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Interesting Facts Came Out At The Merchants Banquet

Banker Says Conditions Are Definitely Better, Highway Commissioner Hints At Future Road-building Activities, And Merchant Points Out Valuable New Trade Territory

The development of Elizabeth City along trade and industrial lines was the theme of the speeches delivered Thursday night at the Merchants Association banquet at the Southern Hotel, after due attention had been given to the excellent banquet supper served by the hotel management. The feature item of the bill of fare was home-cured country ham, spiced and baked to culinary perfection, and served with delicious trimmings of potatoes, green peas, candied yams, celery, and other accessories.

C. W. Melick, vice-president of the Merchants Association, was the toastmaster. After a series of song numbers in which all present wholeheartedly joined under the leadership of L. E. Skinner, Mr. Melick introduced M. P. Gallop, president of the Association, as the first speaker. President Gallop emphasized the function of the Association in encouraging clean business methods, in bringing about a more friendly relationship between the merchants themselves, and the public in general, in effecting a closer co-operation of all for the advancement of the best interests of the city and section, and in correcting the abuses of the credit system. His address was clearly put, and was heard with general interest.

Must Protect Credit Record
Gurney P. Hood, vice president and cashier of the Carolina Banking & Trust Company, was the second speaker. He dealt with the methods the Association should adopt in the dissemination of wholesome publicity throughout the trade territory of Elizabeth City. "We must keep clean this city's reputation as a good credit risk," he declared, "and we can only do this by educating all the people thoroughly in the truth that they must pay for the goods they buy. Most business failures are due to the inability of the unlucky ones to collect their outstanding accounts. Elizabeth City is now known as a good credit risk; and it is to the advantage of the whole citizenship to keep it so."

The value of a cheerful, courteous, attitude on the part of the merchant was forcibly brought out in the address of Oliver F. Gilbert, the next speaker. "I started out as a clerk," he said, "and I'm glad of it, because it broadened my outlook. In those early days when my employer came down in the morning, and spoke gruffly to me, or criticised something I had done, it spoiled the day for me. But when he came in with a smile on his face, and paid me some little compliment, I went to work with renewed energy. Cheerfulness toward your assistants, and toward the public, is worth a great deal to every one of you."

J. C. Sawyer, former president of the Association, was next called upon by the toastmaster, who characterized him as "the man who has given more thought and time to the Association than anyone else here, and who has contributed more to put it on its present footing." Mr. Sawyer told of the advantages to be gained by a closer affiliation with the State Association, and urged that at least two members, besides the secretary, be sent as delegates to the State convention at Wrightsville Beach in June.

Banks Repaid Million Dollars
With one of his characteristic anecdotes, Marshal H. Jones, cashier of the First & Citizens National Bank, opened a short address on business conditions, in which he described the outlook as unmistakably improved. "Good times are just around the corner," he declared, "and each day brings nearer an era of more dependable prosperity than we have known in many years. For instance, the banks of Elizabeth City have paid back a million dollars of borrowed money in the last year—money paid in by the people of the city and section. Steel and other lines show definitely the upward trend of business. It is time now to put on steam, and go ahead!"

Trade Possibilities In Bertie
C. A. Cooke outlined a plan for business expansion that drew the close attention of everybody present. "Just beyond the Chowan River, in Bertie County," he stated, "there is a mighty good trade territory which Elizabeth City should reach."

"We shall soon have a hardsurfaced road from this city to Hertford, and there is a paved road from that city running four miles in the direction of Acorn Hill. From the terminus of the paving, it is six miles to Center Hill, and six miles from

Postoffice Clerks Arrested For Thief

New York, May 19 (By The Associated Press)—Seven postoffice clerks were arrested today in connection with the million and a half dollar bond theft from the mails last July following a confession by Mark Voneschen.

CONSIDER CONSOLIDATION
Houston, May 19 (By The Associated Press)—Consolidation of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen and the Brotherhood of Engineers is being considered today by the convention of the former.

there to Rockyhook, on the Chowan River—16 miles in all from Hertford. "From Rockyhook, a gasoline barge makes the trip to Colerain, the shipping point of the trading section I originally mentioned in just 17 minutes. Colerain is the center of one of the best farming sections in Bertie County. The people are mostly small farmers, but they diversify their crops, and all have money. At present much of their trading is done at Norfolk, but much of this business should be brought here, and can be, if you fellows will get behind Highway Commissioner Hart, and induce him to use his influence to secure the improvement of the unpaved intervening roads."

It was then that Oliver F. Gilbert gave a hint of the possible future roadbuilding program of the Pasquotank Highway Commission. He began by stating that a new unpaved road, built jointly by Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties, will probably be opened to traffic within a month. It leads, he stated, from Mount Hermon township, in Pasquotank, into the Belvidere section of Perquimans, and will bring the people of that section four miles nearer by highway to Elizabeth City.

