

Johnston County Scouts Have Very Busy Week

Johnston County Court of Honor Held In Clayton—Number of Scouts Received Awards—Next Court of Honor Will Be Held In Selma, February 22—The Public Is Invited To Attend This Meeting.

On Tuesday of last week, Scout Executive W. E. Pennington, District Chairman G. W. Grier and Scoutmaster H. R. Forlines attended the Annual Convention of the 5th Area at the King Cotton Hotel in Greensboro; the 6th area comprises the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida and a large and enthusiastic gathering greeted the National Officers. Chief Scout Executive Dr. J. E. West, Washington, D. C. and Director of Operations, Arthur A. Schuck, New York. The theme of the meeting was "The Ten Year Plan Of Growth" by which one of every four boys in America coming 12 years of age is to become a Boy Scout and receive that training for four years. The enthusiasm was contagious and our delegation is back home looking for twelve twelve year olds.

On Wednesday evening the regular monthly meeting at Goldsboro of Tu-cacora Council was finely attended and besides receiving reports of the council. Like nearly all other such organizations finances are in a critical state of collapse, but there was a ring of determination not to forsake the "BOYS" yet; a little more effort to enlist the interest of parents and much more prayer that the "corner" will soon be turned, will engage the council for the present, at least.

But the high spot of the week came Thursday evening at Clayton when a Johnston County Court of Honor was called upon to examine and award fifteen boys in twelve subjects, which they had completed during the past month. The Court consisted of Chairman Grier and Messrs Dwight Barbour and Warren McCullers, assisted by the four scoutmasters of the four troops in Johnston County, H. R. Forlines, Smithfield, B. G. Stewart, Clayton, David Liles, Selma and W. S. Ragsdale, Jr., Kenly.

The awards at Clayton were as follows:

To Be Second Class Scouts: William Morris, Clayton, Jimmie Grady, Kenly.

To Be First Class Scouts: Murray Lane, Selma, Earl Etheredge, Kenly.

Merit Badge in Animal Industry: Luther Peele, Guy Edgerton, Bill Hooks, and Jarvis Edgerton, all of Kenly.

Merit Badge in Surveying: Luther T. Peele, Guy Edgerton, Bill Hooks, Jarvis Etheridge, Paul Etheridge and W. S. Ragsdale, Jr., all of Kenly.

Merit Badge in Bird Study: Luther T. Peele, Kenly.

Merit Badge in Civics: Guy Edgerton, Kenly.

Merit Badge in Carpentry: Hubert Grizzard, Kenly.

Merit Badge in Signaling: Paul R. Etheridge, Kenly.

Merit Badge in Scholarship: Hubert Grizzard, Kenly.

Merit Badge in Handicraft: Billy Jenkins, Sam Robertson, of Clayton.

Merit Badge in Camping: Rudolph Howell, Smithfield.

Merit Badge in First Aid: Glenn Grier, Jr., Rudolph Howell, Smithfield.

The next Court of Honor will be held in Selma on February 22nd, and it would please the boys, encourage the officials and enlighten the laymen if the public would give these courts better attendance.

Benson Farmer Sues For \$5,000 Damages

Benson, Jan. 23.—Suit for \$5,000 damages has been filed in Johnston County Superior Court by C. P. Lowry, prominent farmer of this section, against the Johnson Transit Company, of Dunn. Mr. Lowry was injured on the Coats-Dunn highway in a collision in which he alleges that a truck operated by an employe of the transit company was being operated at an extensive rate of speed, and was being driven on the wrong side of the road.

