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## N. C. LEADS ALL GROWING TOBACCO

The Golden Leaf Crowns North Carolina and She Leads the United States

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 10.—Tobacco is king in North Carolina, and it entitles her to first rank among all states for this crop in acreage and value. Kentucky has long held the first place, but the 1920 crop has put her in second rank, by \$27,000,000 below that held by North Carolina.

North Carolina's total of 582,000 acres, produced a \$97,182,000 tobacco crop. The acreage in the state was increased 11 per cent, the production 11.8 per cent, and the total value decreased 44 per cent since 1919.

The quality was poor, it being pappy or devoid of wax, quite spotted and irregular in color, with much evidence of unripe curing. The color was variable but fair. The Alamance and Caswell counties area produced the best and about the only good tobacco in the state. Quite a slump in prices occurred late in November and December, excepting with the best qualities.

The United States crop was increased four per cent in production and yielded sixty-five per cent less in value. The national average for this crop was 796 pounds, valued at \$168, per acre at 21 cents per pound.

The state's tobacco crop averaged \$167 per acre, while the average of all crops was \$45.00. This means that the tobacco value is equal to about thirty per cent of the total value of all crops, while it had but twelve per cent of the acreage.

### CLUB MEETING.

Notices have been issued stating that a meeting of The Old Topsail Club will be held in the new quarters of the club tomorrow evening. Besides the election of new officers and other business a smoker will be given to members and their invited guests.

### RED CROSS MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the Red Cross Friday evening at 7:30 at the office of Mr. G. W. Duncan. All members are urged to attend as there is business of importance to be transacted.

MRS. G. W. LAY, Secretary.

### BISHOP DARST AT ST. AUL'S

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D. D., Bishop of East Carolina, will visit St. Paul's Church next Sunday, January 16th, and will administer the rite of confirmation at the morning service. The services will be: Holy communion at 8 a. m. Morning service and sermon at 11 a. m. Evening service and sermon at 7 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited.

### BANK STATEMENTS.

The News is carrying this week the statements of the two banking institutions of Beaufort and they are well worth the perusal of the public. These reports show that notwithstanding the dull times the banks are in a remarkably good shape. There are few banks in the State that can make as good showing and this indicates that the local banks are not only well managed but that conditions here are far better than in the tobacco and cotton belt. Business here is not dependent on either of the two big staples and consequently the low prices of tobacco and cotton do not affect Beaufort as other towns are affected.

### AN ENJOYABLE EVENT

A very pleasant party was given Tuesday night by Mrs. C. M. Gaskill, of Barker's Island at her home. Those present were Misses Helen Hancock, Mae Willis, Georgia Gaskill, Pollie Salter, Elsie Nelson, Thelma Willis, Pearl Willis and Georgia Lewis of Davis. Messrs. William Oils, Guthrie, Guy M. Gaskill, J. E. Hamilton, Edwin Rose, Tom Davis, of Marshallburg; Roy Pigott, and Lorenze Chadwick, of Gloucester. All present enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

## NORTH CAROLINA'S GAME RESOURCES.

Nearly all the states now care for their game resources, and enforce their game laws, through State Game Commissions, having found that enforcement through the usual channels is always unsatisfactory. We do not know of any state reverting back to former conditions after once adopting the Game Commission plan.

There is no compilation of the game laws of the State now issued by any authority, nor is there likely to be with our present voluminous, in-cate local laws, now on the statute books. As a consequence, these laws are frequently violated through ignorance.

A State Game Commission would cost the taxpayer nothing, the expenses of the Commission being paid from the funds received from license fees.

By treaty between the United States and Canada, proclaimed August 16, 1916, followed by Act of Congress approved July 3, 1918, and Regulations under the said act and treaty signed by the President on July 31, 1918, uniform close seasons now prevail in this state and all other states on all ducks, geese, brant, certain shorebirds, snipe, woodcock, rails and gallinules (marsh hens), and doves. A permanent close season is in force on all migratory insectivorous birds, and on swan, wood duck (summer duck), most of the shorebirds, and all of the sea-birds. Open seasons for the above may be shortened at either end by legislative enactment, but they cannot be extended at either end. Nor can the State remove protection from any of those for which the United States laws allow no open season.

Is not this an opportunity for legislation looking to uniform close seasons for our other game birds and animals, and for providing machinery for the enforcement of our game laws, particularly when it can be done at the expense of those who hunt game?

Our game is a valuable asset to the State, and it should be preserved and protected for the use of this and future generations, with such amount of propagation as seems best in the case of each species. This work can only be carried out under a centralized State authority clothed with the necessary duties and powers.

