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STATE NORMAL MAY GET $20,000 FROM ROCKEFELLER

Will Mean Immediate Carrying Out of $55,000.00 Building Program If City and County Co-operate

The colored State Normal school at Elizabeth City is in a fair way to get an appropriation of $20,000 from the Rockefeller endowed General Education Board. It all seems to depend now upon what the school trustees of Elizabeth City and Pasquotank county will do.

The recent General Assembly of North Carolina appropriated $35,000 for new buildings and improvements for the State Normal. This sum was $20,000 short of the amount needed for the program outlined by the Board of Trustees. The General Education Board has signified a willingness to supply this $20,000 out of its $53,000.00 endowment, if Elizabeth City and Pasquotank county will show their interest in negro education to the extent of supplying four teachers for an eight months practice school to be maintained at the State Normal. It is pointed out that if Elizabeth City and Pasquotank don't supply these teachers for such a school, it will have to take care of so many colored pupils in some other way.

Prof. E. E. Sams, of Raleigh, State Supervisor of Teacher Training and Prof. T. B. Attmore, of Stonewall, N. C., a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Normal were in Elizabeth City Wednesday and held a conference with members of the boards of education of the city and county. Every man present pledged his support to the proposition and official action will be taken within the next few days. It is pointed out that Elizabeth City and Pasquotank county can provide for 160 colored students at the State Normal and bring $20,000 to this school. If the city and county don't do this then they will have just so many colored students to provide for in some other way and the State Normal will lose $20,000 of Rockefeller money. It is not generally known, but it is a fact nevertheless, that the State Normal has for several years taken care of about 125 resident pupils that properly belonged to the public schools of the county.

The immediate plans for the improvement and extension of the State Normal at Elizabeth City will, when they materialize, make this a considerable school plant with a total of eight buildings. Here is the program:

WFater and Sewerage System—cost at least, $10,000.
Barn and sheds, $2,500.
Practice School—4 rooms, $4,000.
Principal's Cottage (Now lives in dormitory), $4,000.
Equipment for Laundry—Girls' Industrial Building, $2,500.
Boys' Dormitory, $30,000.
Boys workshop, $2,000.
TOTAL, $55,000.
Amount available from State Appropriation, $35,000.
Amount needed to complete the Program, $20,000.

BISHOP DARST WILL PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Popular Bishop of The Eastern Diocese Coming to Celebrate Holy Communion

The Rt. Rev. T. C. Darst, D. D., Bishop of East Carolina will celebrate the Holy Communion and preach in Christ Church at eleven o'clock and Preach and administer the rite of Confirmation at eight o'clock this Sunday, May 4th.

Bishop Darst is well known in Elizabeth City where he has many warm friends. He is especially gifted as a speaker, a man humble of heart and spiritually true. He always has a message to every congregation and the public is cordially invited to hear him Sunday morning and Evening at Christ Church.

HORSE RACES AT OLD FAIR GROUNDS TO-DAY

There will be horse races every Friday afternoon at the Old Fair Grounds at Elizabeth City, beginning at 2 o'clock this afternoon. F. L. Chappell who is training a number of horses at the Fair Grounds is responsible for this announcement of interest to horse and sport lovers.

Among the entries for to-day's races are Pony Boy II by E. L. Williams; Gypsy Wood, by Elizabeth City Stables; Belle Michael, by W. Burgess; June Boy by W. E. Davis; Cuba Burns, by E. L. Davis; Storm King, by Elizabeth City Stables; Lacomo C., by F. L. Chappell; Water Vale, by E. L. Williams; Miss Nancy, by L. Sherlock; H. E. W., by L. C. Relfe.

NEWS OF OUR STORES

The advertisements in this week's INDEPENDENT are full of news for INDEPENDENT readers. Most readers of this newspaper read it ads and all; the few who haven't got that habit will do well to try it this week.

M. Leigh Sheep takes a full page to tell of his stock moving sale, shopping news of real money value to the women folk.

Sharber & White Hardware Co. have an unusual attractive offer for housewives. They enable any one to equip their kitchen with a complete set of aluminum ware by paying a small sum each week.

