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A RED CROSS MASS MEETING.

Will Be Held In Smithfield Opera House Sunday Afternoon, June 24. Patriotic Addresses and Songs Will Feature the Occasion. Smithfield and Community Wants to Have a Part In the Raising of the Hundred Million Dollars Red Cross Fund Asked For by the President. Four O'clock Is the Hour.

A Red Cross Mass Meeting will be held in the Smithfield Opera House Sunday afternoon, June 24, at four o'clock, for the purpose of trying to raise some funds for the great Red Cross Society. An effort is being made this week to raise \$100,000,000 in the United States. Raleigh and other towns in the State are rallying to the cause most liberally and Smithfield and Johnston County are also expected to do their part.

An effort is being made to get Hon. James H. Pou, of Raleigh, and Col. John F. Bruton, of Wilson, to be here and make addresses. There will also be short talks by the home folks. The several choirs of the town are asked to attend and take part in all the song service. It is to be a patriotic occasion and all the people of the town and community are earnestly invited to be on hand.

The work is a great one and is important in times of war as the surgeons and the soldiers. Thousands and thousands of lives are saved for noble service through the ministrations of the Red Cross. Let the people of Smithfield and community for miles around be on hand at the Opera House Sunday afternoon, June 24. Remember the hour is four o'clock.

In a great crisis like this all may have a part. Some of our bravest and best young men will go to the front and perhaps give their life's blood for their country. Others will give another kind of service. All cannot go to France, but all can give some of their means, it matters not how little, to aid in the cause of world democracy.

GETTING READY FOR FALL.

Crops, Stock and Labor Survey of Johnston County.

(By J. M. Johnson.)

The State Agricultural Extension Service in co-operation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture is making a farm to farm survey covering the acreage in the different farm crops, the number of life stock of different classes on the farm this year as compared with last, and the amount of labor now available and the extra labor needed in harvesting and housing crops.

On twenty-four farms visited Monday and Tuesday the crop acreage has increased from 3,105 for 1916 to 3,530 for 1917. The most significant increase is in corn, of which crop the average farm has nearly seven acres more this year than last. There is an increase of peas for seed of about 3½ acres to the farm. Hay on most farms does not show as large an acreage now as one year ago, but on one or two farms it has been increased very greatly. Small grain shows a fair increase, while cotton has increased slightly.

The big increase though is in food and feed crops. With good seasons and fair cultivation the rest of the year our farmers are going to be much more independent of the North and West than ever before.

While hay acreage does not show the desired increase at the present, there is time and land yet available to give this crop the largest acreage it has ever had. An interesting observation was made by the parties making the survey Monday when they visited a farm a few miles south of Raleigh. The farmer had two wagon loads of baled hay, but his teams were headed away from home. Inquiry showed that on some 20 acres of land hay was planted after wheat in 1916. The crop yielded slightly over two tons to the acre—and the surplus about 20 tons after taking care of the stock was being hauled to town where it had already been sold at \$25 per ton, cash. The cost of making the crop had not exceeded \$15 per acre or \$7.50 per ton. It is needless to say that this farmer is planting a larger hay crop this year.

With the increase in acreage there will be more labor needed this fall to harvest and house the crops. The survey is covering this point.

It is the object to handle the labor

problem through the office of County Demonstration Agent, Mr. Lacy John, to whom farmers should apply for blanks and instructions as to how to fill them out and send them in, if they want help in getting labor.

The survey is in charge of Mr. J. M. Johnson of the U. S. Department of Agriculture who spent Wednesday in Smithfield. He has an office at West Raleigh, from where survey and labor supply matters are handled.

The survey will cover about two hundred farms in Johnston County and the same number in Wayne and Wilson counties.

COAST LINE WANTS TO CURTAIL.

The Company Has Filed a Petition With the Corporation Commission to Take Off Several Trains.

