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Y. M. C. A. AUTOMOBILE RACE TO BEGIN SATURDAY MORNING

Starts at Seven O'clock on That Date From The Y. M. C. A. Building and Ends Wednesday Evening at Seven at the Starting Point

An enthusiastic gathering of young men in the Court House Monday night were addressed by Mr. W. J. Woodley in behalf of the trustees of the Y. M. C. A. Building and by Mrs. J. W. Modlin in behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, other members of the two bodies also being present as evidence of their interest in, and desire to cooperate with the young men in their effort to organize a Y. M. C. A. here.

About a hundred and fifty new members were secured and the work of organization was begun by the appointment of twenty team captains, who were told to select four assistants each and start upon a canvass of the city for members. The canvassing work of the young men has been very successful and the membership actually numbers now around three hundred.

The Captains of the teams are: Miles Clark, James Weeks, Duke Crossley, Camden Blades, Deles Cray, J. K. Wilson, A. E. Burgess, Joe Winslow, Herbert Peele, Thorburn Bennett, George Wright, Emmett Wynn, William Weatherly, Arthur Brothers, J. T. Stallings, John L. Wells, L. R. Foreman, Tommie Hughes, Calvin Twiddy, Ned Hughes.

Last night the captains were called in Mr. Markham's office for a Conference on further plans and to report upon the work done. After Mr. Markham had stated that the membership had reached the three hundred mark, he proposed the following plan, which was enthusiastically adopted:

The team captains were divided into two divisions: the Reds under Division Captain A. B. Houtz and the Whites under Division Captain Clarence R. Pugh. Saturday morning will begin a contest between the Reds and the Whites for additional members and the goal now aimed at is five hundred members instead four hundred which in the beginning was regarded as the highest possible limit.

Rivalry will be keen throughout the contest, not only between the two divisions in the attempt on the part of each to gain more members than the other, but each captain will put forth every effort to make his own team the leading group in his division. It is expected also that interest in the race among the townspeople will rise to such a pitch that every red-blooded person in the city will be working his hardest to put his own favorite group in the lead.

This result would seem to be assured by a most unique plan: To every group has been assigned the name of an automobile. The Ford and the Packard, the Saxton and the Cadillac and sixteen other cars are entered, with practically an even start. John L. Wells, for instance, drew "The Little Old Ford." Every member secured by him and the four men under him counts ten miles for the Ford. If Wells got five members Saturday and each of his helpers gets two, the Ford will make one hundred miles the first day. Whether the Ford will lead or not depends upon the speed of the other machines.

The Y. M. C. A. Building will be the finishing point of each day's race and those who will be in sight

A FAIRY REPLICA OF UNCLE SAM'S CAPITOL

All children have heard the fairy story of the beautiful candy house in fairyland and have dreamed not only of its palatability but of its beauty. On Saturday morning at nine thirty will be unveiled in one of Mitchell's show windows a fairy palace that will rival even their fairest dreams. No child in the city wants to miss seeing it; and the grown people, as they always do, will pretend that they are going merely to take the children, whereas they will be impelled by their own personal desire to see this really unique creation.

Briefly, the attraction is a miniature model of the United States Capitol building at Washington, complete with its mammoth arch of triumph, ornamental columns or Eberly and chariot of progress; its vast halls, flanked with smaller halls running through the center of the building and reaching upward to the great dome, which is crowned with the American Eagle. The National Flag will wave from the fairy building and the Capitol grounds will complete the beautiful scene.

The material which the builder will use is Royal Cuticle Soap, and the wonder grows how even an expert decorator can construct such a marvel. Everybody is invited to see this unusually handsome window display, which will be lighted by many electric lights. Mitchell's Department Store for a few days is selling Royal Cuticle Soap at ten cents a cake, three cakes for twenty-five cents, which is the regular price for one cake.

They are sole agents for the following towns: Moyock, Snowden, Shawboro, Belcross, Camden, Manteo, Wecksville, Hertford, Okisko, Chapanoke, Woodville, Currituck, Jarvisburg, Powell's Point, South Mills, Shiloh, Old Trap, Coinjock, Poplar Branch

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Griggs Commandery Number 14 will hold their annual election of officers on Monday evening at 7:30 p. m., after which the Templars Degree will be conferred upon three candidates. An address on Temperance will be delivered by Em. Sir John B. Griggs, Past Grand Eminent Commander of North Carolina. All Knights in good standing are requested to be present. Light refreshments will be served.

WHITE—SAUNDERS

Herman White and Miss Sanders were married Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride near this city. The bride is the daughter of Mr. M. W. Saunders.

MCCALL—SUMMERS

Charles E. McCall of Norfolk was married Wednesday to Miss Christina V. Summers of Aulander, of this state, the ceremony being performed by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden.

at that point at seven o'clock Saturday night will see the relative position of every car. The race will close Wednesday night.

