

Smallwood Recalls Boyhood Days Here

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Williamston days, and afforded occupation to quite a number of what was termed "river men." They made their "dug-outs" by heaving off one side of a huge cypress tree-trunk, sometimes the cut being near forty feet long, or shorter as being be; then sharpening prow and stern alike, and burning out the bulk of the interior while carefully tending the blaze, finally chiseling the sides and bottom to a desired thinness, and putting in cross boards for seats.

The cargo capacity of these dug-outs was enormous. The motive power was paddles, not oars; the paddlers sitting astern and facing the bow. The dug-out's bottom being round and roly, made them as "ticklish" as an Indian's birch-bark; but the river-man "knew his equilibrium" and seldom upset the cargo. But "Mr. all of whom had been visiting my sister Portia; plus two Negro paddlers and a two-horse wagon load of freight, all being stowed into one of these dug-outs. After the passengers had "gingerly" taken their places, and the paddlers a half-dozen strokes by that strong, deft action of no movement of the body except the arms, that dug-out raced up the rushing waters towards Speller's Ferry, like a herring skimming the foam.

Roanoke swamp through Martin County, averages something like two Novice"—look out.

Fishing and trapping, and sometimes logging, occupied their full time. There were the herrings and the sturgeons in the spring, too numerous to mention. There were the raccoon and the weasel; the muskrat and the mink; with otter and beaver occasionally, and bear not a few. The pelts were cleaned, stretched, cured and marketed by the trappers, and big money ensued when catches were good.

Among the river-men I recall were Mr. Aaron Roberson, Jim Bonds, Cliff Bland and Jack Gurkins. The last named I can mentally see today. Red hair, red face, red whiskers, hip-high rubber-boots, oilskin coat, and southwest; the whole making as awesome an appearance as would an ocean pirate of old. But so far as my knowledge went, he may have had a heart as big as his head. There were many others that I do not recall.

As stated, the carrying capacity of these dug-outs was astounding. I recall, upon one occasion, Sheriff Bond, of Bertie; his wife, cousin Minnie, daughter of my father's first cousin, Robert Smallwood, of Bertie; "Indian woods"; their two daughters, miles wide, creating a vast region of silence and solitude (except for sounds of its swamp life) amidst the business and bustle of a busy world. Those who follow the river; live next to nature and self reliance, as did Daniel Boone of the nation's early days. Most often alone, and entirely dependent upon their own caution and ability, they attain a quiet, subdued mannerism, dominated by self reliance and precision. No doubt these conditions are much the same now, as in the days of which I write; for the river is still there, with its "guts" and its pools, and the "varmints" still thrive in the still, vast swamp; with pelts even more valuable today than then; therefore the incentive for river-men to still be.

As the swamp nears the high-lands it is be-sprinkled with elevated spots of varying acres which are not overflown by ordinary "freshets" and which are called "islands." These are often cleared and cultivated, producing enormous yields, when the snows of the mountains are not so rapidly melted in the spring-time as to cause abnormally heavy freshets, which wrap up and destroy the island-crops, but in doing so, these overflows leave a new coating of fertile sediment for the benefit of future crops.

One seldom hears a Martin County man speak of "the river-swamp," he terms it "down in the islands," and everybody knows, likewise, a steamboter may say "Williamston Wharf," but Williamston says "river-landing," and everybody knows.

There was one incident emanating from the "big fire" which gave me an insight of Mr. Biggs which I had

Judge R. L. Coburn Working Over Time In Recorder's Court

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deadly weapon, Jodie Haislip entered no plea. He was adjudged guilty and sentenced to the roads for a period of sixty days. The sentence was suspended upon payment of the cost and a \$50 fine.

Malissie Purvis, charged with violating the liquor laws, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to jail for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon payment of the costs.

Charged with obtaining money under false pretense, Charlie Mabry pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty of a simple assault and was sentenced to the roads for a thirty-day period.

As far as I recall there was no resident insurance agent in Williamston at that time. I think all insurance was procured by correspondence, or through visiting agents. I do not recall how many policies Mr. Biggs had on his property burned, or with what companies. Quite likely one on the store, and another on the stock. It is my impression that insurance carried was slight, and that he lost heavily by the fire.