As conditions now are, the enforcement of our game laws in many counties is a farce. How many counties in the State can report convictions for infringement of the game laws during the past hunting season?

Our game is steadily decreasing in many sections and, unless something is soon done to put the whole of our game interests on a business basis, the outlook is gloomy indeed.

The vital principle of conservation is well applicable to our game. No interest we have in the State needs it more—namely none receives less. We have more game laws in North Carolina than exist in probably half of the rest of the states combined, but we stop at that. Let us sweep all the old county and township and district laws away, enact a few State-wide laws in their place, and enforce them!

Below are shown some of the ridiculous features of our present game laws:

For deer, the State has thirty-six different open seasons. In nine contiguous counties in the eastern part of the State, with similar conditions, we have fourteen different seasons! Comment on this is unnecessary.

For partridge or quail, we are blessed with an even forty different seasons in which they may or may not be killed.

To add to the confusion caused by the foregoing, some counties provide for a hunting license for a nonresident of the county, and in one case at least there is a license required by a nonresident of the township. This is Rocky Point township, in Pender county.

A man may be hunting foxes in Moore county and, if he should inadvertently cross the line into Hoke county, he would be liable to a county license fee of twenty-five dollars!

Then, there are the varying bag limits. The most unique feature among these is the prohibition of killing more than twenty-five wild turkeys in a day in Madison county. There are not only confusing game seasons and bag limits, but there are

## TWO AIR MEN VISIT BEAUFORT

New York Men On Way To Havana Stop Over Here For The Night

Beaufort had a visit last evening about sundown from a couple of aerial visitors. They came here from Norfolk in a Curtiss seaplane, making the trip in about three hours. The visitors were Messrs. A. P. Piolot and J. M. Miller, of New York. Mr. Piolot who is the owner of the plane is a New York business man who has a fancy for flying. He has made trips to Canada and other parts by the air route and feels quite at home when he is a thousand or so feet up in the blue sky. During the war Mr. Piolot was in the Secret Service Department of the Federal Government and had some very interesting experiences while engaged in running down spies and enemy aliens. Mr. Miller is the mechanic on the airship and is a sure enough sky pilot. He was in the Naval Air Service while the war was going on and for many months sailed around New York watching out for German subs and guarding transports and other craft. Since the war he has been connected most of the time with one of the air service companies and spent several months in Florida last winter carrying passengers to the Bahamas and elsewhere.

Messrs. Piolot and Miller came to Norfolk from New York and after spending a few days around there ran up to Richmond for a day or so and then returned to Norfolk and came on here. Coming down over the North Carolina sounds the fliers saw many thousands of geese and ducks and a good many swan. The aviators spent last night here stopping at the Davis House and left this morning for Charleston, S. C. They expect to reach Charleston before night-fall and after a day or so there will go to Beaufort, S. C., for a few days hunting and will then go to Palm Beach. When they leave the latter place they will go to Havana where they will be for some weeks.

county and township restrictions, some even relating to districts less than townships, to the sale of game, to shipping game, to trapping, and to other features of the subject.

So far as our game laws are concerned, we have tried the principle of local game legislation until North Carolina has reached the very unenviable reputation among the friends of conservation in other states of having by far the most intricate, confusing and voluminous game laws of any state in the Union, with an almost equal amount of non-enforcement.

When the Audubon Society of North Carolina was incorporated in 1903, and the game interests of the State placed under its supervision, it was perhaps the best solution of the situation then practicable. But it was merely a compromise, and about two-thirds of the counties of the State have gradually withdrawn from under the Audubon Society's jurisdiction. With the corresponding reduced revenue of the Society, its work has been curtailed to the point where but little can be accomplished, and the time has now come when the officers of the Society desire to be relieved of any further work in game conservation and protection. With the whole world awake to the necessity of handling all public matters in a broader and more efficient manner than heretofore, particularly matters relating to conservation of our natural resources, we believe that North Carolina should take the place rightfully belonging to her among the progressive states of the Union and treat her game resources as a State-wide issue, and not one of only county or township importance.

This can only be done by the creation of a centralized authority, call it a Game Commission, or a Conservation Board or any other name you prefer, clothed with the power and authority and duty necessary to accomplish something, and by the adoption of uniform close seasons and bag limits for each of our different varieties of game.

R. B. LEWIS,  
Pres., Audubon Society of N. C.  
H. H. BRIMLEY,  
V-Pres., Audubon Society, N. C.

## N. C. PUBLISHERS VISIT CHARLOTTE

Favorably Impressed With The Queen City—Business Problems Discussed

The meeting of the North Carolina Press Association which took place in Charlotte last week was not so large as the Summer meetings usually are but nevertheless there was a good attendance present. The Beaufort News representative travelled about as far as anybody who went there although there were one or two others who lived as far away.

