

SECRETARY SHACKELL WRITES THE MEMBERS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Urges Co-operation Among All Members In Order That Success May Be Assured To Local Members

DOUBTING THOMASES ARE HINDRANCE TO THE BEST OF WORK

Every Member Should Assume His Rightful Place In The Affairs Of His Home Town

DON'T LET THE OLD "LET GEORGE DO IT" HABIT GET THE BEST OF YOU

Editor Southerner:

The Chamber of Commerce is not dead nor is it sleeping.

An organization that has one hundred and fifty stalwart energetic members can move mountains if they but co-operate in the right spirit, but they must be of one mind and aim for the best things for the community in which they live, else their endeavor will be in vain.

Some people are fair weather prophets and squally seas dampen their ardor and they cannot see the silver lining through the dark cloud. That is because they can appreciate only visible things. And yet the world is made up of future hopes and faith. All things are of the tomorrow, not of yesterday so that those who look beyond the shower can see the brilliant sky of the coming day.

This is written to the brethren who are doubting Thomas' for they are the ones who are prone to prophecy, disappointment and disaster. The optimist does not require any word of encouragement for his heart is filled with promise.

A new era is pending, my dispondent friend, and if you will you can see the signs on every street corner, and it would be well to adjust your views to those who are always speaking in enthusiastic tones. Let the dull, drear, sad and pessimistic ways of old disappear from within the portals of our town and with a single heart let the people join in feeling that they are surely blessed in being a part of such a favored centre as we live in.

None can hope to succeed with the same degree of certainty if they estrange themselves from their fellows. This world was not made for man to live unto himself alone. Companionship is one of the great gifts of He who sees things aright, therefore let us gather together in more hearty accord, decide on what is best for the whole people and determine to carry those things to a successful issue.

The Edgecombe Chamber of Commerce was organized to build up by the force of the hearty co-operation of its members, but it was intended that those members should co-operate; that each should assume his rightful place in the affairs of his town and bear such part of the burden of placing this town in the forefront of all other towns in eastern North Carolina. That was and is the purpose of our Chamber of Commerce and no man should be satisfied with the mere payment of dues into an organization that means so much to the home and business life of a community. He should be an integral part of its activities and whatever there is to do he should see to it that he carries his allotted load of the responsibility.

"Get together" is the greatest slogan of modern times, for it means the active participation of many minds upon a single subject and in consequence the best results are thereby realized. Don't be accused of "letting George do it," that doesn't get you anywhere, but put your own shoulder to the wheel and then you will not only have the satisfaction of having done your part but will be sure of having helped your neighbor in doing his part also.

Beautiful, industrious, co-operative Tarboro is what I want to see as the result of the formation of the Edgecombe Chamber of Commerce. Can you help to make it so? Ask yourself that question—you can answer it very quickly.—R. G. Shackell.

TO THE UNHOUSED

The Chamber of Commerce has listed a number of furnished rooms for rent for men, and will be glad to give locations upon application.

TODAY'S NEWS OF TARBORO 20 YEARS AGO

Light Canvas—Before the electric light plant is installed, the Board of Public Works will have to know approximately how many lights will be taken. This is necessary to locate the transformers, which are very expensive and should be placed where they are needed.

The price of one candle-power lamp is 60 cents a month. If five or more lamps are taken the used can have a meter and the charge will be not less than \$1 a month. These prices are not exorbitant when it is considered that the town furnishes the lamps.

Strike on Railroads—No freights are running on the Southern railway because the telegraphers have struck for higher wages. The Southern people express the belief that the tie-up will be only temporary.

The Norfolk and Carolina also have a small strike on their hands. Monday the section hands on that portion of the road in this state declined to work unless they were paid the same wages as are paid in Virginia for the same work. The company claims that \$14 a month with feed is ample compensation, and that the only reason more money is paid to its section employees in Virginia is on account of the high prices paid by the truckers for labor.

State Ticket—The following is the full Democratic State ticket:

Governor, Charles B. Aycock of Wayne.

Lieutenant-Governor, W. D. Turner of Iredell.

Secretary of State, J. Bryan Grimes of Pitt.

State Treasurer, B. R. Lacy of Wake.

State Auditor, B. F. Dixon of Cleveland.

Attorney General, Robert D. Gilmer of Haywood.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Wm. S. Toon of Robeson.

Commissioner of Agriculture, Samuel L. Patterson of Caldwell.

Commissioner of Labor and Printing, Henry B. B. Varner of Davidson.

Chairman of the Corporation Commission, Franklin McNeill of New Hanover.

Corporation Commissioner, Samuel Rogers of Macon.

Judge for the 10th District, W. B. Council of Watauga.

