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## FISHING IS ACOMING INDUSTRY OF N. CAR.

Mr. C. H. Grady of Manteo Formerly of Kenly Writes Interesting Article

THE HERALD is in receipt of a communication from Mr. Charles H. Grady, formerly of Kenly, but who is now practicing law at Manteo, in the extreme eastern part of North Carolina, telling of the fishing industry of the State. It is quite an interesting article and we feel sure will be enlightening to many of our readers, hence we are glad to publish it herewith.

"Most people in the inland sections of North Carolina have about as much idea of the Fishing Industry of our State as the people living in the Fishing section have about the growing of Tobacco and Cotton. My idea of Fishing before coming to this part of the State was to dig some earth worms and go down to the old community Mill Pond and sit there all day and probably catch several Robbings and go home that night hungry and tired and think that a mar that would spend his time fishing must be lazy as it impressed me as a lazy man's job.

"Probably that impression is what makes me so interested today in this great industry in our State. We are growing fast and are becoming known as the coming State of the union all over the United States. We are Geographically located and situated so as to be the most independent State in the whole of the United States. We have as our borders the extreme on the east and west. We extend from the Mountains to the Sea. This naturally gives us a varied climate and nature gives us three great industries or the fields in which these can be developed. The Western part of our State can and is fast being developed into a great manufacturing center. The central is fast forging ahead in the agricultural development. The Eastern is endowed by nature with a great net work of waterways and from which are yearly taken a great amount of food which is shipped to the other sections in return for the agricultural and manufactured products produced there. This connection and situation of North Carolina makes it independent if all were developed."

"The Fishing Industry is being developed and the figures will surprise all those who have the same idea that I have entertained about the fishing industry. The Sea Food Industry yields to the State of North Carolina annually two million dollars giving employment to 10,900 people with four million dollars invested in equipment. This is the amount produced and invested for the year 1922. The year 1923 will I hope show a decided increase. The General Assembly has appropriated one half million dollars to be spent in developing this industry. When this amount has been expended the fishing industry will be in a position to be classed among the best in any State and North Carolina will be among the leaders in this industry as well as many others.

"The value of the fish is as follows: Yield of fish 16,915,387 pounds valued at \$694,329.72; Shrimp, 1160,824 pounds valued at \$58,041.20; Oysters 500,000 bushels valued at \$125,000; Clam 41,157 bushels valued at \$82,314; Scallops 138,596 gallons valued at \$415,707; Soft Crabs 65,434 dozen valued at \$48,975; Crab meat 3186 gallons valued at \$5,779. There are only two factories in the State at the present producing Crab Meat. They are both located at Manteo, N. C., and one of them just started. Therefore the production of Crab meat will be over double this year what it was when the last year closed. The name of the two houses producing Crab meat in North Carolina is The Ford Sea Food Co., and the Virginia Dare Sea Food Corporation. This is a new industry in North Carolina is only being established here at the present. It is looked for that new houses will be opened in North Carolina soon. This industry has almost wholly belonged to Virginia and Maryland for the past but North Carolina is now expecting to prove a strong competitor for those States in the Crab Meat business as well as in all Sea Food Products.

## MR. HAWLEY PLUNGES THRU WINDSHIELD INTO CREEK

Mr. W. A. Hawley, of Wilson, is in the Smithfield Memorial Hospital in a somewhat serious condition following an automobile accident which landed him in a creek three miles beyond Selma Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Hawley was driving alone from Fayetteville to Wilson in a Studebaker car, and lost control of the machine as he went on the bridge spanning the creek. The car lurched against the railing throwing Mr. Hawley through the windshield into the stream. The car did not get off the bridge. A man living near by rescued Mr. Hawley and brought him to the hospital here. The cold water of the stream chilled him through and through which together with the shock of the accident necessitated his remaining in the hospital for a few days at least. At the last report he was doing as well as could be expected.

Mr. Hawley is a brother of Mr. Frank Hawley, one of the proprietors of the Sanitary Barber Shop of this city.

## SARAH BERNHARDT PASSES AWAY IN ARMS OF HER SON

Sarah Bernhardt, the great French tragedienne, died late Monday evening at her home in Paris at the age of 78. The great actress passed away in the arms of her son, her last words being a message to her friends in America. These are the words: "I am deeply touched with the sympathetic interest of my beloved American friends."

Her body was removed to the Church of St. Francois De Salec yesterday afternoon where a most impressive funeral of any great public figure since that of Victor Hugo, was held. Hugo's funeral was under the auspices of the government while Bernhardt's was at the expense of the city of Paris.

