

## R. R. TO LITTLE RIVER PROPOSITION HELD UP BY BIG RAINS THIS WEEK

**But Announcement is Made on Good Authority  
That There is No Idea of Abandoning Plan.  
Number of Options on Right of Way Al-  
Ready Secured and No Trouble An-  
ticipated in Securing All**

For some the plan to build a railroad that would put Elizabeth City in quick communication by water with Tyrrell county and at the same time tap some of the finest farming lands in the county has been on foot here and the matter has been agitated in the columns of this newspaper.

The first project was to build this railroad to Lister's Pier and to establish a boat line from there to Tyrrell county. New promoters have now got behind the plan and it proposed to build the railroad to Wiggins' Landing or some adjacent point on Little River. This plan will make necessary the construction of a very short railroad line—one something like eight or ten miles in length, probably.

This new plan has been under way for some time but this paper was asked to make no statement as to the matter, before plans were more definite. The exceedingly wet weather, however, has prevented the work from being pushed and this write-up is given to let the people understand that the project has not been abandoned. Already options for a right of way have been secured along part of the proposed route and no trouble along this line is expected. As soon as the right of way is secured there will be more to be said about this matter.

At present the wet weather is preventing the promoters from getting out on the right of way and securing the options as rapidly as they expected to do.

### FATHER OF O. N. MARSHALL DEAD

Rev. O. N. Marshall spent Monday night in Elizabeth City on his way home from Nashville, N. C., where he had been called by the sickness of his father. Mr. Marshall found his father sinking rapidly and remained with him until his death. On the morning of the night that the death occurred there was another death in the family when the little daughter of Mr. Marshall's brother died.

Mr. Marshall's father was seventy-five years old and a veteran of the war between the states. There are three sons surviving the death, C. E. Marshall of Nashville, a farmer; W. R. Marshall, a builder and contractor of Rocky Mount, N. C., and Rev. O. N. Marshall of Manteo. There is also one daughter, Mrs. J. A. Babbitt of Nashville.

### BLOOD HOUNDS TO EDENTON

Mr. J. W. Shores received a telegram from Edenton yesterday morning to bring his man chasers there at once. There is no information to what the trouble is.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS TO-NIGHT

The Chamber of Commerce meets to-night for the purpose of electing officers and to take up again the matter of freight discrimination in Elizabeth City.

The members are urged to attend and all interested in the freight rate fight are invited to be present.

## JAMES ROUGHTON DEAD

Fort Landing, N. C., June 3—Mr. James Roughton of this place died this morning at about eight o'clock.

He has been in bad health for several years, his illness dating from a stroke of paralysis suffered some time ago.

For the last few days he has been seen to be rapidly falling in health and strength and the end was not a surprise to those who watched by his bedside.

Mr. Roughton was probably about seventy years of age. He leaves several children and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

The funeral will take place tomorrow from Mount Zion Baptist church.

## ELON COLLEGE CLOSES GREAT YEAR

Elon College, N. C., June 4th—The 24th Elon College Commencement came to a close here to-night with the Alumni Banquet in the college dining hall, which followed immediately upon the Alumni Address by Mrs. J. K. Ruebush, of Dayton, Virginia, whose theme was "Universal Democracy."

The Commencement began last Saturday evening with the class day exercises of the class 1913, a most enjoyable occasion, filled with good spirit and fine fun.

Dr. Warren R. Denison, of Norfolk, gave the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning, preaching on "Life's Great Rule" the theme being devoted service. President Harper that evening delivered the baccalaureate address and spoke of present-day educational problems, using as his subject "The Ingredients of True Living."

The Society Representatives on Monday evening were certainly deserving the fine praise they received, their essays and orations delighting the vast concourse of people who had assembled to hear them.

Dr. Charles W. Kent of the University of Virginia on Tuesday morning spoke delightfully of "The Sovereignty of Life." Dr. Kent is a great scholar and equal to any great orator and was heard with great pleasure.

The Expression Recital that afternoon and the Annual Musical Concert were largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The music department enrolled just about 100 pupils this year. The art exhibit was also excellent.

But the great event was graduation day on Wednesday morning when 52 persons received degrees, diplomas, and certificates, the largest number so honored at any one time here.

In all departments this year the College enrolled 358 students from 12 States and more than 100 countries.

### FOR STEALING WATCH

David Warren and George White, colored, were brought before Judge Turner yesterday morning on the charge of stealing a watch from another negro.

Both were bound over to the next term of superior court in default of bond of one hundred and fifty dollars.

## All Wool And A Yard Wide

The Advance carried, some thing like a month or two ago, the announcement of the reorganization of the Albemarle Fish and Agricultural Fair Association. Our reporter was informed that the premium list would be in the hands of the printer before the passing of May.

