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## WHOLE NATION TO CELEBRATE

### City Lighting Company Has Part in Movement to Restore Business Confidence.

This is Electrical Prosperity week.

Beginning Monday November 29, and extending through Saturday, December 4th this week will be observed by the United Electrical interests from Maine to California from Oregon to Florida.

The object of this celebration is to promote optimism and confidence in the general business conditions of the country, which it is felt have never been better than at this time; and to disseminate information in regard to the progress of the age in electrical inventions and in the rapid development of the use of this wonderful form of energy.

How nearly akin are electrical progress and prosperity may be more distinctively realized by a brief glance at the following electrical facts:

Ten per cent of the people use electricity in some form every day.

Ten per cent of the population derive their living directly or indirectly from the electrical industry.

\$7,999,862,157 is invested in electrical industry, including telephone and telegraph.

\$2,098,513,122 is invested in privately owned central station electric light and power plants.

\$2,000,000 a day is the estimated business of electrical industry.

\$730,000,000 is expended annually for new electrical equipment and service.

\$80,000,000 is expended each year to sell electric service, of which 20,000,000 is spent to explain and develop new uses of electricity.

2,265,000,000 was the gross income of electrical industry for 1914.

\$20 a year is spent by every person in the United States for electrical materials and service.

1075 per cent more electric light can now be obtained for ten cents than for a like sum twenty years ago.

That the celebration of a nation-wide prosperity by an industry of such large proportions will not exert a far reaching stimulation of all lines of business activity is hardly to be believed. Indeed the electrical interests have that through this stupendous celebration will be brought back the good old times that the nation enjoyed before capital was made timid by the threatening hand of war.

In the larger cities during this week electrical shows, and electrical parades will be held and at the San Francisco Exposition the period will be a week of electrical glory.

Throughout the country, too newspapers will issue special editions, in commemoration of the occasion, and a recent number of one of the leading magazines has on its front cover a picture of "grandmother" watching the Thanksgiving Turkey bake in her electric oven.

Locally the Elizabeth City Electric Light and Power company are endeavoring to contribute their share to the mammoth celebration. Already the big show windows of the largest floor space in the Hinton building are filled with an attractive display of electrical wonders which catch and hold the eye of every passerby. One walking along Main Street even a half dozen times a day finds difficulty in getting by this window without stopping.

December Second, Third and Fourth, however will be the big days of Electrical Prosperity Week in Elizabeth City for these are dates on which a reception will be tendered the Elizabeth City public in the Hinton building and on these occasions demonstrations will be given of the practical application of modern electrical ap-

## EIKS ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Elizabeth City B. P. O. Elks will hold their annual Memorial Service at the Alkrama next Sunday, December 6th. The address will be made by Honorable Matt Allen of Goldsboro, and a very attractive musical program has been arranged. The public are cordially invited to attend this service, which begins at three o'clock in the afternoon, and every year a large number do attend. With a speaker of Mr. Allen's reputation in the program it is probable that the crowd this year will be even larger than usual.

## TEACHERS MEET AT HARBINGER

Harbinger, November 23rd—On Saturday, November 13 at Grandy was held the regular monthly meeting of the teachers of Poplar Branch township of Currituck County. Moonlight schools and their progress was discussed and a very favorable report was given from all places where these night schools are being held.

Miss Carrie Parker read a very interesting paper on the 'Teachers Preparation', emphasizing the great importance of preparation by the teacher.

Miss Inez Reid discussed how to Keep Order in the School Room. Giving the child plenty of interesting work is her key note to success.

The next meeting will be held at Jarvisburg December 18. Chapters Chapters on music and handicraft will be discussed by Prof. L. L. Lohr of Poplar Branch High School.

Miss Lydia Inscow of Harbinger school will give a model lesson on Art.

The value of Practical Sewing is taught in our public schools will be discussed by Miss Olive Miller teacher of the fourth and 6th Grade in Harbinger where he has been giving practical lessons in sewing to the girls of that school.

After the meeting the teachers of Grandy school served ice cream and cake. It was much enjoyed by all.

Prof. Isley delivered a most impressive address here Thursday night to a large audience. His subject was "The Three Lives; The Body, Intellectual and Spiritual." The Woman's Betterment Association served ice cream, cake and candy.

Miss Helen Griggs and Miss Lydia Inscow spent Saturday night at Poplar Branch in the home of Dr. Griggs.

The Sunday School as well as public school attendance here is excellent.

On each Sunday night a most interesting prayer meeting is held at the Christian Church.

## GIBSON—BUNNEL

Luther Harrison Gibson and Miss Bertha I. Bunnel, both of Norfolk County, Virginia, were married by Mr. Munden on Wednesday night at his residence on Selden street.

Appliances for household use such as the electric iron, the electric peeler, the electric toaster stove, the electric chafing dish and the electric oven. In daily operation already may be seen an electric sewing motor operating silently and at a high rate of speed a modern sewing machine. There are motors also for washing machines which can readily be adapted to the ice cream freezer, the churn and so on.