SELL DISTRICT HIGHWAY BONDS

Will Lose No Time Building Highway From Edenton to Norfolk, via E. City

$250,000 of the bonds of the Northeastern North Carolina District Highway were sold last Saturday to the Powell-Gerrard Co., of Chicago at $105.52, or $5.52 above par. The bonds bear 6 per cent. interest. As soon as these bonds can be printed and the money secured, the District Commission will proceed to the business of building the proposed permanent highway between Edenton and the Virginia line, via Elizabeth City, Shawboro and Moyock.

The District Commission purposed to issue a half million in bonds, to enable them to care for the assessments of property holders who will bear one-fourth of the cost of the road. But the bill creating the commission failed to provide adequate taxation to pay the interest on and retire bonds to that amount. The commission will issue and sell more bonds as soon as the revaluation of property in the district has been made. The delay in selling the bonds will not necessarily mean a delay in the construction of the road.

POTATO GRADES GOING IN EFFECT JUNE 1ST

Bureau of Markets Looks For Co-operation of Northeastern North Carolina Growers

According to the law passed by the last legislature North Carolina is to have official grades for Irish potatoes. The grades adopted by the United States Food Administration and the Department of Agriculture have been made the legal grades for North Carolina. These grades will be effective June 1st, 1919. After this date the North Carolina growers if they grade their potatoes will be obliged to grade them according to standard. It is for the grower to decide whether or not he will grade his potatoes. If he does grade them he will be expected to mark them either Grade 1 or Grade 2 according as the potatoes grade one or two. A copy of these grades may be obtained upon application to the Division of Markets, West Raleigh, N. C. Regulations as to marking and branding will be issued at a later date.

It is hoped that all growers will co-operate to secure the proper enforcement of the law. Thus each grower will do his part to establish the reputation of North Carolina for a number one product. Machine graded potatoes brought last year one to two dollars a barrel more than ungraded potatoes. If all growers grade their potatoes it would mean a saving to them of about a half million dollars annually.

The Division of Markets will furnish inspectors to interpret the grades insofar as feasible. All associations in the State who have properly qualified inspectors may have them licensed upon application.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself a democratic candidate for Alderman for the Fourth Ward. Any support will be appreciated.

cA.25-tf J. P. GREENLEAF.

HATHAWAY SAYS

If you wear glasses, have your eyes and glasses both examined from time to time, and go to the place where you can afford to pay a reasonable price for real professional work. Remember your eyes are your bread-winners. Take care of them.

You have your teeth examined twice a year. Why not your eyes? They are more important.

DR. J. D. HATHAWAY
Optometrist
Phone 999 Bradford Bldg.

HEADS VICTORY LOAN

W. P. DUFF

W. P. DUFF is chairman of the Victory Loan Committee of Pasquotank and a live chairman he makes. The accompanying picture is from a snapshot photo taken by W. O. Saunders while Chairman Duff was off his guard.

ELIZABETH CITY GIRLS GOING INTO BASEBALL

Several Girl Teams Being Organized In The Elizabeth City High School

BY RALPH POOL

Sing a song of baseball,
Of merry hits and twirls
Say! They've really made it
The new game of the girls.
Now if you don't believe it,
You doubting sort of guy,
Just beat it to the High School,
And see as well as I.

Hearken, ye masculine devotees of the horsehide pellet! Perk up and take care, lest your pennants be snatched from you by the eternal and adorable feminine, garbed in the habiliments of Cobb and Wagner, of Mathewson and Walter Johnson. Hist! The charming schoolgirls of our fair City are preparing to make their debut in the time-honored and distinctively American game of baseball.

Under the leadership of Miss Minna Pickard, of the High School faculty, the girls of each High School grade are planning to organize a baseball team, the several teams forming a sort of intra-school league, with games to be played according to a regular schedule, the team winning most games to be awarded the pennant. Now for the line-up.

We, being nothing more or less than a mere insect of a male, would never dare voice an opinion as to what dear young ladies would be most eligible for jobs as catchers; indeed, they all catch admiring glances from our eyes, whenever we pass them on the street, but in truth our hearts overflow with anguish at the thought that some of their beautiful countenances must necessarily be concealed from our enraptured gaze by that horribly disguising protector, the baseball mask. Really, this is too distressing to think of. It will be far better to have the teams consist of eight players each, with the catchers left out.

