ATTEND Y.M.C.A, MEETING AT COURT HOUSE TONIGHT---7:30 O'CLOCK

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BUILDINGS ARE NOT ADEQUATI

Interview About Crowd ed Condition of Recita-" tion 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. The Superintendent believes that with the present number of rooms and teachers it will be a physical impossibility to seat and instruct the prospective number of school children for another year. in fact, the present enroller than it ought to be that the child-ren in these rooms cannot receive the amount of individual attention that they should receive. When the enrollment in any schoolroom is more than thirty five the patrons may rest assured that the children in that room are not getting all that they should get; no teacher can do justice by a greater number of pupils, and it must not be expected. For the enlightenment of the citizens, the Superintendent has prepared the fo lowing statistics. These figures have no reference to the negro schools.

Enrollment

sented by Attorney R. W. Turner, in aldermen's meeting yesterday petitioned the aldermen that they e allowed to raise their charges from fifteen to twenty cents. The Supt. Spragins Gives Out motion, made by alderman Pappen dick, received no second, however, and the former rate of fifteen cents will stand.

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FAILS TO CARRY

PETITION OF HACKMEN

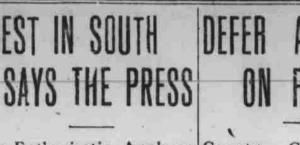
A petition from Miles Jennings, a junk dealer here, asking that the city statute be changed so as to allow him to buy junk from minors was granted, with the provision that a record be kept by him of all metals and rafting materials bought This proviso was made for the convenience of the police in tracing stolen shipbuilding materials and similar matter frequently sold to junk dealers.

Mrs. W. F. Reid of this city, who has been critically fil in the Protestant hospital, Norfolk, for the last ten days is reported to be slowly but steadily improving.

OF CONVENTION Charlotte Observer's Story of the Republican Duel

Between Duncan and Marianne

John Motley Morehead was elect-National Committeemen over E. C. Duncan. His election came after one of the most thrilling and dramatic incidents that has over taken place in a political convention. wherein E. Carl Duncan, the Republican leader of this state for many years, faced his arch-enemy Marion Butier on the platform and denounced him in terms that burnt and blistered, while that foxey individual smiled craftify and strok-.56 ed his whiskers. The convention, noisy and unruly from the beginning, was hushed into sflence by the unexpected turn .50 of events and they listened at first .51 with rapt attention. Soon the tension snapped and Carl Duncan, who had ruled with a rod of iron, for whose wisdom thes party had always had the highest respect, for the first time heard himself hissed in a Republican convention. He stood his ground stubbornly but it was no use. And this is how it came about. Butler was out with the platform committee and the convention was sailing along merrily without h'm. A set of delegates to the National convention had been selected, eight of them, and everything was ready No. of High School Teachers that for a vote that apparently would should be employed for next year., 7 be all one way, Butler's Cumber-Such is the condition of the white land County representative, Mcschools with respect to the number Caskill, had moved to sidetrack of children enrolled and the number the list of delegates and elect a of teachers employed. All available National Committeeman. The Conrooms are occupied with the excep- vention sat down on h'm, voting tion of six rooms in the basement of practically unanimously to proceed. the so-called High School building They got up an argument over the on North Road Street. These base- taking of the vote and McCaskill ment rooms can be fitted up, heated butted in again He got the floor and possibily (?) ventilated for and kept it till Butler, apprised of schoolroom purposes. Those on the the trouble on foot, hustened to north side of the building would the convention hall. He took h's have to be occupied by boys; those henchmen's place on the flour, moved a reconsideration, and the The Superintendent believes that, convention reconsidered He told by using these basement rooms and how he had come to Raleigh to continuing the crowded condition of bring about a compromise between the schoolrooms, the Board of Trus- the waring factions and how he had tees can seat the children for the next been scorned by Duncan and the rest of the Taft wing of the party and he accused Duncan of being Board of Trustees to erect another bostile to the best interests of the Republican party, a friend of the Democrats and out of harmony with the rank and file of the party He antd some harsh things about the Duncan faction, but ended his speech with an oily invitation to Cintinued On Page Four



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 good one to beat them.'' Such was the verdict of Lex ngton after the appearance there of the Wake Forest Glee Club with its Director, Dr. Hubert Potent.

The twenty three members, with Dr. Poteat left Wake Forest Friday on a tour of Eastern Carolina and they will land in Elizabeth City to-morrow night at the A krama, warranted to start the ball rolling and the crowd roaring et eight o'clock.

The personnel of the glee club is s follows: First tenor, R. S. Br'tton, 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. Me-Fayde , J. M. Newbold; first huse J. L. Holmon, J. M. Kesler, H. M. Potent J. L. Ridley, C. C. Warren; second bas>, W. G. Dotson, C. P. Herring, R. K. Redwine, G. F. Strole, R. K. White.

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

wed.



Apathetic About Government Bridge Across " Turner's Cut.

The county commissioners on Monday deferred action in the mattor of revoking the franchise grant ing C. L. and W. E. Hinton of this county the right to maintain and operate as a tol ro.d the road crossing the Pasquotank at what is known as River Bridge.

