

Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**  
 1. Garment  
 3. In bed  
 8. Gold instructor  
 12. Arabian support  
 13. Stubbora animal  
 14. Pasture  
 15. Stories  
 17. Bright  
 19. Improperly  
 21. Climbing plants  
 22. Obligation  
 24. Symbol for tantalum  
 25. Metal container  
 26. Enzyme  
 27. Flaid  
 29. Public notice  
 31. Anarchist



Solution to Tuesday's Puzzle

**DOWN**  
 1. Deserter  
 2. Harem room  
 3. Delayed  
 4. Foe  
 5. Exapt  
 6. College treasurer  
 7. Guido's note

8. Consecrate  
 9. Simple  
 10. Man's name  
 11. Cereal  
 12. Grasses  
 16. Spanish  
 18. — the Terrible  
 20. Gaze fixedly  
 22. Venture  
 23. Applications  
 27. So. Pacific island  
 28. Savor  
 29. Toward  
 30. Stained  
 34. Church dignitary  
 36. African river  
 37. Showy pretense  
 39. Transmits  
 41. Pert to  
 42. Aid  
 43. Hindu queen  
 45. Addition to a letter  
 47. High in music  
 49. Deity  
 50. Health resort  
 53. Elevcn

# How the Menhaden Business Operated in 'Gay Nineties'

By THOMAS H. CARROW

The article on menhaden fishing off Beaufort and Morehead City by Mr. Jerry Schumacher is by far the most graphic and informative story on the subject I ever read.

It must have been tremendously interesting to the local landlubbers who no doubt have wondered about all the details of how a crew could catch and bring to the factory a million fish in one day. Some fish!

The article was particularly significant to me as a basis for comparing the menhaden industry in Carteret County of today with the days of my boyhood in Beaufort in the Gay Nineties, which by comparison were not so gay after all.

At the time I speak of there was one steamboat, named the Nelly Dey, and two schooner type boats, named the Alert and Conway, respectively, and one or two sharpie type boats out of Beaufort engaged in what was then called the fat-back business, the nickname being derived from the oil in the fish.

work would pay ten dollars now, while the work a man did then in the business was ten times as arduous as now.

Then there is the investment in the fish business, the improvement in the boats and fishing tackle and the manufacturing facilities. For every hundred dollars invested in the nineties I am sure the figure is a thousand, maybe ten thousand now.

Today the menhaden business is one of the important businesses of Eastern North Carolina and operated on scientific principles. In the early days it was just as tricky and as uncertain as the weather, which in some seasons resulted in very poor business. Indeed, I remember some seasons when the

fishermen had to go in debt to live.

**Outstanding Persons**  
 I would like to call attention to one other feature and that is the character of the captains of the fat-back boats and their crew. I am sure there never was a harder nor more competent set of men than those who operated the fat-back boats and the factories in the nineties.

One stands out in my mind, Captain Mark Mason. He was a handsome competent man and was respected by his crew and the people of the county. His son, John Wash, followed in his footsteps.

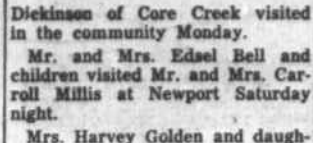
Mr. C. P. Dey, the owner of the Lennoxville factory, was undoubtedly one of Carteret County's finest citizens for half a century or more.



News from HARLOWE

Feb. 6—Mrs. A. N. Bell and Mrs. Kuch Williams and daughter, Mrs. Luke Turner, and son and Mrs. E. R. Bowlin Jr. were in Beaufort Thursday morning.

Mrs. Charlie Bell and Mrs. Earl



News from SMYRNA

Feb. 5—Mr. and Mrs. George Adams and daughter spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Chadwick.

Mr. Jackie Page of Louisiana College spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Willis.

Mr. Billy Willis of Norfolk spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Simpson of Beaufort spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Mamie Wade.

Edsel Bell and daughter and Mrs. E. R. Bowlin were at Russells Creek Friday morning.

Several of the community attended the funeral of Mr. Ashley Fodrie at Russells Creek last Sunday.

## Teachers

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and demanding day, most teachers are in no condition to attend to business or other personal affairs. They are more likely to be making a call to a parent or trying to figure out how to cope with a problem that is coming up next day.

In addition to her regular duties, a teacher must keep books and be a money changer. There are milk and lunch tickets to sell and be responsible for. Insurance money must be collected and recorded. Numerous other financial responsibilities fall under the heading of being a teacher — handling the money for the Junior Red Cross drive, the Easter Seal canvass, the March of Dimes, and other money-raising campaigns in which school children are asked to take part.

