

The Sportsmans Paradise In Waters and Marshes of Sound

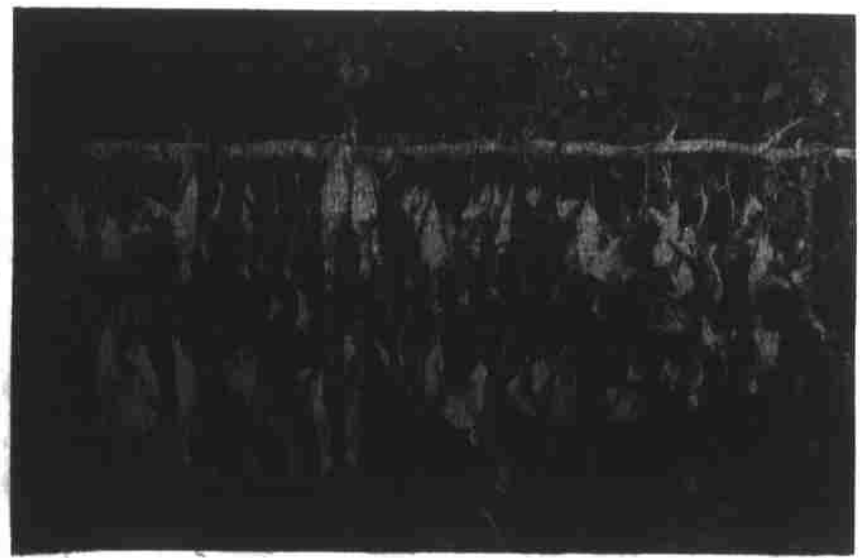
Many of the Leading Hunters of the Country Find This a Kenitious Field Diversified Game

Eastern Carolina is the sportsman's paradise. That sentence is a repetition for the twentieth thousand time of what some fellow said long in colonial days. Nothing else expresses the meaning so well, however.

During the winter months hundreds of hunters come south from New York, Philadelphia and New England to seek geese, ducks, and other wild waterfowl. Numbers of them are millionaires who come in their own steam yachts, equipped with boats and the necessary paraphernalia. Others, like J. C. Mathewson and the Duke, come to the winter camps to snoot by day and chat and smoke with their kind at night. "Fire-lighting," that is slaughtering the feathered things by blind-firing them with torches, etc., is boomed by law, and in the past couple of seasons the Federal government has taken a hand to prevent the ruthless destruction of the creatures to extinction.

The fame of the North Carolina banks at any season is world-wide. On one strip of the beach where for ten or twelve miles there is no human habitation there are plenty of places where for similar distances are found scores of wading birds. The

game birds are of course, more numerous in the cold season, being for the most part migratory by nature. The various species of ducks flock in countless thousands of the marshes. The rank amateur is sure of a bag making a day's quest profitable to his sporting spirit. It is the professionals, the men who lit



common, wildcat, and that

daily collect the feeding places and shambles that the law is aimed against. Capable, conscientious game wardens usually see to the law's enforcement, too.

Geese and brandt are profuse swans—white and black abound. The canvasback is not so numerous here as in Maryland. Because he is a hardier bird and needs not come so far South, but every other tribe of his kind is represented by thousands upon thousands.

The highlands to the West of the Sounds abound in quail, robins, and nearly every other species known to the American continent. Squirrel, opossum, raccoons, foxes and even deer are plentiful. Bear are to be found with very little trouble. Many animals valuable for their skins are present along the creek banks and river shores.

Lawson, famed as a naturalist in the days when North Carolina was a very sparsely populated colony, claimed to have found the lion and the leopard here. His lion was probably the prong animal which if it ever existed in these parts is now extinct. His leopard was probably some species of the feline tribe, now represented only by the

rial; blacksmithing a specialty." That is James A. Evans. And he is a thorough mechanic in any of the lines. Mr. Evans' business has been established 22 years. Manufacturing carts, buggies, wagons and so on, he can make most anything wanted in wood or steel. He has competent help. Mr. Evans has a splendid home, and is fond of his many fish and nut trees. He is the clerk and treasurer of the municipality of Manteo, and has held office off and on for nine years. He is also register of vital statistics for Nags Head Township and the town of Manteo.

