

WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 19, 1915.
WEATHER: SHOWERS TONIGHT OR SUNDAY; NORTHWEST WIND.

Several Distinguished Speakers Addressed the Co. Farmers Meeting

Over Three Hundred From All Sections of Beaufort County in Attendance. Much Good Will Doubtless be the Result.

An enthusiastic farmers' meeting of Beaufort county, under the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture, was held in the courthouse, this city, last week but owing to the storm visiting the city the next morning, a story of the proceedings has been delayed until this issue. Between three and four hundred farmers from all sections of the county were present, and they thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the meeting.

Mr. B. T. Bonner, of Aurora, was chairman of the meeting, presiding with dignity and ability. The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock.

The first speaker before the farmers was Professor J. M. Johnston, of the Bureau of Farm Management, United States Department of Agriculture, stationed at the A. and M. College, West Raleigh, for North Carolina. The subject of Professor Johnston was "Better Farming." He showed in a satisfactory way how one farm pays while another does not and gave his reasons for the faith that was within him. The second speaker on the program was Dr. William Hart Dexter, of the farmers' cooperative demonstration work, United States Department of Agriculture, his subject being "The Better Farm Life: An Uplift Talk."

The speaker asked this question: "What is the farmer's job?" and answered his question. He said it was primarily to make a living—then a home—home of happiness, contentment and progress. He stated that it was a part of the farmer's job to conserve the fertility of the soil—that the farmer had no right to waste the soil but his duty to maintain its productivity unimpaired for those who came after him; that it was also his duty to cultivate the community spirit—the means co-operation. It meant joining together for the purpose of disseminating useful information among the farmers for the purpose of marketing their products; for maintaining good schools and for building up model churches. This same spirit of co-operation was necessary, said the doctor, "before any county could conduct and maintain good roads."

The speaker referred to the necessity of social recreation of the children on the farm; that country life should be made attractive or the outcome would be the children would think that the town was the only place in which they could obtain social life and recreation.

Dr. Charles W. Stiles, of the United States Public Health Service, stationed at Wilmington in charge of the government hospital, and also secretary of the Hookworm Commission, next spoke on "Rural Sanitation and Preventable Diseases."

Mr. Clyde L. Davis and Mr. Roger E. Treat gave motion pictures illustrating the various activities of farm life. Both of these young men graduated from Harvard University last June and have just entered upon this work.

Congressman John H. Small, through whose influence the meeting was held here, stated to a Daily News reporter that the whole meeting was conceived with the idea of rendering service to the farmers of the county; help them to adopt better methods on the farm; to improve the fertility of the soil; to secure larger crop yields at less cost and to enable them to provide better homes for their families, and also enlarged opportunities for their children.

"This is now recognized as a work worthy of the efforts of any man," said Mr. Small. There should not only be co-operation among the farmers but should be cultivated a stronger bond of sympathy between the man in the town and the man on the farm. More than 75 per cent of the population of Eastern North Carolina live on the farm and are directly dependent on the soil for their living. So far in the future as we can see agriculture will be the dominant industry in Eastern Carolina. The products of the farm constitute, and is the source of new wealth, and any movement which increases the volume of farm products brings a substantial increase to the county and nation. "In this increased wealth," said the congressman, "all the people are beneficiaries."

No one could have attended this farmers' meeting without receiving inspiration and courage for a better and stronger life.



A. K. Taylor, M. D.

Dr. Taylor has just been appointed by Governor Craig to represent North Carolina at the 23d annual session of the Military Surgeons of the United States, to be held at Denver, Col., September 18-21. The doctor left this morning via the Atlantic Coast Line for Denver. The news of this high honor coming to our townsman is indeed gratifying to his many friends.

Associated Charities President Explains Charity Distribution

I desire to make some explanation about what the Associated Charities have been doing in helping those who suffered from the recent storm. As those of us who have this association in charge have been made to feel very bad on account of some of the criticisms made by some persons who did not know just what had been done. Some seem to think because the amount that was raised by the good citizens of Washington on September 3, the night of the storm, that we distributed it to any one who came along with a pitiful plea. This is not true. We have been just as careful as we could be in distributing this money, and have only given it to persons who were actually suffering and could not help themselves. We are glad to say that there was only a few such cases found. We have spent not quite \$20. This amount will, no doubt, seem very small, because we ourselves in the beginning thought that we would need several times this amount, and if we had listened to persons who applied to us and helped them all, without making a personal investigation, it would have been much larger. We understand that we have been blamed by some persons in town who would phone us that certain parties were in need, and we did not help them. They thinking it was true because they had not investigated it themselves. We investigated such, and after wards declined to help them because we would find that it was not the proper thing to do.

