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MORE MONEY IN TIMBER THAN IN ANY OTHER CROP

Here's An Eye Opener For The Farmers of North Carolina, Thanks to Mr. Curran

The general potential wealth of North Carolina farms today is not in cotton, tobacco, potatoes, beans, or in poultry and pigs, but in those neglected and unappreciated acres commonly called woodlands, but properly designed as farm forests. Such is the amazing statement of H. M. Curran, farm forester of the N. C. Extension Service, the man who knows.

Mr. Curran has been making a survey of the farm forest resources in North Carolina for the past six months and the work he is doing is of immense importance to North Carolina farmers. Very few people know that there are twelve million acres of timber on North Carolina farms and that it is from these farm forests that the bulk of the timber supply for North Carolina mills comes. From these twelve million acres in 1919, \$25,000,000 worth of timber was marketed at a net return of about two dollars an acre to the owner.

The net return from these timbered acres on North Carolina farms is as well as five dollars or more an acre, which would put it above cotton, above tobacco—above anything else North Carolina farmers produce. It is Mr. Curran's business to set up the value of the timber resources on North Carolina farms.

Wrapped Up In Whiskers.

There has never been this man Curran's headquarters are in Elizabeth City but not a hundred people in the town know his business. He is a tall, slender, clear-eyed, energetic, serious fellow, intent on his business. In fact, he is all wrapped up in his job and in a set of villainous black whiskers. With the all-seeing eyes of a true scout acquired by twenty years experience in forestry in the States of Argentina, Brazil, the United States and Texas, and with his black whiskers, he has thrown a veil over the hearts of moonshiners in the woods and swamps of sixty Eastern North Carolina counties. The moonshiners are not acquainted with the forestry service and not understanding why a civilized man with black whiskers should be prowling through the swamps and woods day after day, and so Mr. Curran has been a mystery and a terror to the distillers of white whiskey. Moonshiners flee before his presence, often destroying their stills in their precipitate flight. He made an excursion to East Lake several weeks ago and threw a chill into that community from which it didn't recover for a fortnight— which explains the death of East Lake Cern on the Elizabeth City wet market of late.

Timber Co-Ops Next.

Mr. Curran is making a careful survey of the timber on North Carolina farms and is now ready to begin working with Farm Demonstration agents in showing the farmers how to make the most of the timber they own and how to conserve their woodlands so that the supply will not be exhausted. The next step will be to organize the farmer co-operatives making of their timber when Mr. Curran gets thru with his work he will know exactly how much timber he has on his farms, what it is worth and where there is a market for the wood. Owners of timbered land no longer be compelled to burn their timber and they will know where to find the best buyer for every piece of timber they own. Incidentally they will know how to grow more timber at a profit. The spread of this knowledge is expected to increase the value of timber on North Carolina farms from \$25,000,000 to double or treble that amount in the next few years.

So you get cold feet when you see the man with the eagle eyes and black whiskers prowling thru your woods? He is taking stock of your timber and working out ways and means for it to produce more money for you. This newspaper will tell you more about his work later.

Will Grow Same Trees of His Own

Mr. Curran has his headquarters in Elizabeth City because, after living elsewhere he thinks Elizabeth City is a most delightful place to live in. He is attracted to Elizabeth City because of its pecan trees. He has decided to start a pecan plantation and he says he has already where the pecan trees are as right here in the heart of the town. It is here that he expects to put in a

A Prize Winner In Recitation



MISS DOROTHY CHAPPELL
A CLEVER little Junior of the Elizabeth City High School this year, who added to her class honors the distinction of winning first prize in recitation, in competition with pupils from the high schools of New Bern, Washington and Greenville. The contest took place at Greenville last week. Miss Chappell recited "The Lost Word." She is the daughter of Geo. Chappell of this city. Zoeller photo.

APPOINTMENTS ARE IN ORDER

First Job of New Board is to Appoint Officials For The Next Two Years

The incoming Board of Aldermen will on their first meeting June 4, appoint the members of the Police Force, the School Board, the City Manager, the City Auditor, Attorney, Health Officer, and various other City Officials to serve or to be served by Elizabeth City for the next two years.

The question of appointing a school board is one of the most important to be considered, yet one which may not take up much time after all. It is hinted around that there will be more than one woman on the school board this time, but no one can tell what the Board of Aldermen will do, or won't do for that matter. At the present time Elizabeth City has a school board of 16 members, which is considered by the more progressive people as being entirely too unwieldy and out of joint. Under the new city charter, there is an opportunity to cut down the number to eight.

