

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

REV. CLAUDIUS F. SMITH SETS FORTH PLAN FOR RAISING FUNDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PLAY GROUND IN OUR CITY. CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE IN HAND BY MAY 10th.

Mr. Editor: If you will publish this open letter to the people of our city I will greatly appreciate it. It seems necessary to reach the ear of the public about the play ground proposition. This then is the plan on foot:

One thousand envelopes have been distributed to the children of our public schools with the request that each child be given one dollar, at least, by the parents. This envelope enclosing one dollar is to be brought to the school house and turned over to their teacher by May 10th. The time has been extended to May 10th because some children are working to earn their dollar and need more time.

We hope that many parents will put a check for a goodly sum in the envelope brought to their home. We need liberal donations from those who are able to make them. The skating rink alone will cost five hundred dollars, and we want to have it ready for the children by June 1st. The money should be in hand by May 10th as we cannot tell what sort of contract to make till we know how liberal will be the donations to this object. Interest in the undertaking is increasing all the while, and I trust that the whole town will rally around the cause.

The summer will soon be here and it will be great relief to have some place of resort for our children. We have in view a nice grassy, shady lot for a playground, and it is our hope to be able to fit it up with simple apparatus.

The committee issues this appeal to our people in the name and in the behalf of the children—their children; and we believe they will not ignore it.

CLAUDIUS F. SMITH.

OXFORD SINGING CLASS HERE NEXT TUESDAY

The singing class of the Oxford orphanage asylum will give a concert next Tuesday evening (May 7th) in the auditorium of the high school under the auspices of the local masonic lodge. The public is cordially invited to patronize this entertainment, and thereby help a most worthy cause.

This singing class visits Elizabeth City each year, and the concert is well known to the lovers of good entertainment. This concert is very entertaining and it never fails to please the audience. It is hoped that a large audience will greet the orphans on this visit and that their visit will be made pleasant and profitable.

ORGANIZES LODGE

Mr. W. H. Zoeller, a leading Odd Fellow of this city spent some time in Eureka, N. C., this week instituting a lodge of Odd Fellows. He was assisted with the degree work by members of the lodge at Aulander, N. C.

HENRY R. JENNINGS DEAD IN NORFOLK

Mrs. Henry R. Jennings, of Norfolk, who is visiting relatives here, received news yesterday afternoon of her husband's sudden death at Norfolk.

Mr. Jennings is a native of Elizabeth City. He is about twenty-three years old, and leaves one child. He is believed to have committed suicide.

J. D. BOUSHALL HERE

Mr. J. D. Boushall, a native of Camden and a leading candidate for Lieutenant Governor, passed through the city last week.

Horace Hill of New Bern was here Sunday visiting his father, Mr. H. O. Hill.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

LITTLE GIRL GRASPS LIVE WIRE AND IS THROWN TO THE GROUND—FORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES

Little Emma White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George White of Second street had a narrow escape from death from a live wire last Tuesday night.

The little girl took hold of a hanging telephone wire which was hanging across an electric light wire. As soon as she touched it she was thrown to the ground, and lay there for more than a minute unable to turn the wire loose. Her screams attracted the attention of Mr. J. W. Ballance who rushed to her aid. He caught hold of her hand and received a severe shock which caused him to turn her hand loose. He then caught her by her dress and snatched her away from the wire.

A part of the wire was resting on the ground, which took away the greater part of the electricity. Had the wire been hanging above the ground the shock would have been of sufficient strength to have killed her instantly.

The little girl quickly recovered from the effects of her experience with the live wire and apparently suffered no serious results.

MRS. O. F. GILBERT ENTERTAIN. ED

Mrs. Oliver F. Gilbert was at home Wednesday afternoon from four to six o'clock, to Miss Windsor of Milford, Delaware and Miss Newcomb of Raleigh, N. C. The most attractive home with its decorations of southern smilax, cut flowers and numerous burning tapers was a scene of beauty.

In the hall the guests were met by Mrs. Wesley Foreman and Miss Maude Grice and were ushered into the drawing room, where they were received by Mrs. Gilbert, Miss Windsor, Miss Newcomb, and Mrs. I. N. Loftin.

The color scheme in the rooms of green and white was beautifully carried out in snow balls and trailing ivy.

The punch room was in red. Here Mrs. Herbert Walker met the guests. Punch was served by Miss Mary McMullan and Miss Evelyn Aydtlett.

The dining rooms was a vision of loveliness in its colors of green and yellow. Cut glass salvers filled with yellow daisies formed the center piece for the table while ropes of smilax were festooned from the chandeliers to table edge.

The refreshments were also carried out in green, white and yellow. Serving in the dining room were: Misses Maude Kramer, Edna Kramer and Mary Pendleton.

Mrs. Gilbert's reception was decidedly one of the foremost events of Elizabeth City's social life.

MISS WALES SPEAKS AT BLACKWELL SUNDAY

Miss T. H. Wales, Missionary to China, a sister of Mr. Wales of this city is here visiting her brother.

She will deliver a Missionary address next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Blackwell Memorial church.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service and hear her.

