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## Textile Meeting Here Big Success

Prominent Men in Textile Manufacturing Industry From Eastern Part of State Were Here; 145 Registered.

The meeting of the Eastern Carolina Textile Association which convened in the Selma School Auditorium here last Friday is said to have been one of the largest attended meetings of its kind that has ever been held in the history of the industry. Prominent textile men were here from every section of Eastern Carolina.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock by the President Mr. N. B. Hill, Superintendent of the Caswell Cotton Mills at Kinston, following which Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the Methodist church here, offered the invocation.

Mr. Geo. F. Breitz, Superintendent of the Selma Cotton Mills, introduced Prof. F. M. Waters who delivered the address of welcome. In his introductory remarks, Mr. Breitz called attention to the fact that the meeting meant much to this locality since there was such an unusually good attendance, and too, that there was represented in this meeting an investment aggregating fifty or probably an hundred million of dollars.

In welcoming these distinguished men to Selma, Prof. Waters told them that while we did not have any skyscrapers, palatial buildings or spacious parks to show them while here, we could accord them a brotherly welcome emblematic of the home atmosphere and cordial greeting, and thus he assured them of the fact that we were more interested in building character and promoting education than we are of erecting fine buildings designed by the hand of the architect.

Mr. Walter C. Taylor, secretary of the Southern Textile Association, delivered the response to Mr. Waters' address. In replying to Prof. Waters, Mr. Taylor said that from the warm reception accorded him during his stay in Selma overnight, he was led to believe that Prof. Waters' remarks were duly warranted. He said that it was his first visit to Selma, but that his first acquaintance with the good people of Selma had impressed him with a home-like spirit which but few places had ever done. In referring to Prof. Waters' remarks on Education, Mr. Taylor reminded him that they were then about to open a session of school and that he would like to have Mr. Waters go to school with them for a few hours.

Registration cards were passed among the members with the request that they sign these cards and turn them in so as to get their names in the pot for lunch. There were about 145 who signed up for lunch.

The entire morning session was taken up in discussion of Carding. Each representative was asked to furnish some figures as to which scale was found to produce the best results in his particular mill. This brought out some rather interesting comparisons as the figures differed considerably in a number of instances. The purpose of this canvass seemed to be an attempt to ascertain if there could be worked out a common scale which could be made to fit into all the mills alike. While we did not understand all this procedure very well, we could see that there was rather a wide range of opinion among these mill experts, and at the same time the discussion and various comparisons brought out many points which, no doubt, will be of incalculable value to the industry.

Just before adjournment for dinner, announcement was made by Mr. G. F. Breitz that arrangements had been made to serve dinner at 1:00 o'clock, but owing to the large number present, the crowd would have to be divided, and instead of all going to the Kiwanis Hall as had been originally planned, that arrangements had been made with the Brick Hotel to feed 40 members of the Association and that all the others would go to the Kiwanis Hall. With this arrangement, all members were enabled to get a good dinner before resuming the afternoon program.

The afternoon session was mostly taken up with the discussion of Cleaning and Care of Spinning Frames and Care of Spinning Rings. Some interesting and helpful sugges-

tions resulted from this discussion, but it was brought out that owing to different atmospheric conditions and the different ways in which the lint was ginned and handled in various localities, it was very difficult to set any one single standard which could be applied to all mills alike.

During this discussion one of the things that got especial emphasis was the importance of educating the farmers to standardize on cotton staple as much as possible, as the grade of lint had much to do with its manufacture and was one of the worst hindrances in the way of its manufacture in a systematic way by the different mills, thus increasing the cost of manufacture, which, as we can all very readily see, is reflected right back to the farmer in a lower price for his raw cotton.

## Mrs. Octavia Jeffreys Is Taken by Death

Mrs. Octavia Jeffreys, one of Clayton's sweetest Christian characters, passed away at the home of her brother, Dr. B. A. Hocutt, last Saturday morning about 8:30 o'clock. Death came suddenly, while Mrs. Jeffreys was at the breakfast table and followed an illness of several months.

