

MANY ATTEND MASS MEETING

Educational Experts Heard With Much Interest—Saunders Attacks Board of Trustees—Mr. Williams Explains

A large number of interested men and women attended the meeting at the court house Wednesday night, held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce to stimulate interest in better schools. There was considerable interest and some stimulation that the public had not expected at a meeting of this kind.

Dr. A. L. Pendleton presided and introduced first Dr. William T. Bawden, assistant to Commissioner Claxton.

Dr. Bawden assured the people that the members of the staff making the school survey are here as friends and co-workers, and as practical school people, not theorists. He said that they would not discuss Elizabeth City schools because their work here is just begun. After their survey, Dr. Claxton will go over their reports and censor them before he sends back his final report to Elizabeth City. He said that they would, however, discuss the general conditions of any school and he took up the subject under the following heads:

First, the plant. Are the buildings adequate, how about window space, sanitation, stairways, halls, blackboards? These are matters that will come under the work of the school survey committee.

Second, the children themselves. Is the school census complete?

Third, the quality of instruction received.

Fourth, the board of education. Is it too large or too small? Are its members interested in school matters and do they give their time to school matters?

Fifth, finances. Is there provision of enough money? Are you permitted to tax enough to provide for the school properly?

Dr. Bawden then appealed to the men and women for their personal interest in the schools and asked "How frequently do you go to the school to see how everything is going on? To what extent do you feel it your responsibility when something goes wrong or when you see that your child is not receiving what he should in the way of schooling?" Prof. Walter S. Deffenbaugh was next introduced and began by saying that if the schools were closed for a short while, no one could note the difference, but if they remained closed the whole industrial world would be affected, for soon there would be no one to direct the trains, the shops, the factories, or any of the big necessary industrial enterprises.

He urged that as civilization grows more complex the farmer has to pay more for his farm machinery, but in return his farm pays bigger dividends. Just so, he said, the people must pay more taxes, but the children are worth it.

Dr. Alexander, of Peabody College for Teachers, was next heard. He said that he has seen 2,416 teachers teach the elementary grades and that was why he was so this. He declared that the teachers are more poorly trained than they were six years ago. In the "Republican state of Tennessee," he said most anybody can teach. They can teach in high school without ever having finished high school themselves. More than half of them are overpaid, he declared. "But it is not the teachers' fault. It's your fault. If you had fine machinery, you would not hire a poor mechanic, would you? Do you know anybody that is too good to teach your child? The other fellow has the same right to a good teacher that you have. You can't pay a good teacher too much and you can't pay a poor teacher too little. There are too many women in the profession and a lot of the men are sissies, because a real man wants to do something he can make a living at. There are lots of good insurance men and other business men who say they had rather have kept on teaching school, but they couldn't make a living. We haven't got the brains of our land teaching school and that's where they ought to be. You'll have to pay. You'll have to spend and spend and spend some more. There's no reason Elizabeth City children shouldn't have as good chance as Detroit children. But they are not getting it." Dr. Alexander taught in the German schools once for the experience. He said that the teachers were well

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BASS SOLOIST IN "HOLY CITY"

K. C. Hullsick, Well Known Norfolk Soloist, to Sing in Local Concert

K. C. Hullsick, well known bass soloist of Norfolk, and an oratorio singer of note, will sing in Gault's "Holy City," to be rendered here by the Elizabeth City Choral Society at the high school auditorium on Friday evening, November 19.

Associate membership cards are on sale at Sell's and are also being sold by active members of the society. Those who become associate members pay \$1.00 for each concert given by the Choral Society and in exchange for their membership cards receive two tickets to the concert.

HARDING ISSUES RED CROSS APPEAL

On Eve of Fourth Annual Roll Call President-Elect and Vice President-Elect Have Word to Say

Washington, Nov. 10—On the eve of the opening of the fourth annual roll call of the American Red Cross, an appeal from President-elect Harding was issued today from the National headquarters here: It read:

"Noting that your membership roll call for this season is impending, I have wanted to express my very earnest sympathy for your cause and my hopes that it might be forwarded by the coming campaign.

"If in all the world there is an organization more entitled to be regarded as doing good universally and doing nothing else at any time or any place, I do not know what it may be. It would be peculiarly a misfortune, if the Red Cross, with its magnificent organization and splendid purpose of useful achievement should lose any measure of its efficiency because of the special interest and enthusiasm of war-time has ceased.

Your organization has been built to serve humanity, and humanity needs its service in peace, just as it did in war. My wishes for all success go out to you."

An appeal from Vice-President-elect Calvin Coolidge was also made public as follows:

"There are no large results without organized effort. In no other way can the mercy of mankind be expressed. To that end, the Red Cross, the greatest expression of the compassion of mankind, should have its organization maintained and supported."

Football Friday At Four O'clock

Elizabeth City and Rocky Mount High Schools will play football at the end of Main street Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The Rocky Mount High made a good record in football last year and the local team and fans are looking forward to the game with keen anticipation and with strong hopes of winning from the Rocky Mount team.