The demonstration will be under the general direction of Messrs Ray Kramer and John Rollinson, but Mrs. R. T. Whitehurst will have charge of the cooking department. This will give many in Elizabeth City their first opportunity of seeing cooking done in the electric way and there is little doubt that the reception will be largely attended.

## THOMAS L. JARVIS DIES AT MOYOCK

### End Comes After Long Period of Ill Health and Several Months of Total Blindness.

Moyock, November 28—Mr. Thos. L. Jarvis of Moyock died at his home last Tuesday night after suffering severely for several days from a stroke of paralysis. The death of Mr. Jarvis was not unexpected as he had been in bad health nearly two years and was totally blind several months before his death.

The funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church in Moyock by Rev. J. E. Blalock on Thanksgiving Day and the interment took place at the family burying ground.

Mr. Jarvis took an active interest in the affairs of his community and county and always manifested a progressive spirit towards developing the neighborhood in which he lived, ever keeping in mind the welfare and doing what he thought best for the good of the people who lived near him.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Luna L. Jarvis; by his daughters, Mrs. Luna Spivey, of Suffolk, Va., Mrs. Margaret Parrish, of Moyock, Miss Callie Jarvis of Moyock, by his sons, Mr. Russell Jarvis of Hertford and Mr. W. W. Jarvis of Moyock.

The funeral services of Mrs. Bettie Jones was conducted at the Methodist Church at Moyock Saturday afternoon by Rev. G. F. Smith of Elizabeth City.

Messrs R. O. Bagley, D. A. Cox, and attorney, W. D. Cox left Moyock Monday morning for Belhaven to attend the North Carolina Drainage Convention which will be in session November 30th and December 1st.

Misses Jane and Elizabeth Cox, having spent Thanksgiving with their parents returned to Coinjock near where they are teaching.

Mr. Wallace has resumed his past-time occupation of bear hunting, having killed two last week. Wallace brought one bear to Moyock the other day on horseback. It was unusually large.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Blalock entertained the Wesley Bible Class Tuesday evening.

The play, 'Tony the Convict' will be given at South Mills High School Friday night by young people from Moyock.

## HONOR ROLL FOR TULLS SCHOOL

Moyock, Route 1, Nov. 24—The following have reached the highest standard during the past month at Tull's school.

8th Grade—Rosa Harrell and Ruth Harrell.

7th Grade—Annie Doney.

6th Grade—Zack Waters.

5th Grade—Nettie Harrell.

4th Grade—Goldie Harrel, Harry Sears, Dilworth Sears and Fattie Harrell.

2nd Grade Maywood West.

1st Grade—Elizabeth Hamilton and Burfoot Sears.

## ENTERTAINED AT CANDY PULLING

Miss Annie Belle Trueblood gave a candy pulling at her home on Greenleaf Street Thursday night. Those enjoying the evening were: Miss Nellie Hastings, Ida Ballance, Mary Jones, Lillie Seymore, Nellie Gregory, Virginia Toxey, Minnie Godfrey, Henrietta Godfrey, Fannie Jones of South Mills; Messrs Dewey Parsons, Butlar Parsons, Oscar Swain, Graham Bell, Dewey Seymore, Victor Sylvester.



## BAPTISM ADMINISTERED TO SEVEN TIMES SEVEN

The ordinance of baptism was administered to forty-five candidates at the special service of Blackwell Memorial Church last Sunday, the pastor, Rev. J. N. Loftin, officiating. An audience estimated at above fifteen hundred, filling the church auditorium, balcony and annex was present. Nearly all the candidates baptized at this service were ladies; and on next Sunday evening, when the ordinance will be again administered the majority of those receiving the rite will be men.

At this service the Church voted to pay the pastors expenses to the Baptist State Convention at Charlotte.

## COMMANDING OFFICER RESIGNS

Hertford, November, 24—At a meeting of the 7th Division of the North Carolina Naval Militia, Monday night, Lieut. R. Timothy Brinn, announced that he had tendered his resignation as commanding officer. It was rumored that Lieut. Sumner, J. G. and Ensign Campen will resign also, thus making it necessary to either elect a new set of officers or muster the division out of service. On the last encampment the local division made a favorable impression on Adj. General Young and it is said he will oppose disbanding the division.

A number of prominent business men have been mentioned as likely candidates for commanding officer, among them Mr. C. W. Morgan and Mr. L. R. Crawford. "Either of these men are capable of fulfilling the duties, as they have been connected with military organizations in former years. The election will be held about January 1st as Lieut. Brinn's resignation is to take effect on the said date. The finances of the division are on the right side of the ledger and the members and patrons of the division would hate to see it disbanded.

Mr. Sidney Sutton and Mr. Jas Miller have returned from Durham where they attended the State Farmer's Union, in session here last week.

Frank Brinn of Raleigh is here spending the Thanksgiving holidays. Mr. B. E. Twine of Norfolk Va. spent Sunday here the guest of friends.

Julian J. Fleetwood of City Point is here visiting his parents and friends.

## PRAYER SERVICES IN THE CHURCH AUDITORIUM

The regular Mid Week prayer services of Blackwell Memorial Church will be held in the Church auditorium to-morrow night and all church members and the public are invited to attend.

