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COMMISSIONERS GIVE IN TO FAIR ASSOCIATION

Will Exempt Elizabeth City Fair In Order Excluding Carnival Companies From Showing in County

The Commissioners of Pasquotank county have taken their foot off the neck of the Albemarle Agricultural Association. In fact it is explained that there was no intention of putting it there, in the first place. Last week the Commissioners ordered the Sheriff of the county to refuse all carnival companies license to show anywhere in the county, thus effectually shutting midway shows out of the Elizabeth City Fair grounds. It looked bad for the Fair. But this week Chairman Burfoot of the Board of Commissioners has polled a majority of the Board and finds the majority agreeable to permitting carnival companies within the fair grounds. Mr. Burfoot has so advised the directors of the Albemarle Agricultural Association.

Everybody connected with the fair to be held here Nov. 11 to Nov. 15 feels better now. Secretary Case and the Board of Directors are warming up to their work and at a meeting Tuesday night they voted real money for free attractions. They will spend \$2,600 in purses for the races, purses as high as \$500 and no purse lower than \$125. They are assured of scores of entries for these purses.

The Directors also closed a contract Tuesday night with a double header balloon and parachute act that is said to be the most thrilling spectacle of its kind now showing in this country. Two monster balloons ascend and drop bombs all over the landscape. There is given an imitation of an explosion in midair and two aeronaunts hurled from the explosion fall hundreds of feet thru space before their carefully concealed parachutes open and let them gently down to earth.

This double header balloon act, daylight fire works, passenger carrying airplanes and the greatest horse races ever assembled in northeastern North Carolina promise to bring the crowds. In meantime the agricultural, horticultural and live stock departments of the Fair are receiving more consideration than heretofore given them. Special prizes will be awarded County Farm Demonstration and Home Demonstration Agents to encourage their co-operation in packing the exhibit building with the products of the farms, dairies and kitchens of northeastern North Carolina.

The exhibits of farm and home labor saving machinery will be especially attractive this year. Secretary Case is going after the manufacturers of tractors, improved farm machinery, home lighting outfits, etc., etc. and persuading them to exhibit the best they've got for the edification of visitors to the Elizabeth City Fair.

MUCH TYPHOID FEVER DURING THE SUMMER

Folks Who Live in City and County Pay Heavy Penalty for Neglect of Sanitation.

During the months of June, July and August there were 26 cases of typhoid fever in Elizabeth City and Pasquotank county, according to figures just given out by Dr. Zenas Fearing, County Health Officer. Not a single one of the victims had ever been inoculated with the anti-typoid serum, and Dr. Fearing points out that this is proof of the most convincing sort that the preventive treatment is thoroughly effective.

Typoid, according to Dr. Fearing, is only contracted by the swallowing of human or animal filth infected with the germ of the disease, and the number of cases recorded during the past three months is anything but creditable to the attitude of the people toward even the most ordinary measures of sanitation.

JONES-IVES

Miss Louise Ives was married to Mr. Charles B. Jones, of Norfolk, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Annie Walker Ives, in this city, Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Jones will make their home in Norfolk, after their wedding trip.

SMALL FIRE WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Fire of unknown origin did some damage to the awning in front of the Woolworth Five and Ten Cent Store Wednesday night. The alarm was turned in and the Fire Department responded in full force with their usual promptness. The loss is slight.

NOW MAKE FLOUR FROM CATTAILS

Cattails on North Carolina Marshes Yield 5,500 Lbs. of Flour To The Acre

Owners of marsh lands in northeastern North Carolina will be interested in the announcement that a commercial use has been found for the cattails that grow on these marshes. Government laboratories have succeeded in manufacturing flour from cattails and this flour is pronounced as good as rice or other wheat substitutes. And from an acre of cattails one can get more than 5,000 pounds of refined flour from one harvesting.

It has been discovered that cattails have large stalks or rhizomes running in several directions, usually a distance of 30 inches or more underground. The soil underneath a marsh of cattails is a perfect network of these stalks, the stalks being about an inch thick and the center of every stalk a core of solid material that is almost a solid mass of starch.

The Indians used to eat these roots for food and muskrats thrive on them. From one acre of cattails 10,792 pounds of these stalks have been taken and the actual yield of manufactured and sifted flour was 5,500 pounds.

