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## Marked Improvement Is Seen in Crops

There has been a marked improvement in the crops in Johnston County during the past few weeks. At one time the outlook was such that the farmers and business men alike regarded the prospect as very discouraging, and especially as to the cotton crop. While the stands of cotton are pretty poor as a whole, there has been a wonderful improvement in the growth and fruitage of the weed wherever there is anything like a stand. The dry hot weather has caused the fruit to stick remarkably well in spite of the presence of numerous infestations of the boll weevil.

The development of tobacco within the past few weeks has been very encouraging. At one time this crop did not seem very encouraging, but the hot dry weather is putting weight into the leaf and building it up in thickness and width, and if people can get good cures on the remainder of the crop like they have on what they have already put in the barn, we believe that this crop of tobacco in Johnston County will equal, if not surpass, any crop in recent years. We certainly hope that this proves true and that the prices will be in keeping with the quality of the leaf offered.

The prevailing opinion seems to be that the corn crop in Johnston county is equal to if not better than, any crop grown in the county in several years. Reports coming in from different parts of the county are very encouraging as to the prospects for a good corn crop.

With good crops of corn, cotton and tobacco, and then if we can realize anything like fair prices for these three staple crops, we feel that Johnston County will once more be enjoying a fruitful harvest within the next few weeks, similar to that which the peach growers in the Sand Hill section are now enjoying.

## Miss Stallings Entertains At Bridge

Miss Mozelle Stallings delightfully entertained with four tables of bridge at her home on N. Webb St. Friday afternoon, July 25th from 4 to 6:30 o'clock.

The hall and living room were beautifully decorated with pink garden flowers carrying out a color scheme of pink and green. Guests found their places by gaily colored floral designed tallies. After four spirited progressions it was found that Miss Velma Talton was winner of high score and was awarded a lovely string of pink and green costume beads. A unique pink vase went to Mrs. F. M. Waters as holder of low score. Mrs. H. Bueck was presented a box of Hollinsworth candy.

Miss Stallings assisted by Miss Velma Talton and Mrs. Carl Worley served a delicious two course dinner with iced tea. Pink and green being used exclusively in the refreshments.

Guests of Miss Stallings were: Mesdames George Norwood, E. V. Woodard, Carl Worley, F. M. Waters, C. L. Richardson, Charles Fulghum, S. E. Bailey, C. E. Kornegay, J. S. Lowe, A. J. Holliday, R. D. Blackburn, H. Bueck, S. W. Armitage; Misses Velma Talton and Ethel Hall.

## SWIMMING PARTY

The following Selma young people enjoyed an outing at Holt's Lake Tuesday evening: Misses Ruth Hood, Genevieve Warren, Louise Stallings, Mary Pridgen, Lillian Louise Woodard; Sam Brown, Hayden Wiggs, Bill Thad Woodard, Bob Suber, Charles Newberry, Billy Blackman, Burwell Coley, J. P. Temple, Geo. L. George, and Frank Hood. The evening hours were spent swimming, dancing and playing golf. The boys had provided ice cold watermelons which were cut after the party came out of the Lake.

## Getting Ready For Association

Mr. J. J. Batten informs us that the work of making some needed repairs about Little Creek Primitive Baptist church has just been completed and that these improvements add greatly to the appearance of the church. The Association is scheduled to meet with this church in September, the 4th Friday, Saturday and Sunday and a large crowd is expected at that time.

## Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck Moved to Cullowhee

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck will leave tomorrow for Cullowhee where they will make their home. The Principalship that Mr. Bueck has held for four years in the local school being cut out next year, Mr. Bueck resigned his position as teacher of History to accept the principalship of Cullowhee Graded School. We regret the change as this estimable couple were a great help to our town, not only in the school in which they have worked faithfully for years, but in the church, Kiwanis club, social life, in fact where they saw help was needed they put their shoulders to the wheel. We wish them much success in their new home and congratulate Cullowhee in gaining our loss.

## Revival Meeting At Pine Level

There will begin in Pine Level Baptist Church Sunday, August 3rd, a revival meeting. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. Herschel Ford, pastor of Angier Baptist church, and assisted by Rev. Charlie E. Maddy, of Durham, who is pastor of Pine Level church. The public is most earnestly invited—all creeds and faith come. Mr. Ford has the reputation of being among the few old time emotional speakers.

There will be services each morning in the week at 7:45 a. m. The evening services will be at 8:00 o'clock.

## BACHELORS TO ENTERTAIN

The three bachelors of the Selma Kiwanis club, Dr. C. P. Harper, H. H. Lowry and Dr. Edwin N. Booker, will be hosts tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at a barbecue and Brunswick stew at Harrison's Lake to the members of the club in honor of Prof. and Mrs. H. Bueck, who are soon to leave our town for Cullowhee, where they will be connected with the school at that place.

