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THIRTY-FIRST YEAR

UNDERTAKES HUGE DRAINAGE SCHEME

John L. Roper Company Plans to Reclaim Over Half Million Acres of Land.

TO CONVERT IT INTO FARMS

Territory Includes a Large Part of Dare, Tyrrell, and Hyde Counties.

Norfolk Nov. 9.—Reclaiming hundreds of miles of swamp land in Eastern North Carolina and converting it into fertile farms is the mammoth project just inaugurated by the John L. Roper Lumber Company. The territory comprises all of the area between Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds including a large part of Tyrrell, Dare and Hyde counties and consists of more than half a million acres.

Never before has such a tremendous project been attempted in this country and when completed will add to the nation's productive area thousands of acres of the richest soil.

C. G. Elliott an expert engineer formerly employed by the government, has been engaged by the lumber company to carry the drainage proposition to a finish. Mr. Elliott began work on November 1.

Tons of gigantic machinery have already been ordered and much of it is on the way to the scene of operations. Enormous steam shovels, dredges, pumps and other equipment is included in the contract which went to a big machine company in Chicago.

One of the greatest engineering feats included in the work will be the draining of Lake Mattamuskeet, in Hyde county, a sheet of shallow water 48,000 acres in area which surrounds some of the richest farming land in the Old North State.

Adding to the development of this territory, the Norfolk Southern railroad is preparing to extend its lines, having already secured rights of way and for the greater part of the route having graded its course, through the heart of the new section.

Extensions will probably be made from Columbia in Tyrrell county and from Belhaven across through Hyde county. Certain it is that the Norfolk Southern contemplates invading this newly opened land as soon as conditions will permit.

Draining Lake Mattamuskeet is the biggest piece of individual work contemplated in the project. To accomplish this a huge pump with a capacity of 75,000 gallons per minute will be employed and with this tremendous pressure at work the vast sheet of water, which covers an area almost as large as the whole Princess Anne county will be pumped dry within a short time.

A dyke will be built entirely around the lake and a canal eight or ten miles in length will be made allowing the water to flow off into Pamlico sound. The beauty of this piece of work is that when completed it will present an unbroken field without so much as a tree to be cleared. The land bordering on this lake is famed for its productive qualities, comprising some of the finest soil in the country.

It has been conclusively demonstrated that it will yield large crops of cotton, wheat and garden truck. For years farms have been producing great crops and the quality of the soil is such that artificial fertilization is unnecessary.

The United States Government has already been over most of the territory in these three counties and made preliminary surveys under expert supervision, and has been pronounced full of wonderful possibilities.

C. I. Millard, president and general

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Elma Basnight Lupton Hostess to Her Little Friends.

Little Miss Elma Basnight Lupton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lupton, entertained a number of her little friends at a party yesterday afternoon, at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Basnight, No. 81 Pollock street, in celebration of her third birthday.

The lower floor had been attractively decorated, a color scheme of pink and white being carried out in an attractive manner with flowers and ribbons. As the little guests arrived they were taken into the reception room and presented to the hostess. Many games dear to childish hearts were played and late in the afternoon refreshments were served. The many beautiful and useful presents received by little Miss Lupton attest the esteem in which she is held by her friends.

Among those present at the party were: Little Misses Hattie and Sara Dill, Lucy Dunn, Dorothy Ellis, Lucile and Bessie Watson, Rosalind Willis, Elma Hahn, Mary Mitchell, Elizabeth Baxter, Nora Williams, Elizabeth Nunn, Edith Allen, Eleanor Jones, Virginia Cason, Louise Lane, Julia Pugh, Celia Fuller, Francis Perry, Martha Waters Sarah Clark, Ruby Kilpatrick, Margaret Sanford, Margaret Royall, Lola Griffin, Elizabeth and Mae McSorley, Rachel Hancock, Pearl and Marjorie Chadwick, Irene Craven, Mary John, Francis Grant, Elizabeth Duffy, Edna Carpenter, Louise Weddell, Martha Harper, Virginia Harrell, Catherine Rouse, Charlotte Davis, Elizabeth Bishop, Clara, Lillian and Elizabeth Davis, Jane Dill, Rowena Lucas, Mary Louise Ruff, Pauline Edwards, Margaret Armstrong, Beba Armstrong, Janet Land, Ollie Rhodes, Mildred Nelson, Nina Willis, Flora Ellis, Margaret Emmert, Elizabeth Cutler, Mary and Lucy Hurst, Catherine Matthews, Elizabeth and Annie Cook, Sara Kafer, Sarah Henderson and Masters Charlie Hall Ashford, Charlie Hall, Tom Davis, Sam Dill, Henry Armstrong, James Dawson, William Dudley, Claude Springle, Ben Moore, Dan Roberts, Jerry Holmes, Louis Angell, Earl Taylor, Louis Daniels, Kenneth Bell, Harvey Craven, Richard Mohn, Ralph Midgett Cecil Chadwick and George Harper.

