

SURE IT PAYS TO READ ADS

And There's Particularly Easy Money For Regular Readers Of This Newspaper On Page Three Of This Issue

"It pays to advertise, and it pays to read advertisements."

That is a favorite saying of this newspaper and today The Advance is trying to offer an apt illustration of its truth.

On page three there's an Elizabeth City Who's Who page.

The page offers an opportunity for readers of this newspaper to secure a cash award of \$5, \$3 or \$2.

There are 24 advertisements of Elizabeth City firms on this page. No names are mentioned, but in each advertisement is found a suggestion that will aid one in making his guess as to the firm inserting it.

Really, it should be no trouble for one who reads Advance advertisements every day to guess the name of every firm represented on the page.

For the first correct list or for the most nearly correct list reaching the office a cash award of \$5 is offered. There is a second prize of \$3 and a third prize of \$2.

The following rules govern the contest and should be read carefully:

1—All answers must be mailed. None will be received at the office.
2—In case of two or more correct lists, the first received will be given preference. Neatness will also be considered, and a neat list received late will stand a better chance than an almost illegible list received earlier.

3—Write on one side of your paper only. No answers will be considered in which the contestant writes on both sides of the paper.
4—All answers must reach The Advance office not later than Monday night. No answers received after nine o'clock Monday evening will be considered.

5—No member of The Advance staff or of The Advance force or his family is eligible as a contestant. This does not apply to carriers.

6—For the convenience of contestants the advertisements are numbered. The contestant should write the number and follow it with the name indicated, to his mind, by the advertisement. Begin with number 1 and go through the list.

Unless the contestant follows these instructions carefully he or she will stand very little chance of winning a prize.

The correct answers to the Who's Who page will be published Tuesday and the prize winners will be announced and the checks mailed Wednesday.

Alleged Forger Held For Superior Court

Charles M. Barcliff, colored, prosecuted suspicious check at Local Bank

Probable cause was found in the case of Charles M. Barcliff, colored, charged in recorder's court here Friday morning with forgery, and Barcliff was bound over to Superior Court under a bond of \$500, which was furnished by his father, R. C. Barcliff, of Mt. Hermon Township. Barcliff went to the First & Citizens National Bank here Thursday afternoon, and presented Edward Griffin, paying teller, with a check for seventy-five dollars, which he wanted cashed. The check was ostensibly made out by R. C. Barcliff, payable to R. D. Barcliff, but Mr. Griffin wasn't satisfied with the signature, and held it up for comparison with the alleged maker's known signature. Meanwhile the police were notified, and Barcliff was taken into custody pending further investigation.

Officer George Twiddy accompanied Sheriff Reid to the home of R. C. Barcliff, in Mt. Hermon Township, late Thursday afternoon to verify the legality and bona fide nature of the check; and Twiddy testified in court Friday morning that the elder Barcliff denied having written it. However, when placed on the stand, Barcliff senior stated that he had made out the check in payment of a debt of long standing to another son, R. D. Barcliff. Other suspicious circumstances surrounding the case were that the name of the maker, R. C. Barcliff, was indorsed on the back of the check, and that the younger Barcliff, after being placed under arrest, told conflicting tales as to his name.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cox and little daughter, Mianie Williams, of Clinton are visiting Mrs. Cox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Williams, on Perquimans Avenue.

Soft Drinks Drop Back To A Nickel

Repeal Of Sales Tax Effective January 1st Means Other Reductions Also

The price of coca colas in local drug stores will drop to five cents on January 1, and the penny tax nuisance, long the bugbear of patrons and fountain proprietors, will be obliterated to the great satisfaction of all. This is the result of the recent Congressional repeal of the sales tax on certain luxuries, patent medicines, perfumes, talcum powders, toilet articles and the like, and it means reductions of from four to twenty per cent on all articles affected by the sales tax sold by drug stores except fountain pens and automatic pencils, which are classed as jewelry.

Other soft drinks as well as ice cream will come within the same classification as coca colas. All six-cent drinks will drop to a nickel; eleven-cent milk shakes, ice cream and the like will be reduced to a dime; 17-cent sundaes, drinks, and so forth, will be priced at fifteen cents; and so on.

It is on the lower-priced articles that the greatest reductions will occur. For instance, when a box of cough drops, now sold at six cents, falls to a nickel, the actual reduction on the original sale price of the preparation is twenty per cent. In the case of an eleven-cent article, the drop is ten per cent; and on a bottle of patent medicine priced at a dollar plus four cents tax, the elimination of the tax represents a reduction of four per cent.

