

INLAND NAVIGATION CO. HAS BIG PLANS FOR INLAND WATER TRAFFIC

New Type of Boat, Invention of President of Company, Expected to Restore Pristine Glory To Water Transportation On North Carolina Sounds

A new type of boat embodying a new principle of propulsion, designed and invented by Fred T. Doty, of Elizabeth City President of the Inland Navigation Company, to be used in the navigation of the inland waters of this part of the Atlantic coast, is said to be attracting considerable interest in maritime circles and is certainly much talked of in Elizabeth City and other similarly situated ports of Eastern North Carolina.

The new boat is described as a flat bottomed craft with dead rise bow. Its unique feature is an extended stern built into the boat for two purposes: First to carry a steel axle for the paddle wheels; second, to allow a solid body of water to pass from under the center of the stern while the water on either side is churned by the paddle wheels. This, it is claimed, has the effect of releasing the dead water or "drag" of the boat.

The paddle wheels are on either side of the extended stern and, by means of a sleeve thru the hub, are operated around the axle instead of being turned by a shaft as under the old method. These wheels are propelled independently by a crude oil engine at a guaranteed cost, it is claimed, of one half pint of oil an hour for each horse power produced.

"With two 100 horse power engines burning crude oil at 5 cents a gallon," says Mr. Doty, "the consumption of 6 1/2 gallons of oil an hour for each engine, or 13 gallons by both, will develop a speed of nearly 12 miles an hour at a cost of 65 cents."

A worm gear mechanism, it is claimed, under the four axle bearings, will make it possible to raise or lower the paddle wheels at will to conform to the channel draft of the boat at varying loads. This giving the correct dip of the wheel buckets for all drafts of water. Thus one of the principal defects of the old style paddle wheel boat is overcome.

The fact that each of the paddle wheels is operated separately makes it possible to propel one wheel in a forward direction while the other is being driven in the opposite direction. This feature, it is asserted, makes it possible to maneuver the boat so readily that the navigation of crooked rivers at good speed is made practicable.

The comparatively light draft of the new boat is another advantage. A boat of this type 138 feet long and with 30 foot beam is said to draw but one foot of water under light draft and the extreme draft with full load of 295 tons of freight is said to be but five feet. This not only makes it possible to operate the boat on very shallow streams but also makes for a great saving in the building of piers out into deep water as the boat can run close in shore to pick up a load.

The purpose of the Inland Navigation Company is to use these boats on the rivers to serve as feeders to the main line of improved motor barges which are to navigate the sounds of North Carolina, the canal between Elizabeth City and Norfolk and the waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

These barges are similar to the present type except that they are propelled by twin screw wheels operated in tunnels at the stern. They will have two rudders, one back of each wheel so as to make it possible for the barge to be handled to best advantage. The dock is provided with three houses. The large middle house is for light and bulky freight, while the heavy cargo is lowered directly into the hold from the outside by electric hoists. The forward house is used for small packages and the most valuable freight, while the house at the stern will furnish light, sanitary and comfortable quarters for the crew.

These barges are to be 150 feet in length with 28 foot beam. They will draw seven feet of water and carry a load of 500 tons. The Inland Navigation Company

Orders News Of Crimes Suppressed

El Centro, Cal. April 22—Mayor Omelted has instructed the chief of police here to suppress the news of crimes and arrests, saying its publication in no way benefits the community.

Confesses Murder Of White Girl

Indianapolis April 22—William Ray, a nineteen year old negro, has confessed that he murdered fourteen year old Martha Huff, a white girl. The girl's body was found in a creek, stripped of its clothing.

O. MAX GARDNER, VISITOR

Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner, a member of Sequoye Tribe No. 23, Improved Order of Red Men of Shelby, North Carolina, will be a fraternal visitor at the meeting of Pasquotank Tribe No. 8, which held tonight.

W. T. PUCKETT DEAD

W. T. Puckett, aged 38, died Thursday morning at the army supply base hospital at Pine Beach where he was taken for an operation four weeks ago Monday.

