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Much Interest Manifest
In Auditorium Proposal

Small Crowd But Intense Interest at Meeting Monday Night on Proposal to Erect New Auditorium or Larger Movie Theater Here in Heart of Downtown District

Disagreeable weather and varied-social and fraternal functions made Monday night's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce rather poorly attended, President Hood himself leaving after looking in on the crowd and deciding that it was too small to take any action. However, folks kept drifting in all the way from eight to half past eight o'clock until very nearly an average Chamber of Commerce crowd was present; and considerably more than the average amount of interest was displayed in the topic in hand.

The meeting ended about nine o'clock with a motion unanimously passed that the president of the Chamber be requested to appoint a committee to look into the matter of available sites and if possible secure options on such sites and report to a subsequent meeting of the Chamber to be held at the call of the president.

So, despite the bad weather, Monday night's meeting did not end the movement for an auditorium in Elizabeth City, but rather gave it added impetus, revealing that a number of men who have heretofore brought things to pass in the town are giving this very question serious consideration. It was clearly evident, however, that if the auditorium is to be built by private capital it will have to be more than an auditorium—very probably a moving picture theater as well. Legitimate drama and occasional concert, lecture, or mass meeting, it was pointed out, could never be relied upon to produce enough revenue to justify the investment.

Raleigh was cited, where an auditorium was built by a bond issue. The need of a new courthouse was mentioned, with the idea that plans for such a building could be made to embody an ample auditorium. Some thought that Elizabeth City needs a new hotel even more than it needs an auditorium, and thought that the two might be combined. It was suggested that a good idea might be to follow a plan now being carried out in a new building going up at Raleigh—that of having stores on the wings of a building with an arcade entrance between the stores leading to the theater in the rear, and the Bradford property was mentioned as ideal for such a building, with office rooms on the upper stories. Mr. Burgess of Burgess & Joyner, who operates a chain of theaters in North Carolina including the Alkrama of Elizabeth City, thought that this situation would be ideal and that any plan to build a moving picture house with the idea of getting as cheap a site as possible would be a mistake. Nothing short of the best site available, in Mr. Burgess's opinion, should be considered.

KING WINTER'S REIGN
COMES TO END TODAY

Chicago, March 20—Winter, which is theoretically ending three months of absolute sway over the weather, today surveyed the effects of one of the worst March storms ever known to the Great Lakes region and the Mississippi valley, and prepared to vacate its post to the new monarch, spring, tomorrow. The survey showed a death toll of nine, and agricultural authorities estimated crop damages as extending into millions of dollars.

DELIVERY OF COTTON
PRACTICALLY COMPLETED

Raleigh, March 20—Delivery of cotton by members was practically completed this week, and the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association will now concentrate its efforts on making settlements on the basis of making sales made to date.

The spring distribution will be made some time in April, and the checks will be delivered to members by representatives of the association instead of being sent through the mails, as was done last time. It was found that distribution of checks by mail was unsatisfactory. Members will be notified of the arrangements.

As soon as the next distribution is made, the cotton co-operatives will put on a membership campaign. This drive is expected to double the membership. Already applications for membership are being received from many sections.

City Manager J. B. Ferebee was called to Andrews Sunday by the death of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Perry Ferebee.

PRESENT DAY CONDITIONS

One of America's great Bible scholars recently made an investigation and wrote the paragraph given below. I am passing it on to the people of Elizabeth City.

"The condition among young people in the church—of which I have made a careful study for years—is appalling. There is a form of godliness, but a recklessness concerning spiritual life. The inroads of amusements; the superficiality of many of the preachers and leaders in church life, and the violation of their church vows; the appalling conditions existing among young people in our public schools and colleges— is enough to break one's heart."

The foregoing description—how strangely similar to the description of the period that immediately preceded the great revival of 1800 (as told by C. L. Thompson in "Times of Refreshing"); "Death in the churches, rottenness in public morals, infidelity coming in like a flood upon the schools and the thinkers of the young republic." And also of the period immediately preceding the sweeping revival of 1857 and '58: "It was a time of reckless expenditures, of unparalleled fever for riches without consideration of how they were obtained, of apathetic conscience and wretched selfishness, of coldness and deadness of the church and alarming godlessness outside of it. The nation seemed drifting in the same direction in which it had gone before the great revival of 1800. Skepticism, both speculative and practical, pervaded all ranks of society. We were becoming a people without God in the world."