When the sales tax was repealed by Congress, a manufacturers' tax of nine cents a gallon was placed on all syrups used in the preparation of soda fountain products, but this will be absorbed by the retail dealer, and will not affect the pocketbook of the consumer. Soda fountain dealers are now required to obtain a Federal license for the carrying-on of the business. The fourth to be taken out in North Carolina was issued this week to the Apothecary Shop, of this city.

YALE GETS MONEY TO BUILD HALL OF MEDICINE

New Haven, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made here today of the appropriation of over a million and a quarter dollars for the building of Sterling Hall at Yale from the 15 millions willed to the university by John W. Sterling, New York lawyer.

Explosion Sets Tenement On Fire

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The lives of 21 persons were imperilled today in a tenement fire here which followed a mysterious explosion. All were rescued.

Sign Agreement For Russian Relief

London, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Walter Lyman Brown and Leonid Krassin today signed an agreement whereby the Soviets will give the American Relief Administration \$10,000,000 in gold.

Bank President Is Assassinated

Mustang, Okla., Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—E. W. Brindley, president of the Mustang State Bank, was called into his yard late last night and assassinated. The slayer remains unidentified.

PERQUIMANS MASONS HELD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The one hundredth anniversary of the Perquimans Lodge of Masons held at Hertford Wednesday night was the occasion of one of the biggest fraternal events staged in Perquimans County in many years. The banquet was served in the Masonic hall at Hertford by the ladies of Eastern Star Lodge, an auxiliary of Perquimans Lodge, and it was pronounced excellent by those in attendance, who included numerous Masons from this city. James McNider, of Hertford, was the toastmaster, and those who made responses were Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, former Lieutenant-Governor of North Carolina; J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of this city; W. S. Privott, of Edenton; Rev. James Grant, of Hertford; J. P. Jessup, Jr., S. Norman and C. W. Morgan, all of Hertford, and by R. S. Brinn, Grand Master of Perquimans Lodge. The lodges represented at the banquet were Elizabeth City, Edenton, Washington and Windsor. Among those attending from Elizabeth City were R. E. Lewis, H. G. Kramer, Dr. M. M. Harris, T. A. Commander, E. F. Spencer and J. C. Munden.

NAVAL COMMITTEE AGREES WITH U. S.

On Proposal For Limitation Auxiliary Naval Craft—French Head Says Suspicion Must Stop

Washington, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The American proposal for limitation of auxiliary craft, displacement to 10,000 tons maximum, has been virtually agreed upon by the conference naval committee. Albert Sarraut, head of the French arms delegation, told the naval committee that France is beginning to be regarded with suspicion by the other powers and that this must stop.

NEW BOARD ALMOST ENTIRELY AMERICAN

London, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The European staff of the United States Shipping Board will be composed almost entirely of Americans at the beginning of the new year, as compared with 26 per cent last June.

ANNOUNCE REMOVAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Boston, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The board of directors of the First Church of Christ Scientist has announced the removal of the board of trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society. The Supreme Court gave the board of directors sole jurisdiction.

Discuss Relation Merchant Shipping

Paris, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The French government will be glad to discuss the status of submarines with reference to merchant shipping and humanitarian issues. It is said in official circles.

Try Find Source Poisonous Liquor

New York, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Police and prohibition officials redoubled their efforts today to find the source of the poisonous liquor which has killed nine and blinded many this week.

British And French Financiers Meet

Paris, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The meeting of British and French financiers and business men, who are here to grapple with the European economic situation, is regarded in French circles as one of the most important experiments in the effort to restore Europe to a peace basis.

New Record For Continuous Flying

Mineola, New York, Dec. 30.—A new world's record for continuous flying was established by Edward Stinson, pilot of an all metal monoplane, and Lloyd Bertrand, mechanic, who surpassed the mark of 24 hours, 19 minutes and seven seconds. The monoplane was in the air twenty-six hours, nineteen minutes and thirty-five seconds.

BEBAN TO APPEAR IN "MAN IN A MILLION"

Movie fans of the city are in for a treat when "One Man in a Million" the latest Robertson-Cole super-special release starring the inimitable character actor George Beban, at the Alkrama Theater today. This new six reeler has been nothing short of a sensation wherever shown, and critics are on record as having declared it the greatest drama ever filmed. In the leading role, Mr. Beban gives a performance that he has never before equaled during his long career in the theatrical business.