R. M. JENNETT

R. M. Jennett is a bustling dealer in dry goods, notions, shoes, clothing, etc. He makes a specialty of ladies' dress goods, and also features Imperial hats and Lenox shoes. The business was established in 1910, exclusively for the dry goods, notions and shoe trade. The stock is large and the store is splendidly equipped. Mr. Jennett does a large business from patronage from all parts of Dare county and the neighboring banks' towns. He is popular with the Manteo citizens, and is regarded as a coming man locally.

CARSON W. DAVIS

A young man and a hustler is Carson W. Davis, merchant. He is the largest exclusive gentlemen's and ladies' furnishings dealer in Manteo, and his establishment is one of the most up to date in this section. Mr. Davis has been in business nine years long enough for every one in the region to be come acquainted with him. According to one authority, the interior of his store has the same appearance as a big city department store. Mr. Davis does a business of more than \$30,000 per annum, and the volume is increasing each year now. Clothing, shoes, hats, dry goods, notions, etc., are carried in large quantities. Some of the well known brands handled are: Schless Bros. clothing; Queen Quality, Rastan and other prominent makes of footwear; Gold Bond hats; Cheney silk ties; Lion brand shirts and so on. J. L. Taylor & Co's custom tailored line for men is another specialty and a big one.

O. J. JONES

Any Manteo has a print shop, and O. J. Jones, the proprietor, is a capable craftsman. A glance at his samples will show that Mr. Jones has been doing a large business in job printing, handbills, typewriters and supplies, stationery, books, novelties, pens, pencils, clock, drug sundries and toilet preparations, gasoline engines and supplies, insurance of all kinds, and other things. He is an exponent of diversification. He makes a success of every line handled, too, of course, or he wouldn't be handling them. His present business has been established a year. Before that he was for ten years, the postmaster at Manteo, and had as a side business the agency for gasoline engines and did a bit of job printing. Mr. Jones is a young man. He is the only fire insurance agent in the whole of Dare county. Think what a fortunate count that is, and what a fortunate man Mr. Jones is. He is so of course, deals in life insurance, and has the agency for the New York Life Insurance Company. O. J. Jones is a live wire, and has been very helpful to the press representatives handling the story for which he is thanked herewith. Mr. Jones is a native of Dare county, and is anxious to see the public interest fostered. He is active in chamber of commerce work. He is a member of Creef and Jones, a firm dealing in gasoline engines and supplies for the marine trade and farmers.

JAMES A. EVANS

Coach repairer, undertaker, dealer in wheels and coach mate-

A WANTED PACKING HOUSE

The Burnside Packing Company, of which S. A. Griffin and C. L. Griffin, father and son respectively, are the prime movers, has as its principal products "Golden Brand" high quality canned foods and cro-tan cut herring. It is a leading Manteo enterprise. The Company has been canning vegetables and herring for the past five years. Only this season, the canning of crab meat—an edible growing in popularity though only in the past five years canned in this country, although the japs have been at it for some time—was commenced at the Manteo plant. The company will begin the packing of oysters next season. Roanoke Island, as everyone knows, is almost within sight of the great oyster beds of the Carolina sounds. The plant of the Burnside Packing Company has a maximum capacity of 3,000 cases a day. The equipment is being increased to take care of peaches and figs. The new sanitary can will be used at an early date. This can is sealed by machinery, and is the latest thing in the way of hygienic receptacles. The Burnside Packing Company is now also shipping crab meat in bulk to other packers, and is just beginning to develop the crab industry in these waters. The plant is on the site where General Burnside of the Union army in the war between the States had his headquarters for a while. Cecil L. Griffin owns the property on which stands the house that was occupied by Burnside. The company has had larger orders than it could fill. Inability to get the stuff to can has been one handicap, and for that reason the cannery has not been able to operate the entire time. The owners, who realize that they are in a business with an excellent chance for great development, are, however, encouraging trucking on the island, and will make contracts with all those

desiring to furnish raw material to the cannery. Sweet potatoes is another article soon to be put up. Everything else there is a demand for will be handled. The Burnside Company has made a reputation on the "Golden Brand" Herring, corned drum fish, tomatoes, green beans and pumpkin that it cans. Running full capacity, the concern gives employment to 150 people, paying an average daily wage of \$1.50. Ordinarily, a thousand cases a day are turned out, with two dozen cans to the case. Costs of raising crops and selling profits hereabouts are about: An acre of tomatoes produced at an expense of forty five dollars, will net about ten or twelve tons, worth \$10 dollars a ton. An acre of beans can be raised for sixty dollars and sold for almost 100 per cent profit.