Deceased was the daughter of the late Irving W. Hocutt and Elizabeth Barham Hocutt. She was born in Johnston county in Oneals township and was 57 years old at the time of her death. She was educated in the Wakefield High School in the day when the late O. L. Stringfield was at its head, and later taught in the schools of Johnston county.

For a number of years past Mrs. Jeffreys had made her home with brother here, and by her quiet, unassuming nature and lovable disposition had endeared herself in the hearts of the people of the town and community. She was a member of the Methodist church and was active in the church work when physically able. Though a partial invalid for a number of years she retained her faith to the end and never lost contact with the brighter things of life.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. I. W. Hocutt, and two children, Miss Doris Jeffreys, of Asheville, and Nicholas Jeffreys, of Clayton. Also surviving are two brothers, Dr. B. A. Hocutt and Mr. Q. B. Hocutt, of Clayton, and one sister Mrs. J. D. Jeffreys, of Selma. One brother, Dr. John I. Hocutt, having died about twenty-five years ago.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home, conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. D. Dodd, assisted by Dr. Andrews, of the Baptist Church. Interment was in the new cemetery at Clayton.—Clayton News.

## MOTORCYCLE DRIVER IS KILLED IN WAYNE

Goldsboro, May 11.—A. B. Penny, 25, of Goldsboro, was killed early today when his motorcycle collided with an automobile driven by Glenn Wood, of Benson, about six miles from here.

Investigation this morning revealed that Penny was driving his motorcycle without lights and Sheriff W. D. Grant and Coroner T. R. Robinson, of Wayne county, decided an inquest unnecessary.

Wood said the motorcycle collided with his automobile on a sharp curve. Penny's body was badly mangled. Wood sustained a deep gash on his face when the windshield of his car was broken by the impact.

## T. E. L. CLASS MEETS

The T. E. L. Class of the Selma Baptist Sunday School held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. W. G. Ricks Tuesday afternoon, with 29 ladies present.

A duet by Mrs. G. M. Willetts and Mrs. A. Earp, was enjoyed by all. A contest was given, Mrs. Charles Fulghum being the winner.

The hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. W. G. Ricks, Mrs. George Vick and Mrs. C. Brown.

Delicious refreshments were served. Dr. C. P. Harper, of Selma, attended a State meeting of the druggists in Charlotte last week and reports a very successful meeting.

## Mayor of Selma Addresses Kiwanians

At the weekly Kiwanis luncheon last Thursday evening, Misses Maude Dunn and Margaret Grady, of Goldsboro, were guests of the club. Miss Dunn rendered two violin numbers, accompanied on the piano by Miss Mildred Perkins, which were very much enjoyed by the club.

Mayor Hare made a good talk on "Selma—Past, Present and Future." He said that there was a better spirit of cooperation in the town now than there had ever been since he could remember. He also said that the town was going forward rapidly as is evidenced by the shortage of houses and the increase in electricity used. He predicted a big industrial development here in the next few years. In the course of R. J. Noble, devoted Kiwanian, who passed away a short while ago. He said that Dr. Noble was a loyal booster and worker for the town and would be missed by both the town and the Kiwanis club.

## RANSOM EVANS IS INSTANTLY KILLED

Ransom Evans, aged about 20 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Evans of Princeton, met a violent death Monday night when the automobile turned over, pinning him underneath and breaking his neck. Albert Holt, also of Princeton, who was riding with him, was unhurt.

These young men, driving a Ford roadster, had gone across Neuse River. On returning home the car got into a sandbar near Richardson's bridge and turned over. The accident occurred about nine thirty o'clock Monday night, May 5, 1930. Ransom sustained no bruises or cuts, but his neck was broken and he died instantly.