Electors at Large—Dan Hugh McLean of Harnett, and Lee S. Overman of Rowan.

County Election Board—The State Board of Electors have appointed W. H. Powell, Jr., of this place, Elies Carr of Old Sparta, and L. V. Bassett of Rocky Mount, the County Board of Election. These gentlemen will have the appointment of the registrars and poll-holders in the several precincts of the county.

Trotting Race—Will Sessums and Biscoe Pittman have each a horse in whose trotting qualities they are bettingly confident. So much so that a trial of speed, heats the best three out of five, has been arranged to take place on the track in the Rocky Mount fair grounds Thursday, May 3.

Mr. Sessums' speeder is Grey John, while Mr. Pittman's steed bears the Irish-Scotch cognomen of Pat MacGregor. Here is some excitement for the sports.

Died—Tuesday in this county near Lawrence, of pneumonia superinduced by age, Mrs. Louisa Savage, widow of late R. A. Savage, aged 68.

Both the Fountain cotton mills and the Tarboro cotton factory, No. 2 are now regularly at work. Both have been delayed months because the machinery was not delivered on time.

It is reported here that local and foreign capital will unite for the installation of a new telephone system here, with long distance connection with Norfolk and other points.

High School Cooking Class Visits Pasturizing Plant

The second year cooking class of the Tarboro high school, under the supervision of their teacher, Miss Sadie Sanders, today visited the city Pasturizing plant for the purpose of studying the present modern methods of pasturizing and water filtration.

Mr. Pettway accompanied the class over the plant and explained the different machines, their function and their importance. The class declared they had one of the best "lessons" they had attended in some time.

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ROALD AMUNDSEN IS STILL ON HIS SHIP THE "MAUDE"

Discoverer of North Pole Has Not Made Reported Dash For North Pole

EXPECTS TO USE AIR PLANES IN FINAL DASH

Washington, April 13.—Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole and now leader of a North Pole expedition, has not left his ship, the "Maude" for a final dash to the Pole. The denial of the recent report from London that the Amundsen dash had actually begun was received in Washington today by Gilbert Grosvenor, president of the National Geographic Society, in a cablegram from the Norwegian Geographical Society.

According to the earlier report from Christiania published in London on March 26th, the explorer began the dash across the Polar ice field accompanied by only two men. Had this report proved true, Amundsen's dash if successful might have brought him to his goal on the same day on which the Pole was discovered by Peary in 1909 (April 6th).

Geographers who are familiar with Captain Amundsen's plans will not be surprised at the denial of the report that he has left his ship, for such a departure at this time would be contrary to all the plans of his expedition.

When he left Norway in July, 1911, it was Amundsen's intention to allow the "Maude" to be frozen in the ice, following Nansen's example in 1893.

Nansen was frozen into the ice September 22, 1893, and not until March 14, 1895, did he reach a point where he decided to leave his ship—400 miles from the goal. But this distance was too great for a successful dash to the Pole.

Profiting by Nansen's experience, Amundsen did not intend to leave his ship so far from his goal. It was generally estimated that the drift across the Polar Seas would take three years, therefore, barring unforeseen circumstances, it is not probable that the leader of the present expedition will leave his ship for a dash to the Pole until 1921.

The coming summer months probably will be spent in drifting, and if the currents and ice behave as they did with Nansen's ship, the "Fram," the "Maude" by next Spring will be brought to a point from which Amundsen can strike for the Pole with every hope of success.

Scientists are eagerly awaiting news concerning the use Amundsen will be able to make of the two airplanes which he carried with him into the Arctic.

METHODIST REVIVAL

Some have asked me why I did not write more about the coming revival giving the main features of it. "Are you going to have a famous preacher?" "Is your song leader a genius?" "Well what are you going to have to attract the people?" These are some of the questions I am called on to answer. Now we have a preacher and singer engaged but they are not to be the main features of this revival. The outstanding attraction about it will be the presence of the blessed Spirit. He has promised to be with us and of course that means that He will. So I invite all sinners who are seeking God and all Christians who want a refreshing from His presence to attend the revival which begins Wednesday, April 14, at 8 p. m.—D. E. Earnhardt.

Tarboro High School Boys Organize For Baseball

The boys of the high school met this morning for the purpose of preliminary organization for baseball. Now that basketball season is over for the boys the next athletic activity is baseball. With a large number of the boys present Jack Denson was elected as manager for the 1920 season with power to secure games with the other high schools of the county and state upon the local schedule.

The matter of equipment was taken up, and it was decided to canvass the city with a subscription list. A committee of three was appointed for this work, and will in the very near future begin the canvass.

The Rev. Mr. Earnhardt handed the manager a letter from the high school at Battleboro requesting a game for the coming Friday, but the local boys decided that it was too early for a game in the present season, and will endeavor to postpone the Battleboro game until a later date.

