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## ELIZABETH CITY WILL HAVE COUNTRY CLUB

### Locations on 200 Acres of Unusual Riverfront Site and Financing \$40,000 to \$50,000 Proposition Looks Easy

### NOW ASK CITY FOR \$125,000

### Utilities Companies Would Unload Junk on Town, and Keep the Cream

Representatives of the utilities companies having appeared in Elizabeth City last week and approached each member of the Board of Aldermen individually, asking them to re-open negotiations for the obsolete water and sewerage plants, seven members of the Board of Aldermen met and by a vote of five to two agreed to hear the proposition of the companies at a special meeting on August 4.

The utilities companies seek to put an end to the litigation and offer for the city the water and sewerage plants for \$125,000. The offer indicates that the utilities companies take the Aldermen to be plain blank fools. For the past four years, the sewerage company has been notifying its patrons at intervals that unless it could get a higher rate for its service, it would abandon the service. It has complained time after time to the Corporation Commission that it is doing business at a loss.

Everybody knows the sort of water the filtration plant of the Water Company is giving the people of Elizabeth City to drink. And the city authorities realize that the city is seriously menaced, because it hasn't water mains of sufficient size to combat fires, should one break out under unfavorable conditions. To procure an adequate water supply, the present mains would have to be replaced by new ones.

But the utilities companies have the nerve to ask the city to pay \$125,000 of good money for these plants. And it only asks one condition of the city for giving it this liberal offer. The city is to cease all legal process in the meantime, abandon its plans for its own electric light plant, and leave the light and power business to the utilities companies for a period of five years.

Thus provided with the cream of the business for five years, reaping the profits from the sale of every kilowatt of current that is to be used by Elizabeth City consumers, the light and power company tells the city that it can give much better service than it is now giving, promising that while the city is performing the water and sewerage service, it will be bringing its light and power service up to such a high standard that it will make no legal action whatever, should the city decide to build its own electric plant at the end of the five year period.

Alderman P. C. Colson and W. H. Weatherly were denied set against accepting the proposal of the Companies for further dickering. But five of the seven decided to listen to the utilities companies again, and will at least hear the proposal to encourage the abandonment of the movement for municipal plants. The city has spent some \$15,000 flat, and last in its attempt to float a bond issue of \$800,000 for this purpose. The Companies have blocked the city by legal process, and the city has won every step of the fight. To give up now when the fight is almost won, and the companies probably only stalling for more time, would mean the complete loss of the \$15,000.

### PASTOR'S MOTHER DEAD

Rev. Frank H. Scattergood, pastor of Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church was called out of town Thursday to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Katie Heilig Scattergood, who died Wednesday afternoon at her home in Jonkintown, Pa. Mrs. Scattergood was about 73 years old, and was the widow of the late Joseph Burr Scattergood, and the daughter of Rev. John Heilig, D.D., a Lutheran minister, writer, translator and archaeologist of considerable note. Mrs. Scattergood is survived by four daughters and two sons.

For your eye's sake see Dr. J. P. Hathaway, Optometrist, 315 Hudson Bldg., Elizabeth City, N. C.

### A Baptist Leader In Currituck



THIS then is the Rev. Charles Arthur Vandermeulen, the new pastor of the Powells Point Field of Baptist Churches. He is young, ambitious, energetic and full of himself, and will make a noise in his field. Mr. Vandermeulen was pastor of the Westhaven Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Va. He is married and has two interesting children.

### DR. WILSON DISAPPROVES NATIONAL DEFENSE DAY

Elizabeth City Divine Says Leadership of Soldiers and Statesmen Not To Be Trusted

The "patriotic" scheme to observe "National Defense Day" or "Mobilization Day" in America on Sept. 12, the country putting itself on a war basis for a day and thinking in terms of war during that day, has one courageous opponent in Elizabeth City in Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, pastor of First Methodist Church, South.

