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## PROPOSES STATE PARK OF OUR ENTIRE COAST

**Capt. M. P. Hite of Elizabeth City Thinks State Should Acquire Title to Strand from Virginia to Bogue Inlet**

What do you think of the idea of making a State Park of the whole North Carolina coast from the Virginia State line on the North to Bogue Inlet on the South? It's a big idea conceived by an Elizabeth City man who knows the Coast and dreads the day when the whole coast line will be in private hands and the common people can not see it upon it without the permission of a private owner.

Capt. M. P. Hite, superintendent of government construction work in the Seventh U. S. C. G. District, has not yet returned from his recent trip to the Virginia State line to see that great strand between its Sounds and the Ocean for the recreational needs of the people. Because of its transportation facilities this unique coast line is present more or less isolated and is not in demand. But it will be a question of a few years when the possibilities will be seen to be very rich and it is not unreasonable to fear that the whole coast will pass into private hands if it is not made accessible by facilities in speed-outs and facilities.

Where that day comes to a Carolinian may hurt from the beaches of this coast. In its waters, bath in its surf or camp on its sands without paying toll to private owners. Vast tracts will be sold to the public altogether. Now the time, thinks Capt. Hite, for Virginia to make a great State Park of the entire Coast, a stretch of 175 miles from Virginia Bogue Inlet, with an average width of about a mile. Capt. Hite would like to build for posterity a broad foundation, taking title in 50 or 75 years. The State would begin acquiring title at such intervals as to be in force wherever practicable but, in the main, would buy the land from owners subject to the life estate of the present owner and his heirs and prospective children. The great bulk of the land has almost been sold and Capt. Hite thinks that with any effective efforts this land could easily be secured at the present owner's death at no cost. In some cases if a nominal value, of \$1,000 per acre, were offered the present owner he would immediately sell the title, which would pass title in perpetuity for this consideration, others would pass title on death, while still others would pass title when their children attained majority.

In a question amounts to around 20,000 acres, hence a value of \$1,000 per acre as an average—would amount to only \$20,000,000 and if the land were expended at the rate of \$100,000 per year the whole park could be acquired without the community feeling it. If the matter were put on a community or service basis through speaking and newspaper campaigns very little money would be required to secure title to the entire area.

Capt. Hite says he would make no land and fast restrictions as to use. "I would have a board lease lands to all comers for all purposes, even for grazing, etc., but would insist on short terms of 1 to 5 years on leases. I would encourage the building of summer houses and grants for this purpose based on merely nominal figures and at larger terms. On anything that I raised recreational use and value. I would have most interesting terms and considerations."

Writing to a friend, Capt. Hite thought about what is in his mind in an entertaining and enlightening way. He said:

"Do you realize that you cannot even walk on the Ocean Beach at the point between the Delaware and Chesapeake without permission? In other words in all that space a single man can tell you to stay away from the beach and ocean and the law will back him up. Do you care to see the same thing happen down here? Do you care to walk by the old beach at any time and for any old reason to order you away? Do you want to see all the sea beach of Virginia pass into the hands of a few Northern land holders who will use their own pleasure as to whether or not you can walk along the beach? See the gradual encroachments of the Northern gimmers with their magnificent clubs and armed guards but a sufficient indication of what conditions will be on the beach in a few decades, when your children may want a cottage at the only house on the place with a dirt floor.—Hertford Herald.

and twenty years more will likely see some form of flyer as common as the Ford of today. In that day the sounds will be no bar and the beaches will be as close to you as the Fair Grounds are now. When that day comes will you hear your children say, 'Let's run over to our cottage on the beach' or will they say 'The beach is fine, but they won't let you go near the ocean any more?'

"If the whole North Carolina Beach is a state park the state can lease little home sites all along it. The state can keep the whole beach free from fences and armed guards. It can give every man his share of the beach and ocean when our state has even ten times the population it has today and 'Nags Head' is like Asbury Park or Atlantic City. Let the state now declare the whole beach a public park and take title when it can. Let all the people own these beaches instead of a few Northerners with their armed guards."

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## IS PROHIBITION TO BLAME FOR DIABETES?

Statement That Diabetes Is on the Increase Borne Out By Local Facts

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Dr. Fearing does not profess to be prepared to say whether prohibition is responsible for the increase of diabetes, but he is convinced that the increase is alarming and that over-consumption of sweets is the cause of it. There are no French pastry shops in Elizabeth City, but Coca Cola and other sweet drinks supply the same amount of sugar for those who have the craving.

