

## ELIZABETH CITY TO GET ANOTHER THROUGH STREET

### Work Beginning Today on Connecting Link From Matthews to Cherry Through Old Cemetery

### TO FINISH IN 10 DAYS

### Will Provide Long Needed East and West Thoroughfare; Another Project Begun Also

In a week or ten days Elizabeth City will have another street running from the downtown waterfront to the main line of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, according to City Manager Perrebe.

Work is beginning today on the connecting link between Matthews and Cherry streets, to the rear of the First Baptist Church. When this connection is effected, Elizabeth City will have its long needed additional east and west through street.

The first task incident to this project will be removal of about 20 graves, all dating from many decades ago. Some of the bodies will be re-interred in the vicinity of where they now lie. Others will be given final resting places in a tract in Hollywood Cemetery taken over by the city for that purpose. Mr. Perrebe estimates that this part of the job will require about three days.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell, on Harney street, must be moved a short distance to the south to permit cutting of the new street. This is expected to take a couple of days. In addition to bearing the expense of moving the house, the city has agreed to pay Mr. Bell \$1,000 for the lot and \$100 toward the cost of reconditioning the building.

When these preliminaries have been disposed of, the grading and other work incident to the making of a 60-foot street through the block can be finished in a very few days, according to Mr. Perrebe. "People should be able to drive through there by the latter part of next week, or certainly the following week," he declares.

The ancient cemetery which long has proved a barrier to the connecting of Matthews and Cherry streets was deeded by William T. Must, clerk and master of the court, to the corporation of Elizabeth City, on the second day of March, 1909. William T. Must, Wilson Sawyer and John C. Ehrlichman, commissioners, on the third part of March 6, 1923. It was provided that the tract was to be used as a cemetery, and the commissioners were to be trustees for it.

The Baptist Church property, just to the south of the line which was sold by Charles Grice to Thomas Etheridge, "occasional pastor of the Baptist Church at Knobbs Creek," and to Halley Jackson and John Bowe, deacons of the foregoing church, on October 1, 1865. It brought the sum of five shillings, or just about \$1.25, at the current rate of exchange on English money.

Today, also, is to begin the widening of Ehrlichman street from Road street to the city limits at Selden street. Seven houses on the north side of the street must be moved in order to permit increase of the width to 50 feet. Mr. Perrebe declares, adding that he hopes to complete the job, together with moving of curbing and sidewalks, and the necessary grading, within a month. Lawrence street, from Road street to the waterfront, already has been widened to 50 feet.

## HUNDREDS ATTEND LEGION CONFERENCE

High Point, March 11.—Several hundred were in attendance today at the post officers' conference of the American Legion when the opening was held. John R. McQuinn, national commander, was present. He will speak this afternoon following his introduction by Governor McLean.

## DAVE ROBERTSON TO HURL PELLET ON DIAMOND HERE

Dave Robertson, manager of the Norfolk Tars, and popular idol of baseball fans here, through a stellar play as a pitcher and hitter on the Elizabeth City team of the old Tidewater League, was here Thursday making final arrangements for a practice game between the Tars and the Syracuse nine of the International League on Friday, April 9.

The game will be played on the new high school diamond here, and will begin at 3 o'clock. Added interest attaches to it for local fans through the fact that Dave has consented to pitch several innings with Cleveland, his catcher in the Tidewater League days, behind the bat.

## Blind Merchant Who Figured In Sensational Robbery Case Dies at Home In Piney Woods

Recollections of a wild night in a rural community in Perquimans County last summer, which resulted in the sending of five men and a woman, the latter the first so called hooded band of the Alchemists, to the State Prison for varying terms, were revived Thursday through news of the death of Townsend Chappell, blind merchant, at his home in the Piney Woods section of the county, about six miles from Hertford.

Mr. Chappell was about 60 years old, and had been ill for three weeks. He is survived by his wife and several brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be conducted at the home tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

News of the death was contained in a message to a brother-in-law, F. T. Winslow, member of the police force here. The message stated that Mr. Chappell died early Thursday morning.

