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## AUDIENCE IS STARTLED BY DEDICATORY SERMON

Christian People Given Something To Think About, In Sermon Dedicating \$200,000 House of Worship

Rev. Jesse L. Cuninggim, sometime pastor of First Methodist Church and now president of Scarritt Bible & Training School at Kansas City, Mo., startled his audience of nearly a thousand at the dedication of the new church, the finest in the South, Sunday morning. After a few preliminary remarks delivered in measured tones that had compelled the rapt attention of his audience, and after congratulating the congregation on the completion of its massive, pretentious and magnificent new edifice, recently equipped house of worship, Mr. Cuninggim extended the question: "Will all your prayers and pains and money you have spent on this house be justified?"

The latest purpose of the church is the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth. There is always the danger of making the church itself an end in itself and not a means to an end. As we have seen in Oriental nations, churches were created at the expense of a princely fortune and a life of labor. Today many of them are forsaken, some of them are used for immoral purposes and hide unnumbered wickedness within their walls. Surely the lives and money spent on the erection of these edifices have been spent in vain.

There are churches without number today that are never greatly honored over anything except their endowment and their own appointments. In every church great or small where the subject is forgotten, it becomes an idol in itself.

When speaking of a danger threat to a church in some distant city, he was speaking of a danger that threatens the churches right here in Elizabeth City. "That threatens this church, even in the hour of its greatness. For whenever a church is more about its own edifice than it is about the hungry and the needy, it is no longer a church of God."

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## The Woman in the White Slave Case



MRS. MAUD POWELL SHE is the woman in the White Slave case to be tried in the United States Court at Elizabeth City in October. B. J. Ashley, a young Chowan County farmer is accused of taking her from the home of her husband, Chas. Powell, a night watchman who lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Powell was formerly a trained nurse and the photo shows her in the costume of a nurse. She is five feet two inches in height, has dark hair threaded with gray and her skin is light and pale. At the time the photo was taken she weighed 147 lbs., but has since lost some weight and has hooped her hair.

## MR. CROOK HERE TO TALK TO THE FOLKS

Public Utilities Head Discovers the Value of Public Opinion At Late Date

Howard E. Crook, president of the public utilities companies arrived in Elizabeth City yesterday and is expected to be here for several days. It is said that Mr. Crook's visit here is mainly one of inspection of his properties, but a keen observer can not fail to note that Mr. Crook is chiefly interested in the attitude of the public and is spending a lot of time in meeting and conversing with representative business men. At a late date the utilities companies have discovered the value of public opinion and public good-will and are eager to discuss their problems with the people. At the same time Mr. Crook is finding a lot of folks who will listen to his own side of a case that has begun to look mighty black for his companies. While the public as a whole is disgusted with the private control of the city's public utilities and eager for a municipal ownership of these things that will give the town the service it demands and deserves, there are a lot of hard-headed business men who are a little chary about entrusting a three quarter of a million dollar enterprise to our prevailing type of City Hall politicians. There are others here who are financially interested in the public utilities plants and Mr. Crook is going to get a lot of ears to talk to.

## KNAPP WOULD HELP BUILD ISLAND ROAD

Offers To Make It Easy To Bridge Gap Between Coinjock and Church Island

Joseph P. Knapp, wealthy New York business executive and world famous sportsman who owns and enjoys quite an estate of his own in Currituck County, has offered to make it easy for the Highway Commission of that County to build a much needed road from Coinjock to Church Island. The road in question is about the worst in all of Currituck County and is peculiarly embarrassing because hundreds of visiting sportsmen have to use this road getting to and from some of the finest hunting preserves in the county. A contractor who is doing considerable road work on Mr. Knapp's estate says that the road to Church Island can be built for \$6,500. Mr. Knapp offers to donate \$500 of the cost of the road and lend the county the remaining \$6,000, to be paid back in four equal annual installments without interest.

## PITTSBURGH MILLIONAIRES TO FISH AT DUCK ISLAND

Among the party of members of the Duck Island Club located near Wachese, who passed thru Elizabeth City enroute to the club for a ten-day fishing trip were E. W. Fargnny, President of the American Sheet Metal & Tin Plate Co.; Grant McCargo Col. C. C. Butler, and J. C. Wasson of the Pittsburgh Hotels Co.; Jas. H. Park, and a Mr. Graham of New York. Besides the others with the party were two sons of Mr. McCargo, O. F. Gilbert and Dr. William Parker of this city will join the party on the fishing trip at their magnificent quarters, during the latter part of the week.

