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NEW BUILDING FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Proposed That Money For Its Erection Be Raised By Bond Issue

Manteo, N. C., June 30th—A campaign has just been launched here to secure the ratification by the voters of Public School District Number 17 of a bond issue to provide funds for the erection here of a school building adequate to the needs of this section.

The present building is altogether unsatisfactory. It is situated in a congested portion of the town with no room for suitable playgrounds. The lot on which it stands is low and not easily drained. The building itself is far from satisfactorily arranged and contains no auditorium. It is stated that a new building must be had if the State aid for this high school is to continue.

The building contemplated by the county board of education is expected to cost \$7,000.00. It will be a two story structure seventy feet long and sixty feet wide and will contain four classrooms and an auditorium with seating capacity and equipment adequate for the needs of this community.

A mass meeting to increase interest in the movement will be called at an early date at which trustees for the handling and disbursement of the moneys accruing from the bond issue will be made, and both friends and opponents of the measure are urged to attend.

SURVIVAL OF OLD CUSTOM

Channel Islander Has Recourse to "Cry for Freedom," a Rollo of the Past.

A strange custom, dating back at least to Norman times, was revived in Alderney, in the Channel islands. Daniel Sebire Jurat, justice-elect of Alderney, whose election the royal court at Guernsey had annulled because he had been sentenced to a term of imprisonment some years ago, raised a "clameur de Haro," or a "cry for justice," against a fresh election by kneeling bareheaded at the entrance of the court house and exclaiming, "Haro! Haro! Haro! a l'aide, mon Prince! On me fait tort" (Help, my prince! I am wronged).

The "clameur de Haro," an ancient custom of "crying for justice," still survives in the Channel islands. The appellant must on his knees and before witnesses raise the cry, which acts as an injunction until the alleged tort or trespass has been adjudicated upon by the court. If the trespasser continues, he is liable to arrest and punishment.

Though the clameur is still legal in the Channel islands, recourse to it is very rare, and there had been no instance of it in Alderney for two centuries. It is, however, a very effective procedure. The derivation popularly ascribed to the plea is curious. "Haro" is said to be an abbreviation of "Ha Rollo" a direct appeal to Rollo, the first duke of Normandy, and is thus traced back to the days when there were no courts and justice was personally meted out by princes. It is, however, more probable that "Haro" is simply an exclamation to attract attention.

A similar custom, applicable only in criminal cases, was the Saxon "clameur vicentina," which was in existence at the time of the Norman

FIRST EXCURSION FROM NEW DEPOT

Woos Tired, Hot Home Stayers To Virginia Beach Next Wednesday

With the record which June has already made in the way of hot weather, the first week in July finds even those blessed enough to inhabit the banks of the Pasquotank turning longingly toward the seashore. Something in the air, or something out of it, not only produces the impulse to reach for a handkerchief and fan as aids toward physical comfort, but impels a wild longing to break the monotonous routine of the season and hie away to new scenes and foreign pleasures, forsaking the familiar haunts briefly that they may be more beloved upon return.

To those who have not lost the enthusiasm that comes from simple living and wholesome enjoyment, the excursion from Elizabeth City to Virginia Beach on Wednesday offers an opportunity that will no doubt be seized with delight.

With everything done for the comfort of the passengers that the managers of the excursion can possibly do, with the cooling, thrilling breezes, just off the waves, with a plunge into the merry waiting surf, and with the countless amusements that Virginia Beach has to offer this season, a day may be spent that will be looked back upon with jolly, joyful memories for years to come.

The train will leave from the new depot and everyone will want to celebrate its completion in this highly appropriate way. There may be other excursions throughout the year, but only one can be the first to leave from the new depot on Main street.

Tickets go on sale tomorrow at Seligs and at the Alkrama theatre. The young folks want to go while they are yet young and the world is new. The older folks ought to go to renew their youth.—Advertisement.

ANOTHER WHACK AT ROPER

Roper and Elizabeth City will cross bats twice this week on the local diamond, the first time this afternoon at four thirty, and a gain tomorrow afternoon at the same hour.

Roper has the best team that has shown up on the local diamond this season. In the last contest with this team Elizabeth City was defeated in a close game. No doubt the number attending today will be unusually large.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS!

The Board of Equalization will meet at the Court House on the Second Monday in July for the purpose of equalizing the values of property.

All persons having complaints to make will come forward on this date.

G. M. SCOTT,
Chm. Board of County Com.
J. W. MUNDEN,
Register of Deeds, Clerk Office to board.
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TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF PASQUOTANK.

Your support for the office of trial justice of Pasquotank County will be very much appreciated by me. I have held this office only one term, and would appreciate a reelection.

