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Automobiles and gasoline do not build all the good roads in the United States but they help tremendously. All of the states except four, New York, Illinois, Massachusetts and New Jersey, collected gasoline taxes last year amounting to a little over one hundred and forty million dollars. Added to this were the license and property taxes on cars and trucks which were more than four hundred millions. Then of course the automobile manufacturers and dealers pay the regular property taxes and corporation taxes which amount to a huge sum. The development of the automobile business and of good roads have been simultaneous and each has depended largely upon the other.

Not many newspapers live to be one hundred years old but occasionally one reaches that distinction. The Greensboro Patriot was founded on the 24th of April 1826 and is, we believe, the oldest newspaper in North Carolina. The one hundredth anniversary was celebrated by the publication of a twenty four page edition and we congratulate our venerable contemporary on this evidence of its vigor. The Patriot has seen many changes in the country during its long life and has undergone a good many itself. Its present editor and manager Mr. T. J. Murphy is successfully publishing the Patriot as a semi-weekly. We trust that it will live for another hundred years of service to the people of Guilford county.

A few weeks ago the outlook was favorable for the greatest peach crop in the history of North Carolina. A frost came along shortly after though and now the reports are that the crop will be reduced very greatly. It may be that the thinning out process by the frost will cause what fruit is left to be larger and finer. The peach crop in this State has now gotten to be a thing of real importance from a financial standpoint. It brings in a great deal of money to the growers and is an advantage to all the people of the section where the crop grows. We have here in Carteret county soil and climate that are favorable for raising peaches. In fact some are grown here now and it is possible that some day peach growing will be a big industry in this county.

TRUTH WILL PREVAIL.
An organization was formed not long ago in the city of Charlotte, its membership not confined to Charlotte however, the object of which appears to be to oppose the teaching of evolution in the public schools. That is to say this organization proposes to set itself against the inculcation of a theory that is accepted as true by probably ninety nine percent of the scientists in every country on the globe. This new organization has certainly laid out for itself a herculean task, but no doubt it will have a very considerable following. In fact we are inclined to believe that if a referendum should be held on the question that the so called "fundamentalists" would win. This would not settle the question though because the truth or falsity of evolution cannot be affected by the votes of legislators or of the people themselves.

It seems that the "Committee of 100" as it is called proposes to take a hand in the election of members to the General Assembly and also in the attempt to pass an anti-evolution bill at

the next session of the Assembly. They say that the "people" of North Carolina do not want their money used to pay teachers to teach evolution. They say nothing about those who believe in evolution, some of whom pay taxes also. Maybe they are not "people." Perhaps they have been assigned to a place in the monkey family and that therefore their opinions as to taxes and schools and the like are of no importance. The spirit of intolerance which is shown in this attempt to prevent the spread of scientific truth will also not hesitate to run rough shod over any opposition if it can do it. This has been the history of intolerance in all ages. As to what success it will have in North Carolina we know not but we do know that the effort to stop the quest for the truth about this world in which we live, is as vain and useless a thing as was King Canute's attempt to stay on the rushing waves.

THE RISE OF LIBERALISM.

The April number of the Review of Reviews contained several interesting articles about the South, one of the most notable of which was written by Dr. Edwin Mims' professor of English at Vanderbilt University. In this article Dr. Mims calls attention to the fact that the South is not only undergoing a vast industrial renaissance but that there is an intellectual rebirth in process as well. In the days of slavery while it was true that the masses of the white population had but little opportunity for attaining any considerable culture there was at the same time a smaller group that did rise to the higher levels of leadership in thought and action. The overthrow of the slavery system necessitated the rebuilding of an entirely different social and economic structure. This process has been a slow and at times painful one but nevertheless it has succeeded. In dollars and cents the South is far richer than it was in the olden days. This is admitted, but there is some question as to whether this region in late years has produced the quality of leaders that it did in the olden times. For instance have we in North Carolina today men of the stamp of Nathaniel Mason, Bartlett Yancey, William A. Graham, John M. Morehead and many others? What are Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi contributing now in the way of noted statesmen, authors, scientists?

