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BUILDINGS ARE NOT ADEQUATE

Supt. Spragins Gives Out Interview About Crowded Condition of Recitation Rooms

Supt. S. H. Spragins this morning gave this paper the following interview: The Board of Trustees of the Elizabeth City Graded Schools desire to call the attention of the citizens to the present and near-future crowded condition of the existing accommodations for the seating and instruction of the school children.

Table with 4 columns: Enrollment, Proposed, Present, Next Year. Rows include Grade 1(a) through High School.

PETITION OF HACKMEN FAILS TO CARRY

The hackmen of the city, represented by Attorney R. W. Turner, in aldermen's meeting yesterday petitioned the aldermen that they be allowed to raise their charges from fifteen to twenty cents.

A petition from Miles Jennings, a junk dealer here, asking that the city statute be changed so as to allow him to buy junk from minors was granted.

ANOTHER REPORT OF CONVENTION

Charlotte Observer's Story of the Republican Duel Between Duncan and Marianne

John Motley Morehead was elected National Committeeman over E. C. Duncan. His election came after one of the most thrilling and dramatic incidents that has ever taken place in a political convention.

And this is how it came about. Butler was out with the platform committee and the convention was sailing along merrily without him. A set of delegates to the National convention had been selected, eight of them, and everything was ready for a vote that apparently would be all one way.

BEST IN SOUTH SAYS THE PRESS

So Enthusiastic Applause of Audience That Only Physical Weariness Brings Pause.

Their reputation as the best College Glee Club in the South appears to be justified—at least it would take a mighty zood one to beat them. Such was the verdict of Lexington after the appearance there of the Wake Forest Glee Club with its Director, Dr. Hubert Poteat.

The personnel of the glee club is as follows: First tenor, R. S. Britton, B. C. Ingram, G. W. Lassiter, B. T. Tally, C. L. Wharton; second tenor, E. F. Culom, M. P. Futrell, R. P. Holding, A. D. McFadden, J. M. Newbold; first show cause, W. L. Holman, J. M. Kesler, H. M. Petest, J. L. Ridley, C. C. Warren; second bass, W. G. Dotson, C. P. Herring, R. K. Redwine, G. F. Strode, R. K. White.

Of the program press reports are unanimous in commendation. "Both classical and popular music were used," says The Raleigh News and Observer, and both were thoroughly enjoyed.

The Asheville Citizen speaks of "the unmistakable College flavors" and declares that they put their whole soul into their songs; and sang as only college boys can sing. The Dispatch of Lexington says: It is rarely the good fortune of any group of entertainers to so universally please an audience or to evoke such hearty and continuous applause as that which greeted the Wake Forest Glee Club and Orchestra, at the Sunday School room of the First Baptist Church last Thursday night.

Although the period of advertising was brief, the receipts were pleasing to the Club and to the Civic League, under whose auspices the entertainment was held. The crowd was larger than that which has greeted musical events this season, but it was not so large as it will be if they return next year.

C. R. Pugh and J. Q. A. Wood have returned from Raleigh where they attended the State Republican Convention.

DEFER ACTION ON FRANCHISE

County Commissioners Apathetic About Government Bridge Across Turner's Cut.

The county commissioners on Monday deferred action in the matter of revoking the franchise granting C. L. and W. E. Hinton of this county the right to maintain and operate as a toll road the road crossing the Pasquotank at what is known as River Bridge.

This franchise now held by the Hinton's was granted in 1847 to William R. Abbott by both Camden and Pasquotank counties for a period of one hundred years. Over a month ago Camden county revoked the franchise so far as it applies to that County and Monday Attorney D. H. Tillitt of Camden was before Pasquotank's commissioners with the request that they take similar action.

At Mr. Tillitt's instance summons had already been served upon the Hinton's to come before the commissioners at this meeting and show cause why their franchise should not be revoked. These gentlemen, however, failed to appear.

The board was not disposed to act hastily and indeed were somewhat disposed to table the motion to revoke the franchise but they were persuaded by Mr. Tillitt to continue the matter to the next meeting.

The object of Mr. Tillitt in seeking to annul the franchise is to get the government to build a bridge across Turner's Cut. This canal was dug by the Old Dismal Swamp Canal Company in 1857 and intersects that portion of the toll road which is in Camden County. The Dismal Swamp Canal Company built and maintained a bridge across this cut until it sold its holdings to the Lake Drummond Canal and Water Company. The Lake Drummond company claims that it did not purchase Turner's Cut but nevertheless that company did maintain the drawbridge until about two and a half years ago, when they refused to do so.

It was about this time or a year and a half ago that the Texas Company boat, Goat, crashed into the closed draw and put the bridge out of commission completely. Since that time the people in that segment of Camden County have been isolated from the rest of the county, and unable, except by crossing Turner's Cut in a boat, to reach their own courthouse without coming back into Pasquotank and making a wide detour.

Up to this time the government engineers have refused to recommend to Congress that this bridge be built on the ground that the road intersected by Turner's Cut is a toll road and not a public road. Mr. Tillitt feels assured that if he can get Pasquotank county to revoke the Hinton's franchise, the matter of getting a government bridge across the Cut will be comparatively easy.

If the road could be opened it would offer a shorter road into Camden among many people now living in upper Pasquotank.