In the course of a week or so after the burning, an "adjuster" called upon him in reference to his claim, and he came to the home, where were the salvaged drugs, and where we were filling, as best we could, prescriptions for the ailing Sister Sallie used her bedroom as a family sitting room, having a company room across the hall, and to which the "adjuster" had been invited. All mantels in the house were about shoulder high, and Mr. Biggs raised a family of children with a loaded pistol lying constantly "on the bedroom mantel, and not once did one of them ever bother that pistol. Upon the occasion which I mention, Mr. Biggs was in the company room with the "adjuster," and I was in the bedroom. After some time Mr. Biggs came in the bedroom, walked to the mantel, took the pistol, put it in his pocket, and went back to the company room, saying nothing to me. I immediately followed him, finding the "adjuster" seated at a table, and Mr. Biggs standing opposite, saying "Yes I did give you that policy for you to look over, but you mixed it in with your other papers and you are going to find it or you do not leave this room. Now get busy." I could see that the "adjuster" had become a little nervous, by the way he handled his papers, and judged he had presumed Mr. Biggs had not come out of the room for nothing. Pretty soon he found the policy. After Mr. Biggs got possession of it, he told the "adjuster"—"Now I'm not going to dilly-dally with you any longer. I have taken occasion to ascertain that your company has no legal right to do business in North Carolina. That places you here on an illegal mission, and the whole of you subject to both state and federal laws, including using the mails for fraudulent purposes, and if you don't get things straight to my satisfaction I will hold you in jail here until your company does."

I do not recall if the "adjuster" had the authority to pay up that day, but all was satisfactory when he left the house, and I know Mr. Biggs got his insurance money without further trouble.

There is an episode relative to Mr. Biggs which occurred during the days when he was coming over "sparking" Sister Sallie, which would have fitted in with my earlier narrative of how Mr. John Hutton used to lick out the castor oil glass, and call it "sweet as-honey," but it did not occur to me at that time.

Once, when I was in the parlor with him and Sister Sallie, he said "Charles, one of these days I'm going to take this sister of yours over to Williamston and forget to bring her back; what will you do then?" And I replied (with a kind of revengeful look at Sister Sallie), "I don't care, cause then she can't make take no more castor oil," which left me master of the conversation.

Local Happenings In The Enterprise Forty Years Ago

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There will be another wedding in town soon.

A young lady arrived at Prof. Hudgen's home last night. We extend congratulations.

The delay in getting out the paper this week is due to not getting our papers in time.

There will be several new firms in town in the near future.

The handle factory is shipping a great many handles now.

Our lawyers have been extremely busy for the past few days.

A great deal of building is expected to be done this Spring.

Some of the lumber for the tobacco warehouses has arrived.

The Williamston Land and Improvement company have disposed of several lots recently.

There have been many changes in the business circle here this week and several more are expected.

Mr. A. A. Coburn has sold out his interest in business here and left for Rocky Mount Wednesday morning.

We wish him much success.

How many of our business men are willing to contribute to the much talked of ferry. We need it badly. It is one of the essentials toward making a permanent tobacco market in Williamston.

S. F. Williams is in the city.

Miss Annie Peel is visiting in Rocky Mount.

George Knox, of Norfolk, is visiting his parents on Church Street.

Rev. J. W. Guthrie, of Raleigh, was here Sunday.

Burras Critcher returned to Wake Forest Tuesday morning.

Mr. Percy Brown, of Jamesville, is clerking for Eli Gurganus.

Miss Hattie Thrower spent Sunday in Mildred visiting friends.

Miss Emma Pultz left for Baltimore Wednesday morning.

S. R. Biggs, Jr., and J. E. Moore left Wednesday morning for A. and M.

Mr. K. B. Crawford is quite sick at his home this week.

Mr. T. J. Latham is now Constable, Mr. S. W. Harrell having resigned to go into business.

Automotive Taxes Reach A New High Figure in Past Year

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years automobile owners have increased their annual mileage by approximately one-third. Thus, increased average use of automobiles is as important in pushing up the state's gasoline tax receipts as is the gain in motor vehicle registrations.

Warning that the present high level of automobile taxes will not continue indefinitely was sounded by Mr. Sparger. "A few years hence when the post-war re-adjustment comes, there may be a sharp drop in highway user taxes," he said. "For example, in the years 1930 to 1933, when incomes of millions of families in the United States declined, one out of every 10 cars in this country was forced off the roads because owners could not afford to operate their cars. In some states automobile registrations dropped a third. Because car ownership among the lower income families is far more expensive than it was in 1930, a sharp decline in employment during the post-war re-adjustment period may bring a reduction in automobile registrations of 25 per cent or more. This should be kept in mind by state highway officials in planning road improvements over a period of years."

