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EXPECT LOST COLONY DRAMA NEXT YEAR ON BIGGEST SCALE EVER

Plans Launched This Week to Begin At Once for Super-Production in 1945 Which May Cost \$100,000 to Stage; Roanoke Island Historical Association Meets With Chairman J. M. Broughton, and Elects Directors; Observe Anniversary of Virginia Dare's Birth

The Lost Colony, Paul Green's gripping drama of the struggles of early English settlers to found a colony in the New World, may be resumed next season—in 1945. It is the hope of the Roanoke Island Historical Association which launched plans Friday, and will seek to raise a fund of \$150,000 for the purpose.

Governor J. Melville Broughton and an audience at Fort Raleigh today that the drama in its five years of successful operation had brought a million dollars of business to the section surrounding the county. Over 300,000 people have seen the show.

The Governor, who was recently elected chairman of the Association which sponsors the show, says the state should underwrite the play because of its great value, not only commercially to the state, but because of its influence in moulding interest and appreciation for the history of the state and the Nation's early beginnings.

Accordingly, the Association elected on its board of 21 directors, many of them outstanding citizens over the length and breadth of the state who have manifested interest in the play, and have advocated greater pride and interest in North Carolina's history and progress.

The Governor spoke at Fort Raleigh in commemoration of the birthday of Virginia Dare, first white child of English parents born on American soil, a daughter of the colony founded by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1587 of the third expedition, the first of which was in 1584.

Dr. Bradford Fearing, known and loved universally and whose untimely death last year reminded all of the tremendous place he had occupied as a promoter of the Lost Colony, was honored at the presentation of a plaque placed in the Chapel at Fort Raleigh.

The officers elected today for the Roanoke Island Historical Association were J. M. Broughton, chairman, Melvin R. Danvers, vice chairman, C. S. Meekins, treasurer, I. P. Davis, secretary, and Martin Kellogg Jr., general counsel. Josephus Daniels of Raleigh was named honorary vice chairman, the only person in the state to hold this position, and Dr. C. C. Crittenden, of the State Historical Commission, was named historian.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Midgett, owners of the First Colony Inn and Nags Head, generously extended the courtesies of the hotel to the party Thursday night, and entertained Governor Broughton and party at a clam chowder, fish, and chicken dinner. Governor Broughton and party spent the night at the Midgett cottage.

Those present at the dinner were Governor Broughton, Sam Selden, director of the Lost Colony, Billy Carmichael, controller of the State University; Dr. Frank Gray, president of the University; Roy Davis, Theo Meekins, Melvin Daniels, John Ferebee, Harry P. Deaton of Mooresville, D. V. Meekins, Herbert Peele of Elizabeth City, and I. P. Davis.

METHODIST SERVICES SWAN QUARTER - FAIRFIELD

Epworth church, second and fourth Sundays at 3 p. m.
Fairfield church, second Sunday night and fourth Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.
Providence church, first and third Sunday nights and the second Sunday at 11 a. m.

Sole church, first and third Sunday mornings at 11 a. m.
C. W. GUTHRIE, Pastor,
Swan Quarter, N. C.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Aslie Gray Silverthorne of Engelhard, who has been seriously ill in Washington has returned home. His condition is greatly improved.

LONGER SEASON FOR HUNTING MIGRATORY BIRDS

Ten Days Added to Open Season; Bag Limits for Ducks and Geese Remain Same

Hunters who gun for migratory game birds will have 10 more days of shooting this year than last. The season will last for 80 days, beginning November 2nd. This is the result of the increase in the population of these birds. The liberalized hunting regulations released by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes also permits hunters to take redhead and bufflehead ducks. The bag limits on ducks remains at 10 and also remains at two for geese. Hunting of migratory game birds this year will be from one half an hour before sunrise to sunset. The regulations continue to forbid the taking of waterfowl by means of bait or with the aid of live duck or goose decoys.

Sportsmen will be permitted as last year to retain birds lawfully taken for a period of 45 days following the close of the season in the State where killed.

No open season is provided on snow geese, Ross's goose or swan. Open season for wild duck, geese and brant November 2 to January 20th inclusive. The open season on mourning and turtle dove will be from November 25 to January 20, inclusive.

