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## YOU HAVE TO GET PERMIT TO BUILD A HOUSE NOW

### Elizabeth City's Tardy Recognition of a State Law Hits New Home Builders All of a Sudden

Do you know that you have to get a permit from the Chief of Police before you can build a new house within the city or within 100 yards of the city limits and that you have to get that permit? Well, you are not alone.

When giving anyone any notice, the Board of Aldermen of Elizabeth City adopted an ordinance Sept. 4, which was by way of giving the Chief of Police enforcement of a law that has been in effect for several years, but which has been ignored by official Elizabeth City.

## ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen: Before any building is begun, altered or repaired within the corporate limits of Elizabeth City, or within one hundred yards beyond said limits, the owner of the property, or the person for whom said building is to be erected, altered or repaired shall apply to the Building Inspector for a permit to build, alter or repair said building and the permit if given, shall be in writing, and shall contain a provision that the building to be constructed, altered or repaired according to the requirements of the building law, a copy of which shall accompany the permit, and each new building built or old building repaired or altered shall be inspected by the Building Inspector, and for each inspection, shall collect from the owner 25 cents per hour, for each building, other than mercantile storehouse, factory, stable or building for manufacturing. The latter shall pay \$10.00 for the first story and 50 cents for each additional story, but in no case shall fee exceed five dollars.

In consideration of the records of the City of Elizabeth, who is the City Clerk, by this newspaper, it is revealed that the fact that the ordinance was adopted, though this is a fact, it is not known that more than a few people have been started to build since the ordinance was adopted. The last permit was issued by Capt. H. M. Ballance on Sept. 10. That made Capt. Ballance find a little investigation in the city without a permit, and he found more than 150 buildings erected in the city without a permit. The Capt. Ballance didn't know that he was not caught in a tardy recognition of the law.

The ordinance of the city officials recognizing a State law is characterized by law enforcement in Elizabeth City. The law is enforced by the city officials. The law requiring the police have forgotten the law. The law requiring the police to issue permits was not enforced for a season and then forgotten by the Board of Aldermen.

## CALIFORNIANS SHOWN THEMSELVES IN US

The Independent goes a little further. An editorial in the new paper several weeks ago found its way into the Santa Rosa Republic of Santa Rosa, Calif., on Sept. 10. The article dealt with the fact that the organization in Elizabeth City and too little community spirit. The editorial was used in California paper because what of Elizabeth City is true of Santa Rosa. And therein is the secret of the universal popularity of the Independent: in holding up the mirror to Elizabeth City as it is, the Independent does everybody else a favor of every place; and the human emotions are so universal that all the world

## MRS. McCABE LOSE INFANT CHILD BY DEATH

Mrs. J. Lee McCabe, of Elizabeth City, lost their infant child, Audrey McCabe, by a fall from a chair. The remains of the child were buried in Hollywood cemetery, Elizabeth City, Tuesday

## WANTS MILLION QUARTS 'O FIGS

### New York Man Would Have Roanoke Islanders Quit Their Nets

A million dollars worth of figs sounds like a big lot to be produced on Roanoke Island, but Van Ness Harwood of 227 Broadway, New York, believes it can be done. Mr. Harwood isn't asking anyone to undertake to produce these figs, but is making a start on them himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Harwood were in Elizabeth City this week on their return to New York, after having visited the fig orchard on Roanoke Island in which Mr. Harwood is interested. A 40-acre area jointly owned by the New York man and A. W. Drinkwater of Manteo has been successfully planted in something like 1,800 trees. By another year they will increase the number to 2,000.

The orchard of Harwood and Drinkwater will develop the possibilities of growing figs for commercial purposes in this section. If the results are successful they will then endeavor to encourage the islanders to plant their own lands in trees. Mr. Harwood says he can handle all they can get for him. One outlet he has found provides for the disposal of a million quarts, considerably more than 30,000 bushels. The revenue from that amount of figs would beat Roanoke Island's fishing income all hollow, for they now sell all the figs they can get at a dollar and a quarter a quart. Figs are growing in demand every day in the country having only California and Texas to look for its supply. The orchard at Roanoke Island has done well considering that the trees are less than two years old. Three hundred of them bore fruit this year. Most of the trees are native stock, such as have been producing good figs on Roanoke Island for many years, but experiments are being made with the Smyrna variety which is an ideal one for drying purposes. In addition to the orchard of good land that has been planted, some good results have been obtained with a number of trees planted out on the barren sand hills on the east side of the island.

