plans for the setting up of machinery for re-adjustment of returning veterans to peacetime economy, re-employment of returning local workers now in the war industry centers, and absorbing the supply of labor which will be released from war production jobs when the hostilities end.

Major Cherry declared "the facilities of the State Employment service will be of inestimable value in the post-war period in placement of workers and will be of prime importance in aiding in the necessary re-adjustments."

But he pointed out "the principal province of the employment service is the placing of workers in existent jobs and the creation of jobs must be largely the task of industry and business.

"No employment service, however efficient, can place workers in jobs unless there are jobs for them. Every local community should have definite plans worked out, as best they may be worked out at this time, for postwar undertakings which can be inaugurated as soon as the war is over. Such definite local planning will enable those State agencies which must aid in dealing with these problems to coordinate their programs with a minimum of wasted effort."

## FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. ROBT. ATKINSON

### Mrs. Harry Swindell's Mother Dies; Former Hyde Resident

Funeral services for Mrs. Robert Atkinson, 84, who died Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Harry Swindell, were conducted Wednesday morning at the Swindell home by the Rev. J. T. Lennor, officiating. Interment was in Soule cemetery.

"When I Get to the End of the Way," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," and "Asleep in Jesus," were sung by a quartette composed of Mrs. Metrah Swindell, Mrs. Elmo Swindell, Mr. J. C. Williams, and Mrs. B. W. Williams accompanied by Mrs. Willie C. Harris.

Mrs. Atkinson was the former Lucinda Luce, daughter of the late Jacob C. and Mary Ann Russell Luce of Vose, Pa. She became a member of the Methodist church in early girlhood.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Swindell, Mrs. J. Milton Colie of Florence, S. C., and Mrs. Joyner Wallace of Charleston, S. C.; one brother, D. A. Luce of Tunkhannock, Pa.; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: John H. Swindell, Jr., Russell A. Swindell, Howard Wallace, Joyner Wallace, Jr., J. Milton Thomas, and Edward Bonner.

## AGED NEGRO LOSES SAVINGS IN FIRE

Philip Selby, aged Negro of the Last Chance section of Lake Landing township, lost five hundred dollars when his home burned to the ground last Tuesday. Uncle Philip had his money hid in a trunk in the house.

The house caught fire Tuesday afternoon about three o'clock. The room where the money was hidden was ablaze when the fire was discovered.

Uncle Philip lost much of his household furniture along with the money . . . which would have been safe in the bank. But reports reaching this newspaper said the old Negro didn't want anyone to know how many "greenbacks" he had.

## Births

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones Jr., of Newport News, Va., a son, at Columbia hospital, Feb. 24th. Mrs. Jones was formerly Miss Elizabeth Fisher of Lake Landing.

## MELVIN DANIELS STEPS INTO FEARING'S SHOES



MELVIN R. DANIELS, popular Register of Deeds of Dare county, and the official orator of the county was chosen by his neighbors to be chairman of the Roanoke Island Lost Colony committee, taking over in this way, the duties of the late Senator Fearing, his long-time friend. Mr. Daniels will attend to the business of the now dormant Lost Colony show, and will head a group of citizens to meet with Governor Broughton soon, to plan for the organization of a group to produce a bigger and better show when war ends.

## PONDER LEAVES TO TAKE BIGGER JOB IN RALEIGH

### Mrs. Spencer Will Head Welfare Dept. Until Successor Is Named

Graham Ponder, Superintendent of Welfare in Hyde County for the past two years and eight months leaves his post in Swan Quarter today, Thursday, March 9th to take over a larger job with the State Department of Welfare in Raleigh. Mr. Ponder will work in 10 counties as social representative of the state welfare office.

Mr. Ponder came to Hyde County July 1, 1941, to succeed Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence. The department grew under his able direction. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, had done social work in Carteret and Lenoir counties before coming to Hyde. He did post-graduate study at the Social School of the state university.

No successor has been named. Mrs. Essie Spencer will act until a qualified person is appointed by the Hyde Welfare Board from the register of the N. C. Merit System. Mr. and Mrs. Ponder had made many friends in Swan Quarter and Hyde County.

## FUNERAL HELD FRIDAY FOR MRS. ANNA CREDDLE

### Beloved Lake Landing Woman Passes Away At Her Home Wednesday Morning

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Credle, 68, were held Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the Amity Methodist church with the Rev. S. E. Davis officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Credle passed away at her home at Lake Landing early Wednesday morning following illness of several years. She became critically ill a few days before her death.

Mrs. Credle was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Fisher of Lake Landing, a prominent Hyde County family. She married the late Hugh Credle, well-known land owner, and member of a well-to-do family.