Since the close of the Civil War there has been here in the South a spirit of complacency, of conservatism and intolerance that has been inimical to the development of great men. Dr. Mims evidently thinks this condition is passing away and that the light of a new day is dawning. An excerpt from his article declares that:

Nothing more important and significant is happening in the country or in the world today than the rise to power and influence of groups of liberal leaders in the south, who are fighting against the conservatism, the sensitiveness of criticism, and the lack of freedom that have too long impeded southern progress. Such a statement may seem exaggerated to those who see only the surface indications of public opinion or who mistake noise for fundamental realities. The reactionary forces stung to renewed action by evidences of the growth of the progressive spirit, are more outspoken, more belligerent, more apparently victorious but their citadels are gradually being undermined by the rising of liberalism. The south once so potent in the life of the nation is passing through not only a remarkable industrial development but an even more sincere intellectual renaissance.

FAVORS FISH COMMISSION

Editor Beaufort News:
To the fishermen and the people of Carteret county, I wish to state, and would that it be published throughout the entire county and State that any fishermen or men working in water for money with which to pay their schooling and up-keep of their families and also give the sheriff a bit on his taxes and so on. I wish to ask the question, how can he endorse and uphold the issue (or platform) that Mr. M. S. Lee has so boldly placed before the people? Harken to me; at this critical moment he has placed his whole ambition on doing away with the fish commission, so he says. Now people watch your cork, for it behooves us now or never to rally one and all to the man who will stand for our needs in this our time of approaching trouble. Throw away your prejudices and re-

member 12 or 15 years ago when all, yes all the grey trout were destroyed by 4 or 5 purse seines. Yes, I have fished plentifully at Cape Lookout 25 years and can do nothing else, and study nothing else, therefore I claim to know what it takes to destroy fish. Yes, I say that 25 years will lapse before the grey trout will be around here so plentiful as in those days spoken of above. No, not 300,000 pounds but 500,000 pounds of fish were destroyed that day. Trout of all sizes from one inch long to as large as grows. The sounds from them floated on the surface of the water for days and every where were slick as were a few summers ago from the pound nets up the beach. The people of Harker's Island and the fishermen of Atlantic I must say still remember when those fat back boats would tie up to the fish dealers dock at Beaufort and Morehead City trying so hard to get rid of some of their fish even at 50 cents per box for trout.

Listen! Do we want those days to return, no, but we want the trout to come again and they will if the Fish Commission will just keep the big net and the small mesh net out of their way awhile longer. Possibly the few who are so bitter against the Fish Commission are those who have violated their laws in some way and have been dealt with.

We wish to see in print in the Beaufort News the platform on which Mr. N. W. Taylor intends to stamp his whole ambition, for here I must quote the 19th verse of the 10th chapter of Ecclesiastes where it says "A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry, but money answereth all things." Watch your corks folks for Mr. Taylor has always been a friend to the last, also they have been to him.

A fisherman who can take his tool kit and go on a job for 40 or 50c per hour is not so badly handicapped as we people down here, when we folks can't fish surely we can do nothing and for God Almighty sakes don't bother the Fish Commission because they are just helping us to eat bread by selling a few spots this winter that wasn't possible to be caught all in one day by purse seines when they were free.

That that don't concern you leave it alone, that's alright you've spoken too quick.

I am very truly,
MART LEWIS,
Harkers Island, N. C.

FISHING METHODS DISCUSSED.

Editor of the Beaufort News:
In reply to Mr. H. B. Goodwin's letter published in the News I wish to say that Harker's Island still finds no fault of the Fish Commission as I suppose that my friend down east is a pound net man pure and simple, and I am not. I see no reasons why we cannot communicate with each other until we tire, which I am already.

He said that I should have noted that 85 per cent of the fish caught in North Carolina were caught in pound nets. Surely that is exactly what I noted was that one thing and that is why they (the nets) are not catching fish today because the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries say that from 75 to 90 percent of those fish are indeed too small. Surely the lifting of the pounds will not cheapen fish here for this writer they have given a very low price for the fish caught.

The question that my friend down east asked had I ever realized the big destruction of fish at Cape Lookout. I am compelled to answer by saying no, emphatically no, I do not remember neither have I ever heard of any destruction of fish at Cape Lookout, except those many thousands of pounds destroyed by the pound nets and long haul seines and purse seines. No the gill net can never destroy many fish and the only way proper to save the baby fish is to just have the meshes of your net large enough to let him through then he will save himself and the second year hence improvement 350 per cent fish meat.

