

Find Dead Fish In Bachelor Bay Near Mouth of Roanoke

People Not Certain as to What Is Killing the Fish

While not certain as to the cause, residents on Bachelor Bay and the Albemarle Sound a few miles from the mouth of the Roanoke River do know that something is killing the fish there this season. Their proof is dead fish in numbers, reports stating that quantities of shad and a few herring are washed ashore, that sea gulls have been attracted there in recent days for the first time in the memory of the oldest residents in the section. Other reports state that vultures are flocking to the shores here for the dead fish.

"We believe the refuse from the pulp mill at Plymouth is killing the fish, but we don't know that to be a fact," one of the Bachelor Bay natives said this week. At no other time have dead fish been seen in numbers along the bay and sound shores, he added. Fishermen are said to have found similar conditions in areas not far removed from Bachelor Bay.

Authentic information coming from pulp mill authorities states that tests made almost daily by chemists of the water below the plant show no foreign matter that would kill the fish. It was also pointed out that the acids used in the manufacture of pulp are washed four or five times before they are released into the stream. According to these reports there must be some other cause for the death of the fish.

C. C. Fleming, operator of fisheries at Camp Point and Jamesville, states he can see no reason why the refuse from the plant should kill the fish. Mr. Fleming points out that the refuse is poured into the stream through a 30- or 36-inch pipe, that he can't understand why such a small volume of refuse could pollute as large a body of water as the Roanoke, Bachelor Bay and the Albemarle Sound proper.

Roanoke fishermen will know within the next two or three weeks whether the acids from the pulp plant are killing the fish, for it is about time the fish were starting their annual pilgrimage up the inland streams. If there are no fish, they will certainly believe the pulp plant acids are either killing them or turning them back.

A few fish have been taken from the Roanoke near Jamesville in recent days, clearly indicating that the acids will not kill them all and possibly none of them.

Just what action will be taken if it is learned the acids are killing the fish, no one knows at this time, but some fishermen are wondering if the plant could be closed down during the season if its operations interrupt the fishing industry.

Banking Organ Says Business Is Better

Signs that business, in some respects, is better than reports indicate, were cited in a recent issue of Banking, publication of American Bankers Association.

"At the beginning of February, for example," the publication said, "public works and utility construction contracts were closed amounting to more than twice the total of the same period last year. Similar contracts by private engineering concerns were also above last year's records."

"These activities will require the purchasing of supplies in a large amount and the orders do not yet appear in any statistical reports."

On basis of long range outlook, the survey said, "it would seem the prospects for the steel business are better than they have been, even during the period preceding the rise which began two years ago."

The publication reported "a considerable degree of hope prevails in all quarters that basic recovery will get under way during the spring season but there is general agreement that cooperation between government, labor and business is an absolute prerequisite."

Ash Wednesday Service To Be Held Tomorrow

On Wednesday, March 2, at ten-thirty A. M., there will be an Ash Wednesday service at the Church of the Advent under the rectorship of the new minister, Rev. John Hardy, who arrived in Williamston today. Rev. Hardy will give several announcements concerning his schedule of Lenten services.

Non-Support Case Continued Monday for Drunk Defendant

Nymphus James, colored man, was in the county court yesterday for alleged non-support of his wife and six little children, but before he could clear himself of that charge, he was booked for public drunkenness and ordered placed in jail for seven days by Judge H. O. Peel.

James, pleading his own case, held up well when questioning state witnesses, but his drunken condition was brought to light when he attempted to get up and testify in his own behalf. The court was suspicious of his action from the first, and Judge Peel called a halt and continued the case when it became

clearly evident that while possibly not guilty of non-support James was certainly guilty of being drunk at the bar of justice. And now he is defendant in two cases.

Vigorously denying his guilt in the non-support case, James argued with the witnesses rather than question them. He is said to have miserably failed in handling his own case yesterday, but he is likely to do better when Judge Peel calls the case next Monday. He is expected to be sober at that time, at least.

Clerk L. B. Wynne stated that it was the first he had seen a defendant in a drunken condition attempt to try his own case.

