

## NORTH CAROLINA

(About 100 years ago)

By W. Biddle Gilman

Of course topographically the eastern shore of North Carolina was just about as it is now, only it is much more settled, and very many buildings have been erected and improvements of various kinds carried out since the years of which I am writing—1820 to 1830 or thereabouts—and a published description of the coast as it was then (at the time of publication of the description) may be apropos, and is as follows:

"Along the whole coast of North Carolina is a ridge of sand, separated from the main land, in some places by narrow sounds and in other places by broad bays; the passages or inlets through it are shallow and dangerous and Ocracoke inlet is the only one north of Cape Fear through which vessels pass. In the counties on the sea coast the land is low and covered with extensive swamps and marshes and from sixty to eighty miles from the shore is a dead level; beyond this the country swells into hills and in the most western part rises into mountains."

At that time there was very few people living anywhere along the coast and very little attention was paid it from a maritime point of view, but as the people realized the advantages of rich fertile soil, of deep sea fishing, and of prospective temporary dwellers for health and pleasure, this coast region became an object of interest, and grew more or less rapidly into a point holding a considerable permanent population who reaped much financial benefit therefrom.

The article aforementioned also a little further along states something that it would be rather difficult for us to realize now, and that is this: "Not a single point has yet been found upon the coast, within the limits of the state, at which a safe or commodious port could be established."

Succeeding generations have demonstrated how mistaken our forefathers have proven themselves to have been. A sail along the coast will show how many difficulties which were thought at that time to be impossible to overcome have been eventually conquered and brought to conditions of safety and advantage to mankind, while, as it was then, it is still more or less of a dangerous coast. There are now quite a number of havens where vessels can ride at anchor in perfect security, and also at least one port of considerable magnitude, as Wilmington can attest to.

At her many seaside resorts many people spend their summer vacation, occupations of swimming, sailing, fishing and crabbing, not to mention the amount of flirting, dancing, etc., which is the inevitable result of the gathering of young people stimulated by the strains of good and acceptable music. Now stop and think a moment, and you will realize what a great difference exists between the time when the beaches were lonely stretches of ocean-washed sand, known only to the willet and curlew and other wild sea birds, who at certain seasons spent a few weeks at the shore and—Now!

(To be continued)

The Community Club meets tonight (Friday) at school building, eight o'clock. Be sure to attend.

## IT ALWAYS PAYS

It always pays in real money to be thoughtful of horses, cows and other dumb brutes during all kinds of weather, and especially in hot, dry months. Vass citizens generally are acquainted with the fact that "a merciful man is merciful to his beast," and they should know that aside from sentimental reasons it also pays to treat them kindly. In handling live stock under the old rule the idea was to "treat 'em rough." But that day has passed. The man who owns a horse knows enough to blanket it in severe cold weather and to water it when it is warm. The owner of a cow knows that he will get more milk by using fewer kicks and throwing away his club. And it is for the benefit of the few who possibly haven't learned this that we make the statement, and repeat it, that it always pays in real money to be kind to dumb brutes.

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And called him Mr.  
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The next good night  
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In such an event the long leaf pine forest would at once begin to be fostered in the whole camp boundary, and under the intelligent scientific management of the government forestry service. That would mean a big stimulus to further settlement around SOUTHERN PINES, KNOLLWOOD and PINEHURST and the MIDLANDS FARMS.

The Wise Man  
Gets His Location  
In Time

Travelers go long distances across the continent to visit the National Parks of the West. A fine big park in the pine forest of North Carolina would never be overlooked by tourists. Nothing ever did beat a pine forest. Better talk it over with

FRANK BUCHAN, Southern Pines,  
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