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MORE HERRING IS CAUGHT THAN ANY OTHER FISH

Over 20,000,000 Pounds of Herring Caught in State In Two Years

If anybody asked you to name the principal edible fish produced by North Carolina fishermen in the order of their importance, you would probably make a correct guess as to shad being first. But how much farther could you go?

The fourth biennial report of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development supplies answer. For the period July 1, 1930, to June 30, 1932, 20,219,000 pounds of herring were taken in North Carolina waters. Next in importance came the croakers, of which 15,232,000 pounds were taken. Next in order of quantity came trout, of which production amounted to 8,235,000 pounds. But those 8 million and odd pounds of trout were worth several thousand dollars more than the 20,000,000 pounds of herring. To be exact, the trout returned to North Carolina fishermen \$411,750, while the herring brought only \$404,380.

But see what shad did. We produced not quite half as many pounds of shad as trout; the shad taken in the two years amounted to 4,036,000 pounds; but those shad returned to the fishermen \$807,200.

In the same two-year period we produced 1,060,000 pounds of sea mullets, 1,016,000 pounds of blue fish, 1,005,000 pounds of flounders, 1,005,000 pounds of rock, and 522,000 pounds of catfish. Our total production of all edible species for the two years was 63,418,800 pounds, the cash value of which was \$2,744,786.60.

And nothing has been said of the production of 171,500,000 pounds of menhaden, worth \$188,390.80, used in the manufacture of fertilizer and bad odors.

PRICES TOO LOW, NO POULTRY CAR

Might Make a Cooperative Shipment from County Week After Next

Arrangements for the operation of a cooperative poultry car in this county met with failure this week when prices offered were considered too low to warrant the undertaking, it was learned yesterday from County Agent T. B. Brandon. The Durham Producers' Exchange entered bids for a carload of the barnyard fowls, but the prices were no higher than those offered on local markets.

Agent Brandon is corresponding with other poultry buyers, and if a favorable contract can be made, a car will be operated some time about the middle of February.

Last season, cooperative poultry loading prices were as high as 16 cents for hens, but 10 cents a pound is about the highest that has been offered so far, it was learned from the agent.

A car was left at Jamesville today, but it was not scheduled by County Agent Brandon. According to present plans a cooperative shipment will probably be made in this county week after next.

STATE FIRE LOSS FOR PAST YEAR

More Than \$5,000,000 Goes Up In Smoke During The Past Year

Raleigh.—Fire loss in North Carolina in 1932 was \$5,655,439, as compared with \$5,525,437 in 1931, resulting from 2,630 fires last year and 2,585 the year before, the annual report of Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boney shows. Mr. Boney expressed pleasure that the loss had been held so low, particularly in these times of distress. Residence fires, 1,637, resulting in \$1,317,695 loss last year, as compared with loss of \$1,530,309 from 1,516 fires in 1931, the report shows.

December reduced the monthly damage average, the 218 fires resulting in loss of \$438,295, as compared with \$846,634 loss from 232 fires in December, 1931. Nineteen fires, 14 urban and 5 rural, caused \$202,638 of the loss, the remaining 197 fires causing loss of \$236,657.

Five of the December fires, resulting in damage of \$138,416, or nearly one-third of the entire damage, were in the city of Charlotte.

Weather Prophets Watch Actions of the Groundhog

Thursday is groundhog day. If the queer animal sees his shadow that day one can look for forty days of bad weather, so some weather prophets say. If he fails to see his shadow all will be well with the weather.

Legion Indoor Circus Gets Under Way Here Tonight

Plans have been completed and everything is in readiness for the opening of the American Legion indoor circus here tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Roanoke-Dixie warehouse. Hundreds of flags, thousands of feet of festooning and myriads of electric lights are being used to transform the bleak warehouse into a place of beauty. The first of the events scheduled during the four nights will be staged at 8 o'clock tonight, accompanied by Thurston's orchestra, a well known and popular musical group in this part of the state. An interesting program has

been arranged and a varied entertainment is assured. Following the early evening features, dances will be held each night beginning at 10 o'clock, the ex-service boys holding down the charges to a minimum sum. A number of local merchants and several auto dealers are arranging attractive displays in the warehouse, adding to the appearance of the show. Several hundred tickets have already been sold in advance, and present indications point to sizeable crowds during the four-day program, opening tonight and continuing through Friday.