To show just how careful we have been, out of about 60 persons who asked us for help Friday after the storm we found only three families who were in actual need who could not help themselves. These families we have aid sufficient to keep them going until they could get in a position to help themselves. The others we assisted in getting them positions.

We have heard that some who subscribed to this Association have expressed regrets about having done so, thinking that their money was being wasted, and if not wasted, we would not need that amount. To all those we wish to assure them that no money will be spent unless we have good assurance of its going to persons who are actually in need. If we do not spend all of this money helping those who suffered during the storm it will be kept to use in the Associated Charities to help others who are in need later. No one need to worry about their money being wasted, and not properly spent.

This hurriedly written article I written in justice to those who have the Associated Charities in charge, and especially the superintendent, Miss Rumley, and Mr. C. H. Harding, treasurer, who have had most of the work to do. E. R. MIXON, President Associated Charities.

CIRCULATED REPORT LACKS FOUNDATION

The Daily News learns from reliable sources that in certain sections the report is being given on publicity to the effect that since the Washington steel bridge spanning the Pamlico river had been washed away—due to the recent storm—that farmers and others having to use this bridge in order to reach Washington are upon to pay toll across the ferry established by the county. This paper hastens to brand this report as false, and without any foundation whatever. Any farmer can come across the ferry to Washington without one cent cost. Those in charge of the county affairs have never exacted one cent from any man desiring to visit this city on business or pleasure. The day after the storm farmers bringing their tobacco here were provided with carts on this side of the river and free transportation in gas boats other than the regular ferry. Some one seems to be endeavoring to injure Washington as a market, hoping thereby to increase their own coffers. Anyone hearing the above report should brand it without limit as a falsehood.

FIRE BURNS RESIDENCE AT BUNYON

Home of Mrs. Margaret Woolard Was Totally Destroyed Thursday Night—Summed Work of Incendiary.

Mrs. Margaret Woolard, who resides near Bunyan, this county, met with the misfortune Thursday night last, September 11, of having her home, furniture, wearing apparel, etc., entirely destroyed by fire. Her loss is estimated to be between six and seven hundred dollars. How the blaze originated is not known but it is thought to have been the work of an incendiary. The fire occurred between 8 and 9 o'clock, while Mrs. Woolard and her daughter were attending church some miles away. She did not learn of her loss until next morning as she remained all night with her son. Mrs. Woolard lost everything she possessed, only saving the clothing she wore.

On September 1, between 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Kallie Woolard, Jr., a son of Mrs. Woolard, also had his residence entirely consumed with all his furniture, clothing, etc. The burning of his residence, it is surmised, was likewise the work of an incendiary.

GREAT DAY LOOKED FOR ON SUNDAY

Miss Flossie A. Byrd State Sect'y of Baraca Philathes Union to Address Citizens at School Building

All the members of the Baraca and Philathes class in Washington are anticipating with pleasure the coming of Miss Flossie A. Byrd, general secretary of the Baraca-Philathes State Union. Miss Byrd is to speak in this city tomorrow at the school auditorium, Baptist, Christian and Methodist churches, and no doubt she will be heard by a large number.

Tonight at the Washington Light Infantry armory a social will be given by the Baracas and Philathes and also a spelling match. The feature of the evening will be several short addresses by well known speakers. The spelling match will be between representatives of the two classes picked from the respective churches. Superintendent C. M. Campbell, of the Washington public schools, will do the honors as schoolmaster. Refreshments will be served.

Tomorrow morning Miss Byrd will address the pupils of the Christian and Baptist church Sunday schools. On Sunday night Miss Byrd will make an address at the First Methodist church. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a mass meeting held in the public school auditorium to which every one has a cordial invitation. The following program will be carried out:

Song, "Baraca Union," by Baraca classes.
Song, "Philathes National Hymn," by Philathes classes.
Prayer.
Vocal duet, "Dear to the Heart of the Shepherd," by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moss, with chorus.
Selection, Presbyterian male quartet.
Introduction of speaker, H. S. Ward.
Address, Miss Flossie A. Byrd.
Selection, Presbyterian male quartet.

Song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."
North Carolina is the banner state in the Baraca-Philathes movement, having about 1,400 classes. New York state ranks second. There are six Baraca-Philathes classes in Washington with an enrollment of about 250.

A great occasion is looked for Sunday in Washington.

New Milliner Arrives.
Mrs. MIBBIE R. GRACE, of Baltimore, Md., has arrived to take charge of the millinery department at J. K. Hoyt's store for the fall and winter.

JUDGE BRAGAW TO HOLD COURT

Governor Craig has assigned Judge Setephen C. Bragaw, of this city, to hold a special term of court September 20 in Currituck county. The term of court is to be for one week, and will be for the trial of both civil and criminal cases.

Returns to College.
Miss Sue Broom, daughter of Rev. R. H. Broom, pastor of the First Methodist church, left yesterday for Littleton, N. C., to visit friends for a few days prior to the opening of Littleton Female College.

