

## COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK WILL MAKE FOR COUNTY PROGRESS

Speeches and Addresses Made That Will Set Folks Thinking and Bring Results.

In spite of bad weather and the consequent small crowd County Progress Day of Community Service Week was an unqualified success.

The crowd attending the exercises at the Alkrama though small, was earnest and attentive and there can be little doubt that much good will be the result of the meeting. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of Christ Church, following which the temporary organization was made permanent.

Resolutions were presented setting forth the need of a Y. M. C. A. in Elizabeth City and recommendations were offered providing for the establishment of a school library, of a skating rink on the school grounds, of a public play ground, of a town curfew law to keep children under eighteen off the streets after nine o'clock at night. The importance of providing pure drinking water for the city was also urged and it was suggested that this matter be kept continually before the city fathers.

Next in order was the school census report from the various districts of the county. The facts disclosed by these census reports will be taken up in the next issue of this newspaper.

The first address of the morning was made made by Rev. C. A. Ashby.

### Mr. Ashby's Speech

The Rev. C. A. Ashby spoke substantially as follows:

I am asked to speak to you upon the usefulness of the Church to our community, and I welcome the opportunity of saying a word for this institution. It is a most helpful sign when people ask of the Church "Does it justify its existence?" Only in this way will they learn what it is worth. I never take any exception when some one says that he is considering the usefulness of the church.

And by the church I mean the organization as we find it today. I have not the time to discuss with others what the church used to do, and whether a church run as it was two hundred years ago would be worth anything, for I know that it would not be. Neither would medicine, law, mechanics or anything else. All things exist in relation, and the man who beats time on the head of the Church of ages past is just as much out of tune, as is the man who condemns machinery, because its introduction was so sternly opposed by our forefathers, or denies the circulation of the blood because Harvey was prosecuted by the physicians.

Let us get away from these things, and take up the church as we find it now, and I have no

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## STAGE WEDDING WAS REAL THING

Register of Deeds J. W. Munden Officiates in Romantic Scene.

The Saturday matinee crowd at the Alkrama were prepared for disappointment when the manager of the Kramm Theatrical Company came on the stage and announced that consent to the marriage of Miss Lorene Hensley to Mr. Harry Mack had been refused by Miss Hensley's mother until the bride-to-be should become of age next month.

This disappointment was relieved at once, however, by the further announcement that Miss Adelle Lou Poe and Mr. Clarence S. Jones, also members of the Company, who were to have been married at Christmas at the bride's home in Birmingham, would be married in the Alkrama after the matinee by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden.

The marriage was as simple and impressive as if performed in a home and the large audience that witnessed it gave respectful and reverent attention during the ceremony. The tiny little bride dressed in simple white with veil and wedding bouquet was exceedingly attractive, and the stage setting with its semi-circle of actors suggested a family group with strong bonds of sincere interest and good wishes.

### TOM THUMB WEDS TO-NIGHT

The "Tom Thumb Wedding" to be given by the little folks of Elizabeth City at the Alkrama to-night is expected to draw a full house. The players are all in readiness to do their part toward entertaining the audience, and with the natural charm of childhood and the excellent training received can not do otherwise than succeed.

The prices for this evening's entertainment are only twenty-five and fifteen cents. After the wedding moving pictures will be shown.

### CARD OF THANKS

Through the kindness of the members of Providence church at Shawboro who raised a purse to cover my expenses I am enabled to attend the Baptist State Convention at Raleigh this week. I greatly appreciate the courtesy and take this means of expressing my thanks to the church.

L. T. REED,  
Evangelist

## PRICE SHE PAID IS GOOD PLAY

Press Reports Say That Preachers Praise and Commend it.

That the people of Elizabeth City will be surprised on Friday evening, December 11th, is a positive certainty, for on that occasion the newest dramatized offering entitled "The Price She Paid" will be brought to the Alkrama Theatre.

A few weeks ago, when this newest dramatized story was presented in Cincinnati, the management was much surprised to receive a visit from six clergymen, all of whom had heard about the play and were anxious to see it for themselves. It was at first thought that these gentlemen might take some offense at the clear plain manner in which the story of the play was told. Much to everybody's surprise, however, when the final curtain was rung down, the clergymen complimented the management upon the absorbing interest of the play, as well as the high moral lesson which they readily saw was taught.

"Our girls nowadays", according to a press report this is what one of them said, "have untold temptations cast in their way. This is especially true of the larger cities, where mothers are so eager seeking entertainment themselves, that they have no time to watch over their daughter's welfare. I often wished that somebody would bring a play like this which would prove so conclusively to young girls that the best thing for them is the straight and narrow path. The highway of sin may glitter and be very inviting for the time being, but there is a bottomless pit at the other end of the road of pleasure from which rescue is impossible. Once a girl finds herself in this maelstrom of vice, no hand is held out to her, and there is no chance for lasting reform."

"I am glad I saw 'The Price She Paid' I am going to my congregation and tell them to see this play by all means. It will purify their soul, it will make all the men have a better opinion of women and it will make all young girls realize what a priceless thing is their virtue."

Headed by a metropolitan cast and having as its stars no less competent an actress than Miss Helen Leigh, admirably supported by Howard Leigh, brother and sister of Bert Leigh. This great play which has been pronounced even more absorbing than David Graham Phillip's book, will doubtless achieve a marked success here.

Photographs for Christmas gifts. Only 17 days before Christmas, these days will be filled with gift care. Why not be photographed, and be relieved of at least a dozen cares. There is nothing so appropriate for a gift. Make an appointment with ZOELLER, at once.