Your pastors are asking for your co-operation that these conditions may be changed. Evangelistic Committee.

FLAYS CAPITALISM
IN HOUSE COMMONS

London, March 20—Socialism throws down the gauntlet to capitalism today in the House of Commons when Philip Snowden, leader of the independent labor party, offers a motion denouncing the "capitalist system" as a failure and proposing that legislation be directed toward its gradual supersession "by an industrial and social order based upon public ownership and democratic control of instruments of production and distribution."

KILLED IN POWDER
PLANT EXPLOSION

Seranton, Pa., March 20—Two employees were killed today and a third so badly hurt that he will die, and buildings in towns 15 miles away were shaken when the powder mill at the Moosick plant of the Dupont Powder Company near here blew up.

RESOLUTION OF WOMEN
BEFORE VIRGINIA SENATE

Richmond, March 20—The resolution adopted by the legislative committee of the Virginia League of Women Voters favoring a state-wide referendum on the method of financing the state highway system was presented to the senate today.

URGES MODERN HIGHWAY
GOING THROUGH SOUTH

Raleigh, March 20—A. D. Williams, president of the Southern Appalachian Good Roads Association, has written Charles M. Upham, State highway engineer, relative to the advisability of holding a conference to start a campaign for a modern highway from Cleveland to Pittsburg, down through West Virginia, Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Georgia to the Florida coast.

The official stated he favored such a highway "so as to enable the person taking the drive to see both the industrial and scenic and tropic advantages of this country and give opportunity of visiting practically all of the important southern resorts on the trip."

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boltman of Pearl Street, a son, Monday March 19th.

Wife Held for Murder of Wealthy Texan



Mrs. Hiram Knox, wife of millionaire Texas lumberman, was held for his death. Knox was found dead in his home at Hemphill, Texas, bullet wounds indicating the manner in which he died. But a few days before his death, Knox is said to have deeded his entire property to Mrs. Knox. Photo shows, Knox, Mrs. Knox and their two sons.

J. W. BAILEY WILL
DELIVER ADDRESS

Josiah William Bailey of Raleigh will deliver the commencement address at the Elizabeth City High School on Thursday, May 31. The chairman of the board of trustees has just received Mr. Bailey's acceptance of the invitation tendered him. Mr. Bailey is prominent in the literary, religious and political life of the State, and is a speaker of exceptional ability, and the trustees are pleased in having been able to secure him.

NEARLY TEN MILLION
BALES COTTON GINNED

Washington, March 20—The American cotton crop for 1922 was today placed at 9,761,817 equivalent to 500 pound bales by the Census Bureau in the final ginning report of the season. The Department of Agriculture estimated the crop at 9,964,000 bales last December.

GETS THREE MONTHS
FOR ASSAULTING WIFE

Joshua Relife of Providence Township was sentenced to three months on the roads by Trial Justice Spence in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning for assault on his wife. It was alleged that Relife when drunk attacked his wife bruising her head and breaking the bones in her hand. Relife contended that his wife was drunk and that when she while drunk attacked him with a butcher knife he pushed her off and that she fell against the stove this causing her injuries. Relife took an appeal and the case was tried in Superior Court today.

PLAN TO ADVERTISE
EASTERN CAROLINA

Raleigh, March 20—The Cotton Co-operatives are represented this week at the Eastern Carolina Exposition at Wilson with one of the most complete exhibits of the advantages of growing improved cotton cotton and of taking care of it after it is grown that has ever been shown in North Carolina. The exhibit was prepared by Fred Haas, expert cotton grader for the Association. "It pays to grow good cotton when you get paid for it" is the slogan adopted for the exhibit.

