



SURVEYING SITE FOR THE DARE LUMBER COMPANY'S MILL

It Will Be Located Just Across Knobs Creek And Directly Beside The Norfolk And Southern Tracks.

Engineers this morning engaged in making surveys for the site of the Dare Lumber Company's big lumber plant, which, it is now assured, will be located in Elizabeth City, though absolute confirmation of that has not been made from an official source.

The site on which the surveyors' instruments are being used is located just across Knobs creek and is directly beside the tracks of the Norfolk and Southern Company. The property there is owned by the Norfolk and Southern Company, and with the surveyor yesterday came Superintendent McGuire. The work of establishing the lines bounding the site was to have commenced yesterday, but the storm intervened.

This morning, however, it is being done under the supervision of Mr. E. C. Potter, and will be concluded today or tomorrow.

Site Given by Norfolk and Southern.

This site was practically given by the Norfolk and Southern. When it was learned the mill would be built somewhere in the section the railroad company was one of the first to offer inducements for it to be located

in this city. It offered the site now being defined at a 'nominal cost.'

Several other sites were offered, one of which was supposedly near the Suffolk and Carolina tracks, and during the past month they have all been under consideration.

That Elizabeth City has been chosen by the Dare Lumber Company in preference to Dare county for the location of the mill is the belief of everyone, as something definite was needed before the survey of the site would commence. It will doubtless be constructed on the site offered by the railroad and the statement that the work of putting up the several buildings to comprise the plant, and the installation of the machinery will commence before the end of next month is regarded as being safe. The machinery is already here and has only to be hauled to the lot.

The plant will be a saw, planing and shingle mill; will employ about 200 men; will cost over \$100,000, and will be the most important acquisition made to the city's array of enterprises in years.

MOVEMENT IS AT A STANDSTILL

FURNITURE FACTORY PROJECT DID NOT COME UP AT MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE--EXPERIENCED FURNITURE MAN YET SOUGHT.

The project of building a furniture factory in the city by a stock company, was not submitted to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce, as it was announced it would be sometime ago, and considerable disappointment ensues among the many who are interested.

The reason was that the principal promoters, the very ones who were expected to introduce the matter for action by the chamber were unable to attend, and it will be carried over to the March meeting, unless in the meantime the efforts are carried to a successful issue by other means.

Just now it is at a standstill, and if other names than those announced as its promoters were given, it would be reasonable to think it would 'die the death.' Not another dollar has been subscribed; in fact, no effort has been made to secure stock.

As stated previously the object is to interest an experienced furniture man with a few thousands to invest himself, but this has not been done, and even correspondence has not been opened with such a man.

LAYING MAIN FOR THE GAS SYSTEM

WORK BEING PUSHED ON FIRST STREET--CAR LOAD OF GAS PIPE WILL BE RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 15--PEOPLE INTERESTED.

The work of putting in the gas plant by the Elizabeth City Water and Power Company in pursuance to a franchise granted them by the city several months ago, has commenced and it is assured that no unnecessary delay will follow in rushing it to completion as fast as possible.

The main, or lead pipes, are now being put down on First street, a force of workmen doing this under the supervision of Mr. Lewis. Three hundred feet of the main is on hand for use, and a solid car load of all sizes will be received before March 15, on receipt of which the force of workmen will be increased and the work accelerated in all respects.

To install the gas works it is very near only a matter of laying the pipes, for at the plant all the necessary machinery, with the exception of the generators, which are easily obtainable and which are now being purchased, is in readiness.

An early completion of the gas system is doubted by some people, who say it will be treated like the street railway franchise, but when the general clamor for gas on the part of the people is taken into consideration it becomes evident the addition would be a source of great profit to its owners, which practically insures that the work now underway will not be abandoned.

At any rate, it is the expressed desire of the whole city that gas be put in as soon as possible. Some say it would have as many subscribers as electricity.

COUNTY TEACHERS ARE CALLED TO MEET NEXT SATURDAY

County Supt. Sheep Announces An Important Program Of Subjects For Discussion.

A meeting of the white public school teachers of the county has been called by Superintendent Sheep for next Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m. in the Atlantic Collegiate Institute building. This meeting takes the place of the township meetings prescribed by the school law and all teachers are required to attend. The following program has been arranged for discussion:

1. How to teach English.
2. Discipline in the schools and how to improve it.
3. Co-operation of parents and teachers.
4. The improvement of school grounds.
5. How about learning teachers and Superintendents how to write?

This is the second meeting of this kind held this year and good results must follow, as a consequence of the discussion of such subjects as the above among the teachers of our county.

Our county superintendent has devoted considerable time this winter to visiting the schools of the county in order to acquaint himself with

their work and to devise means for their improvement in the future.

He reports the schools in good condition and the work, for the most part going on satisfactorily with a larger enrollment of students than heretofore. Plans are being consummated for a vigorous campaign in the course of education for the coming summer. The public is invited to attend this meeting and to take part in the discussions.