A sample of the flour thus obtained was sent to Washington to the Food Administration office. This office turned the sample over to the Plant Chemical Laboratory, where an analysis of the flour was made. J. A. LeClerc, the chemist in charge, in his report on the analysis says:

"This material has approximately the same amount of protein that is found in rice and corn flour. The fat content is somewhat lower than that found even in wheat flour. In view of our experience on the use of flour-substitutes in baking, we see no reason why cattail flour could not be used to the extent of 10 to 20 per cent as part substitute for wheat flour."

THREE MEN ESCAPE FROM HERTFORD JAIL

Negro Charged With Attempt at Horrible Crime Gets Away With Two Other Prisoners.

Sensational reports of a jail delivery at Hertford Wednesday night reached this newspaper as it was going to press Thursday. It is stated that three prisoners succeeded in breaking out of the jail at Hertford, one of whom was a negro charged with attempted rape. No particulars as to the manner of their escape are yet available. The Hertford police department phoned to Elizabeth City last night for bloodhounds, which, however, could not be had here, and later they sent to Suffolk for a pair of dogs.

LOST CONSCIOUSNESS WHILE DRIVING FORD

And W. T. Hopkins, of Creswell Was Buried Under The Machine in a Canal on Magnolia Farm

W. T. Hopkins, manager of the Magnolia Farm (formerly the old Joshiah Collins Plantation) near Creswell, N. C., met with a horrible accident by losing consciousness while driving a Ford last Friday. The Ford, traveling at a fair rate of speed, plunged into a drainage canal, turned turtle and buried Mr. Hopkins in the mud in the bottom of the canal. He was extricated with difficulty by a man and a boy who were in the car with him at the time and was unconscious when taken out of the canal. He was resuscitated by first aid methods.

Mr. Hopkins suffered no broken limbs, but in being pulled out from under the car the flesh of his right leg was badly torn and blood poison is thought to have developed. He was taken to a Norfolk Hospital Monday.

The Ford was badly battered: top demolished, fenders smashed, windshield shattered, radiator smashed and otherwise battered, but, true to type, cranked up and ran when pulled out of the canal.

W. T. Hopkins is one of the most able and hardworking farm managers in eastern North Carolina and the Magnolia Farm is one of the show places of northeastern North Carolina. Mr. Hopkins has been in a condition of broken health for several months. He was not feeling well Friday. He says he has no recollection of how the accident occurred and supposes he lost consciousness and the Ford got away from him. The Ford was in gear, the gasoline feed open and the brakes off when the car was recovered.

We are now receiving fine, fat, tasty Norfolk Oysters, fresh daily. Phone \$10 and we will deliver promptly. D. R. MUNDEN & SON, City Market—advertisement.

NOTICE! FISHERMEN!

The Fisheries Commission Board will meet at their office in Morehead City, N. C., October 7th, at ten o'clock a. m. Persons who have matters pertaining to the fishing industry which they would like to bring to the attention of the Board will please do it the first day of the session (October 7th), as this will likely be the only day given to public hearings.

J. K. DIXON,
Fisheries Commissioner.
This Sept. 9th, 1919.

COMMON SINS OF THE GENUS HOMO

Mosly Trivial Offenses To Take Up Criminal Docket of Superior Court Next Week

Superior Court, which convenes here Monday, will have to dispose of a number of minor cases of larceny, prostitution, and bootlegging, but the docket is singularly free from important cases for the September term. Among the most interesting of the petty cases to be tried is that of Martin B. Simpson, who, while serving as City Attorney of Elizabeth City, was convicted in the local police court of injuring real estate, the real estate in question being the property of the Y. M. C. A. Rather than pay the fine imposed he noted an appeal, and the case will be dealt with next week.

Other cases of slightly more than usual interest are the following: Miles Babb, James Howard and Alex Johnson, charged with breaking in a freight car, and larceny of a part of the contents; Whit Wilson, who must answer a charge of selling whiskey; Augustus Potter, who is alleged to have attempted to poison a small negro boy; John Sawyer, Ethel Parker and John Benton, charged with prostitution; Amelia Graham, colored, an alleged bigamist; Capt. Ben Gaskins, who was nabbed in the Pasquotank river with 266 quarts of joy fluid on board his vessel; Herbert Brown, Ernest Gilliam, John Speight and Dora Rogers, all colored, charged with prostitution. Otherwise the docket is principally made up of petty larcenies, felonies and other more or less unimportant breaches of the law.

