

Large Number of Citizens
 Large number of citizens of the county are interested in the economic value of birds to the agricultural interests of the state, especially in the case of the cotton-producing area. Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson, president of the Audubon Society of North Carolina, addressed a large audience of farmers and interested citizens in the county court house yesterday morning relative to the work of the organization he represents. Mr. Pearson proved himself a pleasing speaker and, on the subject which appears unfortunately to be so uninteresting to so many people, he talked entertainingly and instructively for a considerable time. His first remarks were of a general nature on the economic value of birds to the agricultural interests of the state.

His most interesting comments were about the loss of the value of the bird commonly known as Bob White, which he declared to be neither a partridge nor quail but one scientifically distinct from either of these. He laid down the broad proposition that this variety of birds was infinitely more valuable alive than dead, and to the proof of this statement he cited a number of facts.

"The Bob White is valuable as a destroyer of insects," said the speaker. "It is one of 42 kinds that feed on the cotton boll weevil which is so destructive in the deep regions of the cotton-producing area. In many places where this variety of birds is abundant the farmers are saved the expense of using Paris green to protect their potatoes, so thoroughly do the birds rid the fields of the bugs which pest the plants. As a destroyer of the chinch-bug which is deadly to wheat, the Bob White has no equal. The farmers who have been plagued by this kind of a bug are noticed how quickly they disappear before a covey of birds know the truth of this statement.

"The Bob White is valuable, in the second place, from the fact that it is saleable for propagating purposes on game reserves. They are worth as much as \$4 per dozen for this purpose. Recently the authorities of the State of Pennsylvania asked permission to ship 10,000 birds from North Carolina to that state for purposes of propagation, offering to pay the farmers \$9 per dozen. I refused to grant this petition after having been advised by Governor Glenn, it being agreed that it was unwise to spare that number of birds from North Carolina. I believe that much money could be made by the farmers by raising these birds in captivity and for the simple purpose of placing them on the market for use of propagators.

"These birds have been enhanced in value by leasing shooting rights on lands to resident and non-resident hunters. The taxes on about 200,000 acres of land in Guilford county are annually paid by men from the North who come down and purchase the privilege of hunting on these lands. As these hunters pay the farmers' taxes, the farmers in turn are placed in a position more readily to vote for special taxes for school purposes and in this way the cause of education is materially advanced. As a result of leasing lands, keeping off local hunters and feeding the birds during the winter, the birds become much more abundant on the lands leased than on those not given the protection, and where no special effort is made to feed them.

"The income of the State Audubon Society annually amounts to \$8,000 from the sale of licenses to non-resident hunters. From fees and contributions made by the members, \$3,000 is derived."

Mr. Pearson placed especial emphasis upon the fact that the income from the sale of licenses would be much greater if the sportsmen would exert their influence in seeing to it that every non-resident who hunted to their own knowledge without a license should be dealt with, and made to pay like other folks.

He referred to the fact that a number of sportsmen from Charlotte escaped the regulations of the Audubon Society by going to South Carolina and hunting there under disguise, in some instances, without paying the hunting license. He characterized such conduct as this as unbecoming the real sportsmen who are down on the po-hunters and who are desirous of seeing the work of the society thrive. "We want," said he, "to make everybody feel that the law is meant for them just as other people; that it is not intended for some poor ignorant negro, but for all alike."

Mr. Pearson has just begun an agitation throughout North Carolina in behalf of a law which he wishes recommended to the Legislature to make every hunter pay a State license of \$3 except the land-owners. This law would be primarily intended for the fellows from the city and he stated that he had yet to find his first man who would oppose such a measure. This kind of a law now exists in 15 States in the Union and it is working with wonderful success and there is yet no sign of its repeal.

"The work of the society," said Mr. Pearson, "is increasing in scope. Its membership now numbers 1,500. There are 15 game reserves, 10 of whom are situated in the remaining 10 supported by fees from convictions. In North Carolina this year there have been 175 convictions, whereas there were only 85 last year. This evidences the fact that the organization is awakening to its usefulness and is fulfilling its mission with increasing zeal.

