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## LITTLE HOPE FOR GOOD WATER

**Knobb's Creek the Only Available and Practicable Source Says Mr. Lewis**

Knobb's Creek is Elizabeth City's only satisfactory and practicable source for a water supply, and the people of Elizabeth City will be drinking water from Knobb's Creek when you and I and the present board of aldermen are numbered among the departed.

These were, in effect, the words of Mr. R. E. Lewis of the local Water & Power Company before the Board of Aldermen Monday afternoon. They were called forth by a question addressed to Mr. Lewis by a member of the board, who wanted to know whether Mr. Lewis' company would be willing for the city's suit against the water company to be continued, pending the result of the effort now being made by the company to get satisfactory water from a deep well which is being sunk and which has a ready been driven to a depth of nearly eight hundred feet.

Mr. Lewis stated that nothing short of a withdrawal or taking a non suit would be satisfactory to his company as they wanted the issue settled. Mr. Lewis then explained that though his company had spent considerable money on the deep well now being sunk they had done so without any great hope of getting satisfactory water. "We wanted," he explained, "to satisfy ourselves and to convince the people as to the practicability of getting water for the city from deep wells."

The objection to Knobb's Creek, Mr. Lewis went on to state "is a sentimental and not a practical one. The very name of Knobb's Creek carries unpleasant suggestions to the Elizabeth City resident. And yet analysis has shown that the Knobb's Creek water is more satisfactory than that of the Pasquotank any where below Possum Quarter."

The speaker cited the result of actual analyses to support this statement. He then went on to say that the protection of the Knobb's Creek Water shed depended only upon Elizabeth City's enforcement of the State law. Contamination from the sewage, he declared, is extremely unlikely but can be absolutely guarded against by a dam across the creek which would automatically lock against tide water. Two attempts, he continued, to get permission from the State to construct this dam had been defeated in the legislature.

Referring to the popular furor against Knobb's Creek Water which led to the city's suit against the water company. Mr. Lewis said that the only analysis which had shown actual contamination came at a time when the city was dumping its night soil on the watershed. No contamination, he alleged had been shown by analysis when the water was salt last year.

After hearing Mr. Lewis the board decided to have a called meeting the latter part of this week, when the attorneys for the city will be asked to advise the town as to what steps to pursue.

Numbers of other matters claimed the board's attention earlier in the meeting. To a complaint as to the stoppage of the Main street sewer, Mr. Lewis replied that his company was taking steps to remedy the condition as early as possible.

The city manager was ordered to take the necessary steps to have the old vessels aground on the river front alongside side Riverside Drive removed.

It was ordered that \$1500, the amount paid on West Main street

## WILL PLAY E CITY ON NEXT FRIDAY

Hertford, February 7—The Basket Ball Team of Hertford High School will meet the Elizabeth City team on the local court, Friday, February 11. This is the third game between these two teams and Elizabeth City is expected to make a better showing than in the former games which were won by the Hertford five.

Captain Elliott announced today that a game had been scheduled with the Creswell team to be played here Friday, February 18. This will be the last game of the season as preparations are being made for the High School Base Ball team.

Five members of last year's base ball team were lost by graduation last Spring although a likely string of candidates are showing up for the vacant places. The hardest place to fill will be that of pitcher as last year's star is not back in school.

Bray and Fleetwood, members of last year's infield are possible candidates and in all probability the pitching will be divided between these two.

The coaching staff consists of Prof. Crawford and Mr. Morris.

## NEW BUILDING FOR NEW BANK

Hertford, February 7—A new building to be the home of the Farmers National Bank of this city, is under construction on church street. The building is next to the Southern Drug Company and on the plot of land where "The Old Eagle Tavern" once stood. The officers of the organization are H. C. Stokes, president and H. C. Tullivan, Cashier.

## MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcements have been received here of the marriage of Mrs. Mary Catherine Irvine to Mr. Charles Henry Balfour on Saturday, February 5th, at Henderson. Mr. and Mrs. Balfour will be at home after March 1st at 619 Olney Road, Norfolk.

Mr. Balfour is a former resident of this city and has many friends here.

## ATTENDS FUNERAL OF UNCLE

Wiley Upton returned Monday from Edenton where he had been to attend the funeral of his uncle Mr. Harry Williams, Sr. of that city.

