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COUNTY FIELD DAY A GREAT SUCCESS

The most successful County Commencement and Field Day ever held here took place last Thursday and Friday. The weather was good, the days were ideal and the crowds were larger and in the finest spirits.

The exercises began Thursday with the athletic features of the occasion. Thursday afternoon was characterized by the laying of the corner stone of the new school building by the Masons, mention of which was made in our last issue. In the corner stone were placed several articles, among them being a copy of The Smithfield Herald of March 28, 1913, and a copy of the Charlotte Observer and one of the News and Observer, of April 3rd, a "buffalo" nickel, and old half dime, and a sketch of the school and of the town written by Prof. Vermont. Should the new building stand a hundred years or more and then be torn down there will be found there intact these articles to give something of the history of the present day.

One of the most pleasing features of the occasion was the contest Thursday night between the representatives of the various schools, carrying out the program published in The Herald of March 28.

The Banner Warehouse was used for this occasion through the kindness of Messrs. Skinner & Patterson. The committee having the matter in charge had done their work well. Plenty of seats for thousand people had been arranged around a stand well-planned and upon which were two pianos which were loaned for the occasion by the Thornton Music House. The building had been beautifully decorated and presented a pleasing appearance. It must not be forgotten that it was brilliantly lighted with electricity the wiring and the lamps being furnished by the Smithfield Garage and Machine Company.

The musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, and the readings and declamations were all of a high order and showed the splendid training of every contestant. So well did they all perform their parts that it would have been fitting had a prize been awarded to every one. But all could not win and the prizes went to the following schools:

Best Declamation, Princeton.
Best Duett, Clayton.
Best Reading, Benson.
Best Voice Solo, Kenly.
Best Quartette, eKny.

(The editor regrets that he was not furnished with the names of the winners.)

Friday was a day long to be remembered. Never before have so many school children been seen in Johnston County in one line. It was an inspiring sight, and one that will not soon be forgotten by those who witnessed the two thousand bright boys and girls as they marched through the town headed by the Kenly Band, with John Arthur Narron and Frederick Brooks as drummer boys for the Smithfield school. There were many schools represented from the various sections of the county. Mill Creek school, which closed almost a month ago, was here thirty-five strong, with their teachers proud of them, although the school house is sixteen miles from Smithfield. Baptist Center, Thanksgiving, Micro, and many of the rural schools had quite a number in the parade, to say nothing of the Benson High School, Four Oaks Graded School, Clayton Graded School, Wilson's Mills High School, Kenly High School, Selma Graded School, Princeton Graded School, and others. And all the high school teachers were here, besides a large number of the rural school teachers.

Arriving at the Banner Warehouse at eleven o'clock, where Prof. Royall was master of ceremonies, the exercises began with music. Following this Prof. L. C. Brogden, Supervisor of the Rural Schools of the State was introduced. After making a spirited and well-received address of about fifteen minutes, he presented the diplomas to a large class of seventh grade graduates from the several rural schools of the county.

Prof. Royall next introduced Mr. Ezra Parker, of Chapel Hill, who

came as the representative of the Johnston County Club at the State University. His speech was a splendid effort and was well received. He made a strong plea for Johnston County and the State to continue the great work they are doing for the boys and girls.

Dr. E. W. Sykes, of the faculty of Wake Forest College, the speaker of the day, was then introduced to the large audience. We had heard that Dr. Sykes was a fine speaker, and his address here that day more than verified all that had been spoken of him along this line. His subject was "The World's Workers." He showed that the world had need of workers, willing workers, efficient workers and workers who were in love with their work. Johnston County folks will be glad to have Dr. Sykes with them again.

SPELLING MATCH.