Mr. Harwood states that of all the information the Department of Agriculture hands out, it has less on figs than anything else. He says the Department has recommended that he try the Japanese persimmon down there, but he is of the opinion that figs will do better, although he believes anything can be grown there.

He was first attracted to the island when the Wrights made their airplane flights at Kitty Hawk, where Mr. Harwood went to report the results for the New York World. At that time he was associate editor of the big Metropolitan newspaper and resigned after 25 years of newspaper work to enter the field of organization, publicity and research. Such a business he conducts under the name of Harwood Incorporated, in New York City.

## TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE IN COUNTY

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the County since the last date of publication: H. C. West and wife of Als, to C. B. Byrum, one lot on Macouage St. Consideration \$1,550. William E. Dunsion and wife to Benoni Cartwright, one lot on Cedar St. Consideration \$900. Timothy Bowe and wife to A. B. Walston, six acres of land in Elizabeth City Township. Consideration \$100. William A. Griffin and wife and John E. Griffin and wife to A. L. Turner, four acres in Providence Township. Consideration \$500. A real estate transfer was recorded Tuesday from W. S. Brothers and wife to W. N. Brothers, 17 acres in Newland Township, consideration \$200.

"It's a hard job to get yourself away from the girls on Roanoke Island," said W. E. Lennon of Manteo, as he passed thru here Tuesday enroute to Chapel Hill, where he will resume his medical studies at the University of North Carolina.

Of all the doctors practicing in Elizabeth City, only three were raised in town. They are Drs. Ike and Zenas Peering and W. W. Sawyer.

## Parson Myers



REV. HIRAM EARL MYERS, pastor of City Road Methodist Church and President of the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club, will hardly recognize himself in the above pen and ink sketch, but he will have to stand for it because every embryo artist has to begin on somebody. The sketch is by Wilberne Harrell, a Senior in the Elizabeth City High School. Young Mr. Harrell has developed remarkable ability as an illustrator, but has never tried portrait work. This newspaper has set him about the experiment of developing his talents by making pen and ink sketches of local celebrities. Parson Myers is the first sufferer. Others will follow. Now watch Wilberne Harrell improve in his work and develop the technique of a real artist.

## FINE PROSPECTS FOR PORT DEVELOPMENT

### Dredging of Pasquotank River in Harbor Would Increase Dock Facilities

One of the biggest developments in Elizabeth City's port facilities and terminal warehouse possibilities is planned in the dredging of Pasquotank River on the Camden side, opposite the Elizabeth City waterfront. Congress has passed a bill authorizing the survey and in a short time government engineers will determine the extent of improvements the city's commerce will warrant.

The passage of the measure providing for a survey of Elizabeth City harbor is largely due to the efforts of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce.

The harbor has not enough room for the vessels now plying in and out Pasquotank River. Along the whole Elizabeth City waterfront from a point opposite the Norfolk Southern Railroad Docks, to a point opposite the Elizabeth City shipyards, mud flats block the harbor and leave no anchorage for vessels. This condition makes it necessary for steamers to go astern and ahead many times in order to turn around.

An Elizabeth City law prohibiting any vessel from lying at any of the city wharves for more than 48 hours at a time makes it necessary for vessels to seek other anchorage than Elizabeth City's limited docks, in order that other vessels may have a chance to tie up.

With the improvement of the Camden side of the river, it would be possible to develop Machele Island into ideal sites for factories, warehouses, terminals and wharves. This would almost double the waterfront space of the city, as well as that of the harbor. Being on the Camden side it would be developed more rapidly than some point under the city's regulations. At the same time Elizabeth City would derive indirectly no small part of the benefit of the improvements which would be used altogether by Elizabeth City trade.