Mr. Williams died Friday afternoon after a weeks severe illness. He was fifty seven years old and had been in declining health for a number of years. The funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon from the home by Rev. E. L. Wells, and interment followed in Beaver Hill cemetery.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife and three sons, Harry Jr., Dave, and James, all of Edenton; one daughter, Mrs Herbert Bristow of Portsmouth; a sister, Mrs. J. M. Lackland of Norfolk; three nephews and three nieces.

paving by the Norfolk Southern railroad should be deducted from the cost of this work in making paving assessments against abutting property owners on this part of Main street.

Lawrence street was ordered curbed on its north side on the present street lines. A survey was made some time ago and property was condemned to widen the street; but the town preferred to give over widening the street rather than incur a law suit which one or more of the property owners had threatened.

City Health Officer Williams report showed twelve deaths against twenty-two births, giving the city a temporary birth rate of thirty per cent and a death rate of 10.8 per cent.

## GIVE RECITAL HERE THURSDAY

**Musicians Who Have won Favorable Press Comment in Many Cities to be Heard Here**

Miss Joe Carr, of Boston and Memphis, will give a recital at Elizabeth City on Thursday evening, Feb. 10.

Miss Carr is entering upon a very successful professional career. She graduated last June in the piano-forte course of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, where she had already been prominent as a soloist at various concerts and recitals. She was one of the seven chosen from the senior class last May to compete for the Mason and Manlin prize of a grand piano offered annually to the most proficient pianist of the school. She had a place on the programme of the Conservatory's commencement concert in Jordan Hall, winning much commendation through her playing of Edward McElwells Piano-forte Concert in D minor.

This season Miss Carr is back in Boston, continuing advanced studies at the New England Conservatory and giving occasional professional concerts. As one of a trio of young musicians she covered a series of very successful engagements last November in several of the smaller New England cities. With Miss Rose Leverone of Boston, a cousin of Miss Elvira Leverone, the well known grand opera singer, she gave a joint recital in Jordan Hall last Thursday evening and won very favorable comments through her performance of three selections from Chopin and single numbers from Rhene-Baton, H. Oswald, Cyril Scott and Johann Strauss. After her recital in Hopkinsville Miss Carr will visit her home in Memphis where she may appear at a recital before returning to her work in Boston.

H. Read Wilkins, tenor, who will appear with Miss Carr at Elizabeth City, is also an advanced student at the New England Conservatory, America's oldest and largest music school. His home is at Portsmouth, Va. He received a classical education at the University of Virginia and then, deciding to follow a musical career entered the Conservatory in Boston. There he has made many appearances at the various student musical affairs. He is one of the prominent members of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, the leading musical Greek letter society which has chapters in 28 conservatories and university music departments. He was one of the trio composed of Miss Carr, Miss Leverone and himself who toured northern New England very successfully last autumn.

Both of these talented musicians have been secured for Elizabeth City by the Berean and Fidelis classes of Backwell Memorial Baptist church. This recital will be given in the church annex, and it is announced to begin promptly at eight o'clock.

## IMPORTANT B. Y. P. U. MEETING TO-NIGHT

The Baptist Young Peoples Union of Blackwell Memorial Church will hold its regular monthly meeting to-night. Very important business matters are to come up, a program has been arranged and a social hour will be enjoyed.

All members and all those who wish to become members are invited to attend.

## SCHOOL BOY GETS VICTROLA

Jesse Mercer of Bayview, a student of the Elizabeth City Public school, was the winner of the Victrola given away on Saturday by McCabe & Grice.

## WANTS PORTRAITS OF PROMINENT CURRITUCKIANS

Maple Feb. 7—As a member of the county Board of Commissioners M. E. M. Walker of Maple is extremely interested in all county affairs and recently has been making an especial effort to make the county courthouse more comfortable and more attractive.

Mr. Walker now wants to secure for the walls of the courthouse pictures of prominent men of the county and of the bar who are now deceased.

The following are some of the names of those whose pictures he would like to have for this purpose: Governor Jarvis, Col. James Woodhouse, Dr. W. H. Cowell, Sheriff J. W. Baxter, Sheriff John Frost, Col. L. D. Stark, Wm. F. Martin, Wiley Grandy, Judge Albertson, William Griffin, Tom Skinner, Jack Blount, James Whedbee, William Shaw.