In a hard-hitting sermon from his pulpit last Sunday morning, Dr. Wilson paid his respects to war and the war-makers and called upon Methodist men and women who are professed Christians to unite in protest against everything that glorified war. Dr. Wilson detailed some of the items of cost of the last war and reminded us that we were led into it and thru by specious promises that it would be a war to end war and a war to make the world safe for democracy. He said it had done neither of these things, but had set the world back for decades, leaving debt, poverty, disease, filth and animosities to harass, discourage and oppress generations yet unborn. He advised against paying any attention to the ideas of military men, professional war-makers whose personal interests, professional training and the atmosphere in which they live unfit them for the leadership of humanity.

### MORE PLATE GLASS FOR MAIN STREET

Mitchell's Contemplates Extensive  
Improvements Costing Up-  
ward of \$5,000

Improvements to be made on the store building now occupied by Mitchell's, the largest and oldest of the Gilbert Stores in this city will cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000, and the work will begin in a few days, according to O. F. Gilbert, proprietor. Mr. Gilbert has recently taken another five year lease on the property at an interesting figure and has been renovating the upper floor, putting on new paint and wall paper for several days.

Don't neglect your eyes. See Hathaway, He knows.

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### WHERE MONTHS PASS BY WITHOUT A SIGN OF RAIN

While folks in Northern North Carolina have been complaining about rain, the people of Colorado and other states are growing their crops without it, getting the necessary water thru their fields, by means of irrigation, according to Miss Lucille Griffin, an Elizabeth City girl who has just returned from a seven weeks visit in the Rocky Mountains. "It didn't rain the whole time I was gone," says Miss Griffin. "They not only have trouble in getting enough water for their crops, but getting enough to drink," she says, for the water is piped for miles from large dams and reservoirs back in the mountains for drinking and for irrigation. In spite of all these handicaps, a very large acreage of many different crops is cultivated.

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THE BANK CLERK AND THE SODA JERKER

### HEADS THEY WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE

"Do you think the presidential election this fall is going to have any effect on business?" asked the Soda Jerker of the Bank Clerk.

### MUTINY BREWS IN SHIP FIGHT

Max Gardner Believed To Favor Waiting Till Regular Session To Settle It

By R. E. POWELL. RALEIGH, July 31.—Mutiny on board the Program of Progress gets the head line for the week and the Admiral of the good Ship of State isn't here to quell it. In fact, he's drafting the orders for the voyage and he's flanked himself behind the Blue Ridge to do it.

### Suffers Stroke of Paralysis



FRIENDS of Fred A. Wineke of Baltimore and Elizabeth City learned with alarm this week that he had suffered a stroke of paralysis. Reports from his Baltimore residence indicate that the stroke was of a mild nature and that Mr. Wineke is doing as well as could be expected. Zoeller photo.

### J. W. BAILEY TO SPEAK ON VIRGINIA DARE DAY

J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, and formerly candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina will deliver the address of the day at the Celebration of Virginia Dare's Birthday on Roanoke Island August 18, according to Dr. R. B. Drake of Eden, who has long taken an active part in these exercises.

### AMBUSANCE DONATED TO HOSPITAL IS DOING NO ONE ANY GOOD

Many Elizabeth City people who contributed toward the purchase of an ambulance for the Elizabeth City Hospital when it was operated as a community proposition, are wondering who is going to inherit their contributions. When the community hospital failed and Dr. John Saliba took it off the hands of the defunct organization, there was indebtedness of \$181.00 or some such sum on the ambulance, due the Auto & Gas Engine Works. Dr. Saliba offered to pay off the indebtedness and take the ambulance, but some one has objected to this and the ambulance remains in the Auto & Gas Engine Works. The Auto & Gas Engine Works is perfectly willing to release the ambulance upon the payment of its lien, but certain ladies who headed the movement for the original purchase of the ambulance are opposed to the hospital taking over the ambulance on such terms. The question now in the minds of many who contributed to the purchase of the ambulance, is WHY?

### WEEVIHS COMING OFF IN PASQUOTANK COUNTY NOW

The weevil crop is hatching out this week, says Dr. L. S. Blades, of the Spence-Hollowell Co. the big farm supply house, and this same crop that is hatching now will lay eggs in 15 days, which will hatch and in turn raise another crop after hibernating next winter. Farmers should lose no time in using effective measures of combatting the weevil at this time, before it has an opportunity to puncture new squares and lay more eggs, says Dr. Blades.

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