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## SAUNDERS DROPS OUT OF RACE FOR CONGRESS

### Hasn't Time or Money to Carry on Primary Contest and Isn't Too Strong for Party Any Way—Probably Helps Small

W. O. Saunders will not be a candidate for Congress from this district subject to the Democratic Primary election. Saunders reached this decision this week, the decision being forced upon him by the unprecedented conditions confronting newspaper publishers generally at the present time. Neither will W. O. Saunders be an independent candidate for Congress from this district. As to what he might do in the event of the organization of a new party in the United States this summer is another matter. It is known that he is out of sympathy with both old line political parties and would welcome a political organization not so radical as the Socialists.

In withdrawing from the primary contest Saunders leaves the field open to Hon. John H. Small and Hon. H. S. Ward, with the chances now all in favor of Mr. Small securing the nomination. Mr. Small will undoubtedly carry the district overwhelmingly, with a few exceptions here and there. Mr. Ward has disappointed even his most sanguine friends.

Ward has made the old time mistake of asking the Democrats of this district to throw Small overboard because Small has been in office twenty years or more. That's all. Mr. Ward has no platform, no program, no expressed conception of the problems of the present congress and offers the voter absolutely nothing in return for his vote, except a sly insinuation that he is friendly to the liquor interests. Against Ward's sly pretensions to being a friend of the monkey-rummer is Mr. Small's established record. Mr. Small, with his State's Rights, has always been in line with the liquor interests and Ward can't put anything over on him on that score. The difference between the two men on the liquor question is something like this: Mr. Small knows how to drink liquor and Mr. Ward doesn't; Mr. Small votes the way he talks and Mr. Ward gets prohibition speeches and headaches out of the same jug.

In withdrawing from the Congressional race W. O. Saunders says: "When I persuaded myself to be a candidate for Congress I did not believe that I could defeat Mr. Small in a Democratic primary this year. I did believe and do now believe that I could give him such a race as would secure my nomination with easy running another campaign. But I am handicapped because of my lack of sympathy with so many men in the Democratic party. I am not a Wilson, Palmer, McAdoo, Simmons man and I would invite only trouble for myself and for the party by making myself too active in the party's affairs."

"I have been surprised and gratified at the support my candidacy has received in every corner of the district and I am candid enough to admit that most of this support came from men like myself who are dissatisfied with the party and yearning for an opportunity to voice their protest against things as they are. I believe that my candidacy would do more than anything else could do to hold the Democratic majority together in these restless, chaotic times when voters in both the old parties are ready to break traces and show their independence."

"I could give many reasons why I will not ask for the Democratic nomination. To begin with, there is a vast personal expense and loss of time involved in making a campaign. I have

## GARDNER GETS INTO PASQUOTANK COUNTY



O. MAX GARDNER

LIEUTENANT GOV. GARDNER was in Pasquotank yesterday, speaking at Newland High School yesterday afternoon and at Fork School last night. He spent the forenoon in Elizabeth City shaking hands with friends and making votes for Governor Gardner.

neither the expense nor the time to spare right now. My newspaper, THE INDEPENDENT, at the present time is exacting every minute of my time and every ounce of my energy, due largely to a shortage of labor and an increased volume of business. I have my hands full with this newspaper right now, with no prospects of a slack in the rush business for the next two or three months. Other reasons I have indicated. Still other reasons will be manufactured by my enemies."

## THE FOREMANS BUY BRANNING'S

### Pioneer Band Saw Mill and Extensive Timber Holdings Acquired Locally

The Foreman-Blades Lumber Co. of Elizabeth City has purchased the saw mill of the Branning Manufacturing Co. at Edenton and all the timber holdings of that company in Chowan, Tyrrell and Bertie counties adjacent to the Edenton mill. The Branning Mfg. Co. retains its mill at Ahoskie, in Hertford county and certain timber holdings in that vicinity.