On the field, the pitcher always occupies a post from which the player can most readily see and be seen by the fans in both grandstand and bleachers. Besides the pitcher is the chief center of attention, and constantly the object of general interest. The shortage in catchers will most likely be made up by a surplus of candidates for pitcher. We have known many delightfully and deliciously demure dimpling damsels, and none of them ever minded being the center of interest and admiration.

Now as to the basemen—beg pardon, we mean basewomen—they should be blithesome maidens of the sort who, at a quarter to nine, take ten minutes to powder their noses and sprint to school in the remaining five, with never a tardy charged against them. Base men must be speedy on their feet.

As all fans know, fielders are chosen chiefly for their hitting ability. There will be no difficulty on this score. Every one of these delightful High School maids makes a hit with us. (No, Mehitabel, we are not fishing for a job as umpire. Anyhow, our wife wouldn't let us.)

In order that everything be O. K. from the start, with nothing important left out, it might be well to pick a suitable title for the new league. We modestly and humbly suggest that this new association be termed the L. L. L., or more fully, the Lilting Lasses League. We make no charge for this valuable suggestion.

Here's wishing Miss Pickard and her baseball galaxy the most successful of seasons! We sincerely hope that every team may win each and every game, so that each athletic aggregation may win a pennant, all for itself.

Mrs. Jennie Pritchard tells you that she is back from the northern markets with a full line of new millinery for the Prichard Millinery So.

L. B. Perry announces the coming of the new Chandler, an event awaited with interest by many prospective automobile purchasers.

AS AN AMERICAN

Your country is still protecting your rights, your liberties, your welfare. Still making it possible for you to live as an American.

As an American you will always receive protection. The government realizes its duty to you and needs no urging in the performance of this duty.

As an American you should not fail to realize and appreciate what your government is to you. You should be awake to its present situation. You should know why billions of dollars are needed.

As an American you should render the same help to the government that it renders to you. And as the government is constantly ready to protect you regardless of the number of calls, you should be ready and eager to respond to its present appeal—the Victory Liberty Loan.

MUST MAKE WAR ON SELFISHNESS

The war on autocracy of kings having been won, we must now gird on our armor for a war on autocracy at home, political autocracy, economic autocracy, industrial autocracy. The war on autocracy has just begun. We must break down organized selfishness and implant the family spirit in communities. These human adjustments must be made before we can have a real democracy in which there is democracy of opportunity and democracy of labor. We must supplant the selfishness of men with a desire to serve; we must supplant organized greed with organized service; we must supplant ignorance with ideals. The call of the hour is for consecrated lives. Such in brief was the message brought to the social service conference in Elizabeth City yesterday by Dr. J. L. Kessler, of Baylor University. This newspaper regrets that Dr. Kessler's speech came to late for publication in this issue, but he has released ideas in this community that will keep.

NORFOLK CITY MANAGER VISITS ELIZABETH CITY

Spoke at Annual Dinner of the Chamber of Commerce in Masonic Hall Last Night

A number of notable out of town guests attended the annual dinner of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce held in Masonic Hall last night, Thursday, May 1. Among the visitors were Charles E. Ashburner, City Manager of Norfolk; John A. Lesner, president of the Tidewater Automobile Association; Moe Levy, president of the Norfolk Rotary Club; S. Benson, vice president and Harry O. Nichols, secretary of the Tidewater Automobile Association.

FATHER IDENTIFIES SON'S CORPSE AFTER 4 MONTHS

The body of the strange white man found in Pasquotank river last January and given pauper burial in Camden county was identified this week as that of Isaac Zebleman, 19 years old, of St. Louis, Mo. His father identified the body by a signet ring worn on the little finger when the body was exhumed by Ziegler & Son at the elder Zebleman's request this week. The father took the remains to St. Louis. Young Zebleman was on a lumber barge bound from New Bern to Philadelphia when he met his death. The body laid in the river for several weeks before it was discovered and when the Camden authorities got it they had no way of identifying it.

ROANOKE INSTITUTE HOLDS COMMENCEMENT NEXT WEEK

Roanoke Collegiate Institute holds its commencement exercises next week, Sunday May 4 to Friday, May 9, inclusive. This school is supported by the Negro Baptists of northeastern North Carolina and is doing good work for its race under President C. F. Graves and his faculty.