The Atlantic Coast Line Tuesday filed with the Corporation Commission a petition for the curtailment of its passenger service and the commission appointed June 26, Tuesday of next week, for the hearing, says W. T. Bost, writing from Raleigh to the Greensboro News.

The Southern's application will be heard in the morning and the Coast Line's in the afternoon. The Coast Line does not offer the "poor mouth" in advancement of its claim. It puts up 100 per cent patriotism and says it is not driven to do this by reduced revenues.

"The public generally and your commission are so well advised of the necessity of some action along this line that we deem it unnecessary to give these reasons in detail," the letter says. "The conditions brought about by the European war caused an unprecedented and abnormal increase in traffic on American railways which, in many cases, overtaxed their capacity. This was the situation when the United States declared war and since then the necessity for co-operation is imperative. After careful consideration of the subject, we have endeavored to select and believe we have selected the trains, the taking off of which will create the least inconvenience to the public generally. In arriving at this selection we have not at all been influenced with the idea of saving money, nor is there any purpose to avoid our duty of well and faithfully serving the public. Our action is taken simply to save man power, fuel and motive power which would be applied to the transportation of the necessities of life and the proper prosecution of the war."

The trains to be taken off would be Nos. 72 and 73, between Weldon and Kinston; 56 and 57, between Plymouth and Tarboro; 90 and 91 between Wilmington and Rocky Mount; 64 and 65 between New Bern and Wilmington; 59 and 60, between Wilmington and Fayetteville; 57 and 58, between Wilmington and Chadbourn; 66 and 67, between Fayetteville and Bennettsville, S. C.

The Coast Line's reduction is hardly so sweeping as the Southern's and covers less territory considerably. No opposition to this has been heard yet, though the Southern's plans are to be sharply contested. The shippers and travelers of the western section have indicated that they will be down here in big numbers. Nevertheless, the government is backing the Southern and the likelihood of staying its hand isn't great.

Talton-Roberts.

Selma, June 20.—On last Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride in Selma, Mr. Henry T. Talton and Miss Lillian Roberts were married, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. K. Proctor. The wedding was a quiet one, only a few relatives and friends being present. The marriage took place at 2:30 and the happy couple immediately boarded a west bound train for a wedding tour to Asheville and other Western North Carolina points. The bride is the lovely daughter of Mr. W. B. Roberts and has many friends whose best wishes follow her on her voyage over the matrimonial sea. Mr. Talton, who is a brother of Mr. Ralph Talton, of Smithfield, is a young man of sterling qualities who has been in the employ of the Southern for the past several years.

Out of town guests who attended the marriage were, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Turnage, of Wilson's Mills, and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Talton, of Smithfield.

MR. HOOVER WARNS SENATE.

The Speculators in America Made Bread Higher Here Than in Belgium, England or France. We Must Do Something to Save and Conserve at This National Crisis.

There is one man in America who is in dead earnest about the things he is trying to do. That man is Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator. He appeared before a group of senators in Washington Tuesday and outlined his plans. The following is a partial report of his outlines, as it appeared in the Baltimore Sun Wednesday:

Four basic measures of food control planned, Mr. Hoover said, were export regulation, control of distribution, including speculation, mobilization of America's women and men in a campaign for economy and against waste, and participation of the States in administration work.

Federal commissioners to control wheat, sugar and a few other "prime commodities" by regulation of production, storage, transportation and sale also were contemplated, he said, but instead of injuring farmers, as some have claimed, these things would benefit both producers and consumers without curtailment of middlemen's normal and fair profits.

Asserting that the Allies' food supply would be 40 per cent deficient even with America's food surplus assisting, Mr. Hoover said the deficiency must be made up by sacrificing abroad and economy here. Saving of 6 cents a day per capita in this country, he declared, would save \$2,000,000,000 while a 20 per cent saving in flour would give 100,000,000 bushels more to the Allies.

In this connection he told the Senators that speculators in flour alone had taken \$50,000,000 a month from the American public during the last five months.

