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ELIZ. CITY TURNS OVER A NEW POLITICAL LEAF

The Last of the Old Line Politicians Swept Out of Office and The City Will Try a New Broom

For the first time in years the voters of Elizabeth City displayed an active and intelligent interest in a municipal election and the voters of Elizabeth City swept the last of the politicians from office in Tuesday's municipal election and elected a citizen's Board of Aldermen.

Elizabeth City's new Board of Aldermen which will take office on Monday, June 2, as a result of Tuesday's election, follows:—
First Ward: G. F. Derrickson and J. R. Bowden.
Second Ward: J. B. Leigh and C. M. Cooper.
Third Ward: P. C. Cahoon and W. A. Worth.
Fourth Ward: H. G. Parks and Bascon Sawyer.

These men succeed Mathias Owens, J. B. Ferebee, L. W. Anderson, P. C. Cahoon, C. C. Pappendick, H. G. Parks, and J. J. Pritchard, Messrs. Cahoon and Parks succeeding themselves.

The election was a clean sweep for good government. No one believes that the old line politicians in Elizabeth City can control a single vote on the new board. It means that Phil Sawyer will go out of the office of Mayor on the first Monday in June. It means that many another favorite and henchman of the old Mack Sawyer gang will have to make way for new material.

The vote by wards follows:

First Ward	
G. F. Derrickson	155
J. R. Bowden	119
Mathias Owens	63
J. B. Ferebee	70
Second Ward	
J. B. Leigh	149
C. M. Cooper	118
C. W. Stevens	76
M. L. Davis	51
Caleb Walker	26
Jack Munden	9
J. D. Johnson	6
P. C. Cahoon	83
Third Ward	
P. C. Cahoon	88
W. A. Worth	83
Fourth Ward	
J. P. Greenleaf	62
H. G. Parks	106
Bascon Sawyer	138

The Gang Died Hard

Even the Second Ward, the stronghold of the Mack Sawyer gang redeemed itself in Tuesday's election and elected out and out anti-Sawyer men. There were seven candidates for Aldermen in the Second Ward. Everything was done to confuse the voters and split the vote, to enable the ringsters to slip their men in. But the Second Ward is wise in Politics. Old Man Mack and his gang had fooled most of the voters in that ward for 29 years.

The old gang died hard. Mathias Owens and Jim Ferebee after a hard fought battle, but most of the tricks were fool tricks. An Owens man played the fool when he tried to induce one voter to slip in two tickets for Owens by folding two Owens tickets together. Mayor Sawyer played the fool when he challenged the vote of O. F. Gilbert, one of the oldest younger residents of the ward and one of the city's leading business men and a big tax payer.

Sawyer challenged Mr. Gilbert's vote and got away with it. O. F. Gilbert didn't vote. But the effect of Sawyer's challenge was to make O. F. Gilbert roll up his sleeves and go to work for the overthrow of Owens and Ferebee. And when O. F. Gilbert gets his dander up there's something hard before Tuesday's election. Five or six before Tuesday's election roll up his sleeves and go to work for the overthrow of Owens and Ferebee. And when O. F. Gilbert gets his dander up there's something hard before Tuesday's election.

FAST HORSE RACES HERE LAST 2 DAYS IN MAY

Twenty Seven Fast Racers Entered and Purse Aggregate \$1,200—Night Races Also

Decorations Day Races at the Old Fair Grounds at Elizabeth City, Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31, will be the fastest ever pulled off in northeastern North Carolina, according to an announcement by Dr. I. D. Chappell who has arranged the program for both days.

The purses total \$1,200 for five races. There will be a 2:25 pace for a purse of \$400; a 2:25 trot for \$400; a free for all trot or pace for \$300; a 2:25 pace or trot for local horses for \$50; a local trot or pace for \$50. All races will be mile heats; three heats a race.