The present school board has four members from each ward in the city. They are as follows: First Ward, N. S. Leary, Dr. C. B. Williams, Dr. W. W. Sawyer and J. C. Sawyer; Sawyer, M. P. Gallon, and W. H. Jennings; Third Ward, W. L. Small, F. G. Jacobs, Dr. S. W. Gregory, and E. E. Thompson; Fourth Ward, E. F. Aydtlett, J. K. Wilson, Mrs. C. P. Brown and B. S. Sawyer. Mrs. C. P. Brown was appointed at the last regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen to fill the unexpired term of C. E. Kramer resigned.

Also the City Manager plan is often called a farce as conducted in Elizabeth City where the City Manager is invested with no authority other than is handed out at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, the Board will continue to elect a City Manager. The present salary of the City Manager is \$175 a month, but the Board can allow up to \$3,500 a year.

The City Manager is shown a little deference, for upon his recommendation will be appointed a City Auditor, Tax Collector, Chief of Police and Sanitary Inspector. The City Manager (Concluded on Page 6)

AN AVENUE OF PECAN TREES

Dr. John Saliba Harping on Two Strings of Trees for Newland Road.

An avenue of pecan trees to beautify the state highway leading into Elizabeth City from Newland Township which is to be extended along the banks of the Dismal Swamp Canal, is one of the latest ideas of the resourceful Dr. John Saliba, who says the civic clubs of this city—Womans, Kiwanis and Rotary—can finance such an avenue, that will be the pride of the section for only \$142 apiece for three years.

"For the 13 miles, not more than 3,000 trees would be required if planted 50 feet apart, 2,000 trees if planted 75 feet apart, and only 1,500 trees if planted 100 feet apart," says Dr. Saliba; "and starting with 1,500 trees, the cost will not exceed \$1,000, as good grafted stock can be bought for 75 cents apiece wholesale. Estimating that each year 500 trees could be planted, it will take only three years to accomplish the undertaking.

"I confess a lack of knowledge as to the cost of planting," continues the Doctor; "but I certainly believe our town and county authorities and citizens are possessed of sufficient public spirit and pride in whatever may benefit the section, to force them to help us in this project.

"The idea recently struck me so forcibly that on occasion, I brought the matter to the attention of Highway Commissioner Hart, with a view not only to obtain the Commission's permission to foster the project, but to inquire if it will lend us a helping hand in protecting, caring for, and maintaining the trees of the Avenue."

A monument to Progress.

"Such an avenue would be a perpetual monument to our civic progress," declares Dr. Saliba, "just as are the beautiful and majestic elms on Main street which are the pride of every citizen and admired by every visitor. That George Charles, many years ago had the vision, foresight, initiative, energy and generosity to plant these elms, has been and will continue to be of inestimable benefit to countless generations.

"What George Charles has done singly and individually to beautify our town and foster our joy and pride in it, we can do collectively and as a community. This unique and attractive avenue of pecan trees would mean a lot to our town, our county and our section. It will bear witness to the bounty and fertility of our soil; it will prove the excellency of our climate; and will draw visitors from everywhere to travel along the banks of the historic Dismal Swamp Canal, to motor thru the majestic pecan grove. There they could park their cars under the splendor of gracefully stretching branches, and children could romp to their hearts' content and gather the delicious nuts."

Speaks At Moyock Today



GENERAL SAMUEL B. ANSELL
GENERAL SAMUEL B. ANSELL, of Washington, D. C., a native of Currituck County, will deliver the address at the dedication of the new High School Building at Moyock Currituck County today, Friday, May 25. Many Elizabeth City people will attend the celebration of the Moyock High School dedication today.

THE ASPIRANTS 'DRAW STRAWS'

Thus Would Rumor Assign a Reason for Stevens' Appointment Friday Night

The appointment of C. W. Stevens to the Elizabeth City Public Utilities Commission has created a lot of comment and conjecture as to the validity of the action, and a lot of opposition in certain circles. A rumor that W. H. Jennette and C. W. Stevens, defeated candidates for Councilmen, drew straws to decide which one should take the job, seems to have come out of the air. Anyway, here are the facts as this newspaper understands them.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Monday, May 7, it was voted to cite the Elizabeth City Water Co. to appear before the Board on Friday, May 18, and show cause why an increase of 20 per cent in rates, granted during the war, should not be taken off. Upon motion the meeting was recessed, but not to convene again for any other purpose except at the call of the mayor.