CCC Camps To Be Evacuee Centers

Red Cross and CCC Agreement Signed by Davis and McEntee

Washington, D. C.—Civilian Conservation Corps camps across the nation have been designated for use as emergency refugee centers in the event of mass evacuation caused by enemy action in any part of the country, it was disclosed here in a joint agreement between the American Red Cross and the CCC.

The agreement, bearing the signatures of Chairman Norman H. Davis, of the Red Cross, and Director J. J. McEntee, of the CCC, calls for immediate training of key CCC personnel in Red Cross disaster-fighting techniques. In time of need, necessary equipment belonging to the CCC would be made available.

All rolling equipment and trained personnel of the CCC shall be made available to the Red Cross for rescue of evacuees and their transportation with their personal belongings to concentration points; for transportation of medical personnel and medical supplies; for distribution of relief rations; for transfer of cots, blankets, kitchen and feeding equipment; for service in preparation of food, either in CCC camps or on other premises operated as mass shelters; for emergency and housing facilities on CCC premises; for assistance in carrying out fire, sanitary and police regulations for mass shelters; supplying storage space for Red Cross or other supplies and equipment, the agreement states.

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Civilian Defense

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Then he protested addition of peanuts to the 85 per cent parity loan list that included cotton, wheat, corn, rice and tobacco. He said there had been substantial changes in the production and consumption of peanuts since the base period of 1909-14 and therefore the loan rate on this product would be "excessive in relation to the loan on other commodities."

The President suggested that the peanut loan provision be modified before government loans are made on the peanut crop next fall.

Senator George said this matter would be considered by the Senate agriculture committee before then, while Senator Russell said that the mandatory loan would apply "only to edible peanuts and not to peanuts grown and processed for oil."

"I anticipated some objection from Agriculture Department officials who believed the loan on peanuts would be too high," Russell added. "I believe they are misinformed."

Radical Upsets Are Expected to Follow Rationing System

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than that number he would have to search out his customers. When one stops and thinks there are several thousand cars in the county and that the several dealers could fill all their orders if they had an average of ten cars each, the automobile shortage cannot be classed as serious. In fact curtailed production has not even slowed us down one bit as yet. Of course, if the war lasts ten years it may be the horse will come back and that people will run to the doors and strain their eyes to see an occasional motor vehicle run by. It'll be just a rough duplicate of those days when Rome Biggs and Harry Biggs and the late J. Paul Simpson drove through town in their motorized innovations at the record speeds of 10 and 15 miles per hour.

Some one is going to entertain the idea that he should have a tire or a tin roof and that some one else does not need either. Some one who needs one or both will, be unable to get either, and some one who needs neither will get one or both. Mistakes were made in the rationing system in the last war, and it is fairly certain that mistakes will be made in this war, but one thing is fairly certain and that is that there will be little mumbling and grumbling and that little or none will be tolerated.

Martin County's rationing boards, officially appointed this week, are in a group meeting at Windsor today receiving instructions for handling the work. Plans for rationing will be announced very shortly.

Firemen Are Called Out Here New Year's Eve

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Local volunteer firemen answered their last call of the year at 11:37 o'clock New Year's Eve when fire threatened the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. White on Simmons Avenue. Sparks falling from a blazing chimney fired a few shingles, but the damage was slight.

ONE SPAYED MALE SHOAT, weight 175 pounds, has been in my field for three weeks, Mark in left ear, square 6. Owner can get him by paying for this ad and cost of feeding. C. C. Jones, Williamston. j2-2t

TWO MULES AND TWO FRESH milk cows for sale. See R. L. Coburn, Williamston. j2-2t

This Week In Defense

Labor

The President's industry-labor conference to plan uninterrupted war production agreed: (1) There shall be no strikes or lockouts; (2) all disputes shall be settled by peaceful means; (3) the President shall set up a proper War Labor board to handle these disputes. The President accepted the plan without reservations and said he would act at once.

The U. S. Conciliation Service reported settlement of 28 labor disputes. Labor Secretary Perkins announced that during the past year hourly earnings of factory wage earners increased 14.7 per cent; average hours rose 4.8 per cent; and average weekly earnings of both full and part time employment rose 20.6 per cent.

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Jamesville All Stars Defeat Martins 47-27

The Jamesville All Star basketball team made it two in a row over Williamston teams by defeating the Martins 47 to 27 in a game there last Tuesday night.