Still Pumping Water.
Although the storm was over a week ago water is still being pumped out of the stores of W. B. Morton & Co. and F. G. Paul & Bro.

Special Meeting.
Mayor Frank C. Kugler has called a special meeting of the City Board of Aldermen for Monday night next at the City Hall. Business of importance is to be transacted pertaining to the welfare of the welfare of the city.

Mr. W. W. Watson, of Lake Land, is a business visitor.

FALL OPENING.
The opening fall goods sale at P. Orleans' Bazaar will begin next Wednesday, September 17. See big ad in the Daily News Monday.

PHONE EXCHANGE IS NOW REPAIRED

Manager David W. Bell, of the Carolina Telephone Exchange, states that all the long distance telephone lines have been repaired and restored and are now ready for use. Mr. Bell hopes to have the city telephone exchange repaired by this evening. The telephone people have done excellent work since the storm damage of last week.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT M. E. CHURCH

There will be regular services at the First Methodist church Sunday morning and evening. Sunday school will meet at 9:45 o'clock, E. R. Mixon superintendent.

At 11 o'clock the pastor, Rev. R. H. Broom, will use as his subject for the morning sermon, "Some Effects of God's Grace." At the evening hour, 8 o'clock, the topic will be: "Divine Love Grieving." After the evening discourse Miss Flossie Byrd, state secretary of the Baraca-Philathes Union, will make a short address. All members of the church and all others have a cordial invitation to be present. Seats free.

WILL HAVE SALE AT HACKNEY N. C.

Messrs. D. L. Hardee and R. K. Privett, special representatives of the Atlantic Coast Realty Company Greenville, N. C., arrived here today to engineer a sale of small farms at Hackney, N. C. The sale is billed for Wednesday, September 17. Hackney is about six miles from Washington. Mr. Hardee came from Staunton, Va. and Mr. Privett from Southport, N. C., where they both have just had successful sales.

NEW THEATRE OPENS NOV. 15

The completion of the new theater will be delayed about thirty days, due to the storm's havoc of last week, stated Contractor M. M. Jones to a Daily News reporter this morning. The opening of the theater was scheduled for October 13 but on account of delay the opening will not take place earlier than November 15. Only the rear end of the building was damaged. The construction of the stage will have to be gone over with the stage will be 45 feet wide and 37 feet deep, containing all the latest appliances. The auditorium will seat comfortably 700 people. The entire building will be modern and up to date in every particular, and an ornament and credit to Washington.

Head Milliner.
Miss Nannie L. Spurgeon, of Baltimore, Md., has arrived here to be in charge of the millinery department at the store of Mr. E. W. Ayers at the coming season.

STICK'S SPIKE THROUGH THE FOOT

Mr. William M. Chauncey, manager of the Chauncey marine railways, met with a painful accident last Thursday morning and in consequence he has been confined to his home ever since. Mr. Chauncey was engaged in work on a barge at the Eureka Lumber Company's plant, and in some way a heavy plank fell on his foot containing a spike sticking out. The spike went clear through his right foot, making a painful wound. He was carried to the Washington Hospital, where prompt surgical aid was given. Since the accident Mr. Chauncey has been compelled to remain at home. It is to be hoped that he will soon recover.

STATE JORDER OFFERS HELP

Among the many out-of-town offers of assistance to the city during its stricken condition incident to the recent storm the following telegram speaks for itself, which is gratifying to every Aracite in our midst: Raleigh, N. C., September 5, 1915. A. W. Thomas, Secretary: Wish to express to you my sympathy of the Royal Arcanum membership of North Carolina for our Arcanum brothers in Washington and the citizens in general in the terrible disaster as result of the storm. If we can be of any assistance please advise.

C. A. JOHNSON, Grand Regent. In addition to the above telegram the Supreme Regent wired Grand Secretary Bonitz at Wilmington that they would send aid at once if necessary.

Meet in Extra Session.
There will be an extra session of the Board of County Commissioners at the courthouse on next Monday to clear matters pertaining to the county occasioned by the recent storm.

Mr. W. A. Powell, of New Bern, was here today on business.

Reg. Services at St. Peter's

The rector, Rev. Nathaniel Harding, will celebrate morning prayer with sermon at St. Peter's Episcopal church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school will meet at 8 o'clock. E. K. Willis, Jr., superintendent. Evening song at 8:30 o'clock. Public cordially invited to be present. Falls and attentive services.



REV. R. L. GAY.

The above is a cut of the new pastor of the First Baptist Church, this city, who has been a resident here for only a short while. Already

Mr. H. H. Thompson, of Aurora, N. C., registered at Hotel Louisa this morning.

Dr. A. K. Taylor left this morning for Denver, Chicago and other western cities.