He was smart, kind and a loving friend. He was always ready to help any one in any way he could. To know him was to love him. Ransom was loved you know, words never can tell how much. He is missed at the home place, and especially the kind words that he spoke.

We all miss him, but we feel that his soul is at rest.

The funeral service was conducted at three o'clock at his home by Rev. Walter Williams.

He was laid to rest in the Princeton cemetery beneath beautiful wreaths of flowers to await the Resurrection morning.

He is survived by his mother, his father, four sisters, Bessie Mae, Essie Gay and Arkatie Evans and Mrs. Jimmie Howell of Burlington and six brothers, Wade, Oscar, Gurney, Robert, R. D. and Elmer Evans and a host of friends and loved ones.

Written by two friends, ADDIE MASSEY and JULIA AYCOCK.

## AT THE SELMA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sabbath School at 10 o'clock.

Preaching services 8 P. M.

Why go to church at all? Many people do not, they say they can live just as good a life and never bother about going to church. That is a right broad statement. Will a plant grow without rain? Will one rain suffice for a season? The same God who created the plant and herb also created the human soul. Many a soul has wilted and withered away, died, for the lack of spiritual nourishment, just as plants are doing now without rain, and they are unconscious of it. How surprised some day they will be, and how disappointed. But there will be no one to blame except "self." Listen what God says:

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money: come ye, buy and eat." Isa. 55:1.

The Presbyterian Church welcomes you to service next Sunday.

D. F. WADDELL, Pastor.

## AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Duncan Thomas will conduct the preaching services at the Episcopal Church here next Sunday, May 18, the services having been changed from the fourth Sunday to the third Sunday for the month of May only.

Mr. M. L. Stancil had as his guests Sunday afternoon two of his brothers Messrs. J. C. Stancil, of Smithfield, and D. H. Stancil, of Garner.

## Selma Negro Dies From Poison Gas

Was Working at the Selma Factory of The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.

Will Curtis completed his day's work at the Selma plant of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company last Monday and went to his home as usual without any one at the plant suspecting that anything was wrong with him, but after he got home he was taken seriously ill and Doctor Vick was summoned at once. As soon as the mill authorities learned of his illness from gas poisoning at the plant, a hurried trip was made to Goldsboro for some Oxygen and Amonia Dioxide, this being one of the first aids used to counteract the poison, the supply in Selma having been exhausted. Drs. Vick, Person, Booker and Davidian were all called in consultation and it was then decided to take him to the Johnston County Hospital Tuesday afternoon where he died in a few hours after arriving there.

Curtis is said to have been with the Selma factory for a long time and had been subjected to the gas as Nitrogen Dioxide on many previous occasions without any ill effect, as well as a number of the other men in the factory. He was cleaning out the gas chambers in the acid plant. This gas is said to be very poison, but the factory always keeps a man in charge of this department to look after the men and see that they do not remain in it too long because it is said that any one working in it may get too much without knowing it at the time, and a man is kept on the job to see that none of the men take too great a risk. This procedure having been carried out as usual, and the fact that the Curtis negro was not subjected to any unusual conditions and showed no sign of poisoning when he left the factory, it is thought that the condition of his system at this particular time was responsible for his death. The mill authorities furnished every aid possible to overcome the poison as soon as they learned of his condition, but to no avail.

Curtis was about 45 years old and leaves a wife and several children.

## Dr. Henry Louis Smith To Deliver Address

The approaching commencement exercises of the local high school promises to be one of the most interesting in the history of the school.

