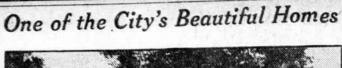
VS SELFISHNESS IS TROUBLE WITH WORLD

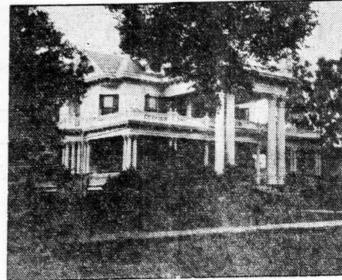
Kerr Tells Sunday School Class Me Must Master Ourselves Before We Can Love

hilld Superior Court here last fold the members of the Men's le Class of Blackwell Memorial ilst Sunday School some things for morning that made them sit

The Trouble with the Work"-The one command that sought-Love one another. ever be obeyed until we lessrn ster ourselves," warned Judge "The world to-day, more than looking for men and wongen

icans. You are fortunate





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 North a from The Independent's camera,

your country.

feet the future well being of your

world either for good or bad. Your

would plunge the countries of En-

rope into a war greater than the

hearts toward one another because

something away from it. The Ger-

selfishness caused the war we have

ike organization sprung from the in-

hru the teachings of Jesus Christ.

that life has been short and that they

Judge Kerr pictured the sordid as-

peets of life which he finds daily in

the court room. "I spend my time

cumstances have failed to love one

American nuto factories in June

and has plenty of partners.

mother," he said.

MAIL ORDERS GIVEN PROMPT ATTENTION

Miller, Rhoads & Swartz

The Fall Woolens Make a Great Display

7OUR 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 stextures and the real excellence of the qualities.

In this display is to be seen every Woolen your wardrobe will require-with the aid of PICTORIAL PAT-TERNS you can easily make such garments in our own home. Samples of Silks, Woolens and Wash Goods

-All Wool Poiret Twill Suitings, 54 inches wide. Priced at \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 a yard.

-All Wool Tricotine Suitings, 54 inches wide. Priced at \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 a yard.

-All wool Velour Suitings, 54 inches wide. Priced at \$3 and \$3.50 a yard.

-All Wool French Serge, 54 inches wide, in a dark hade of navy. Three extra good values. Priced at \$2, 2.50 and \$3 a yard.

-All Wool Homespun Suitings, 54 inches wide, shown in the new fall shades. Priced at \$1.79 and \$2.50 a yard. -All Wool Bolivia Coatings, 54 inches wide, of unsually fine quality and soft finish. Shown in the favored shades. Priced at \$4.50 a yard.

-All Wool Skirtings 54 inches wide, displaying the new plaids and stripes. Priced at \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4.50. \$5 and \$6 a yard.

-Wool Mixed Suitings, 40 inches wide, in pretty plaids and checks that are suitable for children's wear. Priced at \$1.25 a yard. -All Wool Storm Serge, 44 inches wide, in navy and

black. Suitable for dresses and skirts. Thoroughly sponged and shrunk. Priced at \$1.25 a yard. All Wool Plaid Back Coatings, 54 inches wide. One

of the most favored coatings. Priced at \$4.50 a yard. All Wool Novelty Coatings, 54 inches wide, shown in a number of pleasing effects. Priced at \$2.50 a yard.

Plume street, first floor

Mercerized Cotton Damask in Lovely Patterns

SO'FAR as prettiness is concerned real linens are most housekeepers like for everyday use.

These are of excellent weight - will launder nicely and wear well-the collection contains a number of spot and Poral patterns. Choice of three widths-at special

58 inch Mercerized Damask at 50c and 59c a yard. 64 inch Mercerized Damask at 75c a yard.

72 inch Mercerized Damask at 75c a yard.

72 inch Mercerized Damask at \$1 and \$1.25 a yard.

All Pure Linen Table Damask

HEN 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

Having nice table linen is not the expensive matter it has been for several years. This beautiful table damask is an all pure linen, 72 inches wide, in several patterns. A real Irish made linen of heavy weight that will give the expected splendid service. Priced \$3 a yard. 22 inch Napkins to match-at \$8 a dozen,

Plume street, first floor

Sheet iron and cast iron heaters from \$1.50 up.

The main thing to consider about a stove this Winter is whether or not it

We have the old, original Sunshine hot blast heaters. They will burn either s

soft or hard coal or wood. Priced tt No. 114, \$28.50; No. 116, \$33.00 and No. 118,

COOK STOVES AT A 30 PER CENT REDUCTION

reduction on former prices. You can get the stove you have been wanting so long.

CULPEPPER HARDWARE CO.

We are closing out our stock of Martha Washington cookstoves at a 30%

STOVES

\$37.00.

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. The club will not be of a social nature, and only minds will be refreshed and thoughts fed. This movement is largely due to the inspiration of Miss Hamilton, last year's Chantanqua su perintendent, whose lectures on famous authors proved so interesting and delightful that the women who made up her audience persuaded her to give them two additional lectures after here regular program was finished. Since then the need for an organized plan of literary study has been more than ever felt, and the Angle-Saxon blood to be found in Book Club promises to answer this America. That makes you doubly need in an altogether worth-while strong, and your conduct should be governed for the best. In your lives you create influences which will af-

