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## HIS RECORD IS AGAINST HIM

Indications are that Solicitor Higgins of Surry county, who aspires to be U. S. District attorney up that way, may have some trouble getting the job although he is backed up by Senator Bailey. In the 1932 primary charges of fraud in Surry county were freely made. Moreover an investigation by Attorney-General Brummitt revealed that the election laws were actually violated. The matter was aired in the newspapers and of course was common talk in Surry county. The solicitor, it seems, made no effort to have anybody indicted. His laxness in this respect naturally raises the question of his fitness to be a prosecuting attorney for the United States government.

## BIG TOBACCO CROP NOT WISE

Fortune certainly smiled on North Carolina tobacco growers last year. The crop was very much larger than the year before, the quality was decidedly better and better prices were obtained. This was unusual combination of circumstances and it is not reasonable to expect it to occur again this year. Pleased with their success last year it is naturally a great temptation to the tobacco farmer to raise an even bigger and better crop this year than ever. Making his product as good as possible is a sensible thing to do but the farmer had better go slow on trying to increase output. A whale of a big crop this year is almost certain to be followed by low prices, disappointment and troubles of all sorts.

## A MUCH NEEDED IMPROVEMENT

This newspaper has always favored the construction of the highway to Harker's Island and Cape Lookout. It is still of that opinion and in fact the more we think about it the more convinced we become that the connection should be made. Cape Lookout and Harker's Island are about the last important places in Carteret county that are inaccessible by roads. Twenty years ago, even ten years ago, freight and passenger traffic in Carteret county was largely by water. Now passenger cars and trucks are taking care of most of the traffic. It is important to the people of this county, and the rest of North Carolina, that Harker's Island and Cape Lookout should be connected with the mainland by the necessary roads and bridges. The railroad should be extended there too and probably will be built if the highway is put through.

## THE FORT MACON ROAD

Probably not many people have yet seen the road the CWA forces are building to Fort Macon. When they do see it they may be surprised to learn what a nice road it is. But for the bridge tolls it would probably be the most popular drive in Carteret county for persons out just for a pleasure ride. If the State would take over the bridge and abolish the tolls, or make them very cheap, it would add a great deal to the popularity of the Fort Macon road and, of course, to Atlantic Beach. We do not know how long the CWA work will continue but if it goes on much longer it might be possible to have this road extended the full length of the island, connecting the Fort Macon coast guard station with the one at Bogue Inlet.

## CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS PLENTIFUL

It seems certain that Democratic voters in the third district will have plenty of candidates to choose from in the primary next June. Counting Congressman Abernethy, who is expected to run again, there are now five candidates in the field and one or two more may decide to try their chance for the nomination. At present there are two candidates from Craven county, Mr. Abernethy and Mr. Barden, Mr. Summersill from Onslow, Mr. Hamilton from Carteret and the latest is Hugh Dortch from Wayne county. Two other large counties in the district, Duplin and Sampson, have no candidates at this writing but it would be no cause for surprise should they produce some between now and the primary.

## CWA MONEY IS GETTING SCARCE

The announcement from Washington that CWA money is running low and that it has become necessary to slow up need not surprise anybody. Government money will give out just the same as any other sort of money if the spending goes along fast enough. H. L. Hopkins, who is the Civil Works administrator, says that the cost of the work has been greater than he anticipated. This is usually the way with Government jobs. They generally cost more than expected.

It may be that cutting down the CWA workers time may be just a temporary arrangement. Certainly great pressure will be brought upon Congress to vote another large appropriation to carry it on for several months yet. President

Roosevelt's wishes in this instance will probably decide the question, as it has been doing ever since he was inaugurated. The Government has got to raise a great deal of money this year. Its credit will be well tested. If the Administration can get the money it will probably keep spending on a big scale. Any way most of the projects that have been started will doubtless be finished. There is this to be said for the CWA—those who get the money do some work for it and a lot of the work is worth while. The direct relief crowd do nothing for what they get and we suspect that many of them do not deserve any help and ought to be separated from the pay rolls.

## FAST DRIVING CAUSES ACCIDENTS

In discussing automobile accidents newspapers recently have been laying great stress on those in which drunken drivers have figured. This is very well, because we know of no greater menace to life and limb than a motor car in the hands of a person even moderately intoxicated. But it is well enough to remember that not all accidents, not even a majority, are caused by drunken drivers.

In the year 1929 statistics show that 29,000 persons lost their lives in motor car accidents. Among the causes listed for these accidents the highest was excessive speed, 24.51 per cent, and the next highest was "did you have the right of way," 23.93 per cent. Of course some of these speedsters may have been drunk but it is very probable that most of them were not under the influence of alcohol. They were just drunk with the desire to fly through space as fast as possible. A good portion of humanity seems to have this urge to travel rapidly and the automobile manufacturers vie with each in the effort to produce fast running cars. There are cars on the road now which are said to be capable of making 100 miles an hour; probably any 1934 model car can make 75 miles an hour.

