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Enlarged Natural Resources

From time to time, prophets of gloom promote the idea that we are nearing the end of our natural resources.

Two decades ago, it was predicted that the American petroleum reservoirs were being exhausted and would soon disappear.

Similarly, for years we have been told that the day will soon come when coal will no longer be used and all the coal mines will stand idle.

Then came the European War II. The supply of rubber and silk became imperiled. American chemists had for years been working on formulas to supply these products without resorting to imports.

The day may come when the principal use of coal will be its translation into chemicals—a great new industry, affording jobs to tens of thousands of American miners.

And so it is with oil and electricity. Under the guiding hand of American initiative and enterprise, these industries are constantly expanding and rendering ever increasing service.

Only the pessimist sees the dead end of every road, and he never reaches his goal.

Internationalists

The medical man is the true internationalist. His war against plague and disease knows no boundaries. He fights for all humanity.

The American doctor and scientist has always been at the forefront of that fight—and he has won some of its greatest victories. A new and notable example of that is found in a recent Collier's article describing the astonishing work done by Dr. D. R. Collier, an American, in seeking a cure for leprosy.

Many years ago Dr. Collier went to Thailand, formerly Siam, as medical missionary of the Presbyterian mission there. Thailand has some 50,000 lepers. He became interested in researches of a German doctor, who had found that leprosy was most common in areas where the people ate taro—a flowering plant known in this country as elephant's ear or caladium. Taro is as staple a food in Thailand as potatoes in America.

Then his long work started. Experiments on animals proved the taro-leprosy connection. Serums were made, discarded, made again. Finally the time arrived for tests on human sufferers from leprosy. Here, according to Collier's, are the results of the inoculations: "Blotched and postulated skins had cleared up and smoothed over; huge ulcers healed; useless, swollen nerves, corded like rope under the skin, had subsided to normal size and functions; paralyzed muscles came back into use."

Here is a story that has been duplicated in a hundred cases—one by one the great killers are being conquered. This is the priceless gift of medical men to the people of all the world, and American

doctors are now heading the list of human benefactors.

A New Hazard

The release of several hundred thousand active boys and girls upon North Carolina streets and highways as a result of the closing of the public schools poses a serious safety problem for parents and motorists, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, stated this week.

"A good motto for motorists to adopt at this season of the year is 'School's out,'" the safety director said. "And a suggestion for parents is this: If you want your children to play in a safe place, you should provide an attractive place where they can play at home."

Hocutt pointed out that even in ordinary times there are great potentialities for tragedy when throngs of carefree, energetic and often thoughtless children are released from school for the summer vacation period, but that these dangers are greatly increased at a time such as the present, when traffic fatalities in this state are running nearly 50 per cent above last year and the general tempo of life and traffic is greatly stepped up.

He suggested that parents can help avert child traffic fatalities by (1) providing attractive places for children to play away from traffic, (2) discouraging children from visiting playmates out of their immediate neighborhood unless their parents or some older person can provide them with a ride or walk with them, (3) not sending children away from home on unnecessary errands, and (4) helping children develop safe habits of walking, playing, skating and cycling.

Motorists can help, he added, by (1) keeping a sharp eye on children who are walking, running, playing ball, skating or riding bicycles in or adjacent to the street or roadway, (2) trying to anticipate sudden movements of children, and (3) being prepared to stop quickly in the event of such movements.

Hospital Day

Next Monday, May 12, is National Hospital Day, and it will be fittingly observed locally.

It is not widely known that at the time of the Crimean expedition Florence Nightingale was already the greatest expert of her time in hospital management; that she had spent years of study in the best institutions on the continent, that she had reorganized the nursing systems of several large hospitals in England. Neither is it generally known that on her return from the Crimean War she founded a great Home for training nurses, and that the remaining years of her life were spent in the interests of nursing, public health, and sanitation.

Thus it is entirely fitting that May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, should have become the occasion for national recognition of the hospital as an institution of public service, for it is through visits to the hospital on National Hospital Day that the people of the community may become familiar with the less spectacular functions of the hospital. Its readiness to give competent performance in times of public catastrophe or individual emergency is well known and fully appreciated—these are the expeditionary wars of institutional life. Less widely understood are the manifold services which it carries quietly forward from day to day and from year to year, constantly seeking to improve its methods, its equipment, and its personnel to provide the best possible protection of the community health.

