

## BIG FARMERS PRODUCE EXCHANGE TO BE INCORPORATED HERE SOON

**A Movement That Will be Greatly to the Interest of the Farmers of This Section**

What promises to be one of the biggest moves for the farmer ever made in this section will be inaugurated to-night when a meeting is to be held to form a produce exchange for Camden and Pasquotank counties with headquarters in this city.

This information comes to the ADVANCE from reliable sources and the exchange may be regarded, we are told, as practically assured. Prominent business men in each county are interesting themselves in the movement; and R. C. Abbott, Clayton Meads, J. B. Walston, Marvin Lister, L. S. Blades, E. F. Aydtett, J. C. Spence, C. W. Hollowell and T. P. Nash are named as the probable directors of the new enterprise.

Such an exchange will be to the great advantage of farmers in both counties. Frequent causes for complaint arise under the present system, whereby a farmer has to ship his produce without ever knowing what price it will bring or even whether it will pay to ship it or not. With a produce exchange with headquarters in Elizabeth City, such uncertainties would be avoided; a price on the shipped produce can be had at this end of the line. Moreover, vexatious prices will be avoided, and the farmer will go home with the money for the produce that he sold in his pocket.

Over the United States the farmers are progressive, produce exchanges are being formed and vastly benefiting the farmers in touch with them. Such an exchange in Elizabeth City will greatly stimulate production and add materially to the prosperity of this section.

There is to be efficient organizations behind the proposed Camden-Pasquotank exchange. The General Manager of the big farmer's exchange of Pocomoke, Maryland, in a letter which the ADVANCE reporter has in hand, offers his services and his aid in any possible way while the new plan is being put on foot.

The exchange is to be incorporated and its general organization to be effected at the meeting to-night.

Mr. Ephraim Pritchard and Henry Norman both of Washington county were in the city this week.

## YOUNG MAN SHOT AT WANCHESE

Manteo, N. C., March 12th—Mr. Charlie Simpson was shot in the arm late Sunday afternoon by Ben Payne, both of Wanchese.

Mr. Simpson, it is said, had been paying marked attention to Payne's daughter; to which the young lady's father objected. Finding that the two young people had gone out together last Sunday, Mr. Payne set out in search of them. Meeting them on their return to the house, he had some words with young Simpson; and this led to the shooting.

The shot went wide of the mark, taking effect in Simpson's arm; and his wound, though painful, is not serious. He left Manteo, Monday for Norfolk where he went to the Sarah Leigh hospital to have the wound treated.

## MANTEO BRIEFS

Manteo, N. C., March 12th—Mr. and Mrs. William Wright who have been spending the winter here, stopping at the Tranquil House left Tuesday morning for their home in New Jersey.

Mrs. A. H. Etheridge spent a few days in Elizabeth City last week. Mr. A. H. Etheridge, ex-sheriff, the representative of Dare county returned from Raleigh this week, where he has been for the last two months representative for the county.

Mr. Charles Etheridge went to Manns Harbor Tuesday. Mr. Roscoe Jones' little three year old girl had an accident to fall on a tin box and cut her chin so badly that a physician had to be called in to dress the wound.

Capt. Pat Etheridge, the keeper of New Inlet Station has been at home for the last week sick; but is better now, we are glad to note.

Miss Nora Meekins, the book-keeper for the S. A. Griffin Company's store is sick. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

The whooping cough is still raging among the children. Mr. W. L. Montague of Baltimore, Md., one of the crew on No. 72 Light Ship that was wrecked sometime ago; while waiting for repairs has been to see his parents at Wanchese this week and returned Tuesday, leaving on the "Hattie Creel" from here.

## PAYNE BILL FAILED TO PASS

Representative Payne of Currituck introduced a bill into the legislature on Monday of this week providing for the popular election of the superintendent of education for Currituck county. The measure was opposed by Representative Mark Majette, of Tyrrell, chairman of the House committee on education. The bill was lost.

This follows a fight on the part of Mr. Payne to increase the members of the Currituck board of education from three to five; and failing in this Mr. Payne introduced the measure which was defeated Monday.

## BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Ladies of Poplar Branch Working for Money to Paint School House

## AT POPLAR BRANCH

Poplar Branch, N. C., March 11, An Easter Bazaar will be given at Poplar Branch High School on the evening of the 22nd of March, 1913. Doors will be open at seven o'clock. No admission fee will be charged.