Mr. Loftin's subject for the evening will be "Prayers God Has Answered for Me"

## POPLAR BRANCH BEGINS MOONLIGHT SCHOOLS

Poplar Branch, N. C.—Nov. 22—The teachers of the Poplar Branch High School had planned to begin a Moonlight School on Monday night, November 1st. The school buildings were burned before the Moonlight School could be opened. This daunted the plans for a short while. The teachers had too much interest in the education of the illiterate to let a fire burn out their plans. So as a result of their deep interest a Moonlight School was opened Monday night November 22 by the two primary teachers—the others having gone to the assembly. Nine were enrolled for work. Others are to join later. The school will be a decided success for a great interest is shown by those who have joined.

Misses Elizabeth Robertson and Beatrice Parker have gone to Seagull to spend the week end with Miss Odessa Lewark.

Prof. L. L. Lohr, Misses Julia Pasmore and Carrie Parker left Monday for Raleigh. They will be accompanied by Superintendent R. W. Isley and will attend the annual Teacher's assembly.

Mr. Fletcher Spry spent Thanksgiving with his parents at Maple.

The Poplar Branch High School closed Monday for four days holiday. The primary work will be carried on until Wednesday.

Elwood Perches is spending the week with his parents at Gregory.

Miss Pauline White has gone to Knotts Island for the holidays.

Mr. D. W. Woodhouse son, Wilbur. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Krank returned to Norfolk Monday in Mr. Woodhouses car. They returned Tuesday.

Misses Mary Barco, and Evalyn Kinsey have gone to Coinjock for the week.

Miss Inez Reid went to Elizabeth City Wednesday for the week end. She was accompanied by Misses Ethel Gregory and Eunice Jerome.

Rev. C. P. Jerome and daughter, Eunice, were in Elizabeth City Saturday on business.

The teachers of this township were present at the "Teacher's Reading Circle" at the Grandy School House Saturday.

Supt. R. W. Isley gave a talk in the Sharon Chapel Saturday night. His subject was "The Star Through Discouragement." A short program was arranged and enjoyed by many.

## DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

The following have been named as delegates from Blackwell Memorial Church to the State Convention at Charlotte: J. U. Lambert, I. N. Loftin, E. F. Aydtlett, H. G. Godfrey, L. W. Anderson, J. F. Kirby, Ed Davis, Henry Newbold, Dr. R. L. Kendrick, George J. Spence, L. E. Skinner, J. C. Sawyer and C. D. Gallop.

## GROWTH HAS BEEN VERY GRATIFYING

### Local Light and Power Company has had Successful Career. Plant Thrice Enlarged.

In view of the nation wide celebration beginning yesterday, of 'Electrical Prosperity Week' it is considered appropriate to refer to the local public service company which supplies Elizabeth City with the electrical energy which lights the streets and its homes and which furnishes the power for the operation of many of its mills, factories and other manufacturing plants. One looking at the town and realizing the dependence of the city on electricity can scarcely believe that Elizabeth City began to use electricity not until about fifteen years ago, and that the present company was not organized until 1909. Today Elizabeth City would not only be in total darkness at night, but hundreds of mill and factory operatives would be out of employment. Incidentally it may be mentioned that no newspaper in town would be able to make its appearance until its electric motor could be replaced by a gas or engine.

The Elizabeth City Electric Light and Power Company furnishes to the municipality the current for 41 Mazda arc lamps of 700-candle power each and 204 60 candle power lights, the latter in the residential sections and in the outskirts. Rates for domestic consumption are much lower than those of Norfolk; in fact, they are among the lowest on the Atlantic Seaboard, a fact made possible by the cheapness of fuel, which is secured largely from a local lumber plant.

The primary rate for power is 7.5 cents per K. W. hour for the first 100 6 cents for the second hundred, and on down as low as 2.8 cents for the sixth to tenth K. hours. Liberal discounts are also allowed for lighting charges.

Mr. R. E. Lewis has been secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Elizabeth City Electric Light and Power Company since its organization. The other officers are H. E. Cook, Baltimore, President and C. W. Grice Vice-President. The directors are: P. H. Williams, Dr. O. McMullan, F. C. Todd of Baltimore, J. O. A. Wood and John T. Hill of Baltimore.

So great has been the increase in demand upon Elizabeth City's public utilities that twice within 10 years it has been necessary to enlarge the power plant. The most recent improvement cost more than \$12,500.

Electric power is popular in Elizabeth City. Many of the smaller industrial plants use electric power exclusively. With the educational work of Electrical Prosperity week, the use of electricity will be even more widely extended, especially in the homes of the city.

## B. Y. P. U. MONTHLY MEETING

The first monthly meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union of Blackwell Memorial Church will be held in the annex next Tuesday night, December 7th at 7:30.

After business matters have been attended to an interesting program will be rendered. The Union decided in session Sunday night to invite all members of the Berean and Fideles classes to be present at this meeting so a large number is expected to attend.

Groupe Captain No. 2 led in the meeting last Sunday night which was the first meeting of the Union since the revival services began. The Union meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 and all young people of the Church are invited to become active members.