He is survived by his wife and eight children, the oldest of whom is 15. His residence is 205 Pearl Street, this city.

has been incorporated under the laws of North Carolina with the following officers: President, Fred T. Doty, Elizabeth City; vice president, Wheeler Martin, Williamston; Secretary, C. R. Pugh, Elizabeth City; treasurer, Harry G. Kramer, Elizabeth City.

The Company proposes to operate shallow draft boats upon the Chowan, Cashie and Roanoke rivers to Edenton, where a twenty year lease has been taken on the old Albemarle Navigation Company property. From Edenton the motor barges will run to Baltimore by way of Elizabeth City and Norfolk.

Later similar boats will be placed on the Tar River with terminal facilities at Washington, and at the Neuse with terminal facilities at New Bern. The barges will then ply from New Bern to Baltimore stopping at Elizabeth City and other intermediate points.

The Company has interested a large number of producers, shippers and merchants along the proposed routes in the stock of the company and is getting acquainted with their requirements and laying the foundation for future business.

"The old style steam boat, with large passenger accommodation," says Mr. Doty, "is a thing of the past. The large space required for boiler room, engine room, coal bunkers and water tank, takes nearly all the boat, leaving very little space for freight; while the enormous weight puts the boat too deep into the water to serve as a practical freight carrying proposition for inland water traffic."

It is predicted that the newly introduced craft will, if successful, revolutionize water traffic on these waters and serve to restore to water transportation in this section something of the activity that it saw before the advent of the railroad into Northeastern North Carolina.

The Inland Navigation Company is said already to own a number of boats and barges now in operation and is expected soon to make some alterations in these vessels and to place them in regular service.

WILL NOT WORK

New York, April 22—Five thousand railroad strikers at a meeting today in Jersey City decided not to return to work.

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WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INSIDIOUS PROPAGANDA OF LIES AND HATE

Chamber of Commerce Sets the Public Straight On Ferebee District Highway

(From the Independent, April 16) Ferebee Influence Has Hurt Elizabeth City

Chamber of Commerce Takes Action To Counteract Effect of Insidious Propaganda of Lies and Hate

Having been misled into the belief that Elizabeth City is for some reason opposed to road improvement in Currituck county, certain citizens of that county are organizing for the purpose of developing a road project which will connect Currituck Court House with the Virginia line. Such a road would divert thousands of dollars of business annually from this city to the Virginia metropolis.

Members of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce were astonished when this information was laid before them at an informal meeting in the office of the Secretary one day this week. Members of the Chamber of Commerce generally did not know how insidiously and persistently a propaganda of lies and hate had been carried on by certain influences in Camden and Currituck counties for the past twelve months.

A development of Currituck, Camden and Perquimans counties have been influenced to believe that Elizabeth City opposes projects are opposed to certain developments in these counties. A more insidious propaganda of hate and lies was never inaugurated in this section. If there is all of that propaganda results in trade being diverted from Elizabeth City to Norfolk. Elizabeth City to Norfolk, Elizabeth City will have no one to thank but her State Senator, Miles W. Ferebee, and his friends. Senator Ferebee's fake district highway bill is the cause of all the trouble.

Ferebee sponsored a bill in the last General Assembly under which it was proposed to build a hard surfaced road from Chowan County to the Virginia State line, via Hertford, Elizabeth City, Camden, Shawboro and Moyock. The bill was discovered to be unworkable. Bond buyers will not deal with a district having no corporate existence. The State Highway Commission will not deal with the district of five counties created by the Ferebee bill. To make matters worse, Senator Ferebee did not provide enough money in his bill to build a hard surfaced road from Chowan to Virginia.

Ferebee aspires to continue in the Senate and he thought his aspirations would get a set-back when the truth about his bill was disclosed. In order to save his own face he has secretly caused or openly consented to a sinister movement to make the people of the counties in his highway district believe that his road scheme was a failure because some one in Elizabeth City opposed it. As a matter of fact no one in Elizabeth City has ever opposed his scheme or put one single obstacle in the way of it.

In the meantime not a foot of the Ferebee District Highway has been built and not a dollar of bonds has been sold.

In the meantime the Ferebee District Highway bill stands in the way of many a project that could be done. The Pasquotank Highway Commission, for instance, can not pave a foot of the road between Elizabeth City and Woodville because it is a part of the proposed Ferebee District Highway. Senator Ferebee's bill keeps Pasquotank from improving this road.

