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CAM. MORRISON FAVORS HELP FOR FISH INDUSTRY

Out of Governor's Trip Over Sounds With State Fisheries Commission Board May Come Important Legislation.

Governor Cameron Morrison will send a special message to the next session of the General Assembly asking for an appropriation of \$50,000 for restocking the depleted oyster beds of Pamlico Sound and its estuaries. The North Carolina Fisheries Commission Board has invited Dr. H. F. Moore, U. S. Commissioner of Fisheries to meet with the Board at Wilmington, N. C. next Wednesday, April 12, to confer with the Board in regard to re-opening certain inlets on the North Carolina coast to make the inland waters of North Carolina more accessible to anadromous fish.

Plans are on foot to secure the propagation of fish for stocking the rivers, ponds and lakes of North Carolina and for better policing of the fish and oyster industry of Eastern North Carolina.

The foregoing are some of the things that came out of a meeting of the North Carolina Fisheries Commission Board last week on a cruise over the Sounds with Governor Morrison himself. To impress upon the Budget Committee of the General Assembly the reasonableness of appropriating certain sums for the advancement of the fish and oyster industry, Governor Morrison will invite the Budget Committee to go over the ground with him this summer and see what the Governor himself has seen.

Morrison Thoroughly Enthused

Stopping ashore at Morehead City Thursday afternoon after a three-day trip of inspection of the inland water fisheries of Eastern North Carolina, Governor Cameron Morrison told the State Fisheries Commission Board that he would back the commission in any practicable program for the restoration of North Carolina's fish and shellfish industry. And if it is humanly possible to get the waters of North Carolina to be established with fish and oysters Governor Morrison is for it.

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Governor Sees For Himself.

The Governor called the Fisheries Commission Board into conference in Raleigh and the result of that conference was that the Governor was invited to personally visit the Sounds and see for himself the problems confronting what should be North Carolina's greatest industry. That was the beginning of the Governor's education in the alarming decadence of one of our greatest natural resources.

Years ago before we thought to enact any fish or fisheries legislation, we permitted Virginia oystermen to come in boats to the inland waters of North Carolina and carry off our oysters to restock the oyster beds of Virginia. Our oyster industry was nearly destroyed at a time when North Carolina should have been leading the nation in oyster production.

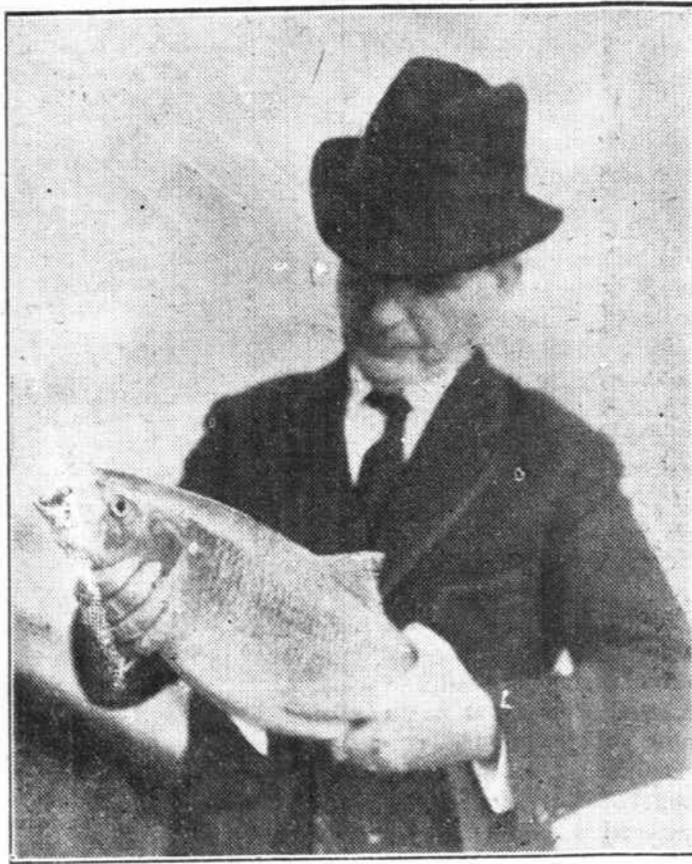
In the meantime immense seine fisheries on Albemarle Sound were taking millions of shad and herring that come to these waters to spawn. Miles and miles of nets were used in surrounding waters and schools of fish and taking them wholesale. The seine fisheries depleted the annual run of shad and herring and stood only when fishing with steam hauled seines became unprofitable.

