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GODWIN IS IN FAVOR OF A LARGER ARMY AND NAVY

Conditions in Eastern Carolina Improving; Farmers Happy Over 11-Cent Cotton.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Representative Godwin is here to make final arrangements tomorrow to have Joseph W. Underwood nominated for postmaster at Fayetteville.

Mr. Godwin said that he has always been for a strong army and navy and that he will support the administration's measures for national defense.

"I have always been a strong army and navy man," said Mr. Godwin. "I have great confidence in the President, however, and shall support the administration's measures as are necessary to make our fortifications stronger."

MR. BAGGETT TALKS AT LILLINGTON SCHOOLS

Lillington schools opened yesterday under the most auspicious circumstances. State Senator J. R. Baggett, of Lillington, who was a Raleigh visitor Friday night, "We have just completed two new buildings that would be a credit to a much larger place."

"About forty students—boys and girls—have enrolled for work in the farm life department and about 250 in the regular grades. Mr. Frank Hare is superintendent. Mr. T. L. Rahn principal of the farm life department, and Miss Mary White, of Raleigh, in charge of the domestic science department.

"We are also moving for good roads in Harnett," said Mr. Baggett. "We have fine new thoroughfares from Lillington to the Lee county line on the west and to Dunn on the east.

"Good roads and good schools in the county have been among the influences that have helped the town of Lillington to grow," said Mr. Baggett. "In four years we have grown from a population of three or four hundred to twelve hundred.

"Among the other improvements to be made is a complete system of electric lights and water works. Deep wells will be dug to furnish the water supply. Electric current for pumping water and for town lights will be obtained very probably from a water power on the Upper Little river a few miles from Lillington.

Mr. P. S. Cooper is in Georgia this week looking after his banking interests in that State.

NEWS LETTER FROM BENSON

Many Items of Interest to Our Readers Briefly Told.

Henson, Sept. 28.—Mrs. T. T. Laniar spent several days last week visiting relatives at her old home near Fuquay Springs.

Misses Pearl Stancil and Mollie Underwood, of Smithfield were visitors here for several days last week.

Mr. H. G. Mayo was a business visitor to Clayton last Monday.

Attorney E. F. Young, of Dunn, was here Friday on business for several hours.

Mr. Haywood Dixon of Sampson county, spent Friday with friends and relatives here.

Rev. M. T. Plyler, prosiding elder for the District, will preach here Thursday night at the Methodist church.

Mrs. John Parish returned Saturday from a several days visit to her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Hood, of Kenly, a visitor here Sunday for a few hours.

Mr. J. C. Warren, of Sampson county spent the day Sunday in town with friends.

Col. John Ryals has been spending several days with his son Lynn Ryals, in Duke.

Mr. C. J. Turnage, of Duke spent several days recently with her brother, Mr. S. E. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Smith and Mrs. Alice Smith spent the day in Raleigh Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Britt, of Newton Grove spent Saturday and Sunday here with their son, Mr. M. T. Britt.

Rev. C. A. Upchurch, of Raleigh, made two interesting talks at the Baptist church here Sunday morning and afternoon. He is an interesting speaker and his talks were very much enjoyed by the large crowd who heard them.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Harford, Mrs. Corneilla Jernigan, Mr. Dallas Stephenson and Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Johnson attended the Baptist Convention at Middle Creek Sunday.

Messrs. W. G. Parrish, J. R. Barbour, B. J. Matthews and J. B. Johnson attended court at Smithfield Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hodges and little daughter are here this week from Loris, S. C., visiting their father, Mr. A. W. Hodges.

Messrs. Hugh, Jesse R. and James Adams, of Four Oaks, were here today on business.

A revival will begin at the Baptist church on October 4th, and will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Duncan, assisted by Rev. Fred Collins, of Clinton, N. C.

Mr. J. A. McLean, of Selma, is here this week making an effort to establish a newspaper for the town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cox, of Sanford, were here Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives. They will move in a few days to Wisconsin where Mr. Cox is engaged in business.

The Ladies' Missionary Union of Johnston County will meet with the Benson Baptist church here on October 13th, and will be in session for three days.

Cotton is selling today for around twelve and a half cents. Quite a large amount of it has been placed on the market for the last few days.

