

Reader's Digest Carries Article Describing Bay Bridge-Tunnel Future Wonder Of The World

The "five future wonders of the world" are the subject of the January issue of Reader's Digest, one of the newstands, described the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel that will span 26 miles of open waters where the Chesapeake Bay joins the Atlantic Ocean. It is a key link in the Ocean Highway which will bring Hertford two hours closer to New York City.

The Virginia project was selected for this recognition from 107 projects in 25 countries, with the evaluation and counsel of the American Society of Civil Engineers after its consultation with national engineering societies in other countries.

The Reader's Digest article, written by well-known Don Wharton, says that "of the many engineering marvels nearing completion around the globe, these spectacular projects seem destined to be of particular benefit to mankind." In addition to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, the five projects include the Snowy Mountains Irrigation Scheme in Australia, the Delta Polder in the Netherlands, the New York Narrows Bridge and the Mont Blanc Tunnel between France and Italy.

Wharton writes of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, "It is being built in what amounts to open ocean, where there are high waves, tricky currents, huge tides and occasional hurricanes. Never before has man spanned such a long stretch of exposed navigable ocean water. How to do it? To tunnel the whole distance was too expensive and impractical. To use high bridges over the ship channels was not advisable—the Navy feared that a bomb-wrecked bridge span would block the channel to Hampton Roads, which contains the world's largest concentration of naval installations.

"So the answer," the Reader's Digest says, "was a novel combination of tunnels beneath the main channels, medium-height bridges over minor channels and low-level trestles over the rest. Cost: approximately 140 million dollars."

In describing the four islands used to anchor the two tunnels

in the project, Wharton writes "Wasn't it fortunate that those four islands were there to anchor the tunnel-ends to link them with the bridge sections? They weren't—they are completely man-made. Each is constructed in water 30 to 40 feet deep, rises another 30 feet above the surface, covers some eight acres at the top, is made of 1 1/2 million tons of sand and 300,000 tons of rock."

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, which is being financed through a revenue bond issue, is scheduled to open in January, 1964. Meanwhile, construction activities which amaze experienced engineers and "seagoing sidewalk superintendents" alike can be viewed from the Little Creek ferries which now operate over the Kiptopeke to Little Creek route.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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But Jesus did not compromise his call. He asked his disciples to leave everything else and to follow him. Is it any wonder that not many followed? Jesus asked much. We would be willing to follow if we could keep our other ambitions also. We would look for the kingdom of God if we could look for other things as well. But Jesus replied, "Seek the Kingdom first. Be willing to give everything for it."

A hard and challenging demand—but one that leads to an everlasting glory beyond description.

(These comments are based on outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education and used by permission.)

MISSIONARY CIRCLE MEETS

The Bertha S. White Missionary Circle of Pricey Woods Church met Saturday afternoon, December 8 at the home of Carrie Chappell with Grace Ward and Lizzie White as joint hostesses. The meeting was called to order by the president, Pauline Andrews gave the devotion, using Scripture taken from the second chapter of Luke and followed with prayer. Roll was called with 18 members present, some answering with a Bible verse on love. The minutes of the last meeting were read and reports from different committee chairmen were given.

The lesson was given by Ruth Anna Chappell, the subject of the lesson being "The Gospel of Luke." Ruth Layden presented a bowl of flowers to the following honorary members: Carrie Chappell, Lizzie Hollowell, Julia Chappell, Maggie Spivey, Nora Winslow and Emma Winslow.

The meeting closed by all singing "Joy to the World." The hostess served block ice cream, cake, nuts and mints.

Survey Shows Weeds Cost N. C. Farmers \$100 Million Annually

Weeds may be flowers in disguise to the poet, but to North Carolina farmers they are costly pests. For the first time, an estimate is available on just how costly.

R. D. Worsham, extension agronomy specialist at North Carolina State College, has compiled figures which show that weeds are costing North Carolina farmers at least \$100 million annually.

This is equal to about 13 percent of the gross income North Carolina farmers expect from their crops in 1962. For some crops, however, such as cotton, the percentage is much higher.

Worsham estimates that weeds cost North Carolina cotton growers over \$94 million in 1962. This is nearly one-half the gross farm income expected from cotton.

Here are some of the estimated losses cotton farmers suffered this year: loss in yield, \$10.2 million; extra hoeing and cultivation, \$2.7 million; loss in quality, \$1.8 million; cost of herbicides, \$39,300; loss in land value, \$250,000; extra cost of insecticide program, \$104,000 and increased cost of harvesting, \$75,000.

In addition, Worsham estimates that five per cent of the cotton planted in North Carolina each year valued at \$2.7 million, is abandoned because of weeds.

