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## Selma Man Is Spending Over \$50,000 in Benson

With an expenditure of approximately \$50,000 the Wood Grocery Company of Selma, are rushing to completion a modern cotton seed oil mill in Benson and as soon as this project is completed will begin the erection of a modern cold storage plant.

Last year the Wood Grocery Company purchased the cotton ginners of Johnson & Neighbors and in addition erected a modern plant, thus operating two ginners in Benson. This company operates a number of ginners in Johnston county and it is the purpose of Mr. Sam Wood, owner, to use the Benson Oil Mill to manufacture the cotton seed taken from his ginners. He has thousands of tons of seed on hand now and ready to begin work on as soon as his plant is completed.

This company also owns and operates the Benson Ice and Coal Company and it is in addition to this that the new cold storage plant will be erected. The cold storage plant will serve customers from McColl and Florence, South Carolina, throughout the intervening territory to Weldon on the North.

The enterprise of the Wood Grocery Company in Benson will employ around fifty men.

It is understood that other concerns have their eyes on Benson as a prospective place to locate. Those interested in sites and other concessions are requested to get in touch with the local Chamber of Commerce which now has on a drive for manufacturing plants of various kinds.

These manufacturing enterprises are a distinct step forward for the town of Benson and will no doubt serve as the initial step in a program of development which will make of Benson a manufacturing town within a few years.

Mr. Wood has taken kindly to Benson upon the urgent assistance of his manager, Mr. Ralph Burgess and no doubt will go a long way towards helping to build the town if given the cooperation he deserves from the town.—Benson Review.

## SELMA BAPTIST CHURCH—ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday-school at 9:45, G. M. Willets, Supt.

Preaching service at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Subject for the morning service, "The Second Coming of Christ."

Subject for the evening, "Father's Care for His Boy."

Note the change in the hour for the evening service.

## TRYING TO IMPROVE ON MOTHER NATURE

Kent, O., April 21.—Changing the color of the leaves on trees on one's private estate to please milady's fancy, or to match her favorite gowns, may become a fed of the future.

This seemingly fantastic idea is well within the realm of possibility, according to scientists of the Davey Tree Surgery research laboratories. Some day, they say, it may even be possible to have pink leaves on maple trees, yellow leaves on elms, and Alice blue leaves on sedate oaks.

Already they have changed the color of the leaves on many trees from green to crimson red and violet. This was done during the course of experiments made to find a way to immunize trees against insects and disease by injecting chemicals into the trunks. Some of the chemicals made startling changes in the color of the leaves.

Inasmuch as the research workers were not trying to outdo Mother Nature in providing a color scheme for the greater outdoors, they did not proceed farther along this line. But they have persisted in their efforts to control pests by the chemical injection method and hope eventually to succeed. Until such time they say, insect pests will be controlled by the spraying methods perfected in their laboratories and known to be effective.

In cooking bread pudding, corn mustard, and other dishes containing a large proportion of egg and milk, set the dish in a pan of surrounding hot water and bake in a very moderate oven until a knife blade will come out uncoated when used to test with.

## Prominent Banker Addresses Kiwanians

Miley C. Glover, Trust Officer of the Branch Banking & Trust Co. of Wilson, made a very interesting talk to the local Kiwanis club at their regular weekly luncheon last Thursday evening. Mr. Glover complimented the club for their good work in what they had done towards helping the farmers of this section, and also commented lengthily on Governor Gardner's effort to get the farmers of this state to raise what they consume at home. Mr. Glover complimented the club for their good work in what they had done towards helping the farmers of this section, and also commented lengthily on Governor Gardner's effort to get the farmers of this state to raise what they consume at home. Mr. Glover said that Eastern North Carolina was one of the finest farming sections in the world and there was no reason why we shouldn't raise the feedstuffs we consume and even raise enough to ship to other sections of country.

For the months of March the Selma club came third in attendance for the two Carolinas with a percentage of 98 per cent, Belmont, N. C. and Hickory, N. C. being the only clubs which made a better percentage.

## A TOWN'S WORST FOE

Like every town in America, Selma has some things it wishes it didn't have; some things we could get along far better without. At the head of the list of unnecessary evils with which we have to contend is the chronic gossip. We feel sure we have as few of these as any other community, yet so long as there is even one gossip in our midst it is one too many.

Everyone appreciates the value of constructive criticism. But there is a vast difference between constructive and destructive criticism, as much difference as there is between the citizen who goes out of his way to say something favorable about the town or its people and the one who with tongue of poison goes about whispering suspicious and ugly rumors. Nothing can bring more unhappiness to a community than the long-tongued man or woman who scattered a lot of "they say" whispers about their own townspeople. Nothing can assassinate the character of an innocent person more quickly or more cruelly than gossip. And the worst part of it is that the gossip is always among the first to raise his or her hand in surprise when the poisoned words have gotten in their deadly work.