Yours very truly,
W. C. WILSON

NIAGARA CALLS TO VACATIONISTS

And Many Contestants Are Working Toward Trip At End of Summer

It is wonderful—the transformation of the power of the mighty falls of Niagara into light and heat, the turning of machinery, the manufacture of innumerable useful products. These are some of the many things that scientific knowledge accomplished for the world.

But it is wonderful, too, the transforming power of the beauty and the grandeur of Niagara upon a tired body and weary brain. That is why so many thousands choose Niagara to spend their vacations. That is why so many young ladies of this town and section are working toward the realization of a vacation trip to Niagara Falls at the close of the summer. That is why nine up to date merchants of Elizabeth City have selected this means of giving pleasure to two young ladies of the section.

Votes are accumulating with extraordinary rapidity in this contest. Each publication of the records of the contestants is surprising in the amount of votes acquired. Work is being done to good effect and the results are telling.

The summer is now well on its way. The time will not be very long before the realization of this dream for someone—for some two young ladies, to be exact. The friends of these young ladies should prove their friendship now and help them with their purchases. The list of stores includes every phase of retail merchandise and represents leading enterprises of the city. Purchasers may easily benefit themselves and the contestants with little trouble and great advantage.—Advertisement.

WOODMEN ERECT MONUMENT

Columbia, N. C., June 30th—On June 21st the W. O. W. Lodge of Columbia went to Yeopim on an excursion boat and with appropriate exercises unveiled the W. O. W. monument recently erected there in memory of their dead. A large crowd was in attendance. Splendid speeches were made, and all W. O. W. members reported an enthusiastic meeting upon their return. Music was furnished by the Elizabeth City and Hertford Band.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK WILL OBSERVE FOURTH

The First National Bank announces in this issue that it will be closed on Saturday, July Fourth in honor of that holiday. The announcement is of particular interest to the patrons of this Bank.

BLACKWELD MEMORIAL CHURCH

Rev. I. N. Loftin will speak Sunday morning from the subject—The Ambitious Guest, or Jesus at a Social Function.

At the evening service Mr. Loftin will speak from the subject—A Girl Saving a Nation.

Mr. D. J. Pritchard of Providence township was in the city yesterday.

CANDIDATES AT OLD WEEKSVILLE

Will Meet In Grove At Walston's Store To Discuss Issues

J. B. Walston's store at Old Weeksville will be the gathering place on Saturday afternoon, July 11th, for all voters of Salem and Nixonton townships and Mr. Walston extends a cordial invitation to all the county candidates to be present.

A stand will be provided for candidates desiring to speak, luncheon will be served and a general good time may be expected.

Mr. Walston's store is on the dividing line between the two townships and a most convenient place for the assembling of the voters. The yard is abundantly shaded and all who were present at the meeting during the campaign two years ago remember the occasion with much pleasure. Mr. Walston had improvised a speaker's stand out of a big box of dry goods that he had just received and had provided plenty of ice water for the political aspirants in that campaign. It is said that the debate was warm enough to make the ice water in considerable demand and from the political outlook now the event this year will be no less exciting and more largely attended than ever.

GARDEN GROWS FINE TOMATOES

Something of the possibilities of eastern North Carolina as a trucking section is indicated by the fine display of home grown fruits and vegetables now to be seen in many Elizabeth City groceries.

The attention of a reporter for this newspaper was attracted yesterday morning by the unusually fine appearance of the tomatoes on display at Morrisette & Perry's grocery on Poindexter street. So large and so fine were these tomatoes that he stopped and picking up a quart of them at random had Mr. Perry weigh it. There were just five tomatoes in the heaped up measure and the fruit weighed two and a half pounds.

Some of the largest of the tomatoes must have weighed nearly a pound. They were grown by Mr. Alfred Sawyer of Belcross.

CITY WATER GOOD TO DRINK

City Health Officer, Dr. C. B. Williams reports twenty two deaths in the city during the month of June, and fourteen births.

Dr. C. A. Shore, State Bacteriologist, of Raleigh, upon recent analysis of Elizabeth City water reports it good for drinking purposes.

BANKS DECLARE DIVIDENDS

All the banks of Elizabeth City declared dividends on July first. The Savings Bank and the First National Bank declared a semi-annual dividend of six per cent, the Citizens four and the Mercantile Bank three per cent. All the banks of the city appear in flourishing condition and their resources are steadily increasing.

Mr. E. F. Wise and Mr. H. W. Twiford, both of Stumpy Point were in the city last Saturday.

CROP PROSPECTS VERY GOOD

The abundant rains and the hot weather for the past three weeks have brought crops out amazingly all over this section.

