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## FISH PONDS PROFITABLE WATCH WINDSOR WIDEN ANNUAL PICNICS SUCCESS THE NEWS FROM AULANDER THE MACHINERY ORDERED

The Second of a Series of Articles on the Fishing Industry by Mr. Etheridge

To Our Visitors Here Today we Extend a Glad Hand and Bid You Welcome

Two Thousand People at Stoney Creek; Fifteen Hundred at Mt. Gould.

Woodmen Building Begun on Corner of Main and Broad Sts. - Personal Items

Contract Let for a Modern and Up-to-Date Fertilizer Plant. The Machine to Cost \$2,000.

### The Black Bass and Carp

### We are Glad to See You

### Splendid Time; Big Dinners.

### Greenville Games Split Even

### Thirty-five Tons Per Hour

BY J. H. ETHERIDGE.

On behalf of the old Town we extend a most cordial welcome to all our visitors here today and invite all who will to remain and cast their lot with us--for Windsor has a great future before it. We have just begun to grow. The Town is widening out in every direction. Opportunities are open and inviting for profitable business enterprises. The county is large and every town in it is growing and prospering and is likewise full of good investment opportunities. You cannot find a better county in the state to live in than Bertie. Certainly no better people inhabit the globe. Our soil is adapted to the growth of any thing, and we now have the best crops of any county in the state, Brother Conner of Northampton county, notwithstanding.

The annual Masonic picnic at Stoney Creek was had last Thursday and was the same success as it has invariably been since its inauguration by the Masonic lodges of Bertie, Hertford and Northampton counties--both in point of attendance and from a financial standpoint. There was hardly standing room on the excursion train when it left Windsor, and passengers were taken on all the way to the Creek. At Ashewville another coach was added. The train coming from Ahoskie to the grounds also brought a very large number of people. Besides the excursion trains people went on automobiles, in buggies, wagons, carts, on bicycles and motorcycles, and not a few walked. In all, the attendance was estimated at about two thousand. For a quarter of a mile or more vehicles were lined up on the road and in the woods leading to the picnic grounds. It is pleasing to say that amid this all day throng of two thousand pleasure-seekers not a disorderly act was committed, nor did the slightest thing occur to mar the pleasure of any one or the good time, as a whole, of the entire day--not even rain. This speaks well for the citizenship of the three counties. It measures up to the standard we have always claimed and reflects credit on Masonry.

Brick for the Woodmen building has been placed on the lot at the corner of Main and Broad streets, and work will begin at once. This is to be a modern brick building with a large hall and offices on the second floor and a store on the first floor.

Mr. J. E. White, general manager of the Albemarle Guano Company of this place, placed the order last week with Mr. Max C. Pittard, a special representative of the Atlanta Utility Works of Eastport and Atlanta, Ga. The contract calls for one of the most modern and up to date fertilizer mixing plants made, and will be installed by the Atlanta Utility Works, along the most scientific lines known to the fertilizer world. This machine will cost \$2000 and will be capable of making thirty-five tons of bagged fertilizers per hour, or more than a half a ton a minute, with every particle of the ingredient thoroughly mixed and pulverized, and must show absolute correct analysis in every bag. This is the maker's guarantee, and the reputation of one of the largest fertilizer manufacturers behind this guarantee.

The successful raising of fish in private and government government ponds shows it to be an industry that can be profitably developed. It is still in its infancy and comparatively few persons know anything about it or its unlimited possibilities. Indeed there is hardly any section of the county that fish culture cannot be engaged in for sport or profit. Especially is this true of our state where water and climatic conditions are most favorable.

Speaking for the county we invite you to settle with us, and bid you welcome. Speaking for the towns we likewise extend you the same warm invitation. Speaking for the county-seat we urge you to take note of our progress. Picture in your mind the town when, perchance you last saw it, draw a comparison of it today, then further picture the town a few years hence. Never were our conditions better or brighter; or the time more opportune for any legitimate enterprise or investment. And what we say of Windsor we can truthfully say of Aulander, of Lewiston, of Roxobel, of Colerain, of Kelford, of Woodville, of Powellsville, and particularly of the farms and our rural life generally.