In addition to these he also wants pictures of A. O. Dry and H. B. Ansell, who are now more than eighty years old and served as clerk of the court in this county for a number of years.

Mr. Walker will be glad to hear from the friends or relatives of these and other prominent Currituckians who could co-operate with him in this matter.

## LEAP YEAR DANCE FOR DURHAM GIRL

Miss Huyla Hughes gave a Leap Year Dance last evening at the Robinson Hall in honor of her guest, Miss Mattie Mae Adams of Durham.

Decorations of pink and white were most effective and punch and dainty sandwiches were served.

The couples were: Miss Mattie Maye Adams with Kenneth Etheridge, Miss Fannie McMullan with George Beveridge, Miss Nellie Wood with Frank Kramer; Miss Isabelle Gibbs with Slaughter Whitehurst, Miss Grace White with Sidney Etheridge, Miss Margaret Griggs with Thornton Bennett, Miss Maud Palmer with Elwood Weatherly, Miss Lillian Whitehurst with C. Culpepper, Miss Evelyn Jones with Fay Hussey, Miss Edna Kramer with Eddie Hughes, Miss Bessie McMullan with John Harney, Miss Fannie Owens with Shelton McMullan, Miss Katherine Jones with William Weatherly, Miss Mattie Reed with Latimer Commander, Miss Shelton Zoeller, with S. Clair Chesson, Miss Mattie Fletcher with Mr. Griffin, Miss Helen Robinson with W. G. Gaither, Jr., Miss Eloise Robinson with Will Foreman, Miss Bessie Weatherly with Frank Selig, Miss Mildred Commander with Robert Whitehurst, Mrs. Bessie Stewart with Wil Foreman, Miss Elsie Gregory with James Aydeatt, Miss Dorothy Gregory with Aubrey McCabe, Miss Hula Hughes with Edward Griffin.

The stage were: Miles Clark, Julian Selig, Will Newbern, Walter Wood, Ned Griffin, Clarence Reid, Tom Hughes and Cecil Garrett.

The chaperones were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCabe, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Selig, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blades, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton McMullan, Mrs. Earl Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Griffin, Mrs. P. M. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hughes.

## S. R. SIFF COMPANY WILL TEST TURKEY CASE

The case of the S. R. Siff Company in Police Court Wednesday was one of unusual interest. The charges were that the company had given away turkeys without a license to draw trade to the store during a special sale. Judge Sawyer stated that he could dismiss the case upon payment of costs, but Mr. Siff desired to test the case in a higher court. Judge Sawyer therefore imposed a fine of twenty five dollars, the defendants taking an appeal.

## N. W. WALKER SPEAKS FOR BOND ISSUE IN CURRITUCK.

Poplar Branch, February 7—Prof. N. W. Walker of Chapel Hill, N. C. spent last Thursday, Friday and Saturday with his parents here. Prof. Walker is one of North Carolina's ablest men and Currituck County is proud to call him her son.

While in the county Prof. Walker delivered several lectures on the proposed bond issue in Poplar Branch township. He spoke at Powell's Point Friday morning; at Jarvisburg Friday afternoon; at Narrow Shore, Friday night; at Grandy, Saturday morning; and at Poplar Branch Saturday afternoon. He explained very carefully and clearly the bond issue; he emphasized the necessity of having a modern, well equipped high school building in the county; and he showed that the county would drop back twenty-five years in progress if the people should fail to erect a building suited to the needs of the township and county. It is believed that no lover of 'Old Currituck' is willing to see her twenty five years out of date or to allow a few dollars in extra taxes to stand in the way of her progress.

## WILLIAM CHARLES BROWN DIED YESTERDAY MORN

News reached here Monday afternoon of the death on Monday at his home near Belcross of William Charles Brown a prominent citizen of Camden county and a man well known in Elizabeth City. Mr. Brown had not been feeling as well as usual for about a week, but did not take to his bed until Sunday. The end came at four o'clock Monday morning, before a physician, hastily summoned from Elizabeth City, could reach his bedside. Mr. Brown was a sufferer from Bright's disease and death is believed to have been due to an acute attack of this malady.

