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COMMUNITY MEETING TONIGHT

Held Under Auspices of Public School Extension Service of Chatham County

The regular bi-weekly community meeting, held under the auspices of the Public School Extension Service of Chatham County, and conducted under the direction of Miss Lucy H. Lawley, will be held at the School Auditorium here tonight at 7:45 o'clock. The entertainment will consist of moving pictures and singing. The moving picture program for this time is as follows:

Doc Yak and Santa Claus.
The Promised Land (3 reels).
Count 'Em—Comedy.
These community meetings were well attended for the last schedule, the attendance at the various centers having been as follows:

Corinth 144, Merry Oaks 36, Bennett 156, Bynum 113, Ore Hill 151, Bonlee 200, Goldston 175, Pittsboro 226, Silk Hope 141, Hickory Mt. 71.

The price of admission is only ten cents. You will do well to attend this meeting tonight, and also to take the whole family with you.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

An engagement of much interest in North Carolina was made at an announcement party given by Miss Hester Lilly at her home in Fayetteville last Thursday night, when the betrothal of Miss Lucy London Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Anderson, and Thomas Myers Wooten, only son of Mrs. L. C. Wooten, both of Fayetteville, was announced.

Miss Anderson is a debutante of Fayetteville, having graduated from St. Mary's School at Raleigh last June. She is not only pretty and charming, but possesses a real attractiveness of personality that has won friends for her everywhere she is known. Her popularity extends to many cities of the State.

Mr. Wooten is a young man of fine character and enterprising ability. He is employed with the Wells firm of cotton factors in Fayetteville. He finished his education at the University of North Carolina last June.

The marriage, which takes place in June, will unite two of the leading families of Fayetteville. Miss Anderson, on her paternal side, is a great granddaughter of James C. Dobbin, Secretary of the Navy under Franklin Pierce, and on her maternal side a grand-daughter of the late Maj. H. A. London, of Pittsboro. Mr. Wooten is of the eastern Carolina Wootens and Myers.

A Correction

In our issue of two weeks ago we stated that the County Commissioners had reduced the valuation of land in the County twenty-five per cent for the purposes of 1921 taxation. This was correct far as it went, but we should have stated that the Board of Appraisers also acted with the County Commissioners in making the reduction. Our attention has been called to this mistake, and we are glad to make the correction.

Graham has lost only about \$100 from fire in the last five years.

MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

An Enjoyable Meeting—Last Year the Club Raised the Sum of \$317

A thoroughly enjoyable meeting of the Pittsboro Woman's Club, combining both business and pleasure, was held at the lovely country home of Mrs. J. R. Milliken on Friday afternoon, April 6th, with Mrs. J. S. Milliken as additional hostess.

This meeting marked the close of the club year and the election of officers.

Miss Elizabeth Chapin read a brief summary of the year's work which was indeed gratifying. The Club in all its departments raised \$317.36 last year, of which \$136.71 was made by the Civic Department.

For playground equipment for the school \$118 was spent. \$50 was sent to Hon. H. A. Page for the Near East Relief Fund and \$5 was sent to Mrs. E. M. Lamb for the Sallie Southal Cotton Loan Fund.

Under the direction of the Literary Chairman, Miss Nellie Pilkington, the Club has just completed a course in Citizenship, based on the program arranged by Dr. Carroll of the University.

This Department also visited the County Home during the summer months and carried magazines, books and scraps for quilts for the inmates. Through the generosity of Mrs. J. W. Hunt a victrola was carried on each trip and, needless to say, this feature was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Health and Civic Department are working together with a view to having our little town kept in a more sanitary condition this summer than ever before.

The officers elected were:
President—Mrs. W. P. Horton.
Vice President—Mrs. Jas. L. Griffin.

Treasurer—Mrs. R. M. Farrell.
Sec'y—Miss Elizabeth Chapin.
Chairman of the Civic Department—Mrs. W. Reid Thompson.
Chairman of the Health Department—Mrs. G. W. Blair.
Chairman of the Music Department—Miss Emily Thompson.
Chairman of the Literary Department—Miss Nellie Pilkington.

Chairman of Publicity—Mrs. Ernest A. Farrell.

Mrs. Ernest A. Farrell was selected as delegate to the State Federation which meets in Wilmington in June.

During the social hour delicious cream and cake, candied grape fruit and mints were served.

The May meeting will be held with Mrs. W. P. Horton, with Mrs. F. C. Mann as additional hostess.

A Fast Reader

Louis Silver, 12 years old, in the seventh grade of the public school of Raleigh, is believed to be one of the fastest readers for his age in the country. In a test given him by his teacher, Silver read 624 words in a minute and answered every question correctly when she quizzed him on what he read. It requires the boy only about 30 or 40 minutes to read a book of from 250 to 300 pages.

Rev. Jonas Barclay, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. A. C. Ray are attending the Fayetteville Presbytery at Carthage.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

Winnie Davis Chapter Meets and Appoints Committees For May 10 Exercises

The election of delegates to the District Convention to be held on May 27th in Smithfield, and the appointment of committees and announcement of program for Memorial Day exercises on May 10th, were the business features of the meeting of the Winnie Davis Chapter, U. D. C., which was held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jas. L. Griffin, with Mrs. J. G. Griffin as additional hostess.