Machinery Set Up For Farm Bill Referendum

COMPLETE

The personnel of Martin County's full-time health department was announced complete today when Misses Christine Mae High, of Middlesex, and Mary Stokes Robinson, of Wilmington, joined the department staff as nurses. Misses Robinson and High are at home with Mrs. A. J. Manning on Simmons Avenue.

Headed by Dr. E. W. Furgurson, the department personnel includes: Charles Leonard, sanitarian; Miss Elizabeth Long, secretary, and Misses High and Robinson, nurses.

The splendid work carried on by the department during the past few weeks will be greatly supplemented in the future by the services of the two full-time nurses.

Farmers Will Meet Friday for Review Of New Farm Bill

Murphy L. Barnes to Speak to Farmers in the Courthouse

E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College, has announced the complete schedule of farmer meetings to be held in connection with the cotton and flue-cured tobacco referenda.

Eighty of North Carolina's 100 counties will be affected. The remaining twenty counties are located in the mountainous section of the State where either little or none of the two crops is grown.

Martin County farmers will gather in the courthouse, Friday, March 4, at 7:30 p. m. to hear details of the new farm program explained by M. L. Barnes, of the AAA State office.

Floyd explained that office workers connected with the county agent administering the program will meet during the morning previous to the mass meeting to have provisions of the new act explained to them.

The cotton and tobacco referenda will be held March 12. On that date farmers will vote for or against marketing quotas on the two crops in 1938. If two-thirds or more of the farmers vote favorably for quotas, restrictions will be clamped on the crops this year.

For flue-cured tobacco, the quota will be set in pounds. North Carolina's allotment will probably be between 450,000,000 and 500,000,000 pounds, Floyd said.

Cotton will be handled differently. North Carolina lint growers already have an allotment of 902,525 acres, and they will be allowed to produce all the cotton they can on these acres without penalty.

Pressing Club Here Now Under New Management

Purchasing the W. D. Ambers pressing club recently, Gaylord Harrison and Henry S. Manning took over the management of the business this morning. Mr. Ambers with N. S. Riddick is making arrangements to open a soda shop on Washington street in the C. O. Moore building.

Mr. Harrison has resigned his position with the Harrison Wholesale Company and will be active in the pressing club management. His partner will continue the operation of the Central Service Station, it was announced.

No change in the operating personnel is contemplated at this time.

Farmers To Vote At 11 Regular Election Precincts March 12

County Committee in Meet Monday Names Poll Holders

Machinery for holding the tobacco and cotton referenda in this county on Saturday, March 12, was set up by the County Agriculture Committee in a special meeting here yesterday afternoon. Poll holders and judges of election were named for eleven of the twelve regular voting precincts in the county, the committee explaining that Poplar Point and Williamston farmers would cast their votes at the polls to be opened in the County Agricultural Building.

Continuing in session for several hours, the committee studied the provisions for holding the referenda, and it is believed the question can be handled without any marked difficulty by the officials named to hold the polls.

J. R. Winslow, member of the Martin County Board of Elections, and a member of the county agriculture committee, explained that the voting would be conducted under rules very similar to those controlling a regular election. There are no age requirements, and every farmer who grew tobacco or cotton last year is entitled to cast one vote. However, the landlord owning more than one farm will be able to vote only once, each and every one of his tenants who grew tobacco or cotton last year is entitled to cast one vote. If a landlord owns a farm and there are ten tenants on that farm who grew tobacco and cotton, then there are eleven eligible voters.

The referenda will be explained in a series of community meetings getting underway in the county tomorrow evening and at a mass meeting in the courthouse here Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The officials appointed at the Monday meeting for holding the polls are, as follows:

Jamesville Township: J. L. Knowles, chairman; P. M. Holliday and C. C. Martin.

Williams Township: C. L. Daniel, chairman; Joshua L. Coltrain and W. J. Gardner.

Griffins Township: George C. Griffin, chairman; W. B. Harrington and S. E. Manning.

Bear Grass Township: Sidney Beacham, chairman; J. D. Wynne and William Harrison.

Williamston and Poplar Point Townships: Fred Taylor, chairman; W. L. Taylor, Mayo Hardison and L. G. Taylor, two from each district.

Cross Roads Township: W. L. Ausbon, chairman; Gaston James, and J. S. Ayers.