The fact that Dr. Henry Louis Smith, former president of Washington and Lee University, is to deliver the Literary address adds unusual interest to the affairs. Dr. Smith has been one of the South's most brilliant educators for a number of years and the people of Selma and vicinity are peculiarly favored to have him come on this occasion. A few of the residents of Selma were fortunate enough to attend a school taught by him in Selma where the home of Capt. C. B. Waddell now stands a number of years ago. Among them are Dr. Geo. D. Vick, Mrs. R. L. Ray, Miss Sally Kirby, Mrs. Lulu Barden, Mr. W. T. Kirby, Messrs. Ira and Charlie Rains, Mrs. C. J. Joyner, Messrs. Dock and Dan Oliver of Pine Level, Mrs. J. D. Spiers of Richmond, Va., Mrs. J. A. Wellons, of Smithfield, Mrs. Henry Edgerton of Kenly and Atlanta, Mr. Ransom Pike of Micro, and others. Dr. Smith will deliver the Literary address on Thursday evening, June 5 in the high school auditorium. A reception for his old students, immediately following the exercises, is being planned and these are all cordially invited to be present.

In next week's Johnstonian-Sun there will be an article by Dr. Henry Louis Smith, a reprint from the Washington and Lee Bulletin, entitled, "Turned Loose On Main Street."

## SACRED CONCERT AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM SUNDAY AFTERNOON

There will be a sacred concert held in the Selma School auditorium next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, under the direction of Mr. Johnson, from Raleigh, who has been giving the Selma Concert Band some special training this spring. There will be two numbers from each of the churches here, and the public is cordially invited to attend. There will be no admission fees charged to this concert.

## Selma Girls Win State Honors

In the state-wide essay contest on the subject of "Develop a Suitable Woodland Taxation Policy for North Carolina," Miss Anne Ashworth of Selma was winner of one of the prizes. The contest was opened to all public school children of North Carolina and was sponsored by the State Department of Conservation and Development and the American Forestry Association. The judging committee consisted of representatives from the State Department of Public Instruction and Department of Conservation and Development who selected the winning essays from the 45 best submitted from all the counties. Since all the prizes offered by the State were won by girls, the Judges say that girls showed their superiority. The American Forestry Association offered a medal which was won by Jesse Dudley, Washington high school, whose essay was given eighth place by the committee.

Besides the \$25 in cash prizes offered by the Conservation Department, 30 counties gave local prizes. A total of about 350 is being distributed in awards to the contestants.

Since hundreds of boys and girls participated in the contest, Miss Ashworth is to be congratulated on winning one of the prizes.

## Mrs. Mamie Tuck Candler Gives Luncheon

The colorful note of the spring season permeated the luncheon and family reunion Thursday, at which Mrs. Mamie Candler was hostess honoring her mother Mrs. Georgian Tuck who was eighty years young. For we cannot call Mrs. Tuck old, she who is so keenly alive to the moral educational and spiritual uplift of the community.

The guests were received by the hostess and were shown in the living room where Mrs. Tuck with her usual smile and charming way received them. The guests were shown into the dining room at one o'clock. The dining room was attractively decorated with flowers the color scheme of red and white predominating. Those colors were chosen, as Mrs. Tuck is such an active member of the Daughters of Confederacy and the colors are very dear to her. A large plateau of white red roses centered the table. This was flanked on either side by lovely cut candelabras. A five course dinner was served. All of Mrs. Tuck's family were here except a grandson, Cadet Harry Candler of West Point and Miss Julia Winston Ashworth of New York who were unable to attend.

The guests were: Mrs. Georgian Tuck, her two daughters Mrs. R. A. Ashworth and Mrs. Mamie Candler, her son Mr. M. C. Tuck, her grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sitton, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Strickland, Mr. Robert Ashworth, Misses Anne and Amy Ashworth. Her great grandchildren, Frank Winston Sitton, Jr., Roger Strickland, Jr., and Elizabeth Ashworth, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Etheredge, Miss Margaret Etheredge, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Leonard and Miss Margaret Winston Leonard of Rocky Mount, Miss Stella Etheredge, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Broadfoot and children of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. John Winston, of Wendell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winston, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Taylor, Miss Georgia Winston, Richard and Tom Winston, Miss Julia Taylor and Mrs. R. C. Taylor all of Oxford. Mrs. M. C. Winston and two sons of Warrenton. Many friends called on Mrs. Tuck during the afternoon to offer congratulations.