"With righteous manufacturers and distributors' prices," he said, "the price of flour should not have been over \$9 a barrel. Yet it averages \$14. In the last five months \$250,000,000 has been exacted from the American consumer in excess of normal profits of manufacturers and distributors."

Mr. Hoover said that with all wheat imported, bread prices in Belgium were 60 per cent less than in New York city, while those in England and France were 30 to 40 per cent lower, with producers realizing the same prices.

"We now have a high cost of living," he continued, "beyond the abilities of certain sections of the population to withstand and to secure proper nourishment from the wage levels. Unless we can ameliorate this condition, and unless we can prevent further advances in price, we must confront further an entire rearrangement of the wage level with all the hardships and social disturbances which necessarily follow. We shall in this turmoil experience a large loss in national efficiency at a time when we can least afford to lose the energies of a single man."

KENLY NEWS.

Kenly, June 20.—The Annie Benson Wesley Class of the Methodist church held its regular meeting Monday evening from 8:30 to 10 o'clock, with Mrs. C. F. Darden, on Maxwell Heights. The class was called to order with Bible reading by the President, Mrs. A. J. Broughton. Reports from the chairmen of different committees showed that the class is doing splendid work. There being no other business, a salad course was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. R. T. Fulghum.

Little Virginia Darden entertained several of her little playmates Saturday afternoon, in honor of her 5th birthday. After different games, ice cream was served.

The Bright Jewels of the Methodist church will give a Missionary program and mite box opening, Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All ladies and children are invited. This band is doing excellent work under the leadership of Mrs. A. J. Broughton.

The ladies of the M. E. Missionary Society served a barbecue dinner at the Mayor's Office Thursday.

The awful question "What shall I have for dinner?" is easily answered if your shelves are full of home canned products.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

An Untimely Death Comes to Mr. Herman Boon. Mr. Jim Byrd Passes Away in Durham. Mr. Paschal McLamb Dies in Wilson Hospital. Revenue Officers Take Still In Pleasant Grove Township. Other Items of Interest.

Benson, N. C. June 21st.—Mr. S. F. Ivey, Deputy Sheriff, was a visitor to Raleigh, yesterday on business.

Mr. Jim Jones a prosperous farmer of Cleveland Township was a visitor at Benson Monday on business.

Mrs. Frank Draughan of Clinton recently spent several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whittenton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holland, Mrs. Chas. Johnson and Miss Leola Smith went up to Smithfield Tuesday for a short while.

Mr. J. P. Stell, of the Revenue Department, is in the city for a few days on matters connected with the Federal Government.

Messrs. M. T. Britt, J. H. Rose and J. M. Britt went up to Smithfield Tuesday afternoon on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith, of Dunn, were here Monday on a visit to friends for a few hours.

Miss Julia Canaday returned this morning from Aulander where she has been for several days visiting friends.

Mr. Cleon Austin, of near Clayton, was here Tuesday on business matters for awhile.

Mrs. L. B. Pope and little son, Busbee Pope, of Dunn, were here for a few days recently visiting relatives.

Miss Evelyn Boon returned yesterday from a several weeks visit to relatives in Elizabeth City and Norfolk.

Sheriff W. H. Turlington, of Harnett County, was here on business for a few hours Monday.

Miss Leola Smith, of Hillsboro, has been home for the past few days visiting relatives.

Mr. Aggie Godwin, of Coats, was here on business Monday for some time.

Miss Clara Young, of Smithfield, was here Sunday visiting Miss Valie Hill. She returned home Monday.

Messrs. J. R. Barbour and J. Will Moore were in Lillington Tuesday on business.

Senator J. Rob Baggett, of Lillington, spent a few days here recently on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jackson, of Sampson County, were here Sunday at the home of Mrs. Martha Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Britt went down to Clinton Saturday afternoon and spent Sunday there. Mrs. Giddens, who has been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Britt, returned home with them.

Mr. William Adams, of Four Oaks, was a visitor to our city Sunday.

