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## Grave Threat to Law and Order by Police Indifference Transient Labor Problem

Talk of an impending conflict between local laborers and transient laborers from Florida and other Southern states was heard on the streets this week as the annual influx of transient laborers who come here to compete with local labor during the May pea and Irish potato seasons got underway. The local labor has stood this competition as long as it can, and resentment against the transients is very high just now.

## Company to Develop Beach Tract 700 Acres

The Kitty Hawk Development Corp., with offices in the Bankers Trust Bldg., in Norfolk, is planning a development of a tract of 700 acres more or less adjoining the U. S. government's Wright Memorial reservation.

A partition was started this week and this week it is planned to start a sand clay pit treated road from the ocean front to the sound, south of Kill Devil Hills. The company contemplates the early construction of a few cottages with fire places, and log cabins with fire places on the sound side.

Arrangements have been made to transport a hundred bus loads of people from Norfolk to the property this summer as a part of an intensive selling campaign. As the money comes in more streets, lights and water are promised.

The company is composed of F. G. McPherson, C. H. Bruce and J. B. Fogal. The property to be developed was purchased of Chas. M. Baker and Miss S. S. Sutton of Aubury Park. N. J. Mr. McPherson is credited with several successful developments on the New Jersey coast. Mr. Bruce was a close business associate of the late Allen Hueth. He has had considerable experience with developments on the California coast. Mr. Fogal has had 15 years banking experience as a bank official and has had real estate and advertising training.

An entire block of the ocean front opposite the Wright Memorial is reserved for a hotel site and the company has opened negotiations with a northern party interested in erecting a 50 room fireproof hotel on the property. A strip along the entire ocean front has been reserved for a proposed board walk and bathing beach for the benefit of its owners.

The tract in question is part of the acreage which the U. S. government seeks to acquire for the expansion of its Kill Devil Hills reservation.

## What's News In Elizabeth City's Best Stores

E. S. Chesson & Son are featuring a lot of some 200 men's suits of exceptional quality at \$15 this week. Another demonstration of Chesson's ability to command concessions from manufacturers by reason of their ability to pay cash down and take all discounts.

Sawyer Co., the Main St. men's wear store, is featuring Eclipse shirts this week at \$1.35 each, 3 for \$4.00. A good buy.

Rucker & Sheely Co. are featuring a large line of boy's golf knickers and shorts at 79c to \$1.50 and a snappy showing of wash dresses priced at 79c to \$2.99.

Sawyer & Harris, South Pointe St., living up to its slogan "The Friendly Store," is giving tickets for free ice cream cones to youngsters whose parents trade at their store. See their ad for particulars.

Quinn Furniture Co. is making the first announcement of New Perfection Oil Stoves. Their new 1934 line is on their floors.

From here to date this season, and thousands of baskets have been shipped by truck. The bulk of the crop will have been moved by the end of this week.

The Irish potato crop will begin to move around June 10, according to local dealers. This crop, too, has been materially benefited by the recent rains and cool weather, and much better quality is now expected than had previously been hoped for.

## Share Planters Kill Irish Potato Market Plan

The hold the share-planters have upon the Early Irish potato crop of North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia once more was demonstrated on Monday of this week when absolutely nothing was accomplished at a hearing held at Norfolk on the proposed marketing agreement for Irish potatoes because share-planters objected to so many provisions of the agreement that no agreement could be reached.

County Agent Grover W. Falls, who attended the hearing, described it as "a day wasted."

The agreement is designed to control the production and marketing of potatoes, to so regulate marketing of potatoes as to coordinate with the demand, and to prevent surpluses from being dumped on the market and depressing prices.

As provision after provision was read, share-planters rose to offer numerous amendments. They objected to this and they objected to that. In fact, they objected to anything that looked like government interference with their virtual monopoly and practical practices. The result was that the sum total of the accomplishments of the hearing was nil.

The one event of the meeting which stood out as being noteworthy was the admission by a representative of a share-planting concern that the system is unfair to the growers. J. B. Champion of the Davison Chemical Company, speaking for his company's affiliate in this section, the Albemarle Produce Company of Elizabeth City and W. S. Carawan of Columbia, asserted that share-planting now embraces 75 per cent of the total potato crop in North Carolina and that the system followed is designed to give the grower nothing more than "pocket change," if anything at all.

In return for his crop, Mr. Champion described the system generally in vogue in this section as being one of "give all and take all" from the share-planters' viewpoint. The share-planters furnish the farmers with seed potatoes, fertilizer, barrels and all other supplies in return for which the farmer agrees to deliver his potatoes to them for shipment.

The representatives of the share-planters make a certain charge for shipping each carload of potatoes. After this is deducted, the cost of the seeds, fertilizer, etc., are deducted. What is left is divided between the grower and the share-planters.