To the extent that it can give the visitor some knowledge of these continuing services, National Hospital Day becomes a useful agency of public education. The visitor who passes the Ambulance Entrance can readily call to mind what must be the swift activity of this scene during an emergency, but the truly thoughtful visitor may see in the planning of space, the availability of materials and equipment, and the presence of staff members the years of study and effort and training which have been devoted to preparation for emergency. Only a few will pause to reflect that each emergency is in itself a preparation for the ones to follow, in a profession seeking constantly to improve and protect its practices. The visitor to the surgical floor may visualize the hushed tenseness of a major operation, but he has missed its true significance if he does not also recognize that such a moment brings to his own community the best achievements of all the doctors and nurses of the past, and of all those who have designed surgical instruments and built surgical equipment.

Just Among The FISHERMEN BY BILL KEZIAH

Colonel Bill Chantland of the Federal Trade Commission in Washington is scheduled to head a Washington party of sportsmen here this week. They will fish on the Gulf Stream. Colonel Bill is not a newcomer at Southport. He has been out on Frypan twice and says that Southport has the fish. He ought to know fish; he has fished the Virgin islands, Cuba, Florida and the whole of the Atlantic Coast.

Still another party from Washington this week will be headed by Don N. Carpenter hunting and fishing editor of the Washington Daily News. Carpenter and four other sportsmen are due to reach port tonight for the balance of the week. He has tried things here twice and claims Frypan is an Eldorado for sportsmen. He is about the fishing-estry we know of.

The sportsmen seem to be having trouble in getting the big red drum through the surf on the point of Bald Head Island. Much tackle has been busted and much swearing has been sworn when uncommonly large ones, aided by the surf, have broken loose. Biggest one taken so far this season was landed Thursday by a Wilmington sportsman. It weighed 35-pounds. If you can believe the tales that the sportsmen tell, they have hooked onto fish that weighed 75 pounds.

The freshwater fishing season opens again tomorrow, to remain open until the first of next April. We have our Shakespeare Wonderreel and its 100 yards of non-backlash line, all a present from the Shakespeare Company, all nicely fixed for business.

Hunting and fishing and outdoor editors who failed to apply to the State News Bureau at Raleigh for a layout of the pictures showing Dave Roberts of the Cincinnati, Ohio, Enquirer taking a big drum on Bald Head Island, missed a good thing in the way of a picture story. The pictures in question were made by Bill Baker and were top-notchers. Charles Farrell of the Art Shop in Greensboro got a wonderful movie film of the taking of the same fish.

With no place of business open that owned a pair of scales large enough to weigh it on, we just have to guess that the big drum that Bill Berry brought in from Bald Head Island Sunday afternoon weighed at least 42 pounds. We sort of figure that Bill will keep on tinkering around on the point at Bald Head until he catches a drum that will win the \$100.00 prize offered through the New Hanover Fishing Club by George Huttaff. For a year now we have been maintaining that the fish that wins the prize will be caught on Bald Head.

Thus far this year the fishing just offshore has been very poor. It has resulted in a few blues, a few bonito and a few trout being taken. Sea bass have been plentiful, but they are not so desirable. "A bit of hot weather will send all sorts of fish coming offshore from the deep water," said Captain John Erikson a few days ago. Right now the best sport fishing bets are on the Gulf Stream. One party has gone there and made a good catch, despite the fact that a strong northeast wind was blowing.

Horseback riding one day this week, we came to what our companion, Miss Lois Jane Bussells, described as having been a pond only a few years ago. Naturally, it is not the driest, but it is dry in keeping with any other areas in Brunswick county. With the removal of two small trees, it would make an extra good emergency landing field for planes. In fact, we doubt if there are many areas in the whole county that would require less work, than this former pond, in order to become an airfield. A good solid top soil is already there, all leveled off.

The full moon period now coming on should bring with it very much better commercial and sport fishing. There are probably a lot of people who will deny that the moon is in anyway connected with either good or bad fishing. Such people will not be found among the fellows who regularly engage in the industry or sport. When the high tides come along with the full moon, salt water fishing gets very much better. Commercial fishermen also find it much easier to find fish. There are no high tides at freshwater fishing places, all the same the freshwater fish also bite better at along the time of the full moon.