Miss Swannie Paschal went to her home at Jonesboro Saturday and returned Sunday on a visit to relatives.

Messrs. Alonzo Lassiter and Elmon Lassiter and sister, Miss Estella Lassiter, were here Sunday visiting at the home of their sister, Mrs. W. H. Massengill.

Miss Pearl Hill is here on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Stanford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lassiter and children spent Sunday here at the home of their daughter, Mrs. George F. Moore.

Mr. J. Walter Myatt, of Cleveland township, was a visitor to our city Monday.

Mrs. Newit Allen, who was operated on at Rex Hospital at Raleigh, last week, is improving slowly and will return home within a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Spence, of Buie's Creek, are here this week at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. L. Hall, spending the week.

Mrs. Eliza Raper, of Lucama, is here for a few days visit to the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Stevens.

Mrs. Jane Liles, of Princeton, and Mrs. Bundy, of Farmville, spent Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whittenton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sanders, of Four Oaks, were here Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Moore.

Miss Annie Peacock, of Smithfield, was here for a few days recently on a visit to relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Liles, of Farmville, were here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Benton, Friday.

Mr. R. C. Hockaday was married

last Sunday afternoon to Miss Lula Johnson, a daughter of Mr. J. B. R. Johnson. The marriage was a surprise to the many friends of the parties here as it was kept very quiet and very few knew it till after the young couple were married. Mr. Hockaday is a prominent young man engaged in the mercantile business in our town and the bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. R. Johnson, of Benson. They will make Benson their home.

Mr. M. T. Britt, President of the Farmers Commercial Bank, and his little son, Deleon Britt, left yesterday for Wrightsville Beach to attend the Bankers Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee, of Clayton, are here this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Godwin.

Mr. Paschal McLamb, a son of Mr. Willie McLamb, was taken to the Wilson Hospital last Monday and died there from a complication of diseases and was brought back here for burial Saturday afternoon. He left surviving him a wife and two children, his wife being a daughter of Mrs. Mandy Morgan.

Mr. Jim Byrd, who moved to Durham a few years ago, died here last Friday and was brought here for burial Saturday afternoon. He was a son of Mr. John Byrd, of Harnett County and was married and left a wife and three children surviving him.

Revenue officers Stell, Moore and Flowers captured a large copper still Tuesday afternoon in Pleasant Grove township, it being a 60-gallon capacity outfit, with equipment complete. Several gallons of beer and other "greens" was also taken with the still. The operators were not captured although they were identified and will be captured later. The still was brought to Benson and destroyed.

Mr. Herman Boon, aged about 27 years, died here at the home of his father, Mr. J. H. Boon, after a short illness yesterday afternoon, and will be buried in the city cemetery this afternoon. Mr. Herman Boon was a bright young man, and has been a registered druggist for the past several years engaged in business in Elizabeth City, N. C., where he had made friends in his chosen profession. He leaves surviving a mother and father and several brothers and sisters to mourn his death. His health had been good up till a few weeks ago when he had to give up work and take a rest, and he had been confined to his bed for only a few days when the end came. He was a member of the Masonic Order and also an Elk. The funeral services will be conducted by the Masonic Order and the funeral will be preached by Rev. W. H. Rollings of the Baptist Church here, of which church the deceased was a member.

Miss Florence Johnson left last night for Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, Md., where she will take a special course in pipe organ music. She will be away for several weeks.

Mrs. J. W. Whittenton and sons, Marshal and Ransom Whittenton, left this morning for a few days visit to relatives in Raeford, N. C.

Deputy Marshal George Moore this morning served a warrant on Bud Spence, of Benson, charging him with violation of Federal Statutes forbidding the use of abusive language toward the President and language tending to incite men to disobey the Federal Registration Laws. The hearing was set for Saturday before United States Commissioner Young of Dunn. Meantime a one thousand dollar bond was required for his appearance before the commissioner.

Notice of Meeting.

