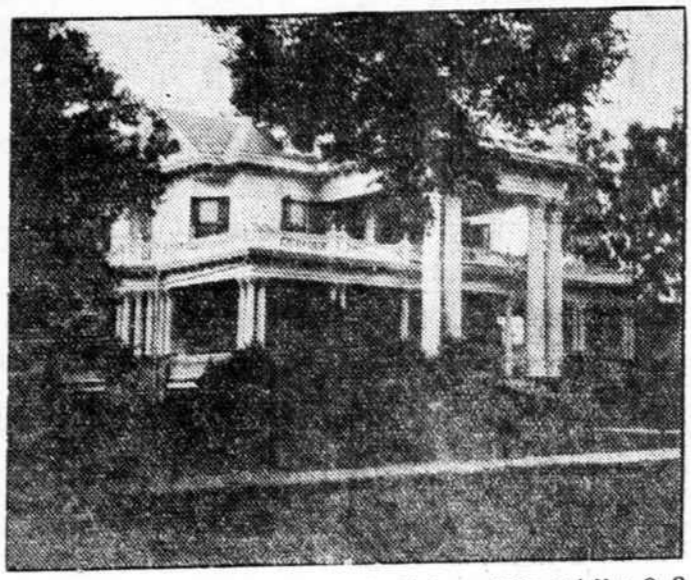


AVS SELFISHNESS IS TROUBLE WITH WORLD

Judge Kerr Tells Sunday School Class We Must Master Ourselves Before We Can Love... Judge John H. Kerr of Warrenton, 10th 1004 Superior Court here last...

One of the City's Beautiful Homes



HERE is the way the beautiful East Main St. home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Robinson, of this city, shows up in the light of an early morning. Photo from The Independent's camera.

MAIL ORDERS GIVEN PROMPT ATTENTION Miller, Rhoads & Swartz NORFOLK, VA.

The Fall Woolens Make a Great Display

YOUR first impression will be the great variety of weaves and the beauty of the Autumn shades. But it's when you stop to examine the fabrics with your fingers that you'll realize the richness of the textures and the real excellence of the qualities.

Mercerized Cotton Damask in Lovely Patterns

SO FAR as prettiness is concerned real linens are farly nicer—and these are widths and qualities most housekeepers like for everyday use.

All Pure Linen Table Damask

WHEN company comes the housekeeper likes to have her table covered with a beautiful all linen cloth of snowy whiteness—it is a matter of pride as well as satisfaction.

STOVES

The main thing to consider about a stove this Winter is whether or not it will burn soft coal. We have the old, original Sunshine hot blast heaters. They will burn either soft or hard coal or wood.

Carolinians you represent the purest Anglo-Saxon blood to be found in America. That makes you doubly strong, and your conduct should be governed for the best.

Each of you is an influence in the world either for good or bad. Your influence will live after you die, and in some form will pass down thru the ages for tens of thousands of years.

We look to the churches as the only force God has put here to help us to master ourselves. Every other like organization sprung from the influence of the church.

Judge Kerr pictured the sordid aspects of life which he finds daily in the court room. "I spend my time in trying men who cannot control themselves, and who because of circumstances have failed to love one another," he said.

American auto factories in June turned out 271,000 cars. At this rate, Americans are buying in a year more autos than exist in all other countries of the world combined.

Danced on 91st Birthday



MRS. CATHERINE ST. ELMÉ of Atlanta celebrated her ninety-first birthday by dancing at a party her daughter gave in honor of the anniversary. Her gown, more than 100 years old, was a party frock her mother wore. Mrs. St. Elme goes to several dances every season and has plenty of partners.

Things of Especial Interest Touching Woman and Her Sphere

By MABEL BRIGHT

WOMEN TO FORM A BOOK CLUB

Plans are now on foot for the developing of a Book Club among women who feel a desire for the constructive study of worth-while books. The course of study has not been definitely mapped out as yet, but is to be agreed upon later.

