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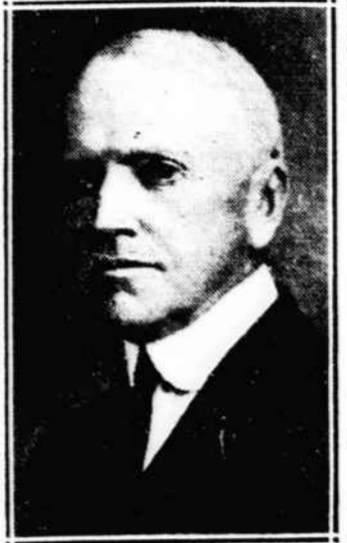
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President Roosevelt to Receive Invitation to Participate in Roanoke Island August Event

President and Mrs. Roosevelt will receive an invitation to a Home Coming Celebration on Roanoke Island on Saturday August 18th, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare, the first child of English parents born in America.

"Mystery Man"



CHARLES TAYLOR GRANDY TO most folks in Elizabeth City, Charles Taylor Grandy who died suddenly at his residence here Sunday night was a man of mystery. He was rather an intellectual whose knowledge and vision set him apart from average men. See page 8.

Says Burgess Should Be In Logging Camp

Many parents become angry if their children are whipped in school even though the children have done something to merit punishment. Virtually all parents become indignant if their children are whipped in school when they have done nothing. Many parents of pupils attending the Camden graded school became indignant last week at Principal Dempsey Burgess.

Norfolk Navy Yard Plays Here Sunday

Announced by the Municipal Assessor's action in granting a light to 8000 Sunday baseball games at the Norfolk Navy Yard, the Camden graded school has arranged a game here Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock with the Norfolk Navy Yard team which is expected to be the second strongest team in the Norfolk section this year.

Richard Hines will probably pitch for the locals. The lineup will be approximately identical with last Sunday's lineup. Manager Burgess reports that Joe Cannon, former U. S. C. ace and one of the best local team two years ago, will be here on Sunday, and to take the mound for the locals.

Stark tragedy befell W. K. Parker of Sunbury Monday afternoon when he heard a scream as he was driving a truck into his yard and stopped to find his six-year-old son, James Earle Parker, beneath the wheels of the truck. The boy was rushed to a Suffolk Hospital but died shortly of internal injuries. It is presumed that he ran out to meet his father and, in attempting to jump on the running board of the truck, slipped and fell under the wheels.

FERA CAMPS TO MAKE SPORT FOR NAGS HEAD

Nags Head summer residents, instead of protesting against the location of a Federal Emergency Relief Association transient unit at that point, should heartily welcome the transient camp, according to Frank Stick, director of the project, for the camp will provide considerable entertainment for the summer visitors in the form of baseball games, boxing matches, dances, glee club programs, etc.

Not many folks comprehend what these transient camps are. Mr. Stick says. The chief objectives of the camps are to provide unemployed men with worth-while occupation which will provide them with all the necessities of life and enable them to maintain their self-respect and remain off charity until industry can absorb them again, and to give these men vocational training which will better enable them to obtain jobs. The men, gathered from the ranks of the unemployed in a number of concentration points, are far above the hobo class. Mr. Stick says there are a number of college men in the unit that is setting up camp at Nags Head this week. They apply for work at the Transient Bureaus and are assigned, as soon as possible, to a camp, where they remain until they have a positive job somewhere or are wanted in a home where they will be no burden upon the community. They must pass a physical examination before entering a camp, and when a man enters the transient camp he must be free of social disease and inoculated against communicable diseases. Liquor addicts are not accepted and any who take a drink at camp are promptly expelled.

The camps, being under Federal direction, are operated somewhat along the lines of an Army camp. Each group has its sergeant, and barracks has a lieutenant, and the entire unit is headed by a Director. Rupert E. West, well known Moyock sportsman and author, who has been acting as Director of Camp Penderlea, the only Transient Camp in the State prior to the establishment of the Nags Head Camp within the past 10 days, has been transferred and is now acting as Director of the Nags Head transient unit.