Charlotte is the second largest city in the State and without doubt one of the most progressive. It has a large manufacturing industry, many fine stores, strong banks, good hotels, daily newspapers, splendid churches, schools, residences, well paved streets and picture shows a plenty. In fact all that is needed to make a modern thriving city Charlotte has.

Automobiles provided by the Chamber of Commerce took the newspaper folks for a ride over the town and there is no doubt but that they were greatly impressed and that as a consequence Charlotte will get some good advertising.

The Press Association was in session the better part of two days and the time was taken up mainly in considering the many problems of the publishing business. The testimony of those present was that except for a slight decline in the kind of paper used for printing newspapers there has been no decrease in the cost of the publishing business. The expenses of publishing newspapers are still very high, a hundred per cent or more higher than they were before the war. For this reason the publishers agreed that it would be impossible for them to make lower prices for advertising or subscriptions. In fact even as it is many newspapers will have all they can do to keep going at all.

The next meeting of the Press Association will probably be in July and will be held at Wrightsville Beach or at Morehead City. If suitable hotel accommodations can be had the chances are in favor of the latter place.

### MISS SABISTON ENTERTAINS

There was a social at the home of Miss Vera Sabiston on last Friday night, January 7, 1921, in honor of her cousin Miss Vivian Dickinson.

At about six-thirty the guests began to arrive, then outdoor games were played. About ten o'clock candies were passed around by Misses Vera Sabiston and Vivian Dickinson. Those present were: Misses Vivian Dickinson, Vera Sabiston, Minnie Sabiston, Eynome Langdale, Beulah Sabiston, Annie Sabiston, Edna Foreman, Lena and Little Ann Norris, Lula and Dollie Morton, Messrs. Leland Morton, Corbett and Leslie Norris, Marvin Foreman, Ashley Fodrie, Aloxa Foreman, Carlton Garner, Guy Sabiston, David Bell, Ivey Taylor, William Chadwick, Rufus Ward, Joel Davis, Clyde Sandler, Harry Howard, Joe Morton and Gurney Taylor.

At eleven the guest departed each declaring Miss Dickinson a very charming.

### HARKER'S ISLAND ITEMS

Rev. J. M. Bass, the Georgia evangelist has had a fine meeting the past week. He was assisted by Rev. Y. D. Pool.

Lots of the Straits people were in our berg attending the meetings last week. Glad to have them with us. Capt. Kendall Yeomans made his third trip to the Lookout Light Ship last Friday to carry the mail and supplies.

Mr. M. V. Willis, of Morehead City is sick. He was Sunday to see his sister who is sick.

Miss Georgia Lewis, of Davis, was here Saturday and Sunday with her mother Mrs. Chas. Hancock.

Some of our girls went to Beaufort Saturday on business.

Mr. Guy Gaskill is home for a short time waiting for his three brothers to come from Cuba.

The childhood home of Congressman Haahel Goodwin at Duke was destroyed by fire Saturday night.

## DEATH OF MRS. HENRIETTA MANN.

Mrs. Henrietta Mann, widow of the late D. L. Mann a well known farmer who lived near Newport, died last Saturday afternoon at her home. Mrs. Mann had been in bad health for some time and while her end was deeply regretted it was not entirely unexpected. She was 66 years old and the mother of 13 children eight of whom survive her.

The funeral services of the deceased took place at the home and the interment was in the family burying ground nearby.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Deeds recently recorded by Register of Deeds Troy Morris are as follows:

J. S. Dickinson and wife to Jas. H. Dickinson 6 3-4 acres in Harlowe township consideration \$5 &c.

E. H. Gorham and wife to G. D. Canfield and C. L. Abernethy tract known as Horse Island, Morehead township, consideration \$500.

E. S. Russell and wife to D. W. Smith 10 acres in White Oak township, consideration \$10 &c.

D. W. Smith and wife to Mary E. Weeks 45 acres in White Oak township, consideration \$1,000.

Letha Garner, of Manteo, Fla., to Arthur Smith 12 acres on Bogue sound, consideration \$60.

C. K. Howe and wife to U. E. Swann lots 14, 20, 21 in Hammocks subdivision, Beaufort, consideration \$2,000.

J. C. B. Morton and wife to J. D. Swain, house and lot in Newport, consideration \$1,000.

W. H. Garner and wife to M. L. Simmons and wife 12 72-100 acres in Newport township, consideration \$125.

Chas. W. Scott to Edw. F. Barbour lot on Turner Street, Beaufort, 55 by 198 feet, consideration \$10 &c.