## COTTON CROP IS SHORT IN PASQUOTANK COUNTY

In spite of a doubled acreage of cotton in Pasquotank County this year, the crop is no more than that of last year, according to Robert Fearing of the Elizabeth City Milling Co. large growers of cotton in this county.

Cotton in the seed brought six and a half cents a pound during last week. The grade was poor, due to rains. Rains spoiled the bolls early and hindered their growth to half size, in spite of the good size of the stalks.

## LIVE WILD FOWL SHOW AT FAIR

Scene From Currituck Marshes To Be Transplanted To Fair Grounds

How wild ducks and wild geese are hunted from blinds or batteries is to be shown in a unique exhibit at the Greater Albemarle District Fair at Elizabeth City, Oct. 10, 11, 12 and 13, says Buxton White, Secretary. Mr. White plans to transplant a scene from the hunting marshes of Currituck County to the Fair Grounds at Elizabeth City. The waterfowl is to be obtained by throwing a dam across the ravine that intersects the Fair Grounds between the midway and the parking lot, thereby creating a small lake or lagoon filled with water to the depth of a foot or eighteen inches.

On the banks of this artificially created lagoon there will be constructed a blind of rushes such as hunters shoot from on the marshes of Currituck. Another blind of bushes and foliage such as one sees in the waters of Currituck Sound will be constructed in the water and a regular duck hunter with his automatic shotgun will crouch in a skiff behind the blind. Real wild geese and wild ducks such as are used as decoys by the hunters will be staked out in the water about the blind, just as the hunters stake out their decoys for real shooting.

The exhibit is expected to be one of the most attractive on the Fair Grounds. Thousands of Northeastern North Carolinians have never seen a wild goose or a wild duck in its native habitat or know how these birds are hunted. Curtis Baum, who is associated with Mr. White in the Buxton White Seed Co., is going to arrange the exhibit and bring real wild ducks and wild geese from Currituck, as well as a raft of the painted wooden decoys. Mr. Baum himself is an experienced hunter and was raised in the game marshes of Currituck. His uncle Dr. Julian C. Baum is superintendent of the Pine Island Club, owners of 12,000 acres of the finest marshes on the coast.

## RADIO PROBLEMS NEED PRACTICE TO SETTLE

Local Enthusiasts Admit There Are Many Tricks to Radio Which Can't All Be Learned At Once

In spite of all the efforts and the good machines used by local radio fans, the results of many long anticipated concerts in this city are considerably disappointing. Often on a beautiful night the boys down town gather around the receivers of Bryan Venters or Roy and Kermit Kramer, hoping for something wonderful to come out of the horn, and hear only a buzz and sputter like unto the snapping of a phonograph diaphragm. Again on other nights when the weather is damp and drizzly, the concerts are intelligible and entertaining.

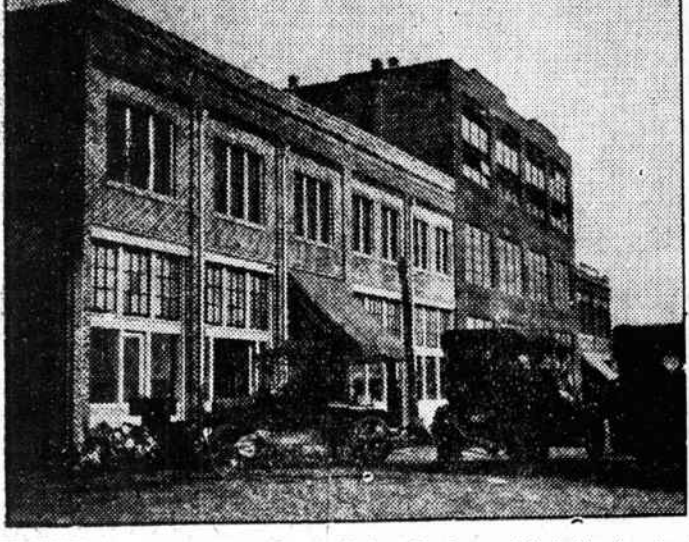
## HOUSING SHORTAGE IN ELIZABETH CITY AGAIN

Elizabeth City needs 100 more houses, according to L. B. Twiford, local real estate man, who says he has many applicants among people in other counties who are waiting for a house in order to move to Elizabeth City. Mr. Twiford states that people all over town are anxious to move this fall to other parts of the city. Many country people are anxious to move to Elizabeth City in search of better schools for their children.