The early growth in the first of the season was greatly retarded by the dry, backward spring, but these early handicaps seem to have increased the hardihood of the crops generally. Corn now has the beautiful green black color that is the delight of the farmer's heart and cotton is fairly humping itself. A reporter for this newspaper was in Camden county the first of the week and was astounded at the difference two weeks had made in the appearance of crops generally. Sheriff Reid told an Advance reporter yesterday that during the sixteen years he had been riding over the county he has never seen more favorable outlook anywhere than in Newlands township. Mr. Reid said that the corn in Newlands, looks like corn of the big grain States of the middle west.

OLD TYRELL CITIZEN DEAD

Southshore, N. C., July 1st—Mr. William Basnight, one of the oldest men of this place, died on last Thursday.

Mr. Basnight was seventy seven years of age, and had been sick for the past five years. His body was laid to rest in the Black Walnut Burying Ground Friday afternoon.

Mr. Basnight is survived by his wife and five children, three sons and two daughters. The daughters are: Misses Nan and Hattie Basnight, and the sons are, Messrs W. J. Basnight, T. J. Basnight and B. F. Basnight.

SOUTHSHORE BRIEFS

Southshore, N. C., July 1st—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lewis of Columbia spent the week end here visiting relatives.

Miss Della Basnight of Gum Neck spent the week end here visiting relatives.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong of Gum Neck was at South Shore this week.

LIGHT ON DEEP SUBJECT

Observations of Dutch Biologist Are Accounted of Much Importance by Scientists.

A great controversy that has raged for years in the philosophical world has almost been brought to an end by a discovery of Vries, the great Dutch biologist. Darwin's theory of evolution supposed that it took ages and ages for the slightest variation in species. In fact, according to his theory, so many years would have had to elapse since the beginning of organic life that most thinking men could not accept it. The age of the earth has been calculated by geologists from the aspects of different strata and from fossils very accurately for such a difficult problem. If a person accepted the word of the geologists he could not accept the theory of Darwin.

Vries found out that what is called "spontaneous variation" could be much greater than was at first supposed. He called this rapid spontaneous variation "mutation." Now, spontaneous variation is that variation that takes place in plants or animals in one or two generations. In other words, it is the observed difference between certain offspring and their parents or grandparents. It was found that a change of climate or environment would cause a very great variation in one generation. He found this especially so in plants. So now one can accept Darwin's modified theory and the theory of the geologists in respect to the age of the earth at one and the same time.

G. D. NEWBY DIES AT HERTFORD

Heart Failure Assigned As Cause of Death of Man 72 years Old

News was received here yesterday of the death at Hertford on Wednesday of Mr. G. D. Newby of that place.

Mr. Newby was seventy two years old. His health had been failing for sometime but he was apparently as well as usual Tuesday morning. As he rose from the breakfast table, however, he was seized with an attack of heart failure. When he had somewhat recovered he walked out on the porch and sat down. After a few minutes he said that he believed he would lie down and take a nap. He fell off into sleep and never regained consciousness.

In the death of Mr. Newby Hertford and its community have sustained a loss that will be long felt. He had spent in that town all of his long life and always had been one of its prominent and progressive citizens. For a number of years he was the manager of the Eagle Hotel which was at that time run under the name of the Newby House. During more recent years he has been connected with the management of the Insurance, Realty and Trust Company.

Mr. Newby is survived by a wife and a number of children. Among the children are Dr. Edgar Newby and Evert McM. Newby of Hertford, and also G. Bruce Newby of Newport News. His daughters are Mrs. W. A. Williams of Hertford and Mrs. C. W. Toms of New York. Mrs. Oscar McMullan of this city is his sister.

The funeral was conducted at half past four o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Newby home by Rev. F. M. Shamberger of the Methodist Church, the family's pastor. Interment followed in the Hertford cemetery.

ONLY THING HE COULD DO

Chinese Artist Got Even With Those Who Employed Him and Failed to Pay Bill.

The man who orders goods and then refuses to accept them is a trial to shopkeepers and manufacturers in all lands; a novel way of serving such delinquents is described in a curious little anecdote told in "The Memoirs of William Hickey."

There was a Chinaman who took excellent likenesses in clay, which he afterward colored, and they were altogether well executed. To this man's shop Pott and I went to see his performances. We found Mr. Carnegie, surgeon of the ship Nottingham, sitting for his portrait, and complaining violently of the extremely ugly phiz the artist was making. After he had repeated this several times, the man laid down his tools, and looking significantly at Carnegie, said, "Hi, you handsome face no have got how can make?" and turning to Pott, he continued, "Here can make handsome face for too much handsome face have got." Carnegie was offended at both observations, and declared he would not pay for or take the model away. He kept his word, and the next time we called at the shop we found the image of Mr. Carnegie tucked up, hanging by a rope round the neck to a beam with several others. Inquiring the meaning of that, the Chinaman, with much anger, answered, "All those have too much handsome ladrones, give me too much trouble, make handsome face, no pay, no take, so muste have up."