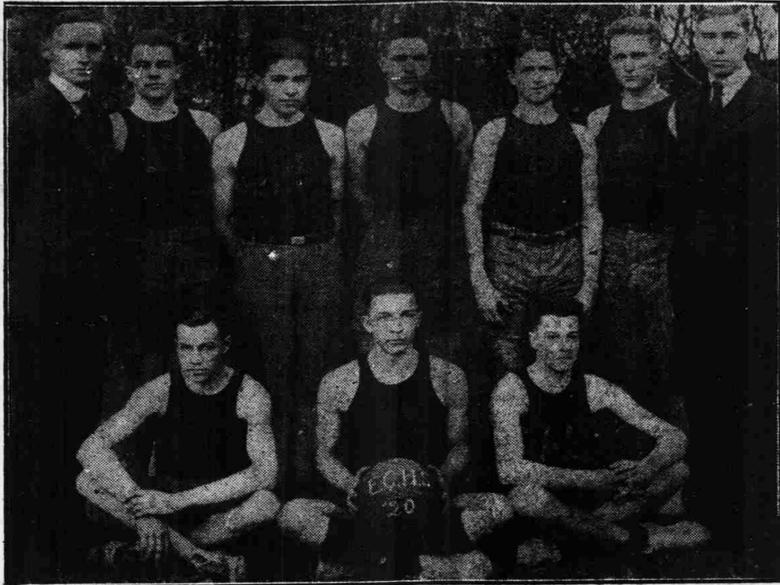
The Foreman-Blades Lumber Co. is not ready to make known its intentions in regard to continuing the operation of the mill at Edenton, but an officer of the company stated to-day that they purchased the property primarily to secure the timber holdings that went with it. The mill at Edenton is a one band mill with a daily capacity of 40,000 feet. The mills of the Foreman-Blades Lumber Co. at Elizabeth City are modern in construction and have a capacity of 100,000 feet a ten hour day, or 200,000 feet daily when operated in day and night shifts. It is not believed here that the Foreman-Blades Lumber Co. will long continue the mill at Edenton, as every bit of the millions of feet of timber purchased with the mill could be utilized in operating their mills at Elizabeth City.

The purchase of the Branning Mfg. Co. by this Elizabeth City concern therefore probably means the early dismantling of one of the pioneer saw mill properties in eastern North Carolina. The Branning Mfg. Co., established about 35 years ago by J. W. Branning, built the first band saw mill in the south. It was for many years the only manufacturing industry in the town of Edenton.

The Foreman-Blades Lumber Co. is one of the strongest concerns financially in Elizabeth City. The company was originally the Elizabeth City Lumber Co. founded back in 1892. In 1906 the company was reorganized as the Foreman-Blades Lumber Co. its officers now are J. Wesley Foreman, president and L. R. Foreman, secretary-treasurer.

The amount of money involved in the purchase of the Branning property has not been divulged.

## Here's Pep, Pluck and Stamina For You



THIS is the 1920 Elizabeth City High School basketball team, the husky aggregation of young athletes who won a place in the State basketball championship preliminaries for the local High School this year—the first time that Elizabeth City has ever been represented in this big annual athletic event. These fellows won nine out of twelve games played piling up a total of 485 points against 265 for their opponents. Their names are, top row, left to right: Prof. A. B. Combs, Coach, Francis Seyffert, Robert Kramer, Claude Jones, Grice McMullan, Ray Quinn, Prof. Holmes, Second Coach. Sitting: Selden Lamb, George Modlin, Captain, and Charles Seyffert. Photo by Leon Sklar.

## HERE'S A NEW KIND OF BOAT

### A 295 Ton Freighter That Will Draw Only One to Five Feet of Water

#### INVENTED BY LOCAL MAN

A newly designed boat and a new method propelling same, invented by Fred D. Doty of Elizabeth City and designed for the navigation of the shallow inland waterways of North Carolina, is attracting considerable attention in maritime circles.

The boat is of the flat bottom type with dead rise bow. The invention consists of an extended stern built in the boat for two purposes. The first is to carry a steel axle across the extended stern, attached to four hinged frames supported by four bearings. The second is to allow a solid body of water to pass from under the center of the stern while the water on either side is churned by the wheels causing it to become aerated, this releasing the dead water or drag of the boat.

On either side of the extended stern are paddle wheels, which have a sleeve through the hub, allowing them to operate around the axle instead of being turned by a shaft under the old method. These wheels are propelled independently by a crude oil engine at a guaranteed cost of one half pint per hour per H. P. With two 100 H. P. engines burning crude oil at 5c per gallon, the consumption 6 1/2 gallons per hour for each engine or 13 gallons for both at a cost of 65c per hour for fuel, and developing a speed of nearly 12 miles per hour.

