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THE FISH SITUATION BY A DOWN SOUND FISHERMAN

Needs No More Legislation, Until Present Laws Are Executed

CORRESPONDENT ASKS SOME POINTED QUESTIONS AND GIVES PRACTICAL OPINIONS.

Buxton, N. C., Feb. 4.

For several issues of your paper I have noticed articles from different sections of the fishing country along the sounds condemning pound nets. No one seems to think of any other kind of net or any other method of destruction except pound nets that are destroying our fish supply. It seems that pound nets were first used extensively in the upper Albemarle sound and gradually worked east and south until they are now used along the entire length of Albemarle, Croatan, Roanoke and Pamlico sounds and much of their tributaries. When they were first introduced in Albemarle and Croatan sounds they were profitable and we heard no complaint from these sections of their use; but later when the fishermen of upper Pamlico began to use them extensively and the supply of fish (especially shad) began to grow less the fishermen of the upper sound sections began to complain and ask that their use be restricted, &c. I am told by some of the oldest fishermen of this section that way along in the '70s, before pound nets were thought of, and very few gill nets were fished south of Stumpy Point, that they used to go up sound and fish for the Wood's, Skinner's, and Capehart's and if the season was not a good one the blame was placed on the fishermen of this Bank's section for having their nets too near the inlets and stopping the fish from going up sound.

Now, any one who is acquainted with conditions around these inlets knows how impossible it is to stop them with nets so fish cannot get in. The swift tides, the changing currents and great amount of trash and drift that comes down through the them from the rivers and make it impossible to keep any kinds of nets in shape to catch fish near the inlets.

As fishermen have no other occupation to follow it seems the people of this section would be able to see their own interest in the matter and be willing to do the best thing for their general good. This I believe they are willing to do when they see they are not expected to make all the sacrifice and the other sections make none. Any one interested in this subject (and the whole state should be) by taking a chart of the North Carolina coast and examining it will see that of the whole coast south of Cape Henry, Va., there are two small inlet north of Cape Hatteras through which fish can enter the sounds of North Carolina. One of these (New Inlet) is practically closed and the other (Oregon) is perhaps, 2 miles wide.

About 10 miles southwest of Cape Hatteras we have Hatteras Inlet, perhaps, 1 mile wide and about 15 miles southwest of this is Ocracoke Inlet perhaps 2 miles wide. I am told that so few shad enter Beaufort Inlet that shad nets are not fished in that section at all. This leaves Oregon, New, Hatteras, and Ocracoke Inlets the only points of entrance for shad along the North Carolina coast.

Now, it is understood that shad start north from some point or place in the warm tropical waters of the Gulf and they are caught from Florida on up the coast to Maine—the markets showing the advance north by quoting shad from different localities. In this migration north the fish are supposed to be looking for brackish or-nearly fresh water for the purpose of spawning or depositing their eggs. Also, their progress north is dependent to a great extent upon the temperature of the water of the ocean, hence in very cold winters shad come late and in warm winters they come early. This being the case it is natural that the greater bulk of the fish follow close to the warm water of the gulf stream as they go north from Florida and by so doing very few of them enter the inlets in the bend of the coast southwest of Cape Hatteras.

