

## Country Club Buidled On Golden Visions Of Men Who Dared Dream

### Recreational Center for Albemarle District Already Proving Worth As Community Center

### WORK TO BE DONE Additional Bond Issue Proposed as Means to Complete Task Begun One Year Ago

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A new era in the recreational life of Northeastern Carolina has been ushered in through the opening of the Elizabeth City Country Club, the first of the kind in the six counties north of Albemarle Sound. Though it has been open only a few weeks, its value to this city and its neighbor communities already has been demonstrated in abundant measure.

Before the country club opened, there was scarcely half a dozen Elizabeth City residents born and reared here who ever had taken more than the most casual interest in golf. Now there are hundreds. On every day that weather permits, the course is crowded, and the golf professional at the club is being importuned to give night lessons in the game.

In the days before the country club, the people of Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton knew one another as casual acquaintances and relative strangers. The club brings them together, almost daily now, and is building a new unity of interest and community of ideals that augurs much for the future. All this is evident only a few weeks after the opening of the club.

As it stands, the club property represents an investment of \$50,000. Work still remains to be done, and in order to effect various improvements, including the lengthening of the present nine hole golf course to 18 holes, the membership is considering the issuance of additional bonds in the amount of perhaps \$20,000. The club's present bonded indebtedness is \$30,000, the remainder of the investment being represented by \$20,000 in stock and \$5,000 in advance dues for 1925.

The resident membership is limited to 200, with a requirement that each be a holder of one \$100 share of stock in the enterprise. The bulk of the membership is in Elizabeth City, of course; but Edenton, Hertford, and the counties of the district north of the Albemarle Sound are liberally represented. Thus it is that the club has become an important community gathering place where folks may lay aside their dignity and enjoy themselves.

Isolated by reason of the wide sound at the south, unbridged Chowan River to the west, and hitherto unsatisfactory highway access to Virginia to the north, the folks in the Albemarle district were a long time getting acquainted with their neighbors, and learning to play.

This isolation is passing rapidly. One great steel and concrete bridge across Chowan River at Winton was completed this spring; another for another bridge, long built near the mouth of the river at a cost of \$600,000, is to be let this month. Virginia has built dependable highways from Norfolk to the State line at Northwest, near South Mills and at Corapeake, and North Carolina is preparing to meet them at all three points. In a little while, the isolation will have vanished; and it is through the summer highway from these northern neighbors, and because of it, that the country club idea was put across here.

There had been talk of establishing a country club at Elizabeth City for many years. A few envisioning ones saw its need, from a community standpoint, and gradually they were over converts to the idea. The result was that a group of these forward looking ones applied for certificate of incorporation in the summer of 1924. The applicants were Marshall H. Jones, W. P. Duff, J. Kenyon Wilson, Graham Bell and Miles L. Clark.

An active drive for membership was launched, with the Chamber of Commerce assisting effectively, with the result that 23 shares of stock were sold at \$100 each, and the first stockholders' meeting was held September 2, 1924, at which a charter was read and adopted. Two weeks later, officers were elected, as follows: W. P. Duff, president; M. H. Jones, first vice president; W. B. Foreman, second vice president; and G. W. Bell, secretary and treasurer.

A few weeks later, a site of approximately 200 acres of virgin woodland in Camden County, on the shores of Pasquotank River, was purchased. It was chosen after careful deliberation largely by reason of its hilly and sandy character, a topography totally unlike that of the level terrain encountered almost without exception elsewhere in this part of the State.

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## JUST 16 MORE HIGH ORCHESTRA MAKES A BIG HIT

### Delights Weeksville Audience and Will Give Other Concerts

Weeksville, Dec. 5. — Garbed in attractive uniforms of black and gold, the Elizabeth City High School orchestra presented a highly pleasing concert before a large audience here Friday evening.

The program of music included latest jazz numbers, popular music, and selections from light opera, as well as comic numbers and the entire concert was well received with repeated applause.

Those who had not heard the young artists before were greatly surprised at the skill and ability of Joseph Kramer and Bobbie Fearing, popular violin soloists of the orchestra. Bobbie Fearing rendered the Rondo from DeBeriot's violin concerto in A Minor. Joseph Kramer, the dainty Gavotte from Mignon. Both were received with round after round of applause.

Another number that took unusually well and proved decidedly popular was the Spanish Tango by Miss Katherine Mann and Wilson Sanders. Miss Mann wore a beautiful Spanish shawl and there was a touch of realism in the blending of costume, music and dance. This number was made possible by the capable supervision of Miss Frances Wood of the Elizabeth City High School faculty.