Will Have Their Own Bathing Beaches There will be around 200 men engaged in the sand fixation and reforestation projects on the Dare coast. Around 125 of these will be stationed at Nags Head, their headquarters being at Parkersons Sea Hawk Inn. The other 75 men will be stationed at Kitty Hawk, their headquarters being the Kitty Hawk Coast Guard station, which has not been an active station for several years.

There men will not prove to be objectionable to summer visitors on the coast. Camp rules are to be very strict. The men will have very little night leave. A rule that will be impressed upon them is that they must not trespass upon the property of anyone. They will have their own bathing places on the sound and ocean sides and will not in any way interfere with the bathing of cottage-owners and visitors. Since the men work only 24 hours a week, or not more than 40 hours in any case, they naturally will have much leisure time on their hands. This time will be employed in various ways. There will be classes for those who can barely read and write. There will be a baseball team and a boxing team. There will be a glee club. There will be workshops for those who are mechanically-minded. There will be a camp newspaper, probably an eight-page mimeographed tabloid. In many ways the men will be given opportunities for self-improvement. The idea is to make the camp life as attractive and as beneficial to the transients as possible.

The camp baseball team will play games with teams from Manteo, Kitty Hawk, Maple and other communities in this section. The camp boxers will stage regular bouts among themselves or with volunteers from the vicinity of the camp. The glee club will put on programs and minstrel shows several times a month. There will be a camp orchestra, and the camp will stage a dance about once each week, to which outsiders will be invited. There may even be a brass band. The transients received 30c an hour for a 24-hour week, but they are allowed to work as many as 16 additional hours if they choose. The first unit on the Dare project will release around \$7,000 a month. Director West, seeking to promote a better understanding of the camp (Continued on page two)

W. L. Cohoon May be Indicted Under A Federal Statute

U. S. Court Has Concurrent Jurisdiction With State Court in Cases Involving Embezzlement of War Risk Insurance Funds

Walter L. Cohoon, Elizabeth City Lawyer who recently escaped a five year State penitentiary sentence by a Supreme Court opinion, may not be sure that this ends the question of his alleged embezzlement of \$4,662.16 of the estate of the late Joseph Ellis, late World War Veteran.

It appears that the United States Courts have concurrent jurisdiction with State Courts in the matter of embezzlement of funds paid under the War Risk Insurance Act. Section 556, Title 38, of the United States Code Annotated provides that:

Every guardian, curator, conservator, committee, or person legally vested with the responsibility or care of the claimant or his estate, having charge and custody in a fiduciary capacity of money paid, under the War Risk Insurance Act, or under the provisions of this chapter, for the benefit of any minor or incompetent claimant, who shall embezzle the same in violation of his trust or fraudulently convert the same to his own use, shall be punished by fine not exceeding \$2,000 or imprisonment at hard labor for a term not exceeding five years, or both.

It would seem that it is only necessary for some one to press the case against Cohoon with the U. S. Department of Justice to get another action against Cohoon. And it appears that Cohoon will never settle with the Ellis estate or with his bondsmen until some such pressure is brought to bear upon him.

The Money In His Pocket One of the most unfortunate miscarriages of justice that has happened in this city and county, and district in many years, was the State's failure to make a conviction in the Cohoon case. The State's failure was due to the bumble-headed work of the public's prosecutor, Solicitor Herbert R. Leary, as explained editorially in this newspaper last week.

Now here are the facts in the case: Joseph Ellis, a World War Veteran died in May 1930. On May 27, 1930

Cohoon qualified as administrator of his estate. As soon as he qualified he boarded a boat for Washington and on May 28, 1930 received from the U. S. Government in Washington \$5,000 in government bonds, in settlement of the dead soldier's War Risk Insurance.

Cohoon immediately converted these bonds into cash. He could have made full settlement with the Ellis heirs with almost the same speed that he collected and cashed in these bonds.

