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## CHAIN GANG TO PAVE ROAD ST

City Manager Thinks Can  
Give City Better Job for  
Less Money

The Pasquotank county chain gang is now to be used in paving the city streets. Heretofore its time in Elizabeth City has been taken up with cleaning up work and more recently with unloading barges of brick consigned to the city. The chain gang superintendent and the city manager are to have charge of the work. If under their management the chain gang can be used to pave streets and to do the work satisfactorily, the saving to the town will amount in the course of a year to hundreds of dollars.

This change in the method of street paving is the result of the break between the city administration and the firm of G. W. Switzer & Sons. During the administration of the old board of aldermen Mr. Switzer was given the contract to pave Riverside avenue and North Road street from Cypress to the railroad. Under the terms of this contract Mr. Switzer was to hire hands from the city at \$1.50 a day, and for hiring and superintending these hands he was to receive a commission of ten per cent. He was also to have 14 cents a yard for the paving and for furnishing the sand required in the work. It was stipulated that a three ton roller should be used, that the sand should be laid in sand two inches deep after rolling and that after the brick were laid a covering of sand should be applied to fill up all cracks. In order that this contract should be binding upon Mr. Switzer he was to give a bond in the sum of \$1,000.00 for its faithful performance and as a guarantee, in addition, that he would provide for the maintenance of the street for a period of twelve months after the work of construction was completed.

When the time came for the paving of Riverside avenue this bond had not been furnished, but upon Mr. Switzer's assurance that it would be forthcoming at an early date he was allowed to begin work. It was the board's idea that if the bond should not be given, the city would be protected through the fact that Mr. Switzer had not been paid for his work. As time went on and the bond was not furnished the City Manager was definitely instructed to withhold a sufficient part of the money due Mr. Switzer to enable the town to hold him to his contract. Mr. Switzer expected to secure the bond from a bonding company, but owing to some technicality was never able to do so.

This was the situation when the time came for paving Road street. City Manager Commander at this time brought to the attention of the aldermen the fact that the city had no money in its paving fund to hire hands and carts to haul brick and grade the street. He suggested that the chain gang be used instead of hands employed by Switzer. Now another stipulation of Mr. Switzer's contract with the city had been that in case the chain gang should be used in this sort of work that he would superintend it free of charge. So when Commander suggested the use of the chain gang on Road street

## HOLD ATTRACTIVE OPENING

The Rucker and Sheeley Company held its very attractive Fall Opening on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week with a handsome display of dress materials, trimmings, suits, coats, and so forth.

Fur trimmings were among the most tempting of the large number of novelties in dress, and the arrangement of materials with trimmings and gloves to harmonize was most effective. Handsome coats were one of the features of the ready to wear department that especially claimed attention. Comfortable and cheery bath robes, dressing gowns, blankets and silk quilts formed another enticing picture in the display.

In the department of men's wear the array was no less complete and shoppers visiting this store's Fall Opening were many in number in spite of rather unfavorable weather.

Mr. Switzer, who was present, said that if the chain gang was going to grade the street it could lay the brick also, and he left the meeting paying no attention to Alderman Robinson's invitation to stay and talk it over.

At the regular meeting last Monday night Mr. Switzer apologized to the board for his abruptness in his withdrawal from the meeting and asked for settlement in full for his work on Riverside Avenue. As stated in the last issue of this newspaper his request has not yet been acted upon. At any rate Mr. Switzer has declared that he wants no more of the town's work as long as Commander is city Manager. He claims too, that the town has already given him several raw deals.

Switzer came to Elizabeth City several years ago when the town first entered upon its street paving policy. His first work was under Dunbar, Contractor Lawson's superintendent in charge of Belgian block paving here. Later he laid a considerable amount of concrete sidewalk for the city, much of which by the way the property owners refused to bear the share of the expense on, alleging that the concrete was rotten. Mr. Switzer continued to get the city's work, however, one reason being that he would take his pay in city orders when the town's paper was selling at a discount. He got the contract for paving Fearling Street, Parse Street, Pool Street, and West Main Street from C. W. Steven's residence to the railroad. There was so much complaint as to West Main Street that the Aldermen, in giving Switzer the contract for Riverside and North Road sought to protect the town against another such job by a written contract with bond.

The City Manager says that he will do the balance of the paving now on hand with the town's street force and the chain gang. He points out that the town is now saving the commissions formerly paid Switzer for hiring labor and that the laborers employed are getting only \$1.25 a day instead of \$1.50. Moreover by employing the chain gang the town gets labor without any immediate cash outlay—a matter of no little importance while the town is hard pressed for cash. Mr. Commander says also that Sgt. Provo is a most efficient officer, and that under his supervision the chain gang work is almost as good as free labor.

