

### History Of Barbed Wire Shows Slick Dealings In Southwest

PORT ARTHUR, Tex. (U.P.)—The story of barbed wire, an innovation which did much to shape the destiny of the great southwest, has been detailed by the Port Arthur News.

Until John W. Gates first demonstrated the invention's usefulness by stringing a barbed wire corral in a San Antonio plaza in the latter part of the last century, the southwest region was almost entirely free of fences.

Gates worked as a slaeman for the inventor of the new-fangled wire, Isaac Elwood of Illinois, for a salary-plus commission.

After he sold the railroad on the idea of fencing right-of-ways to keep the cattle off, orders began to pour into the Illinois firm, both from cattlemen and railroads.

They poured in so fast, in fact that the inventor began to figure on some way to get around paying his salesman a commission. Elwood proposed a higher salary without the commission; Gates in turn proposed to take a cash settlement and get

### State Studies Fish Who Perfer Hardware

MADISON, Wis. (U.P.)—The Wisconsin conservation department is looking for a fish psychiatrist.

This vacation state needs someone who can figure out why it's fish are so temperamental about the bait they'll bite on.

The department stocked one 40-acre northern lake with 23,000 rainbow trout and confidentially awaited a substantial "fish harvest" this year. So far the fish haven't been biting and the department's experts are stumped.

They analyzed the stomachs of rainbows and found that the fish live on a rather steady diet of plankton and larger bugs. They figured that fishermen who use flies for bait should be reeling in the rainbows. But the fly fishermen aren't.

The most successful lure is a gadget called the "hardware." It's a string of assorted hardware, including 10 spinners, with a gob of worms on the end. The department's experts have no idea why the rainbows like it.

Bass in other lakes are temperamental too. They seem to like a new red and white plug with a spinner at each end. It's catching bass where other baits that make a similar commotion fail. But, sighed the experts, the bass may be demanding something else next week.

### Scotland Neck Adopts Budget; Tax Rate Same

Scotland Neck—The town of Scotland Neck adopted a tentative budget with a tax rate of \$1.50, the same as during the past fiscal year, at a recent meeting of the Town Board.

Approval of an increase in salaries for all town employees to meet living costs and a discussion on providing a fire truck to protect homes outside of the town limits were also on the agenda in the Board's regular session.

The Scotland Neck tax levy for 1948-1949 is calculated to raise \$30,000. Licenses taxes anticipate \$1,500; police fees, \$300; auto tags, \$300; ABC profit, \$6,000; intangible taxes, \$1,000; beer taxes, \$1,500; interest on bonds, \$125; and discounts on bills, \$50.

Net profits from the light utilities are estimated at \$16,377.24 while the water department would operate at a loss of \$2,071.24 leaving a net additional revenue of \$14,306. Balances on hand at the beginning of the year, which has been assigned but not spent, total \$22,845.61, making a total estimated revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949 of \$77,926.61.

Expenditures are estimated at general government, \$3,846.95; police department, \$5,909; street department, \$9,063.35; fire department, \$2,266.50; debt service, \$14,537.73; contingent fund in reserve, \$3,572.19; and capital outlay, \$38,730.61.

### Many Events Crowd Next Month In N.C.

Raleigh.—Air transportation is indicated, but a fast automobile will make the highlights of the crowded full-summer schedule of events in North Carolina during August.

Asheville opens the activities with the annual Men's Golf Tournament starting the 2nd and running for a week.

Five hundred miles away, on the 4th little Hatteras will celebrate with a double-barreled celebration of the 157th anniversary of the U. S. Coast Guard and the formal opening of the first stretch of paved highway on the Banks. The Coast Guard will put on a full dress show; Banks villages, Avon, Rodanthe, Buxton, will furnish local celebrations.

Opening on the 5th. (through 7th), the 21st. Annual Folk and Mountain Music Festival, Bascom Lamar Lunsford directing, sets the stage for a week of mountain events. Blowing Rock's mammoth annual horse shows are on the 6th and 7th, immediately followed by the Grandfather Orphanage Home Day when visiting opera and other stars stage a benefit for the school.

### Lots On River Bottom Foreclosed For Taxes

BEATRICE Neb. (U. P.)—One is likely to find almost anything in the crop of tax foreclosure suits which have been going through the district court here.

Last year the town of Liberty was surprised when its town hall wound up on the foreclosure list.

The most recent discoveries in the Blue River. Four others barely miss being there; portions of them are on a tiny island in the river.

Taxes on the lots have not been paid since the 1880s.

North Carolina's per capita cash farm income increased from \$181 in 1941 to \$550 in 1946 but still compared poorly with \$1,005 for the United States as a whole.

### Revival Starts At Pentecostal Church

A series of revival services will begin Sunday, August 1, at the Pentecostal Church of God, 64 Washington street, it was announced today. Rev. Fred Headley will be the guest speaker. The public is invited.

Yugoslavia plans compulsory prearmy training in schools.

TOO EFFICIENT  
Rock Island, Ill.—Firemen were a little too efficient recently to suit the Dalkoff Iron and Metal Company. The firm was burning an old automobile and a passerby, seeing the fire, turned in an alarm. The firemen had extinguished the blaze before company officials could tell them they wanted to burn the car.

