## THE ZEDULON RECORD, ZEDULON, NURTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER TENTH, 1937.

## **Short Items Of**

Millions of menhadden fish, used mostly in the manufacture of fertilizer, blocked the channel at Topsail Sound near Southport last week. Fishermen estimate that \$300 000 worth of fish were killed by ships when them beame so thick there until it can grow crops at that ship could not get through. Oldest inhabitants of that section could recall no such episode before.

Senator George L. Berry of Tenn essee, one of the most ardent supporters of the New Deal, has brought suit against the Tennessee Valley Authority (one of the New Deals best loved pets) charging valuable property, in that water raised by some of the dams has inundated valuable marble quarries Attorneys for TVA charged in return that the property was not very valuable and that anyway the Senator bought it just so he could sue the government for damages.

The Leviathan, for years the flagship of the U.S. Merchant marine, has been sold to a British salvage company for junk. The price was \$800,000. Built in Germany before the war and christened the Vaterland, the ship was seized by the U.S. government dur ing the war and converted into a troop transport. Later it was reworked and was the finest passenger liner afloat. It was original coast was about ten million dollars The U.S. government spent six mil lion on it, paid Germany nearly \$17,000,000 for it and finally sold it to the subsidized the U.S. shipping Board.

Bellows Falls, Vermont, is invoking century old "blue laws" for Sababth observance. Ancient statutes require men going to church on Sunday to carry firearms to protect the women from Indians, and last Sunday the streets of the Vermont village saw men wending their way to church with guns on their shoulders. Other laws prohibit riding, selling or any kind of merchandise, kissing one's wife in public, etc. The prosecuting attorney of that district is enforcing the laws in order to get them repealed.

President Roosevelt is not immune to toothache. His fishing trip in the tropical Atlantic was canceled because of an infected jaw. There is some reason for believing that he hurried back to Washington because of the snarl into which his farm and wage-hour legislation had fallen, but he denies it and says that he merely wanted to get bak his own dentist so his jaw could be looked after properly.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jourdan of trol and the difficulty in getting Lee county have another baby- growers to work together are not General Interest born in the bed. Their next young- new. Ever since the civil war there est child, Franklin Woodrow, was has been continuing effort to get born in the bottom of a well into growers away from the 1-crop idea which Mrs. Jourdan had fallen North Carolina has responded durabout two years ago. That incident ing the past two decades and if othattraced international notice.

> It's better business to put fertility in the ground and keep it a profit than it is to "mine" the earth of its plant food and sell it Private Argyment," which deals at a loss.

**More Cotton An Old Problem** Cotton crop estimates have again

been revised upward. Ginning rethat the TVA has "robbed" him of ports indicate a yield this year of 18,746,000 bales-an all time high And presently says he: Hit's true record. This report has renewed activity for some kind of crop control. The problem of cotton crop con-

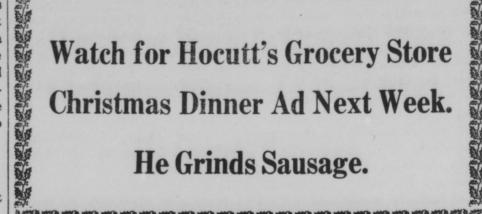
er states would follow suit the problem would be much less.

That the problem is not new is indicated by reference to Sidney Lanier's poems. Away back in 1870 he wrote a dialect poem "Jones' with exactly the same worry that confronts us now. He pictures a Georgia cotton farmer riding home from town where he has heard and engaged in lots of talk about diversified farming and less cotton. The old man is driving along talking to himself:

That Clisby's head is level. Thar's one thing farmers all must

do

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