Robersonville Township will have two voting places. At Robersonville Messrs. S. T. Everett, J. R. Daniel, and S. S. Everett will hold the polls. At Gold Point, Harry Roberson, as chairman, and Mayo Little and L. A. Croom will hold the polls.

Two voting places have been established in Hamilton Township for the convenience of the farmers. At Hassell D. R. Edmondson, as chairman, and Claude Nelson and George Ayers will hold the polls. At Hamilton, the town, W. J. Beach, as chairman, and F. L. Halslip and J. H. Lillard will keep the polls.

The polling places will be opened at 7 o'clock Saturday morning, March 12, and close that evening at 7 o'clock. Indications are that nearly 3,000 votes will be cast in the county or about 1,000 less than are ordinarily cast in a general election.

Rev. John Hardy Begins Work With Church of Advent

Rev. E. F. Moseley Reluctantly Leaves for New Work in Kinston

Rev. John W. Hardy, rector of St. Andrews Episcopal church, Columbia, and Christ Episcopal church, Creswell, and priest at Galilee Mission, near Lake Phelps, during the past four years will enter upon his new duties as rector of the Church of Advent, Williamston, and St. Martin's, Hamilton, tomorrow. The minister, with his wife, the former Miss Sue Martin, of Scotch Hall, Bertie County, are moving into the Houghton Street rectory today.

Rev. Edwin F. Moseley, rector of the churches here and at Hamilton for more than five years, with Mrs. Moseley and their two children, Miss Katherine and Master Edwin, left yesterday for Kinston where Mr. Moseley will serve St. Mary's church.

Having enjoyed an extensive friendship among the people here, Mr. and Mrs. Moseley found it a bit difficult with their parting greetings when the last bit of furniture was packed and made ready for the move to their new home. "I have certainly enjoyed my stay in Williamston and Martin County," the minister said, the hesitancy in his speech suggesting that possibly he even regretted he had ever considered the call from the larger field. "The people have been very cordial to all of us. They have been accommodating and considerate, and all of us have enjoyed living here," the minister added.

The minister and Mrs. Moseley, too, have done a valuable work both in and outside the church during the past five years. Neither of them sought the spotlight of publicity, but their work touched nearly every field of endeavor that affected the spiritual life and the general welfare of the community and section. They have been prominent in the work of civic organizations, in the library movement, in relief work, and lent their support to every worthy cause. They will be missed greatly not only by the church but also by all the people of the community including the poor, white and colored.

While the people of the church regret the withdrawal of Rev. Mr. Moseley from the field in this county, they are fortunate in having a promising young man take over the work here and in Hamilton. Mr. Hardy is a native of Kinston. He attended William and Mary College in Williamsburg, and was graduated from the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va.

During his work in Washington and Tyrrell Counties, many accomplishments have been made by him. Special work has been handled at the Galilee Mission, near Lake Phelps. In Creswell, a young people's service league was organized under his direction. At the time he offered his resignation to enter the service of the churches in this county, the minister was leading a movement for funds for the construction of a Parish House in Creswell by the members of the church there. He has confirmed 29 and baptized 41 at the Mission and Christ Church in Creswell.

He was ordained to the priesthood at St. Andrews Episcopal church, Columbia, by the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Carolina.

Full-time Health Unit Files Its First Report

Twenty-two communicable diseases were reported in this county last month. Dr. E. W. Furgurson, head of Martin County full-time health department, pointed out in his first monthly report released today.

There were four cases of chickenpox, three cases of measles, four cases of scarlet fever and eleven cases of syphilis.

PRE-EASTER EVENT

Rev. W. R. Burrell, popular pastor of the local Baptist church for a long number of years, will return to his old pulpit for a special series of pre-Easter services, beginning on Monday, April 4 and continuing through April 15, it was announced today by an official of the church here.

Mr. Burrell's return here is eagerly awaited by many including both those within and without the Baptist denomination.

The minister has returned here on several occasions since he left a number of years ago, but this is his first engagement for a series of sermons.

Farm Bill Will Be Discussed At Nine Meetings in County

The new 1938 farm control bill will be the subject for discussion at a series of eight community meetings to be held in this county during the next few days. In addition to the schedule of community meetings, a county-wide mass meeting has been scheduled in the county courthouse at 7:30 o'clock. The first of the district meetings will be held tomorrow evening.