Prospective New Paved Road
Mr. Gilbert also mentioned the Acorn Hill road project connecting Newland township with Gates County, and predicted that this road will be completed by the State Highway Commission within a year. "The Pasquotank Highway Commission," he told the Association members, "is now having surveys made of prospective routes to connect the Weeksville paved road with some point on the Sound, by hardsurfaced highway. We are considering Lister's pier and Hobbs' pier as possible terminals for this road. Hobbs' pier is only three miles from the Weeksville road, more than one farmer of that section has offered to contribute \$1,000 toward the construction of the proposed road, and influential citizens of Columbia, Tyrrell County, are intimating that, if the road is built, they will erect a pier there, in order to gain more direct communication with Elizabeth City."

The possibilities of Elizabeth City's regaining the trade of Hatteras and other down-the-Sound points were stressed by N. W. Dalley, who next addressed the Association. "Washington, N. C. sends six boats weekly to Hatteras," he said, "and these boats go heavily laden with freight. The distance is greater, if anything, than that to Elizabeth City, but the Washington folks are sending boats there daily, and Elizabeth City is not. You merchants should get some advertising to the Hatteras people, and an effort should be made to improve the boat service to that point from here."

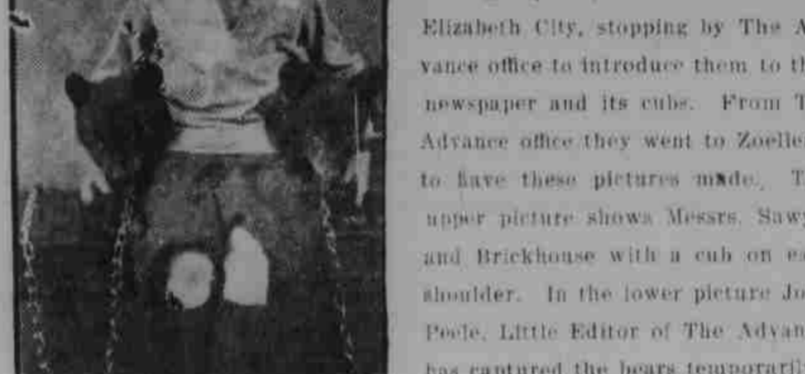
Freight Rate Discrimination?
"Recently, a Hatteras merchant told me that he could get goods from Norfolk via Washington as cheaply as he could by routing them via Elizabeth City. This should not be the case, for the distance via Washington is much greater. The matter should be investigated, and if rate discriminations are found, an effort should be made to have them done away with. The people of Hatteras and nearby coast points work the year round, except on Sundays, and have money to spend. Some of it should be spent here."

The banquet concluded with a song at ten o'clock, and everybody left with the feeling that the evening had been one of real inspiration, and in keeping with the Merchants Association slogan of "The interests of Elizabeth City first, our own afterwards."

BEAR CUBS AND OTHERS



Three weeks ago today Ed Sawyer and Calvin Brickhouse of East Lake caught these two young bear cubs in the woods of Dare County. The following day they brought the cubs to Elizabeth City, stopping by The Advance office to introduce them to this newspaper and its cubs. From The Advance office they went to Zoeller's to have these pictures made. The upper picture shows Messrs. Sawyer and Brickhouse with a cub on each shoulder. In the lower picture John Poole, Little Editor of The Advance, has captured the bears temporarily.



Camden Ferry Road Has Become A Canal

High tides Thursday and Friday made of Camden Ferry road literally a canal from the bridge connecting Machelie's Island with the mainland, for a distance of more than a quarter of a mile. Sidney Buffkins and Malcolm Gregory paddled over in a skiff shortly after eight o'clock, and found an automobile party on their way to this city stalled in the road. They started the car without getting out of their boat, and the machine proceeded safely to Elizabeth City. The two boys in the skiff paddled on down the road, and soon met a second car in the same predicament. They started this one, also without leaving the boat, and it went on safely toward Norfolk. Not observing any more automobiles stalled in the deep water on the road, the boys returned to this city.

The people of Camden County are looking forward to the early paving of Camden ferry road by the State Highway Commission. The project has already been approved, and it is indicated that actual construction of a sixteen-foot concrete highway will be begun in the near future.

AT HIGH SCHOOL TONIGHT

The public is cordially invited to attend the declamation and recitation contests between Elizabeth City High School students, which will be held at the high school auditorium tonight, beginning at eight o'clock. Gold medals will be awarded the winners.