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## City's Newest Business Block



RECENT improvements on North Water St. have shifted the heart of the wholesale merchandise business of the city a block from Main Street. The three-story building in the picture is the new store and factory of W. H. Weatherly Co., wholesale grocers and candy manufacturers. The block to the right of the Weatherly Building contains three stores, two of which are already occupied: one by the Stevens Jobbing Co., another by B. S. Banks. Photo by The Independent.

## MUST GRADE POTATOES TO BUILD UP MARKET

Government Report Says N. C. Potatoes Have Poor Reputation in Most Large Markets Because of Dirt, Poor Grading and Slack Packs

More attention to grading, to packing and to the elimination of dirt from North Carolina potatoes will be necessary on the part of growers of this section, in order for their crops to gain a reputation in the large markets, in competition with Eastern Shore Virginia potatoes.

This much is evident from the report of the U. S. Bureau of Crops and Markets, just furnished this newspaper by Richard C. Job, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Elizabeth City. The information comes as the result of the other established here this summer by the Bureau. The report of the representative follows:

The office was located at Elizabeth City because it is one of the heaviest loading stations in the State, and also because of the fact that the Chamber of Commerce offered to assist in defraying the expenses of the field station.

The potato section of North Carolina extends from Virginia on the north to South Carolina on the south and takes in all of the coastal counties, being widely scattered. It is really divided into three distinct districts as follows: The Washington-Aurora district, the Mount Olive district, and the Elizabeth City district. The Elizabeth City district ships approximately one-half of the potatoes shipped from the State, and about two-thirds of this stock is loaded at Elizabeth City, shipments from this loading point being approximately 1,110 cars. The Elizabeth City section consists of Currituck, Camden and Pasquotank counties, and is separated from the Washington section by the Albemarle Sound. The loading stations are fairly well concentrated in a small district, and practically all of the traveling buyers make Elizabeth City their headquarters. Practically all of the stock from Currituck County is brought down on boats and loaded at Elizabeth City. Other loading stations in this district are Edenton, Chapeauoke, Camden, Belcross, Shawboro, Corapeake, and Moyock.

More fact information can be obtained at Elizabeth City than from any other point, but because of the poor telephone service it is practically impossible to secure information from the other districts. The telephone service is probably as good at this point as anywhere else in Eastern North Carolina. The mail connections are rather poor in regard to serving the other districts but there is no place in North Carolina from which reports can be issued and reach all outlying points in satisfactory time.

Methods of Marketing. Also considerable stock was sold on the basis of wire orders. Such usual terms and cash track, it was mainly a consignment deal this season. The majority of the potatoes are grown on contract. The larger growers usually handle their own stock, most of this being consigned this season to the larger terminal markets, although a few cars were sold to the cash track buyers.

## IN THE MESHES OF THE U. S. WHITE SLAVE LAW



B. J. ASHLEY THIS is B. J. Ashley the young Chowan County farmer and ex-service man who is under a \$400 bond for his appearance at the October term of the Federal Court in Elizabeth City on a charge of taking a woman from one state to another for immoral purposes. A picture of the woman in the case appears elsewhere on this page. The picture of Ashley is from a Kodak snapshot.

## BURDEN OF \$300 FALLS ON PASQUOTANK CO.

This Time Expense Comes From City Policeman's Pastime of Shooting Negroes at Daybreak

The burden of paying the hospital expenses of David Overton who was shot on the morning of April 2 by Police Officer George W. Twiddy, falls on the county of Pasquotank. Twiddy was fined \$250 in Superior Court here last week after having been found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. A fine of \$100 was imposed on Ralph Cutrell who with Deputy Sheriff Horatio Seymour of Camden, Linwood Cartwright and Pete Sawyer accompanied Twiddy, in the search without a warrant, outside the city limits for the negro youth who was wanted on a charge of vagrancy. The latter three companions of Twiddy were acquitted, the evidence showing that only Cutrell assisted in the shooting.