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## \$10,000 Bid for Property Valued by Late E. F. Aydlett At \$130,000 in Disrepair

In 1926 the Elizabeth City Hotel Corporation was prepared to offer the late E. F. Aydlett \$90,000 for the Southern Hotel real estate, for a site for the Virginia Dare Hotel. A feeling out offer of \$60,000 was actually made for the property. Mr. Aydlett wanted \$130,000. The Southern Hotel was knocked down at the courthouse door this week to L. S. Gordon, high bidder, for \$10,000.

The Virginia Dare Hotel wanted the Southern Hotel property for a site for the new community hotel, because it was an established hotel site and because there would not be room for two hotels in the town for years to come. But Mr. Aydlett refused to deal.

The Southern Hotel at that time was a rat and roach infested firetrap sadly in need of extensive repairs. After the completion and opening of the Virginia Dare, Mr. Aydlett spent upwards of \$100,000 in rehabilitating the Southern and added a fireproof garage and a store building on the rear.

And the reconitoned structure brought only \$10,000 when offered at auction this week. The sale was made by John H. Hall and J. Henry LeRoy, Jr., Commissioners, incident to a partition proceeding brought by the heirs of the Aydlett estate. It is inconceivable that the heirs will let the bid stand. They have 20 days in which to raise it.

The personal property in the hotel was sold to Miles Jennings for \$100. The Southern hotel garage, two stores and filling station were sold to Mrs. Helen A. Kendrick for \$1,000. The Cooper cleaning works building was sold to Mrs. Kendrick for \$500, the personal property in the hotel grille and kitchen to Miles Jennings for \$50, and the personal property in the hotel barber shop to Mr. Jennings for \$25.

All real and personal property was then offered for sale in one lot but there were no bidders. The refusal of the late E. F. Aydlett to make terms with the promoters of the Virginia Dare Hotel and his subsequent expenditure of a small fortune in remodeling the property in hopes of creating the new hotel, turned out to be a colossal blunder. The property has been a white elephant on the hands of his heirs ever since his death in 1930.

The Pacific Ocean is larger in area than the total land surface of the earth.

More than 8,000 foreign students, representing 100 different countries, are enrolled in colleges and universities of the United States.

## LEGAL BANKER KILLS USUOUS MONEY LENDER

All bankers have a pet aversion for misers and private usurers. R. M. Riddick, cashier of the Hertford Banking Company never dreamed it would fall to his lot to kill such a character, but he did. Cashier Riddick struck and killed E. V. Bagley, an eccentric Gates County citizen, with his automobile last Thursday night. The accident—for it was an accident—occurred about 8:30 o'clock on what is known as the Mitchell Swamp Road, about four miles from Gatesville.

When Deputy Sheriff C. W. Hinton examined the body of the dead man shortly after the accident, he found \$3,357.13 on his person, most of which was sewed up in his underwear. \$150 of the money was in gold coin and the balance in old bills of large denomination.

Bagley, who lived alone in the neighborhood where the accident occurred, was a miser and a money lender. His loan business was confined largely among colored people who stood in great terror of him. They believed he carried a gun and that any Negro who failed to repay him a loan would surely die. Borrowers who received \$10 from him, paid back \$15, and he had the reputation of getting his money.

Bagley was about 55 years old and his hearing was defective. Witnesses testified that he was walking in the middle of the road when he sensed the approach of the Riddick car. Frightened, he jumped in front of the car instead of in the direction of safety. He was dragged six feet on the pavement before the car could be stopped. His skull and left shoulder were fractured and both legs broken. Mr. Riddick stood by until Sheriff Hinton arrived and took charge of the situation. Several witnesses testified to the unavoidability of the accident and at a coroner's inquest Friday afternoon Mr. Riddick was absolved of all blame for it.

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## Local Merchants Told State Should Tax Church Property And Curtail Higher Education

G. Leslie Hall Virginia Merchant and Civic Leader Advocates Drastic Measures To Get Away From General Sales Tax

Eliminate much of the wasteful cost of higher education and put a tax on all church property were two of several ways to get away from a general sales tax, suggested by G. Leslie Hall, of Norfolk, Va., in a speech to the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce-Merchants Association at the Virginia Dare Hotel Tuesday night.

## Bill Culpepper Will Support Webb Williams

W. T. Culpepper, whose appointment as postmaster at Elizabeth City was announced last week, was confirmed by the U. S. Senate Tuesday afternoon. Immediately upon advice of his confirmation Mr. Culpepper announced his withdrawal from the race for the General Assembly.