Jamesville led 24 to 10 at half-time. Ange with 12 points, was high scorer for the All Stars. Winter was tops for the Martins with nine points. The fast and furious attack of the All Stars proved to be too much for the Martins.

The lineups and points scored: All Stars—J. Holliday, f, 5; E. Martin, f, 4; Ange, f, 12; T. Martin, c, 10; Walters, g, 9; D. Holliday, g, 7.

Martins—Winters, f, 9; Wallace, f, 6; Corey, c, 3; Diem, g, 6; Manning, g, 3.

Official Notice Of Ten Percent Boost In Crop Is Awaited

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cured tobacco used in the United States, was said to be running 18 per cent higher than for the same period last year.

The department said consumption was at a new record level.

Officials estimated that more than 750,000,000 pounds of flue-cured tobacco would be needed from the 1942 crop to supply domestic demands and exports.

No official word of the proposed increase has been filed with the office of the farm agent in this county, and no details or comment could be had from that quarter. It is generally believed, however, that the increase will be effected on a horizontal basis, the farmer with ten acres being allowed to increase his plantings to 11 acres and so on.

Strangely enough the North Carolina Farm Bureau, apparently remembering the huge surplus that was piled up to become so burdensome at the close of the last war, has directly or indirectly advised against quota allotment increases. But just a short time ago, leaders of the State Grange went on record asking or demanding an increase in the 1942 plantings.

Granted a ten per cent increase, it is fairly reasonable to expect all tobacco farmers to plant to the limit.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County

Velma H. Coburn, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of W. H. Coburn, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned within twelve months from the date of this notice or this notice will be plead in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to the said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of Jan. 1942. MRS. VELMA H. COBURN, Administratrix of the Estate of W. H. Coburn, deceased.

R. L. Coburn, Atty. Williamston, N. C. j2-6t

COLD DISCOMFORTS

By Dr. J. C. Jones, Williamston. 35c

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Fountain To Oppose Bailey For Senate

Unless some other strong liberal enters the race against Josiah W. Bailey for the United States Senate, Richard T. Fountain will enter the race in the forthcoming primary, according to an announcement made by the Rocky Mount man this week.

While Bailey by his stand on the defense and war possibly has improved his position in the eyes of the people, there are many who still reprobate his ultra-conservative position and big business leanings in the past.

In connection with his possible candidacy, Mr. Fountain, former lieutenant governor and speaker of the State House of Representatives, made the following statement:

"I think the people of North Carolina should have an opportunity to say whether or not they endorse Senator Bailey's record."

"Unless Senator Bailey has opposition, the people won't have an opportunity to express themselves at the ballot box."

"In my opinion the people of North Carolina would have been better off for the last 12 years if Mr. Bailey's seat in the Senate had been vacant."

"North Carolina suffered worse from the depression than any other State. Through the liberal policies of the Democratic administration under the leadership of President Roosevelt, this State made the best comeback from the depression."

"Yet Senator Bailey has had no part in these liberal policies, except to hinder and delay them."

"He has opposed all progressive labor and agricultural legislation and fought the amendments to the neutrality act."

"I am willing to support an outstanding liberal candidate, and I think that candidate should be the Hon. Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh. I am willing to go into every county in the State and work among my friends for his election."

"But if Ambassador Daniels cannot be induced to run, then I will be a candidate."

Friends of Miss Marie Peele will regret to learn that she is ill in a Raleigh hospital. Miss Peele had her appendix removed Thursday night. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Peele, have gone to Raleigh to be with her.

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HOG LOST — MALE, 75 POUNDS. Red and black spotted. Left home Dec. 27th. Mrs. Lewis Peel.

WANTED: FAMILY TO WORK ON farm. Can have small crop. J. W. Green, Williamston.

35-ACRE FARM FOR RENT, OR good man on farm. L. Thompson, Pinetown, N. C. j2-2t

BAGS WANTED — ONLY GOOD clean bags desired. Abbutt's Mill. d30-4t

TENANT WANTED: FOR ONE-OR two-horse crop. Good tobacco and peanut allotments. T. W. Holliday, Jamesville, N. C. d30-2t

FOR RENT — 3-ROOM APARTMENT, West Main Street, first floor. Also for sale, light trailer. J. W. Green. d30-2t

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ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of A. E. Downs, deceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased—to exhibit them to the undersigned at Oak City, N. C., R.F.D., on or before the 29th day of December, 1942, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 29th day of Dec. 1941. MRS. SARA DOWNS, Administratrix of A. E. Downs. B. A. Critcher, Atty. j2-6t

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