The proceeds realized from this picnic in the way of profits from the excursion, the dinner, and the various refreshment stands, are sent to the Oxford Orphan Asylum. It always makes an acceptable gift, amounting as it does to several hundred dollars--this time to \$400.00.

Rev. T. G. Wood will shortly have erected on his lot on Harman street a handsome two story residence.

This enterprise is evidence that our people are waking up and are tired of sending their money away to build sky scrapers and gigantic fortunes for the other fellow--and of "paying the freight both ways. With this plant built and owned by the farmers, organized and capitalized along the lines of strictly business principles, shows the farmer to be not a whit behind in thought and action, but abreast of the times and aware of his needs.

There certain kinds of fish suitable to our section for pond culture. The bass family of fish, including rock-bass, black-bass or "chub", crappies or speckled-perch thrive in our waters furnishing elegant, edible fish and makes a thrilling fight when taken with a hook. Rock-bass are exceedingly pugnacious and some times seems to take the hook rather on this account than from a desire for food. It has been successfully introduced in many new waters. They are well adapted for pond culture and under proper conditions will repay the culturist with a large crop of young fish with the expenditure of very little labor and time. The rock-bass fry grows slowly, those six months old usually two inches in length and weighing about one-half to one pound, and some times three pounds. The large and small mouth black-bass or "chub" seems better adapted for pond culture in eastern Carolina for many reasons. In the first place this is the natural habitat, although they have been successfully planted and raised in many states and foreign countries.

Again we welcome you; and ask you to come again, if you cannot stay. And, in the meantime "Watch Windsor Widen."

The speaking at the grounds was had in the large pavilion, where also, the meeting of the Association was held. The Rev. T. T. Speight who is always on hand in every laudable and good work, invoked the blessings of the Deity, and Gov. Winston delivered the address.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Saunders and Mr. Bob Saunders of Lewiston, were here Friday to see the ball games and were the guest of Mrs. T. C. Williford.

Most of the Aulander people will remain for the play at the opera house that night.

In 1875 adult black bass were removed from the Roanoke river across the divide to the New river, a tributary of the Kanawba. Up to that time the Kanawba contained no bass and its edible fishes consisted almost entirely of cat-fish, but for the past ten years thousands have been taken from the New river and its tributaries draining ten counties in Virginia and running through parts of North Carolina and West Virginia. Few fish thrive in water of such extremes of temperature as the large mouth black bass or "chub", and to some extent the small mouth. The small mouth black bass runs in pure, rapid, fairly clear streams and lives in higher elevations and in clearer waters than the large mouth.

should have a gradually sloping bottom and a consequent increase of depth to the draw-off where water must at least, be 5 or 6 feet deep for our climate. In the middle of the pond water-lilies should be planted. These plants not only furnish breeding fish a hiding place from fish hawks, but serve as sun-shades during the summer.

### THE PICNIC AT MT. GOULD.

Miss Evelyn Dunning has returned from a visit to relatives in Norfolk and Ocean View.

Aulander defeated Lewiston and Hobgood last week, the scores being 4 to 2 and 12 to 1, respectively.

In the northern part of its range it becomes torpid in winter, but in warmer waters of the south it is active throughout the year.

The states in which the black bass fishing is the most important are North Carolina and Ohio. In 1897 over 535,000 pounds valued \$23,600 were caught for market in this state.

### THE PICNIC AT STONEY CREEK.

The Aulander Orchestra will play in Windsor Old Soldiers' Day. W. S. Dunning made a business trip to Richmond last week. The Umpire has a hard place to fill. In the first game between Aulander and Greenville here Friday, fully two thirds of the spectators as well as the visitors, roared a decision at second base, in which the runner was called safe, happening to an Aulander runner. The fact is, the second baseman had sufficient time to put the runner out, but failed to touch him at the first thrust, and at the second thrust the runner was on the base safe. In the meantime the umpire being positive the runner would meet the ball, called him out before the connection was made and had to change his decision when the runner was not touched. So many times the spectators do not see what is really happening, but what appears to be happening, and thereby judge from the wrong angle.

