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ONLY REMEDY CONSERVATION SAYS SECRETARY REDFIELD

Experts Are Of Opinion That Scar- city of Fish In Carolina Waters Not Due To Filling of Inlets.

FISH JUST AS SCARCE IN CHESAPEAKE WATERS

And There In Very Nature of Case Scarfcy Can
Not Be Explained On Ground That The Fish
Have Not Free Ingress From Sea.

The Advance entertains no feeling of warmer interest for any people of its territory than it does for the fisher folk who live along the shores of Albemarle sound and its estuaries.

This paper has been distressed at the succeeding seasons of poor fishing, which, in addition to hills from storm and wind, have fallen to the fortune of these kindly people and have driven them to the brink of the necessity of turning in to other fields if they would find a livelihood. On Roanoke Island, as at other points where the soil is ready to yield ready returns to those who will undertake truck farming or fruit culture, such an eventuality might not be an un-mixed disaster.

But to those who live on circumscribed shores where agriculture is impossible by reason of the nature of the soil and of the meager extent of the land, the failure of the fishing industry means for the fishermen a leaving unsettled many of the most picturesque spots on the Carolina coast and a faring into strange communities to find employment. You can find even now in Elizabeth City factories a few operatives whose early life was passed in the open of the coast—and as a rule they have not taken kindly to their changed environment.

Going often among these fisher folk the editor of this paper found that many of them were convinced that the failure of fish in our Carolina waters is due to the filling of the inlets which formerly gave the sea better ingress into the Albemarle. Determined to find whether this theory would hold when subjected to the cold scrutiny of dispassionate investigation, we wrote to Secretary Redfield of the United States Department of Commerce and asked him to investigate the question for us.

Soon after we had written a letter came from Mr. Redfield saying that he would look into the question. The following correspondence resulted, which is self explanatory.

Washington, D. C., June 8, 1916—
Herbert Peele
Elizabeth City, N. C.

My Dear Sir:
Confirming my note to you of 19th May, acknowledging your favor of 17th ultimo, let me hand you copy of the letter from the acting

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FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLAR ORCHESTRIAN AT ALKRAMA

People who went to the Alkrama Friday night experienced a pleasant surprise. They took seats without observing anything unusual; but when the music started up they sat up and took notice. Some of them began to crane their necks to see where the new orchestra was—and there wasn't a soul in the pit. The big volume of music was coming from a handsome orchestration just installed in the theatre, which Mr. Kramer says he will keep if the folks like it.

SCHOOL BONDS IN CURRITUCK

Crawford Township Takes Plece In Ranks Of Progress and Rural Co-operation

Currituck, N. C., June 12—The election in district No. 6, Crawford Township, Currituck county for the purpose of issuing bonds to the amount of \$2,500 to help complete the school house here, was held Tuesday, June 6th. The vote stood 42 for bonds and 27 against bonds. This is the first election of its kind ever carried in Currituck county. It shows progress. The district here has a bright prospect for a good school. The house to be erected will have three class rooms, one auditorium and a first class hot air heating system. This is all the district demands at present. Other rooms can be added when needed.

The contract for the building has been let to Mr. J. F. Sumrell, Port Harbor, N. C., for \$4,738.17, who was the lowest bidder. Contract, agreement, and bond have been signed. Work will begin at once on house. The following notice has been posted:

Sealed bids for \$2,500 of the bonds of district No. 6, Crawford Township, Currituck County, N. C., for the construction or helping complete the school house in said district, will be received by the building committee here of said district up to noon, Tuesday, June 27, 1916. Bonds not to run over 15 years and to bear interest of six per cent per annum payable semi-annually, and to be so arranged with the buyer as to pay off as much as possible each year until all is paid provided all will be paid off within fifteen years. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

R. W. ISLEY,
County Superintendent.
E. E. WALKER,
Chairman Committee.

TO GIVE CONCERT AT EDENTON

The Albemarle Observer announces a concert to be given at Edenton on June 20th by the Chowan College Quartet. The quartet consists of Miss Rose Goodwin of Elizabeth City who is instructor in vocal music at Chowan College, Miss Maude Ophelia Sawyer of Belcross and Miss Kate Jenkins of Murfreesboro who received diplomas in vocal music at Chowan this year, and Miss Emily Lucile Clark.