Hardly less popular was the Gypsy Love song presented near the close of the program in which Tommy Williams with the cornet and Bobby Fearing with the violin were accompanied by the orchestra.

Much fun and laughter came with the presentation of a musical comedy by Joseph Kramer and Bobbie Fearing, in which young Kramer made a decided hit with his audience in the role of an impatient and restless German music teacher dealing with a tardy and stupid pupil.

Another popular number was "No Man's Mama" presented by John Hickman and the orchestra. The male sextette also came in for its share of applause with "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and other well known numbers.

The Washington and Lee Swing was the last number on the program handed out and the orchestra personnel followed this selection by singing "Good Night, People" which ended the performance.

### NAMED FROM WEST ON SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, Dec. 5.—Responding to the request by President Coolidge that he present the name of a Democrat and Republican for the place, Senator McNary, Republican of Oregon, today endorsed Frank L. Shull, Republican, and Marshall N. Dana, Democrat, as satisfactory candidates for member of the shipping board from the Pacific Coast.

### LaFOLLETTE ABSENT FROM CONFERENCE

Washington, Dec. 5.—Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, whose right to a place in the Republican State Councils has been a subject of controversy among "old guard" leaders, absented himself today from the first Republican Senate Conference to be held since his election.

### KNOCKED OFF DIALS AND GOT THE CASH

Stillwater, Minn., Dec. 5.—Burglars knocked off the dials of three vaults in Stillwater Post Office early today and escaped with approximately \$20,000 in stamps and cash.

## BURGESS WOULD BUILD THEATER OF SIX STORIES

### Alkrama Theater Manager Offers Views on How City's Playhouse Need Should Be Met

### ABUNDANT ROOM NOW

### Seating Capacity No Barrier to Good Shows, He Declares; Would Have Offices on Upper Floors

A thoroughly modern office building of perhaps six stories, with an attractive motion picture theater on the first floor, together with one or more stores, as the frontage might permit, and the whole financed by probably 25 local investors, would prove the best means of giving this city the sort of amusement house it needs, in the opinion of Shelby Burgess, manager of the Alkrama Theater.

Such a proposition would pay, and would pay well, Mr. Burgess thinks. He suggests that it would not be at all difficult to fill the offices in such a building, provided it was of fireproof construction and equipped with modern facilities and conveniences.

"It's not a question of room with us," Mr. Burgess commented, when asked about the feasibility of bringing good shows here regularly. "And it isn't a case of inadequate stage space. Our stage is standard. We wouldn't have a larger one, no matter what sort of show might be built."

"The trouble is, we can't make worth while shows pay here. We just can't get enough folks at the prices we have to charge for such shows. In the whole time we've run this theater, only once have we had to turn people away. That was when the Roanoke Island picture was shown, and everybody in town turned out for it."

### WILSON HEADS KIWANIS CLUB

County Representative Is Honored by Fellow Member of Civic Group

J. Kenyon Wilson, attorney and representative of Pasquotank County in the General Assembly, was elected president of the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club at the annual meeting of the organization Friday night. He succeeds C. R. Pugh, also an attorney. After the business session, Mr. Pugh entertained at an enjoyable oyster roast.

Other officers elected were: Harry G. Kramer, first vice president; John H. Hall, Jr., second vice president; J. LeRoy, Jr., treasurer; and C. W. Gaither, W. E. Griffin, M. P. Jennings, C. R. Little, J. C. Sawyer, W. P. Skinner, Dr. S. H. Templeman and Dr. C. B. Williams, directors.

### NAVAL OFFICER DIES

Newport, Rhode Island, Dec. 5.—Captain Orton P. Jackson, commanding officer of the Naval Training Station here and President of the Court of Inquiry investigating the sinking of the S-51, died today at Roosevelt Hospital, New York, according to word received here. His death was caused by high blood pressure.

### WOULD STRENGTHEN HAWAIIAN DEFENSES

Washington, Dec. 5.—Material strengthening of Hawaiian fortifications is favored by the House Naval Committee which recently visited the island and is expected to become part of the committee's program at the coming session.

## Senator Williams Urges Merger of Two Counties To Promote Development

State Senator P. H. Williams, of this city, again is actively urging the consolidation of Camden and Pasquotank counties with a view to the construction of an adequate system of hard surfaced highways in the former county. He contends that property values in Camden will increase overnight when such a paving system is undertaken, and that ultimately both counties would benefit incalculably by the merger.