14 PER CENT OF COUNTY PEOPLE GET FEDERAL AID

3,322 Martin County People Received Relief During Month of December

A few over 14 per cent of Martin County's people received aid from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation during December, it was learned from a report released this week. The 3,322 people were scattered throughout the county and were about equally divided as to race, it is understood. While reports are not complete, it is believed that equally as many people have been helped in this county during the month of January.

Percentages of destitution in the various counties of the State are widely divergent, ranging from a low of 4.8 per cent of the population in Lincoln to a high of 54 per cent in Anson, according to a study released today by Dr. Fred W. Horrison, director of relief.

The percentage for the State as a whole, based on nearly 125,000 families who actually received aid during December, is approximately 20 per cent. There are 40 counties wherein the rate is higher than the State average. Only 10 counties have a rate lower than 10 per cent, while another in addition to Anson, Beaufort, has a rate higher than 50 per cent.

The comparative rankings of the percentages in the counties provides many interesting sidelights. It reveals that no one section of the state can be singled out as a spot where the rate is particularly high or low, with possibly two exceptions. A dozen counties in the northwestern section of the state, largely mountainous, have the smallest percentage of destitution, and similarly the eastern counties have the highest rate, although there are exceptions even in these two sections.

It is interesting to note that the rate apparently is in no way based upon the general economic make-up of any county. The rate in Forsyth, for instance, with all its industry, and in Currituck with no industry, is the same. The rate in Cherokee and Dare representing the extremes of East and West, is virtually the same.

Perhaps the most interesting revelation of the study is the fact that Stanly county, ranking second from the top with only 5.5 per cent of destitution adjoins Anson with the highest rate.

Two 4-H Club Members Win Prizes for Records

Misses Winifred Mizelle and Olive Ange, of the Robersonville and Jamesville 4-H clubs, respectively, were the proud recipients of \$250 each for passing in the best record books for 1932. Hereafter the best record books coming in to the home agent will receive club pins.

Folks Wearing Little and Eating Little, Everett Says

"The folks must be eating nothing and wearing nothing," Mr. H. L. Everett, Robersonville farmer, declared today. He based his statement on the fact that they were buying nothing. "You can't sell a nice ham for any small amount and you can hardly give cotton and peanuts away," he added.

Alamance Farmers Go In For Tanning of Hides

Alamance farmers who have tanned hides at home following the recommendations of the State College animal husbandry department report good results. Some hides are tanned with the hair on to be used for rugs in the home but most are tanned for leather.

Mr. J. H. Harrell, of Palmyra, was here attending to business matters today. Mrs. Chessie Stalls, of Robersonville, spent a short while here today.

TEACHERS' PAY COMPARED WITH OTHER GROUPS

Misconception on the Part of Some About Salaries Paid School Teachers

Much has been said about salaries received by white teachers in the schools of North Carolina. G. B. Phillips, chairman of the committee on public relations, North Carolina Education Association, discusses salaries in the following article: "There is some misconception on the part of many people about the salaries of teachers. This is due largely to the fact that the total amount paid out in teachers' salaries is very large. According to the new report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to the General Assembly, the total amount paid out in salaries to teachers and principals for the past year, which was the first year under the cuts instituted by the 1931 legislature, was \$17,687,265.

This, of course, is a huge sum of money, but it was divided among 23,290 people, so the average annual salaries of the whole group, including principals and supervisors and teachers, both black and white, amounted to only \$847.50.

"Last year, 1931-32, there were 17,127 white teachers, principals, and supervisors in the state paid out of public funds. We paid these white teachers and principals a total of \$14,720,585.