JUDGE OVERRULES MOTION TO DIRECT VERDICT NOT GUILTY

Charleston, W. Va., May 19 (By The Associated Press)—Judge Woods today overruled the motion to direct a verdict of not guilty in the case of William Blizzard, charged with treason as the result of an armed march last summer against Logan County. The judge limited the state as to the overt act on which it relied to convict to the defendants presence with the armed marchers in Logan County. One million dollars damages is asked in the suit of the United Mine Workers filed in Federal court. The action is the result of shooting up the Willis Branch Coal Company properties during the strike in 1919.

Start Seizure Big Vineyard Properties

San Francisco, May 19 (By The Associated Press)—Federal officers today started the seizure of the two million dollar vineyard properties on the Theodore Gier Vineyard Company under the prohibition statutes.

WEEK END SPECIALS

Week-end specials for men and boys are featured in an interesting advertisement of T. T. Turner & Company on the back page of this issue of The Advance. The specials include suits, underwear and straw hats for men and suits, blouses and underwear for boys.

SHRINERS CAPTURE HANDSOME TROPHY

Victoriously bearing a handsome silver loving cup, fifteen inches high, the first prize awarded for the best float at the annual ceremonial of the Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine at Kinston Thursday, the thirty or more Elizabeth City Shriners who attended the big event returned jubilantly to this city Friday morning. The cup is on display at the Savings Bank & Trust Company.

More than six thousand Shriners and visitors were in Kinston Thursday for the stunts and doings incidental to the ceremonial. Mayor Happer, of that city, himself a Shriner, turned over the city's keys to the delegates, telling them "Boys, have a good time, but please don't leave any dead bodies on the streets."

The winning float, built by Jimmie Whitehurst and J. C. Munden, of this city, at Kinston the day before the big street parade, was a gorgeous affair in red, yellow and green, surmounted by a big shrine emblem in gold and silver. The whole was ten feet across the top, and four carpenters were employed in the building of it.

Among the Shriners who attended from this city were the two candidates, Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus and W. T. Culppepper, and the following veterans: Dr. J. B. Griggs, W. P. Wood, Harry G. Kramer, Dr. J. W. Selig, W. G. Galtner, Frank Selig, Frank Jones, S. H. Johnson, L. E. Bray, H. P. Smith, Capt. J. B. Jones, Ed. F. Spencer, T. A. Commander, N. Howard Smith, C. H. Robinson, Howard Flora, W. P. Buff, A. R. Nicholson, George Beveridge, R. Latimer Commander, Charlie Griggs, Latham Cox, T. C. Sawyer, of Camden and Claud V. Ballard.

LATE BULLETINS

Washington, May 19 (By The Associated Press)—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Federal constitution giving Congress the right to regulate or prohibit the employment of children under eighteen was introduced by Senator Johnson today to meet the situation resulting from the Supreme Court decision holding the child labor law unconstitutional.

Washington, May 19 (By The Associated Press)—Recommendations for the acceptance by the Government of the Ford offer for the development of Muscle Shoals was made to the Senate Agricultural Committee by Thomas A. Edison today.

Chatham, Va., May 19 (By The Associated Press)—W. D. Covington, a policeman of Spray, N. C., was found guilty of manslaughter here today for the killing of George Bryant whom he suspected of being a bootlegger. He was sentenced to seven years imprisonment.

SATURDAY LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION

Tomorrow, Saturday, is the last day upon which citizens may register for the coming elections. The registration places in the city are as follows: First Ward, H. G. Godfrey's store, Cypress and Second streets; Second Ward, William's store, Parsonage and Harney streets; Third Ward, Whitehurst's store, Fearling street; Fourth Ward, City Market. Folks who do not register and vote have no right to kick over the outcome of the elections.

FREIGHT EMBARGO HAS BEEN LIFTED

The freight embargo on shipments of potatoes to New York City, Jersey City and Brooklyn, announced this week by the Pennsylvania railroad as effective Thursday, has been cancelled, and potato shipments for those cities will be handled this season as heretofore, or at least until further notice. This information is contained in a telegram received Thursday afternoon by M. E. Dennis, freight agent of the Norfolk Southern railroad at this city, from J. P. Dalton, of Norfolk, the general freight agent of the road.

Manhattan Yard, which the Pennsylvania railroad officials intended to use as a receiving station for early Irish potatoes consigned to New York, is nine miles from that city, according to information received here Thursday. This would, as may readily be seen, have imposed a tremendous handicap upon shippers and potato dealers.

The rescinding of the embargo by the Pennsylvania is the result of strong pressure brought to bear by New York commission men and by the Chambers of Commerce of this and other interested cities.

The city Chamber of Commerce is now making an effort to bring a Government representative to Elizabeth City for the duration of the potato season, to receive and give out daily market reports, and to make reports on the local market. A Chamber of Commerce committee will go to Washington Monday to appear before the Bureau of Markets, and urge the sending of a man here.