## DR. WILLIAMS IN SHILOH

Dr. Chas. B. Williams of Macon, Ga., was in Shiloh Saturday meeting old friends. He is spending several days in Camden reviving memories of childhood. He is considered a great teacher all over the South, where he is known as Dr. Williams, but in Shiloh he is just plain "Charlie."

## STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS

Hugh D. Pendleton, ticket agent for the Norfolk Southern R. R. at Elizabeth City suffered a stroke of paralysis last Friday night which has deprived him of the use of his lower limbs and left him in a helpless condition. There is some hope of his recovering.

For your eyes' sake see Dr. J. D. Hathaway, Optometrist, Bradford

## WOULD BUILD 2 HATCHERIES

### Expert Says State Should Artificially Propagate Both Trout and Bass

Rainbow and brook trout and black bass are three species of fish that may be successfully propagated artificially for restocking the streams of North Carolina, according to Prof. John N. Cobb, Director of the College of Fisheries of the University of Washington.

Prof. Cobb met with the North Carolina Fisheries Commission Board at its recent session in Morehead City and gave the Board the benefit of his own information and experience in the artificial propagation of game fish.

Prof. Cobb thinks the State should begin in a modest way with two small hatcheries, one in the western part of the state for the propagation of the two species of trout for inland lakes, ponds and mountain streams. He would locate the other hatchery in Northeastern North Carolina, preferably in Currituck County, near the coast.

The Fisheries Commission Board, backed by Governor Morrison will ask the next General Assembly for an appropriation for State Fish Hatcheries. In meantime the Board is seeking all the information available on the subject, calling to its assistance men like Prof. Cobb who are familiar with the contemplated work.

## THE LAKE FILLED UP WHEN COAL RAN OUT

### Great Reclamation Project in Hyde Hard Hit By Coal Shortage

News reaches this newspaper from Hyde County that the great Lake Mattamuskeet area is again flooded with water while the great pumping station at New Holland stands idle and helpless for lack of coal to make steam.

The pumping station at New Holland is one of the largest in the world and was designed to pump a million gallons of water a minute. Those giant pumps are capable of taking the water off the entire New Holland development, an area of a hundred square miles, in a few hours. But the coal strike and railroad strike left the New Holland plant without coal in the midst of a rainy season and the development that was formerly the bottom of a lake began to fill with water again. Inch by inch the water rose and the pumps could not be operated to take it off.

## PICTURES AGAIN AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Episcopal Church Sunday night will show 45 pictures made plain by a lecture on the story of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Concerning these pictures, Mr. Hill the Rector, says:

These three Old Testament characters, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, are most always linked together as representing typical characters of the old days. Abraham especially interests us as the Old Testament giant of faith. It is hard for us of today to understand how this man of God could think he was pleasing a God of love to offer up a sacrifice his only son Isaac. The story of the sacrifice is one of the most interesting of the Bible. Many of the world's greatest artists have painted pictures of this period and many of these masterpieces will be shown at Christ Church Sunday night at 7:30, the following are but a few—"Abraham entertains Three Angels," Dore, "Hagar Driven Out," Van Dyke and Dore, "Abraham's Sacrifice," Coppin, "Rebecca at the Well," Dore and Coppin, "Jacob Meeting Rachel," Raphael. Those of us who are dull on our Old Testament and who have long since ceased to read it because it fails to entertain as the New Testament, will have a change of heart when they see these pictures, for the Old Testament as well as the New is full to overflowing with human interest and lessons on life of today.

Dr. Hughes B. Hoyle, a Macon physician was in town Wednesday. Dr. Hoyle doesn't think people in Dare County need quinine either. When Dr. Hoyle first went to Dare County about four years ago, he located at East Lake and being afraid of malaria, he kept his children full of quinine for several months. "After a while I noticed that nobody had malaria," said Dr. Hoyle, "and I stopped the practice. I haven't seen any malaria at all since I've been down there."