"The average annual salary of this group was \$859.50, or \$71.68 per month on a 12-months basis.

"The report of Director of Personnel F. L. Dunlap, which has just been made to the General Assembly, shows that the 992 people on the state pay roll, on boards, commissions, in departments and elsewhere, including everything from the negro janitors and elevator operators to the highest-paid state official, drew an average of \$1,625 a year. If they are cut 32 per cent from that salary, as has been suggested by the Budget Bureau, the average annual salary of all of these officials, stenographers, and negro employees would be \$1,205.

"The teachers make no protest against the salaries they receive. They merely think that if this group is worth this much in their service to the state, they are certainly rendering a service that should be worth \$71.68 per month.

"In this same report it is found that the monthly salary last year of one of the employees of the state, listed as a cook, was \$69.33. If this cook got his board at the place he cooked, as is the usual custom, he had considerably a better job, so far as financial remuneration is concerned, than did the average white teacher in North Carolina.

"Again, the teachers are not contenting that the salary of the cook is too high, but again they believe that if the service this cook is rendering the state is worth \$69.33 a month, their service is worth \$71.68. Should the legislature put into effect the schedule of reductions suggested by the budget bureau, that is the salaries of teachers and principals be reduced 15 per cent, and 32 per cent of the salary of others based on the 1931 schedule, we find that the average annual salaries of the white teachers and principals will be \$60.93 per month, and the salary of the cook mentioned above will be \$61.88, for the cook in 1931 was drawing \$91 a month. This does not take into consideration the 'perquisites' that usually go along with a cook's job, or the lack of these 'perquisites' which do not go along with the teachers' job.

Plan To Clean Wynne Cemetery Next Thursday

Those people in the Christian Chapel section who have friends or relatives buried in the Wynne cemetery there are asked to join in cleaning the grounds Thursday of this week, it was urged in an announcement made yesterday.

HONOR ROLLS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR PAST MONTH

Large List of Honor Pupils Despite Many Cases Of Influenza

The names of 124 pupils appear on the honor roll in the local schools for the fourth month, it was announced yesterday by Principal William R. Watson. The number of honor pupils held up unusually well, considering the large number of absentees reported during the period. The names:

Grade 1-A: Marshall Ange, Conrad Getsinger, Fred Hardison, Fred Hardison, Richard Margolis, Maurice Moore, Burke Parker, Collin Peel, Luther Peel, David Perry, Betsy Anderson, Helen Goddard, Courtney Jenkins, Della J. Mobley, Pattie Modlin, Lenore Melson, Mary T. Peel, Susie Wobblenton.

Grade 1-B: Dolly Bowen, Lillie M. Lee, Clarence Pate, Elton Wallace.

Grade 2-A: Mildred Biggs, Mary Warren, Evelyn Griffin, Patricia King, Velma Perry, Dorothy Watson, Mary O'Neal Pope, Madeline Taylor, Jim Critcher, Joseph Gurganus, Bill Griffin, Franklin Lilley, Jimmie Manning, Huyley Shaw, Benjamin Weaver.

Grade 2-B: Rena Howard, Thelma Lowe, Daisy Manning, Thelma Roebuck, Elizabeth Silverthorne, Sallie Williams, Lillie Marriner, Gordon Howell.

Grade 3-A: Sybil Roberson, Elizabeth Parker, Mary L. Manning, Bina Jackson, Bettie Hoard, Mary C. Godwin, Susie Griffin, Mary A. Cherry, Edith Andrews, Haywood Rogers, Daisy Peeks, Garland Wynne, S. C. Griffin.

Grade 3-B: None.

Grade 4-A: Nancy Biggs, Nina Bland, Doris Bullock, Marjorie G. Dunn, Emma Lou Daniel, Katherine Manning, Mary G. Osborne, Estler Rawls, Arthur Anderson, Jesse Johnson, Stuart Critcher, R. J. Hardison, Warren Jones, Jerry Manning, Warren Pope, Raymond Rawls, Joseph Thigpen, Jimmie Watts.

