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"If it concerns Harnett, it's in THE NEWS"

BANQUET GIVEN BY GRAHAM MEMORIAL

Chapel Hill, Nov. 19.—Mr. J. R. Baggett of Lillington, director of the Graham Memorial Fund of his district, will be among those in attendance at a banquet to be given here on the evening before the great Thanksgiving game. The purpose of this meeting, other than the social side of it, is to bring to a close the campaign for \$150,000 with which to raise a fitting memorial to the late beloved president, Edward Kidder Graham.

It was the deceased's plan, had he lived, to erect at some early date a building known as the Students' Activity Building. He saw that this was needed more than anything else if the accommodations of the University were to keep step with the growth of the student body. There are 125 organizations on the local campus, most of them without a comfortable meeting place, and in this new structure each of these will find a much needed home.

The students feel keenly this need as is shown by their own subscriptions. In one night last spring the student body raised \$20,000, gifts ranging from \$25 to \$500. Last year's class averaged \$75 a man, showing how they had felt the need of such a building, and their desire that the men who came after should enjoy what they had denied.

Albert M. Coates, general secretary, has sent out notices to the various district managers throughout the State to bring the campaign to a close by Nov. 26, if possible. So far the campaign has met with splendid success, but to reach the \$150,000 goal much work still remains to be done.

At the banquet the final sum raised from each district will be reported, and the sum total announced. The committees, alumni and friends of the University are hoping that the fund will be oversubscribed. As soon as possible work on the plans will be begun. It is hoped that work will be well under way by the 125th anniversary to be celebrated next commencement.

Thus will the great and beloved Graham live on in service to the institution for which he never tired of working while he was living.

JOHN G. SHAW OFFERS FOR GODWIN'S PLACE Announcement Creates Interest in Cumberland and Prophecies Are Made.

Fayetteville, Nov. 18.—A new candidate entered the field against Congressman Godwin today when it was announced that John G. Shaw, former member of the house of representatives, would be a candidate for the congressional seat from the sixth district.

The announcement says that he will make a strong run, while Mr. Shaw's friends are freely predicting that the Fayetteville man will emerge the victor in the big scrap now warming up in the "bloody sixth."

Mr. Shaw is a man on whom all factions in Cumberland can unite, it is declared. That he will make a strong candidate there is said to be no doubt. He has been active in every Democratic campaign since 1882. He was in the legislature from '86 to '88. After having acted for four years as county attorney for Cumberland, he was made a presidential elector in 1892. In 1894 he was chosen by his party to make the congressional race against the "fusion" ticket, and after a bitter fight went to Congress.

Mr. Shaw is a lawyer with a wide reputation as an advocate, a farmer on an extensive scale, a mill manufacturer. About 60 years old, he is a very active man. He had two boys in the service.

COUNTRY'S BEST HOPE IS WITH THE FARMERS

President Farmers' Union Declares They Must Bring Order Out of Chaos.

Memphis, Nov. 18.—The farmers of the country must find the influence that is needed to bring order out of the disjointed times, declared Charles S. Barrett, of the National Farmers' union, addressing here today the annual convention of that body. "Capital," he said, "is perturbed, even scared; labor is irritated almost to the boiling point. Between the contending elements the public is reduced to that condition of uncertainty which causes it to question where it is going to get its food, its clothing, its necessities, and amidst the ocean of pent-up human passions now raging, the farmer is the only man who has his feet really on the ground."

In speaking of his experience as a delegate to the recent national industrial conference, Mr. Barrett declared capital entered the conference hoping for something of permanent value to itself in the shape of an understanding with labor, but left disappointed. Labor also was disappointed, he declared, but added that agriculture obtained something of value in that it created in the minds of the other delegates a better understanding of the problems with which the farmer must contend.

"There is a feeling in Washington," Mr. Barrett said, "that something is wrong somewhere, that somebody or

THE BAPTIST 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN

The Baptist 75 Million Campaign in the Little River Association grows in interest and enthusiasm. Nearly all of the churches are organized and the teams in the various churches are getting ready for the canvass to be made Nov. 30 to Dec. 7.

Mrs. M. L. Womack, Swann's Station, director for the women in our church, writes: "A widow lady in our church who works for her living is going to give \$100. I am going to give \$125."

If such large giving as this does not inspire many of our members to greater things, we greatly mistake our people.

Three men and one woman all living outside of Dunn, will give \$1,000 each, and these are not our ablest church members and we hope are not our largest givers. Have we not some persons able to give \$5,000?

