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TEXT FOR TODAY

"Enter ye in by the narrow door, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby."—Matthew vii., 13.

A \$5,500,000,000 BUSINESS

Although early in the season, this section has already had assurance that a good season is in store for the next few months.

Basing our belief on actual facts, we were interested to note that Roger W. Babson, in his weekly business report of last week, stated that vacationists would spend about five and a half billions this summer. Mr. Babson explained that he based his prediction on the winter business done in Florida and California.

This year's vacation business is expected to reach a new high mark, and be one of the nation's leading industries in dollars and cents for 1937. Slightly more than 50 years ago the tourist business was a small item in our national life. Since that time, however, the American people have learned to play as well as work.

There is one point that we feel should be given more than passing notice in connection with Mr. Babson's prediction for the 1937 summer tourist season. He based his prediction on winter business in Florida and California. These two states are the only two major winter resorts in the country. Those wanting a winter vacation are forced to choose between one of the two states or take a cruise.

That is not so with summer resorts. There are summer resorts in every state in the union. Even Florida is making a strong bid for summer tourist business. Every sea coast town and village on our thousands of miles of shore line are seeking summer business. The thousands of lakes that dot our inland areas are strong contenders for summer tourist business. Mountain resorts in every state from Main to Georgia are extending a welcome hand for summer tourist from Eastern America.

In fact, this matter of a summer tourist business is one of keen competition, with hundreds of different varieties being offered.

All of these facts are presented—not with a pessimistic viewpoint—but in order that we may realize the possibilities in the tourist business, yet remembering that Western North Carolina, nor any other section of our state or country, have the summer tourist business "sewed up."

We are of the opinion, however, that by supplementing what natural advantages we have here with a little more entertainment, a bit more hospitality and forget the idea of "sacking the visitor," that we can stand out in the nation as a leading contender for a larger part of this tourist business than we have had come our way in many years.

WAGE INCREASE

All employees of The Champion Paper and Fibre Company, of the Canton division, were given a five per cent wage increase, beginning this past Monday morning. This means an additional payroll of \$13,000 every four weeks.

Other manufacturing plants in Haywood County have recently made similar wage increases.

Such voluntary increases in wages by the management of these industrial plants is further proof that fair-minded industrialists operate in Haywood.

This old world has gone so far into the machine age that the bugler in the army has been replaced by a machine which blows taps for lights out. One who has served in the army just wonders if it is possible for this same machine to digest some of the army chow.

NOTHING TO BRAG ABOUT

The State points out as an accomplishment the transportation of 271,994 children to and from school during the 1935-36 term at a per pupil cost of \$4.86. The cost apparently is very reasonable, but, in the minds of those parents whose little children ride in the trucks, the State has nothing to boast of in the least when it comes down to hauling children.

The system of transporting school children in North Carolina is little short of a disgrace, as it affects crowded conditions in busses, the condition of the busses themselves, and the value placed on a human life lost when in the hands of the State. The cost figure is about the only thing the state can brag about, and the very fact that the authorities are apparently more interested in costs than they are in human beings is enough to bring down condemnation upon the entire system.

The consolidation system originally advanced by the state school authorities did not propose the herding of little children and young boys and girls into busses as so many sheep, cattle, or hogs. The system, in its beginning, did not mention the gamble the child takes twice each day in riding in a dilapidated bus to and from school. The long waits in the open for a delayed bus were not given much thought as the State started tearing down community centers and consolidating children from miles around in a single school plant. These problems presented themselves soon after the consolidation program got underway, and they are at present today, the records clearly showing that little or nothing has been done to correct their bad features. Not a single year has passed but that the authorities have harped on the importance of holding down and even reducing transportation costs.

North Carolina's expensive school consolidation program is certain to disintegrate unless the officials stress something besides reduced costs in the future. There has been too much theoretical operation of school busses and a marked absence of the application of plain common sense in arranging for the transportation of human cargoes.—Williamston Enterprise.

N. C. BANK DEPOSITS

Close observers of financial affairs of North Carolina are at a loss to understand why this apparently prosperous state should rank 45th in the nation in bank deposits per capita. It would seem, from the surface, that North Carolina with its well balanced economic program, should rank near the top, but according to the University News Letter, our per capita average is only one fifth of the national average.

The News Letter continues with the following comment:

"It is interesting to note while bank deposits in the United States average slightly better than \$516.00 per capita the average for North Carolina is slightly less than \$96.00 per capita. In other words, the bank deposits of North Carolina when reduced to a per capita basis are less than one-fifth the national average. This is surprisingly low and very difficult to account for. It is completely out of line with North Carolina's general economic development. For instance, in per capita estimated true wealth, per capita income, per capita retail trade and in other evidences of wealth, North Carolina averages between fifty and sixty per cent of the national average. In view of the above one would expect bank deposits to be at least half as large as the national average. Yet as noted above our average is less than one-fifth the average for the United States, which is perhaps the lowest relative average of North Carolina in any important economic concern.

"The report shows that the national banks in North Carolina have deposits totaling approximately \$93,000,000, while the state banks have on deposit slightly more than \$234,000,000. This means that the state banks are relatively more important in North Carolina than in most of the states of the Union. In fact, there are a good many states in which the deposits in national banks are many times as large as the deposits in the state banks. However, there are a few states where state banks are relatively more important than in North Carolina.

"While North Carolina was among the last of the states to declare a banking holiday in March, 1933, the banks of the state had been severely hit by the depression. During the worst part of the depression only a few states had more bank failures than North Carolina. During one year (1931) only five states had a larger number of banks to fail and during another year (1932) only ten states exceeded North Carolina in this respect.