TRACTION COMPANY FEELS SHORTAGE OF FUEL SUPPLY

(By Associated Press) company here has withdrawn all but a Columbus, April 13.—One traction limited number of its cars today on account of the lack of fuel.

A young crocodile, on emerging from its egg, starts instinctively for the nearest water, even if it is not in sight.

The Japanese consider salted whate-meat a delicacy.

METHODIST LADIES WILL PRESENT PLAY

"The Man From Sing Sing" Will Be Given In Tarboro May 4th

On Tuesday, May 4, the ladies of the Women's Wesley Bible Class of the Methodist church will present the melodrama entitled, "The Man From Sing Sing" at the Opera House in our city. This play is cast in four acts with eight characters, and promises an evening of the best entertainment for the theatre fan.

The rehearsals for the play have been going on for some time under the direction of Mr. F. L. Orange, and as time passes the final evening gives promise of one of the best of the season.

The proceeds from the entertainment will go to the Bible Class for such work as it sees fit to use it for, such as missionary work, library, room equipment and so forth.

Pinetops Wins From Tarboro In Good Game

Last night the Pinetops girls' basketball team won from the Tarboro girls by the score of 25 to 15. The game was one of the best that has been played on the local court this season, and the large crowd that attended were well pleased with the sportsmanship and clean specimen of the game that both teams showed during the entire three periods.

Although the score was in the favor of the visitors the local team played the best game that they have participated in for the entire season. The visitors were too strong and too heavy for the Tarboro "White Middies" and the score was but the result of the best team winning.

The local girls are high in their praise of the Pinetops' team and their clean playing, and are looking forward to the season next year when they will have another opportunity of facing the same opponents.

The girls' team from Battleboro is expected to visit Tarboro next Saturday for a game with the "White Middies" and another good game is promised.

Major Leagues To Open 1920 Season Tomorrow

(By The Associated Press) New York, April 13.—Major league baseball teams swing into pennant action tomorrow with the formal opening of the 1920 season. Based upon the form exhibited in the spring training on southern diamonds, the sixteen clubs of the National and American leagues appear to be in excellent physical condition and baseball prophets forecast close races for the respective league flags as well as exceptional attendance and financial receipts due to the unusual interest in the game this year.

Eastern and western city clubs share equally in the allotment of opening days. In the National League Boston plays at New York while Philadelphia will make its initial appearance at Brooklyn. The western division teams of the senior organization clash with Chicago at Cincinnati and Pittsburgh at St. Louis. The American League schedule calls for New York to open at Philadelphia; Washington at Boston; Detroit at Chicago and St. Louis at Cleveland. The initial return contests are set for April 22 when the order of the schedule will be reversed.

The games to be played in the National League tomorrow will inaugurate the 45th consecutive season for the senior major league for the organization dates back to 1876 when the Chicago club won the first pennant. The teams of that city still hold the lead for since 1876 Chicago clubs have captured eleven championships. Boston comes second with nine and New York third with eight. The American League will celebrate its 21st annual opening, having started its major career in the spring of 1900. Since that date the pennants have been distributed among four clubs, Philadelphia and Boston each having won six; Chicago five and Detroit three.

Girls' Friendly Society

At the last meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society eighteen young ladies were presented for regular membership and eight for associate membership by Mrs. Henry Johnson. The young ladies were received by the chaplain of the society, the Rev. Mr. Hale, who also presented the new regular members with the badges of the society.

The services with the Rev. Mr. Hale presiding were very impressive and beautiful, and it was with pride that the new members received their badges of full membership.

For a long time the Boers refused to sanction the construction of railways in the Transvaal, on the ground that nowhere were such contrivances mentioned in the Bible.

CITY FATHERS TRANACT MUCH BUSINESS AT THEIR REGULAR MONTHLY MEET

ADDITIONAL WORD FROM MISS HOWELL

Tells Experiences of Concert Trio In Endeavor To Reach Tarboro

In a long distance message from New York City yesterday afternoon, Miss Howell explained to me the unfortunate circumstances that tied them up in Washington City yesterday morning.

She and Mr. Murphy, accompanied by Mr. Charles Baker, left New York Sunday night. About two o'clock in the morning the Pullman porter came through the car, woke them up, told them to dress that the car they were on would go no further than Washington. In a short while after this, while they were dressing the Pullman conductor came through and told them to go back to bed, that the porter had made a mistake.

Upon reaching Washington they were told that they would have to change cars to make any connections. Mr. Baker went immediately to the Bureau of Information in the station, and was told that there was no chance of getting out of Washington, that no trains would run either north or south, and that there was absolutely no chance of getting any further south that day. Miss Howell stated that they, as well as about 35 other passengers, were panic stricken, not knowing what to do.