## BAPTISTS MEET AT RAMOTH GILEAD

Hold Regular Session of  
Fifth Sunday Union in  
Newland Township

The Camden Circuit Union Meeting will be held at Ramoth Gilead Baptist Church in this county on October 29th, 30th and 31st. The following program has been arranged by the committee.

Friday

11.00 a. m. — Introductory Sermon, J. K. Henderson.  
2.00 p. m. — Living up to Our Church Covenant, N. P. Stallings.  
3.00 p. m. — The cooperation of Baptists in all the work of the Kingdom, J. T. Ragland.

Saturday

10.00 a. m. Devotional.  
10.15 a. m. Relation of Baptists to other Religious Denominations, L. N. Loffin.

11.00 a. m. — The bond of unity which holds Baptists together, What is it? — J. K. Henderson.

2.00 p. m. How can the independence of a church be maintained in cooperation with other churches, B. C. Henning, D. D.

3.00 p. m. — All church members in all the work of the local church all the time, H. P. Lamb.

Sunday

11.00 a. m. Missionary Sermon

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## NEW FIRM ON POINDEXTER STREET

The two stores adjoining the R. E. Quinn Company on Poindexter Street are now being remodeled and thrown into one spacious building for the new firm of Gilbert and Bullkin who will take charge of the building and install their stock of goods as soon as the carpenters work is completed. Mr. Gilbert is the proprietor of Mitchell's Department store and Mr. Bullkin is a well known farmer of Providence township. The new firm will do a cash business in general merchandise.

## CAPPS-GRANGER

Walter T. Capps of Norfolk, and Miss Lina Granger of Newland township, this county were married here Sunday by Rev. I. N. Loffin at his residence on Pennsylvania avenue. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of friends of the bride and groom from this county and from Camden.

## TO SEE WORLD SERIES

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Selig, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sawyer, Messrs H. T. Greenleaf and Harry Johnson left Thursday to attend the world series of baseball at Philadelphia and Boston.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Generally fair weather is indicated throughout the week in this section.

## QUERY GIVEN FOR DEBATES

Every School in the State  
Urged to Enter in Next  
Year's Contest

Chapel Hill, October 6. The query which will be discussed this year by the schools having Membership in the High School Debating Union of North Carolina is: 'Resolved, that the United States should adopt the policy of Greatly Enlarging the Navy.' A bulletin of sixty or seventy pages containing outlines and arguments on both sides of this query and references to sources from which further material can be secured will sent free of charge to all schools which are members of the Union. This bulletin will reach the schools not later than Nov. 15th.

Every secondary and high school in the State is invited to become a member of the Union and participate in the contest of 1916. Every school that enters will as in the past, be grouped with two others for a triangular debate, each school putting out two teams, one on the affirmative and the other on the negative. The schools winning both debates will be entitled to send their teams to the University to compete for the State championship and the Aycock Memorial Cup. The triangular debates will be held throughout the State the latter part of March and the final contest at the University early in April. The exact dates for these contests decided upon later.

Since its inauguration three years ago by the literary societies and the bureau of extension of the University, the High School Debating Union has met with splendid success. Three comprehensive State-wide debates have been held and schools and communities alike have been benefited by them. Last Spring the State-wide contest was participated in by 250 schools and 1000 student debaters, and it is a safe estimate that fully fifty thousand people from first to last heard the discussions over the State on the question of subsidies for the merchant marine. The committee hopes that this year every school of secondary nature in the State will enroll in the Union for the discussion of the United States Navy. E. R. Rankin, Secretary of the Union at Chapel Hill, will be glad to hear from you as to your school and the debates.

Winner of Aycock Memorial Cup, 1913—Pleasant Garden High School.  
Winner of Aycock Memorial Cup, 1914—Winston Salem High School.  
Winner of Aycock Memorial Cup, 1915—Wilson High School.

## JARVIS-AVERY

Marshal Lane Jarvis of Norfolk and Miss Annie Avery of New Bern were married at the Southern Hotel Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. Y. Old. The prospective bride and groom met in Elizabeth City and the ceremony was performed soon after the arrival of the through train from the south.

## DAVIS-PRITCHARD

David Leonard Davis, of this county, and Miss Beulah Pritchard were married Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Lennel Jackson, near Forks school house. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden.

