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BELIEVE GOV'T WILL RESTORE LOCKS IN CANAL

Adverse Report of District
Engineer Vigorously Assail-
ed in Washington

That the Government will restore the locks in the Albemarle & Chesapeake canal and thereby begin to undo the damage to the game interests of Currituck and Back Bay done by salt water and caused by the removal of the locks some years ago, is the belief of many who attended the appeal from the District Engineer's report, held in Washington Wednesday.

Capt. John A. Nelson, Fisheries Commissioner for North Carolina, was in Elizabeth City Thursday on his way home from the meeting, and declared that sense and sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of restoring the locks, and that he did not see how the Board of Army Engineers would fail to reverse the report of Col. Jewett District Engineer, who recommended some months ago against the restoration of the locks.

There was a large attendance, including Senators Swanson and Simmons, Governor McLean, of North Carolina; Representatives Deal and

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But this man Jones who is in his first year in Elizabeth City is a darn good sort. A man in dealing with modern youth has a real problem on his hands. To get a school spirit he has to approach the students thru various avenues. The approach can nearly always be made outside the school room better than in the school room. And so one finds this Prof. Jones doing a lot of work thru the campus, encouraging the boys and girls in their sports and giving them to understand that he is in sympathy with their athletic and other extracurricular activities.

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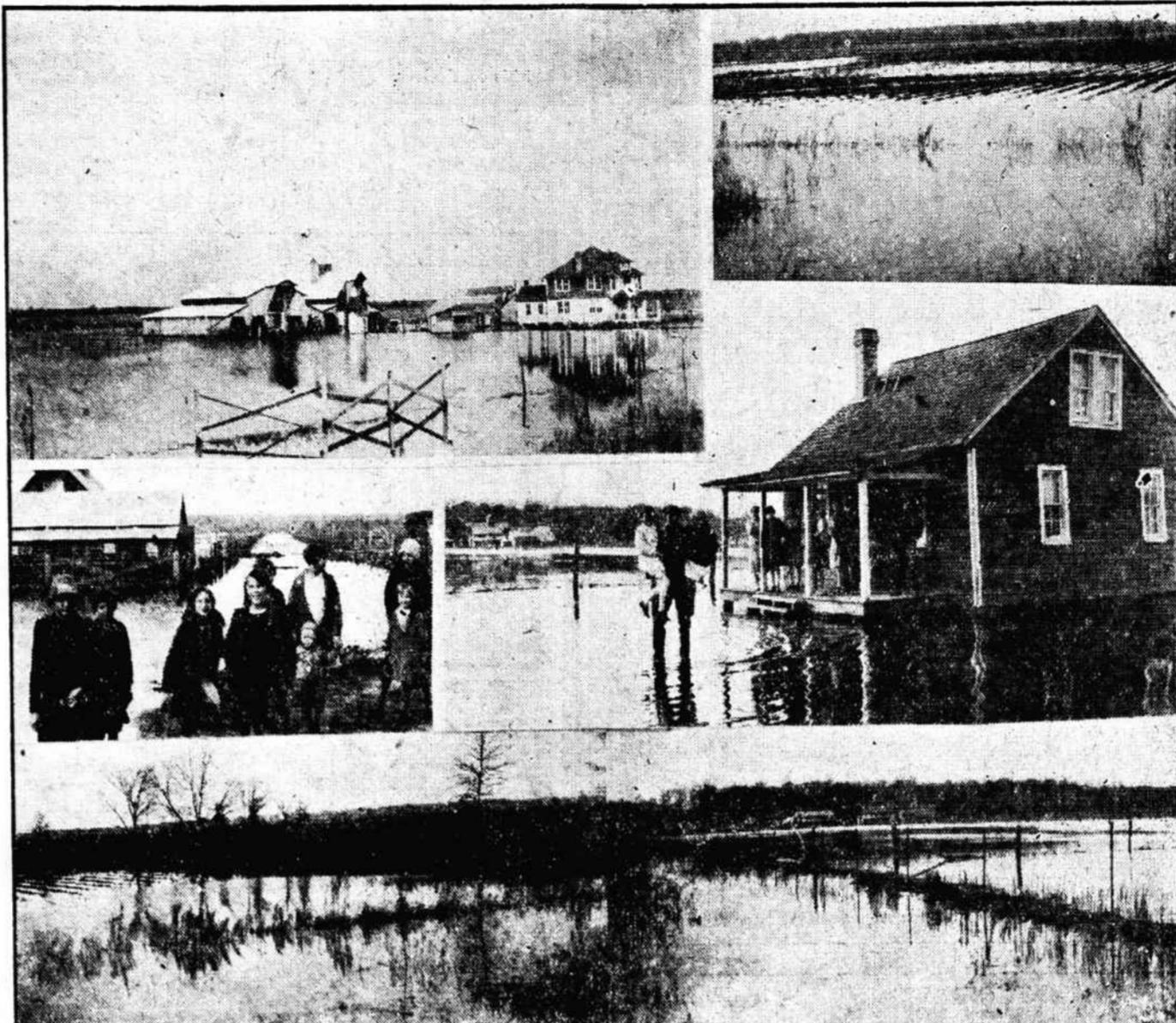
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Don't Forget
1 week to Christmas
to Christmas Seal
your Christmas Mail