The observance of North Carolina Day by the different schools of the county last week were interesting and creditable and witnessed by large audiences. The penny collection for the Calvin H. Wiley monument fund exceeded all expectations.

WILL ENTERTAIN THE BOOK CLUB TODAY.

Mrs. Charles Guirkin will entertain the local Book club this afternoon at her home on Main street, an announcement causing lively interest among the members.

Mrs. Guirkin is a splendid entertainer and realizing the pleasures in store, every member who can, will be present.

WILL ELECT REPRESENTATIVE TO GRAND LODGE

Elizabeth City lodge 122 K. of P.'s will meet in their castle hall at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening, March 1st.

To the members it will be one of the most important meetings the order has held recently, as a representative to the Grand Lodge will be elected, an election always productive of interest as the honor conferred is a distinguished one.

Work in the rank of Page and Esquire will be done and the presence of every member is urged. All visiting Knights are cordially invited.

LENT BEGAN TODAY

Lent begins today. For the next forty days those who observe this church celebration, will in various ways practice self denial and in other ways keep the occasion holy.

As the Episcopal church of this city has no regular minister, it's not known whether the usual lenten services will be conducted in the Episcopal church.

TO VISIT NORTHERN CITIES.

Miss Martha Sykes, accompanied by Miss Maggie Williams, left today for New York, Philadelphia, and other Northern cities to purchase millinery for the firm of M. Sykes and company. In Baltimore, Miss Sykes will be joined by Miss Westcott, the firm's trimmer, who has been in Baltimore some time preparing patterns for the company.

Miss Westcott will return to Elizabeth City with Miss Sykes.

FEBRUARY HAS BEEN BUSY MONTH IN REAL ESTATE

Today at 12 o'clock the books at the court house showed that so far during the present month property transfers, chattel mortgages, etc. had been made in the county to number of 314, which figures reveal that February has been an unusually busy month in this respect.

The amounts ranged from \$14,000 down to five, and some of the deals thus recorded were for city real estate, though most of them were for property in the country.

LARGEST ADVERTISING CONTRACT EVER MADE IN THIS CITY

The largest contract for advertising space ever made in Elizabeth City was signed yesterday by Mr. H. H. Lavenstein with the Carolina Publishing Company. The large amount of space that Mr. Lavenstein will use this year shows that he appreciates the value of advertising; it also indicates that he will push his business this year to its utmost capacity.

New territories of trade will be invaded by this progressive merchant, whose success in Elizabeth City has been phenomenal and his business will be pushed on to greater achievements.

No effort will be wanting on the part of Mr. Lavenstein to make this the greatest year in his business. The matter contained in his large advertising space in the Daily Economist and Tar Heel will furnish interesting reading matter during the year to those interested in commercial items.

STATE GAME LAW NOW IN EFFECT

The State game laws will be in full force and effect tomorrow and Game Warden Raper is giving due notice that this is the last day for hunting quail, doves, robins, larks, and the various other birds in the county until next season, and will hereafter be on the watch that the laws are fully enforced.

Hunting in Pasquotank practically ended last month so far as partridges are concerned and shooting the other birds is not attractive enough to cause a violation of the laws.

FEBRUARY HAS BEEN GOOD FOR MARRIAGES.

February, today at noon, had fallen five short of the average record for marriage licenses issued. At 12 o'clock twenty-six had been issued, twenty of which were to white couples. During the afternoon at least two more will be issued, probably more, and the total will be considerably nearer one a day when Mr. Spence closes his office tonight.

February is generally one of the dullest months in the year, in this respect, but if the present had 31 days it would likely exceed some of the others.

RETURNED FROM NEW YORK AND BALTIMORE.

Mrs. J. M. Bell and Miss Lina P. Gilbert returned today from New York and Baltimore, where they have spent several days selecting an elegant stock of new millinery. They have purchased a full stock for the Eureka Millinery company, which will soon be opened at their store, No. 6, North Water street, this city.

INFORMATION ON ROAD BUILDING

A coating of sand on a clay road is a good thing, but the more this sand inclines to gravel the better. Good gravel would be far superior. The exact amount of sand to use will generally have to be determined by experiment in each locality. Apply the sand when the road is wet but not rutted. It will not be of much value till it becomes mixed with the clay and thus forms a sort of artificial hard pan. On the other hand, if sand is applied to hard dry clay it will be a positive nuisance until wet weather comes and allows it to become mixed with the clay. It is only suitable for roads of comparatively light traffic.

Clay on sand usually gives better results than sand on clay on account of the excellent natural drainage afforded by the sand foundation. It should be applied in a layer about six inches deep, well harrowed, smoothed off with a grader, and rolled till hard and smooth. After the rolling, from one to two inches of sand from the sides should be uniformly spread over the road by use of a road grader. Clay thus applied will not have reached its best stage until mixed with the sand.