**ELIZABETH CITY MAYOR BACK FROM PLYMOUTH ROCK**

Mayor W. Ben Goodwin returned Sunday night from Boston, where he attended the Biennial National Convention of the Red Men of America. Mayor Goodwin was accompanied by Mrs. Goodwin who stopped in Salisbury, Md., to spend a few days before returning home.

A. C. Garrett of this city was at Boston also, as one of the five representatives of the North Carolina Red Men. While away the party visited Cambridge University and other points of interest near Boston, including Plymouth Rock, where the Pilgrims landed in 1620. The Red Men erected a handsome monument to Massachusetts, the friendly Chief of the Massachusetts Indians.

**WILD CAT KILLS CHICKENS**

Last Friday night a monster wild cat raided the prize winning flock of Brown Leghorn chickens on Greenhall Poultry Farm, in Chowan county, and before the cat could be killed had destroyed 13 of the best of the flock. Greenhall Poultry Farm is owned by Newby & White of Hertford, and has grown to be of considerable importance as an industry, and is still growing. The cat under his entrance by digging under the wall of the building, this one being the only house on the place with a dirt floor.—Hertford Herald.



HERE is a reduced facsimile of a map by Capt. M. P. Hite, of Elizabeth City, showing the location of a proposed State Park, bequeathing the beauty and recreational possibilities of this most delightful area to all posterity. What do you think of it?

## TWIDDY CASE UP THIS WEEK

Most Brutal and Cowardly Crime Ever Committed by a Local Policeman

Perhaps the most serious case on the docket of the Superior Court in session in Elizabeth City this week is the case of the State vs. George Twiddy, Ralph Cutrell, Linwood Cartwright, H. S. Seymour and Pete Sawyer, all charged with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. The prosecuting witness in the case is Davis Overton, a 16-year-old moron negro.

In the early morning of Sunday, April 2, 1922, Twiddy, who is a night policeman in Elizabeth City, organized a posse and went three miles or more into Pasquotank County to look for the negro boy, Davis Overton, who was wanted by the county authorities on a charge of vagrancy. Twiddy had no warrant for the boy and Sheriff Chas. Reid has stated that Twiddy had no authority to go in the county for the boy. But Twiddy has a thirst for negro blood.

Messes, Seymour, Cartwright and Cutrell, who accompanied Twiddy and helped him in the man-hunt are Camden County men and knew absolutely nothing about the negro they were hunting for. They just went along to help Twiddy, at Twiddy's request.

The negro boy was found in a shanty on the Parker farm on Body Road, several miles from town. It was hardly daylight when Twiddy dashed his prey. The boy, seeing five armed white men pursuing him, ran. As he ran he was shot by one of his party. A .32 calibre steel bullet penetrated the boy's back just below the twelfth rib, narrowly missed a kidney, traveled obliquely upward thru his liver and right lung and lodged behind a rib in his chest. Twiddy and his men left the boy to die and came back to town, saying nothing about the shooting. Four days later the boy was found weak, emaciated and exhausted from loss of blood in a ditch far from the road. He was taken to the Pasquotank Municipal Hospital and hovered between life and death for weeks. His recovery under the surgical care of Dr. John Saliba was nothing short of marvelous.

A more cowardly, brutal or un-called for crime was never committed by a police officer in the police history of Elizabeth City. For weeks Twiddy walked the streets without having a warrant being served upon him. Finally he and his alleged accomplices were lured into court, given a preliminary hearing and bound over to the Superior Court under bonds of \$50 each. The Board of Aldermen by whom Twiddy is employed as a policeman never did anything about the case at all and Twiddy remains on the police force with two man-killing to his credit.

Twiddy confidently expects to be acquitted by the Court this week, in which case the life of a negro within three miles of Twiddy will hardly be worth a pair of paper breeches in a rainstorm.

The refusal of Congress to buy the Dismal Swamp Canal for \$500,000 may result in closing the 22 miles of waterway connecting the Pasquotank River in North Carolina with the Elizabeth River in Virginia. It was claimed as operating at a loss when several months ago Government engineers recommended its purchase as a measure of justice, since the operation of a free canal parallel with it had virtually put it out of business.

## MAY CLOSE DISMAL SWAMP CANAL NOW

House Kills Bill to Buy Canal For \$500,000; May Result in Closing Waterway

The House killed the bill Saturday by a vote of 77 to 29, no Republican members voting for it. Congressman Ward made a determined stand for the passage of the bill. In his speech before the House Mr. Ward said:

"The Dismal Swamp Canal was here in the condition, serving this large area, representing what is now 28,000 population, with 315,000 acres of holdings, 30,000 acres in active cultivation. The Government saw fit to take over the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal and make it toll free, in furtherance of the great scheme of constructing an inland waterway from New England to the South. When this was done, shipping was diverted from the Dismal Swamp Canal to the extent that its income would not sustain it. It must go under, according to the report of your engineers. The people living in the territory thru which it runs, say if it goes under, our only opportunity of transportation is taken from us by an act of the Government."