## WEINER ROAST

Mrs. Mabel Humphrey entertained the members of her Sunday School class and a few invited guests at a very enjoyable weiner roast last Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock in "The Pines" north of Selma. Games were played and Mrs. Humphrey told the little folks stories. Then came the most interesting feature, roasting the weiners, and toasting the marshmallows.

Guests were: Dorothy Diehl, Helen Dixon Massey, Dora Jane Lumpkin, George Suber, "Mutt" Suber, Willard Johnson and Fred A. Woodard.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the kind people for their kindness shown during the recent illness and death of my husband. May God's blessings rest on every one.

Mrs. FANNIE WILLIAMS.

## WHAT EVERY BANKER CAN DO TO HELP

The bankers and the landlords are the key to cotton acreage reduction. Two things the farmer needs most to make money out of the 1930 cotton crop are: (1) A profitable price and (2) minimum financial obligations to be paid from his cotton.

Never before has the banker had a better opportunity to exercise a sound and beneficial influence over his customers.

The only certain means of raising less cotton is through acreage reduction. The Federal Farm Board asks that no lands be planted to cotton which has not made a profit in the last five years. It has been estimated that about 6,000,000 acres of such land should be planted to feed and food crops in 1930.

## Two Big Projects Expected to Be Started Here Soon

It is expected that much work will be going on here through the summer months. Work on the quarter million dollar Carolina Power & Light Co. project is expected to start at an early date. This work will employ about sixty men through the summer months. This company has recently purchased 13 acres of land here and will build one of the most important substations of the organization.

A Chicago concern has recently accepted a contract to furnish commercial gas here and at Smithfield and it is expected that work will begin on this in a short time.

Two modern homes, one belonging to H. B. Dewar and one to J. V. Thorne are being constructed on North Pollock St. These houses will shortly be ready for occupancy.

## REVIVAL TO BE HELD AT SELMA BAPTIST CHURCH

The Baptists of Selma are making extensive plans for their revival which will begin on fifth Sunday in June. Committees have been appointed to take care of the various phases of the work previous to and during the revival. The local church will offer the town of Selma and surrounding communities the opportunity of hearing for two weeks one of the leading evangelists of the Baptist Denomination. John W. Ham, of Atlanta, Ga., is widely known both as a successful pastor and evangelist. He holds revivals in some of the largest cities as well as small towns. He has just recently closed a great meeting in Dayton, Ohio, and is now in meetings in Thomasville, Ga. After his Thomasville meeting Mr. Ham will go to New York City for his second meeting there of this season, then he will come to Selma for his first service on June 30th.

Prof. A. E. Lynch, of Buie's Creek, who has had wide experience in teaching music and evangelist singing will direct the music during this revival. It is the hope that this may prove to be one of the greatest spiritual revivals that the community has had for many years, that all the local churches may receive great spiritual blessing.

## MAKING HOME SAFER

Now that traffic is growing heavier than at any other time of year we naturally look for a mounting toll of accidents and deaths. But we are wrong in believing that mishaps are limited to riding in autos. Dangers in the home are almost as great as on the road. We learn from figures compiled for the year 1929 by the National Safety Council that 40 percent of all accidents last year came from falls, burns, cuts, explosions, asphyxiations and the like.

Anything that offers protection from injury interests everybody. So in the hope that it may serve to prevent numerous mishaps in homes around Selma we reprint here the rules offered by the Safety Council in its campaign to make the home a safer place to live in:

Do not start a fire with gasoline or coal oil.  
Do not attempt acrobatic stunts in the home—such as standing on ladders, chairs or window-sills—unless you have a firm foundation or are otherwise protected from falling.

Keep medicine chests where children cannot get in them and never take any medicine yourself from a bottle in the dark.

Do not start an auto in a close garage in cold weather.  
Do not point a gun at anyone, even though you are sure it isn't loaded.

Use reasonable care and precaution in performing your daily chores about the house.

## TAKE CRIPPLE CHILD TO S. C. HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Call left Monday afternoon to take little Pauline Lamb to the Shriner's hospital in Greenville, S. C. The little girl has been a cripple the entire eleven years of her life. This hospital gives free treatment to worthy patients. Mr. Call has had application in for some time and the message came for her to be in the Clinic on Tuesday morning, April 29. Mr. Call very kindly offered to take her. Mr. and Mrs. Call will visit relatives in Mocksville before returning.

## Sister of Governor Bickett Sends Warning To North Carolinians

Mrs. Annie Bickett Ashcraft, sister of our beloved war governor, W. Thomas Bickett, is spending the winter in New York, and writes to her North Carolina friends, warning them of the danger ahead.