STEWART IN CITY ON WAY TO SHILOH

Edward L. Stewart of Washington, candidate for solicitor from this district, was in the city Thursday on his way to Shiloh, where he delivered the commencement address of the Shiloh High School Thursday night.

Asked about the campaign, Mr. Stewart's eyes twinkled as he said, "Why don't you know, every one of us in this race for solicitor is going to win, if you'll take each candidate's own word for it."

"Small and I had a regular love feast over in Hyde," continued Mr. Stewart. "It had been long since we had met and each of us fell on the other's manly bosom and went with joy at our reunion. Then we broke bread together."

Mr. Stewart would make no reply to the suggestion that the tears shed at the happy meeting were of the crocodile variety.

SOUTH MILLS HIGH SCHOOL WILL PRESENT PLAY HERE

The play "My Irish Rose," which was given by South Mills High School as a part of the school commencement program, will be presented at the High School auditorium at this city Monday night. The curtain will rise at eight o'clock and admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

"My Irish Rose" is a comedy-drama in three acts and four scenes dealing with life on the Emerald Isle. It made a pronounced hit at South Mills, and people from this city who saw it declare that it was one of the best amateur productions they ever attended.

GLITZBACH CANCELS PETITION

San Francisco, May 19 (By The Associated Press)—Fred Glitzbach, chauffeur, today cancelled his divorce petition against Mrs. Margaret Matzenauer, grand opera singer, saying that he would not oppose her suit in New York.

Cecil W. Morris, formerly manager of Morris' Cafe on Matthews street, has sold out his interest in the City Vulcanizing and Repair station and has taken over the management of the popular restaurant again.

SHOULD NOT DIG GREEN POTATOES

Growers In Tyrrell, Camden And Currituck Urged To Wait Until May 29

Elizabeth City shippers and potato men are much concerned over reports reaching here this week to the effect that potato growers in Tyrrell and some even in lower Camden and Currituck will begin digging potatoes next week.

Potatoes in those counties are not mature, potato men here maintain, and to ship now would be a grievous error from every standpoint. It is argued that if Tyrrell, lower Camden and Currituck will exercise a little restraint and defer the beginning of digging operations until the week of May 29th, they will not only greatly add to their yield but will also get a better price for their potatoes.

There are two reasons which commission men and shippers here put forward as ground for these rather sweeping assertions. In the first place, they say, the South Carolina potato season is now at its height and potatoes shipped from this section now will in their immature state have to compete with the cream of the South Carolina crop. In the second place, they declare, while the price on well-graded potatoes of good quality in northern markets is holding up fairly well, that on inferior grades is much lower and heavy shipments of the poor grades will paralyze the demand for this class of potatoes completely. "If potatoes are allowed to mature," said a Pasquotank potato grower Friday morning, "they tend to grade themselves, the mature potatoes being of fairly uniform size. Dug when immature, however, many of the potatoes are hardly larger than marbles and are black when they reach the market."

"At this stage of the crop," he said, "I do not hesitate to say that a delay of only a week or two, with the ground moist as it is, will in many cases actually double the yield."

"There is certainly no occasion for undue haste on the part of our neighbors to the south and east of us," went on this grower, "for potatoes around Washington, New Bern and Aurora have not begun to move yet. And certainly the moderate price at which potatoes are selling on the northern markets is no incentive to break one's neck to get his potatoes out of the ground."

"As to the Pasquotank crop, I can say authoritatively that there will be no digging in this County on any large scale before the week of June 5th and that potatoes from Pasquotank will not begin to move northward in bulk before the week of June 12th. Tyrrell, Camden and Currituck growers, therefore, may delay their digging certainly until May 29th with every assurance of beating Pasquotank potatoes to market."

It is a fact that leading farmers in this County, such for instance as J. A. Byrum and J. N. Winslow, who are perhaps the pioneer potato growers of this section, never begin shipping their potatoes until the crop is well matured.

The matter of immature shipments from other counties is of concern here through the fact that the arrival on northern markets of potatoes of inferior quality from this section all Northeastern North Carolina potatoes are given a black eye. Such shipments in years past have been held largely responsible for the unsatisfactory prices which Northeastern North Carolina growers have received for their potatoes.

The matter of the digging of immature potatoes in counties on the Atlantic Sound was the subject of a meeting of shippers and commission men called by the Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber's headquarters in the Community Building Thursday night and ways and means of keeping the immature potatoes off the market were discussed at considerable length.

Position Of Relief Workers Jeopardized

Constantinople, May 19 (By The Associated Press)—Publication of reports by American relief workers in the interior of Asia Minor concerning the systematic persecution of Christians by Turkish Nationalists has jeopardized the position of the workers.

SEMENOFF ORDERED RELEASED

New York, May 19 (By The Associated Press)—General Gregorie Semenov, former Ataman of the Cossacks, was today ordered released from arrest by the appellate division of the Supreme Court.