

# Cedar Island, Attractive Isolation

(Continued from Page 4, Section 2) ping trips to larger inland centers. For a number of years Lupton was one of the most important fishing villages in the county.

With a limited amount of farm land about the island, only small patches were available for gardens. As corn was one of the household staples, the supply was brought to the island by fishermen visiting inland communities, exchanging salted fish and other water products for corn.

To convert the corn into meal, Joe Lupton built and operated a windmill of the style popular throughout the county at the turn of the century. The women raised tobacco for family use. From the immense Indian shell pile were sold hundreds of bushels of shell for the making of lime.

Mail service was given the village with mail being received three times a week by boat from Beaufort. There is a pathetic story told about one of the postmasters, a woman, who was serving the office in 1920. The facts, as given in the Morehead City Courier at that time, relate that she became demented because of an alleged shortage in her accounts.

Preparing a concoction of lye and coca-cola she gave the poison to her 4-year-old daughter, Mildred, and 7-year-old son, Edward, drinking a portion herself. Fearing the poison would not kill her, she slashed her throat with a butcher knife. The victims were discovered by the mailman, Luther Gaskill, who summoned aid.

They were rushed to the hospital at Morehead City where the mother and little girl died, the boy surviving. The mother gave as the reason for her rash act that she feared the shortage would be held against her, and by ending the lives of her children, they would not be thrown upon the mercy of the world.

Storms and changing ways of life eventually sent the older inhabitants of Lupton to communities on the mainland and many of the younger generation into professions or trade. The only evidence of a former settlement to be found on the island today is a graveyard where many of the island's early settlers found final rest.

Two camps are located on the old town site, that of the Hog Island Gun club and the late Captain John Smith. His building is on the site of his former home where his boyhood and young manhood days were passed. To this camp he would frequently return when he felt the "call of the sea" for a day or two of fishing.

With the exodus of the inhabitants from Lupton, many made their home at either Roe or Lola on Cedar Island across the bay, two settlements that were started about the time of Whale Camp and Lupton.

Along the high ground of Cedar Island, only one road, five miles in length connects the two small settlements, Lola at the south end and Roe about four miles toward the north end. Because the island is small and because it has only one road from end to end, it hides nothing. All the homes, stores and churches are built along this road or along the shore of Hog Island Bay.

Three church denominations care for the religious life of the island. That of the Methodist and Primitive Baptist at Roe and the Free Will Baptist at Lola. The Primitive Baptist church society was the first to be established on the island.

In 1832, members of this society living on Cedar Island, Hog Island, Rumley's Hammock and Portsmouth petitioned the Hunting Quarter church for a letter of dismissal to be constituted into a body of church among themselves on Cedar Island for their convenience.

The petition was granted. On Dec. 8, 1832 the church at Cedar Island was constituted, headed by Elder George W. Carrawan and Samuel Ross. Elder Carrawan became the first pastor, followed by Elders Benjamin Pollard, Thomas Goodwin, John R. Brinson, John Riley Rowe, Eldridge Styron, Ransom W. Gurganus and B. L. Godwin, now serving.