Snake Driver Making Good

This local boy, who parades under the name of "Snake" Driver, surely is setting things on fire up there in Mecklenburg County this week. He needs to win one more fight to get that cup which proclaims him the Welterweight Champion of the Carolinas. Snake started things off Monday afternoon by winning his first fight in the Carolinas Golden Gloves Tournament with a knockout in the first minute of the second round. After this fight the Charlotte Observer heaped praise upon him worthy of the best of the Leather Pushers. The boy who was to fight Driver next saw the first fight and refused to swap blows with the Snake. The third opponent did likewise. The officials of the Tournament were becoming worried for fear they would be unable to find an opponent for the youngster. After scouting around all day they finally found an opponent for the Tuesday show. Snake decisively whipped this young man, only the bell saving him from a knockout in both the first and second rounds. Continued clinching and hanging-on saved him in the third and final round Snake took on two scrapers on Wednesday night and put the doubts on both of them. Is that boy good? He is only a youngster but he is good and has promise of being one of the best ones of these days. He packs dynamite in both of his paws, and he is plenty fast. As we go to press it looks as if he might bring that cup back with him from Charlotte. He deserves a big hand because he is where he is, on his own hook. Nobody has trained him. He has done everything for himself. Let's give him a royal welcome when he comes home Friday.

Mrs. M. J. Cameron Catches Chicken Thief

About daybreak Sunday morning Mrs. M. J. Cameron heard a commotion in her chicken house, taking her revolver she went to investigate. Hidden in one corner of her henhouse she discovered a young negro by the name of Dublin. In a few minutes Mr. H. T. White, who lives just back of Mrs. Cameron, arrived on the scene and kept the negro covered while Mrs. Cameron phoned the night policeman, Mr. John Jeffreys. He was arrested and placed in the city jail. Another negro, who was on the outside of the chicken lot, made his escape.

PROMINENT SELMA FAMILY MOVES TO OTHER QUARTERS

Selma suffers a distinct loss by the removal of Mr. A. J. Holliday and family to other quarters. Mr. Holliday came here several years ago as Cashier of The Branch Banking & Trust Company, an office which he has filled with credit to himself and all concerned. Both he and his splendid family have endeared themselves to the people of Selma and community which suffers a distinct loss in their going from our midst.

Mr. Holliday sold his home here a few days ago to Mr. S. J. Shuler, telegraph operator at the Union Station here. He then stored his furniture in an upper room in the Bank building here preparatory to securing a location for establishing his home elsewhere.

Mr. Holliday advises us that he will be with an Examiner in the Loan Department of the Regional Agricultural Corporation at Raleigh, beginning his duties with this concern the first of next week. He is leaving today for Jamesville, N. C., to spend the week end with his family before going to Raleigh to assume his new duties.

It is not known here at this time who will be Mr. Holliday's successor with the Branch Banking & Trust company, but by the time we go to press next week we hope to be able to say something more definitely along this line.

Martin county farmers report excellent results from the rat killing campaign conducted in that county in early December.

Proceedings County Recorder's Court

More Than Half the Cases Tried Were For Violation of the Prohibition Laws—Ed Artis Bound Over to Superior Court On Charge of Setting House On Fire.—Felton McLamb and Valton McLamb, White Farmers, Bound to Higher Court on Store Breaking Charge.

State vs D. W. Edwards, white farmer, aged 55. Disposing of crops before paying rents and removing without giving notice of removal. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost and on further condition that defendant releases right to \$53.00 check now in possession of defendant and R. F. C.

State vs John Turner Johnson, white laborer, aged 42. Violation Prohibition Law. Plea of guilty as to possession of 8 1-2 gallons whisky for purpose of sale. Defendant given six (6) months on roads. Appeal.

State vs Jesse Williams, colored laborer, released from jail and paroled during the remainder of her term, provided she pays cost and leaves the town of Smithfield, N. C. Released January 19, 1933.

Tuesday, January 24.
State vs D. M. Daniels, white laborer, aged 24. Trespassing. Plea of guilty. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs Frank Wilkins, white farmer, aged 41. Larceny of wood, value less than \$20.00. Not guilty.

State vs Charlie Stokes, colored laborer, aged 46. Violation of Prohibition Law. Plea of guilty to possession of beer and 2 gallons whisky, whisky still and manufacturing whisky. Defendant given 4 months on roads. Appealed.

State vs Ed Artis, colored laborer. House breaking and setting fire to house. Probable cause found and defendant bound to Superior Court. Bond \$300.00.