Back To Burke Culpepper

The defeat of the Mack Sawyer machine in Elizabeth City began with the Burke Culpepper revival in Elizabeth City in the autumn of 1917. At that time an effort was made to reconcile the warring elements of the town who had been at odds for a good many years. The people of Elizabeth City were at loggerheads because shrewd politicians kept them at loggerheads. By keeping one half the town mad with the other half, the politicians forever treaded upon hatred and prejudice and held the town in the hollows of their

hands. The Mack Sawyer machine began to lose its grip the minute the better citizens in the town began to bury their differences. The election of W. O. Saunders to the General Assembly from this county last summer showed that the politicians had lost out. The election of W. O. Saunders, the most hated enemy of the Gang, showed the way things were going.

Eleven Years War.
This newspaper views Tuesday's election with no little personal satisfaction. THE INDEPENDENT will be eleven years old in June. And for just eleven years come June this newspaper has pointed out the crimes of the Mack Sawyer Gang in this town and county and implored the citizenship to oust them. It has taken the town eleven years to come around, but it made a good job of it last Tuesday.

The Chamber of Commerce is entitled to much of the credit for Tuesday's victory for good government. The Chamber of Commerce didn't take a hand in the election; its policy is to steer clear of the rocks and shoals of politics. But the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce has taught Elizabeth City people a new pride in their town and, in a year, has done much to school them in team work and organization.

WANT \$22,500.00 ALL ONE SUNDAY

First Methodists Plan Sensational Drive For Missionary Centenary

The Methodists of Elizabeth City are going to lose no time in rolling up their quota of the \$25,000,000 Missionary Centenary Fund of the M. E. Church, South, which sum the church will undertake to raise during the week of May 18-25.

The First Methodist Church of this city has been assessed \$22,500 as its quota of the \$25,000,000 fund. There are 863 members of the First Church and seven of this number have already signified their desire to pledge \$10,000 of the church's quota. This will leave \$12,500 to be raised next week and the church purposes to raise the entire sum in a day.

L. R. Foreman is chairman of the First Methodist Campaign Committee and he and his associates have planned an all day drive for Sunday, May 18. Immediately after the close of the morning service at the church, sixty canvassers will sit down to a luncheon in the church annex. From this luncheon they will go forth to visit every member of the congregation and secure his or her pledge to the fund.

Mr. Foreman is confident that by Sunday night the 60 canvassers will return to the church with every member pledged and the full quota subscribed.

Members have five years in which to redeem their pledges, which means that the contribution of the entire congregation to all the missionary work of the church at home and abroad will amount to only about \$4,000 a year. The First Methodists do not consider this a big sum at all, in view of the fact that they raised about \$65,000 for a new church building in a campaign of a few weeks. And speaking of this building fund, nearly \$25,000 of it is in the bank drawing interest.

ALL DONE IN A DAY

Out of town people who come to Elizabeth City for eye glasses can have their eyes tested, glasses made and fitted the same day by Hathaway service. No need to wait a week for some one to order glasses for you. I have my own grinding plant and not only prescribe the glasses you need but make and fit them on the premises. It saves a lot of time as well as lot of middlemen's expenses.

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

Camden county women made a wonderful record in the Victory Loan Campaign in their county last week and without the work of the women that county might not have gone over the top. Camden county's quota of the Victory Loan was \$45,000. The women raised \$28,500 of this amount.

Miss Irene Knight, chairman of the women's organization in Court House township, turned in \$15,050. Miss Emma Love Spencer and Mrs. J. B. Williams did exceptional work in other townships. The chairman of the women's organization in Camden was Miss Mary L. Stevens.

