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IT WAS A HARD FOUGHT BATTLE

Mrs. Paul Gregory, of Woodville, was the winner of the beautiful 1923 Model Light Studebaker Automobile in the INDEPENDENT'S campaign of building salesmanship...

Mrs. Jones was also the winner of a beautiful prize of a wrist watch. A complete list of the winners as announced by the judges...

The prizes went to the hardest workers. Mrs. Gregory, winner of the capital prize, not only made a success of a large territory herself, but induced members of her family to work for her...

But there was not a harder worker in the campaign than Mrs. O. B. Jones, of Elizabeth City. Mrs. Jones secured a splendidly single-handed sale of a new territory to Elizabeth City by putting this Elizabeth City newspaper in scores of Norfolk County, Va. homes.

It is significant that the capital prize went to a Pennsylvania County worker. Pennsylvania, being the home county of the publisher of this newspaper, Pennsylvania has always been among the THE INDEPENDENT'S best territory.

The publisher contemplated the loss of the campaign with a heavy heart that there were not more of the larger prizes, some there were but they were some remuneration that was needed for the effort they had made but it was a friendly prize in which one had to lose.

When the Elizabeth City newspaper was published the first time, it was a small paper.

DID THE SOUTH HONOR LINCOLN'S ASSASSIN?

Did any Southern State erect a monument to Booth, Lincoln's assassin?

A reader of this paper hopes to find the answer to our Washington Bureau. The answer is printed in today's Question and Answer column.

A Standard Oil Type of Man



J. NORMAN WHITEHURST

THE stupendous success of the Standard Oil Co. is due in no small measure to the high character of its employees. The men in charge of the thousands of agencies and sub-agencies of the Standard Oil Co. throughout the world are carefully chosen for their cheerfulness, courtesy, probity and dependability.

DR. SALIBA WITHDRAWS HIS HOSPITAL OFFER

Elizabeth City Will Carry on Hospital Free From Doctor Control

Dr. John Saliba has withdrawn his offer to take his hospital property off the hands of the Pasquotank Municipal Hospital Association and pay the indebtedness incurred by that body. The Hospital Association held a meeting Friday night to consider Dr. Saliba's proposition, but no action was taken.

Mr. Ehringhaus made a passionate speech for the continuation of the hospital as a community enterprise, that it continue to operate as a business. He is sure that there are enough public spirited citizens like himself who will go down into their pockets from time to time and make up any deficit.

Mr. Ehringhaus is of the opinion that a privately operated hospital in Elizabeth City would be a calamity in view of the jealousies and animosities of local medical men. Mr. Ehringhaus believes that if any one doctor or group of doctors undertook to run a hospital here, other doctors would antagonize the hospital and jeopardize its success.

Good eyesight is inexpensive. See Dr. J. D. Halloway, Ophthalmologist

GOSSIP FROM THE CAPITOL

The Boom For Everett For Governor Will Not Stay Down

By O. J. COFFIN, Special Raleigh Correspondent of THE INDEPENDENT

RALEIGH, July 5.—Having become more or less of a neutral when Tom failed to demand the immediate fulfillment of a promise of a kicking, I haven't been greatly exercised over the explosion of Governor Morrison Saturday afternoon at the State Capitol during the course of which he denounced W. T. East, correspondent of the Greensboro News, as "snake and a common liar," ordered him out of the office and told him that if he came back again he'd have him "kicked out."

Strong words, these; but our Governor is given to speech, some of which if it isn't hasty, certainly shows signs of lacking the firm and precision of his predecessors. East retired quietly and left the Governor in possession of the field. The Greensboro News panned his excellency and intimated that the Governor was in reality sore because Tom had happened in during the course of a visit from Als, Watts and Jim Hartness of Stateville to the head of the State Administration.

The Governor has been bawling out those newspapers which do not fetch and carry for him, and has said fully as harsh things as this afternoon privately. He probably realized that he was making a scene, but didn't care if he did. Mr. East is about as well known to the newspaper readers of North Carolina as the Governor. Mr. East will be mighty careful how he mixes in. Mr. Richardson would better be.