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SNOWSTORM DID NOT DAUNT ENTHUSIASM FOR Y. M. C. A.

Spite of the blinding snowstorm about sixty young men assembled at the Courthouse Friday night for the Y. M. C. A. mass meeting which was to be held there. About fifteen new names were added to the list of those who will join the association as soon as it is organized. The crowd, however, was so much smaller than it would have been with less inclement weather that it was decided to defer the meeting until to-night, at which time it is hoped that as many as four hundred will be present to hear the plans for taking further steps toward organization. No money has been asked for up to this time, none will be asked for to-night, nor will there be any requests for contributions until the interest in the Y. M. C. A. movement here is thoroughly manifest.

HAVE SET DATE TO VOTE BONDS

April 11th Will Decide Whether Education In Currituck Shall go Backward or Not.

Court convened at Currituck this week Tuesday instead of Monday morning, Judge Allen not arriving in time to begin work Monday.

The County Commissioners were in session, however, both morning and afternoon, the most important matter coming before them being that of fixing the dates for the election on the school bond issue question in Poplar Branch township. April 1st was the date first set for the election but Monday this date was changed to April 11th. The date for the registration books to open was also changed from March 1st to March 10th.

Much interest is being taken in the approaching election which is to determine whether Poplar Branch township is willing to issue \$15,000 in bonds to erect at Poplar Branch high school buildings adequate to the needs of Poplar Branch township. This school now, with an enrollment for the year of sixty-seven high school pupils, has no school building whatever, two hand-some structures having been destroyed by fire during the present session. Only about two thousand dollars in insurance was carried on the old buildings and that is the total sum now in hand with which to erect a new building.

Both old buildings were erected largely through the work and perseverance of people immediately in Poplar Branch and its surrounding community. These people had burdened themselves to no small extent in the erection of these two buildings, one of which had been in use for only a year or two. They feel that they are not now equal to the task of erecting new buildings and besides that it is but right that the people of the rest of the township as well as the children who are now receiving the benefits of the school should share the expense of the undertaking. Herebefore one building has hardly been completed before the school had outgrown it and in order to put out of the way for years to come this handicap the board of education has determined to ask the people for adequate funds to erect buildings amply adequate to the growing needs of the school.

The following are the registrars and poll holders at each polling place in the township as finally corrected at Monday's meeting of the board of commissioners: Churches Island—Registrar, J. L. Dunton; Poll-holders, Will Ross, R. L. Kight. Narrow Shore—Registrar, A. A.

BODIES ARE NOT YET RECOVERED

Men Not Trapped in Hold As was Popularly Supposed Before Sunol was Brought in

Draining the water from the hull of the Sunol on the railways failed to reveal the bodies of her Captain and mate.

The house was practically torn away and even the pilot house was partly gone but there was no evidence of explosion or of any leak of any consequence in the lower part of the vessels hull.

The Sunol, towed here Sunday evening by the tug Calvert Cray, lay overnight supported on hawsers between two tugs at the foot of Willey's railways. Monday morning the vessel was hauled out. As her waist line rose above the water level water from the hull spurted from her upper seams. As rising higher she careened on the ways water poured out of her hatches. When she had been brought fully out of the water an augur hole was bored in her bottom, the hull drained and found empty. So ended the delusion, improbable but popular, that the missing men had been trapped in the hold of the vessel.

Many who knew the Sunol well think that she was loaded too heavily for bad weather and that as the seas broke above her waist line the boat took on water until her engine stopped. Then the anchor was thrown out to bring the vessel's head to the wind. But before she felt the pull of her anchor the boat, wallowing helplessly in the trough of the sea, may have careened and sunk. Else, if the explanation as to the stopping of the engine given above be correct, she continued to leak until she went down. Again, a shifting of her cargo as she tossed on the waves might have wrought her destruction.

The Sunol carried all her cargo above decks under the shelter of the house which covered them. The weight of the cargo after the vessel had turned over is the explanation of the destruction wrought the house by the waves.

The Sunol left Weeksville Thursday evening for Hertford, loaded with soya beans. At one o'clock Friday afternoon, Captain Lowry of the Nina sighted the wreck as he was bringing his own boat into Elizabeth City. Swinging the Nina alongside the sunken craft he looked in vain for any sign of her crew. Seeing that he could render no aid he continued on his way to Elizabeth City and upon reaching port immediately reported the loss of the Sunol and her crew to the Pasquotank and North River Line.

The Nina did not come into port until after nightfall, and news of the Sunol's fate did not generally about the city until the following morning. The tug Derrickson on Saturday left for the scene of the wreck and discovered the Sunol about a mile and a half from shore in seventeen feet of water, between the mouths of Big Flatty creek and Little River. Those who know the spot describe it as one of the roughest parts of the sound.

- Baum; Pollholders, E. W. Baum, G. M. Overton. Grandy—Registrar, John Ayldett; Poll holders, C. H. Simpson, J. F. Brown. Jarvisburg—Registrar, Hollis Barco; Pollholders, J. W. Fisher, W. H. Gallop. Powells Point—Registrar, J. W. Griggs; Pollholders, W. T. Belau, S. T. Harrell. Corolla—Registrar, Captain Swain; Pollholders, John Roddy, Curtis Gray.