# FOR A FISH BILL WHEN THE TIRED THAT'S STATE-WIDE MOTHER GIVES OU

Importance of the Measure Which Has Passed the Senate Emphasized

## Senator Walter L. Cohoon, of Pas-

quotank, who is emphatic in his opinion that the State-wide fish bill which has passed the Senate will prove of the greatest value to all North Caro-lina, has the following to say on the matter:

'In my opinion there is no more important measure claiming the at-tention of this General Assembly than that of the State-wide fish bill, passed the Senate overwhelmingly yesterday. Its importance can be widely appreciated when one stops and thinks of the extensive area of our inland sounds and rivers, to say nothing of the local costal area. No where on earth is there to be found such rich diversity of natural re sources as obtain within that 52,000 square miles of area circumscribed by miles of area circumscribed by phical lines and known as Carolina. This statement is geographical North Carolina. This statement is attested by the fact that North Caro-lina is the only State in the vast sis-terhood of States of the American Union that fills every blank in the census report. This fact means much; it means that all the products of the forests, mines, fields, and waters are here in North Carolina. It's high mountain peaks give us a flora in-digenous to Canada; while Cape Hat-terns, bathed by the tepid waters of North terns, bathed by the tepid waters of the gulf stream, affords a fauna that is characteristic of the southern

With respect to her fish and oys with respect to her han and oys-ter industries, North Carolina has been sadly derelict. Instead of keeping pace with Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, Virginia, and other States which have properly pro-tected and conserved their fish and ovater interests we have permitted oyster interests, we have permitted vandalism to run rampant until our fish and oyster industry has been depleted to an alarming extent. For instance, I exhibited to the State yes-For terday a half-gallon jar containing fifty small mullets, weighing about two ounces spice, and this jar of fish represented a fair sample taken from a cargo of fish that was recently old upon the Wilmington market by Carteret county fishermen. These fish were entirely too graat to be edible. and were, therefore, worthless. If they had been permitted to remain in the waters for another year, instead of being able to get fifty in a half gallon jar, you could not have gotten more than four. Again these years nore than four Again, these valuable food fish are being caught and ground up into fertilizer in certain regions of castern North Carolina, and this wanton destruction of a valuable food supply continues unabated year after year, in spite of the fact that our State stalistics show that there are year, in spite of the fact that our State statistics show that there are fewer beef cattle in North Carolina today than there were in 1850, sixty-five years ago. This fact should con-cern us deeply, certainly in the light of the further fact that in 1850 our population was 889.089, while in 1910 it was 2.206.287. Think of it; an in-crease in population of near 400 per cent, and yet a decrease in the supply of beef cattle. Think you that we have a moral right to permit such rapid devastation of our natural re-wources? Can it be that we owe no responsibility to those who are to fol-low us, those yet unborn? "Unlike New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut. Virginia, and other States, we have no effective laws regu-lating the size of the fish that shall be taken for shipment. The States with a have just named have very effective laws, which prevent the tak-tive an entline of undervice food fish

fretige laws, which prevent the tak ing and selling of undersize food fish. For instance, last spring I stood in Fulling market. New York City, and Fullda market. New York City, and new the inspector pour kerosene of the a cargo of undersize fish shipped from North Carolina. I have also spen, about twenty-five kerosene bar-rels from two-thirds to three-fourths full of young shad and herring from two to four inches long, and which were used by a farmer for fertilizer. are used by possession now a man-

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small fish to adequately stock the waters of North Carolina. In fact, Mr. Rdefield states in his letter that he would promptly inaugurate an extensive propagation of fish in the waters of North Carolina.

"The antagonists of the bill now pending, hope to defeat the measure because it carries an appropriation. contend that it is not an appropriation, but an investment, unless North Carolina's experience should be far different from that of other States that have enacted practically the same law. In facts, the bill now pending before our General Assembly is prac-tically the law under which the States tically the law under which the States of Rhode Island. New York, Connecti-cut, and Virginia are now operating. Connecticut, as is genarally known, is the pioneer in fish and oyster cul-ture. The finesested value of the oys-ter bottoms in the State of Connecti-cut is \$1.073,105.75. These figures "represent the value of the oyster in-ductor only and have pathies to do bepresent the value of the oyster in-dustry only, and have nothing to do with the value of the fin fish of that State, which is much larger than that of the oyster industry. The little State of Rhode Island, owns its own oyster bottoms which netted the State Treas-ury last year a total of \$127,777.50 ury last year a total of \$123,777.50 These two States combined, have noth-ing like the fish and oyster possibili-ties that North Carolina enjoys. In fact, when Dr. Moore was in Raleigh a few weeks ago, he stated that North Carolina could easily be the first State among the Atlantic Coast States with among the Atlantic Coast States with respect to the importance of her fish and oyster industry. Now, if the other States are deriving so much benefit from their fish and oyster re-soffrage, why cannot North Carolina do likewise? As the result of a care-ful investigation, I am prepared to advance the optimum that within a

advance the opinion, that within a few years the fisheries resources of North Carolina will be the largest source of revenue from which our