BASE BALL CLUB HAS SKATING RINK

The second team of the Christ church base ball club will have charge of the skating rink tonight.

Good skates and a good floor are promised. The public is cordially invited to patronize the rink tonight. The proceeds from the skating will be used by the second team to purchase suits for its members.

HARREL-KNIGHT

Mr. Eddie H. Harrel and Miss Florence K. Knight, both residents of Isle of Wight county, Va., were united in marriage last Monday by Justice of the Peace Munden.

THE WATER QUESTION



WHAT WILL SHE DO ABOUT IT?

CYCLONE VISITED BAYSIDE SECTION

A violent whirlwind struck Monday afternoon in the Bayside section about three miles from the city and did much damage to houses and trees.

The big oaks and elms which have stood for a hundred years around the Hollowell homestead were uprooted and piled up in confusion. The tops of the chimneys were blown off. Mrs. Hollowell was alone at the time. She was greatly frightened but received no personal injuries.

The wind cavorted on down the Bayside road uprooting and wringing of big trees which were tossed across the public road closing it for several days to traveling.

The home of Mr. John Simpson was visited by the storm and greatly damaged. The barn and stock house were completely wrecked, the fodder and other contents of the barn were blown in every direction. The dwelling house was also badly wrecked. Mrs. Simpson was knocked down and painfully injured.

Much damage was also done at the home of Mr. Ben Harris. A number of shelters were unroofed and fences were blown down.

The wind crossed the river and in its passage came in contact with a lumber laden barge. It caught up the lumber on the decks and tossed it all about over the river. It struck Camden just to the eastward of Shiloh, and traveled a considerable distance before its force was spent.

Mr. Hutchins had built a new kitchen. This was badly wrecked. Many shelters were unroofed in Camden and fences laid flat.

No loss of life has been reported, but the escape of scores of people is considered wonderful.

HERTFORD LOCALS

Mrs. C. L. Godwin of Greensboro N. C., was called home last week on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. J. A. Outlaw.

Mr. Arthur McDaniels of Pocomoke City, Md., spent Sunday and Monday in town.

The singing class from the Oxford Asylum will give a concert here Friday evening, May 3rd. We hope to have a large audience.

Miss Mattie Newbold returned Monday after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. J. R. Jarvis at Moyock.

Mr. F. M. Shamberger conducted a meeting at Plymouth last week. He was accompanied by Mrs. Shamberger.

Rev. Watson of Plymouth, N. C., conducted services here during Mr. Shamberger's absence.

Miss Alice Blanchard is spending the week-end in Elizabeth City with Miss Marion Woodley.

The insurance company's old office is being moved from the court house green to make room for the monument.

HINTONS TO BUILD FOUR STORY BUILDING

Hinton Brothers propose to go any house builder in Elizabeth City one better; which means, that Elizabeth City is going to have in the near future, its first four story building.

A force of hands is now at work carrying down the dwelling houses on the Hinton square on Main street between McMorine and Martin streets. This is the first step towards preparing the site for this big building. One of the dwelling houses is being carefully taken to pieces so that it can be rebuilt on another site. The other building, which is dilapidated, will likely be removed with less care.

Plans are being drawn for a brick building fronting two hundred feet on Main street by one hundred feet deep. The building will be four stories high, and will be constructed for stores, office rooms and storage rooms. Work on the construction of this building will begin just as soon as the plans can be drawn.

This will be the biggest building in Elizabeth City devoted to stores and offices. It will cost about \$40,000.

FLED FROM COURT WHILE JUDGE SENTENCED HIM

While Judge Sawyer was sentencing Walter Jones, colored, to five months on the roads Monday, Jones bolted from the court room, took leg bail, and was soon lost in the tall timber. He has not been seen since.

Jones was being tried upon the charge of assaulting a negro named Moses Brickhouse. He was convicted. No sooner had Judge Sawyer said "Five months", when Jones exclaimed "I can't stand that" and with a whoop was half way down the stairs before Chief Thomas realized what he was about. The Chief and other members of the police force gave chase, but it was of no use, Jones just naturally "burnt the wind".

AT MANTEO AND WEEKSVILLE

The editor of the Advance will be at Manteo on Monday of next week and on Wednesday at Weeksville. He will be glad at both these places to meet friends that the paper has already made, and to make new ones among those who believe that this section needs a good local paper. Old subscribers who may find it convenient to settle for their subscription may take this opportunity to do so, thereby saving the expense of buying a money order and mailing a letter. New subscribers may secure the paper for the rest of the year for fifty cents.

DR. SYKES SECURED AS COMMENCEMENT ORATOR

Dr. E. W. Sykes of Wake Forest, has been secured by the graduating class of the Elizabeth City graded schools to deliver the Commencement address this year. The address will be delivered on the evening of May 30th.

REWARD OFFERED IN CURRITUCK

\$150 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE MURDERER OF BEN WALKER.

A reward of \$150 is offered for information that will cause the arrest and conviction of the murderer of murderers of Ben V. Walker of Currituck. Dr. Elmer Walker of Currituck court house, father of the murdered man, offers one hundred dollars of this amount and sheriff Robert L. Griggs of Currituck county, offers fifty dollars.