The delegates elected to the Smithfield Convention were: Mrs. F. C. Mann and Mrs. James L. Griffin.

Mrs. H. A. London, President of the Chapter, read the names of the Committees for the 10th of May.

Dinner Committee—Mrs. G. W. Blair, Chairman. Mesdames E. A. Farrell, Roscoe Farrell, J. W. Hunt, Lee Farrell.

Out-of-Town Committee—Mesdames J. R. Milliken, Fearington, Alston, Aurelia Taylor and Misses Lambeth, Clegg and Cordie Harmon.

Decoration Committee—Misses Maggie Horne, Nellie Pilkington, Carrie M. Jackson, Mary Griffin, and Mesdames F. C. Mann and E. R. Hinton.

Wreaths for Monument—Mesdames M. T. Williams, B. Nooe, R. A. Glenn, Della S. Fike, Jacob Thompson.

Music—Mrs. H. A. Bynum and Miss Carrie M. Jackson.

Churchyards—Methodist: Mesdames John Johnson and Wm. Eubanks. Baptist: Mesdames R. P. Johnson, Jas. L. Griffin and Jeter Griffin. Episcopal: Miss Nellie Pilkington and Mrs. A. H. London. Presbyterian: Mrs. J. C. Lanier and Mrs. Bowman.

At the close of the business session delicious cream and cake were served.

The May meeting will be held with Mrs. J. W. Hunt and Mrs. R. A. Glenn as hostesses at the home of the former.

Dinner for Old Soldiers

On the 10th of May the old Confederate veterans of Chatham and widows of veterans, or what remains of them, are to be given a big dinner by the U. D. C. and it is earnestly hoped that every veteran in the County will be present. In this connection, Mr. W. A. Ellington asks every veteran who will attend to notify him at once by postal, and also state how many of the old soldiers in their townships have died since the last reunion.

Educational Rally

There will be an educational rally at the Mount Pleasant Church Sunday morning, April 24, at 11 o'clock, for the four churches—Mount Pleasant, Cedar Grove, Bynum and Mann's Chapel.

This rally is in the interest of the Christian education movement. A speaker will be provided for the occasion. Every member of these four churches is asked and urged to be present.

The mother of Mrs. W. E. Alley, of West Durham, Mrs. Caves, died in Louisa, Va., last Monday.

Mecklenburg County has voted a bond issue of \$2,000,000 for building hard surfaced roads.

STATE S. S. CONVENTION

857 Registered Delegates Attended the Sessions of the Convention

Registration at the State Sunday School Convention held in Raleigh, April 12 to 14, indicated that 857 registered delegates attended the sessions of the Convention besides hundreds of visitors. According to the report of the Convention received the delegates were from 43 Counties of the State. The four Counties having the largest number of delegates besides Wake were Guilford County with 44, Durham 27, Alamance 25 and Vance with 23.

The addresses delivered at the Convention by several people of national reputation besides a large number of in-state people were said to be of a very high order. The Convention was considered very inspiring and helpful to all who attended.

The address by the President, Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Winston-Salem, on the subject, "Keeping Our Balance in Education," was considered one of the greatest addresses of the Convention, and resulted in the Convention appointing a Committee, composed of Mr. J. M. Broughton as Chairman, Mr. Herbert Gunter and Mrs. Chas. Van Noppen, to confer with the President of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly with a view of his naming a Committee of public school teachers to constitute a joint Committee to consider a system of high school credits for Bible study in Sunday Schools.

The reports submitted at the Convention indicated that in the nine months since Mr. D. W. Sims has been employed as State Superintendent seven additional Counties have been organized and there are now sixteen Counties with a County Sunday School Association. The reports also showed that the office of the Association has been established in Raleigh, and a free circulating library is being opened for the Sunday School workers of the State. The old debt of \$4,800 has been paid in full and when the pledges on hand are paid the Association will be free from debt.

Resolutions were adopted by the Convention concerning the death of Mr. Geo. W. Watts, of Durham, who for many years was a member of the State Executive Committee of the Association, and also Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, who was one time President of the organization. Resolutions were also passed by the Convention thanking the press of the State for so generously printing news about the Sunday School cause.

The last session of the Convention, Thursday night, was preceded by a parade in which it is stated about 1,000 Sunday School men participated.

By unanimous vote the invitation of the Charlotte Sunday School workers was accepted and the 1922 State Convention goes to Charlotte, April 11 to 13.

The officers of the Association were elected as follows: Gilbert T. Stephenson, Winston-Salem; President; Jos. G. Brown, Raleigh, Vice President; E. B. Crow, Raleigh, Treasurer.

Mrs. Arthur H. London and Miss Nellie Pilkington are attending the meeting of the Women's Auxiliary at Winston-Salem this week.