County agriculture authorities including county and local committee will lead the meetings, discuss various features of the new bill and answer questions that farmers may wish to ask them. These community events are educational in nature, and farmers are urged to attend the nearest one to them. Reports coming from the office of the county agent indicate that the farmers are anxious to have these meetings held and that they will be well attended.

The schedule for the meetings: Bear Grass, Wednesday evening, March 2, at 7:30 o'clock.

Oak City, Thursday, March 3.

A mass meeting will be held in Williamston Friday evening, March 4, at 7:30 o'clock, and no meetings will be held on Saturday night. Robersonville, Monday, March 7. Cross Roads, Farm Life and Jamesville on Tuesday, March 9. The agriculture forces will be divided that evening so that all three meetings can be held at the same time.

On Wednesday, March 9, farmers of Williamston, Poplar Point and Williams Townships will meet in the agricultural building for a joint meeting. It was pointed out that there were no places to hold meetings in Poplar Point and Williams Townships.

On the same evening, a meeting will be held in Hassell.

All these meetings will be held at 7:30 o'clock p. m. and in school buildings with one exception, the agent's office pointing out that meetings in Williamston will be held in the courthouse and agricultural building.

Death Strikes Twice on County Roads in Week

Coffin Salesman Strikes And Kills

Free Union Child

Delmar James, Six Years Old, Knocked 84 Feet by Truck

Delmar James, six-year-old colored boy of Jamesville Township, was killed instantly last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock when he was struck by a light pick-up truck driven by Joseph Gordon, 21-year-old colored man of Rich Square, on Highway 64 a short distance this side of Dardens. The front of his skull ripped open, and both legs and arms broken, the boy, son of Tommie James, never knew what struck him.

It was the second death on U. S. Highway 64 within a week, Robert Coltrain, 14, having lost his life here the Saturday before.

Playing along the highway, the boy is said to have run leisurely on to the hard surface into the path of the approaching car which witnesses at a preliminary hearing held here yesterday morning described as running between 50 and 65 miles an hour. The strike was made by the radiator which was knocked back into the engine, the lifeless form of the child being thrown a distance of eighty-four feet. The car continued down the road a distance of 399 feet before Gordon brought it to a stop, an examination of the car's mechanism showing that its brakes were not functioning properly.

Gordon, a salesman or an employee of the Bishop Casket Company, of Rich Square, was said to have passed a car just before reaching the boy, that he did not slow the truck down, and that there were no signs on the road where he applied the brakes before or after striking the boy.

William Woolard, Greenville man was traveling toward Williamston and Gordon passed him just before reaching the child. The Greenville man stated at the preliminary hearing that he saw the child before Gordon passed him, that he brought his car to a stop before reaching the spot where the child was struck.

Charged with reckless driving and manslaughter, Gordon was arrested and placed in the county jail by Patrolman H. V. Rothrock shortly after the accident. Justice J. L. Hassell found probable cause and required bond first in the sum of \$1,000 but later released the defendant under a \$800 bond. Attorneys Matthews, of Windsor, and Strickland, of Rich Square, represented the defense and H. G. Horton appeared for the private prosecution at the hearing held in the courthouse yesterday morning. Gordon offered no testimony.

Former Convict Steals Meat From County Farm

Three hams were stolen from the smoke house of M. D. Ayers in Bear Grass Township early last Saturday evening, officers stating that they were certain a former convict recently released from the camp here raided the smokehouse. Sold to a local store, the meat was recovered a few hours after it was stolen.

Churches Observe Day of Prayer on Friday Afternoon

Service Will Be Held in Christian Church at 2:30 o'clock

On Friday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. all the churches of the town will unite in observing the World Day of Prayer. The services as carried out over the whole world will be used and it will be held in the Christian church.

In view of unsettled conditions over the world this year's observance is being stressed and a concentrated effort is being made to get Christians of every color and clime to meet on common ground with a plea for a return to Christian principles of living in their relationships whether individual or national. All the Churches of the town will join in the service and a great meeting is planned for Williamston.