The heirs of Joseph Ellis are Mansour Saliba, of Elizabeth City, and Mariam, Janfiar and Yasneen Saliba, of Betegreen, Lebanon, Syria. All Cohoon had to do in settling the Ellis estate was to pay the expense of Ellis' funeral, deduct his five per cent commission, and pay the remaining balance of \$4,662.16 to those heirs. It was as simple as that.

But Cohoon did nothing of the kind.

Cohoon Stubbornly Held Out Remember, it was on May 28, 1930 that Cohoon received settlement from the government. He held on to the money.

The heirs of Ellis pleaded with Cohoon in vain for the settlement due them. Finally after waiting for more than two years they complained to the clerk of the superior court.

In June or July of 1932, N. Elton Aydyett, Clerk of the Superior Court of Pasquotank County made oral demand upon Cohoon for a settlement. Cohoon ignored his demand.

Again on Nov. 30, 1932 Clerk Aydyett made a second demand upon Cohoon for settlement of the estate. And Cohoon ignored this second demand.

In January 1933 Clerk Aydyett (Continued on page two)

REPORT OF 75% HURT TO EARLY POTATO CROP EXAGGERATED

Reports that 75 per cent of the early Irish potato crop in Pasquotank and adjacent counties has rotted are grossly exaggerated, according to County Agricultural Agent Grover W. Falls, who says there are indications that this year's spud crop will be fully as large as last year's crop despite the damage done by excessive rain and cold during March.

Mr. Falls says it is unlikely that more than 25 per cent of the potato crop has rotted, although the loss may be as high as 30 per cent. The falling of more than 10 inches of rain during the past seven weeks has kept the soil unduly moist, and numerous stands of potatoes, have been ruined thru rotting. However, there are many fine stands of potatoes throughout the section. Because about 25 per cent more potatoes were planted this year than last, the production will be just about the same, the loss from rotting notwithstanding, if the yield is normal.

May peas suffered to worse extent than did Irish potatoes, Mr. Falls says. Poor stands are to be seen thruout the section, and it is altogether likely that the crop has been damaged more than 30 per cent.

This spring's adverse weather has done more harm than this to the farmers, however. The early corn crop usually is planted in late March and early April, but the continuous rains during that period prevented the farmers from working in their fields with the result that hardly more than 10 per cent of the corn crop has been planted to date.

GOV. COMING AT LAST Governor E. B. E. B. at last remembering that his old home town still is situated in the State of North Carolina, the so far from Raleigh that his visits are few and far between has consented to speak at the Memorial Day exercises to be sponsored here by the D. H. Hill Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy on May 10.

Plans are being made for an interesting program, in which the school children of the city will take part.

The flower show of the Elizabeth City Garden Club will be held on that date in the Y. M. C. A. building.

Banking Commissioner Hood Approved Plans for Re-opening Savings Bank & Trust Co.

But The Young Men Who Were So Hot to Start a New Bank Seem to Have Had Their Enthusiasm Cooled—Funny Business

That the "nigger in the woodpile" in the matter of the reorganization of the Savings Bank & Trust Co. is to be found in the person of some one in Elizabeth City and not in the person of State Banking Commissioner Gurney P. Hood, is a revelation stirred up by the publication of street rumors in this newspaper last week.

Farmers Who Pay No Hog Processing Tax To Get No Benefits

That farmers who have not paid the Federal processing tax on hog meat sold this year will not be permitted to participate in the benefits of the Corn-Hog reduction program is the information given out this week by County Agent Grover W. Falls, who urges all Pasquotank farmers to pay the processing tax at once, as the Corn-Hog program will close at the end of this month.

The government is willing to pay farmers for reducing their hog production during the coming year, but the government positively is not going to make any such benefit payments to those farmers who during the past hog-killing season slaughtered their hogs and sold them in the form of sausages, hams, shoulders, etc., without paying the government processing tax on them.