Senator Williams is advocating the plan despite the fact that when he first advanced it several years ago, opponents of the idea nearly lynched him, as he puts it. This opposition is understood to have come largely from office holders and politicians who would stand to lose heavily by the elimination of one set of county offices.

There are hundreds of acres of farmlands in lower Camden County that are as rich as can be found in this part of the country," Mr. Williams holds, "and where these lands at present are selling at around \$50 an acre, the minute you start a paved highway through that section, you will increase that value to \$100 an acre."

### HAUGHTY LINER CARRIES SALMON

Prince Eitel Frederic Which Sank First U. S. Boat Now Useful

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 5. — Like some notorious person who has slipped into oblivion and donned a disguise of mean appearance, the once proud and haughty liner Prince Eitel Frederic, which sank the first American boat during the world war, is now carrying salmon between Seattle and Alaska. She has been entirely repaired and even her name has been changed. Otsego is the simple word adorning her prow.

### WALL STREET IS ALL A-BLOSSOM

Messenger Boys and Tired Clerks Spending Christmas Bonuses

New York, Dec. 5.—Wall Street has begun to blossom with \$15 a week messenger boys, sporting hundred dollar suits and tired faced clerks easing themselves to and from work in shiny new automobiles. In the parlance of the street, they are "discounting" their Christmas bonuses which are expected to set a new high record this year.

### MINERS EMERGE ALIVE FROM TOMB

Nederland, Colorado, Dec. 5.—Twenty-two miners entombed in the flaming subterranean passage of the Fairview mine near here emerged today from their underground tomb alive.

### CLUBBER?

This man, Robert August of Toledo, Ohio, was arrested on suspicion of being the "clubber" who has attacked nine women in the fashionable residence district of that city. He was found wandering in the woods near town, his hands bloody and carrying a hammer. Now, however, police doubt that he is the guilty party.

### SYRIAN SITUATION IS BETTER SAYS REPORT

Washington, Dec. 5.—The situation in Syria has so improved that the American Government is considering the withdrawal of two destroyers sent to Beirut to protect American interests.

### YOUNG BOB TO ISSUE STATEMENT SUNDAY

Washington, Dec. 5.—Instead of accepting the invitation to confer with the Republican members of the Senate today, Senator LaFollette met Wisconsin insurgents in the House and afterwards announced that a statement "meeting the issue squarely" would be issued tomorrow.

## MEETING SEEMS BE ON VERGE OF GREAT RESULTS

### Many Appeared to be on Brink of Decision Friday Night as Invitation Make Surrender Extended

### LEADS TO FEDERATION

### Dr. Fuller Gives Parting Message to Organized Laymen in Prayer Service Saturday Morning

The evangelistic services inaugurated two weeks ago at the First Baptist Church seem to be approaching their season of harvest with possibilities of a notable ingathering of new converts during the remaining services.

Two-presented themselves for church membership Friday night, more came forward to shake Dr. Fuller's hand, and there were other manifestations of interest. A palpable stir of deep feeling in the audience, manifest during the invitation period Friday night, reached its height when members of the Men's Christian Federation of Elizabeth City stood to testify that they had experienced in their own hearts the new creation and the new joy and satisfaction in living that Dr. Fuller had preached about, and many there were in the audience so visibly affected that they seemed on the very brink of decision to surrender their lives to Him who said "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

### RABBIT TOLD A COLORFUL TALE

"Innocent" Bystander in Dance Hall Riot Is Found Guilty

Carryings on at a dance hall for negroes on Harney street, between Cypress and Bell, last Monday night were aired in recorder's court Friday morning when Willis (Grownson) Smith and Braxton (Rabbit) Barber, both well known in court circles, were before County Judge Sawyer on charges of assault and of being drunk and disorderly.

Grownson got a fine of \$5 and costs on each charge, a total of \$10 and costs, while Rabbit, who protested that he was a sort of innocent bystander, was let off with \$5 and costs, the court finding insufficient evidence to convict him of drunkenness.

The story as unraveled by witnesses for the State was that as two colored girls started to go home from the dance, Grownson objected to the departure of one and sought forcibly to detain her, slapping her with force enough to make her jaw swell as they were going down the steps. Johnnie Coefield, who had stepped up to take the girls' part was then seized around the neck by Grownson and the two went to the floor together, Coefield on top. Coefield extricated himself and seems to have been escorting the girls home when they were overtaken by Grownson and several others in Rabbit's car. As the car caught up with the trio, it stopped and the pack set out upon Coefield's trail like hounds in full cry, yelling to the accompaniment of a number of epithets. "Kill him, kill him," Coefield sought refuge in a nearby house and escaped.

