

Judge W. H. Oakey Expresses Opinion On Cutting Of Trees

To the Editor of The Perquimans Weekly, Hertford, N. C.

I am writing this responsive to your published suggestion that our citizens express an opinion on the proposed further cutting of undergrowth along the causeway west of the Perquimans River bridge. The opinion I expressed some time ago has apparently been quoted, and probably misquoted several times according to information received in the past few days.

In the first instance consideration should be given the fact that I am not officially connected with any of the relief projects and have nothing whatever to do with the cutting of the trees or with the stopping of work on that or any other project. Mine is just the view of a private citizen who has no more to do with the matter than any other person in the county. I have tried to make it clear when the question has been asked about the project that in general I was opposed to it but for very different reasons from those I had heard advanced by others who probably did not look very far ahead in forming their opinions. The main considerations seem to include:

1—The benefit to those who would be employed in the project.

2—The benefit accruing to the county by having the work done, with especial consideration for the permanent benefit, if any.

I am informed that a number of men were thrown out of work when this cutting was stopped because another approved project was not available for them to start work on. As I see it, this is the only damage that has been done. The causeway was beautiful before. It is beautiful now. Personally, I rather like the view through the scattered trees, showing the upper reaches on the river and the marsh and swamp beyond. Those who like it cut out can enjoy it now and those who like it as it was can be complacent in the assurance that if left alone for a very few years nature will fill up the gap again with undergrowth. So everyone should be satisfied except possibly those who have lost work as a result of a considerable part of the town turning itself wrong-side-out over a question that seems so unimportant.

I doubt the benefit of this cutting out for the above reasons and be-

cause the land there is so low that it is unsuitable for any ordinary use. Were the elevation a few feet higher the "island" could probably be made into a beautiful park which could be enjoyed by all our people and would add measurably to the beauty and attractiveness of the town. But in the absence of extensive dredging operations this appears impracticable, though it is a pleasant dream for those who have the time and imagination to indulge in it.

I expressed regret at the cutting of the trees because I thought, and still think, that some more permanent and more generally beneficial project might be devised. In other words that the same amount of money might be better spent in the public welfare.

I know that projects must be approved. I hear that the various appropriations contain no funds for materials and that the money must be spent for labor alone. This must restrict greatly the class of projects which can be considered. It would seem to me that there could be found a way to remedy this condition so that buildings or improvements to existing buildings might be made a part of the program. But this is no place to consider that.

It is fundamental that one who condemns is worthy of little consideration unless a substitute is offered, and in that spirit are these suggestions made:

1—A dredging project in connection with, and supplementing the causeway improvement looking toward the creation of a piece of high ground which could be used as a park or other community asset, such as a walkway for pedestrians parallel to the highway along the causeway.

2—The great storms of August-September, 1933, blew down millions of feet of fine hardwood in this county, such trees obstructing ditches and swamps which drain practically all the farm lands in the county and threatening every woodland with fire, constituting a menace to the former in wet seasons and to the latter in dry. It should be possible through cooperation of landowners to cut this wood, using it for firewood for those on the relief rolls and killing three birds with one stone, benefiting those who would receive the wood, workers, and landowners alike.

3—It having become necessary in the opinion of the State Highway and Public Works Commission that certain streets in the town of Hertford should be widened which would entail the loss of some of our valuable trees now standing between the sidewalks and the street the people should be willing to have trees planted along their lots just inside the sidewalks so that in time, and with each landowner caring for his own trees the town would increase in beauty with the continued growth of these trees. I suggest pecans, maples, dogwoods, beeches, oaks and hickories as suitable for this purpose and all but the first named could be taken from our native woods with the landowner's permission and under proper supervision.

No doubt there are obstructions and valid objections to each of these suggested projects. I merely offer them with the hope that others may give some thought to the matter that concerns us all to the end that the greatest good may accrue to the greatest number. It seems to me that if Santa Claus is coming to see us the least we can do is to hang up a sock that hasn't a hole in it!

W. H. OAKEY, JR.

Dates Set For Civil Service Examinations

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows: Junior bacteriologist (food products), \$2,000 to \$2,500 a year, Food and Drug Administration.