On last Thursday evening the Selma and Smithfield Kiwanis clubs held a joint meeting at Harrison's Lake where they enjoyed a most delightful barbecue and Brunswick stew supper. The presidents of the two clubs had charge of the program which was a very enjoyable one.

## Picked Up About Town

Star Harper says there's practically nothing left for Admiral Byrd to hunt for now unless he drops a collar-button.

We doubt if there ever was a Senate that cared how many gray hairs a president acquired during his stay in the White House.

The home may be gradually losing its popularity, but there'll never be a satisfactory substitute for it as a place to change clothes.

Mayor Hare declares it has always been his belief that the future will last longer if you don't worry about it.

Another thing hard to understand is where women get the idea that anything between two slices of bread makes a sandwich.

"It doesn't make much difference where a fellow goes on his vacation," asserts Fred Waters "so long as he doesn't go beyond his income."

Hunter Price says he can't figure out how a congressman always knows what the people want when half the time the people don't know themselves.

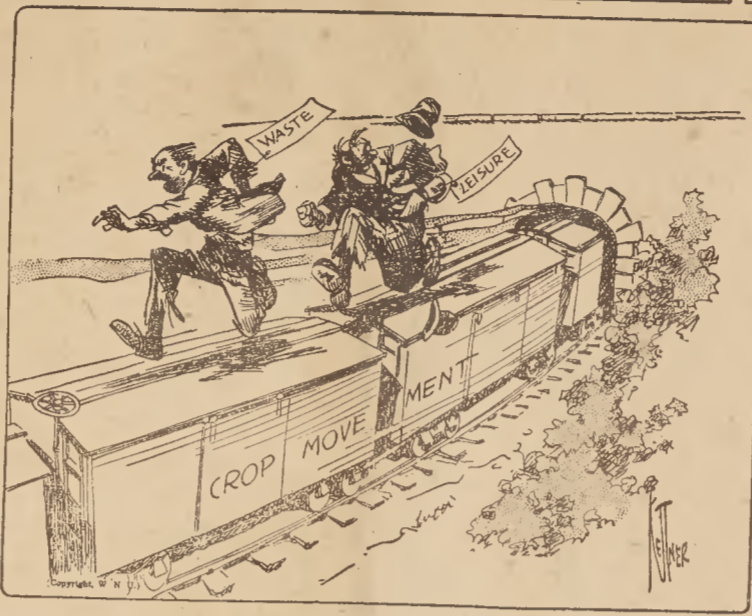
The picnic season is never officially opened until sister's sweetheart, in a new suit of clothes, sits down on the raspberry pie.

"In the good old days," asserts George Brietz "money made the mare go, but nowadays it takes a lot more of it to make the car go."

## RETURNS FROM HIGH POINT HOSPITAL

Miss May Straughn returned from the High Point Hospital Monday night after having an operation for goiter. The operation was done by Dr. J. R. Burrus and was unusually successful, Miss Straughn having to remain in the hospital only 13 days.

## Low Bridge



## WESTERN CAROLINA EXPERIENCING DROUGHT

It was the privilege of the Editor of this paper to take a trip through some of the mountain country in Western North Carolina last week, and while we had been reading about the drought in that part of the state, we found it much more serious than we had anticipated.

Soon after passing Salisbury we noticed that there had been a deficiency of rainfall and the farther west we went the dryer it seemed to be, and in that section west of Hickory it is a disheartening prospect for the farming class, as corn is tasseling out very low and the blades are dry almost to the top and a great per cent of the stalks do not have the least sign of an ear formation coming on them. We believe that there will be thousands of acres of corn in Western North Carolina this year that will not yield a peck of shelled corn per acre.

The older corn is now too far gone to overcome the drought if rain should come in plenty, but there may be some young corn which rain would cause to yield some corn.

Many of the people say that the drought is the most severe in the memory of the oldest inhabitants of that section. There was only a partial crop of Irish potatoes, cabbage are almost a complete failure, buckwheat promises but very meager returns, pastures are drying up and the prospect for a crop of hay has already vanished, and all told, the situation in that part of our state is particularly discouraging so far as agricultural products are concerned.

Streams are running very low and in many sections the water supply has already reached the stage where every precaution is being used to conserve in order to offset a serious water shortage. The mountain sides are speckled with dead branches on the trees due to insufficient water nourishment at the roots, and all told, this section is now facing a grave situation unless rain comes at an early date.

If there should be those in Johnston County who do not feel that the future holds anything in store for them, we suggest that they take a trip through western North Carolina and see what they think they could hope for if they were situated like some of our western farmers are today. After our return to Johnston County we are convinced that the people of this section have a great deal to be thankful for at this time, for nowhere have we seen better prospects for a crop of every description than there is right here in Johnston County.