Grade 4-B: None.

Grade 5-A: Bill Ballard, Jerry Clark, Gordon Manning, Bernice Cowen, Delsie Goddard, Sallie G. Gurkin, Rachel Keel, Louise Melson, Eleanor Taylor, Martha R. Ward, Virgil Ward, Susie Whiteley.

Grade 5-B: Doris Andrews, Zula Mae Bonds, Ellen M. Coburn.

Grade 6-A: Reg Manning, James Mendenhall, Kital Sumara, John Ward Grace Barnhill, Alma Godwin, Thelma Griffin, Nora Grimes, Ida T. Walters, Bernice Ward.

Grade 6-B: Eustace Jones.

Grade 7-A: E. G. Wynn, Velma Bennett, Melrose Bonds, Frances Cherry, Janie Gurganus, Wyoma Jackson, Addie Lee Meador, Surretha Peaks, Helen Shaw, Lois Taylor, Donnie M. Tetterton, Dollie M. Wheeler.

Grade 7-B: Eloise Cook.

Grade 8: Marie Griffin, Ben Manning.

Grade 9: Alta Critcher, Eula Green, Grace Manning.

Grade 10: Jessie Mae Anderson, Roger Critcher, Nell Harrison.

Grade 11: Jennie Green Taylor, Russell Taylor Roebuck.

CAR JUMPS FILL AND TURNS OVER

Bruce Whitley and Thomas Crawford Barely Miss Drowning

Bruce Whitley and W. Thomas Crawford miraculously escaped serious injury and drowning about 2 o'clock yesterday morning when their car, a Chevrolet coupe, ran off the Roanoke River fill, near the Conine bridge, and turned bottom side up in about three feet of water. Neither of the two boys was hurt, but they were agreed that the muddy waters were plenty cold. After 10 minutes in the water, the boys finally forced one of the doors open and crawled out of the overturned car and started the four-mile walk with their clothes dripping and a strong, cold wind whistling by them.

Whitley, driver of the car, maintains that the steering gear locked and that the car went off the dam in a pair of seconds. Crawford was sleeping at the time, but he awoke quickly when he was thrown head-first into the water. With their car on the bottom, the boys righted themselves and had just enough room between the top of the water and the floorboards to hold their heads. Their capers were like unto those characteristic of a lark in shallow water, and it was a long time before they crawled out, Whitley declared.

ATTENDANCE ON LOCAL SCHOOLS IS AT LOW LEVEL

Influenza, Mumps and Hog-killings Responsible for Small Attendance

Attendance upon the local schools reached a new low level during the fourth month, according to a report released yesterday by Principal William R. Watson. During the period attendance figures dropped to 89 per cent of the enrollment, the school man said. A percentage attendance of 93 was reported for the first month of the term, the percentage dropping 3 points during the past month alone.

An even lower attendance figure is expected during this, the fifth month, Mr. Watson said. Last Friday, there were 124 children out of school, the principal stating that influenza, mumps and hog killings were the main causes for the large number of absences. Yesterday 99 children failed to report for work. In one or two rooms the attendance was as low as 60 per cent of normal. In the grammar grades there was only 81 per cent of normal attendance.

The influenza epidemic has about spent itself, but mumps are holding a goodly number of children at home, Mr. Watson said. And then hog-killings are keeping many of the rural children away from school, he added. There are 729 names on the rolls, 563 in the primary and grammar grades and 166 in the high school.

SCHOOL NEWS OF OAK CITY

Children Observe Law and Order Day with Program There Last Friday

Pass Resolutions

Anxious after the cause of education for the children of this county and state, parents and teachers in Oak City recently prepared and forwarded the resolutions to Representative J. C. Smith for consideration at a public meeting on education in Raleigh:

"1. That the teacher load of the teachers shall not be increased, as they have more than they can carry now if they execute their duties assigned.

"2. That salaries of state officials whose salary exceed \$1,000 receive a cut and let some of the servants whose meager sum does not even exceed \$900 remain fixed.