"It may be that the low position of North Carolina in bank deposits per capita is due to the severe losses sustained by depositors between 1930 and 1933, and to their distrust of banks at present. It appears, however, that there is no justification for fear in using banks at the present time as a secure place to deposit."

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Every time I go from one end of the state to the other I am at a loss to understand how the people in the extreme far ends of the state get together on such things as state elections and more especially in the legislature.

Using the phrase of the Easterner, "It's a fer piece from here to there."

The people in Eastern Carolina do not talk like we do up here in the mountains. They do not eat the same kind of foods. They do not even eat at the same time of day.

It is said that they do not drink liquor the same way. I do not know about that. I did see, however, their store bought liquor, and how they bought it like we buy sugar up here.

I believe I mentioned it once before in this column, that folks in Eastern Carolina look on seafood almost as a sacred food, and always eat something from the sea at least once a day.

An Easterner will eat a big fish dinner and top it off with fresh peach ice cream, and feel no ill effects. Most folks in this area look on that combination as quite poisonous.

Last Friday afternoon I was among a group of 25 that enjoyed a 10-mile yacht trip down the river at Elizabeth City. The yacht was "The Doris." Was built at a cost of \$127,000 for Doris Duke. For some reason she placed it on the market and Miles Clark, of Elizabeth City, bought it.

The Doris has every modern convenience, and is the latest word in comfort as far as a yacht goes. The large motors, 100 horsepower each, push the neat streamline white boat over the water as if it were sliding on ice. No rolling or rocking like the average boat of its size.

The owner of this yacht is a most interesting man. Not yet 50, he has retired. He started out with a \$20 tug boat hauling gasoline and oil up the river. He worked hard and built up a large business. Not long ago he sold out for a half million dollars.

Since he had made his fortune on the river, he and his family decided they wanted to live on the river. So he put down steel piling about 75 yards out in the river, and then filled these in with river sand. He built a large lot right in the river, and then built a \$65,000 home on this lot. The lawn looks like a picture, and the shrubbery and trees stand out like a gardener's dream.

On each side of his yard he has provided a place to "park" his two yacht. One is the Doris, and the other somewhat smaller, which he uses for short trips on the river.

It takes four men to operate The Doris, and the owner usually spends two weeks at home, and two weeks cruising from place to place.

The latest thing in boating on the Carolina coast seems to be moth boats. So named because of the resemblance to a large moth floating over the surface of the water.

Following in the path of The Doris, were two boys, both about 12, in their moth boat, enjoying the waves that were made by the numerous boats speeding around on the river.

And speaking of the river, it is over a mile wide at the narrow point, and three times that a few miles from town. It is something like 70 feet deep.

Irish potatoes grown in Eastern

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The best place for most men to hide their money so their wives won't find it is to put it in the basket with their undarned socks.

A 100 per cent American is one who orders ham and eggs when he runs into a lot of French words on a bill of fare.

Matrimonial bonds are like the other kind in one respect—they're not worth much unless the interest is kept up.

The average man never needs to worry much about his summer vacation. His boss tells him when he can go and his wife tells him where he's going.

Maybe the Good Samaritan of Bible days did such fine work because a lot of curiosity seekers didn't crowd around to tell him what to do and how to do it.

"Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones" was not directed at the motorist who suddenly runs into a stretch of new tar and gravel.

An Australian who died recently had 800 tattoo designs on his body, but they probably had to put his epitaph on the tombstone.

Colors, they say, express our feelings, which explains why most of us are in a brown study around tax paying time.

Hollywood expects soon to make all its movies in color so it will be the first to know when a picture is going into the red.

Carolina are shipped in barrels, and one tug tied to the wharf was being loaded with barrels of potatoes consigned to New York.

Practically all lumber shipped in that section is sent by water. The rates being much lower, and the service about as quick.

We passed one tug pushing a barge loaded with cypress shingles, headed for a northern market.

Life down in that section is so entirely different from what we live in Western North Carolina, it seems queer that we are all citizens of the same state.

Perhaps it is that diversity that tends to make this state so great—

HEADLINES of The PAST

(From the files of June 27, 1934)
 69 selected men of the same age son on Tuesday.

Centenary conference held at Lake Junaluska

Report of surgical director of Red cross.

N. C. Press Association meets Asheville on July 25.

Lutheran church will be site for army hospital here.

North Carolina War Savings June 23rd to June 28th.

(From the files of June 21, 1934)
 Architect gives facts about house.

Text of Dr. Potent's speech at ing of corner stone.

Weaver's park bill is submitted to the congressional committee.

County income is derived from many sources.

W. C. Allen writing history of Haywood county; book will be published early next fall.

Thrills offered tourists in new area.

(From the files of July 1, 1934)
 Park Theatre will present on Sunday, starting 5th.

Mayor Shook thinks Landon win by big majority.

Bank deposits show \$14,000 increase.

One killed and five injured here Sunday afternoon.

About 200 Masons expected July the 20th for meet.

Figures reveal that barley showing increase in Haywood area.

When eastern grave diggers on strike recently, the local underers, annoyed, were understood to the men were deep in their work.

In Oswego, New York, a red stopped a runaway horse. The more than a red light can do for our jackasses in this state.

It wasn't a bad crack some reports got off at the expense of President Roosevelt the other day when press representative asked the president if he was going to confirm nomination of Joe Robinson for Supreme court vacancy.