Associate bacteriologist, \$3,200 to \$3,700 a year, assistant bacteriologist, \$2,600 to \$3,100 a year, Food and Drug Administration. Optional subjects are General, food products, and soils.

All States except Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia have received less than their quota of appointments in the apportioned departmental service in Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or custom house in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our most sincere appreciation for the many kind words spoken at the time of the death of our husband and father, J. J. Lane. Also for the beautiful flowers sent and for the cars loaned. His Wife and Children.

Silage from the 36 trench silos in Stanly County is proving to be highly satisfactory in feeding dairy cattle.

Pygmies in Battle;

Fat Man Is Victor

Macon, Ga.—Two pygmies staged a real marital battle as an extra attraction at a side show here. The little wife became irked over disposition of several presents given the couple, and the small husband returned blow for blow. Several persons of normal size tried unsuccessfully to stop the fight. Finally the show's 700-pound fat man stepped between the couple and restored domestic tranquillity.

COLLIE KEEPS LONG VIGIL FOR MASTER

Command, "Wait for Me," Is Obedied for 9 Years.

Rock Island, Ill.—Shep, a loyal Scotch collie, left the lobby of St. Anthony's hospital, returned the following morning. It was the first time Shep had left the hospital in ten years. In 1924 Shep's master, Francis McMahon, Erie, Ill., was taken to the hospital. The collie accompanied him "Wait for me," commanded McMahon. The dog waited. Next day McMahon died. The dog still waited, a week, a month, a year, another year and so on until the present day. He generally sits in the same spot where his master commanded him to wait. Shep's vigil is futile. He does not know it, and so he waits, and waits, and waits, always eyeing the elevator door through which he last saw his master.

The great attachment of the human race for dogs was exemplified at Seawane, Tenn., when professors, students, others gathered at a little grave as Fitz, campus pet of the University of the South, was buried. For seventeen years Fitz had been mascot, had attended hundreds of faculty meetings, chapel services, dances, fraternity pledgings, and other events. Fitz learned to understand something of French and German as well as of English. Fitz was a large collie, was brought to the university by a student.

While Fitz was considered a member of the "family circle" at the University of the South, a court ruling at Cleburne, Texas, held that dogs are not members of the "family circle." This plea had been made by James Gillock in a suit, but the court ruled against him, and ordered his two dogs sold to satisfy a judgment. Only one of the dogs, Queen, a bird dog, was found, but she brought \$35 on the auction block.

Hunters Lose Lives in Tragedy Amid Ice Floes

Cape May, N. J.—Two unidentified hunters lost their lives in a tragedy in Delaware bay, not far from here. They set out in a cabin cruiser, forced their way through comparatively thin ice, then dropped anchor off Dennis creek. Then they loaded guns, other hunting equipment into a small skiff, started out. Several hundred yards away from their cruiser tragedy headed their way in the form of heavy ice floes. These floes were swept in by a sudden shift in wind. The hunters attempted to return to their boat, but were hemmed in. From shore, Fred M. Pepper looked on in horror. He knew what the ice does could do. He summoned help. An airplane responded, as did a powerful coast guard cutter. Far out the hunters had just abandoned their skiff. It had been crushed to bits. As the plane dived overhead the doomed hunters leaped from one ice floe to another. For three hours this kept up, with rescuers powerless to help. The plane could not land. The cutter was still too far away. Finally just as the cutter came in sight the two men, exhausted, frozen, slipped from the precarious floes, disappeared under water.

9 Convicted Dogs Die in Ohio Electric Chair

Columbus, Ohio.—Nine gangsters of dogdom have paid the supreme penalty in the electric chamber at the Columbus dog pound. All were killers, legally convicted. They had taken the lives of sheep, calves and other dogs.

For their last meal, the death row inmates had as much dog biscuit as they wanted.

A metal contact collar was fastened about their necks. Water was sprinkled on them from a hose to make that contact surer. A chain from the collar was attached to an electrical connection at the top of the chamber.