EXPECT SYKES' RETURN IN WEEK OR 10 DAYS

John D. Sykes, Jr., former teller in the First & Citizens National Bank of this city who absconded with more than \$25,000 of the bank's funds last September and who was arrested in Great Falls, Mont. last week, will not fight extradition. He waived a preliminary examination before a United States Commissioner in Montana.

There is some talk of his case being tried in the United States Court in Raleigh, but it is more likely that he will be tried right here in the United States Court at Elizabeth City in October. A Federal Judge may order a case tried in any court in his district, no matter what place in the district the case originates.

FREE FANS FOR CHURCHES.

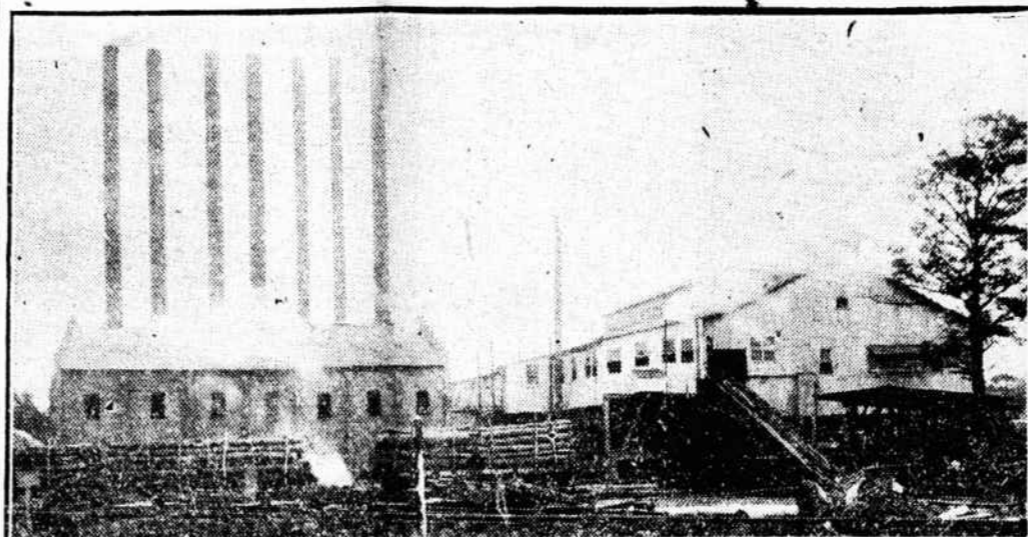
The First & Citizens National Bank of this city received a big shipment of fans this week which it proposes to supply to country churches upon application of the pastors or officials.

The Everett Boom

The Charlotte Observer, which through its Raleigh correspondence some days ago took cognizance of the boom for Secretary of State W. H. Everett for Governor, has made amendments through the same correspondence this week by concluding the State to Angus Wilton McLean, for whom it is claimed that Claude Kitchin spent a part of his last hours "electioneering."

That is as it may be; but the Bailey people won't admit it, while the Everett boom is steadily growing. In fact, the pressure has become so strong that Mr. Everett will have great difficulty in denying his friends. The Charlotte Observer has disposed of the two United States Senators, the entire membership in Congress and of all the Simmons, Kitchin, Gardner, Page, Craig, Daughtridge, Horne and Bickett leadership; but there must be some of the followers who have not heard that McLean was the elect of the elect; for daily there drop into Mr. Everett's office at the State Capitol simple-minded business and professional men with a sprinkling of what is sometimes known as personal workers, all urging him to shuck his coat and beat the two candidates in the field.

Has Timber Supplies to Run It 50 Years



WHILE the country generally is bewailing the nation wide shortage of lumber and many big lumber manufacturing plants are going out of business for lack of timber to cut, the big mill of the Foreman-Blades Lumber Co. at Elizabeth City has timber reserves in twelve Northeastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia counties that will feed its ravenous saws for fifty years or more to come.

\$6,000 FROM A CABBAGE PATCH

And \$3,000 of This Was Profit From 12 Acres of Camden Land

The gross receipts from a cabbage patch of 12 acres cultivated by Herman Newbern of Camden County is \$6,000. Mr. Newbern has just finished harvesting his crop and estimates his profit at \$3,000, and all made between March 27, and July 1, with still time to plant another profitable crop on the land.