THRONGS SEE THE TANK

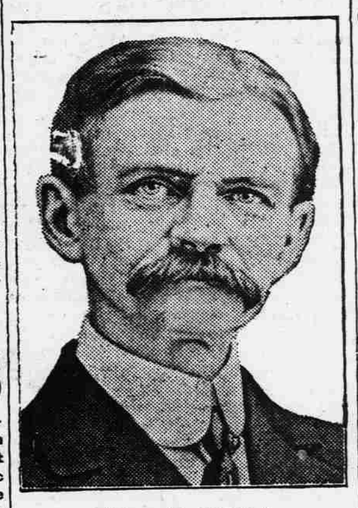
Throngs of spectators marveled at the U. S. Army Tank which was exhibited here Wednesday for the bene- of the Victory Loan campaign. More than a thousand saw the Tank do stunts on the old baseball grounds on West Main street Wednesday afternoon. Dr. B. C. Hening took advantage of the crowds on the ball grounds and, mounting the tank, made one of his money-baiting speeches, raising $11,000 in Victory Loan subscriptions in about 15 minutes.

E. CITY DEBATERS AT CHAPEL HILL TO-NIGHT

Two high school teams of two debaters each, chosen from the 41 winning teams sent to Chapel Hill this week for the final elimination contests, will face each other tonight in Memorial Hall, University of North Carolina, in a closing contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup. The subject for debate this year is: "Resolved that the United States Government should adopt a policy requiring one year of military training of all able-bodied men before they reach the age of 21." Four Elizabeth City debaters, two affirmative and two negative, are among the contestants for the cup. They are: George Modlin, James Clifford (Affirmative), Ina Mae LeRoy, Norman Trueblood, (Negative).

VICE PRESIDENT MARSHALL MAY 5

Second Citizen of The Land To Speak Here Next Monday



Thomas R. Marshall.

Vice President Thomas R. Marshall will speak at the Alkrama Theatre in this city Monday night, May 5. It will be his first visit to Elizabeth City and one of a very few lecture dates he will fill in the south this spring.

Mr. Marshall comes recommended as a really good speaker at a time when Elizabeth City is assured that all national celebrities are not necessarily good speech makers. Vice President Marshall hasn't the personality of men like Ex-President Taft and William Jennings Bryan, but he has a line of talk that usually goes with the crowds. He took the stump in Indiana and changed that state from the Republican to the Democratic column, he being elected governor of that state. Later on he polled more than 6,000,000 votes for the highest office in the gift of the people, except one.

Mr. Marshall's subject for Elizabeth City will be "National Tendencies." He was secured for the Elizabeth City engagement by Clarence R. Pugh who is letting the public hear him at unusually low prices.

WANTS A CO-OPERATIVE LAUNDRY IN SALEM

Salem Man Says Rural Communities Must Solve The Laundry Problem Real Soon

How are we southern people going to get our clothes washed when the present generation of colored washer women dies out? The new generation of colored girls are not inclined to look favorably upon the wash tub as a means of livelihood. Even the present generation, used to the scrubbing board and the flat iron are not satisfied with their calling, but it isn't remunerative enough. Our white women who have been dependent upon the Negroes for this sort of labor and who have come to look upon washing and ironing as a lowly menial task, certainly are not going to do their own washing the old fashioned way if they can get out of it. And so every Southern community is about to face a laundry problem. What are we going to do with it?

J. G. Brown, an enterprising young farmer of Salem Township, Pasquotank county, is trying to show his neighbors how to solve the problem. Mr. Brown has unfolded his plan to this newspaper. He says the community laundry is the thing. Mr. Brown's idea is to organize and establish a co-operative laundry in salem township. He thinks there are at least a hundred farmer families in Salem township who could profit by such a community enterprise. Even fifty families could afford to finance the undertaking and get their laundry done at cost, taking all the drudgery away from so many farm homes.