Regulation Comes To Late.

Regulation of the fishing industry came too late to save it. When the work of regulation and conservation was begun by the Fisheries Commission Board other destructive agencies over which the commission had no control were already at work. The shifting sands of the Atlantic were closing the great inlets on the North Carolina coast, the gateways through which the shad and herring come into our inland waters from the ocean. One by one these inlets have closed until today there isn't an inlet north of Hatteras through which the shad and herring seeking an inland spawning ground can get to North Carolina waters.

And the few fish that do enter these waters and make their way to the great inland spawning grounds on Albemarle Sound are trapped at the spawning grounds by scores of fishermen operating with permits from a monstrous

The Governor Catches a Shad



IT was Governor Morrison's privilege last week to visit a pound net while it was being fished, near Roanoke Island. The Governor wasn't content to stay on board the Fisheries Commission yacht and see the fish taken; he crawled aboard, the shad boat and helped draw the catch. He had just lifted a five-pound roe shad from the net and was admiring the glistening beauty when The Independent's camera caught him.

WHAT MAKES A MAN.

By Rev. Geo. Studson DeLano for The Independent

It is not words that make the man; it is not pen or type which records the man among men. It is the man within the human machine; he speaks thru actions, writing, by the force of his power, the history of a soul. And that soul refines mankind by the force of its purity, the unselfishness of its purposes, the suffering it has to endure, the opposition of weaklings, the tenacity with which it holds to the God-given heritage of likeness to the Divine.

DRESS-UP WEEK NOT OVER WITH

That Ford Contest Stunt Will Hold The Boards Saturday.

Elizabeth City's first Dress-Up Week which was inaugurated here Tuesday night has been a notable success in many ways, tho its trade stimulating effect is yet to be appraised. It was a great idea if it accomplished nothing more than the cleaning up and decorating of Elizabeth City stores. Merchants vied with each other in dressing up their respective places of business and thousands of people turned out Tuesday night to see the blinds removed from show windows, revealing the merchants' displays. It was one grand opening.

There were many things to enliven the opening Tuesday night. The J. H. Ziegler Cornet Band furnished music for the crowds; the Elizabeth City Fire Co. co-operated by using its apparatus in a parade preceding the opening and the police did fine work in maintaining remarkably good order thruout the evening.

An expert judging of the many window displays gave the awards to H. C. Bright Co. for the most artistic window; Duff Piano Co. for the most original window and D. Walter Harris, the City Tailor, for the best direct selling window display. A living model from the Society Brand Clothes people demonstrated the latest things in men's apparel by trying them on in the Walter Harris show window. M. Leigh Sheep Co. the Woman's Wear Store, with one of the handsomest window displays ever made here, lost place among the prize winners because of the awkward design of the store's windows. McCabe & Grice, Rucker & Sheely Co. and Mitchell's Department Store were similarly handicapped.

Dress-Up Week exhibitions have given the public an idea of the extent of stock carried by Elizabeth City stores and of the progressiveness of Elizabeth City merchants.

Ford Contest Saturday.

Dress-Up Week will continue thru Saturday, and on that day cash prizes of ten dollars each will be awarded for the vehicle making the greatest distance to the celebration, the one bringing the largest number of people, and the one that is most dilapidated. Special prizes for Ford owners are offered by the Auto & Gas Engine Works, of this city, also on Saturday. They will comprise a \$15 Superior lock steering wheel, to be given to the purchaser of the newest Ford from the company here; a \$10 automobile tire to be awarded to the owner of the oldest Ford; and a \$5 spotlight or auto horn for the Ford that comes the greatest distance. All vehicles must be parked in the vacant lot at the rear of the First & Citizens National Bank between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and the awards will be made at the latter hour.