A. H. DAVENPORT

A popular place in Manteo is A. H. Davenport's. He has a modern soda fountain installed in a splendid restaurant, and does a big business. Ice cream is manufactured for an extensive wholesale trade. Mr. Davenport landed at Manteo in 1896, and then there set up a barber shop, with, according to his statement, "one razor, mug and brush." The chair was an old fashioned stool chair for five months. The business prospered. Then Mr. Davenport installed a second hand "regular" chair. In 1897 he added to the business, taking on the ice cream and cool drink lines, and again in 1900 he added to his barber shop equipment. He has been doing a lucrative business in all. He has acted as deputy sheriff for various sheriffs until 1914. Then he went for the big job for himself. He was nominated and elected and is now the high Sheriff of Dare county.

ty. He is a popular official too. March 1 he moved his business to a Water street building, and then added some more to the equipment. The soda fountain is one of the nicest in this part of the State. It cost \$800. Handsome tables and chairs were installed when the outfit was last moved. Ladies cafe, a separate cream parlor, and other improvements make the place as elaborate as many that one would find in a city. The coffee here is a delight.

IN CONCLUSION

In winding up this description of historic Roanoke, its business men and so on, it is well to give a few more facts and figures, since facts and figures invariably make interesting reading.

The population of the Island is three thousand. It will comfortably entertain some more thousands—comfortably if the right people come, for this is a scrupulous, conscientious population indeed. There are about five hundred negroes on the island and they make good, peaceable citizens. This average of five whites to one colored makes it much more to the liking of the former than is the condition experienced by the people up-State, where in some of the towns there are fewer whites than colored. These negroes have good schools, good homes, excellent churches etc., and they are a sober industrious community.

The population of Manteo is 800. It is a nice, roomy, attractive town.

There is plenty of inducement here for the location of coo-perage plants for the manufacture of boxes, barrel heads, etc. There is an abundance of green and dry wood in the vicinity, not only on the island but on the neighboring banks and mainland.

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SOME WANTED BUSINESS HOUSES

One of the most important of the local business concerns is the Bank of Manteo, with R. C. Evans president, L. N. Midgett vice-president and R. Bruce Etheridge, cashier. The bank was organized on June 20, 1907, with a capital of \$5,000. Its surplus and profits are over \$3,000. It has paid 49 per cent in dividends to stockholders. The bank owns the property it now occupies, including a good frame building containing besides the bank one store and a large hall. The bank will soon erect a brick building on the corner of Water and County streets on a lot bought some time ago. Mr. Etheridge has been the cashier since the bank's inception, and is popular with all having dealing with it regularly.

The depositors live all over the county. The Bank of Manteo is a good, substantially growing little institution. The directors are all strong men, including R. C. Evans, L. N. Midgett, R. M. Jennett, L. D. Tarkenton and S.

A. Griffin

S. A. GRIFFIN

Mr. S. A. Griffin is a leading Manteo business man. He deals in groceries, hardware, furniture, feeds, etc., gas engines and motor boat supplies, and is the agent for many manufacturers. He is located in a spacious two-story building. Mr. Griffin has been in business a score of years, since August 1895, to be exact. The business was originally conducted by Griffin and Sample, but some years ago was incorporated upon the death of Mr. Sample. Articles of incorporation were taken out in January, 1907. Mr. Griffin succeeded the incorporation, which was named the Griff and Sample Co., in 1912. He has a stock of \$5,000 and does an annual business of \$20,000. Furniture and house furnishings are among his specialties, as well as leading brands of hardware and heavy groceries. Mr. Griffin does mostly a cash business. He is a public spirited and popular man, affiliated with almost every line for the common good.

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