Mr. Newbern got 4,000 crates of cabbage from those 12 acres, and says he believes his yield was out of proportion to the acreage because of dry weather. His cabbage patch was located on sections of dark and gray soil, and he says the dark soil did best. It was a little heavier and consequently more moist. The land was just "pretty fair land," says Mr. Newbern.

MRS. MARGARET WOODHOUSE

Mrs. Margaret G. Woodhouse, wife of Major Woodhouse of Grandy, died Monday at the age of 68. She is survived by her husband and four sons: T. C. L. B., and M. G. Woodhouse of Grandy and C. A. Woodhouse of Cafferys Inlet; two daughters, Mrs. J. J. Evans and Mrs. R. T. Dowdy of Grandy; and 12 grandchildren.

MILLS BELL SHORT IN ACCOUNTS WITH CITY

Former City Auditor Also Owes the Town For Coal Bought in 1921

That Mill E. Bell, formerly City Auditor of Elizabeth City is short nearly \$200 in his accounts and has made no effort at a settlement was made public this week for the first time since Bell left the City Administration in December, 1921. It was brought out at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen Monday night that the shortage in Mr. Bell's accounts was discovered by the audit company of A. Lee Rawlings in June, 1922, and the matter placed in the hands of the finance committee of the Board of Aldermen at that time. P. H. Williams was chairman of the Committee. Mr. Williams resigned to take a seat in the State Senate in January. Nothing was done toward getting a settlement with Bell before Mr. Williams went to the Senate and nothing was done afterwards.

The Winners of the Prizes.

We, the Judges of the "Salesmanship Club" campaign now closed on THE INDEPENDENT after carefully counting the votes of each and every candidate do hereby declare the following to be the winners:

- 1. Mrs. Paul Gregory, Winner Studebaker 5,565,500 Votes
2. Mr. Southgate Mann, Winner Piano 4,912,000 Votes
3. Mrs. O. B. Jones, Winner Victrola 3,669,500 Votes
4. Mrs. C. S. Sawyer, Winner Watch 3,068,500 Votes
5. Miss Lois Simmons, Winner Watch 2,763,500 Votes
6. Mrs. B. A. Williams, Winner watch 2,452,500 Votes
7. Miss Lena Powers, Winner Watch 2,420,000 Votes
8. Miss Lillian Boyce, Winner Watch 2,222,000 Votes
9. Mrs. Cliff Perry, Winner Watch 2,163,000 Votes
10. Mrs. G. E. Spencer, Winner Watch 1,955,000 Votes
11. Miss Wilma Coloon, Winner Watch 1,498,500 Votes
12. Mrs. Claude Bailey, Winner Watch 1,297,000 Votes
13. Mrs. W. A. Hoggard, Winner Watch 1,052,500 Votes
14. Miss Lula White, Winner watch 747,500 Votes
15. Mrs. J. R. Bowden, Winner Cash Com. 600,500 Votes
16. Miss Bertha Coloon, Winner Cash Com. 502,000 Votes

G. R. LITTLE, First Judge
W. E. GRIFFIN, Second Judge
W. W. WOODLEY, JR., Third Judge
W. O. SAUNDERS, Publisher
O. EDGAR ATKINSON, Campaign Manager
June 30, 1923.

COMMISSIONER HART THROWS UP HIS HANDS

State Highway Commissioner Has Discovered That He Can't Please Everybody and It Makes Him Sick

Published By Request



MR. GUIRKIN COOK

A FEMINE readers of this newspaper says she is tired of pictures of good looking women and would like to see the front page of this newspaper adorned with the picture of a good looking man once in a while, just for a change. Thereupon the photographic division of this newspaper set about to discover a portrait of a good looking man. After a long hunt the rara avis has been found. This rare bird has his cage in the First & Citizens National Bank in Elizabeth City. He is Guirkin Cook, Son of Mrs. Annie Cook and the late F. M. Cook of this city. Young Mr. Cook is gifted with a good tenor voice as well as good looks and is a singer in the vested choir of First M. E. Church, South. Zoeller photo.