The entertaining narrative told by Rabbit, who made a plea of not guilty and took the stand in his own behalf, was that, after the wrestling bout between Coefield and Grownson, he was informed that Grownson's leg had been sprained or broken and was asked to take him to the doctor. Let Rabbit repeat for himself: "I jumped in my car," he testified, and four or five of 'em lifted Grownson into the seat side of me. I thought his leg was broke sho' nuff. We started to the doctor's, but when we caught up with Johnnie and the girls, Grownson said he was going to no doctor's and he jumped out and ran after Johnnie as if nothing at all was the matter with him. The rest of the crowd followed him. I got up and went to where the girls were hollerin' murder, and that's all I done."

Several State's witnesses, however, testified otherwise, and Rabbit's colorful story failed to get by County Judge Sawyer.

### COOLIDGE REPLIES TO PRESIDENT LEWIS

Washington, Dec. 5.—President Coolidge announced in a formal statement today that he had replied to the complaint of John L. Lewis regarding bituminous wage scales but preferred not to disclose the nature of his reply.

### FORMER EMPRESS ILL

Brussels, Dec. 5.—Former Empress Charlotte of Mexico is gravely ill. It is reported that she is sinking rapidly.

Clifton Bunch of Edenton was in the city Thursday.

## COURT HEARING ON FORD PARTY SET FOR MONDAY

### Defense Request for Jury Trial Results in Second Delay in Disposal of Sensational Case

### CROWD DISAPPOINTED

### Courthouse Thronged to Doors by Curious Ones Hopeful Hearing Putrid and Pornographic Details

A request for a jury trial by counsel representing Jess R. Ford, seven masculine and four feminine guests charged with various offenses as a result of a police raid on Ford's home early last Sunday morning, resulted in continuance of the case until Monday morning when it came up in recorder's court this morning.

There was a disposition on the part of the court to set the hearing for Tuesday instead of Monday because of the fact that Saturday is a busy day for the police department and it might not be convenient Saturday to detail a man to summon the jurors. This brought a suggestion from the counsel for the defense that, while Tuesday would not do, they would be glad to wait until next Saturday.

"That's putting it off too long," said County Judge Sawyer. "It has been put off long enough already. We could have tried the case today had you gentlemen advised us, when you asked for continuance last Monday, that you would today ask for a trial by jury. We'll try this case Monday."

Immediately upon the court's order of continuance, a disappointed crowd filed out of the courthouse, which was packed to the doors by folks who expected the airing of sensational details in connection with the alleged wild party which led to the arrests.

"They look like buzzards robbed of their feast," remarked one cynical observer, as the plainly disappointed crowd made its way downstairs from the courtroom auditorium to the street.

Twenty-four names were drawn from the jury box by Judge P. G. Sawyer, and from those a jury of 12 is to be chosen. Continuance of the case was granted to allow time for summoning them. The potential jurors are:

S. A. McPherson, C. H. Harris, S. S. Burgess, J. T. Crain, O. L. Owens, George C. Smith, S. E. Williams, B. S. Sawyer, C. P. White, K. J. Hattery, C. D. Galloway, W. H. Betts, J. W. Anderson, Edson Carr, C. P. Harris, L. L. Morrisette, C. L. Lassiter, J. B. Jenkins, Sr., P. D. Ives, C. D. Harris, J. J. Bunch, W. K. Davis, Van D. Sawyer, and John G. Pinner.

The name of W. T. Deans, father of Wilford Deans, one of the defendants, was drawn in the course of proceedings, but was dropped, both sides agreeing it was evident that he would not be permitted to serve, by reason of the kinship.

Five warrants have been issued for the defendants. All 12 are accused of disorderly conduct and the use of profane and indecent language. Ten are charged with gambling, two with immorality, and one, J. R. Ford, with operating a disorderly house and violation of the liquor laws.

### COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 5.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Dec. 29.15, Jan. 19.45, March 19.40, May 19.05, July 18.50.

New York, Dec. 5.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 29.45, a decline of ten points. Futures closing bid: Dec. 29.15, Jan. 19.47, March 19.45, May 19.07, July 18.70.