IN THE CITY SCHOOLS

state and the national welfare of At the beginning of another school year members of the Parent-Teachers' Association are resuming their work with fresh interest and enthusnfluence will live afer you die, and iasm. "The Parents' and Teachers' some form will pass down thru Association," says its President, Mrs. the ages for tens of thousands of C. W. Melick, "challenges women to years. By mustering yourself you show whether they think the children of the community are worth their existence or not." The association is not only for parents and teachers, but the appeal is to women of all world has yet known, if they had the ages, whatever their individual intermoney to finance it. Hate is in their ests may be. Formerly the general attitude of citizens toward the each thinks the other has taken schools and school children has been very impersonal. They have content with the government, in the Vetman people desired to own everything ed themselves with meeting the neethey could lay their hands on, their essary financial obligations and have felt that their duty was then discharged. But now, thanks to the spirit of the Rotary Club and the only force God has put here to help Kiwanis Club, people are beginning is to master ourselves. Every other to see more and more the need for personal interest and service. Since fluences of the church. We should the men are coming to realize this support it because here we are more than they ever have before. taught the word of God given us their organizations can surely be counted on to back up the work of "Don't be discouraged if you do the women, who are always closest good attendance on Sunday nights in of accomplish all you set out to fin- to children and who have the finest The oldest men will tell you opportunity to serve them.

The work done last year by the then selves never achieved half of association in distributing milk to the school children has had state-wide comment ,and they are auxious to continue this work as soon as financial support can be secured. The Parent-Teachers' Association is now n trying men who cannot control a member of the State Federation hemselves, and who because of cirof Women's Clubs and has ambitious

THE NEED FOR A

urned out 271,060° cars. At this has been so well kept that it has week to week, and was unusually ore autos than exist in all other been a pleasure and a pride to the good even during the warm nights of countries of the world combined. In whole town, as well as an unfailing June and July. The slides have met he world are 1314 million autos, subject for favorite comment from with keen interest on the part of the and 1012 million of them are in strangers. But now at the end of children, as well as the grown peo-America. That should stop much summer it has the appearance of a ple, and prove that it is not impos grumbling against our standard of man fast becoming bald, no longer merely discouraged but almost re- right kind of pictures when they are Danced on 91st signed. And certainly it has grown attractively and interestingly shown. Birthday it has been baseball diamond, granderowds of small boys. With amaz ing rapidity the gang gathered each morning after breakfast, old players school year 1922-23 is as follows: took their places, newcomers were passed upon and assigned to theirs. In five minutes the game was on and the court house echoed cries of "Fair Ball! I say that was a fair ball!" "Take 'im out." and other terms too technical for use here. Every grown up little boy who passed-or tried to pass-stopped involuntarily and offering a business course; Miss watched until he at length recalled the business he was out upon, and relactantly moved on. Bill collectors on the first of the month regularly gave their attendance, and women in the neighborhood gratefully testify that even book-agents and men selling hosiery and magazines left their intended victims to look on at the

It was very noisy and sometimes a little trying to those who lived near by: it were 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. Those bare places where the bases and the MRS. CATHERINE ST. ELME of home-plate and the pitchers' stand were, show that Elizabeth City real-Atlanta cercurates were, such a first birthday by dancing at a izes the right of her children to a party her daughter gave in honor of the anniversary. Her gown, more place for healthy, wholesome play. than 100 years old, was a party frock but they also show that as yet nothher mother wore. Mrs. St. Elme ing has been done to provide such a goes to several dances every season place. It is the old playground question, which like the poor, is always with us, and has been with us so long that everybody seems to be too thoroughly used to it to mind it at

> 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. A trained supervisor is needed, but if that is as far away as the purchase of a city playground, at least it is possible to secure untrained service. In that way the equipment could be used not only during the school term, but thruout call on or write to your nearest tickthe year. It seems to be up to the et agent. women of the town. Everybody realizes the need, but everybody waits for someone else to act.

Very few married men-can-drive: in auto-with one hand.

Prettiest Girl In Capital



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

TEACHING THE BIBLE THROUGH THE EYE

Christ Episcopal Church Arouses In terest With Pictures at Sunday Night Services

pal Church this city is drawing a spite of other religious attractions in town. Colored pictures of Biblical 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 PLAY GROUND GROWS at night service has proved such a success that it is being continued. sible to get people to go to see the

In the Elizabeth City Public Schools the enrollment for the

Grammar-school, 631

Primary-school, 534. Among the new teachers are Miss Bentrice Cantrell of Mississippi, and Miss Bertha Hollingsworth of Georgia, who are teaching English in the high-school; Miss Janie Wall, who is 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. Miss Sallie Cobb of this city has the seventh grade formerly taught by Miss Martha Elliott. Miss Elliott accept ed a position this year as superin tendent of one of the Norfolk high schools.

NEW PASTOR ARRIVES

The members of the First Baptist Church of this city, will welcome their new pastor, Dr. Samuel II. 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 pastorium on Main

Norfolk Southern R.R. Announces REDUCED ROUND TRIP

FARES 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

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

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

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, 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 interest. ed in knowing. I believe I am correct in saying that the people of Elizabeth City have no desire to be unfair with you, but from the information that they now have many of them no doubt feel that the present plans of the City are for the best interests of this community.

For the purpose of having the matter placed before our people from your viewpoint, I would ask that your companies answer the following questions I-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 suppyling continnous and steady service?

4-Would it not be better for the City to start over again and construct upto-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,

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 merel 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 compan. 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 machiner, equipment, materials and supplies have been made in order to provide electric current. Much of our materials and supplies is purchased in Eliz-

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 phsical 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

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 ompany. He also said it would cost probably twice as much to re place the water system as has been of fered the Company. He realized the difficult and interference with business that would result from tearing up all the streets in Elizabeth City to construct new fa-

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 President, Elizabeth City Water, & Power Company Elizabeth City Sewerage Company.