## Sanitary Barber Shop To Move.

Although the new Hood building being erected on the corner of Third and Market Streets is not quite completed, the Sanitary Barber Shop will move into the basement of the building next week. Mr. C. R. Pittman is the proprietor of this establishment which is at present located on Third Street near the Market building. They are to be congratulated upon securing quarters in the handsome new Hood building.

"The total valuation of food fish and shell fish produced annually in North Carolina is \$1,430,146.42. Number of Menhaden taken 201,438,000 the value of these being \$604,000, the total valuation of yield being \$2,034,430.42.

"This is the value of the Fishing Industry to the State of North Carolina. This Industry is fast growing to be a Great Industry and its products are becoming popular and soon the demand for North Carolina Sea Food Products will exceed the output in our own State. At this time a great part of the output is being shipped out of the State. The Inland Counties buying their Sea Foods from other States. This causes both sections of the State to lose and it is hoped that the inland dealers will soon wake up and realize that they can buy in the State and save money."

"The Atlantic Fisherman, a magazine published for the fishermen has an article in its January issue as follows: 'The largest set of Oysters reported in many years is in the Oregon Inlet and Crab Slough Beds of North Carolina. This is largely due to the State Law which has been in force forbidding the taking of Oysters or the planting of beds. The Oysters are unusually large having fattened on the fresh water which flooded the beds during the past summer.'

"This gives us some idea of the importance of the great industry and the necessity of preserving and cultivation of the same. Oyster Beds have to be cultivated as well as does a Cotton Field or a Tobacco Field.

"This State will be the first in the union in the three great industries that nature has so well endowed her with. That is not to say that she will lead in production as there are other states that may lead in size but North Carolina will lead in proportion within a very few years."

## WILL INVESTIGATE THE SUGAR ADVANCE

Will Probably Require Six Months for the Federal Investigation

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Outstanding developments here today in the sugar situation were the announcement by the tariff commission that, in compliance with instructions from President Harding, its inquiry into the effect of the new import duties on prices would be more far-reaching than originally was intended, and the prediction by Secretary Hoover that present prices would result in decreased consumption and increased production.

When the tariff commission met today it had before it the President's telegram, sent Tuesday night from St. Augustine, Fla., directing that it establish whether the new tariff was keeping the retail price of sugar at high levels. The commission, which already had initiated an investigation, at the request of Cuban producers, to determine whether a reduction in the sugar duties was advisable under flexible provisions of the tariff law, decided at once to increase the scope of its inquiry.

Members of the commission predicted it probably would be six months before a comprehensive study of production costs in Cuba, Porto Rico and Hawaii as well as the United States, and of local stocks and world supplies on various dates could be completed and recommendations submitted to the President, who has authority to alter the tariff rates.

Mr. Hoover's prediction was made in a letter to Representative Dullinger, Republican, Massachusetts, who had asked for information as to the present situation.

"Sugar consumption and production," said the commerce secretary, "respond very quickly to price. It would be normal to anticipate that estimated consumption would decrease as the result of the present over-high price."

Mr. Hoover also forecast that "the present price levels will no doubt stimulate production, especially in Cuba as at this moment planting profits are very large."

Comments on the sugar situation came during the day from Senator Simmons, Democrat, North Carolina, who led the fight in the senate against the administration tariff bill, Basil M. Manly, director of the people's legislative service, who a week ago urged the President to order a department of justice investigation of alleged price manipulation, and the farmers' national council.

Senator Simmons said in a statement that present high prices were due to the preferential duty on Cuban sugar. Declaring that President Harding's instruction to the tariff commission suggests that "he must have considered the tariff as at least a possible cause of the present high prices."—Associated Press.

## BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION MEETS IN DURHAM

The Baptist Women's Missionary union convention which was held in Durham this week, was largely attended by Baptists from different sections of the state. Wednesday at noon the number of delegates in attendance reached 663 and many others registered before the close of the convention yesterday. Two of the outstanding addresses before the convention were delivered by Dr. W. C. James, of Birmingham, Ala., secretary of the board of education of the Southern Baptist convention, and Dr. R. T. Vann, of Raleigh, who spoke on "Christian Education and Essential Part of the Denominational Program."

The Mount Zion association with which the convention met, was awarded the banner for the best all round work done in the last year.

## SHIP LINE COMMITTEE TO BEGIN ITS WORK APRIL 11

The committee appointed by the recent legislature to make investigations concerning Governor Morrison's ship building program will make a beginning April 11 by taking a voyage down the Cape Fear River from Fayetteville to Wilmington.

## CLAYTON LETTER IS FULL OF INTEREST

Mrs. D. J. Thurston Hostess To Woman's Club; Hawaiian Program Good

CLAYTON, March 29.—Miss Mabel Ellis, who is teaching school at Smithfield, spent the week end at her home here.