Undoubtedly fast driving is the cause of many accidents and it is a very difficult problem to handle. Just so long as fast cars are made and there are paved roads people are going to drive too fast. A few years ago 45 miles an hour was considered very fast driving. Persons who drive at that speed now are considered slow drivers. It seems probable that we may look for an increase in accidents this year, due to the fast cars now being put on the market. It is not likely that the drivers will have any more sense. If the State had 500 motorcycle policemen and if the judges would punish properly violators of the traffic laws there would be some hope. As matters stand the outlook is rather gloomy.

## Press Gleanings

### CANNING

Now that the farmers are going into the canning bus business in a big way, what will they do about canning candidates offering political farm relief?—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

### ON THE ROAD TO SOCIALISM?

It may be that at some date not so long in the future the United States will have a government of complete socialism. This may seem rather radical—on the other hand, it seems to be working extremely well at this particular time, far better than any democracy that we have had in a very long time. If the "New Deal" should be suddenly terminated, and the government takes its thumb off of this vast machinery we would face destruction all too quickly.

The government and big business both are seeking less work for man. Big business is seeking more work for machines, because it owns them and gets the profit from them.

What we need is more work by man and less work by machines. We need not fear government dictatorship as much as we need to dread financial dictatorship.—Williamston Enterprise.

### A FAIR QUESTION

Stirred by the growing tendency of his fellow townsmen to use the newspaper for everything but advertising, a South Dakota editor recently asked them pertinently, in a page one box:

"If a member of your family died, would you send out the obituary in a circular letter? If your wife entertained, would you run a slide on the screen of the movie show? If you were to enlarge your store, would you tell folks in a hotel register? If you were to have a wedding at your house, would you take the news on a telephone post?"

"Then why in heck don't you put your advertising in the news paper, too?"—Oklahoma Publisher.

### INCREASED NEWSPAPER READING

Newspaper reading, along with that of magazines, constituted the chief diversion of 5,000 persons to whom a questionnaire was sent by the National Recreation Commission to ascertain what they did with themselves when they were not working.

In other words, what form of enterprise took shape with them during the period when they were utilizing what once may have been falsely termed the wastetime of the idle.

That they are reading the newspapers is a healthy and wholesome sign, provided they are reading the right sort.

The high-minded modern newspaper is worthy of their devotions and meditations. It will give them profit during their leisure hours, for it is abundantly filled not only with the historical narratives of contemporary society, but with reading material and features of such multifarious phases that their appeal today is increasingly more universal and their value is correspondingly higher.

And so it will be in the future to a much greater extent than it is even today. The newspaper will constantly improve, doering a great variety of news, a finer interpretation of events and more inspiring all-around literature.

The big day of the daily newspaper is ahead.—Charlotte Observer.

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

### A SUGGESTION TO DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

Editor of The News:  
The last Legislature (1933) made a very definite and helpful offer to delinquent taxpayers, provided they would pay their taxes prior to April 1st, 1934. This offer applies to taxes for the year 1931 and prior thereto. It is simply this: All penalties and interest which have accumulated on these back taxes are to be remitted or excused if such taxes are paid before April 1st, 1934.

It works this way: If your 1927 tax, for instance, was originally one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, that tax has now grown to one hundred fifty-four (\$154.10) dollars and ten cents. It has increased in the same way that a note in the bank increases when nothing is paid on principal or interest, the only difference being that the rate of interest in the case of the tax is much higher than in the case of the note in the bank. What the last legislature did was to relieve delinquent taxpayers of this added burden, provided the taxes for these back years were paid on or before April 1st, 1934. However, after April 1st, 1934, the legislature by a state-wide bill re-imposed or placed back all these penalties and interest, together with additional penalties. At the same time, the same legislature allowed a further discount on the principal amount of the tax, aside from the penalties thus remitted, under a graduated scale. The result was that the taxpayer who had become delinquent was permitted to settle his taxes for a less sum than if he had paid when the tax was first due, provided again that he paid by April 1st, 1934.

But April 1st is now close at hand, and many of our taxpayers have failed to accept this offer and those penalties will and must be added after April 1st. How would you like to walk into the tax office, either at Beaufort or Morehead City, and pay your county tax of One Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and Ten Cents (\$154.10) for exactly \$92.55, a saving of \$61.55? Well, the legislature made that thing possible. All the discount is not allowed at this late date, but all the penalties and interest are. But remember, April 1st, 1934 is close at hand, and that's the last day of grace. And remember further, you will never live long enough to see another legislature as gracious as this last one was. In all probability, when your next legislature convenes, times will be better and the delinquent taxpayer will not be thought of. That's the way I reason it. What about it?

