

WANTS CITY TO CONTROL ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES

Mr. Robinson Introduces Resolution Looking Toward Acquisition by Municipality of Water and Lighting System.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of aldermen, with the entire board present excepting Dr. Gregory, unanimous action was taken looking toward the control of public utilities in Elizabeth City by the municipality.

The motion was made by Mr. Robinson, who has contended all along that the town should own its own waterworks, sewer and lighting systems.

The franchise of the present water company expires next year and it was Mr. Robinson's idea that such action should be taken at once as would enable the town to take over its water system at that time. It was pointed out that the state legislature will convene soon and that any necessary legislation in regard to the matter should be taken up and secured at this session. Mr. Robinson urged that the town be paying now interest on \$200,000 and more annually to the light and water company and he declared it to be his belief that it would not require more than \$200,000 to establish a plant that would give the city pure water and lights.

Mr. Robinson said he was bonded to that amount and he had interest on the bonds and he would be paid with what now goes to pay the city's light and water bill.

Dr. I. Fearing, as an incentive toward the securing of better water, stated it as his belief that the water company takes special precautions, when a sample of water is to be secured for analysis, to see that there is a general cleaning up about the water company's plant. The health officer suggested that if this analysis could be taken when the company is not expecting it, the water would hardly show so good an analysis.

After much discussion along these lines a motion was passed authorizing the mayor to appoint during the week a committee to take Mr. Robinson's plan under consideration.

The names of those on this committee have not been announced.

The board took a recess adjournment subject to the call of the mayor.

Mayor Flora expects to issue this call as soon as the committee is ready to report.

SPECIAL SERMON SUNDAY

Rev. Claudius Smith will preach a special sermon to the naval reserves at Christ Church next Sunday morning.

W. H. RED DEAD

Mr. W. H. Reid, prominent farmer of Nixonton township died at his home Wednesday. He was buried in the family burying ground Thursday.

GAS BOAT BURNED ON SOUND

Manteo, N. C., Dec. 2nd—The gas boat, Robena, owned by E. R. Daniels of Wanchese, was burned Saturday, in Pamlico Sound.

No lives were lost, but there were several narrow escapes.

THE RAIDERS

On next Thursday, December 12th, "The Raiders" a military drama in four acts with a cast of thirteen characters, will be presented by local talent on the Alkrama stage under the auspices of the B. P. O. Elks.

There have been, it is said, weeks of strenuous rehearsing in preparation for this play's presentation, and it is expected to eclipse all previous efforts of amateurs in Elizabeth City.

The admission is exceedingly low, as may be seen by those who will refer to the formal announcement of the Alkrama management in this issue.

ELKS' HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Elks held their annual memorial service at the Alkrama Theatre on last Saturday. The auditorium was well filled with the interest that naturally attaches to this event being augmented by the reputation of the speaker of the evening, Mr. Hallet S. Ward of Washington.

The exercises leading up to the address were beautiful and impressive. And the speech was a most excellent one, heard by the audience with close attention. The program in full was as follows:

Prayer Herbert Peele
Solo—Selected J. C. B. Ehringhaus
Lodge Ceremonies
Calling Roll of Deceased Brothers D. G. Brockett
Quartet—Vacant Chair L. E. Skinner, W. C. Sawyer, J. W. Foreman, J. C. B. Ehringhaus
Opening Ode
Anthem—Lead Kindly Light Choir
Address H. S. Ward
Anthem—Solo—I Heard the voice of Jesus Say—Miss Mary Gilbert
Closing Ceremonies
Closing Ode
Closing Prayer Herbert Peele

BELVIDERE NOTES

Miss Edith Newbold, was the week-end guest of Miss Lucy White.

The Missionary meeting held at Belvidere Academy Saturday night was quite a success.

Miss Willie Etta Coffield was the guest of Miss Ruth Lamb this week.

There were a number of visitors in our village last Saturday and Sunday attending the friends Quarterly meeting.

Miss Ruth Lamb spent several days in Norfolk, Va., this week.

MR. SCOTT RE-ELECTED

At the meeting of the board of County Commissioners last Monday, at which meeting the members were sworn in, Mr. G. M. Scott was unanimously re-elected chairman of the board.

MISSING MAN'S BODY FOUND

Manteo, N. C., Dec. 2nd—The body of the man who mysteriously disappeared near Nags Head was found in the Fresh Pond a few days ago. He was buried near Nags Head.

DEATH CLAIMS DOCTOR WARD

Dr. N. G. Ward, brother of Judge George W. Ward, died here on Tuesday night at Judge Ward's residence. Though a sufferer from Bright's disease, and though he had been critically ill once or twice during the past fall, his death was an unexpected shock to the family. The interment took place yesterday in Hollywood Cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Black.