Mr. Herman Duncan, of Greenville, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Duncan.

Mrs. A. B. Johnson, of Smithfield, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Duncan, this week.

Miss Anna Smith returned Monday from Bailey, after a two weeks visit to her sister, Mrs. Fred Poole.

Miss Kate Newsome, of Middlesex, spent the week end with Miss Mary Lineberry, of the graded school faculty.

Misses Mamie Morgan, Allie Ann Pierce and Penelope Nichols, of the graded school faculty, spent the past week end at Miss Nichols' home near Durham.

Mrs. N. R. Poole spent the week end with her son, Mr. Fred R. Poole at Bailey, returning home Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Jordan and son, Billie, have returned to Wilson, after spending some time with Mrs. S. C. Phillips.

Mrs. P. C. Duncan after visiting Mrs. John S. Barnes for a few days, returned to her home in Raleigh Wednesday.

Mr. A. B. Hollowell, of Raleigh, was a business visitor to Clayton Tuesday.

Dr. J. T. Gibbs, pastor of Horne Memorial Church, was called to Asheville this morning on account of the illness of his son, and owing to the fact that he will be out of town there will be no preaching services at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mr. J. A. Conley and family of Winston-Salem, have recently moved to Clayton and are occupying the old Tomlinson home.

Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Jones and son, Lawrence, of the Amelia section, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Smith.

In the first baseball game of the season, a team of town boys defeated the high school boys last Thursday afternoon by the score of 8 to 3.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Friday afternoon, March 16, with Mrs. D. J. Thurston as hostess. Spring flowers and ferns attractively arranged in the library and living room enhanced the pleasant atmosphere of this hospitable home. The program was in the hands of Mrs. W. J. Payne. The subject "Hawaiian Islands" was dealt with geographically and picturesquely in a well prepared paper.

Mrs. C. M. Thomas gave a most enjoyable musical program. The opening number, a piano solo, Polonaise No. Six, by Chopin, was rendered by Mrs. C. M. Thomas. A group of Hawaiian numbers were given by Misses Winona Poole, violinist, Alta Debnam, guitar, Mesdames C. D. Bass and C. M. Thomas, vocalists with Mrs. Rudolph Barnes at the piano. The colorful costumes worn by these musicians were so effective it seemed as if one were transported to these delightful isles of the Pacific for a native concert.

Delightful refreshments consisting of chicken salad, pickle, sandwiches, saltines, coffee and Hawaiian fruit cake with whipped cream were served by members of Mrs. Thurston's art class, Misses Violet Cornell, Cornelia Gulléy, Blanche Ellington, Charlotte Thurston and Mrs. Lois Massey Bass.

## CLARENCE POE NOT IN THE STATE RACE

RALEIGH, March 28.—Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of an agricultural publication, will not be a candidate for commissioner of agriculture of North Carolina and is not considering running "for any other office," he stated today.

Dr. Poe gave out his statement in reply to questions following reports at the capitol that he would be a candidate to succeed W. A. Graham, present commissioner of agriculture, in the Democratic primary of 1924. Several years ago the editor was prominently mentioned as a probable candidate for governor.

## FOUR YEARS AT COLLEGE IS CONTEST AWARD

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—For the fourth successive year, high school students of the nation are to be given opportunity to win the largest single educational award offered in the United States, according to a statement by the Highway Education Board today.

The award is the H. S. Firestone Four Years University Scholarship, providing not only tuition, but room, board, books and special fees for the student writing the best essay in the annual good roads essay contest. The assigned subject of the essays to be written is "The Influence of Highway Transport Upon the Religious Life of My Community."

Announcement of the contest is being made to superintendents of schools, high school principals, and students as rapidly as possible, and all available literature is being listed and tabulated for the information of the prospective contestants. The Board announces its willingness to answer any inquiry students and teachers may desire to make, but it points out that all that is necessary is compliance with the simple rules of the contest, and the preparation of a 700 word essay on the subject. Essays should be submitted to the high school principal by May 1.

The contest, known to thousands of students throughout the United States and territorial possessions as the "annual good roads essay contest" is the most sustained competition of its kind. Inaugurated in 1920, it has provided a college education for three students, one boy and two girls, and its maintenance from year to year is assured by the donor of the scholarship, Harvey S. Firestone, Akron, O.

This year the subject is regarded as unique and unusual, bringing up for discussion the relation of improved transportation to the moral tone or the religious life of the community. Leading churchmen have expressed their approval of the discussion, the essays are to bring about, while distinguished educators have given their approval to the contest itself. In past years the subjects have been broader, and more general, the subject for 1922 dealing with the improved transportation and the growth of the community as a whole.