The parlors were beautifully decorated with ferns and cut flowers. As Miss Bessie Carter rendered Lohengrin's wedding march the bridal party entered. The bridesmaids Misses Bertha Davis and Mattie Pritchard, sister of the bride, were gowned in embroidered voile and carried pink roses, while the bride was lovely in white satin and carrying bride's roses. The groomsmen were Messrs Oscar Pritchard who acted as best man, and Claude Whitelurst.

## FARMERS EXPRESS APPRECIATION

The Farmers of Pasquotank County desire to express their thanks and appreciation to Messrs M. P. Gallop and T. B. Lamb and to the Newbern Produce Company for free refreshments served at the Farmer's Picnic recently held at the Fair Grounds and to Mr. W. T. Love for his furnished, to Mr. Geo. W. Twiddy Jr. and Mr. Louis Selig for valuable services rendered, and to the merchants and business men of Elizabeth City for their efforts to furnish music for the occasion.

By order of the County Farmers' Union,  
C. W. Morse, President,  
W. H. Pritchard, Secretary.

## SITES FIXED FOR SCHOOLS

The Board of Education has fixed the sites of the prospective Central Graded or High Schools for Salem and Newland Townships.

The site of the Salem School is a corner lot near the Jennings school house.  
The site of the Newland school is the Northwest corner at the cross roads near the Baptist Church.

The Board also resolved that there should never be any consolidation of the several schools in the above named Townships should the election carry without submitting the question to a vote of the people.

## BUYING HOLIDAY GOODS

Mr. Louis Selig is visiting the Northern diamond markets this week and buying goods for his Christmas trade in Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

## CHANGE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday, October 10th, train number 6 will leave Elizabeth City at three p. m., the same hour of the week day schedule.

Prof. I. J. Galkins who has been teaching modern dancing in North Carolina for the past two years will demonstrate the new dances as correctly danced in all the larger cities of the country in the Masonic Hall here Friday night. Admission is free to every body interested in the new dances.

J. M. Weeks has returned from a business trip to Norfolk

## HOLD CARNIVAL NEXT WEEK

Firemen Will Offer Same  
Shows as Those at State  
Fair

The Smith Greater Shows will exhibit in Elizabeth City all next week under the auspices of the Elizabeth City Fire Company.

These shows are the same that are to furnish attractions for the Raleigh State Fair the following week and are considered among the best on the road. 'The Cleanest Aggregation of Shows on the Road' is the term generally applied to these shows. The fact that they have been engaged for the State Fair speaks a good word for them. Many people who cannot afford to go to the fair can enjoy the same attractions here at home. The shows will exhibit at the Ball Park and will arrive some time Sunday.

One of the leading attractions is the trained wild animal circus, also the Hurdlers. The giant riding device is considered the first on the road being brilliantly lighted with fourteen hundred and fifty two electric lights. A lady high diver is the feature free attraction. An A. No. 1 band will furnish the music and a big time is expected throughout the week.

## THE COTTON MARKET

Cotton prices took a tumble following the high record level of last Tuesday. Strict Middling, quoted on the local market Tuesday at 12.38 cents was quoted yesterday at twelve even, while middling, which was quoted at 12.18 and declined to 11.34.

At the gins, however, up to yesterday afternoon the prices quoted were in most cases as high or higher than offered on Tuesday.

Local gin men explain that the reason why lower prices prevail for seed cotton in some communities than in others is that the yield of lint to the pound of seed cotton is larger in some communities than in others. The only object of these reports is to disseminate information and to enable the farmer to take his cotton where he can sell it at best advantage considering the distance hauled.

Little cotton was sold yesterday owing to the extremely bad weather. The following reports are as nearly accurate as it was possible to get them, but are not guaranteed correct:

Eastern Cotton Oil Co., Hertford	5.10
Noah Bright, Woodville	5.00
A. Sawyer, Belcross	5.25
Leary Wilson, Burgess Co., Old Trap	5.10
G. W. Towe, Chapanoke	5.10
Weeksville Ginning Co.	4.75
Gregory & Forbes, Shiloh	2.00
W. G. Stafford, South Mills	4.75
W. S. Brry, Belcross	4.75
Hubbard Jones & Pugh, Old Trap	5.10
L. M. Sawyer, Burnt Mill	5.00
Jones, Okisko	5.00
W. G. Wright, Shiloh	5.00
R. R. Keaton, Camden	5.25
Peoples Oil and Ginning Co.	4.90
Elizabeth City Milling Company	No Report.

S. J. Twine of Nags Head was here Tuesday on business.