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ustion in the east is very much like until the situation in the west except on a much larger scale. For instance; if on some of the rivers of the west the west block the

Anat Then?—The Family Suf-fers, the Poor Mothers Suf-fer\_Mrs. Becker Meets This Distressing Situation Collinsville, III.—I suffered from a viding for the appointment of s com-mittee of members of that General Assembly, which committee was in-

structed to visit the fisheries counties and make a thorough investigation, and then report to the General As-sembly of 1911. This committee was composed of W. C. Newland, lieut-govcomposed of W. C. Newland, heat-gov-ernor and president of the Senate; Judge A. W. Graham, speaker of the House of Representatives; Senators E. L. Travis and J. A. Barringer; ex-Lieut, Gov. R. A. Doughton, and Mesure. Stubbs of Martin, and J. H. Currie of Comberland. The commit-for resource the United States Bu-

Tee requested the United States Bu-reau of Finheries to furnish them with an expert from that Bureau, and Dr. H. F. Moore, one of the most emissent fish experts in the world, was assigned to this due. The committee conduct-ed public hearings, which were stenographically reported. These hearings were conducted at different points in the fisheries territory from the Virginia line on the north to Southport on the south. Their report is contained in a solume of 302 pages, which has been published by the North Carolina Geological and Economic

"The expense of this commission was \$2.237 36. Their report to the General Assembly of 1911 was the recommendation to pass the very bill which plassed its third reading in the Senate vesterate. Senate yesterday. The information upon which this report was based, was obtained from the individual fishermen, and was thoroughly impartial. It cost the taxpayers of North Caro-lina \$2.237.36. Are the Representa-ives not willing to accept the advice thus obtained from seven disinterested hien who represent the very high-est type of citizenship? Can they hope to obtain information from a more intelligent and importial source. "In the light of the information thus obtained at the expense of the taxpayers of North Carolina, this bin taxpayers of North Fardins, this this passed the House of R presentatives four gears ago, but was killed in the Senate through the influence, of the Senator from Carteret county. Who is now representing the same county in the House. I am informed that he has been especially aritye in his an-tagoristim to this State-wide bill, but I down believe the members of this I do not believe the members of this Legislature will permit "legislative courtesy" to interfere with the pase age of such a merioricus measure. I am of the opinion that the per-monel of the present House of Repre-sentatives is above the average, and they impress me as a body of men whon are unselfishly patriotic and who when once transitioned as to the merif when once convinced as to the merit of this bill in conserving such an im-portant food supply, will let nothing stand in the way of its passage."

### WANTS EXAMINATIONS FOR DRIVERS OF AUTOMOBILES

oro Correspondent Would Also Have Tax, on Chauffeurs.

To the Editors It seems to me that while the Legislature is passing laws for everything else, from a chickens Boratching garden to the anti-ship ping law, that they certainly could do one more good thing in passing a law requiring an auto driver to stand source of revenue from which out commonwealth is to draw. The Representatives from these costal counties say it is a local ques-tion. On this point i take issue with them. It is not a local question by any means. The fish in North Caro-lina waters belong to the State of North Carolina, and not ot any partic-ular county. For instance, the man-who lives at the inlet in one of these costal counties criss to the General Assembly to be let alone and undis-furthe fight a sound. Can it be a local question when the spawning grounds of the fish entering that in-let are 200 miles from either Hat and all the counties bodgeting that in-the fight many set of the strange that in-body the strange that in-body the strange that in-the spawning the an examination and pay a State tax for the privilege of driving a car. There are only two things responsible for the majority of suito accidents which occur almost daily: That is.

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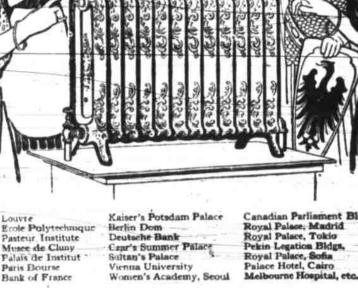
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ounty, one of the largest couplies, in which he states that he has seen several times as many under-size food fish causht, killed, and thrown overboard each day than were and all the counties bordering the waters through which these fish must as much right to obtain their county shipped to the markets. If such reck-less destruction of a valuable food supply is permitted to continue, pray as does the man who lives near the inlet.

