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Town Commissioners to Consider Calling Election for Bond Issue for Water-works, Sewers and Street Paving

Meeting to be Held Tuesday--Engineer Loving Writes The Commonwealth Facts, Figures and Comparisons-- People Should Agitate the Proposition.

Fremont, N. C., Nov 30
Mr. C. F. Carroll, Editor,
Scotland Neck, N. C.

Dear Sir: Thinking a comparison between Scotland Neck and the neighboring towns of like class along the lines of municipal improvements might stimulate interest I hand you the following information.

Ayden, population about 1300. Taxable valuation about \$700,000 is spending \$50,000 on waterworks, sewerage and lights. Their total indebtedness is \$60,000.

Farmville population about 1500. Taxable values about \$1,000,000. Installing sewers. Their total expenditures for water, lights, and sewers will be \$80,000.

Hertford, population about 2000. Tax values about \$700,000, is spending \$50,000 on water, lights and sewers.

Plymouth, population 2500 has recently voted \$30,000 for water and sewers.

All these towns are near Scotland Neck about the same size but in my estimation Scotland Neck is larger and more able to make the improvements than any I have mentioned.

Of interest to everyone is the saving in insurance which amounts to a reduction from \$1.50 basis rate for brick mercantile establishment to 90 per cent on the \$1.00 a saving of 40 per cent. The saving on other risks aren't quite as much. In several towns it has been estimated this saving alone is sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds.

The value of water and sewers cannot be estimated in dollars and cents but the statistics of the State Board of Health convincingly show the death rate from Typhoid and Diarrheal diseases is considerably lower in towns that have water and sewerage.

Aside from insurance savings and protection from fire, water and sewers promote better living conditions increase the self respect of the individuals and makes a better town and citizenship.

The demand for bonds is greater at this time than in several years and the town can effect a material saving by financing the work now.

Construction material can be bought lower than future prices predict every indication pointing to higher prices.

The Board will consider calling an election at their next regular meeting next Tuesday and it is possible you can facilitate matters by bringing some of the above points to the citizens attention requesting the Board to let the people express themselves at an election.

Hoping this information will be of service, I remain, yours very truly,
Harry W. Loving,
Engineer, The J. B. McCrary Co.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bryan went to Enfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Peacock spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weathersbee.

Mrs. J. E. Bowers, Mrs. C. W. Albertson, Misses Maude, Lizzie and Hattie Leggett attended an opera at Norfolk Wednesday night.

Dr. Anthony C. Beck, who has been visiting Mr. Gus White has returned to his home in Wilmington, Del.

Dr. D. F. Keel, was called to the State Farm near Tillery Wednesday on professional business.

Emily Epps, colored woman living on the Purrington place near Town died Monday morning. She was the wife of Wylie Epps, a trusted colored farmer.

Mr. A. C. Yandle returned last Friday from Monroe where he went to attend the funeral of a relative.

Rev. L. T. Singleton left Tuesday for Wilmington, where he will attend the Methodist Conference in session there.

Mrs. Will Lawrence and child have returned from Plymouth, where they spent Thanksgiving with friends and relatives.

High School Notes.

The high school was pleasantly surprised Wednesday morning when Miss Eva Moore and her grade gave a play entitled "Thanksgiving on the Farm". It covered about a space of 15 minutes and every one enjoyed it greatly. Mr. Rose then announced that there would be no school Thursday as it was Thanksgiving day but that school would start again on Friday.

Mr. Rose, Miss Thompson, and Miss Smith went to Raleigh to attend a teachers' meeting Wednesday. Mr. Charlie Josy was a substitute in Miss Bryan's place. We enjoyed his teaching very much as he was our first male teacher this year.

The senior class serenaded the school Wednesday morning and every one enjoyed it greatly.

The ninth and tenth grade had a surprise party for the senior class and we enjoyed the grapes, candies, apples, and "Cracker Jack" popcorn. The different prizes furnished much amusement. The seniors received their invitation by special delivery.

The High School had an interesting game of Basket Ball Thanksgiving day when the Reds played the Blues. The ones taking part were Evelyn Kitchin, Annie McDowell, Gertrude Dunn, Mary Tillery, and Lone Kitchin on one side and Teresa Hopkins, Vivian Wilkerson, Genie May Hopkins, Uidne Allsbrook, and Mary Josey. The score was twenty and six in favor of the Reds, although it was a very good game there is still room for improvement.

The Lanier Literary Society had a very interesting program Friday, November the 26th when the subject was Julia Ward Howe. The ones taking part were Ernestine Rasberry, Jennie Summerell, Evelyn Kitchin, and Gertrude Dunn. We discussed the society pins but have not yet picked out the ones we are to get.

The Vine Hill Society had a debate Friday the 26th. The question was "Resolved that the Drug Stores should stay open on Sunday." The question was decided in favor of the Negative side.

The school has almost entirely regained the standing it had before the Diphtheria broke out and is doing excellent work.

There has been only one case of Scarlet fever in the school and we are very thankful for that because if there had been more school would have been in danger of being suspended.

The Vine Hill has invited the Lanier Literary Society to enjoy an evening of fun and frolic on December, 3, with them. The invitation has been accepted with pleasure.

Uldine Allsbrook.

Death at Dawson's.