Before being confined to her home several years ago, Mrs. Credle was a leader in church and community affairs. She was loved by many friends and neighbors for her gentle disposition and lovable character.

Surviving are four daughters, Miss Carmel Credle of Lake Landing, Miss Lucille Credle, Nashville; Mrs. Gus Gaylord of Belhaven and Mrs. Cleon Rorer of Newport News; one sister, Mrs. L. J. Weston and one brother, S. M. Fisher, both of Lake Landing.

Pallbearers were: L. A. and Willie Dudley, T. A. Jennette, Coleman Davis, Harry Swindell and Sanford Long.

## TIRES

A farmer advertised in his weekly newspaper, "Owner of truck would like to correspond with widow who owns tires. Object matrimony. Send picture of tires."

Seventy million pounds of extra poultry meat was saved last year in the U. S. because farmers reduced their poultry losses by three per cent.

## N. C. STATE FARM OFFICIALS FIGHT DRAFT ORDER

### See Production Curtailed Seriously By Drastic Ruling

A fight against the Selective Service proposal to pull into military draft-age farmers not producing 16 war units has been launched in this state and in Washington. Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott, his assistant D. S. Coltrane, and other officials of the State Department of Agriculture.

In appealing for a reduction in the number of units necessary for deferment, Scott points out that "the present plan for the drafting of agricultural labor will seriously curtail the production of important commodities for the prosecution of the war."

He said that North Carolina last year produced six per cent of the nation's cottonseed and lint; 70 per cent of the flue-cured tobacco; 11 per cent of the sweet potatoes; 13 per cent of the peanuts; 20 per cent of the lespedeza seed; and three per cent of the Irish potatoes.

Upon his return from a series of Washington conferences on the agricultural draft situation recently, Coltrane sent to all members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation various facts and figures regarding this State's participation in the war effort.

Coltrane declared that "on the basis of recent estimates regarding the number of farms meeting the 16-unit plan, 45,900 persons now classified as 2-C and 3-C would no longer be eligible for deferment."

Scott and Coltrane said a large supply of farm labor is necessary in this State because the small farms do not readily lend themselves to operation by farm machinery.

According to figures compiled by the Statistics division of the Department, the farms of North Carolina are divided into 296,620 tracts of land, each of which averages 27.3 acres of cropland.

"The relatively small acres of cropland and the relatively small number of livestock in the State result in a large percentage of the farms having less than 16 war units," asserted Coltrane.

A sample survey just completed by the Statistics division indicates that only 41 per cent of the farms in this State earned 16 units during 1943.

This study showed that while in the Coastal Plain area the number of 16-unit farms was approximately 64 per cent of the total, the figure dropped to only three per cent in the Mountain section. The percentage of 16-unit farms in the Piedmont counties was 41.

"As of December 31, 1943, there were approximately 34,771 draft-age farm workers classified at 2-C, with 43,086 classified as 3-C. In each case approximately two-thirds are white and one-third colored. This represents a total of 77,857 deferred because of farm occupations. This is approximately one person for every four tracts of land.

If these men become no longer eligible for deferment a large number of the 296,620 tracts of land in this State cannot be farmed this year," declared Coltrane.

North Carolina's crop goals for this year call for approximately 342,500 additional acres, most of which is scheduled to be devoted to increased production of soybeans, peanuts and hay crops.

Governor Broughton said that the Farm Labor Commission will function again this summer "if the farm labor situation demands it."

When National Selective Service headquarters announced recently its new national policy of "cracking down" on deferment of farmers, officials of the State Department of Agriculture began to see how many would meet Selective Service qualifications for farmer deferment.

National Selective Service headquarters said that a farmer must produce annually 16 units to be eligible for draft deferment.

The State Department of Agriculture sampled 299 farms in the western area of the State and found that only 10 would qualify with 16 units of production per man. In the Piedmont section, 512 farms were sampled, and only 213 were found to qualify. A total of 227 farms of the 320 sampled in the Coastal area and 71 of the 139 farms sampled in the Tidewater area were found to qualify.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

## HYDE COMMISSIONERS HEAR DISCUSSION ON ADVERTISING NOTICES

### County Attorney And Editor Were Principal Parties In The Talk, With Spencer Pleading The Case Of Newspaper Advertising And The Attorney The Case For Posting; Banker Mann Rebukes County Paper.

## ATTORNEY DEFENDS POSTING NOTICES



HON. ORVILLE L. WILLIAMS, county attorney and widely-known lawyer, who delivered a strong speech before the Hyde County Board of Commissioners Tuesday morning in favor of posting land sale notices instead of advertising them in a newspaper. At the same time he charged the editor of The Hyde County Herald with not giving good coverage to county affairs.