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

Winnabow, N. C. April 29, 1941

Editor, State Port Pilot, Southport, N. C. Dear Sir:

Will you please run this appeal in one issue of your paper. It is a copy of a letter which I am today addressing to Judge John J. Burney of Wilmington:

"Dear Judge Burney, 'It appearing according to the present set-up that there is a vacancy in the board of our county welfare committee; and it appearing that our township (Town Creek) is represented by Mr. A. P. Henry, the lower part of the county is represented by the Hon. Walter M. Stanaland and Southport is represented by Mr. C. C. Russ, director of the county welfare department; Southport has the only distributing point for surplus commodities; and Southport has the only WPA sewing project in the county.

'I am asking you, as Lockwoods Folly is the poorest township in the county, that you please favor this township with the appointment of some good competent representative, man or woman, to fill the vacancy that now exists in the trio of representatives of our county welfare board.

'I fell quite sure that you will administer the service requested without any partial favors toward any sect or section.

'Your very truly, 'J. B. Atkinson.'

YOUR HOME AGENT SAYS

PLANT STARTER

Setting tomato plants with a liquid fertilizer known as A Plant Starter was tried out last year by a few of our tomato growers. They reported the plants became established sooner than where just water was used; fruit clusters were formed earlier and the yield was increased. It may be used also in setting of cabbage, collards, peppers, eggplant and sweet potato slips. The Plant Starter is used in addition to the regular fertilizer applications in growing these crops.

Commercially prepared Plant Starters are now being put on the market and sold under different trade names. If you are unable to purchase this material, I suggest that you use a 4-12-4 commercial mixed fertilizer or a 5-7-5 mixture according to the following procedure.

- 1. Weigh out 8 ounces and put it into a pail of water. Stir thoroughly until the fertilizer is dissolved. Let set for 10 or 15 minutes until the insoluble materials collect at bottom of the pail. 2. Add the dissolved material to 10 or 12 gallons of water. 3. When setting plants use one pint of this liquid fertilizer to each plant.

VEGETABLES TO PLANT

Eastern Carolina: Sow seed of cowpeas, Swiss chard, snapbeans, bush and pole lima beans, sweet corn (Golden Cross Bantam and Ionana varieties) okra. Try the eatable soybeans of the Rokusam and Charm varieties. Set plants of tomato, sweet potato, eggplant, pepper and collard. Western Carolina: Sow seed for setting out plants for late cabbage, collards, and tomatoes. Plant seed of Lima beans, snap beans, squash, okra, carrots, field peas, summer spinach, Swiss chard, butabagas, sweet corn (Golden Cross Bantam and Ionana varieties) and cucumber.

Set plants of tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and sweet potato slips the last of May.

GROWING SWEET POTATOES

Do not use stable manure or sweepings from the poultry house. When these manures are used, over-grown, cracked and diseased sweet potatoes are produced. Do not use rich ground in growing this crop. Grow them with a 3-8-8 fertilizer at rate of 2 and 3 pounds per 100 foot row.

SMALL FRUITS

Why not pick blackberries from a planting in your garden instead of a briar patch away from home. Here is what Mrs. R. F. Reeding of Quaker Gap in Stokes County did. In 1939 she bought 25 blackberry plants. Nineteen lived. In 1940 she picked enough berries to have two blackberry pies per day thru the harvest season and canned a surplus. She has enlarged her plantings to 75 plants, securing the extra plants from the original planting.

BOLIVIA NEWS

Mrs. C. C. Russ, of Southport, is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Frank Mintz, while Mr. Russ is in Veterans Hospital, Fayetteville. Friends of Miss Myrtle Lesh will be glad to learn that she is better after having been critically

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

Looking back through the files we find that the column recently passed the second anniversary mark. Not a single edition has been missed although your original reporter has been saved many a time and oft by the editor. . . . Most all of Southport people are ardent radio fans even though reception is poor along the coast. The recent changing of dial locations hasn't seemed to cut out the Mexican stations as expected. . . . One of the most popular radio programs is the fifteen minute broadcast on Sunday night by Walter Winchell. Winchell also has more than 500 newspapers carrying his daily column. His popularity lies in his determination to expose criminals and traitors even though his subjects usually are very prominent people. His enemies call him war-monger and flag-waver, but most of his readers and listeners call him America's No. 1 patriot.

People who saw "Second Chorus" and are wondering who played the music behind the trumpeting of Astaire and Meredith can toss their bouquets to Bobby Hackett. To prove just how really good he is; he was selected to play the music in a film of Bix Beiderbecke's life. Bix is considered the greatest jazz musician of all times. The film was shelved because the story of his life was too sordid. . . . Lois Jane is speedily getting together a great collection of phonograph records and often holds jam sessions for friends. . . . J. B. Finch is again taking photographs around town and has now turned his talent to tinting them, with some swell results. . . . The May Day program at the school last week attracted many cameras, even movie cameras. . . . Those kid boxing cards put on by Johnnie Simmons are a real treat. The boys never really hurt each other and they put up some grand fights, making a good show.