When the last of May came and no announcement from the association reached us we naturally thought that matters were being permitted to lag and that the way was being paved for continual procrastination and such slipshod methods as have too often characterized the conduct of this Association in the past. Therefore appeared our editorial "What's the Matter" on May 27th.

We take it as a good indication of the wide awakesness of the fair organization that the editorial has not escaped notice and that members of the organization have expostulated with us as to our position. In regard to the matter of the premium list, we are told that it has seemed a little early to get out one yet; and that other like organizations have taken no such early action. We are, too, informed that the report that the Association had taken action authorizing the preparation of the premium list in May was a mistake.

The Advance wants to see a good fair here this fall of course. It is not only to the interest of the town but to this paper's interest as well. For it is the man who has been to Elizabeth City who will be interested in its pa-

per; and every big crowd brought here increases the Advance's circulation and influence. It is needless to say, too, that this paper's record of last year shows that it stands ready to get behind and boost such a project for all it is worth. But we do not wish to boost any enterprise for more than it is worth—and will not do so knowingly. Our editorial "What's the Matter" simply meant that we wanted to be shown.

Members of the Association have been over the matter with us and we are assured that they mean business. It is pointed out that heretofore the fair stock has been scattered and so there has been a diffusion of energy. Now the Association is made up of nine business men of Elizabeth City. Heretofore the fair grounds have not been paid for until after the fair was held. This year the full year's rent will be paid before the fair is opened and half of the amount is already in Mr. Colborn's pocket. It is the purpose of the organization to get out the premium list just as soon as other associations begin doing so.

The Advance is pleased at these assurances and strongly believes that there will be a fair with a difference this year. We do not wish to seem officious in the matter or wise beyond our scope, but we suggest that in view of past disappointments here, it might be wise to take action along the premium list line a little earlier than is customary.

## POTATO OUTLOOK

Irish potatoes sold yesterday on the northern markets at \$2.75 to \$3.00 per barrel, the price being practically the same on all the markets.

The markets reported heavy receipts and much of the stock in bad condition; but the New York market reported bright prospects for an advance within the next few days.

The local commission merchants are rather slow in advancing predictions as to the future potato market. Eastern Shore has been holding back to get other sections out of the way, but rains have interfered with all sections and Eastern Shore has been forced to dig heavily this week and will handle the crop very rapidly next week. Eastern Shore will influence the market. If shipments are heavy the prices will scale down some. It is believed however, that the market will hang around \$2.50 and \$3.00 for the next week.

Pasquotank with the exception of the Weeksville section has scarcely dug and potatoes yet, but will dig pretty heavily as soon as the weather clears up. Continued wet weather will likely cause potatoes to rot, after the potatoes have matured.

Tyrrell has cleaned up the crop and Currituck is very nearly over.

Mr. Alex Outlaw has returned home from Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Will Blades and Miss Ivy Blades have returned to their home in Newbern.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Blades, of Barry Ill., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Derrickson.

Rev. J. B. Black, pastor of Cann Memorial church has gone to Colorado Springs to visit his mother who is very ill.

## BELVIDERE NEWS

Miss Rose Bush of Edenton is visiting her father, Mr. John Bush.

Misses Rachel McQuiston of Pittsburg, Pa., and Edith Henry of Germantown, Pa., are visiting Miss Ruth Lamb.

Misses Selma Meade of Weeksville and Pattie Chappell of Edenton left Tuesday for their homes after spending some time visiting Miss Silby Nicholson.

Mr. Robert Winslow is quite sick at his home near here. Rev. and Mrs. Alonzo Cloud attended the Quarterly meeting and went to their home at Corinth, Va., Monday.

Miss Mary Lamb returned to her home at Guilford Monday.

Mrs. Pohn Leary of Edenton and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jordan of Sunbury, visited their brother, Mr. Henry White, Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Bessie and Lucy Hayes of Gatesville visited Miss Ruth Lamb Sunday.

Dr. I. A. Ward made a business trip to Hertford Tuesday.

The Sunday school Conference was held at Belvidere Academy Saturday night. Interesting papers were read by Misses Adelaide White and Elizabeth Winslow and Mr. Troy Lamb. After the reading of these papers Rev. Earl Harroll, of Greensboro gave a talk on Graded Sunday school lessons.

Miss Rachel McQuiston gave a Garden Party to a number of her friends Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. W. H. Lamb.

A very large crowd attended the Quarterly meeting at Piney Woods church Sunday.

Miss Allie Vann of Corapeake is the guest of Miss Algine Only.