Max Siff a wholesale clothing manufacturer of New York City was here on business Saturday.

SCHUBERT STRING QUARTET



The two concerts to be given at Chautauqua on the third day by the Schubert String Quartet will be a decided musical treat.

Frederick Blair, who heads the quartet, formerly a professor at Smith College, is well known in Boston and New England musical circles as a soloist and a composer. He plays the cello, Frank Currier first violin, Clarence Jordan second violin and Edward Kowinski viola.

For breadth of style, tenderness and charm in their rendition of the great masterpieces they are unexcelled.

Chautauqua Program

Tuesday Afternoon Admission 35 cents
3.00 Series Lecture—Hunt Cook, 'Literary Hearthstones—Allen'.
3.15 Concert—Schubert String Quartet.

Tuesday Evening Admission 50 cents
3.45 Concert—Schubert String Quartet.
8.15 Lecture—Dr. Thomas E. Green, 'The Burden of the Nations'.
Discussion—See Chautauqua Program Folder.

Wednesday Afternoon Admission 35 cents
3.00 Series Lecture—Hunt Cook, 'Literary Hearthstones—Kipling'.
3.45 Concert—Strollers Male Quartet and Hand Bell Ringers.

Wednesday Evening Admission 50 cents
7.30 Concert—Strollers Male Quartet.
8.15 Entertainment—The College Players, 'Happiness'.

Thursday Afternoon Admission 35 cents
3.00 Series Lecture—Hunt Cook, 'Literary Hearthstones—Emerson'.
3.45 Concert—The Bijou Trio, Opera and Neapolitan Songs.

Thursday Evening Admission 50 cents
7.30 Concert—The Bijou Trio.
8.15 Lecture—Dr. S. Parks Cadman, 'Makers of America'.

Friday Afternoon Admission 50 cents
3.00 'Uncle Sam's Experiment,' presented by Junior Chautauquans.
3.30 Concert—The 'Mikado' Company.
4.15 Lecture—Walter Rauschenbusch, 'Christianity and the Social Crisis'.

Friday Evening Admission 75 cents
7.30 Opera—'The Mikado,' with Full Cast, Chorus, and Orchestra.

Children, from 8 to 14 inclusive, admission for any session 25c

TO THE VOTERS OF CURRITUCK COUNTY

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Trial Justice, subject to the action of the Democratic Mass Meeting to be held July 12, 1916 and promise if elected to faithfully discharge the duties of the office. Your support will be appreciated.
June 13—July 12 nd L. Walker.

Chautauqua Superintendent, Hunt Cook announces that he will combine two of the lectures assigned him in order to have this afternoon to speak on the boy scout movement. Mr Hunt is prominently identified with the boy scout movement in this country and what he has to say will be of unusual interest.

FOURTH OF MATTAMUSKEET IS NOW ABOVE WATER

Washington, June 10—Over one fourth of the bottom of Lake Mattamuskeet is above water. Although only two of the pumps are working the water in the lake has been lowered 15 inches. It is being pumped out through the canals at the rate of 500,000 gallons a minute.

The engineers have decided it advisable to use only two of the pumps on account of the salt water which has backed up from the sound. Even with the use of these pumps, however, the water is being pushed through the canals at a rapid rate and it will not be long

GOVERNOR VISITS ROANOKE ISLAND

Congratulates Citizenry Of Dare On Their Ob- servance of Fish Law and Talks Conservation

Manteo, N. C. June 12—For the third time in its history Dare County was honored by a visit from the Governor last Saturday. Governor Locke Craig, Justice W. R. Allen and Justice George A. Brown of the Supreme Court and Fish Commissioner H. L. Gibbs arrived on the yacht Atlantic Saturday morning.