Mr. Culpepper had withheld such announcement previously, considering it an act of impertinence to anticipate the action of the Senate. Mr. Culpepper served Pasquotank County with distinction in the last General Assembly and inaugurated many projects for his county and many projects for his district that would have made his return to the General Assembly in 1935 eminently desirable. "I regret that I can not serve two masters," said Mr. Culpepper.

In a brief talk at the Chamber of Commerce-Merchants Association dinner at the Virginia Dare Hotel Tuesday night, Mr. Culpepper said that he had discussed his measures and policies with F. Webb Williams and had pledged Mr. Williams' support in furthering those measures. He threw his support then and there to Mr. Williams.

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The BANK CLERK AND THE SODA JERKER

AND WHAT THEN OF THE PRESS?

"The NRA seems to be having hard sledding these days and I'm afraid it can't stand up under the fire that it is being subjected to by forces both within and without the administration." Thus spoke the Bank Clerk.

"And I'm asking you if you ever expected anything else?" replied the Soda Jerker. "As I see it, the NRA never was anything but a makeshift measure to save the country from a revolution. Business had gone to the devil, business men were in a panic and all industry demoralized after four years of Herbert Hoover. President Roosevelt stepped into office, called the business leaders of the country together and proposed that the government enter into a sort of partnership with them, to abolish the anti-trust laws, to protect them from unfair competition and to enable them to put their businesses on a profit making basis again. In return for this government protection, the business leaders agreed to a shorter work week and higher wages for their help, to the end that employment would be spread and the purchasing power of the working classes improved.

"It all worked beautifully for a time, but it was inevitable that business would dominate the partnership and get the long end of it. Business always does, because organized business is more powerful than government. And business, in the very nature of things, can not live by fair practices because of its paucity of brains and moral fibre. For every big, broad-minded, honorable, humane business executive there are six or a dozen unscrupulous ones, many of whom are unscrupulous crooks and brigands whose sole objective is profit-making. And the only way you're ever going to get rid of crookedness and brigandage in business is to abolish the profit system."

"And that would mean that the government would take over all business?" replied the Bank Clerk. "Exactly!" said the Soda Jerker. "Including the newspaper, magazine and book publishing business?" asked the Bank Clerk slyly.

"Yes," replied the Soda Jerker. "And what do you think would become of our cherished freedom of the press if the government controlled our sources of news, comment and criticism?"

"That's a fair question," said the Soda Jerker, "and it should be the most serious concern of the people at this time; for we are right now at a step removed from socialism in America and these attacks on the NRA are hastening the final collapse of capitalism and a plunge into collective ownership and management of industry. In the change from capitalism to socialism, the freedom of the press must not be destroyed or the nation will be imperiled by the possibilities of a dictatorship as hateful and ruthless as anything in Russia, Italy or Germany."

"Well, I'm darn glad to hear you concede that much," said the Bank Clerk, who finished his morning glass of coca cola and ammonia and went across the street to his job.

There is no form of nerve disorder that may not be caused or aggravated by Eye Strain. For a thorough eye examination see DR. J. D. HATHAWAY.

## Farmers to Get Big Money For No Hogs-Corn

That the corn-hog reduction program that is sponsored by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration will bring \$175,000 to \$200,000 to farmers of eight Northeastern North Carolina counties was the estimate made Tuesday after the formation of the Pasquotank Corn-Hog Control Association at a meeting in the county courthouse here.

This Association, the bearing the name of only one county, will embrace eight counties, with a total of 765 members. Each signer of a corn-hog reduction agreement or contract is a member of the Association. The membership of the local Association is divided as follows:

- Bertie, 20; Camden, 7; Chowan, 113; Currituck, 110; Gates, 203; Hertford, 40; Pasquotank, 144; Perquimans, 57.

It is estimated that each of the 765 members will receive at least \$250 from the Triple A as his share in the benefit payments to contract-signers. The government will pay each signer \$15 per hog, less administrative expenses, for a 25 per cent reduction from their average hog production in 1932-33. For reducing their corn acreage from 20 to 30 per cent they will receive 30 cents per bushel for corn not grown on the land rented to the government. If each of the 765 members of the local Corn-Hog Control Association should receive \$250 under these terms, and it is likely that they will receive at least this much, the total amount of money that the government will pay to members of this Association will be \$191,000. And that is no small amount of money in these days.

Tuesday's meeting was called by County Agent Grover W. Falls and by W. W. Shade, swine extension specialist of the State Department of Agriculture. Each county to be included in the Association was represented at the meeting. The following directors were elected:

- Camden County, W. N. Davenport, Shiloh; Chowan, Julien Wood of Edenton and W. H. Winborne; Gates County, Martin Kellogg, Sr., Sunbury; Hertford County, J. H. Barnes; Pasquotank County, J. T. Jackson; Perquimans County, E. M. Perry; Currituck County, R. H. Forbes; Bertie County, unnamed.