The daily bag limits on ducks, except American and redbreasted mergansers are 10 in the aggregate of all kinds, including in such limit not more than 1 wood duck, in addition 5 singly or in the aggregate of mallards, pintails or widgeons. Any person at any time may possess not more than 20 ducks in the aggregate of all kinds, not including American and redbreasted mergansers, but not more than 1 wood duck, and in addition 10 singly or in the aggregate of mallards, pintails or widgeons. American redbreasted mergansers, 25 or in the aggregate.

The daily bag limit on geese and brant is 2 but not including snow or white-fronted geese, and in addition 4 singly or in the aggregate of blue and snow geese. No person may possess more than 4 geese, including brant, but not including blue, snow or white-fronted geese where such are permitted to be taken.

Bag limits for rails and gallinules is 15; for coot, 25; for sora, 25; for woodcock, 4; mourning and turtle dove and white winged dove, 10.

COMPLETE RECORD OF POLIO VICTIMS WANTED

The Hyde County Chapter of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has been asked to compile a comprehensive record of all victims residing in the area according to P. D. Midgett, Jr., of Engelhard, chairman. The information will be used by the National Foundation to further its pledge of assuring aid to all polio victims, he states.

Funds raised by the chapter during the March of Dimes and the President's birthday balls are used to help not only in hospitalizing patients, but giving the needy wheelchairs, crutches and other orthopedic appliances.

Mr. Midgett suggests that anyone now residing in Hyde County who has had infantile paralysis, or whose children have been stricken can greatly assist in this survey by getting in touch with him. It is pointed out that the NFIP helps not only those immediately affected, but anyone who has been affected. The records will be of incalculable value to medical science.

Buy War Bonds And Stamps

Newest War Poster



One of the few unsolicited war posters ever accepted by the United States Government is the one shown above, submitted by Wesley Heyman, 26-year-old New York City artist.

More than 700,000 have been printed and distributed by more than 100,000 Boy Scouts throughout the country.

Rejected for military service, Heyman, Assistant Art Director of House Beautiful magazine, felt he could materially contribute to the war effort with his poster design.

STUMPY POINT METHODIST CHURCH HOST AUGUST 27 TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Clyde R. Hoey, Former Governor, and Nominee for Senate to Deliver Principal Address at Which Many Notables and Hundreds of People From Eastern North Carolina Will Attend; Rev. W. B. Parkin, Pastor, Well Pleased With Interest Being Shown in Event

Rev. W. B. Parkin, pastor of the Stumpy Point Methodist Church is well pleased with the response to plans for the anniversary of Methodism on the Dare Mainland to be celebrated with his church August 27th, at which time Clyde R. Hoey, former governor, will be principal speaker.

Rev. W. L. Clegg, District Superintendent, will be present. The people of Stumpy Point will serve dinner on the grounds.

SUCCESSFUL BIBLE SCHOOL AT WATSON'S

A successful Bible School was held at Watson's Chapel Methodist Church at Nebraska last week. There were 27 students enrolled and four visitors. Twenty received attendance and graduation certificates.

The theme of the school was "Living for Jesus." The classes were started each day with a worship program which was conducted by Misses Marjorie Gibbs Ethelynde Ballance and Bernice Ballance.

Those receiving certificates were as follows:

Primaries: Russell Gibbs, Robert Gibbs, Larue Dudley, Charlie Swindell and Barbara Ann Davis.

Juniors: Celia Gibbs, Mary Dean Davis, Doris Carawan, and Rue Marshall.

Youth: Marjorie Gibbs, Joe Davis, Lonnie Davis and Mrs. Ella Mae Gibbs.

Adult: Mrs. Geneva Payne, Mrs. Margaret Gibbs, Mrs. Evelyn Swindell, Miss Ella Gray Ballance, Mrs. Ella McKinney, Mrs. F. R. Davis and Mrs. Ina Watson.

MIDDLETOWN REVIVAL TO BEGIN AUGUST 28th

Revival services will begin at the Middletown Christian Church Monday night, August 28th. The services will be conducted by Rev. Paul Parker of Hookerton. The public is invited to attend.

Peanut leaves from a field cured stack contain 18-2 per cent crude protein as compared with 22 per cent for alfalfa leaves.