MANY SWEET POTATOES.

Mr. Daniel Lane, one of Craven county's most successful farmers, was in the city Friday attending to some business matters. Mr. Lane stated that the farmers in his section were very busily engaged just at this time in getting in their crop of sweet potatoes. This, he said, was larger this season than before in many years and that in addition to this the prices were better than usual.

AT THE CHURCHES.

Presbyterian—Worship at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Morning text: "Break up Your Fallow Ground." Sunday school at 3:30 p. m.

Church of Christ—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Bible school 3 p. m., M. W. Fodrie, Supt.

St. Paul's Catholic—Mass and sermon at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Benediction of the blessed sacrament at 4 p. m.

Christ Episcopal—Holy communion 7:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon 7:30 p. m. Sunday school 3:30 p. m.

Centenary Methodist—11 a. m. Preaching by Dr. Franklin N. Parker, of Trinity College. 3 p. m. Sunday school, T. A. Green, Supt. 7:30 p. m. Preaching by Dr. Parker. 7:30 p. m. Monday meeting of the Board of Stewards. 7:30 p. m. Thursday prayer meeting. 8:00 p. m. Wednesday Epworth League meeting.

A boy has to explain to his mother why he was out so late and a man has to do the same thing to his wife.

Lost, strayed or stolen, one hat in the ring.

manager of the Roper Lumber Company, said yesterday that never before has such a project been undertaken in this country by private capital.

"We do not know the real possibilities of this land," said Mr. Millard. "In fact it is hard to appreciate the wonderful productiveness of this soil. For years small farms have been operating in this section and their yield has been marvelous, but under the arrangement proposed in our project we expect to develop even greater possibilities that the most sanguine mind has conceived."

CRITICIZED FOR VOTE ON CURBING

Number of People Dissatisfied with Action of Aldermen Friday Night.

NEEDLESS EXPENSE IS CLAIM

It is Contended Norfolk Southern Should Curb Hancock and South Front Sts.

One of the main topics of discussion and criticism yesterday was the action on the previous night of the Board of Aldermen in agreeing to place curbing on Hancock and South Front streets before the Norfolk Southern Railway Company would go ahead with the work of paving the above named thoroughfares.

This action was strenuously opposed at the meeting by six members of the Board, who cited the opinion of the Supreme Court in their decision that the Norfolk Southern Railway Company should pave these two streets on the sections along which their track was laid and that it should be done according to the contract then in force. In this contract it is especially provided that the company shall keep the streets paved by them properly drained. It would be impossible almost to do this without placing curbing.

When the question of whether or not to place this curbing was put to the Board Messrs. Ellis, Baxter, Brinson, Bangert, Hill and Disoway opposed it while Messrs. T. F. McCarthy, Simpson, Smith, Kafer, Shriner and Gaskins were in favor of the action. The vote stood six to six and Mayor McCarthy cast his vote in favor of placing the curbing.

An estimate of what this work will cost the tax payers of New Bern was made yesterday. There are eight blocks to be paved, each of which will average three hundred and twenty-five feet in length. Placing the curbing on each side of the street makes a total distance of six hundred and fifty feet for each block, the total number of feet in the eight blocks therefore would be five thousand two hundred feet. Granite curbing, such as would be used in the work, cost twenty-one cents per foot, making the total cost for the curbing one thousand ninety-two dollars. The cost of putting the curbing down will be at least one thousand dollars and the total shows a cost of more than two thousand dollars.