Mr. Ed. Byrd, a highly respected citizen of Elevation township, died at his home yesterday morning of apoplexy. Mr. Byrd was eighty-seven and a half years of age and was a splendid citizen. He had raised a large family of children all of whom were useful citizens. His remains were laid to rest today at the family burying ground.

At the meeting of the Epworth League, of the Methodist church, Monday night, the following officers for the ensuing term were elected: President, W. O. Rackley; 1st Vice-President, Miss Ruth Jones; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. W. O. Rackley; 3rd Vice-President, Sara Parker; 4th Vice-President, Miss Florence Johnson; Secretary, Edgar Johnson; Treasurer, Willie Clifton.

Fifty years ago on Tuesday of this week two young Sampson county people plighted their troth and started out on life's journey together. These two, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Giddens, are still making their way leisurely together and on Tuesday celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the great event. They celebrated the day in a very quiet way but a number of their friends dropped in to wish for them many happy returns of the day. They were surrounded with evidences of the love of their children and grandchildren and were happy that they had been spared to live so long and bring so much happiness into the world. Mr. Giddens was born in Wayne County, came to this county after the war. Very soon after that he was married, his wife being a Miss Vann before marriage. Since that

LAD VISITS FATHER IN STATE'S PRISON

Couldn't Stand Separation So He Made Money and Took Train For Raleigh.

Because he could not bear separation from his father, the ten year old son of O. J. Messer, a Harnett county convict, ran away from the home of his uncle and came to Raleigh to see his father, and that in the face of the fact that the crime for which his father is wearing a felon's garb was the killing of the lad's own mother.

A few days ago clerks in the administration building at the penitentiary were surprised to see a little boy come limply in. He quickly told his business. He said he had never been separated from his father longer than three days at a time and that he could not stay away from him any longer. So he said he had worked for a neighbor and got some money, bought a ticket and came to Raleigh to visit his father.

The boy was taken to his father and allowed to spend several hours with his parent. Prison officials gave him dinner at the prison and then sent him to stay with his father's sister who lives at Caraleigh Mills. The next day he came back again, again he was allowed to spend several hours with his father, and again he took his dinner at the prison.

When his father was in jail at Lillington the boy visited him and was allowed to spend a part of the time in jail with him.

The sentence of the Harnett man is only for three years, there having been extenuating circumstances.—News and Observer, 24th.

Parker-Edwards

Wilmington, Sept. 23.—Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Annie Clyde Parker, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Parker, and Rev. Robert Grandison Lee Edwards, which is to take place at Fifth Street Methodist church of which Mr. Parker is pastor, on Tuesday morning, October 12, at 11 o'clock. The prospective groom is pastor of the Methodist church at Yanceyville and son of Rev. J. E. Edwards, who is pastor of the Methodist church at Hookerton.

Congressman H. L. Godwin returned Tuesday afternoon from a trip to Washington, having been called there to look after some departmental work.

SPARKS CIRCUS COMING TO BENSON

Reports Credit This Circus With Being Greatly Enlarged and Now One of the Leaders in Their Line.

Benson, Sept. 27th.—On Wednesday, last, Mr. J. C. Tracy, General Advance Representative for the Sparks Shows was in Benson making contracts and paving the way for the coming of the big circus.

Immense quantities of provisions of all kinds were contracted for from our local merchants, and the grounds known as the Ball Grounds and other space was leased for a latter October date.

From now until show day hardly a day will pass but what one or more agents of the circus will be in Benson looking after details, promoting public interest and thoroughly advertising the surrounding country. The circus employs over 50 people in the department of publicity alone.

Mr. Tracy has in his possession many newspaper criticisms of the show and they all speak in glowing terms of the excellent entertainment given and the honor's methods employed by the show management in doing business with public—no gambling or short change artists being allowed among its employees.

Our people will undoubtedly turn out en masse if the weather is at all favorable.

time the happy couple have made their home in Clinton and Sampson county. Mr. Giddens has always been prominently associated with the business, political and social life of the town and is regarded as a man of unusually fine character.

