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## Can Drain Dismal Swamp Into Knobbs Creek With Canal That Already Exists, Say Old Timers

That a canal already exists which, when cleaned up, will serve practically the same purpose as the one which the Public Utilities Commission proposed to build around \$180,000 of CWA money, is the opinion given this newspaper by C. E. Overman, insurance agent, and is confirmed by other old citizens of the town and county. And the cost of this canal will cost but a fraction of what it would cost to construct a new one.

## Shad Fishing Best in Years And Prices Good

The 1934 shad-fishing season, which got underway in earnest this week, promises to be one of the best seasons in years, from the standpoint of the fishermen, according to local persons who are in close touch with conditions in Albemarle, Croatan and Pamlico Sounds, which together comprise one of the principal fishing grounds of the country.

The recent cold snap, for one thing, will contribute to a better shad fishing season, for it drove thousands of shad thru the inlets into the inland waters of the sounds. Also, the recent snow and rains imparted just enough fresh water to the sounds to take the extreme brackishness which the shad do not like.

## Black Cat Leaps From Coffin When Opened

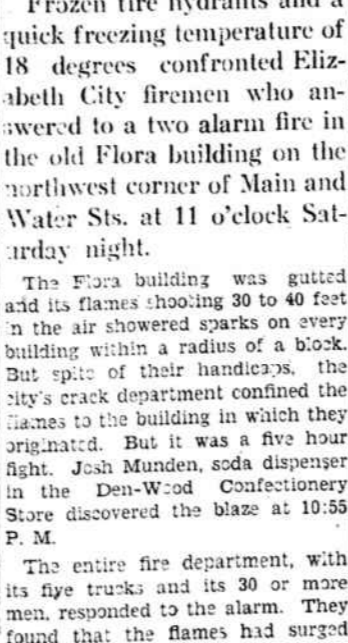
When mourning relatives and friends of Mrs. Annie Liverman who died in the County Home last week, opened the coffin to take a last look at the deceased, out jumped a big black cat. Some thought the corpse had come to life. The black cat spread consternation among the mourners and there was a mad scramble for the open air. The cat escaped in the excitement and took refuge in the ambulance of the undertaker.

## FLORA BLDG TO BE REBUILT IN EARLY SPRING

Frozen fire hydrants and a quick freezing temperature of 18 degrees confronted Elizabeth City firemen who answered to a two alarm fire in the old Flora building on the northwest corner of Main and Water Sts. at 11 o'clock Saturday night.

The Flora building was gutted and its flames shooting 30 to 40 feet in the air showered sparks on every building within a radius of a block. But spite of their handicaps, the city's crack department confined the flames to the building in which they originated. But it was a five hour fight. Josh Munden, soda dispenser in the Den-Wood Confectionery Store discovered the blaze at 10:55 P. M.

## At The Height of Saturday Night's Blaze



At the height of Saturday night's spectacular fire which gutted the Flora retail store block at Main and Water Sts. and threatened the entire block. Photographer Frisby snapped the above picture from his studio window in the Kramer Building.

## Negro Awarded \$200.00 Judgment Against White Man

Rare in the South are cases where a Negro obtains a judgment against a white man in a civil action. One of these rare cases occurred here this week when a jury in Pasquotank Superior Court awarded Henry Pool, well-known colored barber of this city, the sum of \$200 in his suit against M. D. Guard, lower Currituck merchant, whom Pool charged with malicious prosecution.

## CORN-HOG PROGRAM

W. H. Pritchard, who is assisting County Agent Grover W. Falls in signing up Pasquotank farmers who wish to participate in the corn-hog adjustment program, urges all farmers who want to take part in this program to communicate with him without delay.

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## Falls Appeals to Congressman Warren For Legislation To Head Off Share Planting

Seeking to put an end for once and for all time to what he calls the iniquitous practice of share-planting, County Agricultural Agent Grover W. Falls has written to Congressman Lindsay C. Warren to ask Mr. Warren to introduce a bill in Congress making it illegal for any commission house, brokerage concern, or the agents of either, to participate in the planting of any crop or crops on shares with the farmer.

## FLORA DAMAGE \$30,000

Mayor Flora estimated the damage to the building at around \$30,000, half of which was covered by insurance. The building was practically a total loss. How much damage was done to the stocks and fixtures of the firms occupying the building is not exactly known, altho it ran into the thousands of dollars.

## Building Not Condemned

However it started, whether thru malice or thru idle speculation, the rumor that the building had been condemned as a fire hazard for some time did a great injustice to Mr. Flora, who in addition to being Fire Chief is also Mayor and City Manager and, as such, is building inspector for the city. Mayor Flora flatly denies the allegation.

## ALMANAC

- 12—Abraham Lincoln, Great Emancipator, born 1809.
- 13—Emperor of China Yi abdicates the Chinese throne, 1912.
- 14—Great gold discovery in Australia starts world, 1851.
- 15—BattleShip Maine is sunk in Havana Harbor, 1898.
- 16—Hawaii is annexed to United States by treaty, 1893.
- 17—War of 1812 with England ended by treaty, 1815.
- 18—300th automobile registered in United States, 1895.

## The BANK CLERK AND THE SODA JERKER

A COLLOQUY ON THE BREAD WE EAT

"What are you eating?" asked the Bank Clerk of the Soda Jerker, observing that his friend had his jaws stuffed with food.

"I'm eating whole wheat crackers," said the Soda Jerker.

"Why whole wheat crackers?" asked the Bank Clerk.

"The trouble with the great white race today is that it eats bread made from white flour. To make the flour white it is necessary to take all the bran, wheat oil and certain valuable minerals and vitamins out of it. Result is, white breads with vital elements of the wheat removed and when people eat white bread they are cheating themselves of important elements that nature put in the wheat kernel had intended they should eat. I am cutting out all white bread and eating whole wheat."

"You make me laugh!" said the Bank Clerk.

"It ain't a laughing matter," insisted the Soda Jerker; "any scientist will tell you that in the manufacture of white flour it is necessary to remove important elements of the wheat."

"True," said the Bank Clerk; "But I am surprised that it has not occurred to you that you get all of the elements that have been subtracted from your wheat, from the great variety of other foods that make up the diet of a civilized man."

"The only people who need to eat bread made of the whole wheat are people who are reduced to such dire straits that they have to subsist principally upon bread. When people get down to a bread diet and little else, then they need all the nutritive elements of the whole wheat. I should say that men who are reduced to bread lines should be given only whole wheat bread. But a person who gets his meat and greens, fish and fowl, milk and butter, fruit and berries needn't worry about the few vitamins and the little oil that has been removed from his wheat flour. And as for the bran, the food value of bran is nil; it is a roughage that is beneficial only as a bowel irritant in cases of constipation."

My advice to you is to go back to your white bread. It tastes better and you don't have to punish yourself to eat it. The millions of mankind have put their stamp of approval on it not without reason. Instead of worrying about the absence of the wheat germ in your white bread, I'd advise you to give more thought to the germs in your drinking glasses."

"That reminds me," said the Soda Jerker. "I saw a kid poke a nickel in his mouth the other day and his daddy slapped him and told him not to put money in his mouth, that it had germs on it."

"The kids' mother didn't like it a bit because the old man slapped her young'un. She grabbed the kid and hissed at the old man, 'You old fool! Don't you know that even a germ couldn't live on the money you make!'"

85 per cent of all people have defective vision. Are you one of these? Have your eyes examined today. DR. J. D. BATHAWAY, Carolina Building.

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