With a simple worm gear mechanism under the four axle bearings will enable the wheels to be raised to conform the changing draft of the boat at varying loads thus giving the correct dip of the wheel buckets for all drafts of water. By the improved method of operation each wheel is worked separately, one can be operated in a forward direction while the other may be reversed, thus enabling the boat to be maneuvered around bends with ease and so can navigate crooked rivers at good speed.

A boat of this type 138 feet long with 30 foot beam will draw but one foot of water light and her extreme draft with 295 tons of freight will be but five feet. This will enable the boat to be operated on very shallow rivers and make a great saving in the building of piers and their maintenance, along the banks of the rivers instead of having to build the piers out to deep water.

These boats are to be used on the rivers and serve as feeders to the main line of improved motor barges which will navigate the sounds of North Carolina and successfully pass through the canals and also navigate the water of Chesapeake Bay.

These barges are similar to the present type except that they are propelled by twin-screw wheels operated in tunnels at the stern. They will have two rudders, one back of each wheel so as to handle the boat to good advantage. The deck is provided with three houses, a large middle house is for light and bulky freight while the heavy cargo is lowered into the hold directly from the outside by electric hoists. The forward house is used for small packages and the most valuable freight, while the house at the stern will furnish light, sanitary and comfortable quarters for the crew.

These barges will be 150 feet in length with 28 feet beam and draw seven feet of water and carry a load of 500 tons.

The Inland Navigation Company has been incorporated under the laws of North Carolina with the following officers:

## OVERALLS

By Ralph Pool  
The latest fad has hit the town! In overalls of blue or brown Are those who fondly advocate A simple dressed-in-denim state. Thus far the move shows little speed

Among our local sporting breeds; Folks seem inclined to hesitate Before they take this latest bait.

Since overalls became the style, Their price advances, mile on mile, And soon the plain, hard-working jay Must hop clouds in a cutaway. While lumbermen in full-dress togs Will ply their trade of raking logs, If overalls approach the mark Hoped by the fancy-profit shark.

For ladies, when downtown they go, An apron, termed the "bungalow" Is now on deck, and quite the style (Please pardon our unseemly smile). Forsooth, when faddish fashion calls, The fair sex ever promptly falls; Ere long each young and ancient maid In denim may be seen arrayed.

Already overalls for men Have passed beyond our simple ken; The latest thing they advertise Has rhinestone buckles large in size. The price, not counting pleats and tucks, Is slightly less than fifty bucks! But this, of course, should never rile The guy who has to keep in style.

The faddist, now in denim seen, Still burns up costly gasoline; He buys silk shirts at twenty each, As many as his purse will reach, The while he tells us, looking wise, He's learning to economize! Still others argue, waxing hot, We should wear out the clothes we've got.

MORAL:  
The simple course for you and me, If we would gain prosperity, Is, not to be too very rash, In parting with our ready cash. We all can cut out many frills, Which now are adding to our bills, And when it comes to overalls, Buy not because Dame Fashion calls.

LOST—A PRINTER  
Herbert H. Smith, foreman of the mechanical department of THE INDEPENDENT for several years, has quit. It wasn't that THE INDEPENDENT didn't like Smith or that Smith didn't like THE INDEPENDENT; but Smith is getting on in years—now in his 26th year—and he wants to get in business for himself. He expects to open a job printing plant in his home town, Edenton, N. C. and show the people of that city and section all he learned about the printing craft from THE INDEPENDENT. Edenton will be the winner while this newspaper loses one of its most popular and efficient employees. DeLon Johnson succeeds Mr. Smith as foreman of THE INDEPENDENT shop.

YOUNG EYESIGHT  
IN OLD AGE  
You can't grow younger; but you can enjoy good sight to a ripe old age, if you change your glasses as the advancing years demand.

My eyeglass service is based on long experience, modern equipment and progressive methods in optometry.

This entitles me to your serious consideration, if your eyes need glasses.

DR. J. D. HATHAWAY  
Phone 999 :: Eliz. City, N. C.  
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## OVERALLS MAY MAKE MEN FREE

### The Fad Will Hardly Lower Price of Clothing

By W. O. SAUNDERS

The only good thing that can come of the Overalls Club fad is the introduction of the fad will give millions of men to a sensible, serviceable garment that should be a part of every man's wardrobe. Millions of men have never realized the full height and scope of their usefulness and productivity simply because they never have worn clothes conducive to genuine labor. There are a thousand and one useful, labor saving, money saving, honorable, healthful and thoroughly delightful things that a fellow in overalls can do, that the same fellow never could do in creased trousers and immaculate togery.