Mrs. Giddens has been a fine and loyal helpmeet in everything that her husband has undertaken. They have four children living: Messdames M. T. Britt, of Benson, and H. W. Darden, of Clinton; Messrs. Oscar Giddens, of Clinton and Frank Giddens, of Norfolk, Va. They have five grandchildren: Messrs. Paul, Henry, John and Andrew Stocumb and Master DeLeon Britt. Mr. Giddens is now 82 years and his wife 69. The Democrat hopes that the young couple may live to celebrate many more anniversaries.—Sampson Democrat.

NEWS FROM DUKE

Special Service of Welcome Held—Mission at Episcopal Church.

Duke, September 26.—A special service of welcome was held Sunday at eleven o'clock a. m. at the Methodist church in behalf of the forty new members recently received in the church. Mr. E. W. Barfield was the first speaker and read the subject, "Some temptations of new church members." L. E. Stancil spoke on "The Way to meet these temptations." E. E. Barstrow on "The relation of the old church members to the new." Rev. M. A. Osborne closed with a talk on "The relation of new church members to the church." The right hand of fellowship was extended to the new members by all Christian people present. Special music was selected for the occasion and the service was indeed a satisfactory one.

Beginning October 12th and continuing through October 15th, a mission will be conducted at the Episcopal church. Rev. N. C. Duncan minister in charge will be assisted by the Rev. T. Stracy Walsh, of York, S. C. The congregation is looking forward to a helpful and inspiring mission, preparing for it with cottage prayer-meetings and visiting committees. Mr. Walsh is a missioner of wide experience and enjoys the reputation of being a forceful preacher. Services will be every night at half past seven o'clock and every one is invited.

Revival Services Close at Duke.

Duke, Sept. 23.—Wednesday night brought to a close a ten day revival service at the Methodist church here. Outward results and effects declare this to be the best and most sweeping revival ever held in the Methodist church of this place.

The pastor, Rev. M. A. Osborne was assisted by Rev. J. A. Daily of West Durham. Wednesday night thirty-eight were received into the church, twenty-six of whom were baptized. There are still others who are expected to be baptized.

Many sinners are within the Bible, and eternity is approaching rapidly. The responsibility rests on us. Let us try to clear the stain from our State. Let us hope that when the census of 1920 is taken there will not be a single adult illiterate in North Carolina.

The First National has moved its business into the new building at the corner of Wilson and Broad streets, and they are now ready to serve you at their new quarters.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Press of State Greatest Factor in Health Education.

An interview with the Head of the Educational Department of the State Board of Health yesterday revealed the fact that health education has not yet reached the place where all is smooth sailing. In other words, that department feels that there is yet a stupendous task, the accomplishment of which they have only begun. They have found that ignorance and superstition don't belong exclusively to the moonlight school districts and that health education in North Carolina will have a long way to go even when illiteracy is wiped out.

"You may not believe it," said the editor of the Health Bulletin, "but we have not a few intelligent people to ask us if it really is true that mosquitoes carry malaria, and many yet contend that night air and dampness will certainly produce malarial fever," he continued, "we have not by any means eliminated it. Typhoid fever still has his friends and strong supporters because he didn't kill all the grandmothers years ago, because he let folks live as healthy lives then as you and I are living today.

"Not more than 10 per cent of the people in North Carolina yet know that it is curable which means that before tuberculosis can ever be stamped out the people must not only know that it is curable, but know that it must be recognized in its beginning and given specific treatment. Why, we haven't yet gotten away from the point where people still buy medicine for tuberculosis.

"But we are not discouraged. We've got people to talking health and that's a good sign. We believe there's strong public sentiment growing all over the State for better health and better living conditions, and it is this that encourages us and keeps us steadily at it. And then, too, the Press of the State has championed the cause of health. It is the greatest factor the educational work of the Board has and we value it as such."—State Health Bulletin.

OCTOBER HEALTHIEST MONTH

October is the healthiest month of the year. November, is its close second. In December the sickness rate rapidly begins to climb. October has the lowest sickness rate of all months in the year, especially from baby diseases. It is the month people enjoy most and feel the best. Why? The summer heat has passed, and closed, ill ventilated houses have not yet been entered. People live more in the open air; they walk, play tennis, foot ball and other outdoor games. They keep up their summer habits of bathing and living in the open.