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Elizabeth City's Newest Business Block



ONE night in June 1918 a stubborn fire got into the wholesale grocery of J. B. Flora Co. and destroyed the Flora building and several other stores in the block bounded by Main and Water streets, the river and Matthews streets. Here then is the first photograph showing a partial view of the restoration of the burned section. The picture shows the corner of the new Flora building, all of which is occupied by the wholesale grocery of J. B. Flora Co., with the exception of the corner stand occupied by the retail grocery of M. P. Gallop Co. Below the Flora building is shown the new home of A. F. Tovey & Co. occupying the site occupied by M. P. Gallop Co. before the fire. The new buildings make a good showing. The architect and contractor was J. P. Kramer. Mr. Kramer put the construction of these buildings thru at a time when labor and material were extremely scarce, but lost little time on the job. The photo was made by W. O. Saunders.

READS THE INDEPENDENT ON THE GERMAN RHINE



JOHN L. PRICHARD

PRIVATE PRICHARD is now with the Army of Occupation on the Rhine. He says in letter to his parents, "I am enclosing a clipping from 'The Watch on the Rhine,' you can hand it to Mr. Saunders with my compliments, and tell him that his paper has been in Germany for I have a copy of it." Private Prichard was glad to receive THE INDEPENDENT which his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Prichard of Belmont, N. C., sent him. He asked for another soon. Private Prichard has been in the service since August 7, 1918.

CAMDEN COUNTY WOMEN MADE A GOOD SHOWING

Put That County Over The Top

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ELIZABETH CITY MEN VISIT NORFOLKIAN

25 Members of Chamber of Commerce Guests of Norfolk Rotarians

About 25 members of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce left here yesterday afternoon for Norfolk where they were the guests last night of the Norfolk Rotary Club.

The party will be entertained by the Rotary Club of Portsmouth, Va., the occasion being a booster meeting in Portsmouth in behalf of the proposed highway between Elizabeth City and Portsmouth via the Dismal Swamp Canal.

The following gentlemen made up the party which left here yesterday afternoon:—
Miles Clark, C. D. Gallop, S. B. Parker, O. F. Gilbert, Dr. A. L. Pendleton, H. C. Bright, W. S. White, L. D. Case, Judge J. E. Leigh, E. M. Stevens, W. J. Woodley, C. R. Pugh, E. F. Ayldett, Sr., G. F. Seyffert, L. R. Foreman, R. Little, R. M. Cotter, John Wells, C. W. Stevens, Dr. J. D. Hathaway, J. Q. A. Wood, W. O. Saunders, W. G. Gaither.

SAYS NINE FOOT ROAD WON'T DO

Baltimore Block Man Says Fourteen Feet's The Thing

And now comes another road building expert who tells us that nine foot roads are not at all what we want and that we should build roads fourteen feet wide. That's the opinion of John W. Hall, president of the Westport Paving Brick Co., of Baltimore, Md., who was here last Saturday. By the time the Pasquotank Highway Commission gets all the expert opinions available on the subject of road building they will be so balled up that they will not know what they want.

Mr. Hall thinks a double track road for this country would cost more than the traffic will bear, but he thinks 14 feet is the proper width for a single track road. He says a nine foot road is worn out too soon because all the traffic sticks to the crown of the road and does not work from side to side. All the traffic being concentrated in the center of the road soon wears out the road. But given a 14 foot road vehicles will not stick to one track but will play all over the road and the road will last longer. Mr. Hall says he has seen narrow roads of solid stone in the old world where ox carts had worn furrows in them three or four inches deep, by having to keep one track because of the narrowness of the road.

Geo. A. Ricker, representing the United Cement Association and Mr. Hall, representing his brick interests were here last Saturday to lay the claims of their respective road materials before the Pasquotank Highway Commission and others interested. Mr. Ricker showed a number of stereopticon views and moving pictures of cement road construction and told his audience that they could not profitably consider any other kind of road construction. Mr. Hall was just as sure that they would go wrong if they didn't use brick.

The commissioners will hear from other road material boosters from time to time pending the sale of bonds.