WAR DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A HEARING

Will Consider Elizabeth City's Demand For Closing Water Street Bridge.

A Public Hearing will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Assembly Room, at Elizabeth City, at 1 p. m., Friday, April 14, 1922, for the purpose of considering the request of the Corporation of Elizabeth City, N. C., for approval of plans to construct a fixed bridge across Pointexter Creek, on Water Street, within the corporate limits of Elizabeth City, N. C., to replace the draw bridge now located at that point.

All persons interested in the above matter are invited to be present or represented at the hearing at the time and place designated.

As all of the papers in the case are to be laid before the Secretary of War for action, it is desired, for accuracy of record, that all important facts, and all arguments, either for or against the approval of the application, be submitted in writing and in triplicate. Oral evidence will, however, be heard.

BEGINS TO LOOK LIKE BUSINESS

City Employs Consulting Engineers In Municipal Ownership Problem

The first definite step toward municipal ownership of electric lights, water and sewerage in Elizabeth City was taken by the Board of Aldermen Wednesday afternoon in the employment of the J. B. McCrary Engineering Corporation, of Atlanta, Ga.

The Aldermen have engaged the McCrary Co. to make an appraisal of the existing privately owned light, water and sewerage properties; to make an estimate of the cost of making necessary repairs, improvements, alterations and extensions of the present properties to meet the city's requirements; and to submit a separate estimate of the cost of constructing new electric light and power, water and sewerage plants outright.

The appraisal and estimates will be made within the next few weeks and a definite offer will be made the owners of the existing companies. If the proposed offer is refused, then it is the intention of the special committee on municipal ownership to advise the construction of new properties and to bond the city for the amount the construction of a new plant will cost. No special election or act of the Legislature will be required to bond the town for lights, water and sewerage.

The J. B. McCrary Engineering Corp. is an Atlanta, Ga. firm of consulting engineers and contractors. It is one of the largest and most reputable concerns in the South.

GOATS STILL AT LARGE.

A large and highly scented flock of goats continues to roam at large on the public roads near Weeksville since Stock Law went in effect and the owner is said to have indicated that he doesn't purpose to keep them off the roads. This newspaper is informed that the goats are the property of Dr. H. B. Davis, of Weeksville, a member of the Pasquotank Board of Health.

HERE'S GREAT NEWS FOR THE MOTORIST

Proposed Edenton-Mackeys Ferry To Nearly Bridge Albemarle Sound

When T. B. Hayman of Elizabeth City puts his auto freight and passenger ferry on between Edenton and Mackeys on or about April 15, hundreds of people in the counties of Washington, Beaufort, Tyrrell and Hyde may be expected to motor to Elizabeth City. The proposed ferry should do more to bridge Albemarle Sound and cement the relations of the counties bordering immediately on both sides of the Sound than the railroad has done.

Hundreds of people in Tyrrell, Washington, Beaufort and Hyde Counties now do business in Elizabeth City, but they can't get here in their cars without making an almost impossible detour of more than a hundred miles thru the counties of Gates, Hertford and Bertie. Thousands in Elizabeth City would like to motor to Hyde County this summer and see the wonders of that isolated county, including the great New Holland drainage project. Hayman's Ferry will solve the problem for all these motorists.

Mr. Hayman has converted the steamer, Chadwick, originally built for general cargo service for the U. S. Coast Guard. The Chadwick is 65 feet long, 19 feet wide and four feet draft. She is equipped with a 60 H. P. oil burning engine and can make the trip from Edenton to Mackeys, including the time consumed in making landings, in one hour. She will carry four automobiles besides freight and passengers. By adding sponsors to the Chadwick Mr. Hayman expects to provide accommodations for eight cars at a trip. He contemplates a schedule of two round trips daily and is also considering making a side trip daily to Avoca, Bertie county, which point is only seven miles or so from Mackeys.