MARRIED HERE FRIDAY

Thomas E. Wrote of Hampton, Virginia, and Miss Katherine Louise Shields, of Newport News, Virginia, were married Friday at noon by Rev. E. F. Sawyer at his home on Pearl street. Another couple came in from Virginia Friday morning but they were refused a marriage license because the bride looked to be under age. They were not daunted, however, and went on to Camden, hoping to have the knot tied there.

Edgar Williams Was Fined Fifty Dollars

And First Application For Jury Trial In Recorder's Court Was Made Friday

C. Edgar Williams, local jitney driver, was fined fifty dollars and costs in recorder's court here Friday morning for the operation of automobiles for hire in the city without the license required by law, and upon entering notice of an appeal to Superior Court, was placed under a bond of \$75. The next criminal term of the higher court, then, will in March pass upon the validity of the action of the Mayor, the City Attorney, and the County Welfare Officer in refusing to endorse Williams's application for jitney license under the Cooke law.

The first application for a jury in recorder's court, under the provisions of the amendment passed by Representative Cooke in the recent special session of the General Assembly, which includes Pasquotank among the counties of North Carolina in which jury trial is allowed in such courts, was made by Martin Simpson, representing Willie Sprout, colored pool room proprietor, in recorder's court here Friday morning. Sprout is charged with the same offense as the preceding defendant, Edgar Williams; namely, that of operating his business without the necessary license. The latter case was continued to Saturday, January 7th.

TOWN AND COUNTRY MUST MAKE CONCESSIONS

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Townpeople and farmers must put themselves in an attitude of making concessions or as an alternative, co-operative stores established by combinations of farmers will ultimately drive local merchants out of the business. John M. Gillette, of the University of North Dakota, told the members of the American Sociological Society at its annual meeting here yesterday.

"That organizations of farmers have intensified the strife between city and country is generally recognized by students of the subject," continued Dr. Gillette. "Too often the blame is attached exclusively to the farmers as if they have no rights of self-protection. It is not always perceived that the business elements of cities have been organized as a profit-getting class for a long time and that the tendency is for all these elements to present a united front when ameliorative agricultural legislation is proposed or when farmers attempt co-operative enterprises.

"If the farmers are right in their contentions that they received an unduly small proportion of the proceeds from their produce, then they have a right to organize both economically and politically to protect their interests. But he it remembered that their co-operative efforts evoke about as much hostility as do their political attempts.

"There are many directions for farmers and townsmen to take in their teamwork together. Good roads are mutually desirable. Both sides have a common interest in promoting local industries. They make nearby markets for certain kinds of farm produce and serve as the basis of diversified farming.

"Since it is chiefly over matters of trade that country and town are arrayed against each other, the question arises as to how they can compose their differences. The local merchant insists that farmers and other consumers should patronize home industries and grow quite bitter over buying from mail order houses. The farmer, in turn, insists that local prices of the things he buys are too high and for things he sells, too low.

"If both sides will be sensible and fair, there is a basis of compromise; but townsmen and farmers must put themselves in the attitude of making concessions. The farmers should not be expected to sacrifice all of their gains from buying from mail order houses, for example; nor should they expect small merchants to meet the prices of such huge and efficient establishments. The merchant should be willing to cut prices and farmers to pay a margin for local convenience.

"The alternative would appear to be the development of co-operative stores by farmers that will ultimately drive local merchants out of business. The latter would become managers of and salesmen in such undertakings. This would remove the reason for strife."

POPULATION OF FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The official result of the 1921 census gives France, including Alsace-Lorraine, a population of 39,400,000.

France's Action Unites England And America

And France Made Wrong Play If She Expects Help From The United States—Great Disappointment Over The French Attitude

By DAVID LAWRENCE
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Washington, Dec. 29.—France is riding toward a fall so far as she may be expecting the moral help or support of the United States government in the working out of economic problems.

Ordinance Committee Codifying City Laws

Expect To Submit Result Of Their Labors To City Council At Next Meeting

The ordinance committee of the City Council is now at work on its biggest job since the new Council was elected in the spring.

That particular job is the codification of the city ordinances, and it requires that the committee go over all the numerous ordinances that have been passed, repealed, amended and passed all over again by City Councils since 1917, the last year in which such an undertaking was completed and the result published.

