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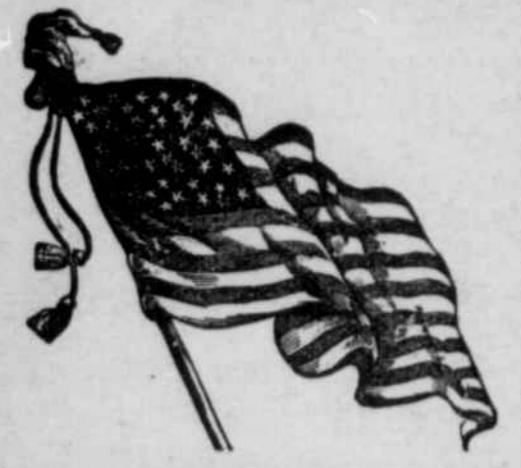
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NOTES AND COMMENT.

All Smithfield is proud of Albert Coates. He is now in his third year at the State University and has taken every honor in declamation and oratory that he has tried for. His latest success at Greensboro last week is his greatest. In winning against the representatives of all the leading colleges in the State is an honor worth having. In winning the oratorical contest, Mr. Coates not only won a \$75 prize, but won a trip to Lake Mohonk, N. Y., to enter the final contest in which the winners from all the States will enter. As an orator and an all-round student he is making an enviable record.

A. J. Balfour, for British Premier, and now Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the English Cabinet, together with other noted Englishmen, are now in this country, having come to attend the International War Council. They landed at Halifax and reached Washington City Sunday where they were received as the Nation's guests. Mr. Balfour, who is now in his seventieth year, is one of Great Britain's most noted statesmen and has long filled some high position in the government of his country.

President Wilson's selective draft system is growing in favor day by day as the people better understand it. Senator John Sharp Williams says that the volunteer system has been tried and proven a failure. If the selective draft is the plan that will best meet the ends desired then let us have that plan. We are in the war to win. We mean business and if the volunteer plan is too slow, let's forget it and try a plan that will count for something. "Stand by the President."

Today at one o'clock will be held in the Court House a most important meeting of farmers and business men. The question of how to grow a larger crop of food and feedstuffs will be discussed by Mr. John Paul Lucas, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Food Commission. This is such an important question that every farmer, and banker and business man, in fact, ever citizen ought to be vitally interested.

So far there has been little interest in the proposed road bond election in Smithfield township to be held on May 8th. Unless there is an impetus given to registration in the next four days the election will be a farce. With less than 150 men registered out of more than 700, and only four more days after today in which to register, it looks like it is a slow go.

Mr. E. J. Wellons, Secretary of the Johnston County Fair, is already busy making his plans for the big event which will take place next November 7, 8 and 9. The farmers who want to make a good showing at the Fair should begin now.

AN IMPORTANT MATTER GETTING BUT SLIGHT ATTENTION.

To the voters of Smithfield Township: Are you thinking about the election to be held in Smithfield on Tuesday, May 8th, 1917. It is to decide whether or not bonds shall be issued for Smithfield township roads. This is an important matter and seems to be getting but little attention from the voters. The books have been open some time and Mr. D. T. Lunceford, the registrar, tells us that up to Monday morning, April 23rd, only one hundred and twenty voters out of more than seven hundred had registered. Only five more days to register after to-day as the books close at sunset Saturday evening, April 28th. Every voter in the township should register at once and vote in the election May 8th, either for or against the bonds. This is your duty as a citizen. There is too much involved in this question for it not to be carefully considered.

The special road tax for 1915 brought the township roads \$6,476.67, besides the \$451.05 automobile tax, making \$6,927.72 altogether. Some think that owing to the time we have been working the roads and their present improved condition, the money we are getting should be sufficient, while others think we should have a bond issue. Of course the funds derived from the tax for the roads are naturally increasing every year as property values go up. If we get fifty thousand dollars in bonds for forty years it means that the tax payers will have to work out one hundred thousand dollars before they are clear of the bonds. We are not venturing to give advice beyond saying that this is too important a question to be lightly passed upon or neglected.

