

Currituck Sound Is Menaced By the Inflow of Salt Water

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The bureau of fisheries of the department of commerce has made a report on the "increased salinity of the waters of Currituck sound" and "its bearing on the fishery there." Fishermen are alarmed lest the salt water "destroy their means of livelihood. A substantial rise means the saltness of that body of water is the saltness of the sea, and the mean the departure of all the water from the sound would remain controlled without any great amount of fresh water running into it from creeks and rivers."

The probable effect of increased salinity of the waters of Currituck sound is that a certain concentration would be caused by the departure from the sound of the fresh water species of fish that now make up the bulk of the commercial fisheries of the sound, and very possibly also seriously and permanently damage the fishery for anadromous species," said he. "That the water of the sound during the winter of 1920 became relatively very salt—enough to be detrimental to the fisheries of the Knotts island, Water Lily, and Poplar Branch—is borne out by the statement of many men of a number of different interests. Responsible individuals of keen observation and long experience in practical and legislative fisheries have given it as their opinion that the water of Currituck sound must necessarily become saltier under these conditions and that therefore fisheries of Currituck sound will become steadily smaller and in a few years be ruined. Increased salinity will have an inimical effect on the gunning of the sound because of the change in the vegetation that must follow greater saltness. This opinion is that of the biological survey. The records of shipment of the several commercial species of fish of the sound for the past five years show that in 1919 there occurred a considerable decrease in the amount of the catch and shipment from the sound. This is especially true of the middle sound—from the Narrows to Knotts island where the sound in the first week of August was saltiest and where at all times it is probably saltiest, due to the banking up of the salt water in that vicinity after it has reached there through the dredged channel of the sound.

"Increased saltness of Currituck sound is due to an influx of salt water from Norfolk harbor through the Chesapeake and Albemarle canal over the seabank from the ocean. The latter inflow occurs irregularly and infrequently on the occasion of especially high storm tides. The Chesapeake and Albemarle canal, recently broadened and deepened with no locks and a capacity to carry a much larger quantity of water through it into the sound under certain weather conditions than formerly, is the chief and only constant factor in increasing the saltness of the sound. Strong northerly winds, especially predominant during the fishing season, October to April, bring a regular, and sometimes a continuous flow of salt water from the Chesapeake to the sound. Salt water thus entered and diffused does not leave the sound on a change of wind in the same concentration as it entered. The sound therefore retains a quantity of salt after each northerly blow.

"The salinity of the sound in the winter of 1920 may have been apparently increased by a deficient rainfall and increased evaporation from the sound. The meteorological records of the nearest weather recording stations show a considerable departure below normal precipitation, especially for the vicinity of Norfolk, the region which the creeks and rivers which feed Currituck sound should drain.

"The economic value of the fisheries and gunning of Currituck sound is of importance not only for Currituck county, the state of North Carolina, but also the nation at large, as such a productive body of water, especially for black bass, is rarely met with. The sound is indeed a natural resource which should be properly preserved. A body of water of such small size relatively speaking, which alone yields annually two million pounds of food fish, and at the same time serves as the largest and best stocked winter resort of wild water fowl in the eastern United States deserves, with no argumentation, adequate protection, legislatively or otherwise."

Mr. Barney recommends that "in the interests of the fisheries of Currituck sound as well as the inland waterway and its navigation, that some mechanical means of control of the flow of salt water through the canal into Currituck sound be installed in the canal."

It is suggested that a lock in the canal would remedy the condition.

Currituck sound is about 30 miles long and three miles wide. More than 500 people live by taking fish from its waters. The fish catch is worth about \$126,000 annually.

the state to serve its 25,000 members with up-to-date touring information, road maps, insurance at cost, and to promote good roads and fair laws. The association operates 32 automobiles and three sign-posting trucks.

Of the many odd requests for motor licenses received in Wisconsin, corresponding to street addresses, telephone numbers, age of the owner, etc., E. Tausend, of Madison, has specified his desire for license No. 1000 because it sounded like his name.

One of the principal subjects considered by the American Good Roads congress for its session in Chicago, February 9, is a proposal to use the billion dollars in funds now available for road building in 1921, as a partial remedy for unemployment conditions throughout the country.

Because an automobile plant in Detroit closed for a month a request was made by the idle employees for permission to use the factory to make cars for themselves and families. The workers agreed to pay for all raw material used and, in general, to return the plant in even better condition.

A campaign against mud splashing by automobiles is bringing good results in Paris. Motor cars supplied with anti-splash devices are ordered to drive past a long whitewashed board fence about six feet high along a stretch of exceptionally muddy road. It is found that the most successful prevention is a strip of rubber around the edge of the wheel.

NUMBER OF WEDDINGS IN NEW BERN SOCIETY

Miss Hart Is Honored At Nuptial Events

(Special to The Star)
NEW BERN, Jan. 22.—The wedding of Miss Mary Van Della Bray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bray, of Neuse Road, and one of the city's most popular young ladies, and Joe B. Mullineux, son of Mrs. Mollie B. Mullineux of this city, was solemnized Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride.

Mrs. Mullineux, who has been in the employ of the Hyman Supply company of this city, is recognized as a highly efficient business woman and is exceedingly popular, while Mr. Mullineux holds an important position here with Coplin and Son. He is also an active member of the local chamber of commerce, holding the position of auditor. They left for a tour of northern points.

