

NEW MACHINE GETS TO WORK

Sets Machinery of Chamber of Commerce in Motion and Outlook Bright For Real Achievement

The Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce is now actively at work with C. R. Pugh as business manager.

The campaign for membership is still bearing fruit and new members are being added to the organization every day. This work for new members will not be given over for some time to come, and the directors are much encouraged at the rate at which the organization is growing and especially at the number from outside the city who are showing interest in it.

The matter of advertising Good Will Day, which will be celebrated here on July Fourth, has already been begun. An automobile party on Wednesday went over into Camden as far as Shiloh, where the Baptist Association was then in session, and on the trip distributed a thousand invitations to visit Elizabeth City on Good Will Day. Similar trips will be made into the surrounding territory until every county within easy access has been visited.

Manager Pugh has also taken up with Congressman Small the matter of having the Pamlico or some such vessel that can fire a salute in these waters on Good Will Day. He has written Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels besides in regard to having one of the trial aviation flights now being made from Newport News take the route on the Fourth of July and come as far as Elizabeth City.

Manager Pugh is also active along other lines of work which he has mapped out. For instance, he dug up the fact that the freight rate on coal is five cents on the ton higher here than at Washington or New Bern, though Elizabeth City is nearer the source of supply. Mr. Pugh immediately took the matter up with the proper department of the Norfolk Southern Railroad and unless satisfactory adjustment is made will seek redress through the corporation commission.

Another direction in which Mr. Pugh is interesting himself is that of bringing as large a number as possible of the various conventions meeting in the state to Elizabeth City next year. The Odd Fellows are in session at Wilson next week and Mr. Pugh will see that a are given an invitation to hold their next state convention here. It will be some time before the result of efforts of this sort will be made apparent, but results are sure notwithstanding.

Asked about the prospect of a Chamber of Commerce banquet in the near future Mr. Pugh said that he was unable to make a definite statement. However, the question of having a banquet some time very soon is being considered.

All this gives one some idea of the various activities of a business manager of a Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Pugh says he has just begun work.

DR. JOHNSON SPEAKS

Dr. Walter N. Johnson, Secretary of Baptist State Missions spoke last Wednesday evening at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church and was heard by a large number of church members and visitors.

NEW AUTO DELIVERY

The Albemarle Laundry makes another of many progressive steps this week, adding to its equipment a shining new Saxon delivery wagon.

NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE ALKRAMA

Next Tuesday night's program at the Alkrama Theatre will be in charge of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. to secure funds to aid in furnishing the building.

While the evenings entertainment has been designated as Amateur Night the program will consist of musical numbers from the best talent of the city, with comedy by the Elks Minstrel Stars.

Those who will take part in the entertainment are: Misses Maude Palmer Nannie Banks, Katherine Jones, Hazel Sykes, Mildred Commander, Evelyn Jones, Aurilla Strahl, Dorothy Gregory, Elsie Gregory Lucile Jones, Margaret Dawson, Mrs. L. E. Skinner; Messrs Bill C. Sawyer, Wesley Foreman, Harold Foreman, Harry Kramer, L. E. Skinner, John Seymore, George Williams, Lonny Hughes, Ronald Robinson, St. Clair Chesson, Avery Jones and others.

COMMENCEMENT AT CHOWAN

Invitations were received in the city last week to the Commencement Exercises of Chowan College at Murfreesboro on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Class Day exercises are to be held on Saturday, with the Senior Reception at night.

On Sunday morning Dr. R. T. Vann of Raleigh will deliver the baccalaureate sermon and on Sunday night he will preach the Missionary Sermon.

On Monday the Art Exhibit and Annual Concert are the features.

Tuesday is graduation day and Hon. T. W. Bickett will deliver the literary address.