Mrs. Ashcraft says she attended a mass meeting of the wets in Carnegie Hall recently, and what she saw and heard appalled her. She says she was an uninvited guest and went out of curiosity, to see how any body of American citizens could call themselves "Crusaders," and on a Sunday night sing the Star Spangled Banner, in defiance of all that banner stands for. "Crusaders" for liquor and it's unrestricted sale in the United States! "It's no wonder they did not dare ask God's blessing on such a meeting!" comments Mrs. Charlotte Story Perkinson, of Raleigh, Assistant State Manager for Senator Simmons.

Mrs. Ashcraft's warning follows: "TO YOUR TENTS, OH NORTH CAROLINIANS!"

Last night in Carnegie Hall we had the spectacle of the Democratic party, sponsored by the National organization of "The Women's Committee for the Repeal of the 18th Amendment," holding a mass meeting in New York City, advocating throwing into the discard our prohibition laws. The auditorium was artistically decorated with the Star Spangled Banner. The organist, Pietro Yon, of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, the finest Catholic Church in America, dispensed beautiful music. A large motto "Crusaders" was conspicuously displayed. The great building was practically filled, except the last galleries. Madame Lucrezia Bori sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," the audience joining in the chorus. Mrs. Charles H. Sabin, former Congress-woman, now National Chairman for the Woman's Committee for the Repeal of the 18th Amendment, introduced Mrs. John Godfrey Saxe, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee on Elections, who spoke. Miss Florence Kahn, Congress-woman from California, also spoke. Congressman Beck, from Pennsylvania said among other things:

"For ten years those opposed to prohibition have not revolted, but that they had refused to obey, now that end of this tyrannical policy is in sight, we should not allow moral fanatics to tamper with our laws."

"He called upon the clergy of the Catholic Church who were present, who said that the eighteenth amendment was deadliest insult the church had ever had, because they had had to throw out the sacramental wine, at which Statesman-like utterance the priests shook their heads, smiling approval.

"There were two things most impressive to this 'stranger within the gates,' because of their absence, although at the close of a Lenten Sabbath Day service, and the clergy were there, they had no invocation for Divine guidance or blessing, no reading from the Book, which is 'a lamp unto our feet.'"

"To Your Tents, Oh North Carolinians! and meditate upon 'Am I my brother's keeper?'"

"ANNIE BICKETT ASHCRAFT."

## AT THE SELMA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

D. L. Moody says that Samson thought God was with him when He was absent, and Mary thought He was absent when He was present. This being true there perhaps may be many Marys today, but no doubt many Samsons. The best place to keep in close touch with Him is in His church, where He is with His people. Just one preaching service each Sunday, let us make it the very best possible by attending and taking some part after we get there. The songs need to be sung WELL, every prayer should be the expression of every sincere heart. Services next Sunday night at 8 P. M. Notice the change to 8 o'clock.

D. F. WADDELL, Pastor.

## MRS. C. B. WADDELL IS IMPROVING

Her many friends in Selma will be glad to learn that the condition of Mrs. C. B. Waddell, who has been so gravely ill, following an operation at the Johnston County hospital, has taken a turn for the better. Her daughter, Mrs. Ben Horner, of Indianapolis, Ind., has arrived in Selma and with other relatives is anxiously watching at her bedside.

## Dr. Richard J. Noble Dies At His Home Here

### Funeral Conducted from Selma Methodist Church Monday Afternoon, and Interment Was in Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh.

In the passing of Dr. R. J. Noble at his home here early Sunday morning, Selma has lost one of its pioneer citizens. Dr. Noble was brought to his home here from the Johnston County Hospital where he was carried for treatment following an accident with his automobile between Smithfield and Clayton on April 19, when his car ran off the shoulder of the wet pavement and skidded causing him to receive injuries which later set up pneumonia and finally terminated in his death at his home here at 1:50 o'clock last Sunday morning. He was 77 years old.

The funeral services were conducted from the Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church here at 2:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon of this week by his former pastor, Rev. C. K. Proctor, assisted by Rev. D. M. Sharpe, the present pastor of the church. The church was crowded to overflowing with sorrowing relative and friends from far and near, representative of men, women and children in all walks of life. Mr. Proctor paid a beautiful tribute to the life of Dr. Noble as he told something of his character and usefulness to his home, town, county and state. The services were concluded at Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Masons who conducted the burial rites, the deceased having been a member of the Masonic Order for more than fifty years. Members of Fellowship Masonic Lodge No. 84, of which he was a member, officiated at the services held here prior to leaving for Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh. The floral offerings were numerous and exceedingly beautiful.