GOVT. TO CARE FOR TUBERCULAR SOLDIERS

Treatment and Educational Advantages Given Free By Uncle Sam

North Carolina soldiers who have contracted tuberculosis can on application be received at the tuberculosis sanatorium at Sanatorium, the government paying all bills, and thirty dollars per month in addition. While there the soldier-patient also may receive instruction in mechanics, agriculture, handicraft or in books. Later he may be sent to any sort of college he chooses, at the expense of the government. Persons interested should write to Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Sanatorium, N. C. for full particulars.

CHAUTAUQUA OPENS HERE FRIDAY JUNE 13

Chautauqua comes to Elizabeth City on Friday, June 13 this year. The Chautauqua Association met in the Court House Wednesday night and organized. They have been assured a program up to past Chautauqua standards. The lecture features this year will deal with vital problems of reconstruction. Full details of the program will be published at an early date and season tickets placed on sale.

The \$13,000,000 Salvation Army Poster



"A man may be down, but he's never out," the Salvation Army slogan, furnished the theme for the official Home Service Fund Campaign poster designed by Frederick Duncan, the noted artist. From this he has evolved a striking artistic creation, typifying the hand of the Salvation Army reaching out to rescue those who are ensnared in the clouds of poverty and vice. A Salvation Army lass is the principal figure, and the scarlet lining of her cloak, thrown back as she enfolds those who are calling out to her in distress, flashes the poster with its one spot of brilliant color. The background is of blacks, grays and greens, indicative of the storm clouds of misery and want.

J. H. LEROY SUES DR. JOHN SALIBA

Asks for \$10,500, His Alleged Share of Hospital Kitchen Profits

J. H. Leroy has instituted suit in the Superior Court of Pasquotank County against Dr. John Saliba, owner of the Elizabeth City Hospital, in which action Mr. Leroy asks for \$10,500.00.

On or about Oct. 15, 1918 Dr. Saliba made a contract with the government by which he was to re-open the Elizabeth City Hospital, which was then closed, to convalescent marines and sailors from the U. S. Naval Hospital at Norfolk. Dr. Saliba was to receive \$4 a day for the entertainment and board of these convalescents. Mr. Leroy in his suit makes the claim that Dr. Saliba entered into an agreement with him to feed the inmates of the hospital. Mr. Leroy was to employ and supervise all the help, purchase all provisions and look after the kitchen and table generally. Dr. Saliba got \$4 a day from the government for each service man sent to the hospital. Mr. Leroy alleges that Dr. Saliba agreed to take \$1,000 a day per man as his charge for the use of the hospital. Out of the remaining \$3 per diem Mr. Leroy was to run the kitchen and dining room and was to share equally with Dr. Saliba all the money left over after paying the help and buying the provisions.

FAIR ASSOCIATION IS WITHOUT A SECRETARY

W. Ben Goodwin Resigns To Give All His Time To The Red Men

The Albemarle Agricultural Association finds itself minus a secretary just at a time when it is getting its plans under way for the October Fair. W. Ben Goodwin, Secretary of the association tendered his resignation this week. Mr. Goodwin has been re-elected Great Chief of Records of the Improved Order of Red Men, for the state of North Carolina. The membership of the Red Men in this state has grown to nearly 10,000 within the past year. The Fair Association wants a secretary and wants him quick. J. Wesley Foreman, vice president of the association, told this newspaper yesterday that the directors were ready to consider application for the job and will lose no time in filling the office with a live wire man. "But he must be a live wire," says Mr. Foreman. "We want a man with lots of pep and imagination and a man who isn't afraid to work."

NOTICE TO MERCHANTS

The National Cash Register Company's System expert and salesman will be here for ten days installing \$2,500.00 worth of Cash Register Systems for the Standard Drug Co. Investigations made of store systems and essential information for the proper rendering of the Retail Merchants Income Tax made without charge. If you have any leaks or losses our investigation will disclose them. Correspondence invited. Phones 25 or 425, or address J. M. Murray, care of Scott & Twiddy Confectionery, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.—advertisement—pd.