"We impose too much drudgery on our wives on the farms", says Mr. Brown. "We wear our women out with menial work done without labor saving appliances. We men have labor saving machinery that really saves labor. We have very little labor saving machinery for the home. Washing machines such as we buy our wives are not suited to washing clothes oiled with the dirt of the farm. Machines that would really take the work off our wives are too costly for individual family use; the only way out that I see is for neighborhoods to cooperate and establish their own steam laundries. An experienced man can be employed regularly to look after the plant and girls from the neighborhood can be employed as needed to help handle the work."

It will be interesting to see how Mr. Brown comes out with his proposition; how his neighbors will take to the idea. This newspaper is with him. He is, certainly, on the right track to solve a problem that every neighborhood will presently have to solve.

The North Carolina Cotton Association will meet in Raleigh this week, to consider the exporting and finance corporation, and the proposition of making the Association permanent. Delegates will be elected to attend the Cotton Conference at New Orleans May 15-16.

PRIVATE TARKINGTON IS DONE WITH WAR FOREVER

This Elizabeth City Boy Made a Good Soldier, But War Gave Him the Rawest of Raw Deals

Claude R. Tarkington, an Elizabeth City boy who was sent to a U. S. army training camp on August 6, 1918, returned from overseas and arrived in Elizabeth City Saturday night to find a motherless baby boy 15 days old. His wife of 16 months, who was formerly Miss Allie Williams, died Saturday, April 12 while her husband was about to embark at Brest, France for America. Friends of Mrs. Tarkington had tried for weeks to get Private Tarkington released from military service so that he could be with his wife when the baby was born. But there's a lot of red tape in the army. Private Tarkington was released too late.

Claude Tarkington is broken with grief and will never again be the light-hearted boy he was when he kissed his bride farewell on that eventful day in August 1918. He will never feel the same toward his country again. War has put a hot iron on his heart and left a scar that time will never efface. He will tell you that no matter how many wars may be declared in future, he'll never, never go to another one.

Claude Tarkington made a good soldier. His discharge papers give the lie to the many reports that he had trouble with an officer at Camp Wadsworth. It was told that an officer had accused him of faking a bad foot and that Tarkington resented the lie and slapped the officer's face. It sounded like Tarkington. Even his friends believed the story, but thought not less of him for his characteristic display of manliness. But there was nothing to that report. His discharge papers show that his conduct was "very good" that he was never absent without leave and that he had merited the distinguished service chevron. He was in the front line trenches in the Meuse-Argonne region from September 20, 1918 until the signing of the armistice.

No one except his wife ever heard from him after he reached France. He says the soldier got very little writing peper and that he never did have enough paper to correspond with his friends. He says a soldier over there doesn't get much of anything. He says the soldier's big meal in a day consists of a portion of badly cooked chunks of beef or horseflesh and a little of the liquor it was boiled in, a potato cooked with the skin on and a mug of coffee that is some times too strong and some times too weak, but never good coffee. He says the officers live in fine style and get plenty of sweets, but the private's tooth for sweets is seldom satisfied. He says he has seen doughboys pay $5 for a slice of bread spread with jam.

Asked what he left the American soldiers doing in France at this late date, he said: "I left them building roads for France, working in overalls just like our convicts are worked over here on our county roads." Asked what the American soldiers were doing building roads for France? he couldn't say. That was one of the things that worried him, just as it worries thousands of other American soldiers who are building roads in France to-day when they think they ought to be home.

COMMITTEE ABOUT TO ADOPT CHURCH PLANS

Elizabeth City Methodists May Build Church Patterned After Norfolk Edifice

The Building Committee of First M. E. Church South of this city, after a visit to Norfolk, Suffolk and vicinity, where they inspected a number of churches, have about decided on the type of structure they will adopt for the new Elizabeth City church and expect to have their architect on the ground at an early date. The type of building that appeals most strongly to the committee is that of Park View Baptist Church in Norfolk. Something like the exterior design, including the massive dome of that edifice, will be adopted, with interior modifications to suit the peculiar requirements of the Elizabeth City church.

The building committee of the First Church is composed of C. E. Kramer, chairman; Rev. J. M. Ormond, J. P. Kramer, W. J. Woodley, and J. W. Foreman. The committee is anxious to have ground for the new church broken this summer. The proposed edifice will cost $60,00 to $75,000. More than $28,000 of the building fund subscribed under the ministry of Rev. J. L. Cunninggim two years ago has been paid in.