VOTER REPLIES TO "A TAXPAYER"

Is Especially Interested in Good Roads and Thinks Chain Gang Expensive and Inefficient

To The Advance:

An article in a recent issue of The Advance signed Tax Payer calls attention to the advisability of making some changes in certain laws. While some of the proposed changes are worthy of consideration the two most vital ones, the ones that every taxpayer is directly interested in, namely,

- 1st. Taxation.
- 2nd. The Chain Gang.

are not given sufficient attention.

It is known to every tax payer from the humblest negro to the largest property holder that the tax assessments have been increased year by year until there is much property both in town and county that would not bring more than the value assessed against them by the tax taker at a forced sale. The time has come to take stock. Why are taxes so greatly increased? How and by whom is the money derived from taxation spent? Are we getting value received? Have we sufficiently economical officials? If not, why not? We have the remedy in our hands.

The next and by no means the least point for consideration is the chain gang—sometimes spoken of as 'The Good Road Movement.' It is well known that some of the best farmers we have are either the town man who never plowed a furrow in his life or the country bred boy who has gone to town, gotten a clerical position and by virtue of his great advancement over his former friends can tell all who will listen how to get rich farming.

So it is a fact that the most expert road builders, the men who know most about our roads, all about the nature of the soils of the roads, who know how to give the people 'bricks without straw,' contrary even to advice of government experts, are the town men who have ridden over these roads a few dozen times, more or less, in their lives, usually in good weather with sun shining. The country men, according to these town experts, have learned nothing of the nature of our soils from the experience of plowing land alongside the roads nor from traveling over these roads night and day, good weather and bad, all their lives, and who are today the most eager for good roads of any of our citizens.

Now ask any of these country men if, after twelve years trial with the chain gang system of working roads at a cost of well over one hundred thousand dollars, we have any better roads than formerly and what percentage of this money has been wasted. You will find the consensus of opinion is that it has been a very unsuccessful experiment for the taxpayers.

The last legislature, as we all know, unsolicited by the voters, gave us a Highway Commission that has been at work for twelve months. What has it accomplished?

They bought a lot of expensive equipment for good roads, have at least eight men on the payroll to direct the energies of about twenty convicts. They have made a few roads wider with convicts, when we now have more roads than they can work properly; they have cut down thousands of dollars worth of good trees, suitable for timber that were growing in value every day, cut the shade trees on a certain church yard, hauled off into the road earth from another church yard, gone into a cultivated

WAKE FOREST GLEE CLUB PLEASES LARGE AUDIENCE

A large audience in the Akrama Theatre Wednesday night listened to choruses, quartettes, solos and orchestra numbers by the Wake Forest Glee Club and Orchestra. From the hearty swing of the Stein Song which was the opening number of the program, to the rousing college yell which marked the concert's close, there was enthusiastic applause for each number and frequently a second encore. From the dignified to the absurd the young musicians varied their appeal again and again, never failing to carry their audience with them wholeheartedly.

The spontaneity with which the program was carried out, the ease of manner and evident good feeling of the college boys and their director swept care from the minds of the entire audience and for the time being everybody was young once more. Whether musical genius worked the magic spell, or previous untiring practice, or whether it was largely a matter of personality, no one stepped to determine; nor could they have done so had they tried. Two hours of thoroughly enjoyable entertainment passed quickly, and friends of the college and the Glee Club hastened to congratulate and to thank the young men for the pleasure which they had so generously given.

Following the concert the Glee Club and Wake Forest Alumni of the city met at Deans for a banquet, at which Attorney T. J. Markham was master of ceremonies.

W. Ben Goodwin's office in the Hinton Building have been selected as the headquarters for the Alberman Building and Loan Association.

field and carted off the soil down to the bay in another instance, and caused some telegraph poles to be moved on private property.

These so called improvements have been done without any notice to or over the protest of property owners, and, as far as I can learn, without any recompense whatever to them. Also the farmer owning ditches alongside the roads must petition the highway commission to allow him to drain water from his farm into his own ditches. I have heard of no farmer asking for this favor and I notice the water still seeks its level as it did before the bill was passed to make it run uphill contrary to the laws of nature.

The Highway Commission justify their actions by saying the law they are working under gave them power to use any earth or cut any trees within seventy-five feet on either side of the road. In other words, to use private property for public benefit. It would require only a little stretch of the imagination to say if they have that right why not the right to go into the farmer's barn, get his corn to feed the chain gang mules, or in the smokehouse and feed the convicts with his meat. The convicts and mules are used on public work.

Suppose the City Manager would decide it was necessary to widen Main Street to a uniform width from the river to the railroad. Do you think the property owners would be paid for land taken and trees taken, or would they be told as the country property owners: 'Your property has increased in value by this improvement?' This did not satisfy a certain property owner on Lawrence Street recently.

I am forced to the conclusion that our Highway Commission as far as the country property owner is concerned, agrees with Cornelius Vanderbilt who upon one occasion said, 'The Public be damned.'

Now, in conclusion, I would say that we need a man to go to the next legislature who will not burden us with a lot of useless laws, but will pledge himself to repeal some that have been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

A VOTER.