Previous winners have been Miss Katherine F. Butterfield, Weiser, Idaho, 1920; Miss Garland Johnson, Bridgeport, West Virginia, 1921; and in 1922, Karl G. Pearson, Washington, D. C. Miss Butterfield is in college, but Miss Johnson and Mr. Pearson, not being seniors when the scholarship was awarded them have remained in high school until their courses are completed. They both will enter college this year, Miss Johnson at the University of West Virginia, and Pearson at a university in Kansas, his home state.

The best three essays from each high school are to be submitted to state headquarters, where the best essay from the commonwealth will be chosen. One essay from each state and territory will then come to the Board at Washington, D. C., there to be handed a national committee to be named by Dr. John J. Tigert, U. S. Commissioner of Education. The national committee will award the scholarship.

Inquiries should be addressed to the Highway Education Board, Willard Building, Washington, D. C.

## Death of a Little Boy.

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write the death of my little boy, William Clifton Smith. He was taken sick the twelfth of February with what the doctors pronounced meningitis. He was very patient in all his sickness, although he wanted very much to get well. He would often say "Mamma I want to get well again so I can play with my little twin brother."

He had been sick one month when the Lord called him away from this world. Out of his pain and suffering. It was so hard to give him up but we feel that God knew best. All was done for him that father, mother, relatives, kind friends and physicians could do, but none could stay the icy hand of death. He was four years, three months and twenty-two days old.

A precious one from us is gone. A voice we loved is still. A place is vacant in our home which never can be filled.

A LOVING MOTHER.  
Micro, March 28.

## SEVERAL HURT IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. W. B. Jones, Mrs. Cam Easton and Mrs. W. M. Sanders Injured

An automobile accident in which Smithfield people were injured took place Tuesday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock between Clayton and Raleigh, those injured being Mrs. W. B. Jones nee Miss Sarah Sanders, of Raleigh, Mrs. Cam Easton, of Oxford and Mrs. W. M. Sanders. Mr. W. B. Jones was driving the car which skidded through a sand pit and dashed into a tree. The automobile struck a culvert, unseen by the occupants of the car, which swerved it into the sand pit. The windshield was shattered from which Mrs. Jones received severe cuts about the face. Mrs. Sanders was thrown from the car but received only minor injuries. Mrs. Easton, who is a sister of Mr. H. L. Skinner, and who is here on a visit, suffered a broken wrist and a sprained ankle. She was brought back to this city while the others of the party were taken on to Raleigh. The wounds of Mrs. Jones were treated at Rex Hospital after which she was removed to the home of her father-in-law, Mr. W. N. Jones. Several stitches were found necessary, but she suffered no internal or serious injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, who were married about three weeks ago, had just returned on Tuesday from their wedding trip to Cuba and were en route to Raleigh, where they will make their home.

## THE 13TH ANNUAL N. C. DRAINAGE CONVENTION

CHAPEL HILL, March 28.—The 13th Annual North Carolina Drainage Convention will be held at New Bern, N. C., April 18th and 19th, under the auspices of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey and the North Carolina Drainage Association.

It is expected that as a result of drainage legislation passed by the General Assembly of 1923 this year will mark another epoch in reclamation work in North Carolina.

## GERMANY FAVORS BUSINESS MEN AS MEDIATORS

Late dispatches from Berlin state that the German government is willing to do everything possible to insure the payment of its reparations as determined by an international business men's commission. The Germans believe that business men would be the best mediators, and they are asking that such a commission be formed. The German Foreign Minister von Rosenberg says, however, that the occupied region must be unconditionally evacuated before there can be any negotiations for a settlement of the controversy.

## EQUIPMENT FOR DUNN HOSPITAL PURCHASED

DUNN, March 28.—Equipment for a hospital in Dunn has already been purchased and the new hospital will be opened at an early date. The hospital will be opened in the Tart building, South Magnolia avenue, and ten wards will be provided at first. It is planned to enlarge the hospital as the demands present themselves. Drs. W. E. Coltrane, J. F. Hicks, H. C. Turlington and R. L. Warren are behind the movement. The opening of the hospital will fill a longfelt need in Dunn.

## ROBBERS AT PRINCETON GET AWAY WITH \$1200 IN GOODS

News reached here Wednesday of a robbery at Princeton, which occurred Tuesday night. The thief or thieves prized off a Yale lock and another lock from the door of Mr. Ed. A. Holt's store and entered. They took about \$1200 worth of men's clothing and shoes, but the safe being locked, no money was taken. They left the store in automobiles, and no trace has been found of them.