SHORT 152 DWELLINGS.

There were 3,841 families and 3,689 dwellings in Pasquotank according to the last official census. In other words Pasquotank county needs 152 new dwellings to provide a home for every family in the county.

DECLINES CHARLOTTE OFFER.

Rev. Geo. F. Hill, Rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City, has declined the superintendency of the Thompson Orphanage, Episcopal, at Charlotte.

One Reason Why the Shad is Disappearing



HERE is a Saunders snapshot photo of the Laboratory of the U. S. Government Fish Hatchery at Edenton, N. C. It costs the government upwards of \$12,000 a year to operate the fish hatchery. It is supposed to propagate shad; it actually hatches out the eggs of less than a thousand shad in a season and destroys the natural spawning of untold thousands of shad in its operations. The hatchery also propagates some bass and perch. Bass and perch are taken from native waters and kept in ponds for breeding purposes. The fish bred from our native stock are shipped to other parts of the country.

BE SLOW TO PAY NEW SEWER RATE

Board of Aldermen Note Appeal From Corporation Commission Order

Patrons of the Elizabeth City Sewerage Co. who have received bills for the quarter beginning Apr. 1, 1922 and ending June 30, 1922, should hold up the payment of such bills pending the settlement of the question of rates. The State Corporation Commission has granted the Elizabeth City Sewerage Co. authority to charge all sewer connections in this city a rate of \$1.50 a month, an advance of 50 cents a month over the last quarter's rate. The Sewerage Co. has billed its patrons accordingly.

But the Board of Aldermen of Elizabeth City has filed notice of an appeal from the order of the Corporation Commission and intends to carry the matter up to the Supreme Court of the State. If the Courts set aside the Corporation Commission order, these patrons of the Sewerage Co. who pay for the present quarter at the \$1.50 a month will be out of pocket just \$1.50 for this quarter. A good plan to pursue would be to give the Sewerage Co. your check for \$3.00 for the present quarter pending the settlement of the matter.

EDGAR CHADWICK DIES IN BUFFALO

Capt. Edgar Chadwick, 54 years old, died in the U. S. Marine Hospital at Buffalo, N. Y., at 11:25 p. m. Wednesday night, April 5, following an illness of several weeks. Capt. Chadwick was Superintendent of the Seventh District U. S. Coast Guard, with office at Elizabeth City from the summer of 1915 to September 1920 when he was transferred to the Tenth District of the Coast Guard, with offices at Buffalo.

Edgar Chadwick was born at Manro, Roanoke Island, Nov. 4, 1868. He entered the Coast Guard when a young man and worked himself up in the service, rising first to Keeper of Little Island station, thence to Virginia Beach, thence to the superintendency of the Eighth District, which latter post he filled until transferred to Elizabeth City to succeed the late P. H. Morgan in 1918.

Capt. Chadwick was one of the most lovable men in the Coast Guard service and news of his death came as a shock to Elizabeth City people. He is survived by a wife and four children. Arrangements for the funeral and interment had not been disclosed when this newspaper went to press.

Miffin Holton, young whit farmer of near Bridgeton, has been missing since Saturday, when he drove to New Bern. Mrs. Holton and friends of the young man are completely at a loss for any explanation of his disappearance.

TWO WOMEN TOO MANY IN ONE HOUSE FOR HIM

R. C. Lowry Left Home But Came Back When Blood Hounds Were Sent For

After his neighbors had searched the woods and dragged the creeks for his body for twenty-four hours, Robert C. Lowry, Jr., a Salem township farmer, showed up in his home early Sunday morning. Mr. Lowry stormed out of his home about 10 o'clock Friday night after a quarrel with his wife. His parting words were, "I'm done!" It was believed that he had left home with suicidal intentions and fifty or more of his neighbors scoured the neighborhood for him Saturday and Saturday night, but found no trace. Saturday night the neighbors put in a phone call to Suffolk, Va. for bloodhounds and the hounds were expected Sunday morning. Mr. Lowry showed up ahead of the hounds, slipping into the kitchen of his home about sunrise Sunday morning. It is believed that he had been in hiding in a tenant house on his farm and knew what was going on.