## FOOD BETTER THAN MONEY

W. J. Peele Thinks Products Should be Sent to Belgians Direct.

EDITOR THE ADVANCE:

Our gifts in money to the Belgian sufferers are well timed, without doubt, though this money had to be used doubtless to buy food in Europe at European prices for the quick relief demanded by the condition of the sufferers. But gifts in food and at North Carolina prices and gifts in food directly by those who raised it would make our contributions go a great deal further. The relief needed and to be needed as the winter deepens, the distress, is on so vast a scale that a wise economy in the use of our means is of the first importance. And, too, I have not the slightest objection to the incidental benefit that will accrue by this direct giving of food grown in our fat and fertile lands yielding this year so bountifully under God's providence that we are crying for storage room for a part of our crops in more than forty counties of our State. I would like for the Belgians and the suffering everywhere to know of this wonderful country where the sand hills produce crops worth two and three hundred dollars an acre. Direct giving of food and any other needed raw material grown in our state would give us the legitimate benefit which arises incidentally as a reward for doing right. From Wake county to the Atlantic or grown perhaps the best sweet potatoes in the world; if some large hearted as well as long headed farmers would devise a way to get a few of these sweet potatoes to the Belgian children, they and their mothers might transfer their affections from their stricken country to the shores of North Carolina. They are a fine people let them come. Halifax county boasts of its fine Spanish peanuts, the same kind, doubtless, Gov. Winston thanked God for on Thanksgiving Day; will Halifax and Bertie vie with each other in sending some to the starving Belgians, if indeed the opposing armies would let them pass through their lines; and even if the soldiers ate them all they would note the country whence they came. Hyde county raises corn enough this year to feed the Belgians quite a while—the whole seven and a half millions of them, if there are that many still alive; will the Hyde county farmers invest a little corn in the Belgian sufferers and create them ultimately a new market for the overflow of their corn and maybe, lay up for themselves treasures in Heaven.

W. J. PEELE.

You will get photographs for a gift Christmas, why not you have some made to send. There is nothing so appropriate. Make an appointment with ZOELLER for a sitting. (adv.) 21

## CITY MANAGER PLAN APPROVED

Action Taken Which May Mean Big Change in City Government.

It is a probability that the city manager plan of municipal government will be tried out in Elizabeth City at no very distant day.

Some time ago a committee was appointed to revise the city charter and last night the aldermen voted to direct this committee to submit a report incorporating the city manager idea. The vote was taken on motion of W. L. Cohoon.

Dr. John Saliba and Dr. L. Fearing appeared before the board asking that a whole time health officer for town and county be employed. The recommendation of the committee was favorably received, but action was deferred for the time being.

The city attorney was directed to draft an ordinance forbidding hackmen to leave their hacks in soliciting passengers at the Norfolk Southern depot. Many passengers recently, especially ladies, have been caused embarrassment by the undue zeal of rival hacks. Also the keen rivalry has led to much disorderly conduct on the part of the hackmen and to several cases in police court.

The action of the Superior Court in awarding the Crystal Ice and Coal Company \$150.00 for land condemned for a sidewalk was the occasion of considerable discussion. The majority of the board were in favor of allowing the company to retain the land rather than pay that amount for it, and so voted; but aldermen Anderson and Robinson opposed the action. This action will probably make it necessary to cede back other condemned property on the same street to original owners; and for all of this a special act of the legislature will be required.

The matter of selling soft drinks, cigars, and confections on Sundays was again brought up and action may be taken to put the lid on the town Sunday at the next meeting.

The aldermen stated that they could not take definite action before the next meeting as there was considerable dispute as to what should and should not be sold on Sundays.

The city water was reported unfit for drinking purposes owing to the presence of colon bacilli. The general sanitary conditions of the town were reported good.

Attorney W. L. Cohoon tendered his resignation as a member of the board to take effect January 5th. Mr. J. L. Pritchard will succeed Mr. Cohoon as alderman from his ward. City Attorney W. L. Small also tendered his resignation to take effect January 5th. Alderman Robinson and others stated that Mr. Small had made the best City Attorney

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## ANOTHER TRIAL FOR CHAIN GANG

But Commissioners Seem Disposed to Employ High Priced Expert as Superintendent.

It does not now appear that the present board of county commissioners will do anything toward abolishing the chain gang.

It is very likely however that a new superintendent of the chain gang will be elected and probably the man chosen will come from a distance. The board in their meeting yesterday directed the clerk to insert an advertisement in the News and Observer for applicants for this position. A man with expert knowledge, considerable experience, and especial efficiency in handling convict labor is desired. It is probable that such an officer will cost the county at least a hundred dollars a month.

Mr. W. L. Cohoon appeared before the board and urged the employment of an expert. He stated that he had it on the best authority that the material for building sand clay roads is here in this county and that such roads would improve the efficiency of the roads of the county four hundred per cent. He also stated that in his opinion it would be wise for the county to issue bonds to the amount of 200,000 for the purpose of providing funds for creating a system of permanent county roads.

This was the most important action of the day. The board met in the morning and elected J. G. Fearing chairman. Mr. Pinner received two votes for that position in the balloting.

Mr. Caleb Ives was unanimously re-elected standard keeper. There were two other applicants for the position.

Mr. A. J. Baily was elected keeper of the county home.

Geo. J. Spence was made assistant trial justice by the commissioners.

Louis Selig was elected keeper of the town clock.

It was ordered that the court house be again given electric light connection.

The chain gang was ordered to do three days work on grading the grounds of the Elizabeth City Hospital.

The chairman of the board was directed to purchase the necessary supplies for and to direct the operations of the chain gang until January 4th.

The road known as Pryor Street was ordered worked by the chain gang. There has been some doubt as to whether this was a public thoroughfare or not.

### WILL PREACH AT SHILOH SUNDAY.

Dr. L. T. Reed will preach on next Sunday, December 13th at the morning and evening services.