Pasquotank is also anxious to get rid of the toll bridge between Elizabeth City and Camden county. But that toll bridge is in the Ferebee Act and Pasquotank can't touch it until Ferebee gets out of the way. The Ferebee bill has not provided a

PRESENT WAGE DEMANDS

Washington, April 22—Wage demands of an increase of fifty eight per cent for switchmen were presented to the Railroad Labor Board.

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free bridge connecting Pasquotank and Camden counties, as called for in the Ferebee bill and law act.

And the propaganda of Ferebee's friends goes on, making uninformed people in these counties believe that the Ferebee bill would give them a hard surfaced road connecting all these counties if some one in Elizabeth City was not standing in the way.

The Chamber of Commerce of Elizabeth City has at last taken official notice of this propaganda and is going to set the people of Camden, Currituck and Perquimans straight.

April 19, 1920
Mr. L. D. Case,
Seely Chamber of Commerce,
City.

Dear Sir:

I will thank you to call your board of Directors together on or before Wednesday afternoon of this week and read to them the accompanying communication, and oblige.

Yours truly,
M. W. Ferebee

April 19, 1920

Board of Directors,
Chamber of Commerce,
Elizabeth City, N. C.,
Goldenshoe.

I have a portfolio to enclose here with an article taken from last week's issue of the Independent. The article purports to authoritatively read your board as opposed to my candidacy for reelection to the State Senate, and further purports to read your board as antagonistic to the Edenton Norfolk District Highway as outlined in my bill.

I call your attention particularly to the last paragraph of the said article and respectfully ask:

First: If the said article reflects the expressed views of your board?

Second: Did your board have any informal meeting and take official recognition of the matter in question as is set forth in the said article?

Now gentlemen, I am not asking your opinion of the District Road, I am limiting this communication to the enclosed article and I will thank you to let me have your written answer to the two interrogatories on or before Wednesday afternoon of this week, I am,

Respectfully yours,
M. W. Ferebee

Chamber of Commerce,
Elizabeth City,
North Carolina

Hon. M. W. Ferebee,
Elizabeth City,
North Carolina

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of April 19th, addressed to the Board of Directors of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, and enclosing article published by "The Independent", Friday, April 16, 1920, under the heading "Ferebee Influence Has Hurt Elizabeth City" and asking:

"First, if the said article reflects the expressed views of your board?"

"Second, did your board have any informal meeting and take official recognition of the matter in question as is set forth in the said article?"

In answer to question No. 1, we would reply that the article does not reflect the expressed opinion of the Board of Directors of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, or of any Committee connected therewith.

In reply to question No. 2, we would say that neither the Board nor any Committee has considered the matter referred to.

Very truly yours,
The Board of Directors of the
Chamber of Commerce,
H. G. Kramer,
President.

April 21, 1920.

ALICE NIELSEN ARRIVES IN CITY CHARMING ALL WHO MEET HER

Accompanied By Her Great Big Surgeon Husband and Chang, Her Chow Dog. Wears Tan Cotton Smock And Is Pioneer In Economy Movement

Alice Nielsen, the wonderful lyric prima donna who is to inaugurate the day of high class music in Elizabeth City with her concert at the Alkrama tonight, arrived in Elizabeth City this morning on the through train from Norfolk and in the Southern Hotel stopped a moment to give The Advance reporter a word and one of her gracious smiles.

MEETING WILL CLOSE TONIGHT

Subject of Dr. Jester's Last Sermon Here Will Be "The Touch that Saves." Spoke on Judgement Last Night

Taking as his text the 31st verse of the 17th chapter of Acts and the 17th verse of the 6th chapter of Revelation Dr. J. R. Jester preached on the Judgement Wednesday night to a crowd that overflowed the auditorium of the First Baptist Church, part of the congregation being seated in the gallery or annex.

His subject for the closing sermon of the meeting tonight will be "The Touch that Saves."

"There have been great days in the history of the Universe from the beginning of time."

"There was the day of solitude when God dwelt alone. There was the day of creation when he called the earth into being and set in motion the stars in their courses. There was the day of gloom when many by voluntary transgression fell and their bodies lay a pall upon all humanity by the curse of sin.