Teachers have a summer vacation of three months, without pay. They have to eat during those three months. How would you like to be forced to look for an extra three-month job every year?

In the first place, at the end of the school year the teacher is usually too exhausted to be enthusiastic about looking for work. In the second place, few three-month jobs are available. Often a teacher must attend summer school to have her certificate renewed or to work for a higher degree. This increases her expenses when nothing is coming in.

Actually, a teacher needs the three months in which to unwind and recuperate so as to be physically fit for the strenuous life she will undertake once more in September.

Some teachers are lucky in that they have parents who are willing and able to take care of them during their payless months. But surely the teaching profession should be on a higher plane than that. Teachers should be able to feel independent, proud of their profession, and confident that they are doing a great work and that it is appreciated.

Teachers are expected to make good citizens of children when parents have failed to do so. Citizenship, good behavior, scholastic achievement are the responsibility of the teacher. First-class results are expected of people who are paid as second-rate workers.

Everybody cries for good teachers. How do they expect to get them? Some individuals actually love teaching and stay in it for that reason. They are not enough. Before our public schools cease declining, the profession must be made financially attractive to the many young people who are capable of becoming good workers in this great field.

As for the salary of North Carolina's teachers, its ratio to the pay of teachers in other states has steadily declined in the last few years and is now near the bottom of the list of the 48 members of the union. Is it surprising that our good teachers are going into other professions or leaving the state

**Contrary Custom**  
 Baltimore (AP)—In a drug store on east Baltimore Street here, customers face contrary orders. A literature stand is posted, "Come in and Browse." But there is also a sign in the store that reads, "If You Have Nothing to Do, Don't Do It Here."



News from RUSSELL'S CREEK

Feb. 6—The Rev. Leslie Rowe of Bridgeton will fill his regular appointment in the Baptist Church Sunday.

Pfc. Harmond Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harmond Bennett Sr., who is stationed in Bamberg, Germany, will be transferred to the states in the near future.

Mr. George M. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Russell, who is attending King's College in Greensboro, spent the weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Fodrie and daughter, Kay, of South Norfolk, spent the weekend with Mr. Fodrie's mother and sister, Mrs. Fodrie and Mrs. Whitley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Salter of Havelock spent Sunday with Mrs. Salter's sister, Mrs. Lula Bennett.

Mrs. James Proffitt of Norfolk spent the weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Fodrie.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hardy of Norfolk, a son, Mr. Hardy is the brother of Mrs. Leona Rogers.

Mr. Cecil Gordon of Norfolk, Va., spent the weekend with Mr. Ralph Whitley.

Miss Doris Guthrie, who underwent surgery at Morehead City Hospital, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Eva Bailey of Gloucester spent Sunday with Mrs. George Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lewis and family spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Allie Lewis.

Quite a large crowd from here attended the Carteret County Singing Convention at Morehead City Sunday.

Mrs. Richard Wymond is employed at Cherry Point now.

Mr. Cleo Merrill and Mr. Raymond Still returned home after a business trip to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Windley are the proud parents of a fine adopted son.

in order to gain some recognition in their own profession?

Our children, and thus the future of the state, are the ones who are being made to suffer. The State Legislature will meet in February. That gives parents of school children and other friends of the schools a little while in which to let their legislators know how they feel about the pay North Carolina gives its teachers.

**No Machines Then**  
 I am unable to detail the operation of casting the net and pulling the fish up to the big boat, but there was nothing but manpower to do it with and the physical exertion was tremendous. A scoop net on the end of a 15-foot pole was used to take the fish from the seine and load them into the boat. I am not sure whether block and tackle were used or not.

As stated, all the boats except one were sail boats and that meant that getting out to sea and getting back on any sort of regular schedule was as uncertain as the weather. When it was calm and flood tide it was impossible to get out. And when it was calm and ebb tide it was impossible to get in. I have know boats to be delayed in Newport River many a time all night long, unable to battle with the calm wind and/or tide.

And what happened after they got to the dock? Every fish in the hold of the boat had to be shoveled into containers, hoisted and dumped into little push cars that ran down from the factory to the end of the docks. What labor!

The fish were processed by the most primitive methods and the odor would be wafted over the county for a couple of miles.

**Drying the Scrap**  
 Now the item that stands out in my memory very conspicuously was what seemed to me then the biggest wooden platform in the world for drying the "fish scrap", as they called it then. It had to be turned over and moved about to prevent spoiling. And that was a job.

How 'bout the money the men made from fishing? I have no figures on this point, but I am inclined to think that for every dollar a man made then, the same

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