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 Rain tonight. Much colder Tuesday. Fresh Southwest shifting to Northwest winds.

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## Many Residences Built In This City Last Year

Total Number of Permits for This Class of Building was 61, Not Including Additions—Value of Construction was Probably Between 50 and 60 Thousand

Construction to the value of probably between \$50,000 and \$60,000 was authorized by building permits issued during the year by the city building inspector.

It may as well be admitted, however, that the foregoing figures are pure guess work, no record of the valuation of the buildings erected having been kept prior to October 1, 1923.

However, the records are clear as to the kind of building covered by each permit, and, basing the valuation on the average cost of the kind of building specified, the foregoing figures are arrived at. The outstanding building achievement of the year, is, of course, the completion of the new high school building, at a cost of \$250,000; but this building was begun prior to 1923 and does not figure in the building permits issued that year.

Home building led all other building activities in Elizabeth City during 1923, the number of dwelling houses erected during the year being 43. This does not include additions to residences in the way of kitchens and outhouses.

Next in order numerically were garages, of which there were 29, including both public and private garages.

It has been an off year in business building for the city, but Water street, as for the last several years, has seen some building activity. Notable among the new buildings on this street is that being erected by N. G. Grandy & Co. just south of the State bridge across the Pasquotank river, to be occupied by the Tide-water Buick Company and others, with a valuation probably of around \$10,000 to \$12,000. Then the Auto & Gas Engine Works is building an addition to its building, increasing the frontage on Water street from 60 feet to 80 feet, at a cost of approximately \$3,000. Farther north on Water, W. J. Woodley, wholesale grocer, is completing an addition to his building on Burgess which will increase his floor space by about 6,000 feet and will cost approximately \$3,000. Finally, the Globe Fish Company has just occupied its new quarters of brick construction and erected at a cost to make a broad guess, at something like \$5,000.

However, both the Woodley warehouse and the Globe Fish Company building are not covered by the building permits issued for 1923, as each was begun in the fall of 1922.

Other classes of buildings for which permits were issued were: Stables, 9; apartment house, one; filling stations, two; combination dwelling house and store, two; churches, two; store rooms, nine; shops, one; stores, two; shed, one; hen house, one; kitchens, two; wood-houses, five; factories, two; office, one; washroom, one.

Paving has been practically at a standstill in Elizabeth City for the last several years, due to the uncertainty as to the outcome of the effort on the part of the city to establish municipally owned public utilities. It is held by the city authorities that it would be the height of folly to spend large sums of money on costly street paving that might have to be torn up in a year or two for the laying of sewer and water mains.

Two years ago, more or less, the city issued bonds in the amount of \$800,000 with which to build its own utilities. It offered the existing private corporations now supplying the city with water, light, power and sewerage a quarter of a million dollars for their properties. The utility companies refused that offer; but intimated that they would sell for around \$325,000. A deadlock ensued and when there appeared no prospect of the deadlock's being broken, the city authorities proceeded to institute steps to erect municipally owned and operated utility plants in competition with the privately owned properties. Then it was that the private corporations controlling the city's utilities stepped in and by a series of injunctions threw the fight into the courts.

There it has remained ever since. At every pitched battle, the city comes out the victor; but the corporations take an appeal and so the process of the law in such matters that to many members of the present city administration final settlement seems farther away than it ever did. A recent vote of the City Council disclosed that half of the members of that body are favorably disposed to re-opening negotiations for the purchase of the privately owned utilities now serving the city.

Ed sidewalk paving has been limited to something less than a mile having been put down during the entire year. The paving of sidewalks on the North and South sides of Fearing street from Dyer to Perass was the principal sidewalk project of the year.

Business outlook is good except for those wanting something for nothing. They may get the nothing.

## OWNERS OF AUTOS SHOULD LOOK OUT

Police to Clean Up List of Those With Permits for Elizabeth City, Also to Inspect Buildings.

In checking over the list of those who have permits and comparing it with the list of State licenses, Monday afternoon Chief of Police Gregory discovered that of 85 automobiles for which State licenses have been issued to the people in this city whose names begin with the letter "W" there were 22 who had not secured their city permit.

The number of permits issued during the year is 704. The indications are that a good many cars are operating without permits and the police department is planning to clean up.

The inspection of all the houses in the city for conditions tending to increase the fire hazard will be the task of the police department shortly. This inspection takes place in the residential section once a year and in the business section quarterly.

## Highway Commission Buys Second Tractor

With Two Hoped that Superintendent May Keep Dirt Roads Good This Winter

So favorable a report was made by Superintendent of County Roads Provo at the January meeting of the Pasquotank Highway Commission on the work of the Fordson tractor with pneumatic tires last month as motor power for a road drag in Pasquotank, that the Commission authorized the purchase of another machine forthwith, of the same sort except that the new tractor is equipped with a caterpillar drive and is to be used as motor power for a one man grader.

Mr. Provo says that with this first tractor he can drag the County roads in Salem township in two days. It would seem possible to drag the dirt roads of the whole county in two weeks with this machine. The new machine will be used to grade and widen the dirt roads.