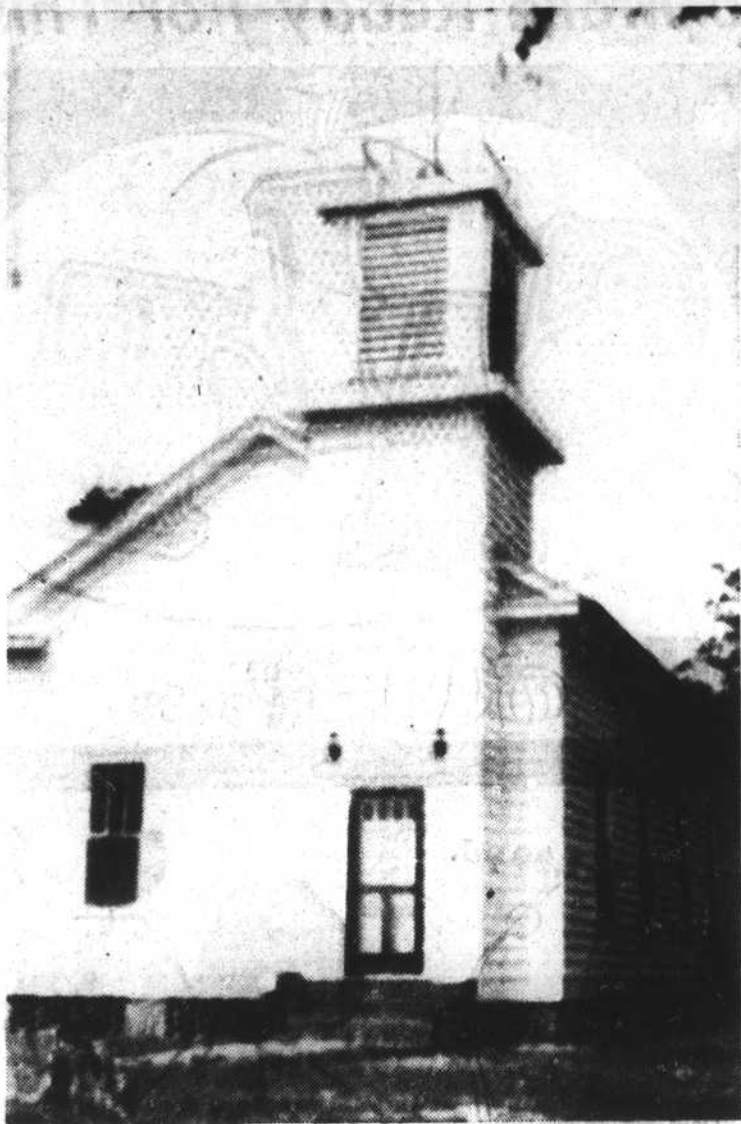
In 1833 this church was received into the Kehukee Association at the Falls of the Tar River. The society retained membership in this association until 1851, when they united with the White Oak Association.

Seventy-five years passed before another church society was formed on the island. In 1908 a small group of earnest Christians under the leadership of Elder D. B. Garner of Newport of the Free Will Baptist denomination organized the Pilgrims Rest Free Will Baptist church in the Lola community.

The first officers were D. J. Day, deacon; Clifford Lupton, clerk, and Louis Daniels, ruling elder. A small school building served as the first place of worship until the present building was erected and dedicated in September 1912. As the membership increased, the building was remodeled and Sunday school rooms added. The Rev. John Floyd is the present pastor.

Out of a small Sunday school group, organized in March 1935 by Cecil B. Harris, a native of the island, who was teaching in the community school, the Cedar Island Methodist church originated. Until taking up the study for the ministry, Mr. Harris served as superintendent of the school with Mrs. Gladys Lupton as secretary and treasurer.

The Rev. W. J. Freeman, pastor of the Atlantic charge, was the



Pilgrims Rest Free Will Baptist church at Lola on Cedar Island.

first pastor of the church. He held services on Saturday nights. An old lodge building formerly used by the Charitable Brotherhood was the first house of worship.

The first church officers were Mrs. Arlie Daniels and Mrs. Hugh Lupton who served as stewards. For several years Mrs. W. T. Daniels was church treasurer. Trustees were W. T. Daniels, Arlie Daniels and Mrs. Hugh Lupton.

Through the efforts of the women of the church, raising funds, and with liberal donations and help from the Duke Endowment Fund, a house of worship was erected in 1939; the service in the new structure was held in the fall of that year.

To the school teacher, Cecil B. Harris, who became a minister of the Gospel, is given the credit for establishing the Cedar Island Methodist church. The present pastor is the Rev. J. H. Bryant of the Sea Level Circuit.