OIL MAN SPEAKS BEFORE ROTARY CLUB THURSDAY

Gasoline prices will sky-rocket along the East coast unless oil is found, D. E. Ford, representative of the Standard Oil Company signing up leases in this section, told members of the Engelhard Rotary Club at their weekly dinner meeting in the Watson Hotel Thursday evening, explaining why efforts were being made to locate oil in coastal Carolina.

Mr. Ford explained that the only reason that oil is not five or ten cents higher per gallon is the ceiling price. Transportation costs bringing gasoline in this section would make it necessary to sell for five or more cents a gallon to make profit. But the government has set a ceiling price and the companies have to deliver it, Mr. Ford told the Engelhard group. They won't go on losing money once the war is over and ceilings lifted.

The companies are interested in keeping gasoline prices down to levels that the public can afford to pay and for that reason they are searching for oil along the East coast. Hyde, Dare and Tyrrell counties in North Carolina make up a territory where the companies are busy getting leases, chief among them Standard Oil.

What are the prospects of drilling in Hyde County? Mr. Ford stated that the first thing was to get the groundwork laid—and he said that was what his company was doing. He said millions were going to be spent attempting to locate oil in this section and that it was possible that several shallow wells would be sunk. Standard Oil, he said, was flagging territory from Engelhard to Columbia and from Engelhard to Manns Harbor.

Mr. Ford reported that he had received cooperation from the people in Hyde county and that he had been successful in signing many leases, covering most of the territory flagged. He said that he was enjoying his work in the county and had made many friends.

T. J. Etheridge, Texaco dealer at Engelhard, was accepted into the club's membership at the Thursday evening meeting. Sam Lamb, manager of the Mattamuskeet Refuge at New Holland, was added to the list of active members last week.

Visitors at the meeting last week were Horace Gibbs, George Midgette and Mr. Ford. The Rotarians upon motion of P. D. Midgette voted to send Rotarian Asby Silverthorne, who is ill in a Washington hospital, some flowers.

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

RETURNS TO CAMP

Pfc. John D. Gibbs, U. S. Army, stationed at Aberdeen, Md., spent several days with his mother, Mrs. S. M. Gibbs, at Engelhard. He returned to camp Wednesday.

HOME ON LEAVE

Latney Hooger, U. S. Navy, stationed at Bainbridge, Md., is spending some time at Engelhard with his mother, Mrs. Frank Swindell and Mr. Swindell.

VISITING WIFE

Robert Mason, U. S. Army, stationed at Kelly Field, Texas, is visiting his wife and parents at his parents' home near New Holland.

WEEK END HOME

Hubert Selby, U. S. Navy, Wilmington, spent the week end at Engelhard with his family.

HOME ON LEAVE

Vincient McKinney, U. S. Navy, stationed at Bainbridge, Maryland, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McKinney at Nebraska. Young McKinney has just completed his boot-training and will be assigned upon his return to duty.

VISITS RELATIVES

Sigsbee Carron, U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, recently visited his wife and brother, Marvin Carron at Sladesville.

Light truck applications will not be accepted, says ODT.

OIL COMPANIES HAVE LEASED THOUSANDS OF ACRES IN HYDE COUNTY

Citizens Now Speculating As to What Will Be Result of Present Activities of Oil Men; Several Wells May Be Sunk, Costing More Than A Million Dollars

BLAZE STARTED BY LIGHTNING DESTROYS HOME

Pilot Tries Unsuccessfully to Attract Help to Sladesville Fire

The S. S. Jennette home at Sladesville was destroyed by fire when lightning struck Wednesday afternoon. The meager information obtained by this newspaper just before press time said the building and furnishings were a total loss.

A pilot flying over the fire is said to have discovered the blaze and tried unsuccessfully to get help. Reports reaching this newspaper said the air man flew up and down the neighborhood, racing to the home and diving and spinning, but no one thought anything of it. They just thought it was some smart acting youngster trying to show-off.

JUDGE FISHER TRIES LARGE DOCKET MONDAY

Judge E. S. Fisher of Hyde County court tried a long list of cases in the regular monthly session Monday. The greater part of the cases tried were of minor nature and for the most part the judge handed out the "30 days suspended upon payment of costs" sentences.