Wednesday night, October 27, 1915, at 12 o'clock, the soul of little Callie Barnhill, the eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barnhill wended its way to the eternal mansions in Heaven.

The little one was taken very sick Friday, the 18th, and from that time suffered untold agonies until the Angel of Death came and laid his icy hand on her burning brow, and bade the little one come.

Prayers have been offered, love has labored and science has been practiced in vain. Yes, we prayed that our little darling should live and give to our hearts rays of sunshine and gladness, but it was not God's will, and we should all endeavor to be reconciled to His will for He doeth all things well.

We extend our greatest sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Little Callie was buried in a robe of pure white under a mound of lovely flowers.

All day we watched the ebbing life, As if its flight to stay; Till all the night was coming on, Our last hope passed away.

She was the music of our home, A day that knew no night; The fragrance of our garden bowers, A thing all smiles and light.

Above the couch we bent and prayed In the half-lighted room;

As the bright hues of infant life, Sank slowly into gloom.

We stroked the little sinking cheek, The forehead pale and fair, We kissed the small round mouth For Callie was still there.

The death-frost through her clay, Stole slowly—and in a moment More our beloved darling, Sweetly passed away.

Farewell with weeping hearts we said, Child of our love and care, And we ceased to kiss those lips, For Callie was not there.

But years are moving quickly past, And time will soon be o'er, Death will be swallowed up in life, On that immortal shore.

There shall we clasp that hand once more, And smooth that pretty hair: Then shall we kiss those lips again, When Callie shall be there.

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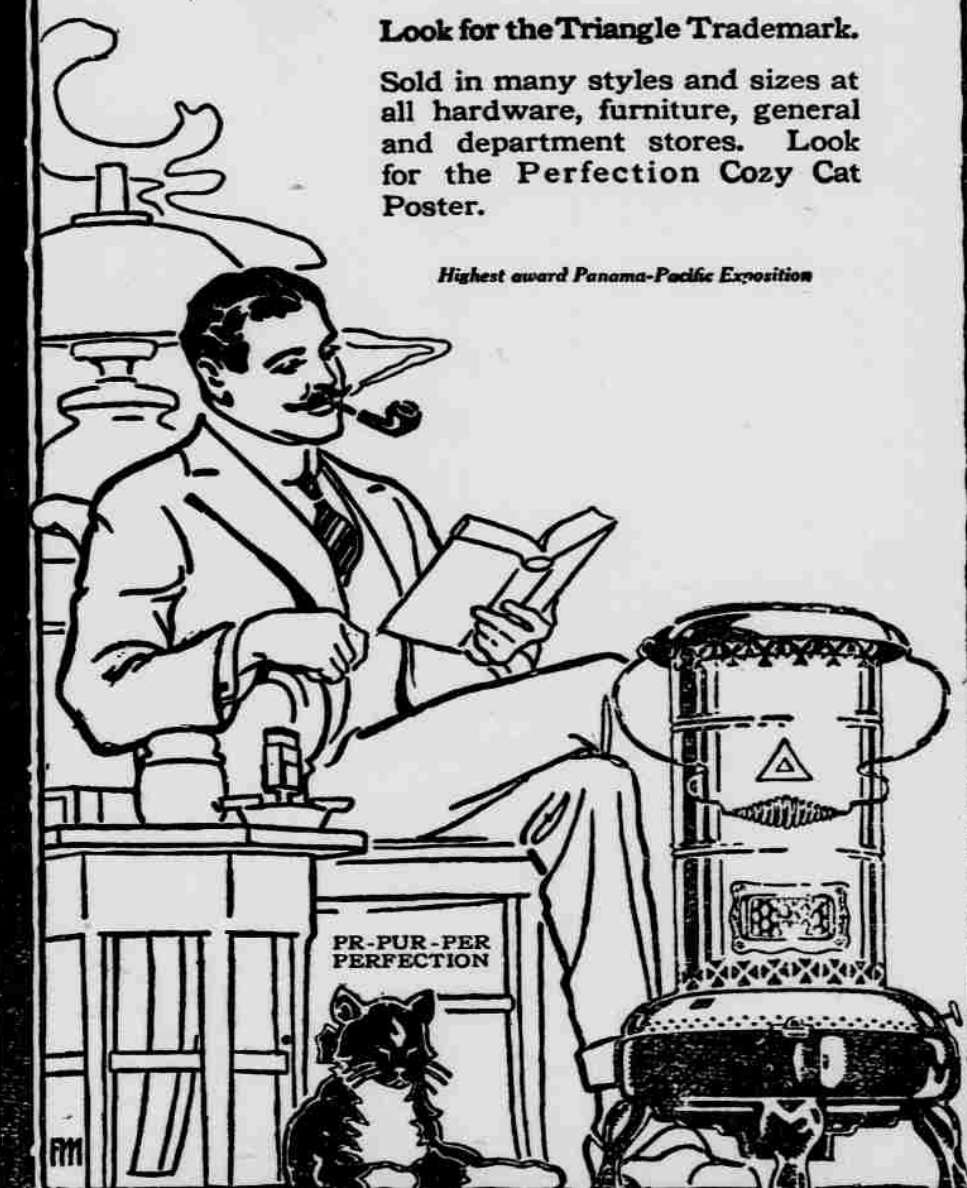
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