This accounts for so few entering at Beaufort, Ocracoke and Hatteras Inlets. After passing Cape Hatteras the coast bears east of north and thus we find the greater bulk of shad enter through Oregon Inlet as New Inlet is now so near filled up. Again, the condition of the weather has very much to do with the number of fish that come in the inlets as they will not enter where the sea is rough on the bar and at this season of the year at least half the time the sea is rough as the prevailing winds are north or northeast, and this is our stormy season. With these conditions against us and with practically only one small inlet (Oregon) that is favorably located for the entrance of shad is any one surprised that we should have some poor seasons? Men who fished gill nets 30 years ago tell of seasons when they did not sell for enough to pay hand hire. It certainly was not pound nets then. Again, the fish that are hatched in these waters do not necessarily return to these same waters during their life. There is at least no proof of this and with conditions as they are chances are in favor of their entering some of the larger bays and rivers north of us. There is no question but that the supply of shad is gradually decreasing but there is a great question as to the real cause. At present, pound nets in the sounds of this state seem to be having the whole blame to bear, but a careful study of conditions at other points along the coast may place some of this blame where it more properly belongs. Up to the present time there has been practically no effort made to catch any shad along the North Carolina coast until after they enter the sounds. This is not the case north of us and from the southern coast of Virginia to as far north as shad are known to go their path is strewn with large sea-pounds. These coasts are less rough and more shelving than ours making conditions much more favorable for fishing at sea. Also the nearness to markets and easy transportation enable them to get better returns. Let the men who would wipe pound nets out of North Carolina look up the figures, if the United States Fish Commission can give them, and see if a very small per cent. of the annual catch of shad is on really North Carolina shore. Why should we stop catching them in any way simply to let our neighbors north and south of us have a better chance when we of all the people of the coast are limited to fishing for a living? If our wise legislators will look up the whole situation carefully I think they will decide the best thing they can do is to ask congress to protect our fish supply when outside the jurisdiction of the states and ask the other states interested as we are to do the same and then join us in passing state laws that will protect them after they (the fish) have come within the bounds of each state. Under the present status of sentiment we are very much afraid that our present legislature will start out to protect (?) our fishing industry to its death as the past 2 or 3 legislatures have done our oyster industry. As to local laws prohibiting the placing of too many nets in the narrow parts of the sounds so as to obstruct or impede the progress of the fish up sound I think every reasonable man is in favor of that, but to do away with pound nets because some one has abused his natural rights with them would be a great injustice to the large class of fishermen who wish to obey the law. At present we in this section are burdened with lots of local laws about oystering, fishing and hunting that are not executed giving the dishonest man better opportunities while curtailing the honest man's natural rights. Such conditions produce a general disregard for all laws and unless there is ample provision made for their execution we are in favor of no more laws on these subjects.

Yours truly,
J. J. DAVIS.

Automobile Sold To Buy Uniforms For Veterans

For \$65

At a meeting of W. F. Martin Camp No. 1590, of Elizabeth City, N. C., on February 1st, 1907, the following ladies were selected as committee for their respective localities of Pasquotank and Camden counties for the purpose of procuring funds to uniform comrades of W. F. M. Camp, viz: PASQUOTANK COUNTY. Newland Township. Miss Bettie Williams, Mrs. E. B. Granger and Miss Eunice Williams. Providence Township. Miss Velle Harris, Miss Elinda Jennings and Miss Bertha Morgan. Elizabeth City Township. Miss Mary McMullan, Miss May Wood, Miss Mary Ehringhaus, Miss Nancy Burgess, Miss Outlaw and Miss Nannie Reid. Mt. Hermon Township. Mrs. Mark G. Gregory and others to be named by Comrade M. G. Gregory. Nixonton Township. Miss Margaret Hollowell, Mrs. Elijah Howell and Miss Sarah Elliott. Salem Township. Mrs. Thos. Parson, Miss Bertha Sawyer, Miss Mary Weeks and Miss Lister. CAMDEN COUNTY. Shiloh Township. To be selected by Lieut. N. C. Burgess. Belcross Township. Miss Lula Trafton and Miss Lylie Sawyer. South Mills Township. Miss Alice Taylor, Mrs. D. E. Williams and Miss India Bartlett. The above committees to be by Adjutant J. H. Burgess, Sr., of their appointment and be requested to accept and proceed without delay in soliciting funds and to report to Adjutant J. H. Burgess, Sr., their success by February 25th, 1907.

Prepare This Yourself. For those who have and form of blood disorders; who want new, rich blood and plenty of it, try this: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime. Any good pharmacy can supply the ingredient at small cost. This is the prescription which, when made up, is called "The Vegetable Treatment;" by others, the "Cyclone Blood Purifier." It acts gently and certainly does wonders for some people who are sickly, weak and out of sorts, and is known to relieve serious, longstanding cases of rheumatism and chronic backache quickly.

Make some up and try it.

Mother and Father Both Dead

Mr. James Wilson, of the Davis Bay section, died Wednesday of pneumonia. His wife died last Saturday morning of the same disease. Four small children are left without father or mother. The remains of Mr. Wilson will be interred tomorrow evening in the family burying ground.