WOULD PAVE FOUR MORE MILES IN CITY

City Manager Recommends Concrete Paving For Thirteen Unpaved Streets

More than four miles of additional street paving for Elizabeth City, to cost approximately \$100,000, is recommended by City Manager Simonds in a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen this week. And the City Manager favors streets of concrete, to be built by the city and not by contractors. The streets which the City Manager advises paved are as follows:

- Southern Avenue, Shepherd to the City limit, twenty feet wide.
- Martin street, Church to Shepherd, 20 feet wide.
- Lawrence street, Water to Road, 18 feet wide.
- Ehringhaus street, Road to City limit, 20 feet wide.
- Selden street, Main to Church, 20 feet wide.
- Parsonage street, Road to Railroad, 20 feet wide.
- Burgess street, Road to Creek, 20 feet wide.
- Cypress street, Pennsylvania to Haney, 20 feet wide.
- Pearl street, Road to Martin, 18 feet wide.
- Broad street, Pennsylvania to Road, 20 feet wide.
- Hunter, Riverside to Creek, 18 feet wide.
- Matthews, Road to Dyer, 20 feet wide.
- Bell street, Road to railroad, 18 feet wide.

The Aldermen have as yet taken no action upon the foregoing recommendations.

TO THE PATRONS OF THE NORFOLK & CAR. TEL. & TEL. COMPANY.

On account of making certain repairs to the Power Plant in the Telephone Exchange all lines will be temporarily cut off between the hours of 12 M. and 7 A. M. Sunday morning, Sept. 14th, and there will be no telephone service between these hours.

C. W. GRICE,
Gen'l Mgr.

NO EXAGGERATION

I do not make exaggerated statements about my work. Very remarkable results often follow the correction of bad vision by properly fitted glasses. It does not follow that bad eyes are responsible for all ills and that the fitting of eye glasses is a panacea for every ailment. My special claim to your patronage is based upon my long experience coupled with my unusual facilities for testing the vision, grinding the lenses and fitting the glasses on the premises. Upon investigation you will find that I can give the same service you would expect to find in a metropolitan city.

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

FAVORS COMPULSORY SEWERAGE FOR CITY



FRED W. SIMONDS.
ELIZABETH CITY'S City Manager, Fred W. Simonds is advocating compulsory sewerage. He has asked the Board of Aldermen to provide a topographical survey of the city, preliminary to planning an adequate sewerage system serving the entire city. The survey will cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000.

BEST INSTITUTE EVER HELD HERE

Mrs. T. E. Johnston of State Board of Examiners and Prof. H. B. Smith of New Bern Make Hit With Local Teachers.

The most practical and worth-while County Teachers' Institute ever held at Elizabeth City, in the opinion of many of the attending teachers, closed its two-week session last Friday. The two directors of the Institute were Mrs. T. E. Johnston, of the State Board of Examiners and Institute Conductors, formerly supervisor of primary work in the graded schools of Salisbury, and Prof. H. B. Smith, superintendent of the New-Bern school system, who has long been teaching in the summer schools of the State, being this summer an instructor in English at the Eastern Carolina Teacher Training School at Greenville. The primary course of the recent institute was conducted by Mrs. Johnston, who is a live-wire teacher of unusual capability and thoroughness, with a keenly analytical mind and a way of bringing out important points in such a manner as to impress them indelibly upon the minds of her pupils. Prof. Smith had charge of the intermediate course, and by his highly practical treatment of all subjects, with frequent plain and everyday illustrations to make clear important points, he succeeded in endowing much more or less dry subject-matter with an interest it does not ordinarily possess, and incidentally he gave many excellent suggestions for the teachers to use in their classrooms. The work of these two able instructors has been spoken of in the highest terms by the teachers who were present at the institute.

COMPULSORY SEWERAGE ONE OF CITY'S NEEDS

City Manager Simonds Declares It More Satisfactory Than Present Plan.