Just because he hasn't a suit of overalls handy the average man lets his \$2,000 automobile depreciate 10 per cent a month for want of oil, grease and attention to the nether parts of the thing. Just because he has never felt the abandon and freedom of a pair of overalls the average business and professional man doesn't know that he can take down and put up the stoves, repair his furnace or do a bit of plumbing.

And because he doesn't know the abandon and freedom of a suit of overalls, the average man has lost the vim and enthusiasm of youth. He has forgotten how to play in his custom tailored clothes; he doesn't know the joy of rolling and tumbling on the ground with his kiddies and the puppies, because he can't get off his dignity for fear of getting his clothes mused up.

I am for the Overall Clubs, not for what they think they are for, but for the reason which I have stated. As an attempt to hammer down the high prices of other wearing apparel, the Overall Clubs will prove a fizzle and demonstrate again how little vered we American people are in simple economics. But for giving adult Americans a new sense of freedom and independence; for taking the starch and stiffness out of our conduct; for giving us an excuse to relax, romp, bend, get down underneath things and climb over other things; for killing off our snobbery and contempt for anything that soils our hands and haberdashery, the Overall Clubs may prove a blessing in disguise.

FOR SALE:—Full blood Guernsey and Jersey heifer, seven months old, in good condition. A. E. JONES, R. F. D. 3, City. cApr. 23-11

## AMERICAN LEGION HAS ORGANIZED POST HERE

### Named In Honor of Seth W. Perry Only Pasquotank Boy Killed in Action in Great War

## ATTENDS A. M. A. MEET IN NEW ORLEANS, LA.



DR. W. W. SAWYER

DR. WALTER SAWYER leaves this week to attend the annual convention of the American Medical Association which will be in session in New Orleans next week. He will be gone until May 5. Taking advantage of his absence this newspaper presents herewith a photo of this popular specialist. Dr. Sawyer started his professional career as a country doctor, at Shiloh, Camden county. He foresaw a larger field of usefulness in Elizabeth City, went to Columbia University in New York City, took a post graduate course in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, returned to Elizabeth City, opened offices and has been busy ever since. Photo by Mrs. Wootten.

## MOONSHINERS KEEP FEDERAL AGENTS BUSY

### 150 Stillis and \$20,000 Worth of Material Destroyed in Two Months

Nearly twenty thousand dollars worth of material used in the manufacture of whiskey was destroyed in Eastern North Carolina from March 1 to April 19 by Federal Prohibition Agents J. F. Liffey and H. G. Gulley, according to totals divulged when the work of the officers was checked up yesterday by a representative of Supervising Federal Prohibition Agent S. A. Braeme's office.

The two officers covering Zones 1 and 2, district of Eastern North Carolina, comprising 59 counties, have made a record which, it is believed, establishes a new high mark in the crusade against illicit distilleries. In addition to the property destroyed, the value of property seized including automobiles and other vehicles, was \$27,140. A total of 150 illicit distilleries were broken up; 119 prosecutions were started; 29,450 gallons of beer were destroyed; 949 fermenters were smashed; 250 gallons of whiskey were poured out; the value of the entire amount of property destroyed being \$19,335.

## THE SPENCER COMPANY TO CARRY QUALITY FOOTWEAR

The Spencer Co., Elizabeth City's newest goods furnishing store, will add men's, women's and children's shoes to their line. They have secured the Florsheim shoe for men, the Patrician shoe for women and Lenox shoes for children, every line a strong one. With the Kuppenheimer line of clothing for men this store is well prepared to meet the demands of those who favor nationally advertised lines of merchandise.

## MR. FLETCHER HAS A GOSLING WITH 4 FEET

M. R. Fletcher, R. F. D. 1, Elizabeth City, has a gosling with four legs and four feet, hatched one day last week. Mr. Fletcher says the gosling seems to be perfectly sound and normal in every other particular and uses all four legs in getting about. In fact, says Mr. Fletcher, the gosling walks like a mule. The freak gosling also has wings.

In this way much material of historical worth which might otherwise be lost will be permanently preserved by the Legion. It is especially urged that all ex-service men send picture of themselves either to Miss Catherine S. Albertson or to Ralph Pool, both at Elizabeth City, so that a permanent State record may be kept of all the men, and that future generations may say that in all probably the Germans were frightened into surrender by the tough appearance of their Pasquotank opponents, rather than by their soldierly qualities.