Mr. Williams said his stand on the issue was a "re-dedication of my services to Hyde County."

His speech was the result of charges by the young Hyde County newspaper that Hyde County officials were not taking advantage of the county paper to inform the public and that the sale of land without newspaper might be illegal.

## ENGELHARD WOMEN PLAN CHICKEN STEW

### Home Club Members to Raise Needed Money Selling Dinners Friday Evening

The Engelhard Home club made plans at their monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon to have a chicken stew dinner in the Town Hall Friday evening, March 10, and sell plates to raise funds to carry on the many activities of the organization.

The women held an enjoyable meeting Tuesday afternoon and reported on a number of club activities which showed that much work was being accomplished. Each member that was present donated a 10c war savings stamp to the club album and the club made a contribution to the Jane S. McKimmon's Loan Fund.

The club members reported 10 lap robes made for use of sick service men. Five were turned in at the meeting last week.

Mrs. J. M. Long, president, presided. The devotion was by Mrs. J. H. Jarvis. Miss Iberia Roach, home agent, gave the demonstration.

## NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### VISITS PARENTS

Sgt. Seth Harris, Jr., of Scott Field, Ill and Mrs. Harris of Elizabeth City recently visited Sgt. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Harris at their home at Swan Quarter.

### HOME ON LEAVE

Maxwell Cox, U. S. Navy, stationed at Gainbridge, Md., is visiting his family and parents at Middletown. Mr. Cox was employed in High Point before he was inducted into the Navy recently.

### VISITS WIFE

Pvt. E. C. Miller, Jr., of Fort Bragg visited his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Miller at Middletown early this week. He returned to camp Wednesday. Miller has just completed a special training course at a southern army camp. He is now stationed at Fort Bragg.

The Hyde County Board of County Commissioners heard discussion of advertising land sales Tuesday morning with attorney O. L. Williams and editor Tom Spencer, the principal parties in the talk. The meeting was the result of a request by Mr. Spencer to present the side of newspaper publication to the commissioners.

The question of how to legally and advantageously advertise land sales and other notices in Hyde County has been a topic of hot debate for many years and the discussion Tuesday was a part of this long dispute. The whole question arises because of conflicting views on whether or not a local law of 1931 is repealed by a state law of 1939. Attorney Williams presented a letter from the State Attorney General which said it appeared that it was not.

The young newspaper attempted to show the value of advertising as a benefit to the county as it benefits private business, but Mr. Williams contended that publication costs were not justified by sales and that the county is not required by law to inform the citizens through their county paper, saying that they could obtain the information from posting notices.

The attorney contended that The Herald did not give good news coverage of the courthouse and that the county had to pay for all the information it put before the public in the paper. Mr. Spencer replied that often counties paid for having their procedures published. He also stated that the county paper published items it thought to be news, admitting that it might sometimes fall down on the job.

The editor told the commissioners that he did not intend the news item (about this meeting) in the last issue of The Herald as being directed at any person or parties. The attorney took the view that the story was directed at Mrs. Maude Jones because it stated that the advertising question flared up because Mrs. Maude Jones, tax commissioner in certain foreclosure suits, sold land without advertising it in the county paper.

The attorney contended that the editor did not present a fair issue because he did not say in the story that a tax commissioner, according to a ruling of the Superior court in 1942, could use either posting or newspaper space. The editor had said that "the courts have not ruled directly in the matter, although when the county tried to stop publication in 1942 they failed."

Spencer contended that the meeting that he was right in making the statement because the law of 1931 says that it is absolutely not necessary to use publication in land sales. If it is not necessary to do this in Hyde County the court would not have made the county pay for the costs of publication. The county attorney said he was wrong in this view.

At the close of the chief part of the discussion between Mr. Williams and Mr. Spencer, Ernest K. Mann, cashier of the Engelhard Bank & Trust Co., at Swan Quarter made a short talk urging the method pointed out by Mr. Williams. Mr. Mann delivered a rebuke to The Herald. He stated that it was not a paper devoted to Hyde County and inferred that Publisher Victor Meekins had selfish motives in operating it and that the editor was biased in his writings.

"Spencer challenged the banker to show wherein he had at any time showed partiality between factions in Hyde County. As for the appearance of Dare County items in the paper, the young newspaper said that these were sometimes used to fill space, but more often to build up a community of interest between the two great coastal counties. Said Spencer, "It is selfish not to want to know how our neighbors get along. Hyde County will never grow and progress until it awakens to work with its neighbors."

"Mann's charge that Mr. Meekins established the paper to get advertising in Hyde County was met (Please turn to page 4)