Dr. Noble was born in Louisburg, October 16, 1853, the son of the late Capt. A. M. and Mary Primrose Noble. In 1867 he moved with his parents to Selma where he and his brother, Dr. M. C. S. Noble of the State university grew to manhood. He read medicine under the late Dr. Joshua W. Vick of Selma while attending the local school and later graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine of Louisville, Ky., in 1875. After graduation he returned to Selma and began the practice of medicine which he continued to follow until a short while before his death, having practiced nearly 55 years. He was greatly beloved by his many patients who lived in Johnston county. He illustrated the best traditions of the country doctor of the old school.

Dr. Noble was married on the 16th of December 1880 to Bettie Devara Moore who died March 25, 1925. To this union were born five children, four of whom are now living: Dr. Robert P. Noble of Raleigh; A. M. Noble of Smithfield; Anne S. Noble of Selma, and Walter Moore Noble of Brawley, Calif., a son, Richard Jordan, Jr., having died in infancy.

Dr. Noble was a 32nd degree Mason, having taken all of the degrees of the Scottish Rite and of the York Rite, and was a member of the Shrine. Dr. Noble was made a master Mason in 1876 in Selma lodge, No. 320, of which he was elected Senior Warden in 1877 and Master of that lodge in 1878 and 1879. In 1879 he was Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and his upward course in that lodge was marked with the greatest interest in all its proceedings. He rose through the different offices of the lodge and in 1899 attained the high position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. He was a member of the building committee that erected the Masonic Temple in Raleigh and was a warm supporter of the enlargement of Oxford Orphan asylum.

Dr. Noble became a Royal Arch Mason in 1892 in Goldsboro, chapter No. 29 and was elected a Knight Templar in 1898 in Mt. Lebanon Commandary No. 7 of Wilson. He became a Shriner in May, 1898, and was elected Illustrious Potentate of Oasis Temple of Charlotte, in 1919. Dr. Noble had been a member of the Association of Southern Railway and Atlantic Coast Line Rail-

way Surgeons since their organization. He was a member of the local and state medical societies and the Selma Kiwanis club. He was the chairman of the graded school board of the Selma Graded School District during which time was built the most modern school building in Johnston County. It was his pride. He became a member of the Methodist church at Selma in 1894 and was at all times a faithful and consistent member, serving for many years as steward. He was active in all good work and movements in his county and state, deeply interested in public education, giving his time to promoting the public need. He was widely known and had many friends in all parts of the state.

## BLACKMAN'S CROSS ROADS

It seems the Democratic paper has news from this section, and as most of our people are Republicans, let us have news too.

We notice in their reports they tell of the "taters" and hogs, etc.; about the Poland China and Duroc Jersey hogs, but there is another kind that gets in our community sometimes, they failed to mention. These are not ground hogs but Road hogs; they are the fastest and most dangerous hogs we have—in fact they will run over you and kill you if you don't get out of the road. They need education too. We are sorry to report the illness of Messrs. Julius A. Lee and J. M. Blackmon.

Mr. N. E. Lee, one of the oldest citizens of this section, passed over the River last Saturday and was buried Sunday. Mr. Lee was 8 years old, was a good neighbor and will be missed by his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wiggs visited in our section last Sunday.

Dr. Parker and family visited in our section Sunday afternoon.

Elder Xure Lee, of Ready Prong section, preached at the home of Mr. Elam Allen Sunday. Mr. Allen has been confined to his room for several months.

Mrs. F. P. Wood visited relatives in Smithfield last week.

Some of our fishermen have laid up their lines on account of the fishing restrictions, but say they have not received refunds on their licenses.

## ALVORD SEES 15 PER CENT REDUCTION IN SOUTHWEST

Charles H. Alvord, special representative of the Federal Farm Board, after a survey of the Southeastern States, declares that those in position to forecast estimate cotton acreage reduction from 12 to 15 per cent.

All States are expecting Texas and Oklahoma to take the lead in this movement. Production credit will be much restricted. Bankers and merchants are advising farmers to quit growing cotton at a loss.

## ATTENDS AUNT'S FUNERAL

Mr. Eugene Parker left Wednesday morning for Clinton, where he went to attend the funeral of his aunt, Lizzie D. Parker, of Parkersburg, N. C., the funeral being held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. She died in the hospital at Fayetteville Tuesday about 2:00 P. M. She is survived by one brother, J. F. Parker, of Clinton.

## NUMBER OF CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS IN STATE

Raleigh, April 30.—There are now 986 consolidated schools in North Carolina, 833 for white children and 153 for colored children, according to the current issue of State School Facts, publication of the Department of Public Instruction. A "consolidated school" is defined as a rural school which has been enlarged or formed by the addition of all or parts of one or more adjoining schools.

Within seven years, School Facts points out, there has been an increase of 631 consolidated schools in the State. Of the total 986 schools operating at present 170 have four teachers, 195 have five or six teachers, and 621 have seven or more teachers.