IN THE CITY SCHOOLS

At the beginning of another school year members of the Parent-Teachers' Association are resuming their work with fresh interest and enthusiasm. "The Parents' and Teachers' Association," says its President, Mrs. C. W. Melick, "challenges women to show whether they think the children of the community are worth their existence or not."

The work done last year by the association in distributing milk to the school children has had state-wide comment and they are anxious to continue this work as soon as financial support can be secured.

THE NEED FOR A PLAY GROUND GROWS

For years the court house lawn has been so well kept that it has been a pleasure and a pride to the whole town, as well as an unending subject for favorite comment from strangers. But now at the end of summer it has the appearance of a man fast becoming bald, no longer merely discouraged but almost resigned.

It was very noisy and sometimes a little trying to those who lived near by; it wore off the grass and ruined the looks of the square; but nobody complained and not a single "Keep off the grass" sign was put up.

The new high-school lot offers at least a temporary answer to the question, for the town can surely afford a supervisor to direct the play and see that any equipment, which has by that time been obtained, is not damaged.

Prettiest Girl In Capital



MISS EVELYN LEWIS, shown here, represented the city of Washington in the Atlantic City pageant Sept. 6, 7 and 8. She had previously been chosen, by popular vote, as the prettiest girl in the capital. Miss Lewis has a position with the government, in the Veterans Bureau.

TEACHING THE BIBLE THROUGH THE EYE

Christ Episcopal Church Arouses Interest With Pictures at Sunday Night Services

The silver screen at Christ Episcopal Church this city is drawing a good attendance on Sunday nights in spite of other religious attractions in town. Colored pictures of Bible scenes thrown up to life size, and made plain with lectures bringing out the lessons of different events, are giving to church goers a more complete, comprehensive and interesting version of the scriptures than can be obtained by reading them.

The subject Sunday night was "Creation, Adam and Eve and the Story of Noah." The plan followed by this church this summer of giving illustrated lectures on the Bible at night service has proved such a success that it is being continued.

1,485 IN SCHOOLS

In the Elizabeth City Public Schools the enrollment for the school year 1922-23 is as follows:

- High-school, 320.
- Grammar-school, 631.
- Primary-school, 534.

Among the new teachers are Miss Beatrice Cantrell of Mississippi, and Miss Bertha Hollingsworth of Georgia, who are teaching English in the high-school; Miss Jamie Wall, who is offering a business course; Miss Mary Willis of Virginia; who has charge of the fourth grade; and Miss India Bartlett from South Mills who has one of the first grades.

NEW PASTOR ARRIVES

The members of the First Baptist Church of this city, will welcome their new pastor, Dr. Samuel H. Templeman next Sunday when he will preach his first sermon here as pastor. Dr. Templeman's wife and children have already arrived and are moving in the parsonage on Main Street.

Norfolk Southern R.R. Announces

REDUCED ROUND TRIP FARES to NEW BERN, N. C. account EAST CAROLINA FAIR

Tickets on sale daily Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28, and for trains scheduled to arrive New Bern, N. C. before noon of September 29, 1922. Limit for return to reach original starting point before midnight of September 30, 1922. For further particulars call on or write to your nearest ticket agent.

J. F. DALTON, General Passenger Agent, Norfolk, Va.

The needle is mightier than the pen.

Questions Asked by a Taxpayer Concerning Elizabeth City's Public Utilities

The following letter by a Taxpayer in which questions are asked concerning the service rendered by their Sewer, Water and Electric Light Companies indicates that their action in respect to increasing the facilities either through municipal ownership or development of the present plants will be governed by the service desired.

We therefore welcome this opportunity to explain the position of the company regarding the points raised by this Taxpayer's letter.

MR. HOWARD E. CROOK, President of Public Utilities, City. Elizabeth City, N. C., September 21, 1922.

Dear Sir:- I have read with interest your Open Letter to the people of Elizabeth City and I am frank to say that certain of your statements have impressed me so much that I am writing to ask for information on some points that I would like to have explained and about which I feel sure that the people of our city would be interested in knowing.