Until the island school was consolidated with the school at Atlantic, a grammar grade and high school department was maintained. The school building was located about halfway between the two settlements. For several years a postoffice was maintained at both Roe and Lola. But one office now serves the island, known as Cedar Island, located at Roe with a rural delivery to the Lola section.

Before the county began connecting its many small settlements with good roads the only approach to the island or the township was by water. Traffic across Thorefare was first carried by a small ferry, replaced in later years with a draw bridge.

Cedar Island may well be called an unsophisticated island. Nobody is in any great hurry. Summer homes along the bay indicate that the island offers peace and relaxation. The sound and river attract sport fishing, both from boat or pier.

Within the township, three miles off shore to the east lies Harbor Island. Mystery surrounds this place for legend has it that murder was committed there at two different times.

In February 1720, during an interval when the province of Albemarle was without an ordained minister, the Bishop of London's commissary at Charleston sent one

of their missionaries from South Carolina, the Rev. Mr. Taylor, to the northern province of Albemarle.

While laboring at Bath he left Pamlico to visit Core Sound, the most southern settlement in the province. His fate was a sad one. He was in his own boat and unfortunately he was indiscreet enough to permit his crew to discover that he had in his possession a considerable amount of money, for he was possessed of some wealth. On his way he landed at Harbor Island and never left alive.

The story told was, that, tossing about two days and nights in an open boat, he perished from cold. But none of the crew perished and the authorities, suspecting he had been murdered, instituted inquiries, but could discover nothing of his fate nor obtain the money which he was known to have had with him.

Several years before the purchase of Harbor Island by a gun club in 1912, the property was owned by a man by the name of Pike, said to have come from New York or some other northern city, bringing with him a Negro servant.

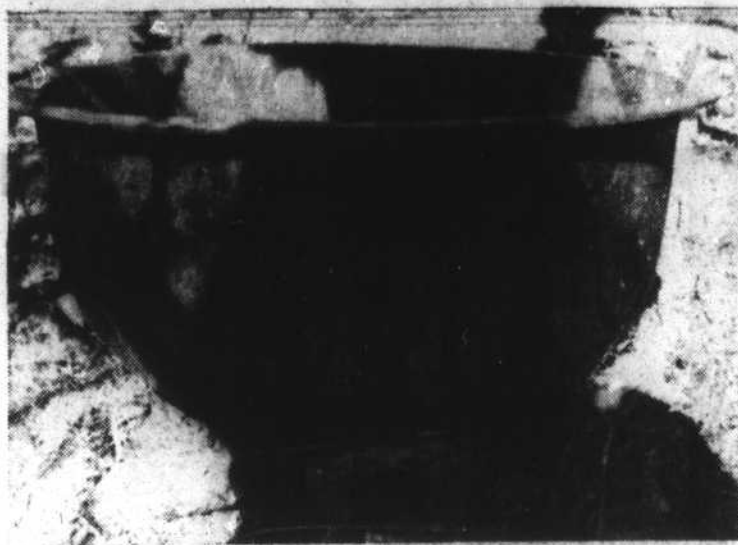
Pike erected a house and with his servant resided on the island for several years. The mysterious disappearance of the Negro formed the base of the theory that he had been murdered, probably by Pike and buried on the island. Shortly after the disappearance of his servant, Pike left the island, later selling the property.

Superstitious folks living in the eastern part of the county have handed down the legend that the ghost of the Negro haunts the place. Should that be the case, the ghost of the white preacher no doubt is hanging about the island, each apparition keeping the other company. A strange pair.

### Two Men Take High Ride On Phone Pole Guy Wire

Richmond, Va. (AP) — David Botts and Eugene Adams, both 23, had something approaching a roller coaster ride on the Marshall Street viaduct here.

Their automobile crashed through a guard rail and wound up on a grass plot 85 feet below. Police said it slid down a telephone pole guy wire. They were uninjured.



Kettles of this type were used for trying out the oil from whale blubber. A kettle like this is on display at the Museum of the Sea, Beaufort.