It was at Townsend Chappell's home that a highly sensational robbery attempt occurred last summer. An automobile occupied by three men and a woman drove up to the house at about 10 o'clock at night, the woman and one of the men alighted, and asked to buy something to eat. Mr. Chappell and his wife went into the kitchen and served the visitors. While they were eating, Mr. Chappell heard a noise at the door and, upon investigating, discovered that two individuals were undertaking to carry off a small safe which he had kept in his bedroom.

The quartet fled precipitately, and were arrested early next morning in Suffolk. They were Ernest Wade Hartsell, Sam Lougee, Lewis Powell and Mary Howard. They were tried and sentenced in Perquimans County Superior Court last November, along with two residents of the Piney Woods section, Nathan B. and Walter Dall, whom Lougee and Powell indicated in the events leading up to the attempted robbery.

Hartsell, Mary Howard and the Dalls appealed to the State Supreme Court for a new trial, but their pleas were denied last month, and they are now serving sentences. Lougee and Powell confessed to their part in the robbery attempt, and accepted sentences of nine to twelve years each. Hartsell was given five to seven years, and the young woman, Nathan B. Dall, was sentenced to 12 to 16 years, and Walter Dall to two to three years.

## Local Republican Camp Is Stirring

Evidence of activity in the local Republican camp are to be noted by a keen observer these days, with the State convention of the party only a matter of weeks away. The County Republican executive committee will be called to meet at an early date to name delegates to the convention, and possibly to transact other business also.

At present, Jerry W. Wilcox is chairman of the County executive committee. Mr. Wilcox is a lifelong Republican, and has done much energetic work in behalf of the party. Through a combination of unfortunate circumstances, however, he is faced with considerable opposition to his remaining in office. It is thought that when the committee meets, there will be a move to elect another chairman.

## WILL ARGUE VANDYKE TEMPORARILY INSANE

Gastonia, March 11.—Defense counsel for Jesse Vandyke, aged 25, on trial for his life in Superior Court here before Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethtown, will argue to the jury late today that the defendant was temporarily insane at the time of the killing of Chief of Police A. L. Painter of Cherryville last January. Vandyke claims he was gassed in France and that his mother died in an insane asylum.

## JURY SELECTED TO TRY DAVID MARSHALL

Philadelphia, March 11.—Selection of the jury to try David L. Marshall, charged with killing Miss Anna May Dietrich and dismembering her body, was completed today after 146 talesmen had been examined for jury duty.

## FIRE DESTROYS COLONIAL HOME IN PERQUIMANS

### Residence of Mrs. W. G. Gaither, Sr., in Hertford, Dating From Revolution, Is Total Loss

### FURNITURE LOST ALSO

### Cause of Blaze Undetermined; Occupants Compelled to Flee With Few Personal Belongings

A treasured relic of Revolutionary days was blotted from existence early Thursday through destruction by fire of the beautiful Colonial home of Mrs. W. G. Gaither, Sr., in Hertford, with a loss roughly estimated at \$20,000 to \$25,000, partially covered by insurance. The home was totally destroyed, together with much priceless furniture dating also from the days of Washington.

The fire is believed to have originated in the kitchen from an undetermined cause. It was discovered about 2 o'clock, and had gained such headway that Mrs. Gaither and her two daughters, Misses Helen and Louise Gaither, occupants of the home, were compelled to leave hurriedly with a few personal belongings. Firemen were summoned quickly, but were able only to prevent the destruction of nearby buildings.

For many years, the old home had been one of the show places of the Albemarle section. It was in an excellent state of preservation, and had been the scene of many brilliant social functions. Built by Jack Wood, a Revolutionary ancestor of Mrs. Gaither, it had remained in the family ever since.

Two sons of Mrs. Gaither live in this city. They are W. G. Gaither, vice president of the First & Citizens National Bank, and C. W. Gaither, general manager of the Auto & Gas Engine Works.

Only the five towering brick chimneys are standing as mute sentinels over the ruins. The home was on the west side of Hertford near the city limits, and was approached by a winding driveway through a beautiful grove, ascending a distance of nearly half a mile from the highway.