City Manager Simonds is making an effort to have the local Board of Aldermen authorize the making of a topographical survey of the city with a view to the installation of a city-wide sewerage system of sufficient extent to make practicable the passing of a compulsory sewerage law. The new State Privy Law will make necessary the rebuilding of approximately 85 per cent of the toilets in this city, at an average cost of \$60 each, or in round numbers, a total of probably \$100,000 for all. This law will go into full effect October 1, but in response to an inquiry from City Manager Simonds, the State Board of Health states that if satisfactory evidence is shown by the city that compulsory sewerage will be adopted and installed in the course of the coming year, the Health Board will co-operate with the city in enforcing the law so as to work the least possible hardship upon the property owners. To put in plumbing, including the necessary piping to the street mains and sewers, costs about \$50, or \$10 less than the expense of building a surface toilet conforming with the State requirements.

According to figures given out by the City Manager, the cost of putting down necessary sewers will be not more than 50 cents a front foot, and the property owners, if bonds are issued as suggested, will have ten years in which to pay for the sewers, the assessments being probably five cents per front foot per year, with a moderate rate of interest. Thus it seems evident that, since the present type of unsanitary toilet must go, it will be far better and less expensive to adopt compulsory sewerage, than to continue building surface toilets.

In connection with the recent typhoid epidemic in the First Ward, it has been noted that ALL the cases radiated from a row of the old type of disease-spreading surface toilets. This is concrete and convincing evidence of the need of a satisfactory sewerage system in this city, to protect the people from the costly results of ignorance and carelessness.

BASEBALL SATURDAY.

The Elizabeth City Cubs will play a double-header Saturday on their west Broad street diamond, near the Hoesley Mill. The first game will be with the Portsmouth Giants, at 2:30 in the afternoon, and the second with the Pinner's Point baseball team at 4:30. The City diamond has been thoroughly worked over, and is said to be the best diamond in the city. From the usual fast work of the Cubs two unusually speedy and interesting games may be expected.

Bankrupt in 1905, Makes Good in 1919

G. H. Winslow, of Okisko, Cleans Up Old Scores, After 14 Years of Labor.

Attorney Winfield A. Worth, Referee in Bankruptcy in the U. S. Court at Elizabeth City, gives this newspaper an account of the most remarkable case that has come under his observation as Referee in Bankruptcy in the 15 years he has served that office. Here is the story: Back in 1905 G. H. Winslow, a merchant at Okisko in this county, was declared a bankrupt with liabilities totaling several thousand dollars and not a penny to allow his creditors.

Mr. Worth had forgotten all about this man Winslow until about 30 days ago when Mr. Winslow walked into his office and called for a list of his old creditors. He got the list and went out and paid up every dollar he owed. It required two or three weeks of hard effort to locate some of the creditors, as a number of them had gone out of business or moved away.

CARLOAD OF SOLDIER GRUB ON THE WAY TO BETSY TOWN

A carload of Government foodstuffs, mostly canned goods, has been bought by the city, and will probably be here this coming week. It will be sold from a stall in the City Market by the local Housewives League, and nobody will make any profit on the consignment, since the food will be disposed of at cost plus transportation charges, plus the actual selling expense. It is expected that the carload will be sold in record-breaking time, for prices will be far lower than similar goods can possibly be bought for elsewhere.

SAYS PASQUOTANK SHOULD BE LIVE STOCK CENTER

Absolutely No Reason Why Not Except the Tick, Says Dr. Robbins.

"There is absolutely no reason in the world why Pasquotank county should not become a great stock-raising center," stated Dr. Hartwell Robbins, district quarantine agent, to a representative of THE INDEPENDENT this week. Dr. Robbins has his offices at Washington, N. C. He recently made a tour of the counties in northeastern Carolina for the purpose of observing the progress in tick eradication work.

GREGORY HOMESTEAD TO GO AT AUCTION

Local Agents of Atlantic Coast Realty Company Will Sell Valuable E. City Property Thursday, Sept. 18th.

The Atlantic Coast Realty Company, through their local representatives, the Elizabeth City Real Estate Agency, will offer for sale on Thursday, September 18, the beautiful old Gregory homestead on North Road street, which has been subdivided into 87 spacious lots. Good property on Broad street, including seven new homes, will likewise be sold at auction on the same day, as well as two homes on White street in the colored section, and one residence on Southern avenue. Persons wishing to own a home or desiring to buy property as an investment, should attend this big auction sale.

OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE U. S. NAVY HERE

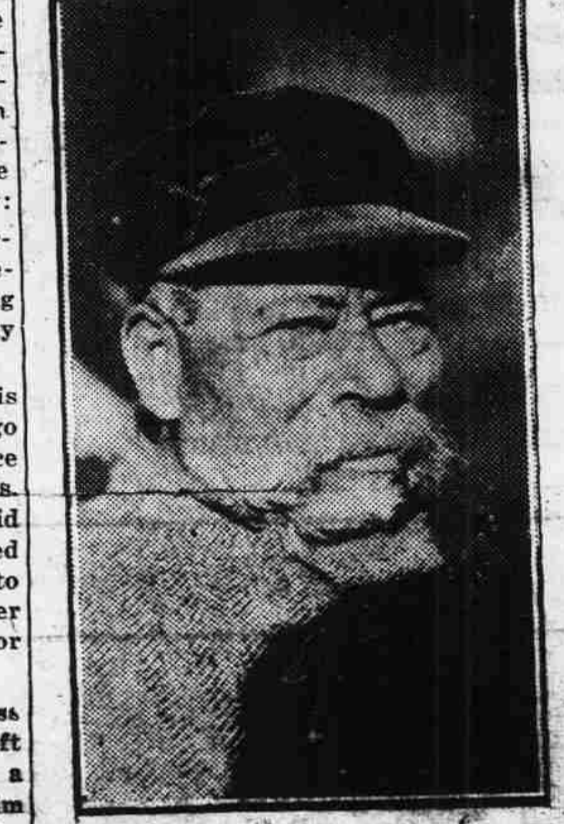
A recruiting party under Lieut. Mulvihill, U. S. N., is now in the city for the purpose of enlisting men between the ages of 18 and 35 for service aboard the U. S. Battleship Oklahoma. Enlistment may be for either a two or four year period, depending upon the wishes of the applicant. The Navy offers splendid opportunities to see the world and to learn a useful trade or occupation.

ROAD BUILDING IS NOW UNDERWAY IN COUNTY

**First Barge Load of Brick Unloaded this Week--
All Road Building Machinery on The Ground**

WHEN THERE WAS REAL H. C. OF L.

"Uncle Charles" Remembers When Flour Was \$50 a Barrel, Coffee \$1 a Pound.



"UNCLE CHARLES" MACDONALD.

People who complain of the high cost of living today and the continual difficulty of making both ends meet, should derive some consolation from the period of high prices during and just after the Civil War, when, according to "Uncle Charles" Macdonald, veteran hack driver and horse doctor of Elizabeth City, flour was selling for \$40 to \$50 per barrel, corn \$10 per barrel, coffee, which was particularly scarce, owing to the shutting off of the East Indies trade, selling around \$1 per pound, with most people using sweet potatoes, beans, meal or wheat parched as a coffee substitute. Meat was \$1 a pound, while shoes and clothing sold at phenomenal prices, a good pair of boots bringing \$150 to \$200 in Confederate money, and horses, which were in great demand for the Southern army, selling readily for \$300 to \$500.

"Uncle Charles" told a representative of this newspaper about those real hard times, the other day. Incidentally he tells a graphic and highly interesting story of the bombardment of Elizabeth City by Federal gunboats in February, 1862. He says that, three days after the Battle of Roanoke Island, twelve of the ships came up the Pasquotank river to capture the city. Their progress was interrupted by a Confederate fort which had been hastily erected on Cobb's Point, a few miles below Elizabeth City, with an armament of a few twelve-pound guns. As these began to fire upon the gunboats, the latter were turned slightly from their course and a single broadside was fired into the fort, which was defended principally by Colonel Wright's Georgia regiment. With the first volley everybody in the fort was killed, and the Confederates were driven to the Warrenton swamp, back of the Flora farm.

After the fort had been thus quickly reduced, the Federals continued to Elizabeth City, and a general bombardment of the town followed. Everybody left in a hurry, and an effort was made by the Southerners to burn the town, which was not entirely successful, for the Federals came ashore and put out the flames wherever they could. Among the buildings burned were the county court house, the Lee House, an old-time hostelry, which was located where the Southern Hotel now stands; the Ten-Pin Alley House, which was on the opposite corner where A. L. Aydtel now lives, and the old Mason House, another well-known hotel in those days.