We are requested to publish the following:

"There will be a meeting held at Peacock's Cross Roads, Saturday, June 23rd, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, to explain the bond issue and other business connected with the extension of the Carolina Central Railway from Lillington, N. C., by Benson, N. C., and through the Meadow township and on to the eastern coast at Swansboro, N. C.

"The bond issue has been misrepresented throughout the township, leading the people to believe the bonds (if voted by them) would be a total loss to the township. The matter will be explained next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Peacock's Cross Roads. Let everybody go to the meeting and hear the matter explained."

THE NEWS IN CLAYTON.

Ladies Organize Red Cross Society. Seventh Anniversary of Rev. A. C. Hamby of Clayton Baptist Church Was Celebrated Last Sunday. Other Items of Interest.

Clayton, June 20.—Miss Alto Debnam, of Selma, is spending this week here with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Griffin.

Mrs. Will H. McCullers is visiting relatives in Franklin, Va.

Mrs. C. W. Carter has as her guest her sister, Mrs. White, of New York.

Miss Alma Hall returned last Saturday from Fremont where she has been visiting for some time.

Mrs. J. D. Gulley spent last Saturday in Selma with relatives.

Messrs. C. E. Kornegay, Ed. Creech, Wilbur Perkins and Junius Peedin, all of Selma, were in town for a few hours last Sunday.

Messrs. Clifford Hamilton, Devan Barbour, Roy Gulley and Dr. V. M. Barnes spent last Sunday in Greensboro.

Mr. Allen Smith, of Smithfield, was in town on business Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Joe Whitaker, of Franklinton, spent a few hours here Sunday afternoon.

Miss Kittie Poole arrived Sunday afternoon to spend the summer here with her parents.

Mr. Walton, who has been here as druggist for Pope and Stallings for the past few months, left Monday afternoon for his home in Raleigh. This place will be filled by Mr. C. H. Beddingfield, one of our town boys who has just finished his course in Pharmacy at Page's School of Pharmacy, Raleigh.

Mrs. Riley R. Gulley and Miss Ruby Ellis are attending the summer school at the State University.

Mrs. Bennett Noe, Jr., and little Mary Carter Noe, are visiting friends at Pittsboro.

Mrs. Hardee Horne left Tuesday for Black Mountain where she will spend several weeks visiting friends.

Mr. Frank Jones spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Mrs. L. M. Edgerton and Miss Gladys Barbour spent Tuesday afternoon in Raleigh.

The many friends of Miss Pearl Lowry, of Apex, were interested to learn that on June the twenty-seventh she will be married to Mr. Joseph Crowder of that place. Miss Lowry has a host of friends here, having lived here all her life until a few years ago when her people moved to Apex.

Last Sunday morning and night at the Baptist church, the seventh anniversary of our pastor, Rev. A. C. Hamby, was celebrated. A special program had been arranged consisting of good talks and good music, which all present enjoyed.

The ladies of the town met in the school auditorium Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Red Cross Society. Much good may be done by this society and we hope the members all prove faithful.

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.

Growth of Cotton Retarded on Account of Cool Weather. Drought In Louisiana.

Cool weather retarded the growth of cotton in most central and eastern sections of the region, and the crop was further unfavorably affected in the southeastern portion, says the National Weather and Crop Bulletin issued Wednesday by the United States Department of Agriculture. Drought also obtained in Texas, but the crop stood this condition well in that State and made some growth; the drought situation in Louisiana is reported as serious. Decided improvement resulted in Tennessee. Fair progress only was made in North Carolina where warmer weather is needed. The early crop is fruiting northward to the lower Piedmont in South Carolina; is blooming generally and forming bolls in Florida; forming squares in Arkansas.

Rain in southeastern Louisiana and eastern Oklahoma benefited cotton. The crop is reported as small in Georgia and Mississippi, and in fair condition only in Alabama and South Arkansas. This crop in Florida is most promising. Boll weevil are reported in some sections in the South.

Canned berries are bird proof.