Dr. Ward was a little over forty years of age. After a course in medicine in the Northern schools he became a resident of Philadelphia, at which place, at the time of his death, he had been a successful physician for over thirteen years.

He came here about a week before his death, hoping through rest in Elizabeth City to regain his health.

ORDERED TO ABATE NUISANCE

Complaints having come to the board of aldermen that in spite of recent measures passed by the board, the odor of foecal matter persists and even apparently grows worse from the open drain intersecting North Road street the board ordered the sewer company to discontinue running any overflow or drainage pipe from their pumping station on Glade and Poplar street into the ditch running from Glade street to Poindexter Creek. This motion was also made to apply to Tiber Creek.

MANTEO NEWS

Manteo, N. C., Dec. 2—Hunters are having much sport these days.

Mr. W. F. Downs of Baltimore spent Sunday here and added much to the music of Manteo Baptist Church Choir.

Mr. E. B. Probst and his daughter, Miss Mary, left Thursday for New York. Miss Eileen Evans, has been sick for the past week. Her many friends hope soon to see her out again.

Mr. Robert Wescott, of Wescott-town spent Sunday with Prof. F. M. Eason of Belcross. There were no services at the Methodist Church Sunday, the pastor, Rev. A. W. Price being in attendance upon conference at Fayetteville.

Rev. O. N. Marshall, pastor of the Baptist Church, is attending the Baptist convention at Goldsboro.

Many engagements were broken last Thursday on account of the snow storm. Thanksgiving services were held in the Baptist Church on Sunday and an offering taken for Thomasville orphan age.

OYSTER SUPPER AT CAMDEN

Camden, N. C., Dec. 5th—The School Betterment Society of Camden county will hold an oyster supper from 6:30 to 10:00 P. M. at the home of Mrs. Jennie Morrisette on December 13th, if it rains it will be held on Saturday December 15th. The patronage of the public is solicited.

PETITIONS FOR LIGHTS

Several petitions for lights were brought before the board of aldermen in their meeting last Monday night. Those were referred to the light committee and this committee were given to understand that they had entire jurisdiction over such matters without bringing them before the board of aldermen.

THE CLIMAX BIG SUCCESS

It was a representative Elizabeth City audience that filled the Alkrama almost to its limit, practically every seat being taken, last Tuesday night when "The Climax" Edward Locke's simple, but thrilling little play was presented here.

The audience came expecting something good, as was shown by the large number and by the class of people present, and the audience was not disappointed. Indeed, from the time when the curtain rose on the first act until it shut the stage from view for the last time there was over the entire auditorium that atmosphere of intense interest that is always the complement of a good play well presented.

"The Climax" is a good play, and the company that presented it at the Alkrama was an unusually strong one. So well was each part played that there was hardly the jar of a false tone from beginning to end. Harriett Magill Carter, as Adeline Von Hagen, perhaps had to try just a little too hard to reach the full glory of the "Song of the Soul"; and Walter Wahl as John Raymond, the Doctor, was less strong than the other characters in the cast; but these were but trifles more than offset by the really splendid acting of Theodore Kehrwald, as Adeline's teacher.

On the whole, "The Climax" was a credit to its author, a credit to the management of the new theatre, a credit to those who presented it; while the large patronage and discriminating appreciation given her were highly creditable to Elizabeth City.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The Barara Philathea Union of Blackwell Memorial Church at their regular meeting last Monday night elected the following officers:

A. B. Combs, President; W. H. Sanders, Vice president; Miss Mary Wynn, Secretary; Miss Lucy Landon, Assistant Secretary; Miss Verna Ferebee, Treasurer; S. S. Burgess, Pianist; Miss Lodie Brothers, Assistant; Joseph Peele, Reporter.

SPECIAL SERVICE THIS EVENING

The Rev. Robert Strange D. Bishop of East Carolina, will hold confirmation service and preach at Christ Episcopal Church to-day, (Friday) at 7:30 P. M.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service. A goodly number will be confirmed and the occasion promises to be an interesting one.

TO REMEASURE PAVING

It was pointed out at this week's meeting of the board of aldermen that owing to mistakes in the former measurement of sidewalks it has been impossible for the town to collect many bills for pavement. The street commissioner, Mr. Jones, was ordered to measure the paving employing such assistance as necessary.

WILLIAMS-BERRY

Wiley B. Williams and Miss Camilla Berry, a popular couple of Camden county, and who are well known in Elizabeth City, were married here Tuesday. They were accompanied by four or five couples of their intimate friends.

J. W. Munden, register of deeds, performed the marriage ceremony before each of the couples at his home in North Road Street.

RESIGNATION IS ACCEPTED

At the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last Friday night, Secretary Lamb formally tendered his resignation to that body. The resignation had been in the hands of the executive committee for sometime and passed upon by this committee. Upon motion Friday night the Chamber ratified the action of the committee and Mr Lamb's resignation became a fact.