LOST—On Church or Martin St. 1 Federal truck crank. Finder please return to L. B. PERRY and receive reward. c.S.29-1f

Don't neglect your eyes. See

## Will be a Bride in November



MISS MAHALA MEEKINS Elizabeth City's younger social set. She is to be married Nov. 15, 1922 to Thomas Shelton McMullan, Jr., of this city. Photo by Zoeller for this newspaper.

## WHAT ELIZABETH CITY BUYS IN A 12 MONTHS

### Nearly Two and a Half Million Dollars in Groceries, For One Thing

What Elizabeth City eats, wears, buys, sells, manufactures and consumes during a year is all figured out by R. C. Job, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Job recently compiled some figures of the tonnage and value of the different commodities handled by Elizabeth City business, to be used as evidence in the Southeastern Rate Case which is to be heard on October 2 at Asheville.

Among other things, Mr. Job found that Elizabeth City last year handled \$2,431,430.85 worth of groceries, 90 per cent of which are shipped out of Elizabeth City, thereby leaving \$243,143 worth to be consumed by Elizabeth City people.

He found that Elizabeth City handled last year \$622,000 worth of dry goods and notions, and that 90 per cent of this was sent out of town leaving a balance of \$62,200 worth to be retained.

Elizabeth City manufactured, used and shipped out 145,850 tons of lumber, valued at \$1,276,000. It shipped 3,500 tons of brick valued at \$15,000. Its factories turned out cotton and hosiery products amounting to 1,500 tons, valued at \$1,200,000.

Elizabeth City manufactured and handled 21,150 tons of fertilizer valued at \$624,500. It handled 1,440 tons of seed potatoes valued at \$100,000; 19,575 tons of Irish potatoes valued at \$927,500; 12,000 tons of sweet potatoes valued at \$300,000; 1,000 tons of cabbage valued at \$20,000; 1,150 tons of peas valued at \$145,000; 3,825 tons of soy beans valued at \$340,000; 2,500 tons of fish valued at \$7,000; 3,200 tons of feed and grain valued at \$12,400.

Elizabeth City handled 1,275 tons of farm machinery and hardware valued at \$322,400; 2,500 tons of fish valued at \$500,000; 8,000 crates of eggs valued at \$60,000; 1,674 tons of gravel valued at \$16,219; 5,555 tons of sand valued at \$11,110; 45 tons of sheep valued at \$10,800; 625 tons of logs valued at \$125,000; and 350 tons of beef valued at \$50,400.

## FALCON KILLED IN PASQUOTANK RIVER

A falcon, believed to have escaped from some ship at sea was killed by J. M. Matthews of Elizabeth City in Pasquotank River Tuesday evening of this week. Mr. Matthews was fishing near the Old Brick House when the bird plunged into a clump of bushes near his boat. The bird became entangled in the bushes and Mr. Matthews dealt it a vital blow with a boat oar just as it extricated itself. The bird, weighing less than five pounds, measured five feet seven inches from tip to tip. Except for its enormous spread of wings it much resembled the common hawk, to which family the falcon belongs.

The falcon killed by Mr. Matthews had been banded with a brass band on which certain letters of the Greek alphabet and certain figures had been scratched with some sharp instruments.

Good eyesight is inexpensive. See Dr. J. D. Hathaway, Optometrist, Bradford

## WORK PROGRESSING ON NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

### Still There Are More Than a Million Bricks Yet To Be Laid

Work on the new Elizabeth City High School building is progressing. The last pile in the foundation was driven Wednesday, the forms for the concrete are finished, and concrete is now being poured for the foundation of the basement which extends under half of the building.

Three hundred thousand of the one and a half million brick to be used in the building have already been laid. Masons are busily working on the inside walls of the foundation and L. B. Perry, the contractor, states that he expects to have all the foundation completed within a month.

Enough piles were used under that part of the foundation built over the marsh, to reach more than five miles if laid end to end. In some places three or four were pin-dowled together and driven until they struck hard bottom.

Cement mixing machines will be used in mixing the concrete for the foundation. One of these machines will mix 50 to 60 cubic yards a day. A force of about 35 men is looking after the work.