The following officers were elected by the directors: Martin Kellogg, Sr., President; E. M. Perry, vice president; Pritch Casey, secretary, and W. H. Prichard, treasurer.

The allotment committee, which studies all contracts and is empowered to make either specific or horizontal reductions in the allotments is composed of Messrs. Forbes, Kellogg and Winborne.

The time limit for the signing of corn-hog reduction contracts was set for May 15, but county agents and Association officials are empowered to accept contracts up to the time the tabulations are to be made. Tabulations are now being made and will probably be completed within a fortnight.

## M. G. Morrisette To Build Cottage at Kitty Hawk Beach

M. G. Morrisette expects to let a contract for a five room cottage at Kitty Hawk Beach this week. A feature of the cottage will be a living room 14x19 feet with eastern, southern and western exposures surrounded by a porch with overhanging eaves. The living room will be fully gazed and screened, giving outdoor comfort with protection from rain, storms and mosquitoes.

## An "Off Year" In Politics, Candidates Must Haul Many Voters in Saturday's Primary

With no gubernatorial or Congressional contests to arouse widespread interest, and with a number of important offices uncontested in each county, prospects are for a comparatively slim vote in Saturday's Democratic primary in Northeastern North Carolina, depending upon the last minute activities of candidates in stirring up votes. This is simply what is known in political lingo as an "off-year."

During the divergence of opinion on the Ehringhaus sales tax and a keener interest in school and highway legislation, the office of Representative is more in demand in this section than perhaps any other one office, and the contests for General Assembly seats have aroused interest in some counties where interest otherwise would be somewhat lacking.

Of major interest thruout the section, however, are the two district races—those for the First District, Solicitorship and for the District's two seats in the State Senate.

The Solicitorship race is a three-cornered affair which probably will result in a second primary run-off. The candidates are: Herbert Leary, blundering and incompetent incumbent; Hallet S. Ward, Beaufort County "old line" politician who has seen his best days, and Chester R. Morris, fearless and conscientious young Currituck attorney. Leary has the advantage of having many supporters and being already in office. Mr. Ward was a brilliant orator and an able prosecutor a generation back, and many people in the district will vote for him on his past reputation. Mr. Morris was previously known personally to a very small percentage of the voters in the district, but he has always had a pretty strong following com-

posed of those who know him and know his capabilities, of those who think a younger man should be given a try at this office, of those who are tired of Leary's incessant bungling and of those who regard Mr. Ward as being somewhat senile and having outlived his usefulness. Any two of these may have to enter a second primary.

For the State Senate, there are four candidates. The two incumbents, Dudley Bagley of Moyock and Lloyd Griffin of Edenton, who were swept into office by a big majority in 1932, are opposed this year by R. C. Holland prominent Edentonian, and W. I. Halstead of South Mills and Elizabeth City. The incumbents are regarded as having the edge in this race, but the strength of the two others cannot be too easily discounted and either or both of them may upset somebody's apple cart.

Congressman Lindsay C. Warren is without opposition, for which he and his constituents are duly thankful. In this county, the offices of Register of Deeds, Clerk of Court, County Auditor and Prosecuting Attorney are sought only by the incumbents. Sheriff Charles Carmine (Continued on Page Two)

Mr. Hall was introduced by W. S. Harney, secretary of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce Association, and a former resident of Elizabeth City, who received a real ovation from this former townsman.

Candidates Spout The occasion of Mr. Hall's speech was the annual dinner of the Chamber of Commerce-Merchants Association. To this dinner was invited all candidates for seats in the next General Assembly. The candidates were instructed to make three minute speeches as a prelude to the main speech. Many of them spouted for fifteen minutes or more, delaying the principal speaker for nearly two hours. Mr. Hall got to speak not until 9:15 P. M., but his dynamic personality, infectious good humor and, at times, brilliant handling of his subject kept his audience in their seats until he finished.

W. I. Halstead, candidate for the State Senate, took a dig at candidates who made rash promises in advance of a legislative session, described the three per cent sales tax as a crude and iniquitous measure, and said he would work and vote for a one per cent sales tax with no exemptions and no expensive administration. "The State now spends one cent in collecting its three cents, and it loses another cent from exemptions and lack of enforcement. A one per cent sales tax properly collected would yield as much revenue as the present three per cent tax," he said.

R. C. Holland, of Edenton, candidate for the State Senate, declared himself unalterably opposed to a sales tax.

Lloyd Griffin, candidate for re-

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## Pea Prices Better, Quality Improved

The quality improved as a result of the rain and cool weather. The local May pea crop has been marketed at better prices this week. The price going up to \$1.15 per bushel here Tuesday. More than 20,000 bushels have been shipped.