I. M. Mackins gave a banquet at the Southern Hotel Wednesday night to the board of Aldermen, the school trustees, and a few other guests. Quite an elaborate spread was provided, and all the Aldermen in town were present.

Julian Selig has gone to Richmond, to accept a position.

## MAIL CARRIER WANTED AT MOYOCK

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination at Currituck, North Carolina, on June 28th, as a result of which it is expected to fill a vacancy in this position of rural carrier at Moyock N.C. and other vacancies as they may occur on rural routes at Postoffices in the same county. The usual entrance salary for rural carriers is from six to eleven hundred dollars annually.

The applicant must be between the ages of 18 and 55 years, the matter of the maximum wage being waived in case the applicant has been honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service. He must reside in the territory supplied by the postoffice in which the vacancy occurs.

Those wishing to become applicants should write the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington for application form 1314 and for full particulars.

## MEETINGS CONTINUED

Baptism was administered Thursday night at Blackwell Memorial church, and will be administered on Friday and Sunday night also.

Interest in these meetings is growing and members are continually being received into the church. There will be services Sunday morning and evening with special music. Miss Goodwin's solos and the duets by Mr. and Mrs. Skinner are being received with a great deal of appreciation.

The revival in this church is remarkable in that when the time came for the meetings to close and Mr. Martin and the singers with him had to leave, the members of the church were so imbued with the evangelistic spirit that they were unwilling to close the meeting without greater blessing. The services have been continued and conversions are being made largely through the personal work of the members.

## CONCERT AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be given a concert at the First Baptist church annex to-night, June 6th, under the auspices of the Baraca class.

The program is as follows: Opening chorus—Association orchestra, The Bells of Beauty. Tenor solo—Signor Peannutti—The Wild Rose of Dog Corner. Limburger Quartette—Signors Sapaghetti, Chesnutti, Mushroom Princetello—the Dead march in Solomon.

Oratorical selection—Twinkle Little Star—Little Willie. Solo, Miss Mary Gilbert.

Reading—Classical Selection From the Jungle.

Oration—The Rights of Woman Chorus—Full Orchestra Selection.

Solo—Madame Shoemaker Heike, A German Medley. Admission 25c. including refreshments.

## CHILDREN'S DAY EXERCISES SUNDAY

Children's Day exercises will be presented at the First Methodist church next Sunday morning June 8th, at the regular preaching hour.

An attractive program has been prepared and the little people are expected to present a most interesting service.

The public generally are invited to attend these exercises.

## DROWNED IN DITCH

**Four Year Old Child Wandered Away From Mother and Body Is Found Floating In Water**

The four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lowry of Weeksville was drowned in a ditch near Lowry's store Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lowry was keeping the store for her husband and the child was playing about in the store. While the mother was busy with customers, it is said, the child slipped out without the mother's notice and without being missed for some time.

When Mrs. Lowry missed the child and went out to search for him, she found the little boy floating in a ditch nearby.

The heavy rains have flooded all the ditches recently and this one was a large ditch and was about full.

## FIRST BAPTIST SERVICES

In the absence of the pastor the following services will be held at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning.

Organ Prelude  
Praise  
Invocation W. T. Love  
Song  
Prayer W. K. Carter  
Song  
Scripture Reading J. G. Gregory  
Address "The Young Men in the Church," Walter Small  
Song  
Address, "Our New Pastorium, an investment," Judge Ward  
Address, "Our Church obligations during the summer," W. N. Gregory  
Song  
Open Discussion "Our Opportunities."  
Closing Song and benediction.

## WANTS TO SELL "ALMA"

It is reported here on good authority, that Captain Clay Spencer is getting up a stock company to buy the Alma, a steamer, plying between Elizabeth City and Fairfield, Hyde county.

A representative of Captain Spencer was in Elizabeth City this week taking subscriptions for stock. He said that he would have no trouble in selling the stock at Norfolk; but wished to place some of it here.

Captain Spencer has been on the run to Fairfield now for quite a number of years. Though burned out once, he has prospered and amassed considerable money from his boat. He is now ready to retire, however, and this is his reason for selling.

## FORT LANDING NEWS

Fort Landing, N. C., June 3—Mr. John Basnight of this place who has been seriously sick for some time, is not improving.

Mr. Arthur M. Combs has returned home from Warrenton, N. C., where he has been attending school.

Mr. Henry Basnight of South Shore was here Sunday visiting his brother, John Basnight.

Mr. Bart Basnight ran an excursion on the gas-boat James E. Brown from Alligator Creek to Frying Pan Sunday.

The hail storm which swept this section Friday night did some damage to the growing crops, but no serious harm is thought to have been done.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Basnight of this place were visiting friends and relatives in Jerry, yesterday.