State vs Felton McLamb, white, and Valton McLamb, white, store-breaking and larceny. Probable cause found as to both defendants and each bound to Superior Court. Bonds fixed at \$200.00 each.

State vs Jake Stewart, white farmer, aged 31. Receiving stolen tires, knowing them to have been stolen, value less than \$20.00. Guilty. Defendant given 90 days on roads, sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$25.00 fine and cost. Appeal.

State vs Clarence Turnage, white laborer, aged 21. Careless and reckless driving. Plea of guilty. Sixty day road sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$25.00 fine and cost.

State vs Mann Thornton, white farmer. Violation Prohibition Law. Plea of guilty as to possession of still outfit and manufacturing whisky. Defendant given 60 days on roads.

State vs Bill App Barbour, white laborer. Violation Prohibition Law. Guilty possession 1 gallon whisky for purpose of sale and sale of whisky. Defendant given 12 months on roads. Appealed, bond \$500.00.

State vs June McDaniel, colored farmer. Violation Prohibition Law. Guilty possession and transportation one quart whisky. Sixty day road sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$10.00 fine and cost.

State vs Ben Allen, white farmer; Albert Barbour, white farmer; and Walter Sanders, colored farmer. Larceny of bags, value less than \$20.00. Not guilty and discharged.

State vs Clarence Braswell, white farmer, aged 27. Violation Prohibition Law. Plea of guilty as to possession one pint whisky. Sixty day road sentence to be suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs R. D. Etum, white laborer, aged 35. Operating motor vehicle while intoxicated. Guilty. Ninety day road sentence to be suspended payment of \$50.00 fine and cost and defendant ordered not to operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina for 90 days.

State vs Loftin Strickland, white farmer. Disposing of crops before paying rents. Guilty. Defendant given 60 days on roads. Appeal \$100.00 bond.

Wednesday, Jan. 25.
State vs Ralph Page. Larceny. Nol pros with leave.

State vs Harry N. Wilson, white Disposing of crops. Nol pros with leave.

State vs Dewey Norris, Violation Prohibition Law. Plea of guilty to possession 1 barrel beer for purpose of manufacturing whisky. Sixty day road sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$10.00 fine and cost.

Jonathan Starr Says He Has Proof That Nippon Has Planned Hostilities—Asserts That Dwight Morrow Did Not Die Natural Death.

(Greensboro Daily News)
Jonathan Starr, novelist and traveler, whose globe-trotting has taken him often into Mexico, Thursday in an interview at the O. Heary hotel predicted war between Japan and the United States. Japan, he said, is ready now.

Mr. Starr, author of "Crook," and other novels, together with Mrs. Starr, formerly a senorita of direct Spanish descent, and Feng Shui, famous Chow dog, described as editor and publisher of the newspaper, "Barktown," stayed overnight in Greensboro on the way north.

Mr. Starr is not listed in Who's Who, but he can pretty nearly tell you who is who. He speaks intimately of public officials of both the United States and Mexico and is so full of stories that he sometimes tells you two at once and is then halted while his wife explains. For example, while giving his reasons for predicting war between Japan and the United States, he dropped a hint that Dwight W. Morrow did not die a natural death. But that comes properly later in the story.

The novelist said he knew and had documentary proof that Japan had already planned its course of hostilities against this country. He stated he learned while in Mexico that Japan had 10,000 agents in Mexico training Mexican forces and laying sinister plans. Mexico, he said had been promised Texas and California as bounties in consideration for letting Japan land troops on Mexican soil. These things he said he knew. He said Calles, former president of Mexico, was back of the alleged agreements.