The Chamber did not, however, think that the matter of Mr. Lamb's resignation should be passed over without some recognition by the body of Mr. Lamb's services. A committee was therefore appointed to draw up and present resolutions commending Mr. Lamb expressing regret at his resignation and appreciation of his services. These resolutions also set forth the progress that has been made during his term of office.

The executive committee was then authorized to employ Mr. Lamb's successor. He has not yet been named.

R. W. Turner, J. C. Perry, J. P. Overman, and W. G. Gaiter were appointed as a committee to attend the rivers and Harbors Congress which meets at Washington on December 6.

NO MORE HOG PENS ON PEARTREE CEMETARY

The board of aldermen passed an ordinance Monday night that after January 1st no more hogs be allowed kept in pens in the old cemetery on Peartree road.

It was represented that the large number of pens on the site of his cemetery had become a nuisance.

WILL HOLD BAZAAR

The Senior Epworth League of City Road Methodist Church will hold a bazaar next week at the Singer Sewing Machine office on Poindexter Street. The bazaar will begin on Wednesday afternoon and continue open every afternoon and night thereafter for the rest of the week.

This bazaar will offer excellent values in fancy work etc., and should be a pleasing resort for Christmas shoppers.

MRS. MARTHA SWAIN DEAD

Columbia, N. C., Dec. 3rd—Mrs. Martha Swain died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Warner Snell Saturday night and was buried here Monday.

Mrs. Swain was 79 years old and a woman well known and highly respected throughout the county.

CITY WILL TRY GAS

From the beginning of the administration of the present board of aldermen there has been increasing dissatisfaction at what the city is paying for light.

Monday night a motion was passed authorizing the Gas company to light the City Hall building and the Hook and Ladder building.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Horse and Buggy Horse, dark bay, weighs about 900 pounds, Buggy as good as new. Am moving away and must dispose of both by December 15th.

W. A. PILAND

Register of Deeds, J. W. Munden has issued 408 marriage licenses this year. This breaks the record even for Elizabeth City.

M E DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

The North Carolina Methodist Conference, which has been in session at Fayetteville since last Wednesday adjourned on Monday of this week, shortly after the noon hour, thus bringing to a close the seventy-sixth annual session of that body. It was pronounced by those who attended, as one of the best sessions in the history of the Conference, progress having been made along all lines.

The most dramatic moment of the Conference came on Saturday with the introduction of a resolution opposing any increase in conference assessments at this time. The resolution was withdrawn Monday morning in order to prevent strife and prolonged discussion. Practically no increases were made, however.

The matter of most interest the general public perhaps is that of appointments, the news being welcomed here, Rev. J. H. Buffalo and Presiding Elder M. T. Plyer remain in Elizabeth City. Doubtless it is a matter of general regret among the members of Rev. W. A. Piland's churches that Mr. Piland has been sent to Mt. Olive.

Rev. J. D. Bundy, who has served in Elizabeth City four years and whom his members therefore realized that they would have to give up, goes to Wilmington changing places with Rev. J. C. Wooten who has filled that charge. Mr. Bundy will preach the conference sermon next year at Oxford.

The appointments in full for the Elizabeth City district are as follows:—

- Presiding Elder—M. T. Plyer.
- CAMDEN CIRCUIT—A. W. Price.
- CHOWAN CIRCUIT—P. T. Hurley.
- COLUMBIA CIRCUIT—K. F. Duval.
- DARE CIRCUIT—J. A. Morris.
- EDENTON CIRCUIT—P. D. Woodall.
- ELIZABETH CITY—City Road—J. H. Buffalo. Elizabeth City, First Church—J. C. Wooten.
- GATES CIRCUIT—William H. Smith.
- HERTFORD STATION—F. M. Shamburger.
- KINNEHEE CIRCUIT—J. L. Midgett.
- KITTYHAWK CIRCUIT—M. B. Cox, supply.
- MOYOCK CIRCUIT—J. A. Martin.
- N. GATES CIRCUIT—T. M. Grant.
- PASQUOTANK CIRCUIT—V. A. Royall.
- PANTEGO AND BELHAVEN—C. A. Jones, J. H. Miller, junior preacher.
- PERQUIMANS CIRCUIT—B. P. Robinson.
- PLYMOUTH STATION—W. J. Watson.
- ROANOKE ISLAND—J. T. Draper.
- ROPER STATION—J. W. Potter. Student in Trinity College—T. W. Lee.

BOAT LOST—REWARD OFFERED

About June 1st 1912, Lost from Long Shoal Light House one large play boat, about three feet long, made of solid piece of wood, with no rigging except bowsprit with long line attached. Anyone finding this boat may return same to me and receive five dollars reward.

T. H. BAUM
Wanchese, N. C.