The action of the board in requiring the tax-payers to stand for this expense was denounced by a number of citizens yesterday.

DIES IN JAIL.

Several days ago William Hays, one of the colored convicts on the Craven county chain gang, was taken ill with an attack of malarial fever. He was brought to New Bern and placed in jail and medical attention rendered him by the county physician. His condition grew steadily worse and Friday night he succumbed to the disease. As his relatives did not appear to take charge of the body, it was sent to the medical department of the State University for dissection.

GAS LOW IN RICHMOND.

After a careful investigation and study of figures and facts, the subcommittee of the Richmond council committee on light has recommended a reduction in the price of gas in that city from 90 cents per thousand to 80 cents. This decision was unanimous. Although, it is stated, one member of the committee favored an 80-cent rate in order to be conservative.

In Danville the rate is eighty-five cents per thousand feet. In both Richmond and Danville gas is furnished by municipal gas plants, which have been able, not only to operate without loss to the city, but to accumulate a considerable profit each year. In fact, the move for cheaper gas in Richmond has been due to the large surplus of receipts over expenditures. In Danville, according to the last report of which we have knowledge, the annual net profit on an eighty-five cent rate was something like \$10,000.—Lynchburg Advance.

FLAT OVERTURNS.

While the tug Margaret was towing a flat loaded with lumber across Neuse river from Bridgeton to this city yesterday morning, the flat overturned and several thousand feet of the lumber went overboard. The cargo was being brought over to the Neuse Lumber Company. The crew at once went to work and succeeded in recovering the part of the cargo that had been lost.

Bull Moose to right of us, Bull Moose to left of us, volleyed and thundered.

LIBRARY GUARDS AGAINST DISEASE

Rules Adopted Prescribing Where Books Are Not Allowed To Be Taken.

GO INTO EFFECT AT ONCE

Directors Take Precautions Against The Spread of Contagion.

The Board of Directors of the New Bern Library Association met yesterday morning with ten members present. The Treasurer, Mr. T. A. Green, of the building committee, rendered the following report:

Total amount of notes	\$4,375.21
Already collected	\$2,874.23
Uncollected	\$1,500.99
Due George Henderson	\$1,850.00
Spent on building	\$1,639.61
Incidental	\$34.86
Spent on lot	\$1,150.00

The treasurer of the Library Association, Mr. William Dunn, Jr., reported a balance of \$1.09 in the treasury.

It was moved and carried that the association thank Mr. P. M. Pearsall for a donation of two valuable books, also thank Mrs. C. W. Munger for a handsome set of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

A motion was made and carried "That no books after this date be allowed to go into any house where there is known to be a case of diphtheria, tuberculosis, scarlet-fever, measles or other contagious disease and that this notice be published in the two daily papers and also hung up in the library rooms." A committee was appointed to see about a new stove for the reading room.

It was moved and carried that Judge O. H. Guion be appointed a member of the Library Board to fill the place made vacant by the death of Mr. C. W. Munger. Much discussion took place in regard to an amateur play to be given as a benefit. It was left to a committee to be decided upon. No further business the meeting adjourned.

Margaret S. Bryan, Secretary

BRYAN.

(Baltimore Sun.)

In the midst of Democratic jubilation let us not forget the man who fought so bravely at the Baltimore convention for the nomination of a candidate acceptable to the people. Moses led the Israelites out of the land of Egypt and through the wilderness, and gave them a code of laws which has come down to us through many centuries, but he was not permitted to enter the promised land. Mr. Bryan's experience has been similar in character, and though he has been a great leader of his party, as well as political thought, he has been shut out from the happy land of Canaan.

But the country does not forget the splendid service he has rendered during all these years, nor for his part in making certain the nomination of Wilson. Like Clay, he may never reach the summit of political ambition, but there will be room and opportunity for him in national affairs during the next four years.

Notice to the Teachers of Craven County.