Mrs. Gaither and her daughters found refuge in the home of the former's sister, Mrs. T. F. Winslow, in Hertford, and will remain there for the time being. Mrs. Gaither, who is nearly 70 years of age, was ill from excitement and shock Thursday.

## TUNNEY-STIRLING MATCH CALLED OFF

Miami, March 11.—The match between Gene Tunney and Young Stribling for tomorrow night was declared off today.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, March 11.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 19.52, May 17.95, July 17.24, October 16.81, December 16.94.

## Other Cities Pay Higher Tax Rate, Figures Show

### Elizabeth City's Assessment Scarcely Half of That in Chicago or San Diego, for Instance, and Substantially Below Norfolk's

Whenever Mr. Average Elizabeth City Voter runs short on things to fuss about, he almost invariably takes a whack at the tax rate. It riles him to wrathy vituperation at a moment's notice, causes his blood pressure to rise, and in occasional instances has been known to lead him into flights of oratory adorned with anything but strictly proper language. In other words, it is a sore subject with most of us.

A comparison between the rate in effect here and those of other cities, however, tends to show that Elizabeth City is not so badly off, after all. Figures given in the National Municipal Review of December, 1925, show that this city stands very well in comparison with cities having populations of more than 30,000. Unfortunately for purposes of comparison, similar statistics on smaller cities are not given.

Elizabeth City residents pay a city rate of \$1.22 per \$100 property valuation, and a County rate of \$1.24, making a total of \$2.46. "Yes, and that's enough," you will say. But New York, for instance, pays \$3.68 and Chicago, second largest city in the United States, pays \$4.20, or nearly twice as high a rate as ours. Philadelphia's rate is \$2.70.

## Tomorrow Is Last Day Ballot Will Be Published; Vote Now

### PROHIBITION BALLOT

Prohibition Editor,  
The Advance,  
Elizabeth City, N. C.

I have marked below, with a cross my position on the prohibition question.

I favor keeping the prohibition amendment as it now stands, with strict enforcement.

I favor repeal of the prohibition amendment.

I favor modification of the prohibition law so as to allow the sale of light wine and beer.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_

## PROHIBITION IS A HALF OF QUOTA POPULAR THEME STILL LACKING

### Agitation Is Even Affecting Congress Though Which Way It Would Be Difficult to Find Out

### WETS ARE FIGHTING

By DAVID LAWRENCE  
Specialist, 1926, by The Advance  
Washington, March 11.—There is no question but that the agitation for a modification of the Volstead Act is making an impression on Congress. Whether it is changing votes from "dry" to "wet" is another thing, and on that a test vote before the end of the present session will tell an important story.

The agitation for change is concentrated in the result of a campaign of dueling carried on by "wet" organizations which in the first few years of the operation of the Volstead Law did not function on such an extensive scale as the dry now.

Even the "drys" will admit that the "wets" are fighting more vigorously than ever before. Not only do they admit it but they point to it in an effort to quicken their own constituent organizations. The more active the "wets" become, the more insistent are the appeals of the "drys" for funds from their supporters.

Congress knows the fight is going on. The mail from both sides is increasing. Individual members may have their own sympathies and inclinations but the prohibition question is no longer academic. It is a matter of votes and public sentiment and most members of the House and Senate prefer to take the view that they must follow the trend of their communities.

Much of the polemic are to be witnessed in the National capital itself. The fact-the-fact dinner staged by the "wets" now is to be followed by a "law enforcement" dinner by the "drys."

The significant thing is that the "wets" and "drys" are not really arguing about the same proposition. The "drys" are talking about the merits of prohibition where it is enforced and where it has benefited individuals and communities. The "wets" are pointing to the sections of the country where the Volstead law is not operating effectively and they use this as an indication that the public sentiment of the country is against the prohibition law. Each, in other words, selects its own battle ground for debate and keeps the fight going on separate lines.

The "wet" newspaper, hold the whole prohibition business as faulty because the laws are not enforced whereas the "drys" insist that the "wets" are developing a public sentiment in favor of violating existing laws.

## McLEAN UNDERSTOOD WHEN WOMEN TALKED

Raleigh, March 11.—Although giving no indication of what his decision will be on the petition for a survey of women by industry, Governor James W. McLean yesterday evening told a supper understanding that he had misunderstood the entire affair when it first was presented to him.