The Spelling Match at the Banner Warehouse after dinner was largely attended. Prof. Royall gave out the words. Quite a number participated. The book used was Webster's Blue-Back. All entered the contest in earnest, but in a short while the spellers dropped out one by one. The first word to claim a victim was "quantity." Three fell before its onslaught. Mercenary, villainy, Commissary, consecutive, precipitous, antecedent, coincident, fatality, heterogeneous, cessation, phraseology, notoriety, and nectarine were some of the words that declaimed the ranks of the spellers rapidly. Finally all had taken their seats except Miss Jessie Guley, of Clayton, and Mr. Calvin Lee, of Mill Creek. Then came "aggregate," and Mr. Lee missed. The applause was great. Miss Guley had to try the word. She missed also. This brought them both back to try again. Finally Miss Guley missed "fugitive" and her antagonist spelled it correctly, winning the prize of a dollar tie. A prize of one dollar was given to each, the money being offered by Judge Brooks and the County Treasurer, Mr. W. L. Stancil, one dollar for the best girl speller and one dollar for the best boy speller. The tie was given by Mr. N. B. Grantham. Some of the little one who entered the race surprised those who heard them spell. Several stood as long as the spelling covered only the first sixty pages, that part of the book they had gone over. It was an interesting match and showed that there are a number of good spellers among the boys and girls of the county.

OTHER PRIZES.

A prize of five dollars in gold, offered by Mayor James A. Wellons, for the best map of Johnston County, showing the public roads was won by Miss Ruth Bullard, of Turlington Graded school.

A reception at the Banner Warehouse, Friday night, given by the Woman's Betterment Association of Smithfield, and attended by a number of teachers and visitors and the townspeople, brought to a close the greatest Educational Meet. ever held in this county.

The Kenly Brass Band with its good music, added much to the occasion, not only through the day Friday, but also at the reception Friday night.

MR. J. J. WALLACE BURNED OUT.

News reached here last Sunday of a disastrous fire at the home of Mr. J. J. Wallace, of Clayton township. It occurred about nine o'clock and originated in some fodder under a shelter near the barn. It is supposed to have started from some one smoking earlier in the morning. It made a clean sweep for him burning the barn and other out houses, the smoke house and dwelling. Besides the fodder it burned about thirty barrels of corn, all his meat and most of the household goods. He saved only a few things from the front rooms of the dwelling. Mr. Wallace is the father of Mr. M. A. Wallace of the Smithfield Hardware Company, and was here to spend the day with him the fifth Sunday in last month. He had no insurance and his loss is pretty heavy.

The cost of taking the United States census of 1910 was \$15,171,593.

THE ATHLETICS A FINE FEATURE

The athletic part of the program on Field-Day was a success from every view point. There were many more entries than last year, and every winner had to fight manfully for his victory.

The first event was the baseball game between Selma and Four Oaks on Thursday afternoon. The pitching honors were about equal, but the Selma team gave better support and won by a score of 7 to 1.

The tennis game called at 3:30, Thursday, between Wilson's Mills and Smithfield was won by Smithfield. Messrs. Woodall and Coats of the winning team were quicker and in better training than the Messrs. Wilson of Wilson's Mills.

The high jump was won by Clayton whose representative cleared the pole at 5 feet. Wilson's Mills was a close second.

The half mile race was entered only by Smithfield and Clayton. Hubert Johnson of Smithfield team won by several yards over his opponent. The time was 2 minutes and 34 seconds.

The mile race was won by William Wharton of Smithfield. His long training gave him advantage over his opponent. His final spirit on the last lap was admirably done. The time was 5 minutes and 55 seconds.

The athletics opened up Friday morning with the 100 yard dash. Edward Woodall of Smithfield won over Clayton and Wilson's Mill by a narrow margin. All the boys put every ounce of grit they had into the race. The time was 11 seconds.

The 220 yard dash was won by Hubert Johnson of Smithfield. Johnson kept the lead the whole round. The time was 24 seconds.

The relay race was one of the most interesting events of the day. On the first 110 yard dash Clayton had a lead of four yards. Johnson of Smithfield on the second dash regained three of these and Wellons over-took and led his opponent three yards on the third; while Woodall held this lead and came in ahead on the finish.