The co-operatives are co-operating with the State Department of Agriculture in its campaign against the boll weevil and this week are sending out 34,000 copies of an address recently delivered in Congress by Hon. Charles L. Abernethy, of New Bern, in which he presented some valuable data prepared by L. O. Howard, distinguished insect specialists of the Federal Department of Agriculture.

RUM FLEET REGATTA

Highland, N. J., March 20—While awaiting favorable weather for liquor running, the rum fleet is holding a regatta to elect a queen for the fleet.

ITALIAN STEAMER IS
SINKING OFF BOSTON

Norfolk, March 20—The Italian freight steamer Giulia, is sinking 560 miles east of Boston, according to wireless messages to the coast guard station here.

The messages said the American steamer, William F. Herrin, which was 60 miles from Giulia when it picked up the distress call, was rushing to her assistance as was also a shipping board steamer, name unknown.

Officials believe the condition of the Giulia is dangerous. It was caught in a heavy gale last night at virtually the same spot where the Italian steamer, Moneensio, went down with all hands several weeks ago.

PLANNING NEW USES
FOR U. S. HOSPITALS

Washington, D. C., March 20—The immediate inauguration of continuous study to determine future economic uses for the Federal Government's vast hospitalization facilities is urged by the board of consultants on hospitalization in the report of Secretary Mellon today.

The work of mapping out future profitable uses for the great hospital plants, the board suggests should be centralized in some Government office and the problems made the subject of close scrutiny in order that war and postwar expenditures may not be wasted.

KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

Greensboro, March 20—Her husband killed by a train in 1911, her son killed by a train in 1912, Mrs. J. D. Bryson herself was killed by an automobile last night.

PREPARE MAKE PAYMENT

Washington, D. C., March 20—The British government is preparing to make the first payment on its debt under the refunding plan, the treasury is advised.

SAY THIEF KILLED
DOROTHY KEENAN

New York, March 20—The police theory today is that it was a thief who just as dawn was breaking last Thursday chloroformed to death Dorothy Keenan, artist's model, to make a safe getaway with the jewelry and furs he stole from the apartment where her body was found the following noon.

The police hinted that they have a clue to their man and that it would not be surprising if he were arrested soon.

Colored Joyriders
Flee From Bullets

Happy Sunday Excursion in Currutuck Runs Into Unexpected Trouble

An exciting tale of a near tragic ending of a Sunday joy ride is told by Rockefeller Ward, Currutuck negro, who was in the city Tuesday afternoon.

Rockefeller, who lives near the courthouse, says that on last Sunday he borrowed a Ford from Jerome Baxter, Snowden negro, and with his partner, William Henry Baxter, went out to take some girls to ride. They got them one apiece and drove toward Colnjoek, followed by two other friends, Will Jones and Mark Cherry, who had a girl between them in Jones's Ford.

As they were driving by the Gid Boswood farm about two miles from Colnjoek bridge on their way home Rockefeller, whose car had stalled, noticed two negroes walking down a lane toward the road and before he got started the pair had turned into the road and stopped just beyond a bridge ahead of him. Rockefeller got started and both autos proceeded toward the bridge. Just when they had crossed it and Rockefeller's car was abreast of the waiting dorkies, one of the pair whipped out an automatic and began firing at the car. Sure he was shot, Rockefeller stepped on the gas, and the Ford plunged ahead. Then the man with the gun began firing into the other car. One shot plugged a hole in the gas tank and the bullet from another lodged in the fleshy part of Mark Cherry's hip, Mark with the one girl in the rear car occupying the back seat. Both Fords were breaking the speed laws by this time and it was not until they had gone nearly two miles from the scene of the shooting that Rockefeller's "lady friend" was able to convince him that he was not shot. They then proceeded to Moxey, where Dr. S. M. Mann removed a 45 caliber bullet from Cherry's hip.

Rockefeller says that the shooting was done by Jodie Walton, a "foreign" dorky, who works at the barrel stove mill at Colnjoek, and that Jodie's companion was a Colnjoek dorky by the name of Johnnie Barrow. Whether Jodie has resumed the even tenor of his way at the barrel factory Rockefeller has not investigated. The joyriders were all around 18 or 20 years of age.