## GOVERNOR GARDNER IN TOWN SUNDAY

Governor O. Max Gardner was in Selma for a short time Sunday evening en route to New York on business. The governor boarded the Atlantic Coast Line fast train No. 76. He was accompanied by the state treasurer.

## WILLING WORKERS CLASS MEETS.

The Willing Workers Class of the Methodist Sunday School met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. A. K. Eason with Mesdames A. K. Eason and Julian Avery as joint hostesses. The devotional was led by Mrs. G. F. Breitz. After the business meeting the hostesses served sandwiches and tea.

## President Hoover Names Roberts To Supreme Court

Following the failure of the United States senate to confirm John J. Parker as a member of the Supreme Court of the United States, President Hoover then named Owen D. Roberts, of Philadelphia, and his name is now before the Senate for its consideration. Roberts is said to be a very able lawyer and a Republican. He is said to have received his A. B. degree from the University of Pennsylvania at the age of 20, and was one of the prosecuting attorneys in the famous oil scandal case. It is expected that the same forces that defeated the Parker confirmation will put the confirmation of Roberts through as Roberts is said to be rather "wet," while Parker is decidedly "dry," and in many quarters it is thought that the prohibition question had more to do with Judge Parker's defeat than any other one factor.

## Birthday Dinner

Last Friday afternoon little Mary June Jones delighted about thirty of her little friends with a lovely May party. Colors of the rainbow were used very effectively, in decoration and favors.

The little guests were invited to the dining room to see the birthday cake, which was lighted with four pink candles, while they sang happy birthday to little June, each was presented a crepe paper cap in various colors.

They were then invited out on the lawn where games, songs and stories were enjoyed. Most enjoyable of these was the may pole dance.

Large balloons in various colors were given and caused lots and lots of fun.

The little guests were served ice cream and cake. Favors were lovely yellow crepe paper baskets filled with candy hearts.

Mrs. Jones was assisted in serving and entertaining the little folks by Mrs. J. J. Deans, Mrs. A. E. McKeithen and Mrs. G. A. Earp.

## P. T. A. Meeting

Tuesday evening at eight o'clock the regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held in the school auditorium with Mrs. E. V. Woodard, president of the Association presiding. The meeting was opened with a song, after which Rev. W. J. Crain led in prayer.

A report from Mrs. W. P. Aycock, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, reported several things they had done recently to add to the treasury.

Miss Margaret Etheridge, Chairman of Social Service, reported that the need for clothing, especially, had never been so great, and asked that any one having outgrown clothes that could be used, to please send them to her and she will see that they are given where most needed.

The grades winning prizes for parent attendance were, Mrs. H. Bueck's tenth grade, Miss Margaret Harrison's sixth grade and Miss Mary Martin's third grade. Miss Margaret Harrison's grade having won the pennant most times, was presented a beautiful picture for their room. Mr. Waters then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. J. H. Highsmith, of Raleigh, who is State Inspector of Schools. He made an excellent address, stressing the relationship of the parent and teacher.

The club was favored with two violin solos by Edward Higue Vick. Mrs. G. D. Vick, of the nominating committee, presented the following names for officers for next year: President, Mrs. E. V. Woodard; Vice President, Mrs. William Creech; Secretary, Miss Mary Neal Clement, and Treasurer, Mr. W. T. Woodard. These were unanimously elected. This was the last meeting for the year and we all feel that it has been a very pleasant and profitable year for the P. T. A., under the capable and faithful guidance of Mrs. Woodard.

Mrs. Woodard thanks the members for their support during the year and accepted the presidency for next year. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Mr. G. F. Breitz.

In preparing buttered crumbs for the tops of various dishes, such as those give the name "au gratin," melt the butter in a pan first and mix the crumbs and seasonings with it. Many "au gratin" dishes have also grated cheese in the sauce or sprinkled over the top.