Young Walker is supposed to have been murdered on a steam boat in a creek near Moyock on Sunday March 31st while he was engaged in helping to run a negro excursion to Munden's Point. The body was found in the waters of the creek, the arms were drawn as if in the act of defense of a blow and there was a bruise on his head which indicated foul play.

Several negroes are alleged to have seen the crime committed, but nothing has been obtained from any of them that will establish the guilt of the perpetrator of the crime. The negroes who were present when the act was committed, live at Munden's Point, Va., and they have not yet been brought back to North Carolina to testify.

The reward is offered in the hope of inducing those who have knowledge of the affair to reveal it.

SOCIAL ITEMS FROM GREGORY

Miss Ruth Leary entertained a number of her friends Friday evening at her home from half past eight to eleven o'clock.

Various kinds of games were indulged in and delicious refreshments were served.

Those present were: Misses Nellie J. Forbes and Rosa Stevens, Indiantown, N. C.; Lola McMorney, Slawboro, N. C.; Messrs. Bennie Stevens, Jr., Percy Sanderlin and Henry Dozier, Indiantown, N. C.; B. B. Bell, Joseph Morgan, B. E. Gregory and Rupert McMorney, Shawboro, N. C.; G. C. Boswood, Jr., Louis Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Leary and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Leary.

Messrs. S. W. Clark and Z. O. Ferebee were here Friday on business for the Roanoke Railroad and Lumber Co. of Norfolk, Va.

Mr. J. M. White, Vice-President of the Norfolk Carolina Timber Corporation, returned to his home in Norfolk Friday.

Mr. W. L. Forbes passed through this village Saturday en route to Elizabeth City.

Messrs. Lem Whithurst, E. M. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ferebee, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Robertson, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ferebee.

After spending Saturday and Sunday with her parents at Indiantown, Miss Nellie J. Forbes, returned to this place Monday to resume her duties as teacher.

MEMBERSHIP URGED TO ATTEND

On Tuesday night of this week the First Baptist church held a special conference for the purpose of considering the erection of a new parsonage.

A special committee was appointed to investigate and consider the matter; and this committee is expected to report immediately at the conclusion of the regular service Sunday morning.

Every member of the church is urged to attend the service Sunday morning and to be on hand to hear the committee report.

ELECTED TELLER

Mr. J. M. Harney, who has held a position with the First National Bank for several years, has been elected teller of that bank. Master Vaughn Griffin has been appointed runner for the bank.

BAPTISTS MEET IN PASQUOTANK

CHOWAN ASSOCIATION TO MEET NEXT WEEK NEAR WEEKSVILLE—COMMANDER'S YACHT MAKES DAILY TRIP.

The annual meeting of the Chowan Baptist Association will convene next Tuesday morning, May 7th, at 11 o'clock in Salem Baptist church in the lower part of this county.

Rev. E. L. Wells will preach the introductory sermon.

As soon as the Association is formally organized a committee will be appointed to provide for a program for the exercises of the session.

The Chowan Association has a membership of nearly ten thousand members and it is one of the largest church organizations to meet in the state.

A large crowd of prominent Baptists will be in attendance upon the session of the association representing the churches of this district. Many leaders of the denomination from a distance will also be in attendance. Much business of importance to the progress of the Baptist churches in this section will come before the meeting for discussion and action.

Joe Commander will operate his yacht, from Elizabeth City to Salem church daily, leaving here in the morning in time to arrive before the day's session begins, and will return in the afternoon. The fare for the round trip will be fifty cents.

The people of the Salem community will provide entertainment for the delegates and visitors.

The Association will be in session for three days—Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday.

GREAT REVIVAL AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The revival services which have been in progress at the First Methodist church for nearly two weeks will close next Sunday night.

This revival has grown in interest every day since it began, and now the largest congregations attend each service. Many have to be turned away from the church on account of lack of seating facilities. Never have the people been stirred more in religious matters than they have been for the past two weeks. Mr. Bridgers' sermons have been heard with the greatest interest and they have been discussed in the homes, stores, shops, on the streets and everywhere.

A great number of people, hitherto unaffected by revival services, have been attracted to the First Methodist church, and are now taking much interest in the meetings. There will be a large number of conversions as a result of this meeting and all of the churches in the city will have accessions to their membership.

Rev. Mr. Bridgers, who is doing the preaching is a man of great power in the pulpit. He has a wonderful personal magnetism. Although a young man, he is one of the strongest evangelists that has ever visited this city. The results of his labors will live long after he has departed from Elizabeth City.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS TONIGHT

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a regular monthly session tonight in the Chamber's rooms in the Kramer building.

All members are urged to tend as there will be business of importance.

HICKEY-NEE

Joseph B. Hickey and Miss Nellie Louise Nee, of Norfolk were united in marriage Tuesday by Justice of the Peace Munden.

DWELLING FOR RENT

Thirteen rooms; bath room, hot and cold water; kitchen range; electric lights and sewerage. Corner Poindexter and Pearing Sts. Good location for Boarding House. C. H. ROBINSON.