## Insurance Converted

Men who wish to convert their War Risk Term Insurance into regular life insurance or other forms of Government insurance should see Legion Insurance Officer Sidney G. Etheridge at The Apothecary Shop in this city. Mr. Etheridge has made a careful study of Government insurance, and he is prepared to offer valuable suggestions to those who have not decided what form of insurance they wish to carry. It should be remembered that all men whose insurance has lapsed through non-payment of premiums may renew it at any time within 18 months after their discharge from the service, and that Government insurance can be carried at less cost than similar insurance in private companies.

After a lively discussion of the soldier compensation measure which is now before Congress, members of the local post of the American Legion voted Monday night to pass no resolutions either endorsing or disapproving the bonus plan, in view of the fact that only about 40 of Pasquotank's 400 ex-service men were present at the meeting. It was felt by many present that any action taken by those at the meeting would be likely to be out of line with the sentiment of the majority of the men, and the matter was deferred until a later and more representative Legion assembly should be held. The Monday night meeting was called for the purpose of perfecting a permanent local Legion organization, adopting a constitution and by-laws, and electing permanent officers, as well as of deciding upon a permanent official name for the post.

## NAMED FOR SETH PERRY

In view of the circumstance that, as far as our records show, only one Pasquotank county boy was killed in action during the World War; and because, too, that boy was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for gallant service at the front, the name of the post was changed by the unanimous vote of those present from Pasquotank Post to Seth W. Perry Post of the American Legion. Thus the glorious sacrifice of the Okisko boy who lies buried in Flanders fields will be permanently kept in reverent memory by his comrades in arms. It is planned to have a large portrait of Seth Perry made and kept by the Legion as a memorial in his valiant service and heroic death. The Legion further adopted resolutions empowering its Adjutant to write a letter to Perry's bereaved mother, informing her of the action taken by the organization.

## Officers Elected

In conformity with the changed rules of the State and National Legion headquarters, the following officers were elected for a period of one year: Jerome B. Flora, Post Commander; Nathan P. Parker, Vice-Commander; Adjutant; Calvin H. Twiddy, Finance Officer; Ralph Pool, Historian, and Sidney G. Etheridge, Insurance Officer. The election of a Legion Chaplain was postponed until a later meeting, the members being unwilling to make any rash or hasty decision upon this important matter. The above officers of the Legion form an Executive Committee which is authorized to take any action which may be necessary upon matters which for good reasons cannot be put off until a meeting of the Legion may be called.

## Dues Fixed at \$2.00

Since the amount of the State and National dues of the Legion has been fixed at \$1.25, which also covers subscription to the Legion Weekly for the current year, it was decided after some discussion to fix the amount of the local dues at \$2.00 per year, thus allowing only 75 cents per member to the post for necessary expenses per year. It was pointed out that the incidental expense of organization will likely be the biggest item of cost to the post, and those in touch with the financial affairs of the organization believe that this amount will safely cover that.

## As To Membership

Any white soldier, sailor or marine who saw service in the military or naval forces of the United States between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, and who separated from the service under conditions amounting to an honorable discharge, and any citizen of the United States who served in the military or naval forces of any nation allied with this country between the above dates, provided he is again a citizen of the United States, is eligible for membership in Seth Perry post of the American Legion, provided such person did not attempt to evade military or other duty upon the plea of conscientious objection or for political reasons. The Legion is big enough to include every clear-cut American who served during the war, and it wants every one of these in its membership, but there is absolutely no room for conscientious objectors of whatever stripe.

## How to Get In

Ex-soldiers, sailors and marines who wish to become members of Seth Perry Post of the American Legion, and who have received application cards should fill out these cards and mail them to Joseph Peale, Adjutant, Elizabeth City, N. C. Cards may be obtained of Insurance Officer Sidney G. Etheridge at The Apothecary Shop in this city, and Mr. Etheridge will be glad to assist those who desire it in filling them out. When convenient, a remittance of \$2.00 covering the current year's dues may be sent with the application card, though this is not strictly necessary.

## Historical Data

Anyone in possession of any facts concerning incidents of the World War in which any men from Elizabeth City or Pasquotank county took part, should get in touch with Ralph Pool, Legion Historian, at the earliest possible date.