Miss Ruth Sawyer, daughter of Mr. Alfred Sawyer of Belcross, is vice president and prophet of the Senior Class, while her sister, Miss Maud Sawyer, receives a diploma in voice this year. Miss Kate Jenkins of Murfreesboro who visited in Elizabeth City last summer receives a diploma in voice also. Many other names on the attractive announcement are doubtless familiar to friends and relatives in this section.

JIM GIBBS BROUGHT BACK

Jim Gibbs, the negro who shot his wife with a shot gun about a year ago at her home on White street was brought here from Newport News by Chief Thomas Wednesday night. The woman was thought as first to be fatally wounded but recovered and is now at work. Gibbs escaped and the police learning that he was somewhere about Newport News advised the authorities there to be on the lookout for him.

Gibbs was lodged in jail here Wednesday night and will appear before Judge Sawyer this morning.

REFRESHMENTS SERVED FREE BY THE GAS COMPANY

This afternoon from two to five o'clock a demonstration of cooking by gas will be given in the gas company's office on Poindecker street. Those attending the demonstration will be served refreshments.

MUST LIST TAXES BEFORE JUNE 1st

The county tax listers are holding daily sittings at the court house this week and all voters and property owners should give in their poll and list their property for taxation without delay. A heavy penalty attaches to failure to list property this month.

TO-DAY PATRON'S DAY

To-day is Patrons' Day at the Elizabeth City Public school and parents are invited especially to visit the school and see their children at their usual work.

Mr. J. E. Goodwin is shipping spring chickens to Norfolk in large number, sending six coops full previous to Wednesday of this week.

BIG CROWD HEARS BICKETT'S SPEECH

Memorial Day Exercises Culminate In Stirring Address By One Of State's Foremost Sons

In an address that brought round after round of applause from an audience that packed Pasquotank County Court House and to which the Confederate veterans present, with tear-dimmed eyes, gave rapt attention, Attorney General T. W. Bickett in the Memorial Day exercises Wednesday paid eloquent tribute, to the Confederate soldier, justified the War for Secession, eulogized the womanhood of the Confederacy, and reached his peroration in a crowning tribute to the men and women of the Old South through whose united effort victory was finally achieved when the war drum's throb had finally ceased.

This address was the culmination of Memorial Day celebration in Elizabeth City for the year 1916. The exercises, under the direction of the Daughters of the Confederacy began when the children of the public schools in a long procession marched from the school buildings to the courthouse green, where they heaped flowers about the Confederate monument standing in the centre of the square and already draped with the colors of a Confederacy and with the banner of the "Old North State." The procession was headed by the pupils of the primary grades and the higher grades followed in order. When the last of the high school students had placed their floral offerings and had taken their places in the ranks forming a semi-circle about the monument, prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Cunningham, and this was followed by songs of the Old South sung by the school children, led by the teachers and the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The orator of the day had been escorted to the scene by the Elizabeth City Naval Reserves and after the singing the crowd was invited into the courthouse. Seats to the right of the speaker's stand were reserved for the Daughters of the Confederacy and to the left for the Confederate Veterans. The speaker was introduced by Walter L. Small of the Elizabeth City bar who in a few well chosen words presented him to the audience.

Mr. Bickett expressed his appreciation for the "kind and gracious terms" in which he had been presented and said that he counted himself honored to have the privilege of participating in these exercises. Turning to the Veterans he told them that in speaking to them he was overwhelmed by a feeling of inadequacy amounting to pain, realizing as the son of a Confederate soldier that the most that he might say would do but pitiful justice to the least of what they did.

The speaker decried the idea now often heard that the war between the states was a colossal blunder—that the South plunged needlessly and heedlessly into a conflict which might have been avoided. "The war had to come," he declared. "The seeds of secession were sown in the heart of the constitution."

That the South was right under the constitution was the next position taken and proof of it was produced by quotations from the writings of noted leaders in France, in Germany, in England and of the North itself.