Railroad conditions are somewhat improved so that material is coming faster, although Mr. Perry says there are many delays yet.

The floors in the new building will be of concrete, which is something heretofore not seen in the school rooms in this section. They will have a covering similar to asphalt, which will detract from the coldness of the floors and make them easier to stand upon.

## LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS NEW \$10,000 PIPE ORGAN

Horace L. Jones, organist of Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, Norfolk, Va., sat himself down to manual of the new pipe organ in the First Methodist Church South of Elizabeth City Tuesday night and in a recital lasting one hour, showed an audience that packed the auditorium what may be expected of the most pretentious pipe organ in any church in Northeastern North Carolina.

Organist Jones gave his audience a program selected to give the fullest possible expression in limited time to every tone and trick of the new instrument. In Stewart's "The Bells of Abergrove" the organist gave a delightful demonstration of the possibilities of the harp and chimed accompaniment, while in numbers like Handel's "Largo" and Lemmens' "Fanfare" he released the full volume of the big organ.

The organ, built by Hook & Hastings, of Boston, has 23 stops and 1,300 active pipes. For those who like comparisons, the largest pipe organ in the world is in the John Wanamaker Store in Philadelphia. The Wanamaker organ has 232 stops and 17,974 pipes.

## M. LEIGH SHEEP ARRIVALS

M. Leigh Sheep has been advertising new arrivals of interest to women for several weeks, but his advertisement fails to appear in this issue of The Independent. The new arrival this time is a ten-pound baby. The mother is doing fine.

## BUXTON WHITE SAYS IT WILL BE WHALE OF A FAIR

### Secretary of Greater Albemarle District Fair Reviews Plans Perfected To Date For October Exposition

#### Less Than 1 Cent a Week

That's what the Tuesday edition of The Independent costs you. This newspaper formerly published once a week, then cost you \$1.50 a year. THE INDEPENDENT now published twice a week costs you only \$2.00 a year by mail, an increase of 50 cents a year only over the cost of the once a week paper.

Can you afford to do without THE INDEPENDENT twice a week at the new price. Send \$2.00 now for a year's subscription or \$1.00 for six months and you will be a better informed citizen.

By carrier in town the subscription price is \$2.50 a year or 25 cents by the month.

## BANK'S SURPLUS GROWS SPITE OF DEFALCATION

### Pinkerton Detective Agency Advertises Reward of \$1,000 for Sykes' Capture

A comparison of the statement of the First & Citizens National Bank of this city as of Sept. 15, 1922, compared with the bank's statement as of June 30, 1922, shows an increase of more than \$20,000 in its surplus profits and reserves in a little more than three months. The surplus and reserves of the First & Citizens National on June 30, 1922 were reported at \$173,206.70. Surplus and reserves on Sept. 15, the latest examination, were reported as \$193,992.19, an increase of \$20,785.49.

The facts are of peculiar interest in view of the recent shortage in the accounts of John D. Sykes, Jr., a young collection clerk who absconded on Sept. 3 with funds, the exact amount of which never was made public. Sykes' defalcation was said to have been about \$25,000, but the exact figures were never given out. A fact which created a suspicion in some quarters that the shortage was greater than actually reported.

There is no word from the missing clerk. This week the Pinkerton National Detective Agency has posted a reward of \$1,000 for the young man in every bank lobby and police station in the United States and Canada. The poster offering the reward carries two photographs of young Sykes and a description of him and the woman who is supposed to have accompanied him.

The faith of John D. Sykes, Sr. in his boy, remains unshaken. He believes that his son is the victim of evil influences and that the boy will make restitution when he comes to his senses. In a letter to a local newspaper the father says:

"Everyone that knew J. D. loved him, because he was lovable. His soul was white and clean, he was honest and honorable—something, God knows what, influenced and overpowered him. Hundreds have voluntarily expressed this belief in him. They have come to me and told me this. They did not lie to me. They told me what their hearts and faith prompted them to.

"Even this morning the President of the Carolina Banking & Trust Company, Dr. Pendleton, came to me and said my boy was an honest boy yet, that influence of associates caused him to make this terrible mistake. He was employed in the postal service under Dr. Pendleton, before the late war.