The interesting features of the Bazaar for the grown people will be namely:

A country store, well stocked with the most up-to-date line of goods, both grocery and merchandise; a fancy booth will be demonstrated and treat you to the latest collars, jabots, centre pieces, sofa pillows, and other articles that will help you to complete your Easter attire.

During the evening there will be several recitations, and Mr. Jerome will give us a short talk on "The Good of the Woman's Betterment Society."

Homemade candy will have a conspicuous place.

For the children a beautiful doll will be given to the one who guesses its name.

A donkey will provide a whole evening of fun to the little boys. We have provided for the pleasures of all, both young and old. Ice cream will be served from the time you enter until you leave so come help us to spend a pleasant evening.

The proceeds will be used for painting the High School building.

## HOW ABOUT IT

Our town with its beautiful trees and well paved streets is made unsightly by wats paper on Main street and Church street. Every street forces itself upon ones attention. Can't something be done to prevent it? House-keepers, can't you have paper and trash burned instead of swept into the street? Can't the children be taught to care too much for the town to throw paper on the streets? Can't the men put envelopes and circulars in trash cans instead of scattering them in all directions? Some days the courthouse yard is almost covered with envelopes and parts of letters. Can't we all work together to do away with this nuisance? It only requires a little thought.

## THE CIVIC LEAGUE

## WILL AFFECT CAMDEN COUNTY

A bill to increase the members of the board of education in Camden county from three to five received the signature of President Daughtridge of the senate and speaker Connor of the house last Monday. This measure will therefore become effective.

## SAPPHO MAINTAINING SCHEDULE

The steamer Sappho, which is making a daily run from Columbia to Elizabeth City and return, made her maiden trip on Wednesday of this week instead of Tuesday as was expected. She reached Elizabeth City on schedule time Wednesday, however, and promises to maintain the schedule announced.

## GRAB BAG PARTY

The Baraca Class of the First Baptist Church will have a "grab bag" party at the church annex to-night. The public generally is invited to attend.

## UNION MEETING AT SOUTH MILLS

Baptists Meet With Ebenezer Church in Regular Fifth Sunday Meeting

Camden and Currituck Union Meeting will be held at South Mills, N. C., with the Ebenezer Baptist Church, March 28th and 29th.

The program is as follows: Introductory sermon at 11:00 A. M., Rev. N. P. Stallings. 12:00 M., Organization and adjournment for dinner.

## FRIDAY, P. M.

2:00 The obligations to and the benefits derived from the Union by the churches. N. S. Jones and R. B. Edney.

2:30 How shall we sustain a growing interest in the work of the Kingdom? Rev. O. N. Marshall.

3:00 The Laymen of today and their relation to the Kingdom. S. F. Bristow, I. N. Loftin, Frank Pritchard and other Laymen.

## SATURDAY, A. M.

10:00 Devotional Service. Led by the new pastor on the Currituck field.

10:15 Are the churches alive to the value of the Sunday School? W. N. Gregory, and R. B. Edney.

11:00 Address by Dr. R. T. Bryant who for twenty-seven years has been in the heart of China.

## DINNER

2:00 God's Command in Missions. (a)—Are we really a missionary people? (b)—The need in missions, consecration. S. F. Bristow.

3:00 Business. I. N. Loftin

## SUNDAY, MARCH 30th.

10:00 Sunday School, Mass Meeting

11:00 Sermon, N. P. Stallings  
L. T. Reed,  
W. N. Gregory,  
I. N. Loftin,  
Committee

## CAMDEN COURT AD- JOURNED WEDNESDAY

Superior court convened in Camden last Monday with Judge Long on the bench. No cases of unusual importance came up for trial.

Most of the time was taken up with a murder case in which Alfred Williams was charged with the killing of Charles Walston near Old Trap last Summer. Both men were negroes. Williams was of small stature and claimed that he had to use a deadly weapon against Walston in self-defense. He was represented by Howard Tillitt and E. F. Aydtett and acquitted.

This is the second murder trial heard in this district this spring one murder case coming up for trial at Currituck last week. Pasquotank has a big murder case on docket for next week; there is one ahead for Solicitor Ehringhaus in Chowan and Gates and perhaps also one in Beaufort. Up to this time all accused of murder have been acquitted.

Another case in Camden in which was felt some local interest was that against Charlie Albertson, accused of forcible trespass. Albertson was acquitted, Judge Ward and W. L. Cohoon appearing in his defense.

Mr. S. M. Daniels of Wanchese was here yesterday on business.