It seems that the Federals did not wish to destroy Elizabeth City, but that the objective of their bombardment was in fact now the Major Gregory property, in which the Confederate officers were quartered. The house was riddled with bullets and burned to the ground in the course of the day.

An organization of Union sympathizers called Buffaloes came into existence in 1862, and similar bands were organized at Shiloh and Old Trap in Camden county about the same time. The Pasquotank band was under the leadership of Thad Cox, who was fired upon and killed by loyal Southerners at the Trunk Bridges near Weeksville in 1863. Pete Burgess, a big, blustering, brawny, seven-foot specimen of turbulent manhood, was the leader of the Camden county Buffaloes. He and his band of Unionists terrorized the entire section during those troublesome times. Bands of loyal Southerners termed Guerillas likewise

Within ten days Pasquotank county's paved roads will probably be under actual construction. The big barge James J. McNally arrived here this week from Baltimore with the first consignment of paving brick, carrying in its capacious hold 206,000 of the bricks to be used in the making of the new roads. These were rapidly transferred to lighters, upon which they were carried to Weeksville, where the first segment of the paved roads will be laid down. According to County Engineer Higgs, the unloading contract called for the transferring of 125 tons of brick per day, but by hustling, the unloading crew handled 145 tons the first day.

Practically everything is in readiness for the actual construction of the road at Weeksville. Approximately sixty men are on the job, and Engineer Higgs states that the work is going good. The necessary sand and cement is all in transit; the concrete mixers and large Koehring concrete pavers are ready for action; the steel road forms to hold the paving in place while it is being laid, the five and ten ton brick rollers, and three powerful motor trucks are all on the job, and soon paved roads in Pasquotank will be a real thing instead of a promise.

COTTON ASSOCIATION FIXES PRICE MINIMUM

Proposal for Endorsement of League of Nations Plan Defeated Amid Much Excitement.

A scale of minimum prices to be accepted for cotton, beginning with 36 cents per pound for September, and gradually increasing to 40 cents in May, has been adopted by the American Cotton Association in session at New Orleans. Due to uncertain conditions now existing it is specified that these recommended minimum prices are only temporary, and that later even higher minimum prices may be recommended by the executive committee of the association.

A proposal for the passage of a resolution endorsing President Wilson's tour for the League of Nations, and for urging the Senate to immediately ratify the peace treaty, resulted in an uproar that got completely out of the control of the presiding officer, Governor Dorsey, of Georgia. The proposal was defeated.

PROP. T. P. NASH, JR. IS WITH CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Prof. T. P. Nash, Jr., of this city, has accepted the Chair of Chemistry in the Medical Division of Cornell University, New York, and left for Cornell Monday, Sept. 8. He was accompanied by Mrs. Nash.

DIED SUDDENLY.

Mrs. Pauline A. Alley, of Petersburg, Va., died Wednesday morning at six o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Larry Ennis Skinner, on North Road street. She was seventy years of age and her death was caused by heart failure.

Mrs. Alley was on a visit here to her two daughters and her death came suddenly and unexpectedly. The remains will be taken to Petersburg for the funeral and interment.

She is survived by four daughters and two sons: Mrs. Anne Turnley of Norfolk, Mrs. J. A. Landon of Lynchburg, Va., Mrs. P. S. Vann and Mrs. L. E. Skinner of Elizabeth City, S. E. Alley of Virginia and F. D. Alley of Florida; also by two sisters of Richmond, Va.

came into existence about the same time, and there were frequent skirmishes between the opposing factions. In the days following the Civil War, when the Ku-Klux Klan was active in punishing deeds of lawlessness by carpetbaggers and disloyal natives in many parts of the South, an effort was made to form a similar body here, but due to the opposition of Colonel Martin, one of the most prominent men in this section, the plan fell through. A band of cavalry deserters called the 15th Virginia, after the regiment from which most of them had come, passed through northeastern North Carolina about this time; pillaging and burning. A number of them were killed, and the rest were finally driven away, after having done a great deal of damage.

Charles Macdonald's account of Civil War times in this part of the State, would make an interesting volume. Among his most valued possessions "Uncle Charles" has a minie ball which he picked from one of the elms on Main street, in front of what is now the home of Dr. L. S. Blades, which he obtained soon after the bombardment of the city by the Federals in 1862. "Uncle Charles" is still active despite his 75 years and is in great demand as a horse doctor in Pasquotank and nearby counties.