Admission will be 25 and 35 cents. This is the first game of the championship series and with the fine showing Elizabeth City made in the game with Washington last week, local fans believe Elizabeth City will be in the lead when the football season ends.

The lineup is as follows: Gregson, left end; Sherlock, left tackle; Twilford, left guard; Hall, center; Hathaway, right guard; Williams, right tackle; Dailey, right end; Duke, quarterback; Jones, fullback; Lowry, right halfback; McMullen, left halfback. Substitutes, Sykes, Jennette, Modlin and Midgett.

Storm Metal Works Establish Soviet

London, Nov. 11—Three thousand unemployed men in Berlin stormed the Lyon Metal Works and established a political Soviet, dispatches say.

CHORAL SOCIETY MEMBERS

who have not paid their November membership dues of \$1.00 are asked to bring that amount to Choral practice meeting Friday evening at 7:30. Those selling associate membership cards are asked to bring a list of the names to whom the tickets were sold.

NOTICE TO LIGHT AND WATER CUSTOMERS

On Sunday, November 14th, the Electric Light and Water Plant will be entirely closed down, and there will be neither light nor water service on that day. All water customers will please take notice, and draw sufficient water for Sunday use, Saturday.

This close down is made necessary in order to connect the new boiler to the steam lines.

Trusting that our customers will bear with us in this inconvenience, and assuring them of better service in the near future, we beg to remain

The Electric Light and Water Cos. of Elizabeth City

GIRLS THRASHED BY ANGRY MOB

Sylvia Pankhurst's Employees Danced and Sang and Banged Tin Cans During Prayer For Fallen Dead

London, Nov. 11—The girl employees of Sylvia Pankhurst's communist paper were thrashed by an angry mob today.

The mob claimed that during the two minutes solemn silence in honor of the fallen dead, the women sang and danced and banged tin cans in the newspaper office.

PORTER-HUNDLEY

A quiet but pretty marriage was solemnized at First Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock when Miss Emily Sue Hundley, of Norfolk, became the bride of Mr. Norman Leonard Porter, also of Norfolk. The impressive ring ceremony was read, Rev. H. K. Williams officiating, and was performed in the presence of a number of friends.

Mrs. Wilson Festress, of Norfolk, sister of the bride, accompanied the couple here and acted as her attendant.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter left Wednesday night for Raleigh, where they will make their home for the present. While in this city they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Abbott at their home on North Dyer street.

WILL SEND PASTOR TO BAPTIST CONVENTION

At the mid-week prayer meeting, on Wednesday evening, the First Baptist church voted to send their pastor, Rev. H. K. Williams, to the Baptist State Convention, which convenes at Asheville on Tuesday, the sixteenth of this month.

This meeting is held a month earlier this year than usual.

ARMISTICE SIGNED BY ARMENIANS AND TURKS

London, Nov. 11—An armistice was signed today between the Armenians and Turkish Nationalists, an Armenian communique announces.

ARMED MEN SEIZE STEAMER

London, Nov. 11—A steamer proceeding between Cork and Queenstown was stopped by shot fired from men in boats and armed men boarded the steamer and seized the goods.

WILL CO-OPERATE WITH METHODISTS

The Blackwell Memorial Baptist church voted heartily Wednesday night to unite with the Methodist churches of the city in extending a cordial invitation to the Methodist Conference to meet next year in Elizabeth City and to assure them of cheerful co-operation in entertaining this great religious body.

TO MEET IN ATLANTA

Washington, Nov. 11—The National Association of Railway and Utilities Commissioners selected Atlanta for the next convention.

Merchants Will Help Housekeepers

Co-operate With Miss Albertson In Housekeepers' Week Program Beginning Nov. 16

The merchants, through the Elizabeth City Merchants' Association, are co-operating with Miss Marcie Albertson, home demonstration agent for Pasquotank, in an effort to make November 16, 17, 18, 19 Housekeepers' Week in Elizabeth City.

The merchants have agreed to decorate their windows with articles particularly suited to the housekeepers' needs.

Miss Albertson has succeeded in securing several out of town home demonstration agents to give lectures and demonstrations in the Rest Rooms in the Hinton building every afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Several of the Elizabeth City merchants have agreed to give interesting talks on the lines in which they specialize. Such talks enable the housewife to buy more wisely.

Mr. Buxton White will give a talk on "Plants, Shrubs, Flowers—How to Treat Them." This talk will be informal and will start promptly at half past three.

On Wednesday afternoon Miss McQueen, of Plymouth, will give a freeless cooker demonstration and Miss Albertson will demonstrate the steam pressure cooker.

On Thursday, Miss Lula White, counselor, will give a talk on "Fitting Corsets," at 2:30 and Miss Helen Gailor will give demonstrations and lectures on "Methods of Cooking."

Friday afternoon, Mrs. McCrory, district agent from Washington, N. C., will lecture on "Household Management and Interior Decoration," and Miss Swindell, home demonstration agent from Hertford, will demonstrate millinery.

The merchants desire to assist the house wives in any way possible. "Make yourself at home in their stores. Feel free to ask them any questions," says Miss Albertson.