Mr. Bickett then went on to show that the South's sacrifice of her sons for her faith had not been in vain. The war he said has taught us the lessons of "how

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HERE'S A CHANGE TO MAKE MONEY

Cash Prizes Will Be Awarded For Best Answers to Puzzle Advertisements In This Issue

On page five of this issue is presented a contest which will be of interest to every reader of The Advance and of especial interest to the paper's country readers.

This contest offers the country reader of this newspaper an opportunity to secure a cash prize of five dollars for a few minutes work and also offers the Elizabeth City reader a chance to win a reward.

On page five are presented a series of advertisements which appear with no actual mention of the advertiser's name, but in each of which will be found suggestions or clues by which the reader may, if he is in the habit of studying the advertising columns of this newspaper, readily guess the name of the advertising firm.

Prizes will be offered for the best sets of answers submitted: five dollars from the best list received from outside the limits of Elizabeth City township; One Dollar to the lady or miss in Elizabeth City sending in the best set of answers; and One Dollar for the man or boy in Elizabeth City sending in the best list.

Each advertisement is numbered and the contestants should write the number of each with the name of the advertiser following. Answers must be submitted by mail and must be in the post office at Elizabeth City not earlier than Saturday morning and not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, May 15th. No answers will be received at The Advance office, and no set of answers will be counted that comes in earlier or later than the time limit above set forth.

In case more than one contestant answers the entire list correctly, the prize will go to the subscriber whose subscription to this newspaper is paid for the longest period in advance. If there is still a tie accuracy and neatness will be considered in making the award.

A year's subscription to this newspaper will be given for the five best answers from Elizabeth City township and for the ten best answers from the country after the cash prizes have been awarded.

Also through the kindness of Mr. J. R. Bowden The Advance is enabled to offer a Pepsi-Cola gold lapel chain for the best set of answers from a boy in the Elizabeth City public schools and a dozen Pepsi Cola pencils for the best set of answers from a girl in the Elizabeth City public schools.

Announcement of the successful contestants will be made in Tuesday afternoon's paper, and a correct list of the advertisers names with their respective numbers will be published.

Mail answers to The Advance, Elizabeth City, N. C., observing carefully the time of the opening and the closing of the contest.

WILL SELL THROUGH TICKETS

This summer the Norfolk Southern Railroad will sell through tickets to Manteo and Nags Head from any point on their road. This arrangement includes the transfer of passengers and baggage from train to boat in Elizabeth City.

Week end tickets from Norfolk and return will be sold for \$3.75; half tickets for \$2.15. Season tickets from Norfolk will be sold for \$4.15; half tickets for \$2.35.

The season for these rates lasts from May 26th until September 10.

WORKING FOR DAUGHTRIDGE

R. T. Fountain of Rocky Mount was in the city Wednesday in the interest of the candidacy of Hon. E. L. Daughtridge for Governor.

Asked as to what he thought of his candidate's chances to secure the nomination, Mr. Fountain stated that to his mind there is every reason to believe that Mr. Daughtridge will secure the nomination.

"I feel," said Mr. Fountain that Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge is the proper man to lead the party. Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge is well known to the people of North Carolina. He is one of the State's largest farmers, a man of wide business experience, successful in his every undertaking. He rendered great service as a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and as president of the State Fair in 1906 and 1907 he did much to establish and popularize that institution. At this time when extensive and intensive farming is receiving the best thought of the State and when our progress and prosperity are so largely dependent upon agricultural development, it would be particularly timely and appropriate for the election of one of the large and successful farmers of the State to the high office of Governor. It will be remembered that Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge was a member of the American Commission which visited Europe in 1913 for the purpose of studying co-operative agriculture, rural credits, and farm life. As Governor of the State he would be of untold value in shaping directing and encouraging the activities in agricultural development along the line and in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture and the A. and M. College.