REDUCE COTTON ACREAGE

It Will Cost More to Produce Cotton This Year Than It Can Be Sold For

Unless the price of cotton advances it will cost more to produce cotton this year than it can be sold for. Middling cotton is quoted at 11 1-2c, but most of the cotton selling today is going at prices around 5c to 8c a pound. Cotton being bought at 5c to 8c is not the lowest grades, but is good cotton, representing excellent spinning qualities.

The price of middling cotton is misleading. Some middling cotton may be selling at almost 11 1-2c, but the real market is on cotton that is bringing not more than 8c per pound. In comparison therewith, the quotation on middling should not be over 9c. Either middling is too high or grades below middling are too low in price, intrinsic differences considered. Now, what is the use of attempting to pay debts by operating a business continuously at a loss? If there is no hope for a profit, but a certainty of a loss, any prudent business man would stop the loss by closing up shop, if he could, until there was some prospect of a profitable business. We know of one man who owns a plantation. That man has not got the nerve to go into the market and pay 8c a pound for 1,000 bales of cotton, and he admits that he does not expect to produce that cotton for less than 13 1-2c a pound. Wouldn't it be a whole lot better for that man to let his farm lie out and buy 1,000 bales of cotton at 8c per pound, select the exact kinds of cotton that he wants, the kinds that he thinks will be most salable next fall, and store them away until fall and call it his planting for 1921? If he plants for 1,000 bales, he does not know how many bales he will produce, he does not know what the boll weevil will do to it, nor storms, nor what will happen because of the many vicissitudes to which the crop is susceptible, and last, but not least, he does not know what grade of cotton he will produce. He only knows that his cotton is costing him not less than 13 1-2c and that he could have bought cotton of his own selection, approximately the average in grade of any crop he may hope to produce, at 8c a pound.

There is another thing about it when you buy cotton already in existence, and put it away in the manner spoken of in the foregoing; every transaction of that kind will contribute to advancing the price of cotton. On the other hand, uncertainty. It is not a case of Scylla and Charybdis. On one hand there is safety, on the other, certain destruction, and we are in position to choose absolutely and guide our own course. Yet we choose deliberately the course that leads to disaster. What is the answer? Some may say it is necessary to plant cotton to hold their farming organization together. Others that they can borrow money to make a new crop, but cannot borrow money to hold the old one, nor borrow to buy cotton. If a banker, or any other source of credit, is able to loan money to make a new crop, he is able to loan money to hold cotton and he is able to loan money to those who wish to buy cotton. He is risking very much less to loan money on cotton at 6c a pound than he is on

PITTSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement Exercises to Take Place April 29 and May 1-2

The commencement exercises of the Pittsboro High School will begin on April 29 at 8 p. m. with the recital of its music class. On Sunday night, May 1st, Rev. H. E. Speece, Professor of Biblical Literature at Trinity College, will preach the annual sermon to the graduating class.

Monday morning, May 2nd, at 10 o'clock, the class day exercises of the graduating class will be given. At 11 o'clock the annual literary address will be delivered by Prof. W. J. Matherly, of the School of Commerce at the University. Monday night the annual high school play will be given. The name of the play is "The Average Man." An admission of 15 and 25c will be charged for the play. All other exercises are free.

All programs will be rendered in the High School Auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend all exercises.

Killed by Lightning

A colored boy, aged about 10 years old, son of Eli Goldston, was killed by lightning on his way home from school in Hickory Mt. township last Friday afternoon. Two other colored children were knocked down at the same time and place and several others shocked.

Mr. Fred W. Bynum, of Rockingham, was a Pittsboro visitor yesterday.

cotton at 13 1-2c. Besides, at 8c he is loaning for a purpose that will contribute to an advance in the market, while at 13 1-2c he is loaning to contribute to certain depression. Now and then the farmer has been accused of poor business judgment. But if it be a fact that the farmer can borrow money to make a new crop at 13c, but is unable to borrow money to hold on to or to acquire cotton at 8c or 9c, then the banker and not the farmer is at fault.

Cotton is not ready sale at any price. Cotton has ceased to be a cash crop. But even if it could be sold at current prices a crop high in grade to bring more than 9c a pound average, would be the exception. That being the case, if it costs 13 1-2c a pound to grow cotton there is a certain loss of 4 1-2c a pound to begin with, if cotton does not go up. A decline of 4 1-2c a pound from 9c would put the price down to 4 1-2c, a remote possibility. Why pay 13c a pound for cotton that can be bought for 7c or 9c?

The amount of American cotton carried over this year will be not less than 10,000,000 bales and may exceed 11,000,000 bales, including 1,250,000 bales of linters. An American crop of even 6,000,000 bales of lint on top of 11,000,000 bales would give us a supply of 17,000,000 bales of American cotton, lint and linters, about equal to the world's normal consumption of all kinds of cotton annually. The average crop of cotton other than American grown is approximately 7,000,000 bales annually. The world has never consumed as much as 15,000,000 of American cotton in any one year. Last year it was 12,735,000 bales, the year before 10,000,000 bales and this year we are consuming at a rate of less than 10,000,000 bales of American cotton.