At ten o'clock Governor Craig made a speech in the Courthouse before a representative audience of citizens of the town and county. In a clear, illustrative and impressive manner, the speaker appealed to the citizens of Dare County to help conserve the fishing industry. He complimented the people for their observance of the present fish law. He said that the purpose of the law was good. If the people thought anything was wrong with a law they should not violate that law but they should send a man to the legislature who would change it. He pointed out the present destructive methods generally used by fishermen when they destroyed the baby fish and said that such a method was as imprudent as it was for Chesnut raisers to cut down the chesnut trees in order to gather the ripe Chesnuts more easily.

The two Supreme Court Judges and Governor Craig were with Fish Commissioner Gibbs making a tour of the Sound waters of Eastern North Carolina to study the possibilities of the fishing industry of the State.

EASILY AMONG THE ABLEST IN NORTH CAROLINA

The News and Observer in Sunday's issue gave a brief sketch of the political careers of the members of the members of the North Carolina delegates to St. Louis. The following excerpt in regard to Elizabeth City's representative will be of interest to his fellow townsmen:

"Mr. E. F. Aydtlett is an A. M. graduate of Wake Forest College and is now the chairman of its board of trustees.

"He has been active in politics since he was eighteen, and has held several local offices. He was one of the commission appointed by Governor Glenn to enlarge and equip the insane hospitals at Morganton, Raleigh and Goldsboro. He is now chairman of the board of Directors at the State Hospital at Raleigh. He has regularly attended the Democratic Conventions and worked for his friends. He was a delegate to the Baltimore Convention four years ago, and was for Wilson from first to last.

"He has been chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the First Judicial District for sixteen years. In 1898 and 1900 when the State needed its best men to work in those campaigns, he took an active part and did splendid service.

"He is a lawyer of the highest character and ability, easily ranking among the ablest in North Carolina, and enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He has counted political advancement as naught beside the practice of his chosen profession."

Miss Pauline Tate of Coinjock is spending this week with Miss Pearl Mann on Riverside.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETS HERE NEXT

Elizabeth City Will Have Distinction of Entertain- ing Young Methodists Next Year

New Bern, June 10—Elizabeth City will have the pleasure of entertaining the North Carolina Epworth League's when they meet in annual session next year, this being definitely decided upon yesterday afternoon at a business session which the Leaguers held at Centenary Methodist church.

Elizabeth City was very anxious to entertain the Leaguers next year and urged them not to consider any other city but to give them the preference, and this was done.

Among the other important matters transacted yesterday afternoon was the selection of officers for the ensuing year. This resulted as follows:

President—Mr. W. A. Graham of Warrenton, N. C.

Vice President—Dr. D. M. Fields, Hertford, N. C.

Secretary—Miss Lizzie Hancock, New Bern, N. C.

Treasurer—E. A. Palmgreen, Wilmington, N. C.

Field Secretary—J. W. Medlin, New Bern, N. C.

Superintendent First Department—Mrs. H. B. Branch, Wilmington.

Superintendent Second Department—Rev. J. M. Ormand, Hertford.

Superintendent Third Department—Miss Gertrude Royster, Raleigh.

Superintendent Fourth Department—Rev. F. S. Love, Arberdeen.

Superintendent Knights of Ezelah—Rev. H. A. Humble, Kingston.

Superintendent Girls' Epworth—Miss Annie Johnson, Goldsboro.

Superintendent Junior League—Mrs. W. A. Cade, Bridgeton.

Editor—Rev. W. A. Cade, Bridgeton.

before the entire lake is dry. A new hotel has been finished and will be open to guests by July 1. A meeting of the drainage commission promoters of the project, engineers, contractors, and other interested parties will be held at the Lake next week at which time the pumping station, hotel and other work will be officially accepted.

There will be an ice cream supper at the home of Mrs. Baker on Bell Street this evening at seven-thirty o'clock for the benefit of the Pearl Street Methodist church.