Mr. Lowry is 36 years old, has been married about 15 years and has two children. His domestic troubles are common talk in the neighborhood where he lives, growing out of the incompatibility of his wife and sister living in the same house.

CHEAP LENSES

There are no bargain days nor substitutes for good eye glasses. Cheaper materials can be substituted for almost anything except a correctly fitted lens. "Cheap" lenses oftentimes cause trouble of a more serious nature than the defects they are supposed to correct. Only people who have been trained to recognize defects of vision and to know how to make a proper correction are capable of advising on such an important subject as lenses. Avoid trouble by consulting reliable professional people and taking their advice.

DR. J. D. HATHAWAY
Optometrist
Bradford Bldg. Elizabeth City, N. C.

MR. TULLY WILSON LET THE BEST CATCH GET AWAY

With Three Men In Jail Threatening To Expose Big Moonshine Organization He Let's Them Go On Small Cash Bonds

MORRISON WILL BE CITY'S GUEST

Governor Will Bring Notable Party To Elizabeth City in July

Elizabeth City is going to entertain Governor Morrison, members of his Council of State and the Budget Committee of the N. C. General Assembly some time in July. Governor Morrison promises to take the Budget Committee and several members of his staff over the North Carolina Sounds this summer to show them just what North Carolina needs for the betterment of its fish and oyster industry.

The Governor has told W. O. Saunders that he would be glad to assemble his party at Elizabeth City for the cruise, the party to be met here by the Fisheries Commission yacht Atlantic. The Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Merchants' Association have formally invited Governor Morrison and party to spend a day in Elizabeth City and get acquainted with the cleanest and best town in the state. Elizabeth City wants just such an opportunity to entertain the Governor and give expression to the city's appreciation of the Governor's interest in the development of this section of the state.

The Budget Committee of the General Assembly is composed of Hon. R. A. Doughton, of Sparta; R. S. McCoin, of Henderson; L. R. Varner, of Lumberton; W. N. Everett, of Rockingham and R. A. Dewar, of Murphy. They are real wheel horses in the General Assembly and upon their friendliness and good will depends the fate of most appropriation measures. A visit from this committee might well be worth more to a town than a dozen conventions.

LAWYER FLAYS PASTOR IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Walter Cohoon Says He Will Not Be Subdued by the Lash of Orthodoxy

Declaring that he did not purpose to submit to the lash of orthodoxy being held over him by a narrow gauge theological pismire, or something like that, Walter L. Cohoon paid his respects to the pastor, Rev. Henry K. Williams, of First Baptist Church, in his talk to the Aeme Bible Class of the First Baptist Sunday School last Sunday. Mr. Cohoon's arraignment of his pastor has caused much talk about town. It seems that Mr. Cohoon's methods of conducting the largest class in the Sunday School are objectionable to the pastor and Parson Williams voiced some of his objections when Mr. Cohoon invited Dr. John Saliba to address his class on the subject of "Judiasm's Debt to Babylon." That was too much for "hid-and-all" pastor and he up and said he didn't like it and wanted to reply to Dr. Saliba. Thereupon Mr. Cohoon girded himself and paid his respects to the pastor. And the teacher may have the best of it in any row that may follow, as it is generally known that Mr. Williams doesn't set well with his congregation anyway.

DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT MEETINGS TO-MORROW

Democratic Voters Urged To Meet At Their Respective Precincts at 2 P. M.

At a meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee held in Raleigh Thursday, March 9th, a resolution was unanimously adopted by the committee that the Democratic voters of the various precincts of the State be called to meet at their various voting places at 2 o'clock on Saturday, April 8th, for the purpose of electing a precinct or ward executive committee composed of five voters of the ward or precinct, and delegates to the County Convention.

The County Convention is called to meet in the Court House of Pasquotank County on Saturday, April 15th, at 11 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention and to transact any other business that may come before the Convention. At this time the newly elected chairman of the precinct or ward committees will meet immediately after the County Convention is adjourned and elect the chairman of the County Executive Committee for the next two years and also a secretary.