In November colds and infectious diseases are more prevalent. People now live more inside and the windows have not been kept as wide open, especially at night. Most summer sleeping porches have been abandoned and winter has been accepted in full form. The consequence is there are more colds and a spread of contagious diseases.

In December the pneumonia rate begins to climb, reaching its maximum in February and March. Other hot-house diseases flourish accordingly, at this season of the year. In the same proportion as people close their houses during the winter, in the same proportion does the pneumonia rate rise, and not till people begin to unhouse in the spring does the pneumonia rate fall. The same is true of other impure air diseases.

It seems that a little wisdom exercised at this point would be both practical and sensible. Live outdoors as much as possible all the winter long. Get the habit now. Have abundant fresh air where you work and where you sleep. Keep your strong resistance to colds by a daily morning bath though it be only a sponge bath, and cultivate right living habits.—State Board of Health.

CHAPEL HILL LETTER

Chapel Hill, Sept. 28.—"With the exception of Louisiana and New Mexico, North Carolina has the largest percentage of native born white illiterates in the United States!" This was the declaration made by W. C. Crosby, secretary of the committee on Community Service, in an address at Chapel Hill on "Moonlight Schools in North Carolina."

"We boast of our good qualities in North Carolina but conceal our faults. We hide our illiteracy as a horse trader does an old sore. The tendency now is to uncover the sore and heal it with the salve of moonlight schools. In order to further the campaign against illiteracy, the month of November will be set apart and will be observed throughout North Carolina as "Moonlight School Month." A night school will be organized and conducted three nights a week for at least this one month in every school district in the State where such illiterates are to be found. The day school teachers will, in most cases, teach in these night schools. Five thousand teachers have already volunteered for these teachers a little bulletin outlining the work to be done. The work. The State Department of Education will place in the hands of each of these teachers a little bulletin outlining work to be done. The schools will hold twelve night sessions each month in reading, writing and arithmetic will be given. The reading book will not be a primer such as the children use but something which contains simple sentences and yet which concerns the movement of people with whom those attending the schools are acquainted, together with such sentences as would inspire their county pride and awaken them to continued effort. We want to get the old people interested in this work and get them out to these schools. It is a fact little known that one-seventh of the voting population of North Carolina cannot read or sign their names.

in addition to the town but to the county as well and it deserves the patronage of any who wish to place their children where they can get the best of its kind.

Plans are on foot to supply Lillington with light and water. No town in the state has a superior location for putting in a plant of this sort when it comes to the expense of the project. It will be a great step forward when this has been accomplished for it will help in making the town a more desirable place to live in every respect.

The Central Carolina Railroad from Lillington to Swansboro will be built and in operation inside of two years.

This statement was made last night by former State Senator Baggett, of Lillington, who has been active in promoting the new railroad. The road has been surveyed from Lillington to Mount Olive, according to Mr. Baggett, and it is expected that the work of actual construction will begin at an early date.

"Work would have commenced last year," said Mr. Baggett, "but for the fact that the war upset the financial world to such a degree that nearly all new projects had to halt for a time. Now I have it on good authority that the necessary financial arrangements have been made again and it seems that there is no likelihood of anything else occurring to delay construction work."

"Mr. W. J. Edwards is the moving spirit behind this road. He has been a successful railroad builder and I am confident he will push the Central Carolina through to a successful consummation. It will open a fine territory and prove a profitable enterprise."—Saturday's News and Observer.

Examining for Teachers.

The next county examination for will be held at the court house in Lillington on the fourth of October. This will be for white teachers only. The examination for colored teachers will be held on October 15th at the same place. Any who wish to teach in the county and who do not have certificated will please remember the date. We hope to begin the examination not later than nine o'clock.

B. P. GENTRY, County Superintendent.

Mr. Stern, manager of the Lafayette Theatre, at Fayetteville, was here yesterday for a few hours. He was advertising "The Red Room" along with some other shows which will appear there during the next ten days.

FROM THE COUNTY SEAT

Interesting News Items to the People of Harnett.

Lillington, Sept. 28th.—The splendid price being paid for cotton is causing much of the product to be brought to town these days. Like other markets Lillington is getting its share of the benefits derived from the increase in price. Signs of prosperity along all lines can be seen and the folks in this section are happier because more of their desires can be realized.