## Carteret 4-H's Eligible For Contest at State Fair

Three tractor-driving 4-H'ers from the eastern 4-H District of the state have been named to represent their area in the state championship tractor operator's contest at North Carolina State Fair Oct. 14.

Jackie White, Creswell, won first place rating at the recent district meet and will also represent the district in the state championship tractor plowing contest. J. Warren Swain, route 1 Columbia placed second, and Allen Kirby, route 2 Newport, placed third.

Each of the boys will enter the

tractor driving competition on even terms and have a chance to win the coveted and valuable championship trophies.

All entrants will receive an expense-paid trip to State Fair. They will also be presented a 4-H shirt and helmet to be worn during the contests.

They will compete for \$250 prize money, with \$50 first prize going to the winner of each contest. Special trophies in these events and the money are contributed jointly by the fair management and the Carolinas Farm Equipment Dealers association.

## No Red Cedar Seedlings; Arizona Cypress Suggested

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There will be no red cedar seedlings available this year from the state forestry nursery. This shortage in red cedar is due to a seed failure last year and disease in the nursery beds. The red cedar set out during the last planting season were practically a complete failure, due in the most part to diseased seedlings.

If any 4-H clubs, FHA, or adult farmers are interested in setting out red cedar seedlings during the fall and winter months a source of red cedar plants can be located outside of the state. In our state nursery, however, we have Arizona cypress, which can be used as a substitute for red cedar.

This plant is very similar to the cedar except that it is not sticky to the touch, and does not have the cedar fragrance. This is a fast growing tree, but cannot tolerate much vegetative competition.

I would like very much to see at least a few people in Carteret county set out some of these Arizona cypress so that we can observe their type of growth and suitability for Christmas trees.

W. A. Stevens, our extension beekeeper specialist says that this has been a good season for the production of honey. A good many of our

beekeepers report the best honey flow that they have had in several years.

If you have sick looking azaleas, boxwood, holly, or other ornamental plants growing around your home, an attack of nematodes may be your trouble. If your plants have low vigor, yellowish brown leaves with green veins, grow very little and are shedding leaves at the tip of the branches, the chances are that nematodes are your problem.

Be sure your plants are not set too deep — with the top of the root ball level or a little above ground level. Also be sure that the soil water drains quickly away from the plant. Poor drainage, planted too deep; too much or too little fertilizer can also make plants sick.

Nematodes can only be seen, in most cases, with a microscope. It is hard for the average person to know whether or not you have the nematode problem. Some nematodes cause knots to form on the roots. Other types do not cause this condition of the root system. For this reason you cannot always look at the plant and tell whether they are troubled with nematodes.

It is suggested that you provide your plants with ideal growing conditions. Then if you have a sick looking plant it would be well to treat it for nematodes. Two materials are recommended: Nema-gon and Fumazone.

The drench method is the easiest and least expensive to use. For established plants, prepare a small

## Size of Family Farm to Grow

Will the family farm be dominant in 1975?

"Yes," predicts H. L. Stewart, an economist for USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

"Family farms of 1975 will be even more specialized than at present, but will continue to dominate most types of farming," says Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart believes the average size of family farms will increase, while the total number of farms will decrease. He foresees an increase in the present trend to adopt labor-saving and out-pur increasing improvements essential to economic survival in competitive farming.

"Farmers of 1975 will employ others to perform more services," he says. He named such services as spraying, dusting, fertilizing, more professional management assistance, and help in buying and marketing livestock.

"Large-scale livestock feeding will become increasingly important in the West and Southwest, where there are expanding markets and abundant supplies of livestock, feed grain and forage," he says.

ridge of soil around the plant that is to be treated. Then, with a spade fork or other tool, poke holes in the soil to aerate the root zone.

Add the chemicals to water, according to recommendations, and drench the area. Apply this material when the soil temperatures are between 50 and 70 degrees F.

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