"Nearly everyone has seemed to try to lighten our burden with words of comfort, visits and their acts of kindness. We have been overwhelmed with a sense of the deepest gratitude for all these tokens of true friendship. Practically the whole community seem to be our dearest friends and helped to administer the balm of Gilead to our crushed and aching hearts.

"We believe, we know, our boy will some day come to himself and in an honorable way make good."

## MARRIAGE LICENSES AND WEDDINGS IN COUNTY

A marriage license was issued to James Ray Bright, 22, and Margaret Harrell, 20, both of this county. Floyd Jennings Nuber, 22, of Seattle, Wash., and Hazel Marguerite Scott, 21, of Springvale, Pa., were married Tuesday at noon at the home of Rev. E. F. Sawyer on Pearl Street. The ceremony being witnessed by Mrs. Sawyer, Miss Eula Mae Sawyer and Miss Hazel Silverthorn.

The idea of a strong District Fair, centrally located and actively supported by all the counties within the district, should find its fulfillment in the Greater Albemarle District Fair at Elizabeth City on October 10, 11, 12, and 13, declares Secretary Buxton White. Mr. White goes on to say:

Why should not the people of Northeastern North Carolina, one of the richest and best sections of the country, organize and come together for mutual betterment, closer acquaintance and more intelligent cooperation in the upbuilding of our particular section?

The big District Fair offers one of the best methods of accomplishing this result.

The arrangements and contract for this year's Albemarle District Fair are such as to assure that it will be a whale of a fair and equip anything ever before attempted. It is the purpose of the management to make this a real exposition of the agricultural, industrial and natural resources of this unsurpassed section. With this idea in view a new agricultural building has been erected for the housing of county exhibits from each of the counties in this district, which are Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Gates, Chowan, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Dare. Liberal premiums are being offered for these county exhibits and eight counties have already signified their intention of being represented. This new building will also house a highly educational exhibit from the State Experiment Station as well as the farm crops, Boys' and Girls' Clubs work, canning, cooking, needlework and other regular Fair exhibits.

The old exhibition building will be filled entirely with commercial exhibits by the merchants, manufacturers and banks.

### Great Race Program

With increased purses, the largest offered by any Fair of its class in the State, the race program should prove of exceptional merit and the large number of entries being received would indicate unusually large fields in every class. A number of horses are on the grounds working out daily in preparation for the event. In addition to the horse racing, arrangements have been made for a series of motorcycle races. These will not be of the merry-go-round amateur class, but the contrast is for real whirlwind professional riders with especially designed racing motorcycles, that can put on a burst of speed never before witnessed in this part of the State.

The Fair management exercises great care in the selection of mid-way shows, being fully aware of the fact that the days of buncoes and questionable shows have passed, and before contracting inspected several companies, which resulted in the selection of Billie Clark's Broadway Shows for the entire midway. They feel that their selection will be endorsed by every visitor. This outfit carries twenty-five carloads of show and concessions, and a list of the attractions make one eager to get to the Fair just to see the midway.

### The Big Sensation

Perhaps the most sensational feature free attraction ever brought to a North Carolina Fair has been booked for the four days of this year's District Fair. The Fearless Greggs in their thrilling paradox "Autos that Pass in the Air," do loop-the-loop in an automobile off the top of a 75 foot, steel structured incline in two racing automobiles, one behind the other. The first car dashes down the chute and up in the air making several complete revolutions while this is taking place the second car jumps the gap underneath each number one and lands squarely on the platform ahead of the car which started first, the passing being effected while the first car loops the loop in midair. Men hold their breath, women cover their eyes and children scream when they see the mad act for the first time. And then they come back next day to see it again. Ten people, 30,000 lbs. of paraphernalia, five baggage wagons and a special railroad car are required to carry the Greggs act and it will bring thousands of people to the District Fair.

### Wonders in the Air

Marvelous stunt acroplane flying the first to be seen in Elizabeth City including tail spins, loops, wing-overs. (Continued on Page 4)