A letter from Dr. Joyner reminds me that the exchange period for books on the adopted list ends Dec. 1, 1912 except for Histories of the United States, which extends to July 1, 1913. Please advise pupils and patrons so that advantage may be taken of the exchange offer at once.

NORTH CAROLINA DAY.

Program of Exercises for North Carolina Day is being mailed today to each teacher.

Friday, Dec. 6th, is the day fixed for the celebration in the schools this year.

This day is to be known as "Aycock Memorial Day" and you are urged to follow the suggestions contained in the program.

Make the exercises as attractive as possible and give cordial invitation to all patrons of the school to attend.

Send the contributions you receive for the "Aycock Memorial Fund" to the County Supt. of Public Instruction and the same will be acknowledged in the New Bern papers.

S. M. BRINSON,
Supt. Public Instruction,
Craven County,
Nov. 9, 1912.

Marrying a man to reform him is a good deal like trying to make an omelette out of a bad egg.

TERIBLE MASSACRE

Greek Capture of Saloniki Attended By Awful Scenes.

London, Nov. 9.—An uncensored dispatch received by the Daily Chronicle from Constantinople, says:

"Friday: Saloniki has been occupied by the Greek troops. Their approach was attended by awful scenes. "Before the Greeks entered the town the elements of disorder broke loose and a terrible massacre of the non-Moslem population took place. Shooting and looting were general. When the Greeks took possession they imprisoned all the Pasha's officials and Turkish officers. The Turks in captivity in Saloniki number 27,000.

Constantinople, Nov. 9.—Pitiful scenes continued to be witnessed daily with the arrival of train loads of wounded from the front. Almost without exception the wounded are on the verge of collapse from exhaustion.

Many have been without attention for days and a majority of them with out food or water for 24 hours. The hospitals already are overcrowded and symptoms resembling cholera have appeared. Those suspected of having the disease are isolated in a special shed. If the dread scourge should come to Constantinople, where already there is so much distress and suffering among the wounded and refugees, the consequences are too horrible to contemplate.

London, Nov. 9.—Judging from tonight's dispatches, Constantinople virtually has abandoned hope of the ability of the Turks to offer serious resistance at the Tchatalja line and is viewing the necessity of calling the city's manhood to the defense to the city itself. If this is the case, the end of the war cannot be far distant.

The Greeks achieved the crowning feat of their campaign by occupying Saloniki. It is not known yet whether the Turkish garrison of 15,000 evacuated the city prior to the coming of the Greeks or surrendered. It is believed, however, that they evacuated.

The Greeks still must capture Janina, Adrianople and Scutari also hold out, but it is reported that the two principal forts outside of Adrianople have been captured. A dispatch to the Vienna Reichspost says pourparlers for the surrender of Adrianople have begun.

Constantinople, Nov. 7.—(By way of Kustendje, Roumania)—Stories of the distress which prevails among the Turkish troops, of the panic which seized upon various bodies of the men and what is worse, tales of pillage, rapine and massacre, continue to come in from various points. It is reported that Nazim Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, has decided to send to their homes several thousand men who have shown the white feather on the field of battle.

AT ARMAGEDDON.

(Wilmington Star.)

We stand at Armageddon and view the landscape o'er, The field is strewn with wreckage as it never was before; The elephant and moose are numbered 'mong the slain. And the Third Termer's dead as Hector ne'er to rise again. Let the people sing a psalm for the battle they have won, And stand by Woodrow Wilson, the Republic's mighty son; He'll sail the ship of State and will steer for Uncle Sam, And keep all the sailors straight with commanding epigram.

FUND STILL CLIMBS.

Contributions amounting to eight hundred dollars were yesterday received toward the De Graffenried Monument Fund. Young Mr. Walnau, the chief solicitor will tomorrow morning start on a house to house canvass. Every citizen of New Bern is urged to contribute. The amount has now reached a point in the neighborhood of three hundred dollars. This leaves but little more than a like amount to be secured. Of this the Woman's Club and the City Beautiful Club will contribute a substantial sum and the pupils of the graded school will also help.

PAVING MATERIAL SHIPPED.