PENNSYLVANIA TALK HAS REAL FOUNDATION

Elizabeth City May Presently Find Itself on Main Line of a Great System

Rumors that the Pennsylvania R. R. System contemplates taking over the Norfolk Southern R. R. are taken seriously by Norfolk real estate men who know something about the Pennsylvania's plans. It is a fact that the Pennsylvania has purchased 1,000 acres for terminal sites at Little Creek near Cape Henry, Va., and has elaborate plans for barging its trains from Cape Charles to Cape Henry and running its trains direct into Norfolk, instead of ferrying everything from Cape Charles to Norfolk harbor as at present.

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STORES CLOSE HALF A DAY FRIDAY IN JULY AND AUG.

People who expect to shop in Elizabeth City on Friday during July and August had best start in time to do their shopping in the forenoon, as the members of the Merchants Association will close their stores all Friday afternoon, in order to give them a hal holiday during the hot summer months. This is a custom that has been observed yearly for some time by local merchants.

NEW SODA FOUNTAIN

A new soda fountain installed this week has added much to the attractiveness of the store of the King News Co. on Main Street, details of which appear elsewhere in THE INDEPENDENT.

State Highway Commissioner Wm. A. Hart, representing the First Construction District, is a sick man. He has discovered that when it comes to pleasing everybody in the location of public roads, that it can't be done; and Mr. Hart is a type of man who has always aspired to skin thru life being nice to everybody and good terms with everybody.

Mr. Hart was in Elizabeth City yesterday to hear contending factions from Camden County in the matter of the location of State Highway Project No. 111. This project is a continuation of the Camden Ferry Road. Surveys for this project showed that the length of the road could be shortened and the cost of construction lowered more than \$30,000 by abandoning the present lines of the road and going via Belcross. But when prominent land owners a long the old route via Run Swamp and Hastings Corner offered to chip in \$15,000 to have the road go that way, Commissioner Hart ordered the road routed that way.

Now the Belcross folks are up in arms and the construction of the road has been held up to give them time to marshal their forces and urge their claims. Mr. Hart came to Elizabeth City yesterday to hear some arguments. He especially requested that he be met by not more than six men representing each of the routes in question. Instead of facing a nice little group of a dozen to talk things over with, Mr. Hart was confronted by a crowd overflowing the assembly rooms in the Chamber of Commerce. In a week's time he told them, in so many words, that it was all too much for him and that he is going to pass the buck to the State Highway Commission. The decision of the State Highway Commission will be final, whatever it may be and whenever it is made.

Efforts to have Mr. Hart back up and settled the controversy here without an appeal to the State Highway body were being made as this newspaper went to press Thursday afternoon.

E. CITY VICTORIOUS OVER EDENTON JULY 4.

Winner of a Score of Two to 0, in Game Witnessed by 2,500 Fans.

More than 2,500 baseball fans, it is estimated, the largest crowd to witness a baseball game in Elizabeth City since the days of the Tidewater League, if then, witnessed the game on the local diamond July 4, when Elizabeth City defeated Edenton by a score of two to 0.

The game was hard fought throughout. Elizabeth City scored one in the first inning and one at the fourth. No scores were made after that. The local team was fortunate in having Ballentine to pitch for it, and Abbott at second base, did good work. Both these boys are from Norfolk.

Esleeck, Edenton's pitcher did excellent work, and helped the team very much in making it a hard fought victory for Elizabeth City.

Elizabeth City went to Edenton yesterday to play a return game on the Edenton diamond. Edenton is expected here again next Wednesday, and Elizabeth City will play in Edenton next Thursday. Games between Elizabeth City and a team from Norfolk or Portsmouth are expected to take place on Monday and Friday of next week.

The Elizabeth City team is one of the strongest here in many years, and it is the purpose of the management to keep the team together permanently. John L. Wells is manager of the team, and among other especially active supporters, are D. Gay Brackett and Thos. T. Nelson.

SEYMOUR UNSATISFIED

Former Police Officer Seymour is expecting to take to the courts his case in which he alleged that Chief of Police Charles Gregory has done him wrong. Mr. Seymour says Gregory made statements that the former was in league with the bootleggers, or to similar effect. The Board of Aldermen have gone on record as saying they hold nothing against the personal or official conduct of Mr. Seymour.

J. B. Hickman of Elizabeth City was one of the 17 injured in a collision on a roller coaster at Ocean View on the Fourth. His injuries are not serious.

For your eyes' sake see Dr. J. D. Hathaway, Ophthalmologist, Elizabeth City, N. C.