FROST HITS POTATO GROWERS HARD LICK

Currituck Escaped Frost, But Sand Storm There Stripped Sweet Potato Vines

The potato crop in the Elizabeth City section has suffered a serious set-back and growers will lose many thousands of dollars as a result of a heavy frost and freeze Thursday night, April 24. Only the Currituck growers escaped the Currituck potato belt lying between Currituck sound and Albemarle sound is protected against frost by its peculiar location. But in Currituck there was a sand storm which stripped the young sweet potato plants of their leaves, leaving only the stems, giving the crop a serious set-back.

The loss from frost can not be estimated because much depends upon the weather conditions of the next few days. The growers may get by with a loss of about 20 per cent. of their crop. Unfavorable weather may set them back forty or fifty per cent.

ELIZABETH CITY MUST BUILD PUBLIC DOCKS

Can Not Get Deeper Channel Until It Shows Government Its Good Intentions

Elizabeth City will have to bestir itself and build municipal docks if it is to profit by recent legislation looking to the deepening of the channel of the Pasquotank River from Elizabeth City to the Albemarle Sound.

Congressman Small got a bill thru the last Congress calling for a survey for a 12 foot channel from a point near the Dare Lumber Co. mills above Elizabeth City to the Albemarle Sound. This survey is preliminary to getting an appropriation for this river improvement. The object is, of course, to give Elizabeth City the benefit of the 12 foot depth of the government inland waterway. But the River and Harbor Act of March 2, 1919 absolutely shuts Elizabeth City off from any such benefit as proposed by Mr. Small's new survey, unless Elizabeth City builds municipal docks and thereby convinces the government that it deserves the contemplated improvement. Section 1 of the River and Harbor Act should be carefully studied by Elizabeth City business interests, It reads as follows:

"It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress that Water terminals are essential at all cities and towns located upon harbors or navigable waterways and that at least one public terminal should exist, constructed, owned, and regulated by the municipality, or other public agency of the State and open to the use of all on equal terms, and with the view of carrying out this policy to the fullest possible extent the Secretary of War is hereby vested with the discretion to withhold, unless the public interest would seriously suffer by delay, monies appropriated in this Act for new projects adopted herein, or for the further improvement of existing projects if, in his opinion, no water terminals exist adequate for the rtaffic and open to all on equal terms, or unless satisfactory assurances are received that local or other interests will provide such adequate for the traffic and open to all retary of War, through the Chief of Engineers shall give full publicity, as far as may be practicable, to this provision."

FOR SALE:—A good milch cow, gives 3 gallons of milk a day. Apply to RICHARD STEVENSON, R. F. D. 1, Elizabeth City, N. C. cM2-1t

FOR SALE—5 passenger Ford car, first class condition. Good tires. Apply to G. G. MARKHAM, City. cA.25-tf

SOUTH MILLS TOWNSHIP WILL GET STATE AID

Anxious For Pasquotank Highway Commission to Begin Their Link in Interstate Road

South Mills Township, Camden county will get State and federal aid on its highway project connecting with Pasquotank and Norfolk County, Va. The State Highway Commission has assured South Mills that it can get the state and federal funds, according to Daniel Ed. Williams of South Mills who was in Elizabeth City this week.

In order to get a permanent highway from Elizabeth City to Portsmouth, Va. via South Mills and the Dismal Swamp Canal, the people of South Mills township agreed to build that link of such a highway thru their township. The last General Assembly authorized the township to bond for $50,000 to build this road. Pasquotank will meet them at the Camden county line near Hinton Corner. South Mills will carry the road on to the Virginia line, along the banks of the Dismal Swamp Canal. Norfolk county, Va. will do the rest.

"The only thing that's worrying us now", says Mr. Williams, "Is a fear that you Pasquotank folk are going to be slow about building your end of the road. We hear a lot of talk about building to Weeksville first. We want you to build to Hinton Corner first."

To The Voters of Second Ward:

I am still in the race for one of the aldermen from our ward. I have no pets, I belong to no faction, but stand for an honest, just, and economical administration.

This was my platform, when I was requested to run, and it is now.

cM2-2t. J. B. LEIGH.