"3. That teachers remain as a professional group, recognizing them as a professional group and not as mere servants that get and take the knicks of every official in the state.

"4. That taxes should be levied on products where money is and can be found, rather than going to the land, where true valuation is below par.

"5. That every teacher have representatives in the Legislature to represent them in every issue that comes up concerning education of children in North Carolina.

"6. That North Carolina strive to educate its children rather than build roads, endow judges, provide social life for its legislators and hoard money.

"7. That every supervisor be eliminated and the funds put in schools, where they are needed.

"8. That the future North Carolinian, the child now, be the cultural center, rather than let him be a rudderless creature bound to founder in a sea of plenty.

"9. That every one contrast the salaries between the superior court judge and the public school teacher; annual salary of a judge is \$8,000; the annual salary of the school teacher under the present standard for the six-months term is \$720. Both offices are of great importance to this commonwealth, but which has the more direct influence upon the citizenship of tomorrow, the judge, who charges adults, places fines, and names degree of punishment, or the teacher, who trains minds and lives for future citizenship? Results: Correction and punishment of criminals again training students in order that criminal institutions may be abolished.

Law and Order Day

On Friday, January 27, 1933, the pupils of Oak City school met in the auditorium for the observance of Law and Order Day.

After the chapel program, each teacher in the school, during some period of the day, taught a lesson on alcoholism and narcotics.—Lena C. Allisbrook.

Parent-Teacher Meeting

The parent-teacher association met Tuesday night, January 24. The song book committee reported that the books had been ordered and were expected to be here soon. It was decided that the radio question would be dropped for the present. A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions to be sent to Mr. Smith, Martin County's representative in the legislature. After the business meeting

Young Man Crushed To Death by Tractor

REGION CREDIT CORPORATION IS MAKING LOANS

N. K. Harrison and William Carstarphen Receiving Loan Applications

Arrangements for floating Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation loans in this county have been completed, and applications will be received at any time, it was learned from L. B. McDaniel, supervisor for the corporation in this and Edgecombe County. Messrs. N. K. Harrison and W. H. Carstarphen were appointed by Mr. McDaniel to fill in the application blanks, and Messrs. S. C. Griffin, C. D. Carstarphen and W. C. Manning were designated as loan committee. Farmers wishing to apply for loans will see Messrs. W. H. Carstarphen and Norman Harrison and they will explain the details.

The corporation lends as much as \$10,000 and \$15,000 to the individual farmer to assist him in his crop production. The corporation requires a crop lien and additional security, usually a chattel mortgage or a sound endorsement, and in some cases land mortgages. This type of loan is for large-scale farmers who have security other than the expected crop.

It is emphatically pointed out that the regional corporation is a separate and distinct lending agency from the seed and feed loan group. Plans for advancing money to small-scale farmers under the seed and feed loan act have not been completed. The Department of Agriculture handles the seed and feed loans while the others are handled from the regional office in Raleigh. The seed and feed loans are made to the farmers who are unable to secure credit elsewhere and require no security except a lien on all the crops produced.

Very few loans will be asked of the regional credit corporation in this county, it is believed, but around 1,000 will apply for aid under the seed and feed loan act, it is expected.

TEACHERS MEET HERE SATURDAY

Will Hold a Third Meeting In School Building Here On February 11th

Holding their second meeting in as many weeks, Martin County teachers of the southern group discussed individual differences and deficiencies and their remedies here last Saturday morning. A larger attendance was present for the meeting last Saturday than was the case for the assembly a week before, the number of influenza cases having been materially decreased among the various faculty members.

A third group meeting will be held here Saturday morning, February 11. The program followed last Saturday:

1. How to Discover Individual Differences; Miss Emily Smithwick, of Jamesville; Miss Lucille Allen and Mr. W. R. Watson, of Williamston.

2. Adequate Provision for Individual Interest; Miss Marina Roberson, Farm Life; Mrs. W. K. Parker, Williamston; Miss Rosely Satterwhite, Jamesville.