Speaking of the late Senator Morrow, ambassador to Mexico for several years, Mr. Starr said he was told by two members of the Mexican secret service that Morrow did not die a natural death. He said his informers led him to believe, by inference, that Morrow was poisoned by agents of the Mexican government. Mr. Starr gave the names of his informers and their standing in the Mexican secret service. He said he was familiar with the insidious workings of the Latin mind and, for that reason, could understand why they would want to get rid of Senator Morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Starr said they had hitch-hiked four times around the United States, gathering data as they went. Conclusions drawn from his conversations with men of the roads, he said, led him to believe the United States is approaching one of the most severe crime waves it has ever experienced. The population that is now "floating," he said, is having the easiest going it has ever had. Thirty minutes work in a town of size is good for five dollars to an expert bum anytime, he said. This type, with the bootlegger, described as the hardened criminal, will make a dangerous combination, he said, when times get better and the bootlegger's source of income is taken away.

CAPT. WADDELL ILL.

The many relatives and friends regret to learn of the serious illness of Capt. C. E. Waddell at his home here. Capt. Waddell had just recuperated from an attack of "flu" when he had an elapse which suddenly went into pneumonia, and his many friends here are very anxious about his condition.

NEW CLOTHING STORE IS OPENING UP HERE

The firm of Delvin & Galloway, Inc., of Wilson, N. C., are opening up a line of Gents' Furnishings in the large store on Ra'ford Street here, formerly occupied by the Atkinson Supply Co. The building has been thoroughly remodeled and equipped with modern fixtures for the carrying on of the new firm's business.

State vs John Turner Johnson, white laborer, aged 42, and Mrs. John Turner Johnson, white. Violation Prohibition Law. John T. Johnson guilty possession for purpose of sale. Defendant given 12 months on roads. Appeal. Bond \$500.

State vs Bernice Griffiths, colored laborer, aged 37. Assault with deadly weapon on wife. Guilty. Defendant given 60 days on roads.

Rev. Herbert N. Massey Speaks To Kiwanis Club

Will Investigate Smithfield Fires

Smithfield, Feb. 1.—A meeting was held in the office of Abell and Gray here yesterday and to-day by representatives of insurance companies, city officials and leading citizens of the town, about 20 in all, for the purpose of investigating the numerous fires that Smithfield has had lately, and to devise some plan for checking them.

Messrs. R. S. Rasbee and M. L. Fuller, of Raleigh, and J. F. Chapman, of Charlotte, were present, representing some 260 insurance companies in North Carolina and about 20 companies in this section. Mr. Bu-see is from the Minneapolis Fire Insurance company; Mr. Fuller of the Atlantic Fire Insurance company, and Mr. Chapman is with the Hartford Fire and Marine Insurance company.

It was agreed at the meeting to have the mayor appoint a secret vigilance committee of three persons in town and three persons in the country outside the town. Nobody but the mayor will know who the members of this committee are and the purpose of forming the secret committee is by secrecy to get an inside source of information concerning fires.

Messrs. Fuller and Chapman made it plain that they did not suspect all the fires were of incendiary origin, but that some of the fires were of suspicious character. Further, they said that if the number of fires did not decrease, all insurance companies would cancel their policies in this town and no one here would be able to get insurance on any property, whatsoever.

In the interests of the citizens of the town themselves, they appealed for support in getting to the bottom of the epidemic of fires that have swept Smithfield in the past few weeks.

Mr. Chapman stated that the insurance companies were now paying out \$3.00 to policy holders as compared with \$1.00 taken in as premiums, and that the ratio would have to decrease if property owners expected to get protection.

The fire chief was given authority to have all vacated property cleaned up within 24 hours after it is vacated, including the cleaning of the buildings and premises around it. This, it is thought, will reduce the number of fires as it will prevent buildings from catching from rubbish, weeds, etc.

New York Writer Picks Cabinet Slate

Mention Max Gardner Or Arthur Mullen, of Nebraska, For Navy Portfolio.

New York, Jan. 29.—The New York American in an article by Louis Seibold lists former Senator Peter Goelet, of Rhode Island, for the war portfolio and Jesse I. Straus, of New York, for secretary of commerce in what is described as "the latest working model of the Roosevelt cabinet—subject to possible replacements."