This point may be forcibly illus-trated by the fact that the United States government atempted to artell me what will the unborn genera-tion of North Carolinians feed upon-"This State-wide fish measure is berest the rapid decrease of the rock fish because of its value as a superior foof fish. For ten years the United ing opposed by Representatives from urrituck, Dare, Hyde, and Carteret ounties. The reason of the attitude countles. States government attempted to ar-dilligent investigations for the purpose of locating the spawning grounds of the rock fish: After these long years of these centlemen is easily apparent when, by reference to the map. It is observed that these are all costal counties, controlling the inlets through which the fish must come from the of careful investigations, they finally discovered one locality, and this was at the foot of the falls of the Roanoke waters of the ocean, seeking the warm Hver near Weldon. The spawning ground of the rock fish is 300 miles from the injet through which they come from the waters of the ocean. are their natural spawning grounds For instance, the shad, our most valu-able food fish, and the herring, an-other valuable food fish, must have fresh water in which to deposit their and on their course from the inlet or eggs. Just why the head waters of Albemarle sound is the most favorable locality for the propagation of these particular varieties of fish I do not up amlico, Crostan, and Albemarle sounds, and on up Roanoke river, is a distance of more than 200 mHes 'In the face of the above fact how can the opponents of the State-wide bill say that it is a local question. Can it be that the people of Northampton. know, but such is the case and, when these fish are obstructed in their efforts to reach this region, where their Torns to reach this region, where their funsting t teaches them to go for the proper propagation of their species, it is time that the people of this State were enacting such laws as would re-move the obstruction. I have heard a few of the Representatives from these constal, counties contend that Halifax, Bertie, and Martin counties on the Roanoke river have no rights to the rock fish which seek the waters of that river; and have the people in the counties bordering the Albemarie sound no property rights in these rock

costal counties contend that fish ? their fishermen did not obstruct the passage of the fish at the inlets. I "This fish question has been a constant source of annoyance to every General Assembly within my Recollechave just read a telestram to the State fish commissioner, advising him that ffatteras Inlet, one of the main inlets through which shad and herring en-ter North Carolina waters, is com-pletely honeycombed with nets, and it is one of the founctions of gov-"It is one of the founctions of gov-ernment to conserve the natural re-sources, and if the commonwesilth of North Carolina does not enact this State-wide fish bill into law and thus have just read a telegram to the State the differences that arise in each lo-cality. Only a few days ago the House of Representatives spent two days in discussing a local fish bill, the object of which was to relive the fish-ermen in one small county in eastern North Carolina from a license tax. I have learned that all the fishermen in this particular county is a series. fish bill into law and thus State-wide non-bill into law and thus protect its fishing industry. I am in-clined to the belief that it will be but a short time before the United States government will take over the control of the fish as it has already done with respect to the game. The fish is a misratory animal, and there is no reason why the United States government should not undertake the this particular county paid an aggre-gate fish license tax inst year of \$152. It requires \$1,500 a day to run the

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government should not undertake the control of this most valuable food supply. In fact, there is a bill now pending in Congress to this end. "I have recently read letters from Mr Reddeld, Secretary of Commerce, directed to three of our Congressmen, to wit, Messra, Small, Faison, and Godwin in which he positively declined to nermit the United States Bureau of Feberies to furnish young fish with which to stock the waters in their re-mention districts for the reason that General Assembly and yet, here we were, the lawfinkers of a great com-monwealth, representing more than two million people, spending three thousand dollars of the people's money in determining whether or not the fish ermen in this small county should pay a license tax of \$182. This is only one example of what occurs every session of, the General Assembly. Now, is not this ridiculous? Yet you will never stor the occurrence of such

which to stock the waters in their re-meeting districts for the reason that these wifers were interminented by the Sinte of North Carolina through its lish commissioner. But these Con-gressmen were given every assurance that immediately upon the ensciment that immediately upon the ensciment is but bill as is now nending, the government would furnish sufficient

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There are more chauffeurs in the same they now receive. Such beins the account of insurance would able to furthals such she is not destination. The same they now receive. Such beins the account of the hard worked druggist. It would raise more money, and the same and are taking every advantage on them instead of the hard worked druggist. It would raise more money, and the same and are beking every advantage on the same and an end there she is out has a sould benefit the instead of the hard worked druggist. It would raise more money, and they could county, and they could county and at the same time elevate the sould counte the instead corne team of the instead of the bard worked druggist. It would raise more money, and at the same and any, not in proportion to how careful and competent. An engineer knows his vessel, and guards the lives on board. But an guards the lives on the max there of forty miles per four, known has vessel, and guards the lives on the same the sould be able to further and the sould will have there are the fourth producing will have there are money and an any be heard. But the max there fore the sould and a large family detects anything wrong. A sould be able to further the one who does not heard the sould be able to further the one who does not the sould be able to further the one who does not heard the sould be able to further the one who ing on earth about the car but how D. E. STA to start, how to stop and how to ac- Weldon, N. C. Feb. 25.

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pressions a dinger, provided by mem-bers of the First Baptist church, and incausifully served by Mr and Mrs. If M. Finch, whe enjoyed. The next session of the conference which he held in Wilson, warly in June.

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