"There is the day of mercy now a moment in which opportunity is given to all men to repent and be saved by the grace of God through faith."

But the Great Day of the Universe is still to come, the day to which the suner looks forward with dread and the Christian with awe, when every man, sinner and saint, will have to face God. There are many things which I do not know, but there is one thing that I do know, that God is true, that He, Word is You and men, and that He has appointed a day in which He will judge the quick and the dead."

The concert tonight will be the combined expression of an exquisite voice and a delightful personality.

Seats have sold rapidly since yesterday, and all Elizabeth people who sincerely believe in the best in music for Elizabeth City are asked to get their tickets at once and manifest their community spirit by co-operating in the effort to secure the high class concert which the financial success of tonight's attraction will insure.

Would Increase Value Of Cotton

Boston, April 22—Closer relations between grower and spinner would increase the value of cotton a billion dollars to the grower and make for a better product for the spinner, H. M. Cottrell told the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers here today.

RECRUITING PARTY LEAVES

The midshipmen's cruise which leaves Philadelphia on May 10th certainly should prove to be a very alluring inducement to the young men of this locality who have a desire to travel in the opinion of Chief Quartermaster Ames of the navy recruiting party which was in the city for two days this week.

"Not only that," says Ames, "but also it will be a summer vacation which means a short of a millionaire or one of Uncle Sam's boys, in blue can at that."

The recruiting party, of which Chief Machinist M. de Thomas was in charge left town early Thursday morning, but any one wishing to make this four months trip may write to Lieutenant J. W. Stuckley, U. S. Navy, 101 Main street, Norfolk, Virginia.

BIG BARGAINS AT SEFF'S

The S. R. Seff Company is helping to swat the public enemy, commonly known as the H. C. L., this week, by offering unusual bargains in all sorts of men's women's and children's wearing apparel. A Week-End Sale at this popular store began Thursday and will continue through Saturday.

ENCORES TONIGHT TO BE OLD SONGS

The encores tonight in the Alice Nielsen concert will be the old songs dear to the Southern people, and the program will in this way offer a delightful variety that can but please every one.

DON OVERALL TROUSERS

Washington, April 21—Six young women, congressional secretaries, today donned overall trousers.

With her were her great big husband, her accompanist, Mr. Thomas Grisselle, and her Chow Chow dog, Chang.

"This isn't my manager, as the Norfolk papers said," she declared. "He is just my husband." Her husband is Dr. L. R. Stoddard, a noted New York surgeon prominent in war work during the World War.

Miss Nielsen wore a simple tan cotton smock which she has adopted as a part of the economic movement in which she is a pioneer and an earnest advocate. "Somebody has to start these movements for simplicity, even if it is hard on the pioneers," she said. "Have you seen my dress on display made of discarded hose? I am having an evening dress made of the white and pink and blue ones. The hose used are those that would be thrown away and the money for the making goes to the suffering children of Europe."

"I spoke of the clean pure air and the pretty town as soon as I stepped off the train," she said. "It is such a relief after the grimy cities."

"I feel that we miss out this concert over," she agreed, "because it is the first of its kind here and I am so anxious for the lovely little town to have its first music just as of top as possible."

Miss Nielsen has the spirit of eternally youth and the charm of genuine graciousness of manner. Those who met her were at once charmed with her loveliness, her kindness, her utter lack of affectation, and her vital enthusiasm.

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TO HEAR MAX GARDNER

O. Max Gardner, Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, arrived in the city Thursday morning on his way to Newland, where he delivered the commencement address at Newland High School at two o'clock.

A number of people from Elizabeth City motored to Newland, to hear the address, among whom were: M. W. Ferebee, N. H. Smith, Herbert Peale, P. G. Sawyer, L. D. Case, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Melick, and M. P. Jennings, County Superintendent. Mr. Gardner and Mr. Jennings were the guests of Prof. Ira T. Johnson, Principal of the high school, at dinner.

Mr. Gardner will speak at Forks School Thursday night, at 7:30, and both the northern and southern sections of the county will have an opportunity to hear the present Lieutenant Governor, who is a candidate for the office of Governor, this year.

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