Cases tried were as follows: Letha Fonville, colored, operating a motor vehicle on highway at nights without lights, plea of guilty, three months suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Edward Whitaker, colored, passing check without sufficient funds, plea of guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of cost and depositing money and paying cost of check.

James Burgess, colored, operating a truck on public highway without license, plea of guilty, 30 days suspended sentence upon payment of costs.

R. H. Bishop, violating law by allowing a person to operate a motor vehicle with defective equipment, plea of not guilty, found guilty by court and sentenced to 30 days suspended upon payment of costs.

John Lee Waters, driving a motor vehicle without driving permit, waives appearance, pleads guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of costs.

Ralph Hill, speeding, waives appearance, pleads guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of \$30 fine and costs.

Joseph Gurganus, speeding, waives appearance, pleads guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of \$15 fine and costs.

James F. Grinsley, speeding, waives appearance, pleads guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of \$15 fine and costs.

Ed Fonville, colored, speeding, waives appearance, pleads guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

Clarence Fonville, colored, operating automobile on public highway without proper brakes, plea of guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of costs.

Lewis Allen, hunting out of season and resisting arrest, appealed from Justice of Peace Court, 30 days suspended upon payment of costs.

Will Basnight, careless and reckless driving, 2 months on roads, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs. Appeal to Superior Court noted.

TWO HYDE BOYS LEAVE FOR INDUCTION TUESDAY

Billie Barber of Lake Landing and Charlie "Blue Boy" Harris of Swan Quarter left Tuesday for induction into service.

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Oil companies, whose representatives have been busy in Hyde County for the past two months, now hold leases on thousands of acres in the county and are negotiating for those tracks which they have not yet secured. Speculation is rising as to just what will come from their activities. Some are optimistic and are looking for a boom in employment and business, while the more conservative think nothing will come of it.

The oil men have leased the land at 10 cents an acre. The leasee is to get one eighth of the royalties if oil is found. The company assumes the cost of all damages. They have promised that one or more wells will be sunk in the eastern part of the State. Standard Oil, who has leased much land in Hyde and who has flagged to country from Columbia to Manns Harbor via Fairfield, Lake Landing and Engelhard, is under obligation to the State to drill.

The sinking of an oil well in the county is a possibility and should it come to pass would mean a project costing up to \$500,000. Oil men have indicated that several shallow wells would possibly be sunk in the area rather than one deep well, and in this event it might mean the expenditure of several millions.

Geologists have surveyed the territory and they have stated that there is possibly oil present. Whether it can be pumped out profitably is another thing. Hitting oil would bring an undreamed of prosperity to land-owners and business men, and might bring with it something undesirable.

The excitement that was noted when it was first learned that oil men were in the county to lease lands with prospects of drilling for oil is gone, but some are still hopeful of quick riches. It is a topic of conversation in the stores, around the courthouse and on the farms. The lack of definite information about the whole thing makes the subject even more interesting and speculation continues high.

A large project in this section now when some of the war projects are closing as the Allies put the Nazis on the rope, would be a Godsend think some. It would be a war-boom in the conversion period, and more desirable than war industries of which Hyde has had none.

But an oil boom would scar many of the unspoiled beauties of this tourist paradise. It would bring in an undesirable influx of workers, names foreign to those here who for the most part came from England and have lived here since colonial times.

Several companies are busy in the county getting leases, among them Standard Oil and Sinclair. Sinclair has obtained leases in Currituck township, while Standard has confined its activities in the Lake Landing-Engelhard-Fairfield area. An independent company is reported busy in Swan Quarter township.

Sinclair is the first company to record its lease in the Register of Deeds office. The lease is for some 10,000 acres belonging to the Roanoke Railroad Company in Currituck township.

One thing is indicated by leasing of lands by the oil companies, whether oil is found or not, and that is that the oil supply in this country is running low as the war drains the supplies of the wells in the Southwest and West. It is apparently part of a big search for oil in this country so that we need not depend on others. Our nation is too dependent on oil to have to depend on someone else for the supply.

Last week American and British officials signed treaties stating that they would see to it that the oil supply of the world would be distributed among peace loving nations. After the last war the British are reported to have hoarded up supply reduction into service.