Is it right that this should be done? Can the Government in justice to these people afford to do it?"

What is the situation in Congress as to the Dismal Swamp Canal following the rejection by the House of the Senate amendment providing for the purchase of this waterway by the Government?

The answer is that the fight for the project seems to be over this session, but that it may have a better chance at the next session than it did at this, when it really came much nearer being successful than would appear from the vote.

**DOESN'T HAPPEN TO BE OUR DR. CLAUDE KELLAM**

The Dr. B. C. Kellam held in Norfolk on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the death of a pretty 21-year-old telephone operator of Cape Charles, Va., is not the Dr. Claude Kellam formerly of Camden County, now of Norfolk, and well known in this city and section. The Dr. Kellam under arrest in Norfolk is not known here. He was arrested last Saturday morning following the death of the Cape Charles girl. He is accused of having performed an illegal operation resulting in the girl's death. A woman rooming housekeeper was indicted with him.

## INDICTED HERE ON CHARGE OF WHITE SLAVERY

**B. J. Ashley of Chowan Accused of Taking New York Man's Wife Away**

Charles Powell, a night watchman of Brooklyn, N. Y., lost his wife on June 16, 1922. He found her this week on a farm in Chowan County, living with another man. B. J. Ashley, the man with whom Mrs. Powell was living was indicted under the Mann White Slave Act by the U. S. Deputy Marshall J. W. Wilcox of this city and is now under a \$400 bond for his appearance in the Federal Court here on Oct. 12, 1922.

Ashley was given a preliminary hearing before the U. S. Commissioner at Elizabeth City Monday afternoon. Chas. Powell, the husband of the delinquent woman had been in Elizabeth City since Saturday unknown to his wife and her lover on a farm in Chowan County 39 miles away.

B. J. Ashley is a native of Chowan County, prominently connected in that county. He had been away from home for several years, part of which time he was in the Navy. He showed up in Chowan this summer with a little black-eyed, black-haired Irish woman of 28 years whom he introduced as his wife. They settled down to life on the farm of H. B. Goodwin, a relative of Ashley, near Edenton.

In meantime Chas. Powell, who claims he never saw Ashley until this week, was seeking his wife. The Powells lived in a rooming house in Brooklyn, N. Y. There Ashley met Mrs. Powell several weeks before their elopement and Powell didn't know anything about it. Months after the disappearance of his wife, Powell says he learned that she had been intimate with Ashley and had gone away with him. Some one had seen a wife from Ashley from Edenton, N. C. Powell sent photos of his wife and Ashley to Chief of Police Robertson, of Edenton, who identified them and notified Powell to come. Powell met Chief Robertson in Elizabeth City Saturday afternoon and a Federal warrant was procured for Ashley's arrest.

Powell is an Englishman, small, dark, nervous, neat of appearance. He was in the lobby of the Southern Hotel Monday when Deputy Marshall Wilcox walked in with Ashley and Mrs. Powell. Beholding his wife for the first time since her disappearance, Powell was noticeably agitated and secured control of himself with great difficulty. He lost control of himself again at the preliminary trial and when Ashley had testified that he took Mrs. Powell away because Powell was cruel to her, Powell walked over to him, shook a clenched fist in his face and said: "You lie, you dirty, contemptible cur!" He was seized by the Deputy Marshall and pushed out of the room.

Ashley and Mrs. Powell were escorted out of town by the Marshall, both fearful of a more serious demonstration from Powell.

B. J. Ashley is a man of apparently 35 years, tall, spare of build and has light hair and blue eyes. His bond was fixed at \$400 and H. G. Goodwin and Geo. S. Goodwin of Chowan stood surety for him.

## WHEN JACK MUNDEN SPAT A MOUTHFUL

There probably wouldn't have been anything to it, but Jack Munden stepped to the window and ejected a big mouthful of tobacco juice into the night air back of the Shrine Club. The whole mouthful landed square in the face of night policeman Ben Roughton who was snooping about in the darkness trying to see what went on in the rooms of a Shrine Club.