"At first I thought all meant that charges of law violation in North Carolina industrial plants were being made," he said. "Not until last Saturday when I conferred with the delegation of women backing a movement did I get it straight."

## HOLLAND TRIAL TOPS DOCKET IN SUPERIOR COURT

### Negro Bank Cashier's Case Scheduled for Disposal Before Judge Grady Here Next Week

### DEFENSE NOT KNOWN

### Has Made No Statement Since Arrest Late in December; Other Cases on Docket Unimportant

Trial of W. H. Holland, colored cashier of the Albemarle Bank, negro institution which closed its doors on Christmas Eve, is the most important action on the criminal docket of Superior Court, which will open here Monday for a two weeks' term with Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, presiding.

Holland was arrested several days after the closing of the bank when an investigation by auditors disclosed hidden records which in turn are alleged to have revealed many irregularities in the management of the institution. He is charged with embezzlement, and has been held in jail ever since his arrest. The bank's shortage is estimated at \$65,000.

Attorneys for the State Corporation Commission will assist solicitor Walter Small, of this city, in the prosecution of the Holland case. Thus far, Holland has made no public statement indicating what his defense will be. The bank's affairs are being straightened out by State Senator P. H. Williams, president of the Savings Bank & Trust Company here, who was appointed receiver for the institution shortly after it collapsed.

Other cases scheduled for trial include an action in which Dan Harris, of this city, is charged with reckless driving as the result of an automobile accident. Harris appealed from a fine of \$100 imposed in recorder's court.

Graham Moore, young farmer living near this city, will be tried on a charge of violating the Turin Act. He appealed from a four months' sentence imposed in recorder's court February 17 in connection with the alleged delivery of a quantity of liquor at the home of a negro in this city.

Otis Sanders, also a young farmer living near here, will face trial on a charge of obtaining money by false pretense, as the outcome of a trade of a cow to S. Gundersen, local merchant. The latter claimed the cow he received failed to live up to his reputation, as given by Sanders.

J. J. Davis, insurance agent, is held for the alleged misappropriation of premiums he is said to have collected from policy holders in this County. Probable cause was found at a hearing in recorder's court on January 12.

Levi Dennis, colored, is also held under probable cause on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He is charged with having attacked Cordell Spencer, another negro, with an axe, severing two ribs, in an altercation in a logging camp in the Tadmore section of Pasquotank County last month.

Frances McFarland, of this city, is appealing from a 30-day jail sentence imposed February 10 on a charge of unlawful detention of a minor in the custody of the authorities here. She is accused in connection with the flight of a young girl inmate of the Anna B. Lewis Home for delinquent children at Nixonton, this County. The girl later was returned to the home.

Beginning Tuesday of the second week the court will turn to consideration of variety of civil cases, none of which are of outstanding importance or interest.

The jury list for the term follows: J. T. Pritchard, C. D. Bundy, Walter Riddick, Foster B. Davis, C. W. Menden, M. L. Godfrey, A. A. Meads, R. L. Parker, J. W. Cox, Jr., Paul F. White, W. D. Russell, N. R. Simpson, J. R. Pritchard, G. L. White, M. E. Tuttle, J. C. Bundy, James M. Dall, A. R. Nicholson, W. G. Miller, D. W. Morgan, J. B. Ferber, W. M. Madrin, Thomas T. Nelson, S. L. Pool, L. W. Madrin, C. L. Lister, Joseph L. Lamb, M. F. Leary, W. E. Hedrick, W. H. Hunter, W. L. Nelson, Camden W. Melick, G. C. McIntyre, Jesse M. Long, A. B. Midgett, W. C. Sample, C. L. Ball, E. Ludford, W. H. Nelson, T. S. Owens, Jr., H. J. Long, J. W. Walker.

## SNOW WRAPS STATE IN WHITE BLANKET

Charlotte, March 11.—Snow had wrapped North Carolina today with a fall reported from practically every section. The depth of snow at Asheville was six inches at 9 o'clock and still snowing.