Jas. W. Harris to E. B. Whitehurst 1 acre in Straits township, consideration \$100.

Walter M. Willis and wife to Walter M. Davis and wife 2 acres in Straits township, consideration \$25.

Stephen F. Harris to E. B. Whitehurst 2 tracts, 6 and 1 1-2 acres in Straits township, consideration \$350.

Pindexter D. Murphy to Van B. Willis 6 acres in Hunting quarter township, consideration \$200.

Wilky Piner and wife to E. B. Whitehurst 3-4 acre in Straits township, consideration \$75.

Van B. Willis and wife to E. B. Whitehurst 2 acres in Straits township, consideration \$85.

Van B. Willis to E. B. Whitehurst 6 acres in Straits township, consideration \$300.

Walter M. Davis to Van B. Willis 2 acres in Straits township, consideration \$85.

J. I. Baker and wife to T. D. Wade and R. T. Wade lot 42 by 100 feet on Arendell street, Morehead City, consideration \$12,000.

E. H. Gorham and wife to Bert Pittman lot on A. and N. C. R. R. near Morehead City, 270 by 260 feet, consideration \$500.

L. A. Garner and wife to Mary J. Caraway house and lot in Newport consideration \$500.

### NEW GROCERY STORE.

Messrs. E. D. Martin and Frank King have bought the business of the Douglass Grocery Company and will conduct a grocery store in the store formerly occupied by that concern. Messrs. Martin and King have many friends in Beaufort and it is likely they will make a very enterprising firm.

Reverend J. R. Phipps of Pollockville and Mr. J. J. Murray of Wilmington were here Monday on some business in connection with the Presbyterian church.

### CHURCH NOTICE

Reverend J. H. Anderson, Presiding Elder will preach at Purvis Chapel of Friday evening at 7 P. M. The public is invited to attend.

## SHIPPING BOARD CALLED ON FOR A FULL REPORT

Four Billions Invested in Merchant Marine And People Have Right To Know

### A BUSINESS PROPOSITION

(Special Correspondence)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Senator Walter E. Edge, of New Jersey is the author of a resolution calling for a complete accounting from the Shipping Board "in a concise report, devoid of arguments and intelligible to the average citizen." Information to be contained in the report would include the total amounts appropriated, the profits and losses, the disposition of profits, the number of ships now owned, those in operation and those idle, and the losses in idleness and depreciation. "The resolution is a simple business proposition," said Senator Edge in a statement regarding it, "and not at all an inquisitorial or muck-raking request. The people have invested about \$4,000,000,000 in their merchant marine and as stockholders they are entitled to a fiscal report from their board of directors, the Shipping Board.

### Japan Acquiesces.

Congressman Julius Kahn, of California, is convinced that Japan has withdrawn opposition to the recent law of his state prohibiting acquisition by Japanese of title to real estate. After a conference with American Ambassador Morris from Tokyo, Mr. Kahn called a meeting of the other members of the California delegation for the purpose of discussing the negotiations now proceeding between the United States and Japan looking to a treaty which shall define the rights of Japanese in this country.

### The Swish of the Republican Scythe

Practically every Department and Bureau and Board and Commission at Washington is urgently demanding larger appropriations, each of them pointing out that the public welfare is suffering or the national safety in danger because of lack of appropriations from the Federal Treasury. "Penny wise and pound foolish" is the epithet these money spenders hurl at Congress whenever there is an attempt at economy. Each Department, Bureau, Board and Commission can figure out on paper in the most plausible and convincing manner the absolute necessity of the funds for which it asks. Facts are presented to show that for every dollar spent through the governmental agencies, ten or twenty or a hundred or a thousand dollars will be saved to the people of the country through the public service rendered. These facts, or alleged facts, are submitted not only to members of Congress but to the special interests affected by the particular appropriation demanded. If it is an appropriation for the control of the boll weevil, the facts are spread before the cotton growers of the South. If it is an appropriation for safety in mines, the facts are disseminated through the mining districts. If it is an appropriation for the Department of Labor, the facts are given circulation in ranks of union labor. If it is an appropriation for the consular service, the literature goes to manufacturers and exporters. The purpose of this distribution of arguments is to induce people who are interested in any particular subject to urge Congress to make the desired appropriations. Thus there is established a systematic propaganda in favor of increased public expenditures—propaganda which makes more difficult the task of Congress in performing its imperative duty of cutting government expenses. The Republican Congress has cut in half some of the demands made by the Wilson administration. People who believe in economy should write to their Republican Senators and Congressmen a word of commendation.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Only one marriage permit has been issued this week at the office of the Register of Deeds. The lucky couple were A. L. Dittus and Vana Bell of Newport.