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MUCH WORK IN CITY DURING THE LAST YEAR

WAS MOST IMPORTANT IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF CITY.

IS IN THE LEAD

Spirit of Progressiveness in Development Resulted in the Attainment of Many Civic Improvements. Many Projects Taken Up.

The year 1915 has been one of the most important in the development of Washington. It has witnessed the rebuilding of the city and the suburban sections, the increasing of population and the inoculation of its citizens with that "never die" spirit.

A new sewerage system, one of the most complete in the State, was completed in the fall and is now in operation. The most up-to-date electric light plant in this section was also finished and is giving the best of satisfaction.

Many new business houses have been erected and preparations have been made for the construction of others this year. A number of handsome residences have also been built.

The good roads movement was for the first time agitated effectively and steps were taken for the holding of an election next Tuesday.

Taken as a whole the year 1915 has been one which Washingtonians can hold up as an example and if 1916 proves to be as good in every way, and indications are that such will be the case, local residents will have no kick coming.

VENERABLE LADY DIES IN TARBORO

Miss Elizabeth Robinson, Aged 88 Years, Passed Away at Home of Her Sister.

Departed this life at the home of her sister, Mrs. S. M. Lanier, in Tarboro, N. C., on December 27th, Miss Elizabeth Robinson, aged 88 years. The death of this venerable and most highly esteemed Christian lady removes from us one whose life's work has been to bless and uplift mankind.

SERIOUSLY ILL

Mr. Oscar Russ is confined to his home on East Main street with pneumonia. His condition is considered critical.

New Theatre advertisement for 'Neal of the Navy' and other reels.

NEW CONTEST TO START TOMORROW

Barack Class Has Been Divided into Two Sides. Membership Contest to End May 14.

A new membership contest has been started by the Barack class of the Methodist church, active work to begin tomorrow morning at the regular meeting of the class.

Rev. E. M. Stipes, W. M. Kear, W. R. Percival, R. G. Skinner, Army.

Frank Wright, captain; J. V. Harper, asst. capt.; E. E. Phillips, secy; Harry A. Kear, W. E. Woolard, B. H. Reebuck, Joshua Shelton, Jesse Powers, T. M. Pike, E. K. Spencer, C. C. Crater, E. T. Wynne, R. H. Miller, T. F. Smith, L. A. Durand, L. J. Jones, George L. Dail, Bill Dixon, J. M. Swindell, P. A. Ross, H. B. Cowell, J. G. Huff, Geo. Aramocnie, F. B. Lewis, Jesse Flora, Roy Kidd, J. W. Bosman, J. P. Egan, Preston Wooten, E. O. Harding, F. T. Cherry, A. C. Lamb, C. L. Midcap, Henry Eselle, A. R. Jackson, Jesse Bridgeman, J. McSwain, Geo. J. Baker, W. R. Sawyer, H. D. Harper, D. T. Shelton, C. G. Gardner, C. F. Marshall, E. A. Daniel, Jr., John McKeel, W. E. Swindell, J. W. Dalley, N. E. Sallee, J. P. Siffer, G. O. Gurganus, Charles A. Allen, G. B. Burbage, M. F. Rascoe, E. W. Guthrie, Jr., Charles Wright, H. B. Thompson, Charles Suries, W. F. Edwards, Navy.

S. C. Pogram, capt.; A. F. Emery, asst. capt.; J. T. Bland, secy.; L. W. Gardner, H. B. Leggett, S. P. Cartrow, W. H. Baker, G. T. Mayo, J. P. Warner, R. A. S. Wells, A. J. Cox, J. P. Cowell, J. C. Mixon, Bruce Wilkinson, Sam Silverthorne, J. R. Bonner, C. O. Miller, E. P. Rhoads, B. T. Shepherd, Howard Jackson, G. G. Gabriel, Jesse B. Ross, H. B. Clark, S. C. Carty, L. E. Kidd, J. L. Goodwin, W. B. Foreman, Thomas F. Robbins, B. S. Sandler, Carl Goerch, O. P. Cozzens, Z. N. Leggett, John F. Ross, John Bridgeman, John R. Shelton, Aleck McKeel, John R. Ross, F. A. V. Allgood, C. F. Cowell, J. L. Phillips, R. C. Allgood, J. R. Mitchell, R. L. Jones, A. M. Sandler, A. R. Styrton, F. S. Corbett, Frank Sawyer, A. W. Styrton, Geo. Woman, A. W. Cherry, J. T. Lewis, L. A. Squires, J. M. Tingle, W. G. Walker, J. N. Fodrey, J. W. Bell, R. A. G. Barnes, M. H. Cherry.