## MURDEN STOKELY TO STAND TRIAL AT NEXT TERM SUPERIOR COURT

**Case Expected to be Reached by Wednesday or Thursday. Prisoner Hopeful**

Murden Stokely, confessed slayer and accused murderer of Fenna Towe, will stand trial for his life when superior court convenes here next week with Judge Whidbee on the bench. Stokely has been in jail here since the shooting of Towe. His sister, Towe's alleged victim, is also still here. It is stated that she is well enough to appear at the trial next week; but it is not authoritatively announced that she will take the stand.

Murden Stokely is bearing his confinement and the suspense incident to waiting for the trial as well as could be expected. He is looking well, though restless and evidently distrustful. It is true that he has the best cell in jail, that he has many callers to relieve the tedium of the day and that his environment is made as pleasant as possible, Jailer Albertson having known him from boyhood. But the close confinement and the close air in his cell is bound to be depressing to a country boy accustomed to the utmost freedom. An ADVANCE reporter, calling to see Stokely, found himself with a headache after ten minutes of it.

Tall, well built, with clear brown eyes and an open boyish face, Murden Stokely's appearance contrasts sharply with that of Ben Vann, who was taken to the penitentiary last week. Neither is Stokely taciturn as Vann was; but talks quietly and courteously with a flash of animation here and there. "I guess things are going to rack and ruin at home," he said yesterday, and then went on to talk of his dogs and his horses. He will not, of course, discuss the case. When alone he stands staring out of the window of his cell or reads from the new Testament that the visitor may see lying on his bed.

Interviewed yesterday by a reporter for the ADVANCE, Judge Ward, who is leading counsel for the defense, stated that he had good grounds to hope for the acquittal of his client. The defense will attempt to show that Fenna Towe was in the habit of carrying a pistol; that he had been heard to express threats against the Stokely family and had intimated that he might kill himself; and that Murden Stokely and his father had not suspected that the intentions of Towe were anything but honorable until the girl left home. Judge Ward states that there is no doubt that Towe was guilty as the Stokely's charge.

The attorneys for the prosecution contend that they have a strong case against Stokely. They hold that the killing was premeditated and that the shot was fired almost without warning. In support of the claim of premeditation the prosecution will attempt, it is said, to prove that Stokely tried to borrow a pistol to kill Towe with, and that failing to get it himself, he had his father to borrow it for him. They urge, too, that it should be remembered that the version of the affair heard is that of the Stokely's; Towe being unable to speak for himself.

The best legal talent of the section will take part in this trial. Ward and Thompson, Aydtett, and Bond representing the defense and I. M. Meekins and Hallett S. Ward being retained to assist Solicitor Ehringhaus in

## LEGISLATURE HAS FINISHED ITS LABORS

*House and Senate Adjourn Simultaneously With Less Than Fifty Members And Few Spectators Present.*

The simultaneous falling of the gravels of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, sounding the close of the 1913 session of the North Carolina General Assembly, took place at 4:15 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the presence of the fewest number of members and spectators in many sessions past, probably less than fifty members of both houses being present and considerably less than that number of spectators.

Final adjournment had been expected earlier in the day but the tardiness of the Senate in disposing of calendar bills and the necessary wait thereafter for the final batch of enrolled bills for ratification, caused numbers of members to take out-going trains before adjournment was reached.

The regular time for the adjournment of the assembly came last week; but the session was prolonged owing to the amount of work remaining undone. Ordinarily when a session of the legislature is prolonged beyond its time the lawmakers have to serve without pay; but in order to insure a quorum to the last the present body voted to pay its members also for the extra days of the session.

Many laws of importance have been passed by this legislature; but many others of equal importance that were expected to pass were killed. Archibald Johnson, editor of *Charity and Children*, says that the legislators making up the General Assembly for 1913 were a tolerably sorry aggregation. It is too soon yet to say whether the people agree with Mr. Johnson or not.

Mr. D. C. Perry, representative for Pasquotank, returned home Wednesday, reaching here on train two from Raleigh. Mr. Perry championed the bill providing for the popular election of school trustees, he having pledged himself to that measure before election. When a substitute bill was offered in the senate Mr. Perry, seeing that there was no chance to pass the original bill, voted for the senate bill, which provided for the creation of a new board of school trustees elected by the aldermen. This bill passed both houses of the Assembly.

A surprise was sprung on many Elizabeth City citizens when it was learned that the legislature had amended the city charter by striking out the clause providing for the payment of a yearly license of \$100 by those selling fresh meats. The amendment meets with considerable popular favor, however, the people generally believing that it will cheapen the cost of meat.

the prosecution. It is the general opinion that the case will be reached Wednesday or Thursday of next week.