BOYS' LITERARY SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

The Boys' Literary Society of the Elizabeth City High School met Tuesday afternoon and elected the following officers: Robert Kramer, president; Claud Ward, vice president; Haywood Duke, secretary. The next meeting will be held on next Friday week.

RECOVER SAFE FROM BAND TRAIN ROBBERS

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 11—The express messengers safe on the Southern train No. 36, containing \$16,000 was thrown off by robbers at Sharpe, but was recovered by the freight crew before the robbers returned.

THREE BODIES FOUND

New York, Nov. 11—Three bodies were discovered in the burned section of the steamship El Mundo on which nine men were seriously injured yesterday when the oil tank exploded.

Cities Celebrate Armistice Day

London and Paris Hold Impressive Ceremonies—No National American Celebration But Medals Are Awarded

(By The Associated Press)

Impressive ceremonies were held in London and Paris today celebrating the second anniversary of the closing of the World War and to pay tribute to the fallen soldiers.

RIVER MYSTERY IS SOLVED NOW

Riddle That Has Kept Tongues Wagging For a Fortnight and Baffled Police Now Plainly Answered

Murder will out and time solves all mysteries.

Pasquotank's latest mystery which for a time many insisted was a murder mystery is out after having two weeks kept Elizabeth City sleuths and Elizabeth City's gossips equally busy.

Tuesday morning two weeks ago two mysterious men were seen by observers from the old brick house on the Pasquotank to take a mysterious bundle about the size and apparently about the weight of a man's body from a covered cart, deposit it in a skiff which they appropriated without anybody's leave, row out into the middle of the river and there dump the wierd looking bundle overboard. The thing wouldn't sink and the fearless wretches forced it under the water with an oar and it disappeared from sight. The mysterious pair then rowed ashore, left the skiff where they found it and departed as mysteriously as they had come.

The affair was reported to Sheriff Reid and the Elizabeth City police, it got noised about the county and city and set tongues wagging. The gossips even had the identity of the victim all settled, apparently taking it as nothing out of ordinary that with all the swamps that abound in this section murderers should have made way with the body of their victim on one of the most open stretches of the river and within plain sight of a dwelling, after having made identification easy by going to the house in question and asking the loan of a boat. The sheriff dragged the river twice without avail. But the other day the ghastly bundle was washed ashore. And the body was that of a hog.

Here is the explanation: Hog cholera got into the herd of a conjure farmer and his hogs were dying right and left. He didn't believe in this new fangled vaccination business and still he hated to see his entire herd melt away before the ravages of the disease. A "conjure doctor" told him that if he would take a hog that had just died of the disease to running water and bury the hog in the stream the water would wash the disease away. Whether he had complete faith in the remedy is not disclosed; but he had faith enough to try it. And thereby hangs the tale.

S. C. MERCHANTS AID FARMERS

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 11—Announcement is made here that a \$150,000 pool raised by local merchants to lend the farmers on cotton will be ready Monday.

GOT MONEY'S WORTH

Santa Anna, Cal., Nov. 11—A bride weighing 725 pounds was brought home today by John H. Hamilton, weighing 155.

MOOSE MEET FRIDAY

There will be a special Moose meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock. All Moose are urged to be present.

CHORAL PRACTICE FRIDAY

The Choral Society meets Friday night at 7:30 for practice.

The body of an unidentified soldier was buried in Westminster Abbey amid elaborate ceremony with King George as chief mourner.

In Paris a soldier's body was taken from a nameless grave at Verdun and buried under the Arc de Triomphe. President Millerand and three marshals participated in the ceremony.

No national ceremony was held in the United States, but in most cities the day was observed by parades and memorial services.

In Washington the day was celebrated in the Navy and Marine Corps by awarding 2,000 medals and letters of commendation for valorous services in the World War.

Harding Makes Speech

Brownsville, Texas, Nov. 11—Harding made the Armistice Day speech here today before a large crowd of Americans and Mexicans. The speech was preceded by parades and addresses. Special trains brought throngs to the celebration.

FEDERAL CONTROL NOT NECESSARY

In Bituminous Coal Industry Says Official—Remedy Lies In Improved Transportation Facilities

Atlantic City, Nov. 11—No emergency exists in the bituminous coal industry calling for federal control of the mines, Vice President Morros, of the National Coal Association, declared in his address here today. He said that conditions are causing the consumers trouble in getting coal and speculative prices are only a passing phase of the war readjustment and the remedy lies in improved transportation facilities, not in regulation.

NO CORRUPTION SHIPPING BOARD

Practices Which Led to Congressional Investigation Not Due to Fraudulent Intent Claims Benson's Assistant

New York, Nov. 11—The practices of the United States Shipping Board which led to congressional investigation have not been corrupt, Commander A. B. Clement, executive assistant of Admiral Benson, testified today. He said that the ground for criticism is that there has not been perfect co-ordination between different departments.

Adriatic Question Is Believed Closed

Washington, Nov. 11—The Adriatic question is believed closed as far as the United States is concerned, by the official announcement of the Italian Embassy to the State Department that Italy and Jugo-Slavia have agreed on their boundary line. The line agreed upon is east of the so-called "Wilson line."