- 1—What have you to say about your failure to sewer the whole town?
- 2—Why have you not furnished good water?
- 3—Why have you not installed an up-to-date electric plant supplying continuous and steady service?
- 4—Would it not be better for the City to start over again and construct up-to-date sewer, water and electric plants than to purchase your properties even though this result in a great loss to you.

Hoping your companies may see fit to make reply, I remain, Yours truly, A TAXPAYER.

Each of these questions will be answered fully in the next issue of The Independent.

What Elizabeth City's Public Utilities Consist of

Most people in Elizabeth City are accustomed to push a button and get light, the industries throw a switch and get their power; people turn a spigot and are supplied an abundance of good water, they merely pull a stopper or a handle to carry used water out of their homes.

To provide this service MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS HAVE BEEN INVESTED over a period of years. This money has been spent in plants and modern equipment and machinery that functions every minute of the year.

As only a few people have any idea of the extent of the three companies' (sewerage, water and electric light) facilities, the following is presented for the information of the community:

Sewerage System: Elizabeth City's sewerage system consists of 30,000 feet of main pipes connecting with 550 homes and business establishments. Two pumps carry the sewerage into the river, thus protecting the health of the community. Main pipes as well as connections are generally in good condition. This is proved by the low upkeep expense, records showing that as little as \$17.50 was spent over a period of three consecutive years in repairs. Breaks in the pipes have occurred, occasionally, however. While all homes are not connected with sewers, this may be done by adding to the present system.

Water System: About nine hundred homes and business customers are supplied by the water company. Sixty-four thousand feet of water mains serve Elizabeth City. The average daily consumption of water is 400,000 gallons. Water is secured from Knobb's Creek, purified and filtered by modern methods. Ample pressure is maintained for ordinary use, auxiliary pressure being applied in fire emergencies and meeting insurance underwriters' requirements. Health Department analyses certify the purity of the city water supply.

Light and Power Facilities: Elizabeth City seldom uses more than fifty per cent of our generating capacity. We serve fifteen hundred patrons with light and power. Large investments in modern machinery, equipment, materials and supplies have been made in order to provide electric current. Much of our materials and supplies is purchased in Elizabeth City.

We have every confidence in the fairness of the people of Elizabeth City. We refuse to believe that they will accept without question the many incorrect statements which have been and are being circulated concerning the physical condition of our properties. We claim that the plants are in good condition.

The Fair Attitude of a Citizen Towards Elizabeth City's Public Utilities

My suggestion that if the people of Elizabeth City eventually decide to operate one or all of the public utilities the existing facilities could be made the nucleus of an enlarge service has met the approval of many citizens as a sound business proposition.

A prominent citizen who requested that his name be withheld at present has informed the Companies that the suggestion is one that the city authorities and the people should go into deeply as it promises to save Elizabeth City a large amount of money.

This citizen stated that the people should remember that the first thing to be considered is the cost of building sewerage, water and other facilities and he questioned whether or not such an investment would be justified in view of the fact that the city already has going facilities at its command.

The citizen favored municipal ownership of utilities vital to public welfare. He realized, however, that the present plants have served the people for years, and reasonably well, and that they have a large intrinsic value. Certainly they could not be replaced for anywhere near the purchase price and the citizen declared the plants are in much better condition than the people realize.

The citizen was also impressed with our claim that it would cost more for the city to replace the sewers on Main, Matthews, Fearing and Church Streets from Road Street to the wharf than the city has offered the company. He also said it would cost probably twice as much to replace the water system as has been offered the Company. He realized the difficulty and interference with business that would result from tearing up all the streets in Elizabeth City to construct new facilities.

This citizen wants the city to pay a fair price for whatever it buys from the utility companies. He favored fair treatment to the outside and local capital that has been invested in the properties, especially since no return has been made upon the investment during a long period of years although the people of Elizabeth City have enjoyed the benefit of the facilities.

HOWARD E. CROOK, Electric Light Company of Elizabeth City, Elizabeth City Water & Power Company, Elizabeth City Sewerage Company.

Very few married men can drive an auto with one hand.