Mrs. C. W. Mitchell and daughter, Mrs. J. L. Pritchard, spent last week at the Panacea Springs.

The large mouth black bass also lives in pure, clear water, but often inhabit the hot and stagnant ponds of the south.

The foregoing is simply an outline of this industry the writer has attained from reading and observation. It is written to try and awaken an interest among our county people and to show them there is hardly a farmer but a branch, stream or spring where a fish pond could be constructed. The Interior Department at Washington D. C., will furnish all the information desired about constructing ponds, raising fish, etc. It will also supply young fry to stock the ponds after being built. Write to our Representatives in Congress and they will see that you are supplied.

The annual picnic at Mt. Gould has come to rival the Stoney Creek picnic in point of attendance, as well as pleasure. This picnic is known as the farmers' picnic--a mighty popular name and a mighty attractive one to our people. It is held under the auspices of the Farmers' Alliance and the public is invited. No revenue however, is derived from it. It is purely a social event; an occasion for neighbors to come together in pleasant social intercourse, for house-wives to take a day of needed rest and the boys and girls to have a good time, for friendship and brotherly feeling to be fostered and strengthened.

On to Windsor today--Old Soldiers' Day, the 7th. Aulander will be well represented. Let take dinner and enjoy the day. Two of the states most distinguished strifesmen will speak Gov. Craig and Judge Robert Winston, and every body should hear them. There will be good music, dinner and excellent speeches and meetings.

Aulander came back at Greenville in the Saturday morning game and batted out a clean victory, thus evened (Continued on Page 4)

The black bass affords, perhaps, the highest type among fishes of parental care and watchfulness, guarding their young until after the disposal of the school of fry.

There are many ponds in our state that furnish the owners with edible fish. In China, fish pond 20 to 30 feet square are made and fish raised with the scraps for home consumption. In Germany carp are raised in ponds and run into the traps by ringing a bell to be fed. They are taken out alive and put into a tank of water and what is not consumed or sold, are put back into the pond. They become very tame.

Prominent men and good speakers are invited and talk about matters that interest the farmer and tend to benefit him. He goes home feeling better and often times with new ideas of improved farming. The picnic is beneficial in many ways.

## PROGRAM FOR OLD SOLDIERS' DAY EXERCISES

- 10 o'clock A. M.  
Speakers escorted from Windsor Castle to the Court House.  
Song.....Dixie, with Orchestra accompaniment  
Prayer..... By the Chaplain  
Duet..... Mrs. E. L. Gatling and Mrs. H. M. Bell  
Introduction of the Speaker..... Judge F. D. Winston  
Address..... Governor Locke Craig  
Song..... Old Kentucky Home, with Orchestra accompaniment  
Roll-call and Minutes read of last meeting..... By the Secretary  
Election of Officers  
Song..... The Old North State  
Benediction..... By Rev. D. P. Harris

## PROGRAM OF HOME COMING WEEK EXERCISES

- 2:30 o'clock P. M.  
Overture..... Aulander Orchestra  
Song..... "Home Again"  
Address of Welcome..... Mayor H. P. Sewell  
Music..... Aulander Orchestra  
Introduction of the Speaker..... Hon. C. W. Mitchell  
Address..... Judge Robert W. Winston  
Music..... Aulander Orchestra  
Five-minute Talks..... By the Home Comers  
Song..... Old Lang Syne  
Music..... Aulander Orchestra  
Home Sweet Home.

## DRAMA--WEEPING WILLOWS

Opera House, 8:30 P. M.  
This magnificent play is based upon an incident of the War Between the States. It is especially complimentary to the Confederate Veterans who will be present. Every Confederate Veteran who will attend will be presented with a ticket of admission and given a reserved seat.

The size of spawning grounds for raising bass depends largely on the amount of land available, its topography and water supply. Ponds not less than half an acre in area, with inlet at one end and an outlet at the other, in line of largest axis generally produce best results, though smaller ponds have been successfully used. At least one-fourth of the pond should be planted in pond-weed and water-weed to facilitate the production and growth of the minute animals which furnish so large a part of the food for the young bass. The rest of the pond

We wish to thank our friends about the county for the orders they are sending us over the phone and through the mails.