It is understood that the material for paving Neuse road with bitulithic has been shipped and will arrive here during the next few days. Mr. C. D. Bradham, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, states that the work will begin without delay and will be rapidly pushed forward. The paving of this road has long been contemplated and there is general satisfaction that the county has seen fit to start the work.

It is being even more clearly emphasized in the hour of Mr. Taft's defeat that everybody loves a fat man.

OFFICIALS ON AN INSPECTION TOUR

President Hix and Other Norfolk Southern Officials In the City Yesterday.

GO TO CAPE LOOKOUT TODAY

Marsden J. Perry, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Also With Party.

Mr. Charles H. Hix, the new president of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, together with M. J. Perry, chairman of the Board of Directors, and other officials of the Norfolk Southern were in the city yesterday.

The party of railroad men were traveling in private cars Nos. 100 and 101, which with a day coach for the train crew formed a special train. The party left Norfolk Friday and spent Friday night in Belhaven. Yesterday morning they went through here and on to Oriental.

From Oriental they came here and spent an hour or more looking over the company's property here. Division Superintendent Virgil Walker joined them here and they went on to Beaufort. The night was spent there and this morning a trip will be made to Cape Lookout. About noon the party will return here and go on to Kinston for a stay of about an hour. From there they go to Goldsboro and take the Southern for Raleigh to inspect the company's property and prospects there. While in that part of Norfolk Southern territory they will look over some of the recently acquired mileage of the road, which is to be used as a part of the proposed Norfolk Southern route into Charlotte.

The railroad men in the party in addition to those mentioned were General Superintendent W. A. Witt, Traffic Manager E. D. Kyle and Chief Engineer H. L. Nicholson.

"FOOTBALLISTS" MEET DEFEAT.

The New Bern High School Football team returned yesterday morning from Washington where on the previous day they played the school team of that place. Unfortunately the local boys had a number of accidents and were forced to change their line-up several times. This threw the team out of order and they lost the game, the score being 40 to 0 in favor of Washington.

CHILD BADLY BURNED.

Miller, the 12-year-old son of Mr. Willen, Allen who resides at No. 14 King street, was painfully burned yesterday morning when his sister, in removing a kettle full of boiling water from the range, accidentally dropped the receptacle and the entire contents coursed down the young boy's side and lower limbs. The pain was, of course, intense and but for the fact that one of the neighbors had a chest of first aid remedies which were applied, results of his injuries might have been serious. Last night, though still suffering, the little fellow was reported to be resting as well as could be expected.

GOOD DIVING THIS

Negro Fishes Up Keg of Nails From Bottom of River.

A remarkable feat of diving was exhibited at the Blades dock, foot of Middle street, yesterday afternoon when a colored stevedore who said that his name was William Green, brought up from the icy waters of Trent river a keg of nails which had been dropped overboard while being loaded on a gas boat. The negro, clad only in a jacket and trousers, dived the first time and located the keg, on the second trip down he placed a rope around it and on the third trip finished the task of making this rope secure and arose to the surface with the free end. Catching hold of a rope thrown him, he pulled the keg up with him and placed it on the deck of the boat. The water was six-feet deep.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Burrus & Co.—Royal Jr. Hay presses. Mrs. B. Allen—Elected by women. John I. Smith—Is your horse lame? Standard Shoe Co.—The Crosssett shoe.

People's Bank—Facilities at your disposal.

New Bern Banking & Trust Co.—The saving habit.

National Bank—First among the banks of the city, etc.

Tolson Lumber & Mfg. Co.—Mantels

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS TOMORROW.

Vaudeville—Sidney Forrest and Miss Ray Loyd, in this great comedy success, "Patter, Clatter, Chatter." This is an act that will make you laugh immoderately.

Pictures—"The Troubled Trail"—A Vitagraph production, showing that this trail led to happiness, after many exciting and thrilling scenes and experiences. A picture that will hold your attention.

"On The Trail of The Germs"—A semi-educational story, arranged and produced under the auspices of the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute.

"Traditional Customs"—An Italian picture. "A Gun Factory"—This is an instruction as well as interesting subject.

Maxine Daily at 3:45. Show at night starts at 7:30.