Flood Scenes In Upper Pasquotank County Rival Mississippi Valley



HERE are some snapshots of the big flood in Pasquotank County, made last Sunday after the waters had subsided a foot. The pictures were made on Blackacre Farm, owned by Walter L. Cohoon of Elizabeth City, the father of drainage, who showed his faith in his works by investing upwards of \$50,000 in Tadmore dirt. Newland is up in arms this week, discussing the probable value of drainage, and some of its opponents say "a man gets about what is coming to him in this world." The upper picture shows the flood waters about the house and buildings on Blackacre, and the waters over the newly filled fields. Center left hand picture shows the county road through the Cohoon farm which looked then like a canal, while the right hand picture shows how the women folks and children got away from their houses in the Tadmore area. Bottom pictures are more waterscapes of Tadmore. Snapshots by Victor Meekins.

TADMORE LOOKS LIKE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Farms Flooded in Upper Pasquotank Drainage
District When Dam Breaks in Gates
County; Damage \$40,000 or More

Swept by flood waters that poured down in a mighty torrent from the great Dismal Swamp, upwards of 1,500 acres of the blacklands of Newland township were inundated, and a dozen or more farmers may sustain damage to crops, stock and property to the amount of \$40,000 last week, according to conservative estimates of farmers in the vicinity.

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cording to advices received here by relatives. Mr. Harrison who was a deputy sheriff at Rio Hondo, Texas was stabbed by the Mexican whom he was trying to arrest. He had recently written to his relatives that he was planning to come home to spend the Christmas holidays. He left home four years ago.

Beside his mother Mrs. William Harrison, he is survived by three brothers, Everett Harrison of Elizabeth City, William Harrison of Baltimore and Charles Harrison of Oklahoma City.

ELIZ. CITY BOY KILLED BY A MEXICAN BANDIT

Clude Harrison, a former Elizabeth City boy was killed in Texas this week, by a Mexican bandit.

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The BANK CLERK AND THE SODA JERKER

NO BIRTH CONTROL FOR THE SODA JERKER

"What's become of the Birth Control Movement in this country?" asked the Bank Clerk of the Soda Jerker.

"What you mean, birth control?" asked the Soda Jerker.

"I'm speaking of the movement that was pretty strong some years ago to make contraceptive knowledge available to all married couples, enabling them to control the size of their families and not have more children than they could provide for."

"Oh," said the Soda Jerker. "Why the drug stores put the Birth Control, societies out of business by beating them to it in the matter of supplying the needed information and the accessories."

"Doesn't the druggist's conscience trouble him?" asked the Bank Clerk.

"Not a bit," said the Soda Jerker. "Conscience soon ceases to be a bothersome piece of baggage in the life of a man who deals in the sale of drugs and patent medicines. For that man in the drug business soon loses all respect for and confidence in humanity when he sees what fools they are in pinning their faith in doctors and nostrums. If he didn't get their money, they would throw it to the first faker who came along and offered them a cure-all in a bottle."

"Are you in favor of birth control?" asked the Bank Clerk.

"I used to be, but I ain't any more," said the Soda Jerker. "You see it's like this: most of the mean, vicious, tyrannical, hateful, cruel and unbearable folks in this work get their start as spoiled babies. A baby comes into the world with no ideas whatever about it. It begins

MR. HESSLER WILL NOT BESOLD TOMORROW

Man Who Is Officially Dead, Objects to His
Widow and Orphans Selling Him Out of
House and Home in Currituck County

Out of Currituck this week comes a strange story that ranks with the weird tales of many soldiers who were missing in action in the World War.

Albert Hessler, a modest citizen of German birth who owns a farm and much other valuable property at Maple has just learned that he is dead, and he has no means of proving that he is alive.

Mr. Hessler was officially pronounced dead by officials of Baltimore, after a body had been found dead in a rooming house, and his own brother had identified the corpse and declared it was no other than the last mortal remains of the lamented brother Albert who had departed without ceremony from his wife and two daughters some six years before. Officials of Baltimore notified Mrs. Hessler and her two daughters at Bel Air, Maryland, and the corpse was ordered to be turned over to them for burial. And then the fun began.