## Primitive Baptist Appointments

Elder C. H. Ferrel, of Illinois, and Elder Yancey, of Alabama, will preach at the following time and places:

Coats, N. C. Wednesday night, July 30, at 8:00 P. M.  
Rehoboth, Thursday, July 31, at 11:00 A. M.

Fellowship, (Township Court House) Friday, August 1, at 11:00 A. M.

Angier, Saturday, August 2, 11:00 A. M.  
Smithfield, Sunday, August 3, 11:00 A. M.

Benson (Town Hall) Sunday night, August 3, at 8:00 P. M.  
Four Oaks, Monday, August 4, at 11:00 A. M.  
Salem, Tuesday, August 5, at 11:00 A. M.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Sutton went to Dobbersville, in Sampson County, Tuesday. Mrs. Sutton will spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Best before returning to Selma.

Mrs. Wade Brown has returned from a visit to her daughter in Greenville.

Miss Mae Straughn returned Monday from the High Point Hospital. She is very much improved.

Mrs. Cleon Parker, of Washington, is visiting Mrs. E. D. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Deware Richardson and Mrs. E. G. Richardson and children are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Richardson, Sr., this week.

Mrs. Josephine Perry attended the Pugh family reunion and association at Meronies Methodist church Sunday. This church is near Bonlee. Mrs. Perry was made vice-president of the association.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilkins and children, Miss Inez and J. T., Jr., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Wilkins and children Miss Francis and Vivian and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rigsby and Mrs. King of Durham, spent last week-end at Morehead City and Atlantic Beach, returning Monday.

Miss Francis Carrol, of Raleigh is visiting Miss Hilda Earp.

Mrs. W. G. Waddell and little daughter who have been visiting Mrs. W. H. Blaylock in Lucama has returned home.

Mr. J. H. Deans, of Avon Park, Fla., is spending some time with his brother Jodie Deans.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Avery returned Friday from a weeks stay at Carolina Beach.

Mr. C. G. Deans, of Burlington, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Freddie Oliver is attending the second term of summer school at Chapel Hill.

Mr. M. L. Stencil and daughter, Miss Mary, returned Saturday night from Blowing Rock where they attended the meeting of the N. C. Press Association.

Mrs. R. D. Blackburn and Mrs. Wade Brannan, of Dunn, are spending this week in Woodlawn, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Aycock, of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Jane Aycock, of Micro, visited Mrs. J. C. Diehl last week.

Mr. Brown and family, of Hope Mills, moved to Selma last Friday. They are occupying the house next to Mr. C. B. Fulghum. Mr. Brown is clerk at the union station.

Miss Nellie Wiggs spent Saturday in Fayetteville.

Miss Myrtle Mae and Ruby Woodard, Miss Hazel Holland and Messrs. Cecil Corbett and Leon Woodruff spent Sunday at Carolina Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Woodard enjoyed a barbecue dinner Sunday at the home of Mrs. J. H. Creech.

Mr. A. W. Payne, of Raiford, was a visitor to Selma Saturday.

Mrs. A. W. Wiggs, of Pine Level, is visiting her daughter Mrs. W. E. Branch.

Mr. Landis Brown and Miss Hazel Brown spent Sunday in Greenville.

Mr. Henry Moye, of Goldsboro, spent Monday in Selma.

## Troy Parrish Is Electrocuted In S. C.

Troy Parrish, aged 18, was electrocuted Tuesday in South Carolina when he came in contact with a wire carrying 2300 volts of electricity. The young man had been with the Standard Service station in Selma for about three months and only left last Tuesday for some point in South Carolina to accept a position. It is reported that he was working on a steam shovel when it made a noise like something blowing up, becoming frightened he jumped into a hole of water in which was the wire carrying the heavy voltage. It is thought that he caught hold of the wire when he fell into the water.

The remains were brought to his home in Clayton yesterday afternoon where the funeral services were held.

Troy was a splendid young man and during his short stay in Selma made many friends who were shocked to hear of the terrible tragedy.

## Mrs. Price Bridge Hostess

One of the loveliest parties of the mid-summer season was given on last Thursday afternoon when Mrs. Hunter Price entertained at bridge, her guests including members of the Bridge club and others. A color scheme of pink and green was carried out in every detail. The hostess greeted the guests at the door and presented each with an attractive fan with tally attached.

After several progressions Mrs. W. W. Hare was found to hold high score and Mrs. C. L. Richardson low. Each was awarded an appropriate gift. Mrs. H. Bueck, who is leaving soon to make her home elsewhere, was also given a dainty gift.

A delicious two-course luncheon was served, the color note being observed here to advantage.

Those playing were: Mesdames W. P. Aycock, Frank Sitton, J. S. Flowe, W. W. Hare, A. J. Holliday, R. Strickland, E. V. Woodard, Carl Worley, H. Bueck, R. D. Blackburn, Linwood Richardson and C. E. Kornegay.