The ordinance committee hopes to have its codification of local laws completed by the next regular meeting of the City Council on Monday night. The ordinances will be classified and published in booklet form, probably within the next few weeks; and again the people of Elizabeth City will, for a short time at least, have an authoritative reference book containing the laws which they are expected to obey.

At present, it is understood from the city auditor, the various ordinances passed since 1917, along with the amendments to them and to the older ordinances, are officially recorded only in the minutes of the Council meetings. They have been published, one or two at a time as they were passed, in the newspapers of the city; but nowhere except in the auditor's office and by a careful perusal of many pages of minutes can the average citizen or anybody else, refer to them at all, unless by a painstaking examination of newspaper files of the last four years.

BIDS OPENED FOR WORK ON A GIANT STEAMER

New York, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Bids were opened today for reconditioning the giant steamer, Leviathan, America's greatest war prize, tied at Hoboken for over two years.

HARDING IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT BUSINESS IN 1922

Omaha, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—President Harding today expressed the belief that the business situation would improve in 1922 in a letter published by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

ARMED FORCES INVADE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

Mexico City, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The Mexican Chamber of Deputies was invaded by armed forces yesterday for the first time in history when troops were called to quell factional fighting in the galleries.

CHILE HAS BROKEN OFF NEGOTIATIONS

Bantiago, Chile, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Chile has broken off negotiations with Peru over the provinces of Taana and Arica.

Begin Campaign On Massage Parlors

Chicago, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Grand jury indictments of three women proprietors of massage parlors were announced today by State's Attorney Crowe as the beginning of a campaign to rid the city of scores of these parlors.

CALLS SPECIAL SESSION

Staunton, Va., Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Governor Davis today called a special election on March 21 to choose a successor to the late Representative H. D. Flood.

The most far-reaching results are likely to ensue from the French policy of obstruction on the Washington conference. The disappointment over France's attitude on the limitation of submarines is so great that the strongest kind of talk is heard in official circles, the net effect of which is to draw Great Britain and the United States closer together as apart from France.

The feeling here is that France is unyielding in her attitude on the building of submarines largely because of the French-British friction which has been developing ever since the end of the World War. The move of France in asking for more submarines is regarded as purely anti-British and as a means of offsetting what the French claim to be anti-French tactics in Europe on the part of the British, especially in relation to Near Eastern questions and a growing concord between England and Germany.

But while France is making her gestures in the great game of European diplomacy, hoping to bring England to terms on continental matters, she is forgetting the effect upon the United States. Unfortunately for France nobody in the delegation here seems to be strong enough to shape French policy which is now being mapped out in Europe irrespective of effects upon America. Some observers have suggested that France is revenging herself for the failure of the United States to ratify either the Versailles treaty or the defensive treaty between Great Britain, the United States and France. Others are saying that France is playing for a British guarantee of French security and that at the proper moment she will yield her demand for large armament. But the most important phase of the whole matter, at least so far as European economic reconstruction is concerned, hinges upon a friendly attitude on the part of the Harding-Hughes administration toward Europe. The tendency toward isolation has been slowly overcome by various moves made by the Harding administration, particularly in being willing to attend meetings of the Supreme Council and in the calling of the armament conference itself. But the impression created by the French tactics here is to cool the ardor of the administration toward more conferences with European powers, particularly France.

Another thing—the Supreme Council is meeting at Cannes to discuss the economic reconstruction of Europe, and there are plans for the bringing of both Russia and Germany into the conference. The United States Government has been asked to attend. The drift here has been toward participation, but the extent of America's interest in these coming conferences is a matter for the American executive to determine. If the French plan to spend their money for the building of submarines, aircraft and cruisers, and intend to maintain a large standing army, they can hardly hope for the support of the American representative at the Supreme Council meetings, and in the larger conferences in which Russia and Germany are to participate.

In a nut shell, the attitude of the French at the Washington conference must be interpreted in the light of broader events in world diplomacy. The effect of her obstructive tactics will long be felt by the Washington administration in the years immediately ahead of us. France has given the impression of erratic tactics and discord which so nearly squares with the difficulties President Wilson had at Paris that there is good ground for believing that the Washington administration may tend to draw further and further away from European questions of an economic as well as political character until the Europeans themselves, particularly France, give evidence of better spirit toward the maintenance of peace on the continent.