A. L. HAMILTON,  
Tax Collector.

### WORTHY PROJECTS

Editor of The News:  
We have four worthy projects under consideration; the first is the southwest swamp. The September storm blew trees and rubbish in the run and in some places completely stopped the flow of water, causing it to spread out over the swamp making all low lands adjoining the swamp untenable, and when hot weather comes, the water will become stagnated and be a regular

breeder for mosquitoes, and cause epidemics to break out in the families who live near the swamp.

The second and third projects are Deep Creek and Little Deep Creek, which are similar to the first project but not as large. The fourth project is to furnish water to fight fires. There is a small lake about 1600 yards northwest of Newport which has an elevation of five or six feet above the level of the town, and putting in a cistern to contain fifteen or twenty thousand gallons would enable us to fight a fire anywhere in town and within ten or fifteen minutes the fire company from Morehead City or Beaufort could be on the job. But as it is now if a fire were to break out in town we would be completely helpless and have to see our property go like chaff before the wind. To put project No. 4 into operation would require twenty men, which we can furnish, two double pulley blocks and fall with sufficient rope for same, two cross cut saws, four axes and four shovels. One equipment for projects two and three would be sufficient.

These are all worthy, essential and beneficial projects and should be given due consideration.  
MONROE MANN,  
Newport, N. C.

### MR. MANN WRITES AGAIN

Editor of The News:  
Two weeks ago I asked this question through the News: "Why it was that Lonnie Fulcher was turned down and others given work through the CWA."

So far the officials have failed to answer. He has applied twice or three times since, but no satisfaction. There is not a more worthy case in Carteret county. I now ask another question: "Why is it that men from Bogue sound, a distance of seven miles or more, are put on the work in our town when we have men here who need it and Lonnie Fulcher especially?"

Those who are living in luxury today and are in a position to help the poor and needy (without taking one cent from their pockets) and are turning a deaf ear to this crisis, are calling the judgments of a just and all-wise God upon their own heads. God has respect for the poor, but the

rich will receive their reward hereafter.  
MONROE MANN,  
Newport, N. C.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

R. A. Nunn et al, Com. to Daisy V. oKonce, 580 acres White Oak Township. Consideration \$5,000.00.  
Colonial Oil Co. to Beulah W. Pinner, 2 acres Morehead Township. Consideration \$10.00.

T. D. Warren, Jr., Com. to Branch Banking and Trust Co., 16 acres Morehead Township. Consideration \$100.00.

William Dunn, Com. to Federal Land Bank, 300 acres Morehead Township. Consideration \$8,000.00.  
Bank of Beaufort, G. P. Hood, Com. to G. D. Merrill, 18 acres Beaufort Township. Consideration \$500.00.

John A. Wetherington and wife to M. M. Wiggins, 50 acres White Oak Township. Consideration \$500.  
R. L. Stallings, trustee to Willie R. Roberts and wife, 50 acres Newport Township. Consideration \$1550.  
Joint Stock Land Bank of Durham to David B. Webb, 23 acres Morehead Township. Consideration \$10.00.

Major Jones and wife to Cicero Monroe, 1 tract Morehead Township. Consideration \$15.00.

W. E. Currier and wife to Mrs. Clara Rouse, 4 acres Harlowe Township. Consideration \$310.00.

I. E. Ramsey to Noah Gillikin and wife, 2 1-4 acres, Straits Township. Consideration \$275.00.

### BIG CATCHES OF TROUT

Washington, N. C., Jan. 24.—The largest catches of grey and speckled trout ever received in Washington have come from Hatteras and Ocracoke during the last few days. On Tuesday 400 boxes of trout containing 40,000 pounds, were brought on boats here from these two points. Local dealers state that the Gulf Stream is working close inland and is causing large numbers of trout to be caught. The trout weighed two to four pounds each.

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PURE RIO COFFEE, fresh ground, lb. ....	15c	Royal Scarlet Ketchup, 2 large bottles .....	35c
PICNIC HAM, lb. ....	11c	Prepared Mustard, qt. jar .....	15c
Cloverbloom Tub BUTTER, lb. ....	25c	French's Mustard, Small jar .....	10c
CHEESE, pound .....	18c	Miracle Whip Salad Dressing, qt. jar .....	29c
Washing Powder, 4 3 oz. pkgs. ....	10c	Peanut Butter, 1 lb. jar .....	15c
SELOX, 2 pkgs. for .....	15c	Peanut Butter, 2 lb. jar .....	27c
OXYDOL, 6 pkgs. for .....	25c	1 pkg. Royal Chocolate Pudding (1c)	
OCTAGON SOAP, 10 small bars .....	25c	With 2 pkgs. Royal Jelatine .....	15c
Loma Palm and Live Oil Soap, doz. ..	35c	Sliced Pineapple, 3 cans .....	21c

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