BUYS AUTOMATIC BANKING DEVICE

The First National Bank to Have New Burroughs Adding-Subtracting Machine to Keep Books

A real mechanical marvel is the new bookkeeping machine that has just been bought by the First National Bank. The machine is the Burroughs Adding-Subtracting Model and will greatly simplify the work of keeping the bank's books.

One should see this Burroughs in operation to fully appreciate what a wonderful thing it is. It automatically prints dates, subtracts checks, adds deposits and computes new balances, all in one movement of the carriage across the page, and with a speed that seems incredible. That is to say, the machine not only posts figures to the ledger page, but computes balance automatically as the posting is done.

Error-proof 'Steel Brains'

And this automatic bookkeeper can't make a mistake. His 'steel brains' are mathematically error proof. Depressing the keys puts figures 'into' the Burroughs. Touching a bar adds or subtracts the figures and prints them in even rows. And no matter how fast or how long you feed figures into it, the machine never gets tired, never lets errors creep in through 'brain fog.' It has just as lively an appetite for large numbers as for small. As a depositor, you might deposit \$10,000,000 tomorrow, but the machine would not have to exert itself to enter the amount, add your old balance, subtract your checks and automatically compute the correct new balance of your account. The only time it balks is when you have an overdraft. Then it warns the operator, by the simple expedient of refusing to figure any more without the subtract lever is held down, that your account is overdrawn, and thereupon proceeds to print a red 'OD' signal opposite the amount you need to get square with the bank.

Heretofore, in posting to the ledger it was necessary for a list of checks and deposits to be entered by hand in order for the bank to properly debit and credit each customer's account. The bookkeepers had to add each list of checks mentally, also had to add all deposits and combine their total with the customer's old balance. When this was done the total of all the checks had to be deducted from the sum of old balance and deposits to determine the new balance. With the machine all this is accomplished automatically and without any mental calculation whatever. The operator has only to depress the proper keys and touch the operating bar.

Burroughs posted ledgers have many advantages that even a person who is not familiar with bookkeeping will recognize. As explained all figuring is handled mechanically, the operator being obliged only to watch the amounts he is entering.

Then, in addition to the speed and economy which such a method affords, there is the infallible accuracy accruing to the use of the machine. The precision with which the internal mechanism operates insures an exactitude heretofore unknown in figure work.

The adaptability of the new machine is another feature of its usefulness. It can be adjusted to an infinite number of combinations. It may be used as an ordinary adding machine, or as a straight subtracting machine. It may be used for posting to the ledger or making out depositors' statements. And figures, whether simple or complicated,

ZENAS FEARING PASSES AWAY

Aged Citizen, Christian Gentleman and Confederate Veteran-has Fought Life's Last Battle

Zenas Fearing aged seventy-seven years, died at his home here Thursday morning at five minutes after two o'clock.

Mr. Fearing has been in bad health for the last month and though suffering from no disease serious in itself has been gradually losing strength. The end came not unexpectedly.

Zenas Fearing had lived all of his life in Elizabeth City and was one of the town's best known and best loved citizens. After serving with distinction throughout the civil war, he returned home and in 1886 married Miss Mary Green, sister of Rev. George F. Green, now of Richmond.

Of the eight children born of this union six are still living. They are: Constant G. Fearing, Dr. I. Fearing, J. G. Fearing, Dr. Zenas Fearing, Robert S. Fearing, all of Fearing of Washington, D. C.

Elizabeth City; and Henry Martin. Mrs. Z. Fearing has been ill for a longer period than her husband and no hope for her recovery is held out. At ten o'clock last night she was barely living.

CHRIST CHURCH

Services today at 5 p. m. Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject in the morning, The Temptation of Jesus; at night, Ezekiel 'And he spoke to the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, ven under the cherubim and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city.' At night Mr. Arthur Burgess will sing a solo. Men's Bible class at 10 a. m. Services during Lent every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 5 p. m.; Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The Gospel according to St. Matthew will be studied this Lent. St. Catharine's Guild Mission Study Class will meet in the Parish Room this afternoon promptly at four o'clock.

B. P. O. ELKS ELECT OFFICERS

Elizabeth City Lodge B. P. O. Elks elected officers Friday night as follows: Exalted Ruler, P. G. Sawyer; Esteemed Leading Knight, H. S. Johnson, Esteemed Loyal Knight, J. B. Flora; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, I. B. Parker; Tyler Howard Kramer; Secretary, D. Guy Brackett; Treasurer, J. M. Martin; Trustee for three years, T. P. Nash.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. B. C. Hennig will speak at both morning and evening services Sunday, having as his subject in the morning 'How to Get the Meaning of the Bible.' This sermon is one of a number of sermons while Dr. Hennig is now preaching on 'The Bible.'

At Sunday evening's service Dr. Hennig will continue his series of sermons on practical conduct, the subject of this sermon being 'The Lie.'

Fred H. Shipp, formerly of this city, but now of New Bern was in the city visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs. P. S. Shipp, this week.

ted, are gobbled up and digested with equal facility by the insatiable appetite of its mechanical 'works.' There is no human being who can list and add a long column of figures at the same time with speed and with absolute accuracy, but the Burroughs does.