LET THE CONVICTS MAKE CORN.

It has been suggested that the superintendents of the convict camps in Johnston County would be performing a patriotic duty if they would rent several acres of land and plant corn and other crops for the feeding of the stock used by the convict road force.

The management of the State Farm is planting every possible acre of land that can be spared for this purpose in corn and other grain crops. If this plan is good for the State Farm in working the convicts to produce food crops, why would it not also work equally well for the management of the county convict forces? A few acres of land might be rented and the manager take his force one day a week and make many barrels of corn. This would be a great help in feeding the mules of the road force. The stable manure raised at the camps could thus be put to a good use.

This idea, suggested to us by Mr. W. M. Sanders, who is one of the directors of the State Penitentiary, seems to be a good one and we thus pass it on to the superintendents of the convict camps in this county.

Planning day, plowing day and planting day should now take the place of pleasure and play days.

Russia's cry to America is for money, munitions and railroad rolling stock. The great Republic of the North needs these more than she does men.

If the German food riots and strikes among munition workers, which are reported from Germany, continue for many weeks we may not be surprised if the Hohenzollerns find themselves in the same box with the Romanoffs.

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A clip has been invented to hold a pencil on a telephone, while a chain prevents it being carried away.

ALBERT COATES WINS CONTEST

Second Prize Is Awarded To J. L. Crumpton, the Representative of Elon College.

Greensboro, April 21.—Albert Coates, of the University, was the winner in an Inter-Collegiate Peace Oratorical contest at the State Normal and Industrial College 1:30 evening. Dr. F. S. Blair, of Guilford College, who is a representative of the American Society, is organizer and manager of the North Carolina contest which takes place annually. The winner of the first prize of \$75.00, Mr. Coates, will participate in the final contest at Lake Mohonk, New York. His subject was "America's Contribution to Peace." The winner of the second prize of \$50.00 was J. L. Crumpton, of Elon College, who had an interesting plan for a world court after the war. Other institutions represented were Lenoir, Atlantic, Christian, Trinity, Wake Forest, and Davidson Colleges. The judges were Mrs. C. D. McIver, J. C. Forester, J. D. Wilkins, Rev. L. G. Folk, and M. Oettinger.—News and Observer.

Blockade Still Taken.

It was reported to Sheriff Grimes Sunday at noon that a blockade distillery was at that time in full operation in the woods near Peedin's Crossing and near the Central Highway. The sheriff at once summoned deputies C. H. Johnson, H. V. Rose and David and Bernice Jones and with them went to the woods where the still was reported. The still was easily located and was found to be in full running order. At the still was a man by name of Rose and one by name of Jim Hughes. These were placed under arrest and within a few minutes a negro by name Jim Fowler came up and was also arrested. Dixon Davis had been reported as the owner of the still. Deputies Johnson and Jones went in search for him and found him asleep in a neighbor's house near the still. Davis was implicated with other crimes besides that of illicit handling of whiskey and was arrested and taken to Smithfield and lodged in jail. The still was a copper outfit. Eleven barrels of beer was destroyed and about a gallon of whiskey was taken.

Rose, Hughes and the negro were released.

How About the Road Bond Election?

Editors Smithfield Herald: Dear Sirs: In local and Johnston County and some State matters, many of your readers look to you as our "polar star." A Smithfield township road bond issue is now pending. Now, I desire to know if there is to be a new registration? and if so, When? Second, Will a majority of the votes cast or a majority registered, decide the result?

Third, Will the adoption of the proposed bonds relieve us of the present "road tax?" Is there any species of property exempt from this taxation? We want good roads and maintenance, and know we will have to pay for them, and are willing to do so, but if the present "road tax" is to be continued, in addition to the bonds, if carried, and a full registration is obtained, the sentiment in this neck of the woods will be "no bonds." Please enlighten us.

Respectfully,
C. S. POWELL.
Smithfield, N. C., April 23rd, 1917.

Our Country Is at War.

Every pound of non-perishable food produced; every pound of loss or waste prevented is a help.