Wasps Build Nest Out of Merchant's Money Hoard

Oslo, Norway.—A merchant here who had been hoarding for years a fortune in paper notes suddenly discovered the whole of his hoard gone. The bundles of notes were kept in an old suitcase, and when he opened the case he discovered that it was almost entirely filled by an enormous wasp's nest. The wasps had used almost all the notes to construct their nest.

Jail Rats Wear Prison Garb

Allentown, Pa.—Rats in the Allentown city jail are "dressed up" in true prison style—with white stripes around their gray bodies. Police said that one of the prisoners paints the rats in his "spare" moments.

Sheriff and Justice Fined

Rockville, Conn.—During a non parking campaign, Sheriff Fred Vinson and Justice Fitch Jones found police tags dangling from the steering wheels of their automobiles. Both paid fines of \$3.

BETHEL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Fleetwood White, of Kenley, called on Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Phillips Sunday.

Misses Fencie and Esther Ward spent Saturday night with Miss Janette Corey, of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Dail and children, from near Hertford, called on Mr. and Mrs. Tom Broughton Sunday.

Kramer Williams, of the C. C. Camp, near Swan Quarter, visited his mother, Mrs. Beulah Williams, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bagley, of Norfolk, Va., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Phillips.

C. H. Ward visited his brother, Henry Ward, of Washington, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perry and children, of Edenton Road, called on Mrs. Beulah Williams Sunday.

Miss Mary Alice Felton, of Beech Spring was the week-end guest of Miss Kathryn Fleetwood.

Mrs. Fannie Corpew is spending a few days with her son, J. H. Corpew, near Edenton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs called on Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Long, near Bonner's Fork, Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Woodley and William Bagley, of Creswell, visited Mrs. M. I. Charlton Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Broughton is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. C. T. Phillips, who has been sick, is improving.

Mrs. M. I. Charlton continues ill at her home here.

Mrs. L. B. Myers and Mrs. Maud Gatling, of Norfolk, Va., were Sunday guests of Mrs. M. I. Charlton.

Miss Lula Mae Mansfield spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Thach, of Yeopim Station.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Thach, of Yeopim Station, called at the home of Mr. J. H. Mansfield Saturday evening.

MRS. RIDDICK AND MRS. JESSUP JOINT HOSTESSES

Mrs. R. M. Riddick and Mrs. S. P.

Jessup were joint hostesses to their Bridge club on Thursday evening, when they entertained at the home of Mrs. Riddick.

Mrs. B. G. Koonce was the winner of the ladies' prize for top score, while E. W. Lordley received the prize for the top score for men.

The hostesses served a delicious salad course.

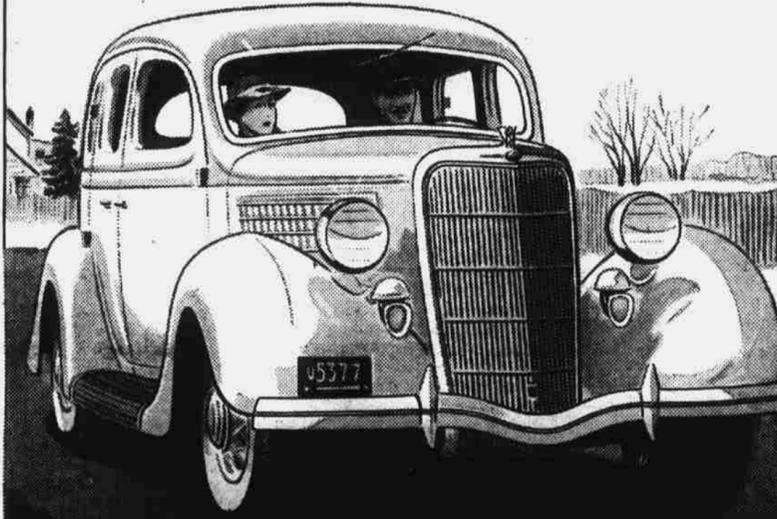
Those present included Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lordley, Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Darden, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Koonce, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Jessup, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Riddick and Miss Kate Blanchard.

AN APPRECIATION

I wish to thank my friends of Hertford, Edenton and Elizabeth City for the many courtesies extended during my recent misfortune. For every thoughtful act and every expression of sympathy I am most grateful.

J. H. Towe

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