The deceased is survived by a wife and two children, a son and a daughter. The daughter is Mrs. Joseph Hales of this city and the son is Luther Brown of Belcross. Up until his death Mr. Brown conducted a merchandise business at Belcross, his business bringing him often to Elizabeth City and into business relations with Elizabeth merchants.

The funeral took place at three o'clock this afternoon and interment followed in the family burying ground.

## MRS. HARRIETT HARRIS DEAD

The funeral of Mrs. Harriett Harris, fifty-five years old was conducted at the residence of W. K. Jones on Parsonage street Monday afternoon at one o'clock. The body was then taken to Chowan county where interment in the family burying ground took place to-day.

Mrs. Harris died Sunday evening at eight o'clock after a week's illness from pneumonia. She was a member of the First Baptist church of this city, and was widely known here, having relatives in a number of counties in this section.

Mrs. Harris is survived by four daughters: Mrs. Amber Pearce and Mrs. Theodore Morris of Chowan county, Mrs. George Ballance and Miss Alice Harris of this city. She leaves also three sisters Mrs. Margaret Ellis and Mrs. Martha Ann Boyce of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Rebecca Byrum of Suffolk; and one brother Mr. William Topping of Chowan county.

## EUGENE SMITHSON DEAD

News reached here yesterday of the death from tuberculosis of Eugene Smithson near Oak Grove in Perquimans County Saturday morning. The funeral was conducted yesterday at eleven o'clock by Rev. J. Y. Old of this city.

Mr. Simpson was twenty-three years old and leaves a wife and an infant only a week old.

## SHOT IN KNEE BOY MAY DIE

**Blood Poison Develops From Wound and Accident May Have Tragic Ending**

Clarence Edney, the son of R. B. Edney of New and township in this county is in critical condition as a result of a shotgun wound in his knee received last Saturday. His physician, called over long distance telephone at a late hour Monday night held out no hope for the boy's recovery.

Young Edney was out rabbit hunting with a negro about forty years of age by the name of John Brown. Edney was in front, and when the two hunters jumped a rabbit, both fired. It is thought that the negroes gun went off sooner than he intended. At any rate the load passed through the white boy's knee, the shot entering on one side of the leg and coming out on the other. Blood poison has now set in, and this is the cause of the wound's serious consequences.

## GETS CHECKS CASHED AND THEN SKIPS IT

A seedy-looking individual came to the city last week and after obtaining cash for a fifteen dollar check from Charles Barclay, a blacksmith on Matthews street, and for a twenty-five dollar check from S. D. Bagley, proprietor of livery stables on the same street, besides making a few minor business transactions in the city, left town without saying good-bye to any of his benefactors. The checks proved to be worthless and the bills were left unpaid. The anonymous gentlemen gave his name as J. O. Oliver and claimed to be a veterinary surgeon and dentist. He was making arrangements to establish himself in his profession here with Bagley's stables as his headquarters. His departure was so hastily made that it was not known whether he left on a north bound or a south bound train but it is the opinion of Barclay and Bagley that some one else is now cashing his checks.

## JURORS FOR MARCH COURT

The jurors for the March term of court here are as follows: G. R. Bright, D. B. Simpson, Luther Pritchard, C. H. Berry, W. T. Cartwright, (Mt. Hermon), Aught McHarney, C. H. Wainston, James M. Whitehurst, O. N. Davis, W. J. Taylor, M. S. White, C. C. Cartwright, Ervin S. Garrett, James S. White (Pearl Street), Jordan Meads, R. H. Gregory, Ed Brinson, Dorsey Relfe, O. M. Lister, W. R. Stevenson, L. R. Foreman, W. B. Harris, W. K. Harris, W. K. Jones, (Newland), A. G. Forbes, W. W. Hollowell, J. S. Lister, A. H. Worth, J. A. Barrow, Cader Temple, M. E. Davis, Thad Snowden, S. M. Hughes, E. L. Brothers, S. H. Johnson, W. J. Meads, R. H. Dozier.

## LAYING NEW GAS MAIN

Work has been begun on the laying of the new gas main from the plant down north road street to Church street, and, it is stated, that the work will be completed by the fifteenth of the month. Mr. E. D. Shipley of Newtown, Pennsylvania, is in charge of the work. "With this main in operation, the Gas Company," says Superintendent Stallings, "will be able to give consumers and prospective consumers better service, especially in the southern part of the city."