We had such a beautiful spurt of summer weather after Easter that the weather man was able to fire his bodyguard; he still carries his knife, though. . . . Rime of the week:— If you want a garden,

And you've got the dough Call a landscaper And Meet John Hoe. Keziah successfully squelched some of the who scoff at local weather at a recent. He picked up handfuls of rice that was thrown and went around proclaiming, "It doesn't melt."

Dunbar Davis, formerly of Southport, and practicing law in Plymouth, Mich., recently elected by his fellow townsmen to the city council. . . . They were cleaning up a piece of ground to plant watermelons out on the Moore farm last week when workers discovered a skunk nest. The parent skunks registered protest, and the hands were paid off, calling a day.

We hear that the "wild" turkeys released at Shallotte last year by a representative of the game division of the Board of Conservation development remain quite tame, and that the future rests largely upon the sportsmanship of the sportsmen. The three hens, by the way, setting now. . . . We are sorry for the people who failed to hear the program of sacred music and readings presented Thursday night in the high school auditorium by the glee club and members of the faculty of the Brunswick County Training School. It was the best program of kind we ever heard.

Lawyer C. Ed Taylor says that the E. F. Newton estate which he is now winding up is an ample of what a man can accumulate by sticking to his business and exercising thrift. Among papers is a tax receipt showing that in the 1888, the late Mr. Newton paid \$217 in taxes the county of Brunswick. Of this amount, \$100 was poll tax. When he died in 1929, his estate valued at more than \$20,000. Incidentally, that 1888 tax receipt was signed by Mr. Taylor's father, who was sheriff of the county at that time.

fill at Bullock's Hospital, Wilmington. Southport; Rev. Woodrow Robinson, Miss Mary Johnson, Gary and Billie F. Johnson.

Winnabow News

Graham Littleton and L. H. Grady of Kenansville spent Tuesday evening here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Duls of Wilmington were visitors here Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Hale of Wilmington spent Wednesday with Misses Ethel Satterfield and Virginia Pope.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Robbins and little daughter from Greensboro spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Martin B. Robbins.

Mrs. Geo. Walker and little daughter and brother of Currie were visitors here Saturday afternoon.

Thomas Henry of, Wilmington spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L.

Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lane and 2 children of Winter Park and Lawrence Bennett of Greensboro, N. C. were visitors by Sunday afternoon.

G. K. Lewis left Saturday for Lincolnton on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Leggett of Wilmington were visitors by Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ebers and J. R. Whisnant of Wilmington were visitors here Monday evening.

Mrs. Hattie Galloway and daughter, Miss Frances and Leon Galloway and 2 children Supply visited Mr. and Mrs. P. Henry Sunday afternoon.

Farmers of North Carolina set an all-time record of 1,814 acres harvested for hay in 1940, the State Department of Agriculture reports.

Advertisement for R. D. White's used cars. Features a large illustration of a car and text: 'WHOLESALE HOUSECLEANING USED CARS', 'HERE'S WHY WE DO IT!', 'Sales of the big 1941 Ford are booming: We've taken in a particularly choice lot of good used cars in trade. More than we want to carry through the big selling season. So—we're going to do a job of wholesale housecleaning. Our loss is your gain: Every car in this sale is priced at rock-bottom... every car thoroughly gone over... every car made spick and span... buy now and jump the buying rush... stop in today and take home one of these BIG BARGAINS!', 'AND LOOK AT THESE!', '1935 CHEV. COACH. YOURS FOR BARGAIN.', '1935 CHEV. SEDAN—A REAL BUY.', '1935 PLYMOUTH Coach AT AT SACRIFICE!', '2 SMART BUYS IN TRUCKS...', '1941 FORD Pick-Up. This truck has hardly been used, and we're taking a big loss.', '1937 DODGE panel truck. A good truck that has been used right. At a Sacrifice!', 'SPECIAL EASY TERMS', 'Come in! We'll talk prices and terms to suit your pocketbook. Easy terms arranged if you want them. TRADES ACCEPTED.', 'R. D. WHITE SHALLOTTE, N. C.', 'Ford logo'.