Since the chain gang was abolished nearly two years ago, the dirt roads of the County have greatly deteriorated. The attempt has been made to get the roads dragged and otherwise worked by farmers who live on them; but this method has been found too expensive and too inefficient.

It is hoped that with these two tractors to be used in maintaining the dirt roads, Mr. Provo may now be able again to keep the dirt roads of the County in as good condition as they were under the chain gang regime.

The Commission held a short session Tuesday, adjourning at 12:30.

## GIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT CALVARY THIS EVENING

A Christmas entertainment, "Santa Claus and His Friends," will be given by Calvary Baptist Sunday School at the church tonight promptly at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

## WESTERN UNION WILL CLOSE AT SIX O'CLOCK

The local Western Union office will close at 6 o'clock this evening instead of 9 o'clock, this being a legal holiday. The office would have observed Sunday hours except for the sake of getting the telegraphic news to The Advance throughout the day.

## TWO KILLED AND SIX ARE INJURED

Atlanta, Jan. 1.—Two were killed and six were injured in automobile accidents here on New Year's eve.

## HERE ATTENDING FUNERAL

Among those from out of the city attending the funeral of Mrs. E. F. Aydt, Sr., at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Briggs of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Briggs of Raleigh, F. B. Briggs of Richmond, Dr. H. T. Aydt of Greensboro and W. T. Minor of Durham.

Buy a new dress. Tell him you made it. Claim your clothes cost a dollar a month. You can marry him.

## LIEUTENANT WOOD AND WIFE.



The above picture is of Lieutenant Osborne Cutler Wood, and his former wife, Miss E. Thompson of Philadelphia. Lieutenant Wood, son of General Leonard Wood, is now in the Philippines and is reported to have made nearly a million dollars through Wall street speculation.



Suzanne Lenglen, world's champion woman tennis player, has agreed to represent France in the Olympic tennis matches. This means that France will probably win this event easily, unless Mille Lenglen has lost some of her cunning.

## CHIEF FLORA REWARDS HIS BRAVE QUICKSTEP'S

Chief Flora of the Elizabeth City Fire Department made the Quickstep hook and ladder company a New Year's gift of helmets, raincoats and boots, and the brave Quicksteps, who swear by Chief Flora and would literally lay down their lives for him, are happier than ever today. The gift was made possible by generous Elizabeth City citizens in appreciation of the services of the fire department.

## THREE DYING AFTER WILD 1921 WELCOME

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 1.—Six persons are in hospitals and three of them are reported dying in consequence of one of the wildest welcomes ever given a New Year here.

## DOZEN ARE SHOT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Baltimore, Jan. 1.—At least a dozen persons were accidentally shot in the New Year celebration here last night, the police reported today.

## THREE KILLED IN HEAD ON COLLISION

Zanesville, O., Jan. 1.—Two men and a young woman were killed and five others were brought to a hospital here badly injured six miles from here early this morning when two automobiles collided.

## Rev. Stephen Brock Dies at Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem, Jan. 1.—Rev. Stephen Rhodes Brock, aged 69, well known Baptist minister, died at the home of his son, Judge Walter E. Brock, here today. The funeral will be held at Wadesboro Wednesday.

## COOLIDGE BEGINS STRENUOUS YEAR

Washington, Jan. 1.—President Coolidge today began the new year by probably undergoing the greatest physical strain ever placed on a President, the New Year's reception.

Precautions were taken against a repetition of the severe strain imposed on President and Mrs. Harding in 1922 when 8,000 stood hands with them. Today's reception was limited to three and a half hours.

## Negroes Observe Emancipation Day

Colorful Parade More Than Mile Long Was Event of New Year's Day Here

Led by the "Elizabeth City Cosmopolitan Band," a colorful Emancipation Day parade said to have been more than a mile long was staged by Elizabeth City negroes Tuesday, January 1, 1924.

The marshals were Alex Wilson and W. H. Hawkins, resplendent in stovepipe hats and gay sashes.

In the procession were vehicles ranging from limousine to hilly goat cart, one ox cart finding place somewhere between the two extremes.

Up toward the front of the parade was the Quickstep Hook and Ladder Company, Elizabeth City's crack negro fire company, each member impressive in new helmet, boots and raincoat, the Christmas gift of the citizens of this city.

It is estimated that fully two hundred decorated automobiles took part in the parade. Then, besides, there were floats and decorated trucks, a troop of trim colored boy scouts and a troop of even trimmer colored girl scouts.

Thirty-five participants mounted on horseback occupied prominent place in the parade.

Seldom has a parade staged in Elizabeth City attracted more attention. Indeed, the crowds that lined the streets to see it were suggestive of circus day, and were fully as large in the white residence sections as in the colored residence sections of the city.

The parade started from Roanoke Institute, on Body Road, at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning and ended at Body Road High School a little more than an hour later.

## ANTELOPE HERD SURPRISES FEDERAL TRAPPER IN NEVADA

Reno, Nevada, January 1.—O. C. Woods, a Federal trapper, reports that recently he was intent on skinning a coyote when he looked up to find himself surrounded by a herd of several hundred antelopes. As they milled around him, eyeing him curiously, he counted 313 of the creatures.