Neither sand on clay nor clay on sand should be applied till the bed has been properly graded and shaped for a permanent road.

Repairs to this class of road will consist in maintaining the drains and applying such material to the surface as was originally used to build the road. Care should be taken in applying this new material when filling ruts to see that it is properly levelled. If very much new material is added it is better to harrow and roll again.

Mr. Baxter Garrison, of Wanchese, is in the city today.

Miss Adelaide White, of Hertford, is now here as the guest of friends.

NO CASES HEARD IN CURRITUCK

Court convened and adjourned Monday at Currituck without a case being heard, or even called, and a precedent was almost established, the same happening only a few times before in the district.

Monday morning at the usual hour Judge Neal was on the bench, the jurors, attorneys and a considerable crowd of spectators were present and court convened in the usual manner. The jury was empanelled and received the charge of the judge, which was able and rather lengthy.

This over the solicitor made the statement that not a case was on the docket for trial and in a few moments more, court had adjourned, to the evident surprise of the many spectators who had expected to hear the trial of both criminal and civil cases.

The grand jury remained in session a few hours longer and issued one bill of indictment against some party whose name has not been divulged, and who will be tried next court.

Judge Neal arrived here last night, and probably will remain until next Monday when he will convene court in Camden county.

THEY SECURED LEGAL PERMIT

Register of Deeds J. C. Spence this morning issued marriage license to Mr. Napoleon Bonaparte Brothers and Miss Elizabeth Gregory, a popular young couple of this county, who have used the permit probably before this hour.

Neither Mr. Brothers nor Miss Gregory applied for the license, the application being made by one of their intimate friends. He satisfied the official as to the ages, etc., and he had no trouble in securing the license.

BRIEF STATE NEWS FOR BUSY READERS

The Knights of Pythias will erect a lodge building in Washington, N. C., in the near future costing \$10,000.

Rev. William Spurgeon, D. D., of England, a cousin of Charles H. Spurgeon preached in Spencer, N. C., last Sunday.

Mrs. Clara Johnson celebrated her 95th birthday yesterday near Hassell, N. C.

As a result of being struck by a shifting engine in the Coast Line yards at Wilmington, William Wright a negro youth, 16 years old died yesterday morning.

Dr. Peter E. Hines, of Raleigh, one of the oldest physicians in the state was stricken with paralysis yesterday at his home in that city at the age of 79 years.

The petition of Representative E. Spencer Blackburn for an immediate trial has been denied him and his trial has been set for the 15th of April in Greensboro.

Mathew S. Davis, president of Louisburg Female College, died yesterday from the result of a severe attack of pneumonia at his home in Louisburg at the age of 75 years. He was one of the most distinguished educators of the Piedmont section.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, author of 'St. Cuthbert' the most popular novel of the past year was a visitor in New Bern last Sunday. He is one of the most prominent Presbyterian divines in Canada. He married Miss Emma K. Jones, of New Bern, who is the heroine of his popular novel.

Much excitement has been created in Washington, N. C., for the past few days by the sudden disappearance of a negro cook from the barge Donaldson, which has been unloading a cargo of fertilizer at that place. It is thought that he fell overboard and was drowned.

Dr. Edwin Greer, one of the most prominent physicians in Baltimore, died yesterday in that city. Dr. Greer whose father was an Episcopal minister was born and reared in Washington, N. C.

Dr. Greer at the time of his death was prominent in the fire department and in navy circles. He was president of the North Carolina Society.

A surprise has been sprung upon both the prosecution and defense alike in the trial of Dr. Mathews who is on trial in Superior court of Guilford county, which is now in session at Greensboro for poisoning his wife by injecting strychnine in her arm with a hypodermic syringe. There has been made privately a test of the chemical contents remaining in the syringe in which a prominent chemist of this State fails to find any trace of strychnine.

The movement instituted some time ago to hold in the city of Raleigh a summer school for teachers has resulted in a successful termination. The Chambers of Commerce have made all the arrangements necessary to insure its success and yesterday the project was incorporated under the title of the State's Summer School. The school will be conducted at the A. and M. College.

Mr. W. M. Hinton, formerly of this city, but now editor of the Littleton (N. C.) Times-Herald, is in town visiting his family.

Mr. W. J. Griffin, a prominent resident of Manteo, is here today on special business.

Miss Annie Mobrey, of Norfolk, is visiting relatives in the city this week.

LOCAL BOOK CLUB HIGHLY ENTERTAINED

Mrs. R. T. Whitehurst entertained the local Book Club last evening at her home on Church street, the event proving among the most enjoyable to which the club has been treated this season.

After the literary features, which were of a high order, delicious refreshments were served in several courses.

Those present were the following: Mesdames I. M. Meekins, M. R. Griffin, W. M. Baxter, W. H. Zoeller, J. B. Griggs, Mattie Leary, Thomas C. Jones, C. W. Melick and Miss Ada Melick, Katherine and May Engle, Marcie and Kate Albertson.