The Little River Association has more than doubled its contributions for the convention work over last year's record, which up to that time was its best year.

Let every member of every church in the Association rally to the last moment in this final canvass. Do your best and encourage others to do the same.

We must not fail.

J. A. CAMPBELL.

IN SUPERIOR COURT.

Cases tried in Harnett Superior Court this week resulted as follows:

Leander Lee vs. G. M. Lee et als. Verdict for G. M. Lee.

J. G. Layton vs. J. D. Barnes et als. Compromise.

Hettie Barham et als. vs. Hatt Holland et als. Trial now on.

Southern Stock Fire Ins. Co. of Greensboro vs. R. C. & S. Ry. Co. and N. S. Ry. Co. Verdict for defendant.

Underwriters of Greensboro vs. R. C. & S. Ry. Co. and N. S. Ry. Co. Verdict for defendant.

Atlantic Fire Ins. Co. vs. R. C. & S. Ry. Co. and N. S. Ry. Co. Verdict for defendant.

J. A. Sexton, Admr., vs. C. H. Sexton et als. Compromise.

J. H. Ballance & Co. vs. J. K. Hudson. Nonsuit.

M. Roseman & Son vs. D. A. McLeod. Verdict for plaintiff.

Newport Lumber Co. vs. Bank of Carthage and Page Trust Co. Compromise favorable to defendant.

CORNELIUS HODGES

Harnett County lost one of its most valuable citizens and Dunn one of its best friends when Cornelius Hodges, seventy-two years old, passed to his reward at his home in Grove Township on the night of Friday, October 31. Mr. Hodges had lived in Harnett County all of his life. He was one of its most successful farmers, and played a big part in that progress which brought the community to its present standard.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and was clerk of the association which embraces this district. He lived strictly according to his faith and gathered to himself the genuine regard of all with whom he dealt during his long life of activity.

Mr. Hodges never held public office. Only once did he aspire to such honor. Then he was defeated by his friend George K. Grantham. Since his young manhood, however, he had taken an active part in county politics and was a vigorous advocate of good government.

He was married to Miss Johnnie E. Layton when he was a young man. To them ten sons and four daughters were born. All of these except Marshall, who died at the age of sixteen fifteen years ago, are still living. All of the children except Edgar, who is with the American forces in Siberia, and a daughter, were with the old gentleman when he answered the last summons.

Surviving children are Mrs. Claudia Ennis, Mrs. Bettie Stephens, Mrs. Ophelia Stephens, Mrs. Vida McLean, J. C. J. F., W. T., W. G., N. H., W. E., Harvey, Bradley and Charlie Hodges.

Elder Lee, of Bethesda Church, of which Mr. Hodges was practically a life-member, conducted the funeral services at the church. Interment was made in Bethesda Cemetery in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives.

AT TURLINGTON SCHOOL.

At the box party given by Turlington school last Friday evening \$64 was realized for the benefit of the school. This school has four teachers this year. Miss Cora Wells is principal, and the teachers are Misses Mary Ennis, Oda Turlington, Reardon. Two new rooms are being built for primary and music departments.

AT LUART SCHOOL.

There will be a box party at Luart school house Thursday night, Nov. 27, for the benefit of the school. Everybody invited.

Something has failed, and in thinking circles there is a growing conviction that agriculture must be the inter-cessor between the warring factions; that the farmer must stabilize conditions and make his great influence felt at this time.

THANKSGIVING DAY

A Proclamation by the Governor

Our forefathers established the beautiful custom of setting apart one day near the end of the harvest time to return thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of life.

In this god year, 1919, how much have we for which to be grateful!

Our soldiers who on last Thanksgiving Day were far away in foreign lands have safely crossed the seas, and are at home again in peace.

The Lord of the Harvest has been good to us. Our fields have yielded bountifully. Our industries have thrived wonderfully. Prosperity smiles on farm and factory, bank and store. In every line of business endeavor we are prospering beyond the fondest dreams of our fathers.

There has been also a mighty triumph of spiritual forces in our midst, for which we should be profoundly grateful. The fruits of this victory are seen in the great forward movements of all the churches; in the finer educational advantages enjoyed by all the children of the State; in the growing demand for complete economic and social justice in taxation and all other matters; and in the larger opportunities offered on every hand to the average man and the average woman.

Surely in this day God has given to men everywhere a bigger, broader conception of Christian service than they ever had before.

North Carolina is singularly blessed in that in this time of turmoil she is almost entirely free from industrial and racial bitterness and strife. We should be deeply thankful for the spirit of friendship and good will that prevails among us. Let us pray for absolute justice for all, by which alone this spirit may be strengthened and maintained.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, in obedience to the custom established by our fathers and in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 27th, a day of public Thanksgiving.