While he is a farmer, he has large business interests and is in thorough accord with the idea that all legitimate business interests in the State should be fostered and encouraged. "It has been twenty years since a farmer or business man has held the office of Chief Executive of North Carolina. Ninety per cent of the population of the State belong to this class, and it is natural that they should feel that Mr. Daughtridge is their real representative." Mr. Fountain said further that in addition to the fact that Mr. Daughtridge is a practical farmer and business man his record as a public servant and man of affairs is notable. Mr. Daughtridge served as County Commissioner for four years; was a member of the Legislature from Edgecombe County for four years, President of the State Fair Association for two years and the first President of this organization to manage the fair so successfully as to leave a surplus in the treasury; was appointed a member of the American Commission for the study of agricultural conditions in Europe and did this valuable work at his own personal expense; has been Lieutenant Governor for four years and has never been overruled as presiding officer of the Senate. While a member of the legislature Mr. Daughtridge was also chairman of the committee on agriculture.

(Paid Political Advertising)

ELLIZABETH CITY ELKS TO TAKE WASHINGTON BY STORM

The Elizabeth City Elks will take Washington by storm at the State Convention of this order next week.

Forty members strong with a number of the Norfolk brethren will leave Elizabeth City Tuesday afternoon, May 16th, at six o'clock on board the Annie L. Vansciver, the largest boat on these waters. The steamer has been chartered for the Convention and a band from Norfolk engaged for the trip. The Vansciver will arrive at Washington Wednesday morning with her distinguished passengers, several of whom are to take part in the Convention's program. Leaving Washington on Thursday night the merry party will reach home again on Friday.

RECORD CROWD AT ASSOCIATION

Wednesday Was Big Attendance Day When Throng Numbered About Twenty Eight Hundred People

Chowan Baptist Association adjourned Thursday following the forenoon session. Home Missions was the topic of the day on Thursday and the discussion was featured by the address of J. K. Henderson.

Wednesday was the big day for attendance, many declaring that the largest crowd was present on that day that they had ever seen gather at an association. The historic ground on which the Baptist hosts met and the well known reputation of the people of Shiloh for hospitality combined to make the occasion an unusually popular one.

The topics for discussion on Wednesday were Education, the Orphanage, State Missions and the Associational needs. Rev. I. N. Loftin made the report on Education and E. F. Ayldett the report on the Associational needs. Secretary Walter N. Johnson discussed State Missions and Editor Archibald Johnson, the Orphanage.

RECEIVES SHIPMENT OF MATTING FROM CHINA

The C. H. Robinson Company of this city have just received two shipments of matting from China which was ordered by cable several months ago and which was shipped on February 10 by Herbert Dent and Company from Hong Kong. It is an interesting fact that the duty and freight charges on the shipments amounted to over \$1500.00 or more than the actual cost of the matting.

One of these shipments was brought over by the Steamer China, which was held up on the high seas by the British government and searched, with the result that several passengers were taken off the ship by the British Captain and held as prisoners of war. News of the release of these prisoners has already appeared in the daily press reports. The China discharged her cargo at San Francisco.

The other shipment came over by way of Vancouver, British Columbia to which port it was brought by the steamer, Robert Dollar. This vessel had an uneventful voyage.

"The high freight rates, said Mr. C. H. Robinson of the C. H. Robinson Company, "are due to high rates of insurance as a result of war risks and to the scarcity of ships. There is now a serious shortage of matting in this country and we regard our firm as fortunate in securing this shipment."

That an Elizabeth City firm is ordering merchandise direct from the orient is surprising news to the average Elizabeth City citizen and is taken as one of the signs of this country's increasing foreign trade.

HORSE DROPS DEAD FROM FRIGHT

Visitors in the city Friday from Shawboro told of an unusual occurrence in that village Friday when a horse dropped dead on the street, apparently from fright.

The animal in question was very much afraid of automobiles and was hitched on the street when two automobiles bore down on him from opposite directions. The horse stood trembling while the machines passed him, one on the one side and one on the other, and a moment later dropped in his tracks. Examined he was found stone dead.

The horse belonged to Jerome Wilson of Shawboro. Nobody in this section recalls an instance of a domestic animal's dying of fright.