Cutrell's fine of \$100 goes to the school fund. Twiddy's fine is to pay the court costs amounting to \$120, and \$25 to Dr. C. B. Williams. The balance is to go to the negro in installments of \$8.33 a month. Twiddy's testimony resulted in a clash with the Chief of Police and Sheriff Charles Reid. These officers contradicted the claim that Twiddy was sent by them to hunt the negro without a warrant.

The opinion of the court was that an officer who was obliged to kill in the discharge of his duties should surrender his badge and find something else to do. In his address to the jury, Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus expressed the following opinions: "I have no personal feelings in this case but the feeling that rises within a human being when some weaker creature had been imposed upon."

Twiddy wanted to show off before his visiting officers from Camden. Under the law they had no right to go nor he to ask them without he produced a warrant and showed his authority. He had no authority whatever to go out in the county after a vagrant, and under the law the negro had a right to stand his ground and blow daylight thru them all."

"What he needs is a little more guts and less pistol. His desire to use his pistol simply means that he is lacking in nerve. The verdict of guilty is needed if others are to have their rights as well as policemen. It looks as if we have gotten to the point where we have to protect ourselves not only from lawbreakers who are not policemen, but from policemen as well. Heaven only knows when we are going to get shot with men like that running loose."

## PAY \$410,000 IN TIMBER DEAL

Foreman-Blades Lumber Co. Acquire Big Tract in Bertie

A timber deal of immense importance to Elizabeth City and said to be the largest real estate transaction of record in Bertie County, was consummated a few days ago by the purchase of the holding of the Cashie & Chowan Railroad Lumber Co. by the Foreman-Blades Lumber Co., of Elizabeth City.

The consideration involved was \$410,000.00 and the Elizabeth City concern comes into possession of nearly 18,000 acres of valuable timber which is within a night's barrow of their Elizabeth City mills. This means that the Foreman-Blades Lumber Co. has added enough timber to its already immense holdings to insure the operation of its mills in this city for a half century at least. This fact is of immense economic importance, considering the number of big saw mills that have been discontinued and dismantled within recent years because of exhaustion of supplies of timber.

The Windsor (N. C.) Ledger cites some interesting facts in connection with the deal, saying: "The sale of the property by the Cashie and Chowan Railroad Lumber Company closes the operations in this county of the largest and most successful lumber companies ever engaged in the timber business in Bertie County. More than forty years ago, Mr. Greenleaf Johnson came to Bertie County with his sons, Howard N. Johnson and Greenleaf Johnson Jr., and began to purchase and cut timber in a small way. They increased the volume of the business yearly, and it soon became necessary to enlarge their operation and they organized and incorporated the Cashie and Chowan Railroad Lumber Company. This company was owned by Greenleaf Johnson, and two sons exclusively. The business grew rapidly and was very successful from its beginning. Mr. Greenleaf Johnson Sr., who was well known in this county for years as a wise and capable business man. He saw once that he could purchase cheap lands in Bertie County for a few dollars more than he would have to pay for the timber standing on them, and he began to buy the lands in fee simple. The Company after operating a large saw mill in lumber plant on the Cashie River for many years, finished cutting a timber of these lands, together with their other timber holdings about ten years ago and have operated here since."

## CAN GROW THE APPLES BUT HE CAN'T SEEM

Mr. James of Wekesville Wholesaler Complains That Comes From Many Good Farmers

B. T. James, a prominent farmer of the Wekesville section of this county has brought this newspaper specimens of fine apples grown in his orchard. Prettier, sounder-better flavored apples have not been shown on the local market this year for 20 years Mr. James has been harvesting apples from thirty or forty trees on his place; yet in all the years he says he has not been able to find a market for them.

He says that on one occasion selected eleven bushels of apples packed them in bushel hampers, brought them to town and after peddling them all over town he disposed of only three bushels at \$1.00 a bushel; the rest he left with a wholesale produce dealer to be sold on commission and he hardly netted enough from these to pay him for his trouble.

"I am disgusted with apple culture," says Mr. James. And the Mr. James went on to say: "You newspaper men, agricultural agent bankers and others tell us farmers we ought to raise this and we ought to raise that; but you don't tell us how to get our money out of the things after we grow them. I have fed hundreds of bushels of my apples to the hogs on my farm, while you people in town have paid fancy prices for apples not so good, imported from Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York."

"What we farmers want to know is how to dispose of our stuff, something like a profit after we have produced it."

Now read Saunders' editorial. Don't neglect your eyes. See Hathaway. He Knows.