However, on Friday night, May 18, four members of the Board of Aldermen met to hear from the Water Company. The members who met, are L. W. Anderson, and C. W. Stevens from the Second Ward; W. H. Jennette from the Third Ward; and E. M. Davis from the Fourth Ward. The latter three named, were defeated at the polls in the city election on Tuesday, May 15, and would have lost their seats at the stated meeting of the Board which takes place on June 4.

These four and no more of the Aldermen met. A phone call to Mayor Goodwin then in session at the Kiwanis meeting, failed to bring him forth. The four present, then proceeded to business after appointing L. W. Anderson chairman of the meeting.

Nobody seems to be able to say that anybody other than the Aldermen present brought up the arguments of the Water Company, but the Company was granted an extension of time until June 4. However, Martin B. Simpson, one of the attorneys for the Elizabeth City Light and Power and Water Companies was present at the meeting.

Upon motion of E. M. Davis, C. W. Stevens, was nominated to fill the place of P. C. Colson on the Elizabeth City Public Utilities Commission. And right then Mr. Stevens was elected to the position.

That the meeting was entirely in order, is maintained by those who held it. But some opposition has developed; and fanned perhaps by the rumor that Councilman Jennette and Stevens drew straws before the meeting to see which should have the office, an ardent public sentiment is questioning not only the moral right but the legality of Mr. Stevens' appointment to the office.

A city ordinance specifies that at every meeting of the Board, a quorum of five must be present before any business may be transacted. This seems to be the main legal aspect on which to hinge an argument.

The moral issue involved, is that the three defeated candidates, having been repudiated at the polls, were further disqualified to voice the sentiment of the people; that they were decidedly out of place in forcing the appointment of a man who had been repudiated; that there was no immediate need of appointing a man for an office that is not yet in existence and is prevented from functioning; that no opportunity was left the new members to appoint the man of their choice; and that the action created the risk of disrupting the Board and inviting discord among those who must work together for the next two years at least.

It is also said that a member of the board, who was not present at the meeting Friday night, anticipating the action that was taken, went to Alderman Anderson and protested, whereupon Alderman Anderson replied:

"I have been looking after my business for 20 years, and I guess I know what I am doing."

A SALE OF FROCKS

"Frocks for Every Summer Hour," is the way M. Leigh Sheep Co. "The Woman's Wear Store" heads a big announcement in this issue calling attention to a sale that will please women readers who are looking for bargains for warmer weather wear.

Good eyesight is inexpensive. See Dr. J. D. Hathaway, Ophthalmologist, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Don't neglect your eyes. See Dr. Hathaway. He knows.

Will He Get Boquets or Brickbats?



W. BEN GOODWIN
ELIZABETH CITY'S Mayor for the next two years will have both hands full, and some more thrown in. Mayor Goodwin was re-elected on May 15 to serve a second term. Elizabeth City in the next two years will spend nearly a million dollars for municipally owned public utility plants, and Mayor Goodwin will have the honor of heading the city administration thru what is called the most important period to date in the city's history. There will be a lot of money to spend, a lot of work to do and a lot of boquets or brickbats? Photo by Zoeller's Studio.

THIS NEWSPAPER TO GIVE AWAY \$2,000 IN PRIZES

Studebaker Touring Car, Piano, Victrola, and Watches To Go In Big Subscription Campaign Now Open.

THE RED MEN'S SILVER JUBILEE

Two Hundred Visiting Members of the Order Expected Here June 12.

HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN CASH COMMISSIONS

Two hundred members of the Improved Order of Red Men are expected to visit this city June 12 to 14 on the occasion of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the organization of the Great Council in Elizabeth City. At this celebration, to be known as the "Silver Jubilee," the visitors will be the guests of Pasquotank Tribe No. 8.

The meeting in June will be one of the biggest events the Red Men have yet planned for Elizabeth City. It will be a statewide event and speakers of distinction will be present. Delegates from practically all of the 75 tribes in North Carolina are expected.

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday night, June 12 at the high school where addresses and musical numbers will be provided. On Wednesday morning a business meeting will be held and at 12:30 a boat trip will start on the Pasquotank River, on which trip luncheon is to be served by the members of the Degree of Pocahontas. This trip will not be confined to visitors, but will be open to all members of Pasquotank Tribe who care to go.

A reception is planned for Wednesday night which is for the visitors and members of the local tribe and council. Thursday will end the business session, after which the "Raising up" of the new Chiefs will take place, and an auto trip for the visitors is planned for the afternoon.