TELLS VANN TO GET A NEW JOB

Chairman LeRoy In Deal To Give Miniard Jennings Vann's Office

The resignation of Preston S. Vann, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Pasquotank county this week develops the fact that Mr. Vann is dissatisfied to the Board of Education of Pasquotank county and was given his walking papers nearly two weeks ago. The Board of Education of Pasquotank County is J. M. LeRoy. Nominally, Mr. LeRoy is only Chairman of the Board. But he has always dictated to the Board and what he says usually goes.

In trying to get at the bottom of the trouble between Mr. Vann and Mr. LeRoy this newspaper has met with little success, but has made this discovery. The Board of Education of Pasquotank is now composed of J. M. LeRoy, W. A. Foster and W. G. Cox. On the first Monday in July W. D. Morgan, of Providence Township succeeds Mr. Foster on the Board. Mr. LeRoy and Mr. Morgan are close personal friends and Mr. LeRoy told this newspaper Tuesday night that Mr. Morgan had accepted a place on the Board of Education with the understanding that he would support Miniard Jennings for County Superintendent.

Miniard Jennings is a brother of W. H. Jennings of this city and was formerly principal of Forks School. He is a native of Providence Township and close to Mr. Morgan and Mr. LeRoy. Mr. LeRoy and Mr. Morgan want to make Mr. Jennings County Superintendent and the first step in that direction is to get rid of Vann. And so Mr. LeRoy told Mr. Vann last week to look for a new job about July 1.

This newspaper has asked Mr. LeRoy to make a statement as to his objections to Superintendent Vann. Mr. LeRoy says he prefers not to make a statement now, but may have something to say later on. He intimated that Mr. Vann had not been attending to his duties as principal. He said Mr. Vann had made himself busy in too many other things.

Asked if it were not a fact that the schools of Pasquotank county had made a better showing under Superintendent Vann in one year than under any other administration? Mr. LeRoy replied: "According to Vann's statements, they have; but there's another side to it." In reply to a direct question Mr. LeRoy said the schools had not made a satisfactory showing under Superintendent Vann.

The public will hardly be satisfied with Chairman LeRoy's veiled statements. An impression prevails that Vann has made good. It is true that Mr. Vann has given a lot of his time to things outside of the schools. He has given a good many days to the campaign for good roads in this county. He has assisted the Chamber of Commerce in much of its propaganda. But in doing these things Superintendent Vann felt that he was serving his job. To him good roads mean good schools. He doesn't separate the two and he has worked for good roads and gone all over the county boosting good roads because he believed good roads essential to good schools. And Vann has made a good impression among the country people; he has made them feel that they were getting all that the county could give them in schools. He has won the confidence of pupils and teachers throughout the county.

P. S. Vann was employed by the Board of Education last August, to fill the unexpired term of former Superintendent W. M. Hinton. His salary for the unexpired term was \$1,200 a year. Being dismissed after serving the job less than a year doesn't make him feel good, to say the least. But he shows a fine spirit. In a statement issued this week he says:—

If I have anything further to say, it is to plead for a new loyalty to your schools, a new devotion to the sacred educational needs of the little children of the county. You have done well in the past, but you can and will do better in the future. Place your hearts and hands in the center of your hearts, and labor together to promote their varied and complex interests as you have never done during all the generous education needs of the county. School buildings and school equipment with all modern facilities, schools equipped with the rural child educational opportunities and advantages more nearly comparable to those enjoyed by the city child, lure you on and on until it shall have been materialized and realized in every glowing particular.

The day has come for a new patriotism and loyalty to the community where cluster your homes, your schools, your churches, your business interests, and out of which comes your civilization.

Love your city and county. This I dare ask because of my interest in the people of Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County. The months I have spent with the people of both will ever linger with me as a fragrant memory, and as an abiding inspiration.

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