## RETURN FROM HOUSE PARTY AT WHITE LAKE

A group of Selma young people and their chaperons, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Parkins returned Saturday night from White Lake where they enjoyed a house party for several days. Fishing, swimming, boating and dancing filled the happy hours which passed all too quickly. Those enjoying the house party were: Misses Mary Parker, Mary Evelyn Parker, Frances Sharpe, Mildred Creech, Mary Stanley Benoy and Rose Worley; Messrs. John Lacy Deans, Oscar Creech, Geo. Davis Vick, Ralph Woodard, W. B. Oliver of Pine Level and Tom Sanders of Four Oaks.

## Birthday Party

Little Miss Gloria Hayes celebrated her 11th birthday with a lovely lawn party on last Friday afternoon. About 20 little friends were present to help her enjoy this happy occasion. Games were played for a while, after which a numerical contest was engaged in. Fred Archer Woodard being winner was presented a package of mints. Dixie cups, wafers and mints were served at the close of the afternoon. The honoree received a number of birthday gifts.

## MOTHER OF MRS. J. D. JEFFRIES DIES

Mrs. I. W. Hocutt died Tuesday morning in Clayton at the home of her son Dr. B. A. Hocutt, where she had made her home for a number of years. The deceased was 92 years of age on June 19th but the immediate cause of her death was paralysis.

Mrs. Hocutt was for a number of years a most successful and beloved teacher in the Johnston County schools. She received her education at Oxford college before the Civil War. Her work was ever inspirational and uplifting. She became a member of the Methodist church at an early age and was a loyal and consistent Christian. Her funeral was conducted Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Clayton Methodist church by her pastor, Rev. E. D. Dodd, assisted by Rev. Ira Andrews, of the Clayton Baptist church.

## Mr. W. C. Toler Well Recommended

Mr. Wm. C. Toler, newly elected manager of Selma's Water and Light Department, has already assumed his duties and it is expected that the town will get efficient service under his direction.

Mr. Toler comes to Selma from Goldsboro and when he filed his application for the job in Selma he filed with said application a number of endorsements from different people in Goldsboro bearing testimony to his qualifications, honesty, sobriety, etc. One of these endorsements comes from the City Engineer of Goldsboro who gives him a clean record with the town of Goldsboro. Another letter of endorsement comes from the Mayor and Chief of Police, and another from Hicks & Hawley's Drug Store, one from Dr. Wm. H. Cobb, one from Dr. Strossner and another from the Goldsboro Damp Wash Laundry, all of whom speak of Mr. Toler in the highest of terms and place great confidence in his ability to perform his task in a most satisfactory manner.

## Chickens Killed By High Temperature

They Die When Atmosphere Gets Hotter Than Their Body Temperature.

The high temperatures of the past few days have killed many chickens and turkeys in nearby Maryland, including 91 prize hens in the egg-laying contest of the University of Maryland. The hot weather also caused a sharp drop in the egg production in the contest.

Chickens have no sweat glands, it was explained at the University of Maryland recently, and when the atmosphere gets hotter than their body temperature of 105 degrees they frequently die.

During the past week the mercury went to 108 degrees in the contest plant. Deaths and prostrations occurred so rapidly among the hens that the attendants were kept busy keeping the records straight and reviving those birds that would respond to treatment. Only two of the 91 birds lost were leaders in the contest, it was reported. All the hens are housed in well ventilated pens with runways.

## MRS. EASOM PRESENTS THE JOHNSTONIAN-SUN SOME FINE TOMATOES

The management of the Johnstonian-Sun is greatly indebted to Mrs. Alice Easom, who lives about three miles north of Selma, for four large tomatoes which she presented to us recently. They are of the Ponderosa variety and the four weighed exactly six pounds. We have seen other fine tomatoes this year, but these are the finest that we have observed anywhere so far.

## HOOVER'S VACATION

Washington regards Herbert Hoover as the hardest-working President the Nation has had in recent years. Ever since he has been in office he has attended strictly to business and practically the only let-up that he has had consisted of week-end fishing trips into nearby Virginia. In practically all of these he has been accompanied by Government officials including members of Congress, who have taken advantage of opportunities of "getting out into the country to talk things over."

While Coolidge was a consistent worker he had a way of pulling down the top of his desk after about eight hours' toil and calling it a day. After that Coolidge did not seem to be concerned about public business and he assumed the attitude of one who had done the day's work so well that everything would keep going until another day. With Hoover there has been little let-up by day or night, and as a result there have been times when Washington gossip speculated as to whether he would stand up under the strain. But at the end of a year and a half President Hoover is found to be in the pink of condition, and now he will undoubtedly have a real vacation.

## Circle B

Circle B of the Methodist Church met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Vick Johnson near Selma. After the business meeting, ice cream and cake were served.