This franchise now held by the H.nton'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 apples to that County and Monday Attorney D. H. Tihit of Camden was before Pasquotank's commissioners with the request that they take similar action.

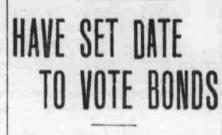
At Mr. Tillitt's instance sum mons had already been served upon the Hinton's to come before the commissioners at this meeting and show cause why the'r franchise should not be revoked. These centlemen, however, failed to appear.

The board was not disposed to act he stily 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

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

Spite of the blinding snowstorm alout sixty young man 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 wil 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 to-

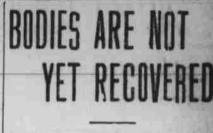
ward organization. No money has been asked for up to this time, none will be asked for to-n'ght, nor will the e he any requests for contributions until the interest in the Y. M. C. A. movement here is thoroughly manifest.



April 11th Will Decide ward or Not.

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

The County Commissioners were in session, however, both morning



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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 Caivert Crary, 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 carcened on the ways water poured out of her hatches. Whether Education In When she had been brought fully out of the water an augur hole was Currituck Shall go Back bored in her bottom, the hull drained and found empty. So ended the delusion, improbable but popuhar, that the missing men had been trapped in the hold of the vessel.

> Mony 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 and was thrown out to bring the vessels head to the wind. But before she felt the pull of her anchor the boat, wallowing heiplessly 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.

PROPEK PRESEN Grade 1(b)......35......46.. 44 47 Grade 1(d)51......60 Grade 1Adv......35..... Grade 2(a) Grade 3(a)......35...... Grade 4(a)50.44. Grade 5(c) Grade 6(a)35... .48. .46 Grade 6(c) 35 35 47 160.191-207 High School .. No. of Grade Teachers employed for this year ... No. of Grade Teachers that should have been employed this year 29 No. of Grade Teachers employed for this year ... No. of Grade Teachers that should No. of High School Teachers employed for this year

on the south side, by girls.

year or two. After one or two more years, it will be necessary for the school building, to provide for the increased enrollment at the time and for the future. This gives ample time, if steps are taken at once, to provide ample accomodations for the children at that time.

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By an examination of the prospective enrollment for next year. Each number was lib meeting

erally applauded and the Club was most generous in its apprec'ation. as shown by its responses." 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 unfversally 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. Their program was a comprehensive one and without encore would have been a worthy presentation. But the boys time and again responded to encore. The only and then encore again. time that they were not heartily encored was for a brief spell when the audience had to rest awhile to keep from producing blistered hands. Some like Dr. Poteat and his wonderful singing of 'On the Road to Mandalay'' best. some like the quartets best-but everybody was of the opinion that Wake Forest College is sending out a group of young musicians who do high credit to the institu-

"Although the period of advertlaing was tr'ef, 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. The boys were altogether at ease, and what pleased the audience most was that they did not seem to be conscious of performing but that they played or sang just because they 1 ked it. Outside of Dr. Hubert Poteat, who is director, there are no particular stars, but they pull for team work and get the results."

tion.

Tickets for the concert are now on sale at Selig's for thirty five and fifty cents.

C. R. Pugh and J. Q. A. Wood have returned from Raleigh publican Convention.

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 Disman 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 mainta'ned 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 age, when they refused to do so. The Hinton's promptly brought suit to compa) the Canal Company to keep up and maintain the bridge, but the Canal Company won the suit, Neither, however, d'd the courts hold that it was the part of the Hinton's

to keep up this bridge, 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. Tillit 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.

WANTED-An energetic active man to establish permanent busi-Whole or part fime, ness. Health and accident insurance. Immediate cash returns and future. where they attended the State Re- Address National Casualty Co., De- L. Kight. troit, Mich. 1tpd

and afternoon, the most importan 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 'n bonds to crect at Poplar Branch high school buildings adequate to the needs of Poplar Branch downship. This school now, with an enrolment for the year, of s'xtyseven high school pupils, has no school building whatever, two handsome 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 'ts surrounding community. These people had burdened themselves to no small extent in the erection of these two buildings, one of which had been fit They use for only a year or two. feel that they are not now equal to the task of crecting new build. ings and besides that it is but right that the people of the rest of the township as well as the children who are now recoving the benefits of the school should share the expense of the undertaking. Heretofore one building has hardly been completed before the school had out grown it and in order to put out of the way for years to come this handican 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 hoard of commissioners:

Churches Island-Registrar, J. L. Dunton; Poll-holders, Will Ross, R. Narrow Shore-Registrar, A. A. Gray.

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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 soia beans. At one o'clock Fr'day afternoon, Captain Lowry of the Nina sighted the wreck as he was bringing his own boat into miz abeth City. Swinging the Nina alongside the sunken craft he looked in vain for any s'gn 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 Aydlett; Poll holders, C. H. Simpson, J. F. Brown.

Jarvisburg-Registrar, Hollis Barco: Foilholders, J. W. Fisher, W. H. Gallop.

Powells Point-Registrar, J. W. Griggs; Pollholders, W. T. Belaugia, S. T. Harrell,

Corolla-Registrar, Captain Swain Pollholders, John Roddy, Curtis