3. Evidences of Deficiencies, Diagnostic and Remedial Work; Mrs. Harrell Everett and Mrs. C. B. Hassell, of Williamston; Mr. C. B. Martin, of Bear Grass.

4. Standard Tests (Intelligence and Achievement) As a Means of Determining Individual Differences and Their Causes in Reading; Miss Carrie Lee Roberson, Bear Grass; Mrs. Ethel Roberson, Williamston.

5. The Informal Test As a Means of Determining Individual Differences and Their Causes in Reading Abilities; Mrs. Ben Lilley, Bear Grass; Miss Martha Leggett, Woolards; Miss Ora Finch, Williamston.

Silver Tea at the Home of Mrs. N. C. Green Thursday

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church is holding a silver tea at the home of Mrs. N. C. Green on Academy Street Thursday afternoon from 3:30 to 6:00 o'clock, it was announced by a member of the group this morning. The public is cordially invited to attend.

FUNERAL FOR HARRY BOWEN HELD SUNDAY

Was Operating a Tractor On Farm Near Here Last Friday

Funeral services for Harry Bowen, 20-year-old adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bowen, were conducted from the home on West Main Street here last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Elder B. S. Cowin. A large number of relatives and friends gathered for the last rites and to pay a tribute to the memory of the young man, who was instantly killed when a farm tractor fell on him last Friday afternoon.

Interment was in the Bowen burial plot near the old home in Bear Grass Township.

Young Bowen was operating a tractor with a harrow attached, preparing land for spring plantings on the Bowen farm several miles from here. The machine got stuck in a soft spot in the field, and in his first attempt to drive it out the front wheels were raised from the ground. Archie Mizelle, assisting Bowen in the work, warned against another attempt to drive the tractor from the spot by its own power. They disconnected the harrow and Bowen again started to drive the tractor from the spot. In a second's time the front wheels were off the ground, the machine turning over and crushing the boy's chest. He died instantly. Before young Mizelle could summon help, hot cylinder oil dropped on Bowen and burned his face and the body was pushed into the earth by the heavy machine. Special apparatus was required by the several neighbors who rushed to the scene to remove the tractor from the spot.

News of the untimely and sudden death of the young man was received here as a decided shock.

Besides his foster-parents, his wife and two young children survive.

NO SEED LOANS YET AVAILABLE

Expect Application Blanks Here Some Time Within Next Week or Two

Although a goodly number of farmers have already tried to float loans with the government under the seed and feed loan act, no applications have been received so far. Application blanks have not arrived here as yet, and it is believed that none will be received within the next week or two. No one has been designated by the government to assist the filling in of the blanks, but it is understood that the same committee will examine the loan applications. Messrs. S. Claude Griffin, W. C. Manning, and C. D. Carstarphen served on the committee last season.

Just as soon as the blanks are received by County Agent T. B. Brandon and some one is designated to fill them in, announcement will be made in this paper. Farmers desiring to borrow money from the government will do the agent and others connected with arranging the loans a favor by waiting until the details are arranged before applying for loans.

Farm Life 4-H Club Held Regular Meeting Friday

The 4-H club of Farm Life School met in the auditorium Friday, January 27, 1933, at 10:30 a. m. The club meeting opened with club songs and the pledge repeated in unison. The pledge was the first page of the record books for 1933. All members started work on the record books. It was found through estimating that the 34 club members wore clothing valued at \$209.49, an average for each girl of \$6.16. Clothing inventory blanks were given to each girl that each girl might determine her clothing needs for 1933. The girls received expense account blanks which they will keep for a two-months period. This will help them know the cost of clothing, school tablets, pencils, books, and movies.—Club reporter.

Local High School Boys Play Ahooskie Five Today

The local high school boys' basketball team is scheduled to play its first game of the season with Ahooskie's quint in the Hertford town tonight. Coached by Professor Green, the team has the promise of a successful season. Cooke, Hopkins, Rose, Bowen and Cowen will probably start the game for the locals.