Smithfield had the honor of winning every running event on the program. Hubert Johnson, Edward Woodall, Almon Wellons and William Wharton deserve special mention and credit for the pennants they brought to their school.

The most hotly contested event of the day was the basket ball game between Smithfield and Selma. Selma threw three goals on fouls and Smithfield threw one goal on a foul and a goal from the field, making the score at the end of the second half, a tie, 3 to 3. The Smithfield team asked to play off the tie but Selma refused to carry the game further. Miss Rosalie Mitchener of Selma threw the three goals for her team and Miss Helen Wallace made the goals for Smithfield.

Four Oaks was forced to forfeit the basket ball game to Selma on account of the absence of some of the Four Oaks players.

The tennis championship was forfeited to Smithfield by Clayton.

The Baseball championship was forfeited to Clayton by Selma.

All the teams have met and fought hard for victory. Some had to be defeated but all have taken the defeat manfully and gracefully. They have come to know each other better and their acquaintance will promote better relations between the schools. They have added in making this Field Day a big success, and they should start in training to make the Day next year a bigger success.

Summary of Pennant Winners.

Mile race: William Wharton, Smithfield; Time 5:55
Half mile: Hubert Johnson, Smithfield; Time 2:24
100 Yard; Edward Woodall Smithfield; Time 11
220 Yard: Hubert Johnson, Smithfield; Time 24
High Jump: Clayton Height 5 feet.
Relay race: Wharton, Johnson, and Woodall; Time 52
Tennis: Woodall and Coats—Smithfield.
Baseball: Clayton.

PRIZE WINNERS IN SCHOOL EXHIBIT

1. Best exhibit from any school—Clayton Graded School.

2. Best exhibit from any one or two teacher school—Pomona.

3. Most Artistic exhibit from any school—Selma Graded School.

4. Best Art exhibit—Miss Hood's Class Turlington Graded school.

First prize—Ruth Bullard.
Honorable mention—Hilda Parris and Mollie Underwood.

5. Best Collection Johnston County wood—David Avera, Smithfield.

6. Model of handy farm device—Louis Williams, Mill Creek school.

7. Model of handy device for use in school—Pomona school.

8. Model of Handy device for use in school—Battle Tomlinson, Wilson's Mills.

9. Best mechanical device of any kind—Dave Poole, Baptist Center.

10. Scissors pictures—Illustrations for stories—Grade 2 Turlington Graded school. Landscaps—Martha Jones, Micro school.

11. Best drawings, landscapes, illustrations for stories, Luther Oneal, Selma Graded school.

12. Basketing—Native materials—Nellie Sanders, Smithfield—Other materials—Pauline Gardner, Brogden school.

13. Maps—North Carolina—Lillie Coats, Piney Grove school—Honorable mention—Pearl Lassiter, Four Oaks—Relief maps—Nannie Phillips, Smithfield—Product map—5th and 6th grades, Clayton Graded school—Any other map—Nellie Stephenson, Baptist Center.

14. Best Calf halter—Rudolph Bass, Four Oaks—Honorable mention—Thursman Rose, Sandy Grove.

15. Sewing—Hand made napkins by girl under 12 years—Jean Adell, Smithfield—Darning cotton stocking—Ruth Bullard, Smithfield—Darning cotton stocking—Grace Jones Micro—Pieced quilt block—Lucy Talton, Sandy Spring school—Hemmed Tea Towel—Elsie Woodard, Glendale—House dress, hand made—Cora Radford, Sandy Grove—House dress, machine sewed—Bernie Whitley, Thanksgiving. Honorable mention—Mary Ford, Corinth and Pauline Gardner Brogden—Hand made fancy apron—Minnie Johnston, Benson—Kitchen Apron with sleeves—Bettie Radford, Hickory Grove school—Kitchen Apron without sleeves—Beatrice Gardner, Brogden school—Honorable mention—Thelma Toler, Princeton.