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### Marathon Racer Finds Match In Running Down Straying Cows

READING, Mass. (U.P.)—Clarence DeMar is hailed as "Old Mas Marathon" because he is a perennial competitor and seven-time winner of the famed Boston A. A. road race. He finally has found a way to put his endurance racing to use—catching cows.

DeMar has a suburban farm here and owns two cows. Deciding to take a vacation he found a farmer willing to take care of his livestock. The only catch was that DeMar must deliver the cows to a Wilmington farm.

DeMar captured the cows and set off down a highway on foot with the pair in tow. An automobile roared past and one cow snapped its chain and set off across the countryside. DeMar lit out and effected a capture.

A short distance along the road, a car came past and the cow galloped off. Twice more it happened and finally traffic on the road became so tangled with cows and DeMar that police escorted the safari to Wilmington.

**Watch Your Speed**  
One-third of the nation's traffic fatalities occur on the open highways, says the Accident Prevention Department Association of Casualty and Surety Companies in a special July warning to summer vacationists. Take heed—watch your speed. Don't make this vacation your last one.

The summer stage in North Carolina is going full blast throughout August. THE LOST COLONY, Wednesday through Sunday nights at Fort Raleigh, has special performances scheduled each week, including Home Demonstration Club, Ruritan National, and the highlighted Virginia Dare Birthday celebrations on, respectively, the 6th, 13th and 19th. At Burnsville, the WCUNC Summer Art School shows two plays each week, and at Hendersonville the Land of Sky Theatrical School puts on three shows each week in the high school auditorium. In like vein, the 95th annual Batts Creek Camp Meeting starts on the 15th, the 49th Annual Falcon Meeting on the 19th, and the annual Week of Preaching at Lake Junaluska on the 23rd.

On the coast, fishing is the order of the day and night, with two full-prized contests for the best fish caught, the SENCBA Fishing Rodeo in the Wilmington-Southport areas, and the Sportfishing Roundup in the middle coast Morehead City-Beaufort territory, where two Banks pony penning round-ups are scheduled for the 2nd and 10th.

While Border and Eastern tobacco markets are opening, state firemen will put on a full-dress show at their convention in Fayetteville, 9 through 12; the Kneepants Boys' Baseball League All-Star Game at Dunn is on the 10th. Mocksville's age-old and full-fledged community Masonic Picnic is on the 12th. Cary resumes its intriguing Gourd Festival on the 18th and 19th; and Southern Pines gets North Carolina's amateur softballers together in an elimination tournament starting on the 20th.

### State To Ask For Butner Area

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has asked for a 20,000 acre tract of the Camp Butner area which has been declared surplus by the War department, to be used for wildlife conservation purposes, according to Executive Director Clyde P. Patton.

Hinging on final action by federal authorities, the Commission has approved a \$5,000 budget for management of the Butner area. Tentative plans call for employment of a full-time refuge protector and development of the area for a number of wildlife projects.

The Camp Butner area is especially adapted to wild turkeys, and a substantial turkey population already exists in the area. Deer stocked on the area several years ago by the State form the nucleus of a deer herd to be managed by the Commission's game specialists.

The Wildlife Resources Commission is considering plans to develop water impoundments in the Butner tract for public fishing. Special emphasis will be placed on rabbits and quail, with the possibility of using parts of the area to demonstrate small game management.

Present plans call for using the Camp Butner area primarily as a demonstration and distribution area for farm and forest game.

Under the provisions of the Burke bill, passed by the 80th Congress, lands declared surplus by the War Department may be made available without cost to states for wildlife conservation purposes.

### Baby Kissing Elevated To Exact Science

REVERE, Mass. (U.P.)—Mayor Peter J. Jordan doesn't go around kissing babies but he gets the vote.

Each time a child is born to parents of this seaside city, Jordan sends a special congratulatory card with a suitable message to the parents.

Jordan, aided by his executive secretary, Joseph Cotazze, keeps track of the new arrivals through births recorded at the city clerk's office.

## ROANOKE RAPIDS THEATRES

PROGRAM WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 1948

### PEOPLES

Sunday - Monday  
**FREDRIC MARCH - ANN BLYTH**  
**Another Part of the Forest**  
Added: LATEST NEWS

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday  
**CLARK GABLE - LANA TURNER**  
**HOMECOMING**  
Added: COLOR CARTOON

Friday - Saturday  
**Humphrey Bogart - Edward G. Robinson**  
**Lauren Bacall**  
**KEY LARGO**  
Added: LATEST NEWS

### IMPERIAL

Sunday  
**JAMES CAGNEY - PAT O'BRIEN**  
**THE FIGHTING 69th**  
Added: Selected Short Subjects

Monday - Tuesday  
**MERLE OBERON - ROBERT RYAN**  
**BERLIN EXPRESS**  
Added: LATEST NEWS

Wednesday  
**JANET MARTIN - WILLIAM WRIGHT**  
**KING OF THE GAMBLERS**  
Added: Selected Short Subjects

Thursday - Friday  
**Preston Foster - Mary Stuart**  
**THUNDERHOOF**  
Added: LATEST NEWS

Saturday  
**EDDIE DEAN**  
**WESTWARD TRAIL**  
Added: Dangers of the Canadian Mounted

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