At the conclusion of his address yesterday morning it was decided that it would be the part of wisdom to appoint a committee from this county to solicit funds for the support of a game warden, and Mr. Pearson in this connection said in behalf of the Audubon Society that the committee should present every dollar raised with a dollar from the funds of the organization. The committee named to give this matter attention is composed of the following named: W. D. Alexander, chairman; R. E. McDonald, D. B. Rignam, Miss Mary Catherine Thompson, J. G. Davidson, Richard Carson, Felix Beattie, M. N. McKee, J. Watt Hood, C. E. Wolfe, Mrs. Annie Smith Hess and Mrs. J. L. Chambers. Mr. G. T. McLean was made secretary.

Backgammon games will be played between teams from the Audubon Farm School and the local Young Men's Christian Association at the building of the local organization tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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 That sometimes terminates fatally, is the struggle of liver and bowels. Incurable, unbearable sensations. Dr. King's New Life Pills should always be used. Guaranteed absolutely reliable. All druggists.

Street Sign Ordered Awakened
 Bad Debt Collection Agency Ordered to Move Street Sign.

Chief of Police Chatham yesterday notified the Bad Debt Collection Agency that it was ordered to remove its obnoxious sign from the front of the C's building on South Tryon street. One of the members of the police committee notified the department that the presence of the sign was a violation of section 219, of the city charter, which reads as follows: "No person shall place in any street or on any sidewalk, a chicken coop, box, case, or other obstruction. Any person who shall place any obstruction as aforesaid in any street or on any sidewalk, and who shall refuse to remove the same within six hours after being notified by any member of the police force, or having removed the said obstruction, shall replace the same or similar obstruction, shall on conviction be subject to a penalty of \$10."

"BAPTIST JOHN'S" GOOD LUCK.
 Popular Patrolman Gathers in \$10 Reward For the Christmas Holidays.

Patrolman John Ashbury, of the city police force, arrested two white girls, Grace and Emma Shoo, on a square yesterday morning and incidentally plucked up \$10. The two girls had skipped their bill at a boarding house in North Charlotte and were in the city celebrating. They were pointed out to the officer who forthwith arrested them and carried them to the police station. There he learned that they had run away from their home in Concord, and that their father had offered a \$10 reward for their arrest. B. E. Shoo, a brother, soon appeared at the station, handed over the ten spot to the officer, satisfied all other obligations and the girls were released. The net result of the proceeding was entirely satisfactory to all parties concerned and especially to Patrolman "Baptist John."

WANTED 2-1-3 CENT RATE.
 Member of the Last Legislature Says This is What the Leaders All Want.

"I am persuaded that 2-1-3 cents was the rate really desired by Mr. Justice and other radicals of the last Legislature," said Representative W. A. Grier, of that body, who was seen yesterday by an Observer man. "I was in favor of that rate and voted for it until I saw that it would not prevail and the second time I voted for the lower rate, although I was against it. I am sure that the 2-1-2 cent rate was that desired by even those termed the radicals, but the body was in such a mood that the spirit of antagonism was allowed to prevail against the railroad and the lower rate went through. I am expecting the next session of the Legislature to remedy the matter."

Sudden Death of Little Louise Carl
 Louise Mason Garibaldi, the 6-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Garibaldi, was found dead yesterday morning at the home of her parents on Park Avenue. The infant had been left alone upstairs in her room, which was on the second floor, and when her mother returned at breakfast and on their return it was found that life had passed away. The stricken parents have the sympathy of many friends in their grief.

The funeral services will be conducted this afternoon from the residence at 5:30 o'clock. Rev. Francis Osborne will be in charge.

Old-Time Shooting Match.
 A number of citizens operating under the name of Hayes & Co. will give a shooting match at Latta Park, Christmas Day, which promises to be an affair of interest. Ladies and children are accorded an invitation to be present as good order is assured. Turkeys, geese and other game will be the targets at which the guns will be aimed. There will be free attractions of various kinds in the afternoon and hunt will be available on the grounds.

Molter Memorial Volume Received.
 The Carnegie Library is in receipt of the recently issued memorial volume to the late Dr. Charles Duncan Molter, which was prepared in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors of the North Carolina State Normal College, and under the direction of the following committee of the faculty: William C. Smith, Viola Doddie and Mary Bettie Cherry. The book is the appreciated gift of President J. I. Foust, of the State Normal College.

Notices to Taxpayers.
 Sheriff W. W. Wallace has issued posters and placed them conspicuously notifying the recreant and delinquent taxpayers that they must pay up by January 31, 1922. Those who were due the 1st of September, and while the sheriff has been lenient and would like to aid all who need such aid by time extensions, yet the county expects the money of him, and being responsible he purposes taking steps to collect it.

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