A meeting is in progress at the Methodist church in this town. Rev. J. H. Shore, of Dunn, is doing the preaching. The large congregations that go to hear him are delighted with the powerful sermons he is preaching. Mr. Shore belongs to that type of man that knows how to greet you in the street or in your place of business and always leaves you feeling good. He is fearless in the pulpit and preaches the Gospel in a most impressive manner. His congregations have grown at each service and his splendid sermons are making an impression on the entire community. In the absence of Mr. Shore and the regular pastor, the Sunday services were conducted by Mr. Hall of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Taylor of the Baptist church. It is good to find in a town this splendid spirit of helpfulness among the several churches.

The county Farm Life School, established about a year ago, has been in operation less than a week. The building is located on the west side of town and is second to none in the county and surpasses many of the school buildings in the larger towns of the state. It is modern and up-to-date in every respect. It is well equipped with the best on the market and nothing has been left out that will hinder progress or cheapen the class of work done. Besides the children from the town a large number from over the county have been enrolled. A well equipped dormitory is located near the building.

Mr. Gilles said that in order to have the proper facilities for the education of the children there must be co-operation by the entire community. "Without this co-operation and confidence," he said, "it is impossible to have the proper school buildings."

Mrs. Busbee's message was an appeal for the encouragement of the girls' canning club work and she told of the exceptional opportunity the canning work afforded for more efficient training of the girl for her home life. Mrs. Busbee compared the girl who is prepared to take care of the home with the one who has been merely taught to make chocolate cake and fudge, and asked the question why people have never thought it necessary to give a girl special knowledge on the subject that means life itself.

Both addresses were well received and made a profound impression upon those vitally interested in the improvement of school conditions was evinced by the conversation that followed. "We are certainly going to have that new school building" remarked one enthusiastic citizen after the meeting. —Sunday's News and Observer.

HAD 13 HUSBANDS; IS DEAD

80 Years Old Woman Dies Who Told of Sult.

Mrs. Polly Anne Wood Strodes, aged 80, who had been married 13 times, died here today at her home. Physicians say her death was due to shock over the filing of a \$10,000 damage suit against her last Saturday.

The suit was brought by James Handley, who was shot last February by Harrison Strodes, the 18th husband of Mrs. Strodes, who disappeared after the shooting, skipping \$500 bail that his wife had to pay. Mrs. Strodes then sued her husband for divorce and made it known at the time that as soon as she was given the decree she was going to look around for her 14th husband.

She said that husbands were the easiest things in the world to get, and that in spite of her many matrimonial experiences she still believed in men.—Evansville, Ind. Dispatch.

FUQUAY SPRINGS HOLDS BIG RALLY

People of Thriving Community Hear Addresses By Prof. Gilles and Mrs. Busbee.

Educational Day was enthusiastically observed yesterday at Fuquay Springs, the fast growing little Wake county town which boasts of having more than doubled its population every year during the last four. The big rally was held in connection with the Booster Club Chaquantanqua. Although it was the busiest day of the week, a representative audience gathered to hear the addresses of Prof. D. F. Gilles, superintendent of public instruction of Wake county, and Mrs. Jacques Busbee, in charge of the girls' canning club work of the county.

The visit and talk yesterday by Superintendent Gilles were significant because they marked Mr. Gilles' first trip to Fuquay Springs, since becoming head of the county school system, the visit affording him the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the school people of that section. In spending several hours here Mr. Gilles found no idle time. When not renewing old acquaintances, he was kept busy meeting the citizens active in bringing Fuquay Springs to the front. It was a visit well made and no one delighted in telling the people of the great possibilities before them more than Mr. Gilles.

In giving their messages, Professor Gilles and Mrs. Busbee presented two of the most important and fundamental problems of education: "Co-operation," and Mrs. Busbee telling how to train girls to be efficient homemakers. Mr. E. F. Smith presided over the meeting and introduced the speakers.

In launching out upon his subject Superintendent Gilles gave his audience a vivid picture of educational conditions in Fuquay Springs and brought the fact that the inadequate school building was the biggest drawback to progress in that community. But in mentioning the

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