According to Mr. Falls, there are quite a few farmers in this county and section who have not paid any processing tax yet. These farmers will be unable to obtain Corn-Hog reduction contracts unless they accompany their application with a check showing payment of the processing tax.

Mr. Falls says thousands of dollars will be distributed among hog producers in this section as payment for curtailing production. He is particularly anxious that those who owe a processing tax should pay it at once in order that they might escape a penalty and, at the same time, avail themselves of the Corn-Hog benefit payments which will greatly exceed the amount of the tax they owe.

Mr. Hood Replies Mr. Hood read those rumors and filed the following telegram to this newspaper under date of April 23rd: Raleigh, N. C. Apr. 23, 1934. Mr. W. O. Saunders, Editor, The Independent, Elizabeth City, N. C. Reference reorganization Savings Bank and Trust Company about March First, visited Elizabeth City with John G. Allen, State Bank Examiner, March seventh or eighth and held meeting with Clark and others. Allen returned Elizabeth City morning March 12, spent four days thoroughly checking assets bank from which information plan reorganization was prepared. Plan approved by me March 19th. Mailed Clark same day. Have not heard from Clark since. Letter follows.

GURNEY P. HOOD, Commissioner of Banks. The above telegram from Mr. Hood was followed by a letter to W. O. Saunders, senior editor of this newspaper. The letter follows: STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Banking Department RALEIGH April 23, 1934. Mr. W. O. Saunders, Editor, The Independent, Elizabeth City, N. C. Dear Mr. Saunders: You will please find enclosed copy of a telegram just sent you, and also copy of a letter written by Mr. John G. Allen, State Bank Examiner, on March 19, 1934, which explains itself. We are doing everything we can to assist the people of Elizabeth City in reopening this bank, and they have had and will have our full cooperation in organizing a local institution. With kind regards and good wishes, I am, Sincerely yours, Commissioner of Banks, GURNEY P. HOOD, GPH:M.

And here follows the letter which Mr. Hood says that Mr. John G. Allen wrote to Mr. Clark on March 19th: STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Banking Department RALEIGH March 19, 1934. Miles L. Clark, Esq., Elizabeth City, N. C. Dear Mr. Clark: Herewith, I am enclosing two copies of my report to Mr. Hood, on the organization of a new bank in your city. Mr. Hood has reviewed this report very carefully and the entire proposition meets with his full approval. He has requested me to forward these copies to you and to indicate to you his thorough sanction of all the plans contained therein. Incidentally, he is engaged in directing a "banking school" for all the employees of the Banking Department this week, or he would have written this letter himself. Please be assured that his Department is anxious to render you and your associates every possible (Continued on Page Eight)

New Country Club to Open Formally With a Dance For Members Tuesday Nite, May 1

Because most of the 100 members of the reorganized Elizabeth City Country Club are persons who usually go to work between eight and nine o'clock in the morning, and because staying up until 3:00 or 3:30 a. m. is not easily reconciled with early rising, the dances at the club will begin at nine o'clock and will end at one a. m., it was announced this week. The first dance is to be held on Tuesday night, May 1.

This first dance will mark the formal opening of the club under the temporary set-up. Music will be furnished by Archie Sanders' Orchestra. The dance will be strictly exclusive; positively no one will be allowed to attend except members and their out-of-town guests. The signing up of members came to a close the first of this week, and there already are a number of applicants on the club's waiting list. The membership, as a whole, is composed of a younger crowd—between the ages of 18 and 35.

The club property is now under the supervision of Julian Charles Tatka, Cleveland, Ohio, professional golfer, and a friend. The power plant has been restored to good condition, the clubhouse has been thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned, fairways have been mowed and rolled, greens have been dragged and numerous other improvements have been made within the past two weeks. State Highway maintenance workers began dragging and scraping the road leading to the club Tuesday and have promised to have it in excellent condition by the first of May.