Brief History of the Day

As far back as 1887 Presbyterian women in the U. S. A. came together at the suggestion of the president of the Women's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church to pray for missions. Interest in the Day of Prayer increased and the Foreign Missions forces chose a day for united prayer in the early nineties, and in 1920, both in Canada and the United States, church women of all denominations united in prayer the first Friday in Lent being selected as the "Day of Prayer for Missions."

In numberless places around the world, from missionaries returning from the homeland, the thought of a day of prayer spread until at the request of many far-away friends, a World Day of Prayer was first observed in 1927. In 1936 Christians of more than fifty countries kept the day together.

The day begins in New Zealand and the Fiji Islands, and as the day progresses, new groups in city, town, countryside and hamlet, join in praise and prayer until after some forty hours the day ends at Gambell on St. Lawrence Island off the coast of Alaska thirty miles from the date line and about the same distance from the Arctic circle. All these groups are praying that we may be one in our service for Jesus Christ—that barriers of race and class may be broken down—that we may truly learn to follow Him whose way is the way of life for all men—that we may be faithful witnesses of His love and His life-giving power—and that men may find the way by which individuals and nations can live together in peace and understanding.

More Peanuts Are Sold To Crushers

The movement of peanuts to the oil mills has slightly strengthened the open market, but late reports from the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative mean of the goobers will be sold to the crushers. Nearly 8,000 bags have been moved out of Martin County to oil mills in Wilmington, but no bids have been asked for those goobers stored in cooperative warehouses at Williamston and Robersonville.

The recent offer together with peanuts already placed by this association for crushing, aggregates 5,500 tons of which quantity 2,400 have already been crushed into oil up to this morning, according to daily reports received by the association. It was learned from the office of the association that peanuts acquired by the Virginia and Georgia associations are being sold each week in increasing volume for crushing into oil and that it is the present policy of the three associations to continue to sell peanuts for oil so long as there appears to be a surplus above normal edible trade demands.

Infant Of Mr. And Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Jr., Dies

Stephen Jenkins, five-weeks-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Elmer Jenkins, Jr., died at the home of his parents near Merry Hill in Bertie County early last Sunday. The child was found dead in its crib when the parents got up that morning.

Funeral services were held at the home of the child's grandparents near here yesterday morning by Elder A. B. Ayers. Burial was in the Cherry Cemetery just outside the Williamston town limits on the Hamilton road.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Moore visited relatives in Fuquay yesterday.

Con Lanier Speaks To Martin Farmers

More than 300 farmers heard Hon. J. Con Lanier when he discussed the new farm bill at a special mass meeting held in Robersonville's high school auditorium last night. Farmers from all over the county were present, and the address was well received.

"If the farmers fail to give the tobacco and cotton sections of the new bill a two-thirds majority at the polls on March 12, it will be absolutely useless for them to turn to Washington for aid," Mr. Lanier said, explaining that he was no paid agent of the government, that he was campaigning for the bill because he considered it the only hope for the farmer.

The speaker discussed the bill, and reviewed agricultural activities from 1932 to the present. "Look out for your hog and hominy, for if this bill fails in passage, you'll certainly need them," Mr. Lanier told the large assembly.

Martin Man Fined \$75 For Reckless Driving

J. C. Downs, Martin County man, was fined \$75 in the Chowan County Recorder's Court last week, for reckless driving and failing to stop his truck while children were being discharged from a school bus near Edenton on February 16. Downs, driving a fertilizer truck for Slade Rhodes and Company, was cleared in the case charging him with an assault with a motor vehicle.

Struck by Downs' truck, Herman Radford, nine years old, of Valhalla, continues critically ill in a Windsor hospital, where he was taken immediately following the accident. His shoes slung from his feet, the youth suffered a broken leg, hip, collar bone, shoulder and a fracture of the skull.

Legion Post Members To Meet Monday, March 7

An important meeting of the John Walton Hassell American Legion Post will be held in the hut at Williamston on Monday evening, March 7, Commander J. E. Boykin announced today.

The meeting next Monday is being called for a discussion of important business matters, and all members are urged to be present. Plans will also be considered for a big barbecue dinner in the near future, the post official said.