Mr. Rollinson From Down Home

Mr. S. M. S. Rollinson returned home Wednesday from a visit to his old home at Hatteras of several days duration where he has been gone to visit his relatives and to attend to business. Mr. Rollinson stated to an Economist reporter this morning that there has been little fishing done but from now on the indications are that fishing will be good. Much preparations has been made for fishing and the fishermen are confidently expecting a good springs catch. Mr. Rollinson reports shooting fairly good in spite of the exceedingly mild weather; and, if this cold snap will last that it will pick up considerably in the future.

Special Announcement Regarding the National Pure Food and Drug Law.

We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults.

Prisoners Locked Jailer In, And Walked Away

WHEN JAILER BROUGHT DOWN THE DOOR—WALKED AWAY IN BROAD DAY LIGHT. News has been received here of a unique jail break, which occurred at Columbia, Tyrrell county, a day or two ago. Two white prisoners, named William Colston and Roles Roads, were incarcerated in the county jail during the Christmas holidays upon the charge of stealing a lot of raw hides from a peddler, which they carried to Edenton and sold. Several threats of liberation on the part of their friends caused the deputy sheriff to bring them here for safe keeping, but they could not be accommodated here, so they were taken back to Tyrrell, where they have been in jail ever since, or rather, until the last day or two ago. At the noon meal hour when the jailer took them their dinner, instead of eating their dinner, they made a rush for the open door, which they succeeded in gaining ahead of the jailer. As they went out, they closed the jail door and locked it with the jailer inside and the prisoners on the outside. After the jailer had been securely locked up, they calmly walked away in broad day light.

Petition Carried To Raleigh

Mr. Geo. J. Spence left Wednesday afternoon for Raleigh, where he goes to present a petition before the legislature in regard to the bond bill. The petition asking that the voters of the city be allowed to vote upon the bond issue, before it becomes a law, has been circulated in the city, and has received quite a number of signatures. Use a little KODOL after your meals and it will be found to afford a prompt and efficient relief. KODOL nearly approximates the digestive juices. It digests what you eat. It is sold on a guaranteed relief plan. Sold here by Aydtlett's drug store.

Gov. Glenn to Speak on Prohibition

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 5.—Governor Glenn goes to Salisbury next Saturday night to make a speech in the temperance campaign in progress there. Wintry winds whined weirdly. Willie wriggled while Winnie wheezed wretchedly. Wisdom whispers, winter winds, work wheezes. Wherefore we write, "Use Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup." Nothing else so good. Sold by Aydtlett's drug store.

Girl Dies Of Hydrophobia

BITTEN BY A RABID CAT, SHE DIES A HORRIBLE DEATH. Martha Richardson, the fourteen year old daughter of Mr. William Richardson, of the Newland section, who several days ago developed what was supposed to be a violent form of insanity died Monday of hydrophobia. Several weeks ago a rabid cat scratched her while being driven from the dining room of the Richardson home. Nothing further was thought of the cat episode until the doctor pronounced her death due from hydrophobia. Her parents are now certain that she was bitten by the cat.

Mr. Rollinson From Down Home

Mr. Earnest Blanchard has just returned from a business trip to Harbinger. Possesses wonderful power over the human body, removing all disorders from your system; that's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea does. 25 cents. Tea or Tablets. Standard Pharmacy. Mr. Oscar Lister, of Weeksville, is in the city today. Give me the girl with ravishing eyes, And sweet, red lips; She is better than mansions of stone, Or temples of brick, For joy and pleasure there will be, If she takes Rocky Mountain Tea. —Standard Pharmacy.

ARE YOUR EYES IN PERFECT CONDITION?

If not you certainly cannot do justice to your work. A proper examination, and I only advise glasses when they are of direct benefit, and I make for you without charging exorbitant prices. DR. J. D. HATHAWAY, Optician.

Buildings up waste tissue, promotes appetite, improves digestion, induces refreshing sleep, giving renewed strength and health.

That's what's Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 25 cents. Tea or Tablets.—Standard Pharmacy.

Nothing will relieve indigestion that is not a thorough digestant.

Kodol digests what you eat and allows the stomach to rest—recuperate—grow strong again. It is a corrective of the highest efficiency. Sold by Aydtlett's drug store.