Worsham gathered his figures with the help of many crop specialists at the college. For use in a report to the Southern Weed Conference in Mobile.

His figures are considered minimum losses, because some estimates, such as losses due to the reduced quality of some crops, were impossible to figure. Other estimates were not obtained on some of the smaller crops grown in North Carolina.

Here is a crop-by-crop breakdown on the losses: corn, \$10.2 million; cotton, \$94 million; soybeans, \$1.3 million; peanuts, \$8.2 million; grain sorghum, \$495,000; small grains, \$3.3 million; pastures and hay crops, \$12.4 million; tobacco, \$10 million; vegetables, \$21.1 million; and ornamentals, \$4.1 million.

Worsham points out that weeds are a far greater drain on the economy of North Carolina than the \$100 million loss suffered by farmers.

The highway department also

"since all are time-tested and proven effective in other states. We are confident that our membership, as well as other motor vehicle owners in the state who wish to add their views to ours, will concur."

Questions concerning new traffic safety proposals include provisional drivers' licenses for all drivers under 20 years of age; adequate seat belts for driver and front seat passenger in all cars sold in the state after a certain date; increasing the number of qualified highway traffic engineers, including questions on pedestrian safety laws as an integral part of written tests for driver licensing.

In addition the club is seeking opinions on legislation that will completely eliminate malpractice and abuses to the vehicle owners by some insurance companies and agents who write automobile insurance — prohibition of any new legislation that would permit municipalities to increase the cost of city license tags above the \$1.05 limit now set by law.

Worsham believes that the long range outlook for reducing weeds and weed losses is good, as more and better herbicides become available.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates that total weed losses in the United States amount to \$3.8 billion annually. Only soil erosion does greater farm damage, USDA says.

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North Carolina Adds 111,260 Tree Farm Acres During 1962

The industry-sponsored tree farm program of growing trees as a crop on privately owned land in North Carolina added 111,260 acres of well-managed timberlands and 172 new tree farmers to its rolls during 1962.

"These additions represent investment properties, farm woodlots and industrial holdings," said Donnie P. Todd, chairman of the North Carolina Tree Farm Committee and conservation forester for International Paper Co., of Wilmington.

"This broad base of diversified ownership is proof that North Carolina's woodland owners recognize their properties as an extremely valuable renewable resource. Each acre is managed to help meet the nation's ever increasing demands for wood and its product," he said.

Although the primary purpose of tree farms is to grow timber for a growing America, other benefits are possible at the same time under multiple use forest management. These extra benefits include wildlife, recreation, water and soil conservation, said Todd.

The tree farm program in North Carolina is sponsored by the North Carolina Forest Indus-

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THE ASSOCIATION OWNS:

Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 1,073.69
State of North Carolina and U. S. Govt. Bonds	281.40
Mortgage Loans	283,199.94
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Share Loans	3,660.00
Advances made to our shareholders against their shares.	
Office Furniture and Fixtures	677.00
Other Assets	775.00
TOTAL	\$310,947.11

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THE ASSOCIATION OWES:

To Shareholders

Funds entrusted to our care in the form of payments on shares as follows:	
Installment Shares	\$ 52,785.75
Full-Paid Shares	201,400.00
Other Shares (Optional Savings)	4,858.35
	\$259,044.10
Notes Payable, Other	20,000.00
Money borrowed for use in making loans to members. Each note approved by at least two-thirds of entire Board of Directors as required by law.	
Accounts Payable	84.72
Loans in Process	81.56
Undivided Profits	2,530.98
Reserve for Contingencies	24,759.35
To be used for the payment of any losses, if sustained. This reserve increases the safety and strength of the Association.	
Other Liabilities	4,446.40
TOTAL	\$310,947.11

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COUNTY OF PERQUIMANS

Henry C. Sullivan, Secretary-Treasurer of the above named Association personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, says that the foregoing statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5th day of January, 1963.

MILDRED H. MILLER, Notary Public.
My Commission expires August 5, 1963.

HENRY C. SULLIVAN, Secretary-Treasurer

Motorists Polled On Legislation To Be Proposed

The opinions of North Carolina motorists on traffic safety legislation to be proposed at the upcoming General Assembly, February 6, is being sought through a cross-section poll of North Carolina members of the Carolina Motor Club.

A list of 10 questions on proposals affecting the welfare of the automobile owner has been mailed to a selected list of 50-900 members of the club. The results of this "sampling" of the views of the motorists of the state will be turned over to the proper committees of the legislature shortly after the first of the year.

"Our board of directors already has gone on record in favor of these proposals," said President Coleman W. Roberts.

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