About seven o'clock in the morning, after vainly trying to get some information as to the movements of the trains they were told that they had best cancel any engagements, as there was absolutely no telling when they would or could get out of Washington. In desperation Miss Howell called me over long distance phone, and explained the situation, saying it was impossible to reach Tarboro that evening. About noon, they returned to New York, still being assured there was no chance of getting south.

Yesterday passengers came through from Petersburg to Tarboro, and the northern mail came through on the Plymouth train. I wired to Miss Howell and the answer was her long distance message from New York, which I have explained. She stated that both Mr. Murphy and she were heart-sick over it, and absolutely could not understand it. She asked that the date be changed if possible to the 27th, and that I should say to the Tarboro people how deeply she regretted the unfortunate occurrence.

So the date has just been postponed from the 12th to the 27th, as this was the earliest available date, and the treat in store for us has only been postponed a short-while.—R. M. Rawls.

DIXIE SCHOOL NOTES

On Friday, April 9th, 1920, the query, "Resolved That The United States Should Adopt a Policy of Further National Restriction of Immigration," was debated at the Dixie school.

Dixie upheld the affirmative and was represented by Misses Bertha Bulluck and Lucy Cummings, while Miss Minnie Gardner and Mr. George Lane of the negative represented the Fountain school.

Misses Mary Brake and Helene Calhoun represented Dixie at the Fountain school.

Dixie won both debates. Consequently the Dixie school will debate at Chapel Hill for the Aycock Memorial cup. The statg high school debate will be held at Chapel Hill on April 22 and 23.

FACTORIES CLOSE DOWN ON ACCOUNT LACK OF FUEL

(By The Associated Press) Detroit, April 13.—One hundred thousand factory employees are idle here today on account of the shutdown of factories which are unable to get fuel.

WASHINGTON HAS EMBARGO PLACED ON ALL FREIGHT

Washington, April 13.—The railroads have placed an embargo on all incoming and outgoing freight in Washington today.

Petitions and Other Business of Especial Interest To City Is Brought Up And Acted Upon

CEMETERY ORDINANCE REPEALED BY REQUEST

The mayor called the board to order at 7:30 o'clock. The clerk read the minutes of the last regular, called and adjourned meetings.

The mayor asked if any citizen was present with a petition or complaint, and Mr. George G. Watson appeared before the board and requested that sewer be extended on Howard avenue so as he could connect his residence. The matter was referred to the Special Committee on Improvements.

Mr. W. Stamper Howard appeared before the board and requested that the chicken ordinance adopted at the regular meeting of the board in March be so amended so as to allow chickens to run at large in the Runnymede Mills section, stating that over 90 percent of the citizens there wanted the ordinance so amended. It was moved by Commissioner D. H. Harris that the ordinance be so amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner J. E. Harris. The motion was carried, and the clerk ordered to record resolution.

Mr. Tom Hussey appeared before the board and requested that the M. L. Husey Carriage Co., be allowed to erect a sheet-iron building 60 feet in the rear of their present building, stating that part of the lot to be used was in the fire district. The board granted the request.

Mr. J. D. Turner appeared before the board and stated that certain alleys were in need of cleaning up in the city, being in a very filthy condition. The matter was referred to the street superintendent and the chief of police for attention.

A colored deputation requested that a ditch on Panola street be tiled or culverted. The matter was referred to the street committee for attention.

R. G. Shackell, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce appeared before the board and requested that Mrs. G. L. Heilbronner be refunded part of the amount she had paid for February lights, stating that the amount was excessive. The matter was referred to the light and water committee.

Mr. Shackell requested that some action be taken in regard to forming a Board of Associated Charities so that merchants and business men would not be bothered by parties soliciting contributions for different causes, stating that the business men would rather pay a charity assessment all in one sum. No action was taken by the board on this request.

Mr. Shackell also called the attention of the board to the figures of the last census which showed a very small increase over the 1910 census, and suggested that the board consult with Mr. W. O. Howard with regard to a rechecking of the different wards of the city by the police department for verification.

Upon discussion of a petition from a number of owners of plots in Greenwood Cemetery asking a repeal of certain sections of the rules and regulations of the cemetery the board voted to rescind the ordinance mentioned.

Commissioner Harris for the street and sanitary committee reported that Mr. Daniels had been employed as street foreman at a stated salary per month. Mr. Daniels to be under the supervision of the mayor and the chief of police. The report was accepted.

The sealed bids for the installation of new pumping machinery at the City Water Works were opened and read. Nine bids had been received by the board. The matter was referred to the light and water committee with power to act and close the contract.

With some further business the meeting was adjourned.