Let this be a day of rest and rejoicing, observed by everybody. Let us not forget the orphan, the poor and the unfortunate. I earnestly trust that all the people will assemble in their places of worship and make this a real Thanksgiving Day.

SHORTAGE OF COAL MAY FORCE COTTON MILLS TO SUSPEND

First Five on Priority List All Allowed Fuel By Government

SUPPLY LIMITED TO PRESENT STOCKS

Curtailment Made Necessary Because Production is Below Requirements of Preferred Classes. Railways, Municipalities and Retailers in Favored Class.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 17.—Orders limiting deliveries of coal in the Southern region of the Railroad Administration to the first five classes on the fuel priority list, which does not include manufacturers, were issued late today at headquarters here. The action on its face means the closing down of cotton mills and the manufacturing plants of almost all descriptions as soon as their present supplies are used up. These supplies generally are understood to be scanty.

"With the hope that in the near future the situation will improve sufficiently to warrant resumption of deliveries of classes F and G," the local railroad representatives will continue to receive and forward applications from consumers in these classes. Having these applications for immediate requirement on file, the committee will be in a position to act promptly and quick deliveries will be assured when the restrictions now imposed are lifted.

TWO BAPTIST CHURCHES TO CALL A PASTOR

At the regular service in Lillington Baptist church last Sunday representatives from Neils Creek church laid before the church-conference a plan to unite the two churches into one pastorate and extend a call for a preacher for whole time service.

A committee was appointed to survey the matter with an idea to create the field mentioned. It is understood that a call will be extended to Rev. J. M. Arnette of Badin, who has been consulted by Pastor Farmer in regard to same. The pastor would live in Lillington, Neils Creek being nearby.

Harnett county land is bringing fabulous prices nowadays. Compared with the prices only a year or so ago, somebody found out something and is using the information before it is too late.

Revolution in Vladivostok. Washington, Nov. 18.—Revolution has broken out at Vladivostok, according to information received by the State Department today from Siberia. Thus far only Russians are involved, the advice says.

FUQUAY BRICK CO. CHANGES HANDS

J. B. Fuquay of Lillington Sells His Plant and Entire Outfit to Goldsboro Firm, Who Have Assumed Charge.

One of the most successful enterprises in Lillington changed ownership last week when Mr. J. B. Fuquay sold his brick-making plant and entire equipment to Messrs. G. A. & G. M. Norwood of Goldsboro. Mr. G. A. Norwood, the elder member of the purchasing firm, is president of the First National Bank of Goldsboro. They own and operate brick plants at Goldsboro and Cunnock in this State, the local plant making a third mill on their list.

Mr. Fuquay, in speaking of the sale and transfer of his business to the new firm, said that the Messrs. Norwood were men of means, enterprising and resourceful. They are making a success of the brick business as well as their other operations.

It is proposed to develop the Lillington plant on a large scale, putting in machinery of large capacity, something like 100,000 daily output, the plant now having orders beyond that which it can fill, and the demand for brick growing stronger every day. An unusually good quality of brick has been manufactured by Mr. Fuquay, the clay being of a consistency that gives the finished product the firmness which reduces "bats" to a minimum.

It is quite probable that Mr. Fuquay will assume management of the enlarged plant and development. He has been very successful in his business, which has had his close and undivided attention during the few years he has been operating here. Although the plans of the new firm have not taken definite shape as yet, there is every likelihood that they will develop the local plant along the lines set out here.

Mr. Fuquay organized the Fuquay Brick Company only a few years ago, and in that time has built up a lucrative business, shipping to all parts of the State. He is one of the most progressive citizens of the county, seat.

SCHOOL NOTES

The public is cordially invited to attend the special exercises to be held in the school auditorium on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 8:45 o'clock. This will be in the nature of a Thanksgiving service and all the children in school will take part.

The Wilsonian Literary Society held its regular meeting in the school auditorium Thursday afternoon, November 13. The society was called to order by the president and the society song sung. After the business part of the meeting was over, the following program was rendered: Debate: Resolved, that county life is more desirable than city life.

Affirmative: Register Parker, Ruth Kelly; negative, Stewart McLean, Sallie Mann.

The decision of the judges was unanimously in favor of the affirmative side. Following this Miss Beulah O'Quinn sang "The Sunshine of Your Smile" in a most charming manner.