16. Note Books, neatest and best—Mathematics—Walter Rand, Turlington Graded school—Agriculture—Ruffin Ellis and James Austin, Baptist Center—English—Nellie Sanders, Turlington Graded school—History—Mildred Godwin, Kenly High school.

17. Best model house and barn—Bill Ellis, Clayton—Best house—Gold Hinton, Clayton.

Honorable mention—Andrew Blackman, for a rabbit box.

FOUR OAKS ITEMS.

Four Oaks, April, 9.—Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Johnson spent Sunday in Clayton section.

Mr. R. B. Strickland, who has a position with the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co., is spending some time with his mother.

Mr. Britt Anderson, of Scotland Neck, is home with Mr. R. B. Strickland.

Mr. Ed. Mathews, of Smithfield, was a visitor in town Sunday.

Mr. Allen Smith, of Smithfield, was a visitor in town Sunday.

On last Wednesday Mr. W. J. Lewis was called to the bedside of his sister at Goldsboro. She is reported seriously ill.

Miss Pearl Keen has accepted a position with J. W. Sanders & Co. and will be pleased to have her many friends call.

We are glad to note that Mr. J. B. Adams has returned from the hospital. He seems to be recovering fast.

Miss Golda Creech and Messrs. L. C. Barbour and F. Hunter Creech were appointed delegates from the Baptist Philathea and Baraca Classes to attend the State Convention to be held in Charlotte April 12-15. Miss Maggie Tart, assistant in the

Bank of Four Oaks, spent a few days in her home in Dunn this week.

The directors of the Bank of Four Oaks held their regular monthly meeting Saturday, April the 5th, and were well pleased with the progress the Bank is making. The Bank has recently made some improvements in its fixtures, which adds greatly to the appearance of the building.

Four Oaks Graded school Commencement will be held on Thursday and Friday of next week, April the 17th and 18th. The primary exercises will be held on Thursday night. On Friday morning at 11 o'clock the Annual address will be delivered. In the afternoon Four Oaks will play Micro a game of ball. All of the local fans are expected to be out and root for the home team.

Prof. Adams is exceedingly fortunate in securing Ex-Governor T. J. Jarvis to deliver the address. Mr. Jarvis is one of North Carolina's most honored sons. He followed Governor Vance in the executive office and served the people of his state faithfully for six years. The Public school fund was practically doubled under his administration. At Senator Vance's death, he was appointed by Governor Carr to finish Senator Vance's term in the United State Senate. He is a speaker of note and it will be a rare treat to hear him. The people should come out promptly at 11 o'clock to hear him. It will be to your interest to make a sacrifice to come.

BENSON NEWS.

Benson, April 10.—Mrs. Luna Tolar of Bentonsville, was here a few days recently the guest of friends.

Mr. J. C. Stancil, of Smithfield, was here this week on business, returning home yesterday.

Mr. Hubert Dixon has accepted a position with the Atlantic Coast Line at Rocky Mount.

Mr. Ezra Parker, who has been here for several days from Chapel Hill, returned the first of the week to resume his work.

Mr. R. I. Riddick, of Smithfield, is in town this week on business.

Miss Lona Hawley, of Hamlet, visited relatives here several days recently.

Miss Nettie Anderson, of the Benson High school, won the Readers' medal at the County commencement at Smithfield last week.

Messrs. A. W. Hodges, Tom Surles, B. J. Mathews and D. M. Raynor were in Raleigh Monday, returning in the afternoon.

At a meeting held Monday Messrs. J. H. Rose and J. L. Hall were elected as members of the Benson school Board to succeed Messrs. J. H. Boon and P. B. Johnson who have resigned.

The Revival at the Baptist church is being conducted this week by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Duncan, assisted by Rev. R. P. Walker, of Greensboro. Much interest is being manifested and it is hoped that much good will be the result of the meeting. Mr. Walker is an able speaker and his sermons are heard each evening by large congregations.