A recent animal census taken by Federal trappers estimated the number of antelopes in this vicinity at 1,500. This animal, however, is said to be vanishing rapidly, and the herd in northern Washoe county, Nevada, is believed to be the largest in the United States.

## CANAL TOLLS BREAK ALL FORMER RECORDS

Panama, Jan. 1.—Five thousand and forty six merchant ships passed through the Panama Canal during the year 1923 and paid \$22,961,000 in tolls, breaking all records for a calendar year.

## PROF. W. M. HINTON WILL MAKE HOME IN GREENVILLE

Prof. W. M. Hinton has gone to Greenville to make his home with his youngest daughter, Mrs. J. B. Kittrell. He has for the last 50 years been closely identified with the affairs of the County, and has always taken a keen interest in everything that looked to the educational and moral uplift of his County and town. For many years he was principal of the public schools of the town, and for a number of years superintendent of public instruction of the County. He represented the County in the General Assembly one term, and has served in other public capacities.

## HUERTA FACTION IS MAKING OBJECTION

Washington, Jan. 1.—Representatives of the De la Huerta group last night made a formal protest to the United States Government against its decision to sell war materials to the government of General Obregon in Mexico.

## RECTOR TO BE TRIED ON HERESY CHARGE

New York, Jan. 1.—Rev. Lee W. Heaton of Fort Worth, central figure in the controversy in the Protestant Episcopal Church between the modernists and the fundamentalists, today advised friends here that Bishop Moore of Dallas has rejected the advice reported to have been offered him by Bishop Manning of New York and was sticking to his intention of bringing the Fort Worth rector to trial on charges of heresy.

## LYNCHINGS FEW IN THE YEAR 1923

Decreased More Than Fifty Per Cent from Figures of 1922, Says Tuskegee Report Today.

Tuskegee, Jan. 1.—Lynchings in the United States decreased more than fifty per cent during 1923 as compared with 1922, according to figures of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute.

The total was 28 as compared with 57 the previous year. Twenty six were negroes and two whites. Two women were among the victims.

Mississippi and Florida had eight each, Georgia four, Arkansas and Texas two each, Virginia, Missouri, Oklahoma and Louisiana one each. There were none in North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

## EIGHT LIVES LOST IN CHICAGO MONDAY

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Speed aided by the lizzard, took a toll of eight lives in the vicinity of Chicago yesterday. Three men and one woman died in Cook county in automobile accidents, making the total of fatalities 725 for the year.

## WOMAN AND MAN INJURED IN BRAWL

Detroit, Jan. 1.—One woman was shot, probably fatally, and a man was wounded at what the police describe as a free-for-all brawl which was the climax of the New Year celebration at a McComb county road house last night.

Thirteen men are held, while the police continue their investigation.

## PHILADELPHIA HAS NEW YEAR'S PARADE

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—Kings and clowns marched today in the annual "mummers" parade, climax of the New Year's celebration.

More than 10,000 were in line. Many of the costumes represented months of effort on the part of those hoping to win prizes by the beauty or grotesqueness of their appearance.

## PRESS ASSOCIATION MEETS AT PINEHURST

Pinehurst, Jan. 1.—With editors and publishers from all sections of North Carolina expected to be present, the mid-winter meeting of the North Carolina Press Association will open here Thursday morning for a two-day session. The Associated Press Club also will hold its quarterly meeting preceding that of the association on Wednesday night.

Though the sessions of the association convention will not open until Thursday morning, a meeting of the executive committee will take place Wednesday night with Charles A. Webb of Asheville, president of the association, in the chair. Other members of the executive committee expected to be present are Miss Beatrice Cobb of Morgantown, secretary; Sanford Martin, Fred H. Hay, R. E. Price, J. F. Hurley, and H. B. Varner.

In addition to the regular sessions morning, afternoon and night during the two days there will be various forms of recreation for the members. Golf matches, a target shooting contest, an auto trip over the surrounding country and an entertainment for the ladies of the convention at the Pinehurst Country Club will be among these features.

## SHERIFF CONSPIRED AGAINST DRY LAW

Bangor, Me., Jan. 1.—Sheriff Edmund W. Grant of Aroostook county and William H. Lewin, attorney, were today convicted by a Federal jury of conspiracy to defeat the operations of prohibition and sentenced to two years in Atlanta penitentiary. Both fled exceptions and provided bail. One witness testified that he paid Grant and Lewin \$625 monthly for a monopoly of the liquor trade, the sheriff agreeing to notify in advance when raids were contemplated.

## QUALITY BAKERY IS IN NEW QUARTERS

On Tuesday the location of the Quality Bakery was changed from Southern avenue and Shepard street to a portion of the building on Main street occupied by the Main Street Grocery. O. D. Jones, proprietor of the bakery, made arrangements with the grocery to use the rear of their store for baking and the grocery will handle the baked goods at retail. A clerk will be placed in charge of the retail bakery department. Mr. Jones will devote his time to the management of the business and to the wholesale business.

## IT'S SOME CHICKEN

A Barred Rock chicken that has recently been sold by Howard Hetrick for \$50 can be seen in Buxton White Seed Co. window Wednesday afternoon.