Miss Kathleen Satterthwaite and Lyman Prior, both well known here, were quietly married Monday morning at the home of the bride on Griffith street. Mrs. Prior is the attractive daughter of L. M. Satterthwaite and is widely known in New Bern as a very accomplished young woman, while Mr. Prior is the proprietor of a cafe on Hancock street and has proved himself a very successful business man.

The marriage of Miss Minnie Lee Hart and Robert B. Williams, which will take place January 25 at "Rosemount," Suffolk, Va., has been the occasion for numerous social functions here in her honor. Mrs. Owen Haywood Gulon entertained at cards and a party in Miss Hart's honor recently at her home, numerous friends of the honoree being present at the delightful gathering. Her home was artistically decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. The hostess presented Miss Hart with a breakfast set, after the games were finished. The guests were Miss Minnie Lee Hart, honoree, Misses Mary Ward and Bess Hollister, Mesdames Stephen Fowler, T. G. Hyman, John G. Tucker, Henry Henderson, Charles T. Ward, R. L. Daniels, John Suter, Jr., and Thomas J. Marrines.

The Statue of Liberty was unveiled on Bedloe's Island, in New York harbor, October 23, 1886.

Maryland is forming a state motorcycle constabulary. The new organization will be trained by one of the "red coats" of the internationally famous Royal Northwestern Mounted Police of Canada.

With the passing of the horse-drawn vehicles and mud roads, and the growing popularity of the automobile and the modern highway, the range of travel has increased from 10 to 150 miles per day.

The Prince of Wales is rated as the most popular man in England, and because of the fact that he is marvelously quick at operating his automobile he is able to fill the numerous engagements of the day.

The New Castle-Laggon highway, connecting the prairie provinces of Canada and northern United States with the Lake Louise region, one of the picturesque regions of the Rockies, was recently opened to motorists.

Every police automobile in Cleveland, O., it is suggested, should be equipped with toxic gas grenades, used to prevent the escape of prisoners during the war with Germany, as a weapon in fight against banditry and crime in the city.

The California State Automobile association, incorporated September 2, 1907, is the second largest motoring organization in the world. With headquarters in San Francisco, the association maintains eight offices throughout



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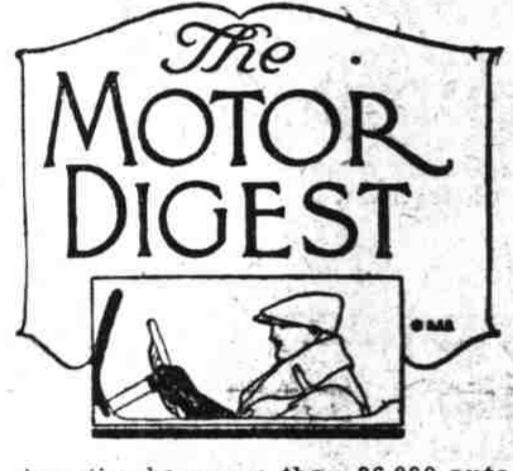
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Experiments are being made in Paris with a roadside gasoline tank and pump system.

The President of the United States never rides on the left hand side of his automobile.

Approximately 32,400,000 automobile tires were manufactured in the United States last year.

Automobile thieves drove off with 591 cars, valued at \$700,000, in Baltimore, Md., during 1920.

In Alaska a motor sledge, capable of a speed of over 30 miles an hour, is used on the snowy plains.

Motor trucks are fast replacing bullock carts and other primitive means of transportation in Calcutta, India.

Outside of New York city the only qualification in the state to operate an automobile is the age of 18 years.

A regular motor freight service is now operating between Danzig, Bromberg, Thorn, Warsaw and Cracow, in Poland.

A half hour's ride in a taxicab in Petrograd costs 2,000 rubles, which is equivalent of nearly \$1,000 in American money.

It is claimed that the modern motor truck has proved the greatest boon to civilization, and is as indispensable as the telephone.

Various states in the Union have

passed laws to prohibit the erection of advertising signs for commercial purposes along highways.

The average wholesale price of passenger automobiles produced in this country last year was \$897, motor trucks averaged \$1,273.

At the third "Salon del Automovil" recently held in Buenos Aires, S. A., no fewer than 42 makes of cars were on show in the automobile section.

In practically every city in the United States the fire department has at least one motorized engine and a chief's car, either publicly or privately owned.

Despite the increasing popularity of the automobile, horse stealing still occupies an important place in criminal records in the state of Pennsylvania.

Representatives of more than 70 national organizations are attending the national conference on highway traffic regulations at Washington, called to draw up a uniform code of laws.

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FEEL BETTER AFTER SHAVE AND MEAL



Lieut. L. A. Kloof
Lieut. Walter Hinton

Lieutenant L. A. Kloof, Jr., and Lt. ensign Walter Hinton, photographed a short time after their arrival at Mattice, Ontario, from Moose Factory. When the balloonists arrived at Mattice they were wearing several days' growth of beard. Their first command was for a razor. Their whiskers shaved off and justice done to a substantial hot meal, they declared themselves ready for whatever might come their way. Judging from the photo they are none the less down in spirit as the result of their hardships.

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