A sadness was cast over our town this morning when it became known that Mrs. J. B. Faircloth was dead. She had been sick only a short time, but her death was not unexpected. Mrs. Faircloth was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kennedy, of Moltonville, N. C., having married Mr. J. B. Faircloth only last June. She was a woman of high character and noble womanly traits, and although she had been living in Benson only a short time she had made many warm friends here whose hearts are sad because of her untimely death. Her remains will be taken to her home this afternoon for the interment which will take place at the family burying ground tomorrow. Rev. J. M. Duncan, pastor of the Baptist church here, of which she was a member, and Messrs. M. T. Britt, W. T. Martin and others will accompany the remains to her old home this afternoon. Arrangements have not yet been made for the funeral which will take place some time tomorrow.

Mr. Horace Eason, accompanied by his school friend, Mr. Bell, came last Friday to attend the County Commencement. They returned to Blue Creek Sunday.

GOLDSBORO FIRE STARTED BY BOYS

Goldsboro, April 8.—The origin of Goldsboro's Sunday night fire, which entailed a loss of over a quarter million dollars, was learned today when Chief of Police Denmark and Special Agent Morrison, of the Norfolk Southern, returned from Rocky Mount with Guy East, age fourteen, and Edwin Utter aged fifteen, white boys that had been held in that place as runaways from this place.

The boys confessed that they were hiding in the railway storage building and set fire to a bale of cotton while smoking a cigarette. When the flames started they ran out of the building and, catching a freight, went to Rocky Mount, where they were arrested.

Utter, whose father is dead, was living with his two brothers who are in the electrical supply business. He has only been here a few months and had just finished serving a seventeen-months' term in the Virginia reformatory for theft.

East is a native of Goldsboro. His father is out of town and no attempt has been made to bail either of the boys, who are in jail. The boys claim to have found the door of the building open, but the railway people say that it was locked carefully on Saturday.

SELMA NEWS.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam has returned from a visit to her parents Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Griffin in Clayton.

Mrs. Robert P. Noble is here after a visit to friends in Caldwell County. Mrs. Geo. D. Vick and little one have returned from a visit to her father in Richmond.

Dr. R. J. Noble went to Wilmington Tuesday to attend the annual Banquet of St. Johns Lodge No. 1 A. F. & A. M. He returned Wednesday.

Messrs. R. E. Richardson and W. B. Roberts spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Miss Lillie Hinnant the attractive daughter of Mr. Ira I. Hinnant came from Greensboro, where she has a position with Mrs. Pate, Milliner, last Wednesday to attend the school exercises at Smithfield. Miss Lillie is very loyal to our Graded school as she attended several sessions of the school and is a general favorite here.

Mr. Walter Call is here on a visit to his brother, William H. Call.

To show the interest taken by the people of the Selma Graded School district over four hundred and twenty five people attended the field day exercises in Smithfield last Friday from the district. They were very proud of the showing made by the school and proud of the prizes won by the school. How they did enjoy the game of Basket Ball between the teams from Selma and Smithfield! It was a hard fought battle, and, to a tie. We told the young ladies of the Smithfield team that our girls were after them and the way they went for them was a sight. Young ladies you had better watch out, when our girls began to play the Smithfield team the score was 53 to 2, and only two short years ago. Now a tie and it was a tie for Dr. Noble wrote to the sporting editor of the Washington Post stating the case and he said in answer to the question "was the goal thrower entitled to throw the ball when time had been called after a foul, but, before she could throw the ball—Yes. So that settles it so far as Selma is concerned, the game is now 3-3.

The old time spelling match was enjoyed very much. Though it was a little long and tiresome. All in all it was a day that will long be remembered in Johnston and will do the cause of education a great deal of good. It is a pity the children in the procession were not counted. Though we had about forty that were late and did not get to Smithfield in time to get in the parade.

Selma April 10.

At Lawton, on March 7, Oklahoma State officers confiscated forty-three cases of whiskey and sixteen cases of beer, which had been shipped to local dealers. This is the first seizure under the Webb law.