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RISING PRICE OF GASOLINE MAY BE VIGOROUSLY PROBED

Washington, Jan. 1.—Official government figures made public here today disclosed that in the face of rising prices of gasoline, production of crude petroleum during the last year was greater than in 1914 although production was "purposely retarded as far as practicable."

Both the department of justice and the Federal Trade Commission are preparing to investigate gasoline prices.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. B. Seagriff. At the morning hour the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

Sunday School at 3:00 p. m., C. M. Brown, Jr., Supt. Visitors and travelling men are cordially invited to worship with us while in the city.

New Plan Savings Club advertisement for First National Bank.

IMPROVED ROADS ARE A BIG ADVANTAGE



LIMIT OF TWO HORSE TEAM OVER BAD ROADS; TWO BALES OF COTTON

The public is gradually awakening to the importance of permanent road construction, but with only ten per cent of the public roads in the United States improved, and many States with less than five per cent of improved roads, we are still in the Land of Mud.

There was a time when towns were satisfied with board walks and stepping stones for street crossings. Paved streets were not considered, but today competition between cities and towns demands paved streets and walks.

In rural communities, one-day in the week was set aside from farm duties for going to town. The farmer was satisfied to drive through the mud and over the rough roads. Unfortunately, in many sections, they continue to be satisfied with such road conditions, but in other sections, the farmer knows better.

He is demanding the same advantages enjoyed by his competitors in other sections, and due to the building of good roads.

The urban population complains of the high cost of marketing the products all due to bad road conditions, but what is accomplished, or even attempted, to remedy the trouble? Those in towns and cities say, "We should not be required to build roads for the farmer," and the farmer continues to be satisfied with the hardships of the bad roads, causing a very low efficiency in the earning ability and a rapid depreciation of his teams.

In one county of Tennessee, before road improvement began, one bale of cotton was an average load for a two-horse team. There are now one hundred miles of improved roads in that county, and twelve bales is not an uncommon load, thereby increasing the earning ability of the team for the farmer twelve times.



IMPROVED ROADS AND TWELVE BALES OF COTTON

after road improvement, disclose some remarkable results. In one case, an increase of three hundred and eighty, and another, of two hundred and thirty-three per cent. Compare and consider this profit for the farmer with his small proportion of the road improvement cost.

Showing the influence of road improvement upon the volume of production and traffic, one county in the South spent \$100,000 in five years in building permanent roads, and within two years after the road improvement began, the annual tonnage over the roads in agricultural and forest products increased about 45 per cent.

The dairy and poultry products showed an increase of practically 100 per cent. Careful investigation showed that the increased tonnage and decreased cost of hauling over the improved roads showed a yearly profit of \$41,000, or more than 41 per cent of the entire cost of the road improvement.

A ROOK PARTY

Mrs. Tom Bonner, of Aurora, Entertains at Rook.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mrs. Tom Bonner Thursday, December 30th, at 7:30. The guests were met at the door by William Crawford Bonner and ushered into the living room where they played Rook until a late hour.

"NEAL OF THE NAVY" NEW THEATRE TONIGHT

The New Theatre was unable to show the "Neal of the Navy" picture last night on account of the film exchange which supplies this picture shipping by mistake some old "Elsie" pictures.

SAY MILLION AUTOS TO BE SOLD COMING YEAR

New York, Jan. 1.—More than one million automobiles are to be sold in 1916, is the prediction of sales managers at the Auto Show.

CLAIMS HE HAS NOT BEEN GETTING A SQUARE DEAL

A. T. Summerlin Declares That Police Have Made Him the Goat in Liquor Cases.

Having received many expressions of confidence since the police of Washington seized my grip containing whiskey a few days before Christmas, I wish to make a plain statement of facts and let the public judge whether I have been treated fairly.