Rockefeller says that he returned the Ford he was driving to its owner Sunday night in good condition without a bullet scratch on it. He thinks that after the first shot a bullet would have had to be travelling some to catch him.

C. H. Spencer returned from Belcross Tuesday where he has been spending several days visiting S. E. Overby.

Alexander Swears
To Lay Off Booze

Takes Pledge of Total Abstinence for Remainder of Year Before Judge Connor in Open Court

Standing in the courtroom Monday afternoon before Judge G. W. Connor, Ben Alexander, automobile mechanic of this city, found guilty in recorder's court last week of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor and having just heard that verdict affirmed by a Pasquotank County jury, took an oath totally to refrain from the use of intoxicating liquor for the remainder of 1923; and then the court, which had been about to continue the prayer for judgment and put the defendant under bond for monthly appearance before Trial Justice Spence to show that he had abstained from the use of intoxicants, let Alexander off with a fine of \$50 and costs—the sentence imposed by the lower court in the first place.

The court took this course when it appeared that Alexander was a good workman of excellent reputation except in the matter of having a weakness for liquor which was continually getting him into trouble. Judge Connor himself administered the oath.

Edgar Williams, whose alleged open defiance of the city authorities in operating a jitney bus for hire without license was the talk of the town last autumn, but who has now been granted the required license and is operating his bus regularly as the other jitneers, won another court victory Monday afternoon, when a Pasquotank jury returned a verdict of not guilty in a case in which Williams was found guilty of the charge against him in recorder's court. One police officer swore that he repeatedly saw Williams soliciting passengers with the other jitneers at the Norfolk-Southern passenger station and another was ready to do so; but the State had only one passenger to swear that during the period when Williams had no license he paid his fare for riding in Williams' car and this once, the court charged the jury, was not alone enough to make Williams guilty of operating without license. The case was taken up late Monday afternoon and the court hurried the prosecution through with it, apparently inclining to the opinion that the prosecution ought to have been dropped when the defendant obtained his license.

Tuesday morning a degree of absolute divorce was granted J. C. Brown vs. Lenora Brown. Both were colored.

Dave Horton, appealing from the lower court on a charge of violation of traffic ordinances, escaped penalty Tuesday when State and defendant agreed to accept a majority verdict. The court and State knew that the jury was divided and from the evidence supposed that the majority was for conviction, but when the jury came in it brought a verdict for acquittal by a 9 to 3 vote.

White Man's Justice
Invades Northland

Dawson, Yukon Territory, March 20—Inspector Stuart Wood and Corporal Pastey, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, have left Dawson for Herschel Island, one of the most arduous journeys that falls to the lot of the "mounties." The party will proceed to Fort Yukon, Alaska thence to Rampart House. Here Inspector Wood and Corporal Pastey will leave most of their equipment and proceed on to Herschel, crossing the Arctic divide, then through the timber limits to the Tundra, reaching their destination about the end of March. It is the longest and most dangerous of all northern trails. At Herschel Island one of the incidents of the mounted police visit will be the trial of several Eskimos under the white man's law on a charge of murder. Heretofore it has been customary to bring natives under criminal charges out to civilization for trial, but a law recently passed by the federal parliament provides for the trial of the accused Eskimos at Herschel Island.

APPEALS TO MOTHERS

Raleigh, March 20—Mrs. J. R. Dalton in a letter last night to the News and Observer appealed to all mothers to help her save Jerry Dalton from the electric chair. He is now under sentence for double murder.

CHARLOTTE MILL SUE

Charlotte, March 20—The Lowell Cotton Mill here has been sued by two stockholders, alleging unlawful handling of the company's affairs. The suit is for \$792,869.25.

SCHOOL PARTLY BURNED

Winchester, Va., March 20—The John Handley Foundation public school, under construction here, was partly destroyed by fire last night. It was valued at \$600,000.

COTTON MARKET

New York, March 20. Spot cotton today closed quiet at 21.10. Futures, closing bid: March 21.85, May 21.0, July 20.24, October 26.75, December 26.15.

New York, March 20—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 20.77, May 21, July 20.21, October 26.65, December 26.15.