Now my friend you said lets unite. I say so to. So far as unity reaches, but it will not reach far when it comes to free fishing as you suggest. Listen! Should you own your pound nets as I suppose you do and fish as you please should happen to break out, you could not sell your fish at any price to a fish dealer for reason tells us that the dealer would say Mr. Goodwin my four or five pound nets have caught more than I can handle, and you would only have to do like our people did, throw your fish away.

The next question that my friend asked me was to wake up, that this is the 20th century. Yes, I will have to acknowledge that I have been sleeping, but as I have learned that the 20th has just slipped in shall have to oppose the old style fishing that you seem to be holding to which is the pound nets and other destructive nets and fish now according to the 20th century laws set forth by the Fish Commission for the good of the most of the people all the time and not for a few individuals.

My friends I will close until I satisfactorily thank you for your instructions to me. I may be too ugly, but as yet I am not too old to learn, and I am always ready to accept the knowledge of anything I do not know. So be sure to advise when the 20th century goes out.

Very truly,
JIMMIE GUTHRIE,
Harkers Island, N. C.

GRADES OF POTATOES FIXED BY U. S. DEPT OF AGRICULTURE

"Well shaped" means the normal, typical shape for the variety in the district where grown, and free from pointed, dumb-bell shaped, excessively elongated, and other ill-formed potatoes.

"Diameter" means the greatest diameter at right angles to the longitudinal axis.

"Free from damage" means that the appearance shall not be injured to an extent readily apparent upon casual examination of the lot, and that any damage from the causes mentioned can be removed in the ordinary process of preparation for use without appreciable waste in addition to that which would occur if the potato were perfect.

"Badly misshapen" means of such shape as to cause appreciable waste in the ordinary process of preparation for use in addition to that which would occur if the potato were perfect.

"Free from serious damage" means that any damage from the causes mentioned can be removed by the ordinary process of preparation for use without a waste of 10 per cent or more, by weight, in addition to that which would occur if the potato were perfect.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks to those who so kindly expressed their sympathy and sent floral offerings and tendered the use of their cars on account of the death of our little daughter Sunie Bell.

Gratefully yours,
Mr. and Mrs. T. G. WILLIS.

IF YOU WANT YOUR WALLS scraped and whitewashed or house cleaned, whitewashing and general labor see **JOHN ELLISON** 1 t

HOURS OF SERVICES CHANGED FOR SUMMER

The pastors of the Baptist, Episcopal and Methodist churches have agreed to have their Sunday night services hereafter at eight o'clock from May to October inclusive and at half past seven from November to April inclusive. Their night services next Sunday will therefore be at eight o'clock.

TO GIVE GRADUATING RECITAL
Miss Glencie Paul will give her Graduating Recital in piano Friday evening May 7th., at 8 o'clock in the Graded School Auditorium, to which the public is cordially invited.
Mrs. O. E. Moore

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Voters of The Seventh Senatorial District:
I hereby announce my candidacy for the State Senate for this district. I will try, if elected, to represent you in such manner as to cause you no regret. Most of you know the policies, for which I stand, but in case you do not, I will be glad if you will ask your neighbor.

CHARLES S. WALLACE,
Morehead City, N. C.

FOR CLERK SUPERIOR COURT.

TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF CARTERET COUNTY:

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination for the Clerk of Superior Court, Carteret County, subject to the action of the voters in the June Primary.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES W. MASON,
Beaufort, N. C.

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Community Club will be held in the hall over the Rest Room, Thursday afternoon, May 6th., at 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. S. H. Haywood, Cor. Sec.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Womens Missionary Society will be held in the Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon, May 4th., at 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. S. H. Haywood, Pres.

ON THE PATHWAY of PROGRESS
By O. Lawrence Hawthorne

Let us today, with reverence and pride, Review the splendid record of the years. With hearts inspired and hopes intensified, Let us pay homage to those pioneers Who fought their way across a continent And built a nation from a wilderness! So nobly their heroic lives were spent That we enjoy the fruits of their success.

By them the path of progress has been made A boulevard; the covered wagon train Is now a wondrous motor car parade. And, as we ponder on these things, we gain A clearer vision of the distant goal Toward which our fathers bravely led the way; We gain new faith and greater strength of soul To meet the problems we may find today.

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