Put a shingle on the roof of THE INDEPENDENT'S new building. Renew your subscription.

R. A. Kohloss, Federal Prohibition Commissioner of North Carolina came to Elizabeth City this week and departed an angry man. Upon information which he gleaned from the news columns of THE INDEPENDENT two weeks ago Mr. Kohloss came in person to Elizabeth City hoping to get to the bottom of one of the most important illicit whiskey operations yet uncovered by his men in this section. But when Mr. Kohloss got to Elizabeth City he found that U. S. Commissioner Tully Wilson had released the very birds he wanted and probably thereby circumvented a rounding up of a wealthy gang of moonshiners.

Several weeks ago revenue officers found the most elaborate distillery ever seen in this state, about to be erected in the basement of an old house on Church Island. The outfit is said to have been worth over \$3,000. Three men engaged in the erection of the still were arrested and brought to Elizabeth City to await the investigation of a Federal grand jury. The men gave their names as Walter Jones, Chas. McDonald and William Wilson, all of Norfolk, Va. They claimed to be simply mechanics in need of work who had sold their labor to wealthy men in Norfolk to erect the still on Church Island. The men talked freely in jail and threatened to expose the men higher up who were backing this illicit venture, if the men higher up didn't furnish bail.

Walter Jones, the oldest of the party was released by U. S. Commissioner Wilson under a cash bond of \$300, which was \$200 less than his bond had been fixed at a preliminary hearing following the arrest. The money for Jones' bond came from Norfolk, Va. and that very fact should have aroused the suspicion of an alert official. But the only thing that seemed to arouse Commissioner Wilson was the sight of \$300 cash money.

This newspaper published the fact of Jones' release under a \$300 bond and also published the information that McDonald and Wilson, the two men left in jail, were threatening to turn state's evidence if the owners of the still did not put up bonds for them too. This was what brought Commissioner Kohloss all the way from Salisbury to Elizabeth City. Mr. Kohloss was shrewd enough to appreciate the possibility of holding McDonald and Wilson to secure the evidence necessary to land the Virginians who are financing moonshine operations in North Carolina. But when Mr. Kohloss got to Elizabeth City Monday morning he found that Commissioner Wilson had also let McDonald and Wilson go, each under bonds of \$250. Kohloss groaned audibly and swore inwardly.

Commissioner Kohloss hurried from Elizabeth City to Norfolk Monday afternoon after having wired the Prohibition Commissioner of Virginia to meet him in the Virginia City. He hopes to yet locate Jones, McDonald and Wilson and have them re-arrested and returned to Elizabeth City. He is convinced that the government may have lost a big find in the release of the three men.

But Commissioner Wilson thought he had done a big week's work when he hauled in \$800 in cash for bonds. The attorney for the men under bond is W. L. Cohoon and the bond money was paid thru him.

ELIZABETH CITY GIRLS SHY AT KICKERS

But One Who Has Dared Says They Will All Come To It Another Season

Many Elizabeth City women looked longingly at a display of kickers at M. Leigh Sheep Company's woman's wear store this week, but none had the heart to buy. Mr. Sheep received several suits on consignment from a well known New York tailor, but sent them back after making only a half hearted showing. So far as is known only one Elizabeth City girl has developed the courage to add a suit of kickers to her wardrobe and she hasn't found the heart to make a public appearance in them as yet. Miss Lula White, head of the ladies' suit department of M. Leigh Sheep Co. is the possessor of the one suit. Miss White is sure that women generally will take favorably to kickers as soon as the public recovers from the first rude shock and she expects to have lots of company before the summer is over. Miss White says many Elizabeth City women will take their first suit of kickers with them on their vacations to the mountains and seashore this summer and will get accustomed to their new habits away from the kickers and comments of unappreciative neighbors. Another season they will wear them openly among their neighbors. (Don't put a ludicrous construction upon the foregoing sentence.)