NO COURT DECISION ON LAW UNTIL DECEMBER

Arguments on Validity of War-Time Prohibition Will Be Heard Thursday

Washington, Nov. 17.—While arguments on the validity of the war-time prohibition act will be heard by the Supreme Court Thursday, a decision is not expected before December 8, when the court reconvenes after a recess, announced today to begin next Monday.

Meantime machinery for the enforcement of the act which has been set up by the Internal Revenue Bureau is getting under way and is expected to be in full operation before the end of the week. John F. Kramer, of Ohio, assumed his duties today as federal prohibition commissioner and announcement of district and state directors is expected within a few days. Should the Supreme Court hold the war-time act unconstitutional millions of gallons of whiskey and wine would be placed on the market immediately in those states which had not voted out liquor before the operation of the Federal act.

Those longing for a "wet" Christmas are not placing all their hopes on a favorable opinion by the Supreme Court. In spite of the somewhat complicated peace treaty situation in the Senate, many opponents of prohibition expect peace to be an accomplished fact before the end of the present special session of Congress this month. The White House has announced that immediately upon the proclamation of peace President Wilson will declare war-time prohibition at an end.

High taxes? Bless your life, what's the price of cotton, tobacco and corn?

Mr. W. T. Hornaday, real estate man of Laurinburg, was in Lillington on business Wednesday.

REMINISCENCES OF HARNETT CO.

A regular election was held in August, 1856, and the same officers were elected that were chosen by the magistrates the year before. Harnett was not entitled to a representative and voted with Cumberland. J. G. Shepherd, J. Stuart and L. Bethos were elected to the House and Daniel McDiarmid to the Senate.

National politics overshadowed the local elections of 1860. The men who met at the general musters discussed the situation seriously. If Lincoln should be elected! Dire predictions followed the statement of such a probability. Orators inflamed the public mind and created wrong impressions that took a four years war to correct. But the grim determination to stand by their convictions, or die for them, never forsook the people. The day of the election was warm and sultry, a veritable calm that precedes a storm. Towards evening a dark cloud arose in the west that was regarded as an ill omen, or as a coming event casting its shadow before. A brilliant comet had already excited the fears of the superstitious, and a bright meteor had passed across the heavens in a zigzag course leaving a fiery trail behind it that was supposed to spell WAR.

Harnett and Cumberland still voted together for representatives elected J. T. Gilmore to the Senate and W. McL. McKay, C. C. Barber and James S. Harrington to the House of Representatives.

A clerk for the Superior Court which the Legislature had established for the county was to be elected this year. Neill McLeod and A. D. McLean were candidates. McLean was elected by six votes. The judges of the county court were also chosen. They were John Green, R. C. Belden, J. S. Harrington and A. C. McNeill. J. R. Grady succeeded James Johnson as sheriff.

John Green lived on the east side of the river and was well educated for that time. Determined his neighbors should have the advantages of a school, he built a school house and employed James Johnson, who was not of age, to teach. Green was serving as a deputy Sheriff Alex. Johnson of Cumberland at the time. He asked Johnson if he would accept the appointment if he would resign, but the young teacher lacked three months of being old enough to serve. Green waited till he was old enough and had him appointed to the position which he filled till the county was formed, and Green helped him to become its first sheriff.

The Legislature in extra session, May 1, 1861, passed an act calling a convention of one or more delegates from each county to consider the relation of the State to the United States. This convention was to meet in Raleigh the 20th of the same month. Harnett was represented by A. S. McNeill of Summerville. North Carolina had to furnish her quota of 75,000 troops called for by Lincoln to put down the rebellion, or withdraw from the Union. The latter course was followed.

On joining the Confederacy volunteers were called for, and companies were raised, poorly equipped as the newly formed government had no supplies, and were sent to join the army in Northern Virginia. If war itself is hell, what was this one that was accompanied with the hardships the Confederate soldier had to endure? Harnett's part in the great struggle has never been told—not through indifference; but the subject for years was too painful to dwell upon. The actors will soon be gone and the men and events will pass into oblivion unless a change will be made in the public mind.

M. D.

SANFORD PLANS FOR NEW HOTEL IN NEAR FUTURE

Sanford, Nov. 19.—The Sanford Hotel changed ownership yesterday when the property was taken over by Messrs. D. F. Fort and W. S. Murchison of Raleigh, the new purchasers. The property was formerly owned by Pratt and Womble and was actively in charge of Mr. Gus Womble, who has made a reputation as a hotel man. Mr. Womble will remain with the new management for a few days to get them started off right, when he will move to his residence on Hawkins avenue and will arrange plans for a new hotel building which will be erected on the block north of the union station.