As is the practice at nearly all country clubs and golf clubs, out-of-town guests of members will be required to pay a greens fee for use of the golf course. There will be no charge for out-of-town guests at the dances. A colored family now living on the club property will care for the

golf course and will keep the clubhouse and grounds clean under Mr. Tatka's supervision. As soon as possible, they will be assigned to the task of cleaning up the beach. The showers and lockers are available to all members free of charge, but a small charge will be made for towels, which can be obtained from Mr. Tatka. The preparation and serving of food at the club will be in the hands of Mrs. Mary Guirkin. Club members wishing to entertain at teas, bridge parties, private dances, etc., will not have to pay for the use of the club building. Members pay \$2.50 a month, which entitles them to golf, two dances a month, bathing, locker and other club privileges. The \$3,000 a year revenue from membership fees will be used to pay taxes and insurance, purchase fuel, etc. It is estimated that this amount will easily take care of club expenses and leave something for improvements. The golf professional will be compensated thru instruction fees, greens fees and revenue from the golf shop. That club members may know exactly what their money is being spent for, a statement of receipts and expenditures will be posted in the locker rooms each month. The club is fortunate in having as its treasurer Harry W. Bundy, a certified public accountant.



"A CAPITALIST GOING OR A PROLETARIAN COMING?"

"Well, it looks as if nature has done for the Irish potato deal what no human agency could do," said the Bank Clerk.

"What's that?" asked the Soda Jerker.

"Curtailed production," replied the Bank Clerk. "Farmers tell me that two thirds of the early plantings have rotted in the ground from too much rain. It's going to be a short crop and prices ought to be good. But it's going to be hard on food labor. A short crop means short work for the potato diggers who pick up the potatoes in the fields and put them into barrels; it will mean fewer hauls for the truckmen and fewer jobs at the loading stations. The little stores that depend almost solely upon the trade of the class that don't read newspapers and don't know merchandise will be hard hit."

"According to what you are telling me, if the farmers had followed the advice of the Department of Agriculture and the farm demonstration agents, and not planted more than half a crop this spring, we would have been in for a potato famine," said the Soda Jerker.

"I just can't seem to follow the line of thought of the experts who are trying to run this country. Now just see what has happened: For millions of years the problem of humanity was to raise enough to eat and it was necessary to have wars, floods, famines and pestilence to kill off millions of the population so as those who lived could have enough food to go around."

"Now everything has changed. With our knowledge of soils and chemistry, with our labor saving farm machinery, with our weather bureau and crop reporting systems, insect and blight control, we are producing enough food and enough textiles for the human race for the first time in human history. And now the legislators, the bankers, and the economists are literally beating the crops back into the

ground to keep 'em from growing. "And what makes it worse, millions of people are hungry for the food that is being destroyed and millions are wearing rags for want of clothes that could be made from our surplus cotton, flax and wool. It beats the devil!" "Well, what can be done about it?" asked the Bank Clerk. "Just this can be done about it," said the Soda Jerker; "Uncle Sam should take over the whole durum bran in this country and plan a work in new civilization that would provide work for everybody and food, clothing, decent housing and so forth for everybody. You can't tell me it can't be done; the only thing that stands in the way of it is your blind, stupid, selfish and colossal failure and fraud CAPITALISM, that pretends to be the great conservator of rugged individualism."

"Our great president is a product of capitalism and a resplendent example of the triumph of individualism," said the Bank Clerk. "I don't yield to anybody in my love and admiration for Franklin D. Roosevelt," replied the Soda Jerker, "but all the same he strikes me as just running this way and that poking fingers in the capitalist dyke to keep it from spilling out. He has staved off a revolution and is giving the country time to work out a plan of salvation, but if he and his 'brain trusts' have worked out any plans I haven't seen or heard tell of 'em. They're just putting patches on an old garment that is worn threadbare in the seat and on both knees and ripped in every seam. When he gets a few more patches on it you won't be able to tell whether it's a capitalist going or a proletarian coming."

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