The Jubilee will conclude with a spectacular torchlight procession about the city at night, and the capture of a "palatine" who will be tortured at the stake on the courthouse green for the entertainment of the public in time for the visitor to depart on the night train.

Of the 75 tribes of Red Men in North Carolina, Pasquotank Tribe No. 8, is one of the largest. It has 689 members and its sister order, the Degree of Pocahontas has 110 members. The Red Men were first introduced in this city in 1855, but the great Council of North Carolina was organized in 1808.

There are 20 Councils of the Degree of Pocahontas in the state, and a total of 1,500 members. The Red Men have 8,000 members in North Carolina. The order was first organized in this state about 45 years ago.

W. Ben Goodwin of this city holds the distinction of being Great Chief of Records for North Carolina. Mr. Goodwin is a Past Great Sachem. The other officers of the Great Council are: J. B. Lee, Great Sachem, Henderson; E. A. Emory, Great Senior Sagamore, Spray; E. H. Brain, Great Junior Sagamore, Goldsboro; John G. Carpenter, Great Prophet, Gastonia; and E. P. H. Strunk, Great Keeper of Wampum, Wilmington.

With this issue THE INDEPENDENT announces the opening of a mammoth subscription campaign in which prizes aggregating \$2,000, besides hundreds of dollars in cash commissions are to be given in a salesmanship campaign lasting only a few weeks. The prize winners will get a 1923 model Studebaker light six touring car; Starr Piano; a Victrola; and many excellent gold watches and gold watch bracelets, all of which are to be given absolutely free on the closing date of the campaign which is set for June 30th.

In all, over \$2,000 have been appropriated for the men and women who demonstrate the best salesmanship during the next few weeks in boosting the already large list of readers of THE INDEPENDENT.

No Red Tape

There will be no red tape connected with this drive; and all that is necessary for any one to win, is to get out among the residents of this section and get new and renewal subscriptions to THE INDEPENDENT. The candidate polling the largest number of votes during the campaign will be awarded the handsome Studebaker, while those running next in order will receive the other valuable prizes.

It is not necessary to be a resident of Elizabeth City, or a subscriber of this paper, in order to compete in this campaign. It is open alike to men and women, boys and girls of this entire section.

How To Enter

In order to become a participant in this mammoth drive one does not have to sign their life away. In fact, all that is necessary is to fill out the nomination coupon in the full page announcement of the second section of this issue and bring, mail, or send it to the campaign manager at THE INDEPENDENT office and full information and supplies will be promptly issued. Those who send in the coupons first will be the first to receive receipt books and supplies and be the first to get started.

Those who had rather talk it over before mailing in their reports are invited to call the Manager at Phone 284 and full details of the offer will be gladly explained.

Not A Money Making Scheme.

From the list of awards one can readily realize that this is not a catch penny, money making scheme on the part of THE INDEPENDENT, but the management is using this unique method of enlarging the number of readers instead of the time worn, slow process of hiring solicitors, and at the same time offering the residents of this section the money that would have to be paid outside professional solicitors, in valuable prizes and cash commissions.

It is evident to most anyone that but very little difficulty should be experienced in securing new and renewal subscriptions to such a popular paper at one dollar and a half a year, so there is no reason why anyone with ambition and pep should hesitate about entering. The rules of the drive are so arranged that everyone entering and making an active race will be rewarded. Even those who fail to win one of the prizes will be paid. Twenty-five per cent of all subscriptions collected by any candidate failing to win a prize will be given all active non-prize winners. This means that one dollar out of every four will be paid you if you fail to win one of the prizes.

Was ever a fairer offer made? It means that you enter with absolute sureness of getting paid for your work and at the same time gives you a chance at a wondrous \$105.00 automobile.

Early Entrants Have Best Chance.

The candidates who enter first have the very best opportunity of winning one of the main prizes, as many prospective subscribers will give their subscriptions to the very first ones who ask them. If you wish to give all of your friends an opportunity of subscribing through you, then you should lose no time, but clip the coupon and either bring or send it to

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NEW STATIONS FOR 7TH DIST.

Coast Guard Authorizes Two Structures of New and Improved Type

Two Coast Guard Stations, to cost approximately \$25,000 each, one for Bodie Island eight miles below Nags Head, and one for Little Island in Virginia, near Virginia Beach, may be built this summer, according to information reaching this newspaper. The buildings will be constructed on one of the latest plans, will be practically four stories high and entirely different from any stations now in the Seventh District.