Since locating in Washington I have been engaged in the grocery and fruit business and have endeavored to conduct it in such a manner as to gain and merit the confidence of the public upon whom I am dependent for a living.

A short time before Christmas I went to Norfolk to purchase fruit for the holiday trade, knowing that I could order only one quart of whiskey I carried a grip for the purpose of bringing some home with me which I did. Upon my arrival in Washington the police were at the train. They asked what I had in the grip. I replied whiskey. They followed me to my store and read a warrant to me, then came the trial and my acquittal.

The point I desire to make is this: The police had absolutely no evidence nor information that I bought this whiskey for any other purpose than my own personal use. This they are bound to admit as I am not engaged in the sale of intoxicants. When the time comes that I cannot make a living from my store then will the doors be closed and I will be the only loser.

As to my business integrity, I refer to any of the wholesale grocery men in Washington.

I am unable to ascertain why the police should single me out as the goat when there are hundreds of others who bring in for their own personal use more than the quantity allowed by law. All I ask is a square deal. This I have not been getting from the police. Why? A. T. SUMMERLIN.

ORIGINAL UNCLE TOM DEAD

Creator of Hero in Harriet Beecher Stowe Play Lived to Be 82.

Bennington, Va., Jan. 1.—Daniel Worcester, who was known as the original Uncle Tom of the dramatization of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," died at the Vermont Soldiers' home, aged 82.

Mr. Worcester is said to be the last survivor of a company which produced the drama for the first time in Lowell, Mass., in 1851. He served in the Civil war in the 27th Connecticut regiment.

ANOTHER MILL TO CRUSH SOY BEANS

Plant in New Bern Has Taken Up New Industry. Will Begin Operations About First of May.

(By Eastern Press) New Bern, Jan. 1.—The New Bern Cotton Oil Mill is the latest addition to the ranks for those mills that recognize the soy bean as a coming North Carolina crop.

In a recent letter to Mr. Williams the president of the mill states that he will use about 500 or 1,000 tons. This increases further the value of the crop to the farmers of Eastern North Carolina.

NIGHT SCHOOL MONDAY

The city night school will open again Monday night and as there is a shortage in the number of teachers it is hoped that volunteers will come in and assist in this important work.

ALMOST WIPED OUT SERBS IN A FIERCE BATTLE

BIG THREE DAY FIGHT HAS BEEN WAGED IN ALBANIA. SERBIANS ANNIHILATED.

TEUTONS RETIRE

Austro-German Bulgarian Forces Are Being Withdrawn from Macedonia. Italians in Big Conflict. French Repulse Germans.

London, Jan. 1.—Many reports reach here that the Austro-German and Bulgarian forces are not only abandoning all preparations for an advance in Macedonia, but are actually withdrawing troops from this front, their action being attributed to the Russian offensive in Bessarabia but most of these dispatches bear the impress of the wish being father to the thought.

Active operations in the Near East are now centering in Albania, where the Serbian army is said to be suffering from harassing attacks made by Albanian forces.

Italians Clash With Bulgarians. From the progress they have made in Albania, it is predicted that the Italians will soon clash with the Bulgarians in that territory.

Bulgarians Annihilate Serbians. Advices last night were that the British had put troops ashore at Orfano, thirty miles to the west of Kavala.

From German sources comes a report of a defeat of the Serbian army, apparently reinforced by Italians in central Albania, the Bulgarians almost annihilating the Serbians in a three-day battle, it is declared.

Lost Over 17,000 Men. The British casualties on all fronts during December totalled 17,548 men.

Repulse German Attack. Paris reports the repulse of a German hand grenade attack launched in an attempt to capture an observation post in the Champagne. Comparative quiet prevailed on the rest of the front.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE. The New Year's dance of the Halcyon club will be given at the Elks' hall Monday night, beginning at 9:30 o'clock.

BUILD NEW RAILROAD. Wilson, Jan. 1.—A report reaches this city via Henderson that a syndicate has purchased the right of way and all the land hereafter held by Captain Turner in the Virginia and Eastern Carolina Railroad from his widow, and that work will be resumed on the new road early in January and that it will come to Wilson via Spring Hope.

Advertisement for Savings & Trust Company, 'GET READY NOW' slogan.