In view of this fact it is the duty of every farmer to provide a large crop of grains and foods and the necessity of protecting same from the damage of injurious insects. Therefore it is the duty of every producer to notify the county agent or the State Entomologist of these outbreaks so that the food crops can be protected. This is in line with the suggestions passed out by the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., and I hope that you will give this your full co-operation.

LACY JOHN.

Revival At Kenly.

Kenly, April 23.—The Sunday night service closed the revival meeting which has been conducted in the Methodist church here, during the past week, by Doctor L. L. Nash. Doctor Nash is an able and well known evangelist of the Methodist church. He has been in religious work for nearly forty-five years, and has occupied some of the most important appointments in the North Carolina Conference. Notwithstanding the fact that he labored under considerable difficulties here the services were reasonably well attended. The sermons were strong and appropriate and great good was done to the whole community. Several children handed in their names for church membership.

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Anthracnose In Cotton.

This is probably the most destructive cotton disease in the County. The Half and Half cotton is very susceptible to this disease. In this part of the county everywhere the Half and Half cotton has been planted there is general complaint as to loss from anthracnose. Some of my neighbors have suffered a loss of twenty-five per cent due to this disease.

The disease is largely carried over from year to year in the seed. No mode of seed treatment has proven reliable, therefore only seed from resistant varieties or which are free from the disease should be used. Those who are interested in a variety similar in growth to the Half and Half cotton, I would suggest Jones' Improved. This variety at present is free from anthracnose, but is not resistant. One of the resistant varieties to this disease is the Cleveland Big Boll.

J. W. WILLIAMSON.
Wendell, N. C.

Southern Railway Double Tracking.

Washington, D. C., April 23.—Final steps towards giving the Southern Railway System a double track line all the way from Washington to Atlanta, 649 miles, were taken when contracts were let for grading on the 71.5 miles between Charlotte, N. C., and Mt. Zion, S. C., the only part of the line not already in service as double track or under construction. In order that this work may be completed as rapidly as possible it was let in six sections, running from 5.8 miles to 18 miles in length.

Between Washington and Charlotte 368.5 miles of double track are now in service, leaving only 13.2 miles of single track on which construction is being rushed as rapidly as possible. The uncompleted sections are in the mountains of Virginia, 9.5 miles between Covesville and Elma, and 3.7 miles between Tye River and New Glasgow.

The new \$800,000 American Red Cross building in Washington City will be formally dedicated and turned over to President Wilson as the head of the organization, on the afternoon of May 12. The dedication will be the occasion for the first mobilization of uniformed women war workers ever held in the United States.

In 1909 the value of sugar beets per acre was exceeded by four other crops—hops, tobacco, sugar cane, and sweet potatoes. The acre value of beets was nearly four times the value of corn or wheat, and more than four times the average acre value of all cereals.

The commencement exercises of Wake Forest College will take place May 23-25. The literary address will be delivered by Henry Churchill King, of Oberlin College on May 24. The graduating class numbers 112.

Goethal's Joke.

A Chicago amusement agent sought out Colonel Goethals and besought him to undertake, on the completion of his mammoth task, a lecture tour devoted to the Panama Canal.

But the engineer hemmed and hawed. He did not seem over-enthusiastic about the lecture-tour idea. "A Panama Canal lecture," said the agent, "would go like hot cakes, sir. Like hot cakes. We'll illustrate it, of course."

Colonel Goethals gave a wry smile. "What with?" he said. "Slides?"—Buffalo News.

Attention Confederate Veterans!

The County Commissioners will be asked to pay the railroad fare for all Confederate Veterans to the Washington, D. C. Reunion in June. All those desirous of going will please write me at once. Don't delay.
C. S. POWELL.
Smithfield, N. C., April 14, 1917.

NOTICE.

I will hold Registration books open for Smithfield township from April 9th to April 28th, 1917, for the purpose of registering all qualified voters for the election to be held Tuesday, May 8th, 1917, "For Good Roads" or "Against Good Roads," under State aid. I will be at my office next to W. T. Holland's Garage. New registration is required.
D. T. LUNCEFORD.
Registrar Smithfield Township.
This April 9th, 1917.

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