The next day warrants were issued for nine prominent Elizabeth City Shriners, charging them with gambling. The affairs was hushed up, so far as police court records show, but Officer Roughton hasn't gotten over that baptism of Jack Munden tobacco juice yet. Gambling is not permitted in the rooms of the Shrine Club and responsible Shriners say that the police are welcome to do all the spying they want to do. The Shriners have another rule now that members shall not spit tobacco juice out of the back windows of the club, an extra lot of cuspidors being provided in the card rooms for the likes of Jack Munden.

## PUTTING YOUNGER MEN IN CHARGE OF AFFAIRS



JAMES TAYLOR

YOUNG Taylor, just 25 years old, is the Democratic nominee for the office of Register of Deeds in Currituck County, where the nomination is equivalent to election. Currituck's next Register of Deeds is another result of the modern spirit that prompts voters to give the younger men a hand in the administration of government. The fast growing idea that the younger element have had better educational advantages and more efficient training to fit them for such work, against older heads of an earlier day, is no less apparent in the progressive county of Currituck than elsewhere. "It won't hurt to give the youngsters a chance," says Major E. Woodhouse, the venerable Currituck veteran to whom this newspaper is indebted for the above picture.

## WHIPPING THE DEVIL AROUND THE STUMP

No Waiting for Sand for Camden Ferry Road, When It Can Be Dug From Stinking Gut

Using sand at the rate of 600 tons a day, the Camden Ferry Road is getting in shape, according to G. E. McNatt, engineer in charge, and will probably be ready to concrete by Oct. 15. Already half the steel reinforcement for the road and a fourth of the concrete has arrived in Elizabeth City and is waiting to be unloaded.

Mr. McNatt states that 6,000 tons of sand will be used to lay the road bed from Stinking Gut to the bridge. The sand is brought down the river from the Dismal Swamp Canal, in a large carrying 300 tons. The sand is brought ashore on lighters and during the waits between loads sand is scooped from the bottom of the river to keep the trucks busy. It was accidentally discovered that several feet of sand lay in the bottom of Stinking Gut. Mr. McNatt is digging this sand out and has already placed about \$500 worth on the road without extra expense.

Using the sand from the bottom of the river has several advantages. It is saving several hundred dollars for sand, saving the time of the trucks and keeping them busy, as well as deepening Stinking Gut. Stinking Gut now boasts a depth of thirty feet, the greatest depth of any waterway in these parts.

## PERSONNEL OF COAST GUARD GETTING STEADY

No Enlistments in Seventh District This Year, Old Men Being Returned Home

The personnel of the Seventh Coast Guard District is settling down to normal. There have been no enlistments in the district to fill vacancies this year, but men from districts north of here have been transferred to the Seventh. All of these men were natives of the Seventh District. Old men remaining in the stations for some time add to the efficiency of the service. There have been few changes; the following have been brought back in the district since January first:

W. R. Toler, C. D. Toler, John L. Beacham, Duok-Filleher, Luther G. Hooper, A. C. Harris, John B. Gray, Emmet Evans, Fred O'Neal, W. H. Beacham, Theodore S. Midgett, Augustus M. Austin, Herbert L. Gard, and Baxter M. Jennett.

The following men have been appointed keepers of stations with the rating of Chief Boatswain's Mate: W. G. Etheridge, Station 171, Nags Head; W. H. Lewark, Station 173, Kill Devil, near Kitty Hawk; W. H. Barnett, Station 185, Hatteras Inlet. Their appointments were recently confirmed by the Navy Department.

G. G. Snow of Station 177 near Duck, and O. J. Gray of Station 181 near Little Kinnekeet have been appointed but no confirmed.

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## NEW BANK HERE DOING BUSINESS ON BIG SCALE

Two Hundred Representatives in As Many Counties To Handle Millions In Loans For Farmers

## REVIEWS PLANS FOR THE FAIR

Buxton White Tells Readers of This Newspaper More About the Big Fair

Buxton White, Secretary-Manager of the Albemarle District Fair for October 10 to 13 inclusive, reviews the plans for the Fair in an interesting interview given this newspaper. Mr. White says:

"Preparations for the Albemarle District Fair are in full swing and are going forward with great rapidity. The Fair Grounds is the scene of much activity daily, and the progress being made assures us that everything will be in readiness for the opening of the big gala week of the Albemarle Section.

"The new agricultural building which will mean a distinct addition to this and future fairs, is nearing completion—only the floor and roof remaining to be finished. This building will house the county exhibits, which are expected to make quite a feature of the agricultural side of this year's exhibition.