The other posts are assigned: Senator Glass, Virginia, for secretary of the treasury; Senator Hull, Tennessee, or Frank L. Polk for secretary of state; Senator Walsh, Montana, for attorney-general; Miss Frances Perkins, labor commissioner of New York, for secretary of labor; Senator Cutting, independent Republican of New Mexico, for secretary of the interior; James A. Farley, Democratic chairman for postmaster-general; former Governor O. Max Gardner, of North Carolina, or Arthur Mullen, of Nebraska, for secretary of the navy, and Henry A. Wallace, Iowa farm editor, for secretary of agriculture.

Miss Elizabeth Earp Home From Hospital

Her many friends will be glad to learn that Miss Elizabeth Earp has sufficiently recovered from an attack of pneumonia that she was removed from a Rocky Mount hospital Friday, January 27th, to the home of her parents, here and is convalescing rapidly.

Club Decides To Have Farmer's Night Thursday, February 9.—Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, Will Be Present And Address The Farmers and Club Members On This Occasion—Interesting Report Given On District Meeting Recently Held In Raleigh.

Rev. Herbert Massey, pastor of the Smithfield Baptist church, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Selma Kiwanis club on Thursday evening. The speaker, who was introduced by the program chairman Charles A. Jacobs, took as his subject, "What Are You Worth." The speaker said in part: "Because things are measured in the terms of dollars there is a tendency to measure the worth of individuals by the same standard. On the face of it this procedure is very inadequate.

To determine the worth of a man is not to ascertain how much he has but know what he is—for value is not in possession but in being. Only an approximation of one's worth is possible. Three standards are suggested by which a sort of value can be given. Is the individual so living that his community will be better after his departure than before his arrival. Second, is he a pessimist or does he believe in himself, his fellows and his God? and third, is he original and creative or is he satisfied to follow merely the thoughts and actions of others?

These days show the real worth of a man regardless of material possessions."

The address was greatly enjoyed by the club.

President C. L. Richardson and Matt R. Wall gave a very interesting account of the recent district Kiwanis meeting held in Raleigh at which time Bill Montgomery, of Wilmington, was inaugurated as governor of the Carolinas district.

Mr. Richardson also gave a report of the canvass made by the Boy Scouts recently for old clothing, shoes, etc., for the needy of the town. The report showed that more than 150 garments were collected by the boys and turned over to Miss Margaret Etheredge for distribution. The boys making this canvass were Hoge Vick, J. C. Avery, Jr., Fuller Suber and E. V. Woodard, Jr.

The club voted to have a farmers' night on Thursday night, February 9, when a number of farmers of Johnston county will be guests of the club. Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, will be invited to address the farmers and club members on this occasion. A. J. Fletcher, of Raleigh, has been invited to be present and sing for the boys. Mr. Fletcher has been heard over WPTF a number of times and the club will be fortunate in having him come and sing.

Rev. I. T. Singleton has been appointed program chairman for the month of February. Mr. Singleton is planning to put on some interesting meetings during this month.

Seen Along The MAIN DRAG

(BY H. H. L.)

CAPT. WADDELL back again—He says the Louisville girls are pretty, but the Selma girls are prettier—EDNA MAE CAMERON, EDITH AYCOCK and ROSABELLE HINTON, N. C. C. W. girls, were welcome visitors over the weekend—JULIUS CORBETT has a new job—Ask HERBERT WARD what it is—MARIE RAE going to postoffice—ANDY CREECH was missed from the M. D. Saturday and Sunday—He was visiting in the capital city of N. C.—CARL WORLEY and CLARENCE HARPER going to educational meet in Raleigh—LINDA COBB driving by in her Austin and ELIZABETH WHITAKER in her Ford—FRECKLES TALTON buying chickens and eggs—RALEIGH GRIFFIN welcome visitor to the Maindrag—SNAKE DRIVER leaving for Charlotte to scrap the boys.

SELMA EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Preaching services every Sunday, except 2nd Sundays, 7:30 P. M. Children's Service 3:30 every Sunday.

Holy Communion Service every first Sunday 9:30 A. M. Senior Warden—Chas. Newberry.