The relatives of the supposedly late lamented Mr. Hessler, set about disposing of property which he was known to have owned in Currituck County. They retained a lawyer, and he in turn wrote to Attorney Geo. J. Spence of Elizabeth City, advising him to proceed with an action to sell all of Mr. Hessler's property in Currituck for division among his lawful heirs. Mr. Spence had never

HOWARD HARRIS SPILLS BEANS ON BEN ROUGHTON

Ben Roughton, police officer, has been wanting to get written up a long time so here goes. Roughton has been complaining that the new policemen's uniforms won't stand rough wear and tear. He likes the uniforms otherwise, because they make the officers look handsomer and wiser, and even all Walter Wood's girls, who frequent Main Street, cast their eyes across the street to see a policeman nowadays.

Ben is sure the uniforms won't stand rough wear. But officer Howard Harris comes along and punches holes thru his argument. "I have tried to tell Ben," says Officer Harris, "that if he would keep out of the bushes and briars, his uniform would have a better appearance. The cloth is all right, but it is just wasn't built for bushes and briars."

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Elizabeth City's domestic consumers of electric light current supplied by the city are paying 12 cents per K. W. for current that other towns of the transmission lines of the Virginia Electric & Power Co are paying 8 1/2 cents for.

Small consumers of electricity for power are paying as high as six cents for the same current that other towns are paying 3 1/2 cents for.

It is a fact that electric current supplied to homes and business houses by the Virginia Electric & Power Co. in towns where that company controls the distribution and sale of current is much cheaper than in Elizabeth City where the town buys the current from the superior power company and sells it to the citizens.

This newspaper publishes here with the retail light and power schedules of the Virginia Electric & Power Co. and the city of Elizabeth City from which the reader can make his own deductions. The power company's rates are as follows:

RATE	Per Kilowatt-hour
First 100 kilowatt-hours	\$0.085
Next 150 kilowatt-hours	0.06
Next 450 kilowatt-hours	0.045
Next 1,800 kilowatt-hours	0.035
Next 7,000 kilowatt-hours	0.03
Next 20,000 kilowatt-hours	0.025
Excess over 20,000 kilowatt-hours	0.0225

The city's rate for light current is subject to discounts, but the discounts do not begin to bring the electric light bill down to anything like the rate at which consumers buy direct from the power company. Based upon a rate of 12c per K. W. the city allows the following discounts:

Gross Bill	Rate of Discount
\$ 1.32 to \$ 6.00	5 per cent
6.01 to 18.00	10 per cent
18.01 to 36.00	15 per cent
36.01 to 60.00	20 per cent
60.01 to 100.00	25 per cent

In other words if you use 100 K. W. a 12c loss 10% discount you pay \$10.80 for current that residents of other towns served by the power company pay only \$8.50. If you use 200 K. W. costing you \$26.00 gross, your discount is 15 per cent, your net bill will be \$22.10. But if you were located in a town where the power company sells direct to the consumer you could buy the same current for \$18.00.

Motor rates are higher in Elizabeth City under municipal ownership schedules than in the other towns. Here are Elizabeth City's motor rates:

Consumption	Per K. W.
1st 100 K. W. Hours	9 cents
2nd 100 K. W. Hours	7.2 cents
3rd and 4th 100 K. W. Hours	6 cents
5th and 6th 100 K. W. Hours	5.6 cents
7th and 8th 100 K. W. Hours	5.2 cents
9th and 10th 100 K. W. Hours	4.8 cents
11th and 12th 100 K. W. Hours	4.4 cents
13th and 14th 100 K. W. Hours	4.0 cents
15th and 16th 100 K. W. Hours	3.6 cents

Instead of reducing the price of electric current to the citizen, municipal ownership in the case of Elizabeth City has made it high.

The reason of course is well known to those who have thought about it at all. The city is indirectly taxing its citizens who use electric current, making an excessive profit out of the sale and distribution of electric current to meet expenses that should properly be met by direct taxation.

The Elizabeth City Public Utilities Commission has been getting away with its high tariff in great shape but just how long the folks are going to stand for it is problematical. Some day the folks are going to demand cheaper current.

The Public Utilities Commission pays the Virginia Electric & Power Co. two and a quarter cents per K. W. Hour for the current it retails at 12 cents.

"Marriage," said the smart aleck, "is like a railroad crossing sign. When you meet a pretty girl you stop, then you look, and after you are married, you listen."

**THE INDEPENDENT
OUT EARLY NEXT WEEK**

In order to better serve its advertisers and to release our entire printing force to take care of late rush orders for Holiday Greeting Cards and other Christmas printing. The Independent will go to press Wednesday of next week, going in the mails Wednesday night and reaching the subscriber Thursday morning Dec. 22.

Advertisers may cooperate by preparing their advertising early for next week's edition.