"As an incentive to general construction, rivalry in making an exposition of the agricultural, industrial and natural resources of Northeastern North Carolina, for the education of our own people, and an advertisement to the world, the association has offered liberal prizes for county exhibits. Special effort is being made to have every county in the district including Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Gates, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Dare send exhibits.

"Efforts along these lines have been meeting with most encouraging results and the indications are that at least eight of the ten counties will be represented at this year's Fair.

"The agricultural building will also house the exhibits of farm crops, fruits, vegetables, women's work, and school work. Another feature exhibit of this building will be that of the N. C. Experiment station of the State College, which will be of especial interest to all farmers desiring to increase crop production.

"The race track has been thoroughly worked over, graded and ditched, putting it in good condition for the large number of horses which are already on the grounds training for the big races. Ten or 12 more horses are expected to come in this week to begin intensive training. All stables have just undergone a thorough overhauling and all necessary repairs have been made.

"There is being added to the grandstand another set of steps for the use of colored patrons, and a special section in the stand proper is being set aside for their use. The exhibition hall under the grandstand will be used this year for commercial displays entirely, and the space in this building is rapidly being let to merchants, manufacturers and banks, whose booths will make a popular attraction to fair visitors.

"The crowded condition in the livestock building last year will be relieved this year by the construction of pens to take care of the swine exhibits outside of this building. The facilities for showing poultry are also being enlarged by extension of the poultry sheds.

"The fences all over the grounds are being repaired and the fence on the west side of the race track is being extended all the way down to the stables to keep the crowds back from the stretch.

"All the buildings, fences and other constructions are being given a new coat of whitewash, which when finished will give the entire plant a fresh pick and spun appearance for Fair Week.

"Adequate provisions are being made for water and sawdust to keep down the dust which usually is considerably annoying at big races.

"The season-ticket selling campaign in which the association is giving away two automobiles has gotten under way with a rush. New contestants are getting in the race every day, and early indications are that the sales will exceed all former expectations, and in themselves assure by far the largest attendance ever obtained by a fair in this section."

Elizabeth City is rapidly becoming the most widely advertised town in Virginia and North Carolina and is regarded as the financial stronghold of the two States by thousands who never heard of Elizabeth City until a few weeks ago, and all as the result of the extensive organization which is using the newspapers in its county and vicinity to tell about the Virginia-Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank at Elizabeth City with its millions to lend to farmers.

The Virginia-Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank, formerly a Norfolk situation was moved to Elizabeth City in June of this year. Norfolk never did much with the Joint-Stock Land Bank and Northeastern North Carolina needed it. The First Citizens National Bank group of this city quietly acquired the majority of the bank's stock and brought the bank to Elizabeth City.

With its capital of \$250,000, the Virginia-Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank is empowered to lend four million dollars to farmers on approved real estate. The bank had loaned only \$850,000 during its existence in Norfolk, leaving \$3,350,000 to be loaned here. Applications for loans have been filed with the bank here within the past three months, a number of which applications have already been approved.

Three government appraisers now working every day on the applications in hand and the more appraisers are to be put this week. It is hoped to have machinery of the bank so organized at an early date that loans may be approved and the money available to the borrower in thirty to sixty days.

The two and a half million dollars of applications now in hand are from every section of Virginia and North Carolina. The average application is for a loan of \$10,000. A maximum amount the bank may lend to any one individual is \$37,500 and there are many applications for maximum loans.

Only about 60 per cent of the applicants offer approved security and it may be several months yet before the bank will have loaned up to present resources. But that will be the end of lending, because the bank can get more money to lend any time by increasing its capital stock. It is authorized to lend the extent of fifteen times the amount of its capital, plus the cash; to get another four millions, lend, the bank only has to increase its stock by \$250,000, which is small matter of financing for a group in control.

**WASTE BASKET MAKES GOOD ICE BOX UNTIL EMPTY**

A fiber waste basket one of the kind that is watertight makes a nice chest when stuffed with newspapers. A five pound piece of fiber to keep 24 hours in such a waste basket stuffed with old newspapers, a certain professional man in Elizabeth City who discovered this fact, his his waste basket to keep his aspirin cool and was enjoying ice cream juice right out of his waste basket until the woman who closed up got in ahead of him one morning and emptied the basket. Now every body in the building is on him and he doesn't dare put ice in his waste basket any more.

**BLACKWELL MEMORIAL BAPTISTS TO BUJL**

The members of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church are looking ahead to new building plans which will include a special room for B. Y. P. meetings, Woman's Missionary Society meetings, in addition to several Sunday School class rooms. No definite time has yet been set for building, but the board of deacons and the members have expressed themselves as favoring such buildings as the present needs of the church may demand.