The construction of the stations are expected to be advertised for about June 1, or July 1; and the contracts will probably be awarded July 20, and construction will begin in the latter part of August or September.

The new type of stations proposed for this district will have four floors, and will be built one foot above maximum high tide, on a concrete foundation resting on piles. The buildings will be about 30x10 feet, with a basement under the entire building; rooms and bath for the keeper, an office, mess room, living room and bath for the men on the first floor; a kitchen adjacent; five rooms on the second floor, and the third floor for storage purposes.

The new buildings will have four water tanks each, of 3,000 gallons capacity; two running water systems, one for bathing and one for drinking water; and will have electric light and sewerage systems. The walls will be of asbestos, and the usual watch-tower on top of the stations will be eliminated. A steel watch-tower, 28 feet high will be constructed separate from the building.

At Bodie Island a three-quarter-mile causeway across the beach connecting the station on the ocean side with landing on the sound side, will be thrown up of dirt, four feet above high tide. The causeway will be for the use of vehicles and pedestrians for at extreme high tides, the beach at Bodie Island is now almost impassable. Under this causeway, will be a series of culverts to allow the tide to ebb and flow.

The farmers have been getting poor prices but the market is reported to be stiffening. N. Howard Smith of the Carolina Potato Exchange quoted peas at \$3 a basket on Thursday, and expressed the belief that peas would bring better prices by the end of the week. However he urges farmers to pack carefully, and keep early stuff off the market. The early peas are tough and make a bad appearance on the stalls.

Brock & Scott Produce Co., report a better market than usual, and believe the troubles of farmers on the Eastern Shore of Virginia will bring more money to growers here. Lice have taken charge of some of the crops on the Eastern Shore and some of the farmers are plowing their peas up.

Pasquotank County farmers have been handicapped by a labor and a shortage of baskets, resulting from labor shortages. Many negro men have migrated north, and labor is scarce. And a big union meeting of negroes at this city has kept the women and children out of the fields for several days past.

LABOR SHORTAGE ACUTE; PEA MARKET STIFFENS

Dealers Predict Better Market Next Week if Good Peas Are Shipped

May pea shipments out of this city are gaining in volume and the growers here are in the height of the season. Nineteen cars, the largest shipment to date, were billed out of the city Wednesday. Some 80 or 90 cars in all have been shipped. A car holds about 500 baskets.

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CAMDEN ROAD ABOUT READY

Work Will Be Completed This Week and Road Will Be Opened June 4th.

With the arrival of material to push to completion the work of concreting the Camden Ferry Road, it looks as if the concrete work will be finished to a certainty before the end of the week. There was a total of only 300 feet remaining to be concreted Thursday morning, which is only about a day's work for the force on the job.

Ten days more will be required for the work to set up in, and the engineer expects to open the road to traffic on June 4. Work will continue on the road to Camden Courthouse, but this will not block traffic coming into Elizabeth City over the bridge, and Currituck and Camden folks will have nothing in the way of roads to stop them from getting the full benefit of Chautauqua week in Elizabeth City.

The road from the Robinson farm to Camden Courthouse is about 4,300 feet long. It will be laid with concrete slabs, nine feet wide. The work of grading will begin next week, and construction will require practically all summer, so that completion is not expected before the latter part of August.

After a critical illness of six days, Platt D. Walker, for twenty years Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court died at his home in Raleigh Tuesday.

WANT TO BUY young Angus Bull ready for service. Address LLOYD O'NEAL, Sea Gull, N. C. pm5-11

TALK OF INCREASING THE POLICE FORCE TO ALLOW EACH WARD TWO OFFICERS

There is much talk of plans afoot to get the police force of this city increased to eight men so as to allow two officers from each ward. At the present time, Elizabeth City has six policemen beside the Chief of Police.

The incoming Board of Aldermen do not as a whole, feel inclined toward increasing the size of the force, but rather to increase the monthly allowance in order to raise the standard of efficiency and to attract the better class of applicants for the job. It is the belief of Chief of Police Holmes that Elizabeth City can get along very well with its present number of officers. But Chief Holmes believes Elizabeth City can get a more efficient force, if the force is paid more money.

There was a petition before the Aldermen at the Meeting of May 7, asking for a raise of \$2 a month for the night police. But the motion was voted down. The Aldermen held

For your eyes' sake see Dr. J. D. Hathaway, Ophthalmologist, Bradford Bldg., Elizabeth City, N. C.