Seven Killed in Collision.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 18.—Seven occupants of an automobile, including six nurses returning from a social affair, were killed when the car was struck by a train at a grade crossing on the outskirts of the city early today.

Anybody who does anything new has got to do it alone.

DUNN WHOLESALER IS CONNECTED WITH THEFT, POLICE SAY

Peter A. Parker Arrested Following Finding of Cigarettes With Negroes

ADMITTED TO BAIL FOR HEARING TODAY

Sold Goods at Reduced Prices to Retailers and Pleads that he Accepted Them in Payment for Use of His Truck, Page Alleges—May Go to Federal Court.

Following the confiscation of \$60,000 cigarettes found in the possession of three negroes Tuesday afternoon Peter A. Parker, a prominent wholesale fruit and confectionary dealer, was placed under arrest Tuesday night by Chief of Police Page who charges Mr. Parker with having received and disposed of stolen goods. Parker was released under \$750 bond pending his appearance before Judge Robert C. Godwin, of the Dunn Recorder's Court, Thursday morning.

Evidence is presented against the wholesaler includes an alleged confession by a negro, a trunk said to be his property and used as a packing case for several thousand of the confiscated cigarettes, and bills of sale in the possession of retailers who claim to have bought cigarettes of him at reduced prices. Parker is alleged to have admitted to Chief of Police Page that he has received several cartons of cigarettes from negroes in payment for use of one of his motor trucks.

Ernest F. Young, Charles Lee Guy and Joseph W. Wilson, of the local bar, have been engaged to represent Parker. Clifford and Townsend will represent the town of Dunn and, Chief Page announced tonight, the legal department of the Federal Railway Administration, will aid in the prosecution.

At the time of Parker's arrest warrants were also served on Charles Thaggard, Sr., Charles Thaggard, Jr., and Clifford Thaggard, well-to-do negroes who were taken to the police station here. They are alleged to have acted with the robbers and to have received some of the stolen goods. They were admitted to bail for the sum of \$500 each. Neill Spencer, negro, was taken into custody and jailed. He is said to be one of the negroes who were in possession of the cigarettes when the police came upon them Tuesday afternoon. It is believed that a confession by him is responsible for the arrest of Parker.

The police announced Tuesday night that the case had been placed in the hands of the Railway Administration and that it was probable that it would be taken to Federal Court. It is practically certain, according to the police, that the confiscated goods were stolen from the Durham and Southern Railway yards while they were in transit from Durham. Some of the cartons bear addresses of Tarboro merchants. Others seem to have been bound for points in Florida.

Chief Page captured the cigarettes after they had been loaded upon a truck alleged to be the property of Cuts McLean, a negro drayman. The haul was made at a vacant dwelling on the Gerald property just South of town. Three negroes, whom the police allege to be the robbers, were conveying the stuff from the house to the truck at the time. All ran when they saw the cops. Neill Spencer was caught later in the day.

It is believed by those under arrest and under suspicion form a gang that has been active in car robberies here for the past several years.

P. A. Parker is one of the most prominent young men of Dunn. He has resided here for fifteen years and was one of the first of Dunn's young men to volunteer for service in the late war. He served as sergeant throughout the conflict, returning early last summer to resume his business activities. It is the universal opinion here that he is guiltless of any intentional fracture of the law. Chief Page, however, believes that he has sufficient evidence to convict him in any court.

ADVISES HOG RAISING TO BEAT BOLL WEEVIL

Swine Extension Specialist Says Porkers Will Follow Plague.

The hog will follow the boll weevil in its advance across eastern North Carolina, says W. W. Shay, Swine Extension Specialist of the Agricultural Extension Service. Those men in each neighborhood who are the first to adapt themselves to new conditions, will take up livestock farming, will escape the great hardships that will be faced on the farms of this section through the failure of their main crop dependence, cotton, because of the inroads of this devastating insect. In fact, says Mr. Shay, the time now spent in studying the proper care and the profitable growing of hogs will be the difference between success and failure on many North Carolina farms during the next few years.

Right now when the boll weevil is beginning his march in this State, at the time to make a start in this line of farming. One good sow will make a good beginning, thinks Mr. Shay. Proper pasturing should be provided so that all of her pigs may be kept economically until they are about eight months old, when they should weigh around 150 pounds each. With proper care and good pasture they can gain at least one pound per day after weaning. Unless, however, attention is given to the pasture and grazing crops during the year around, farmers will do well to attempt to go into the hog business.