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No Farmers Meetings This Summer.

Letter from Mr. Small.

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To The Farmers:

I regret to announce that the usual Farmers Educational Meeting cannot be held this summer. A number of reasons have united to bring about this result. Congress is still in session. This horrible European War has temporarily demoralized our finances, our foreign commerce and depressed the prices of those staple farm products of which we export to Europe a large proportion, notably cotton and tobacco. Congress and the Administration are striving to afford every remedy so far as legislation can help, but law unfortunately cannot restore the demand for these products to the extent which it has been diminished by this War. Much will remain to be done by our own people through co-operation between the growers, bankers and public spirited citizens.

But I have diverted. Another and primary reason for the failure to hold these meetings was the inability of the Federal Department of Agriculture to furnish the experts to address the meetings.

I am greatly disappointed, and I feel sure that those who have heretofore attended this meeting feel a similar regret. That they have been beneficial is attested by ample evidence. I have received hundreds of letters and heard very numerous expressions commending them and asking for their continuance. Through these meetings the drainage movement and our modern drainage law, which are proving such a blessing, were inaugurated. The first Corn Judging Day held in the State, or in the South for that matter, was at one of these meetings. In other respects they have emphasized better and more productive methods.

If possible to do so, a series of meetings will be held next summer.

Very sincerely,
JNO. H. SMALL.

BALLAHACK NEWS

Mr. R. S. White spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. Oliver Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lamb of Belvidere spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Elizabeth Nixon is quite ill at this writing.

Miss Mattie Barber and Willie Cannon of Hertford spent a few days last week with Mrs. D. L. Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Thach of Yeopim spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perry. Mr. and Mrs. D. R. White visited her aunt Mrs. Exum Winslow of Niconor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Haskett spent Wednesday with friends in Green Hall. Misses Addie and Cornie White spent Sunday with their sister Mrs. C. W. Ward, Leroy Haskett and Johnny Goodwin spent Saturday night and Sunday at Rocky Hock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Thach of Yeopim spent Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Haskett.

Roper News.

Miss Alice Cahoon and Mrs. R. R. Roper and little daughter, Neva Gan, are spending sometime at Ocean View.

Miss Annie Sawyer of Norfolk left Saturday for E. City, accompanied by Miss Estelle Ball with whom she has just concluded a pleasant visit.

Miss Florence Appleby of Oriental left for home Monday after a week's visit to Mrs. Geo. B. Hooker.

R. S. Chesson and family are visiting his brother at Royal, N. C. and while away, he will spend sometime at Beaufort.

Mrs. J. W. Mitchell has returned home from an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Cotton at Portsmouth, Va., and was accompanied home by her grand-children, Leonard and Lucy Mitchell, who will spend sometime here.

Miss Minnie Hodges of Mackeys is the guest of the Misses Barco.

Misses Evara and Retha Haughton left Monday for their home near Creswell after a short visit to their uncle C. G. Spencer.

H. M. Williams of Reberso-ville was here the latter part of the week, Miss Mollie Chesson accompanying him home for an extended visit.

J. G. Dowson of Tuscarora, N. C. formerly Supt. of Roper Graded Schools, spent several days here recently visiting friends.

Miss Alice Clark of Belhaven returned home Monday after a few days spent here the guest of Mrs. B. S. Clark.

Mrs. Josephine Jones of Pante go is visiting Mrs. A. C. Wentz.

Miss Lillie Siteron is home from the Summer course at the Greenville training school, having stopped over a week at Rocky Mount to visit her uncle.

Miss Myra Pearce of Winton left Monday after a delightful visit to Miss Eula Spruill.

On Monday evening, Miss Mary Johnston gave a garden party in honor of her school chum, Miss Minnie Hodges. The lawn was gaily decorated in bright colored Japanese lanterns. After various entertainments, including the matching of verses for partners iced watermelon and peaches were served. Those present were Misses Minnie Hodges, Nellie and Myrtle Tarkenton of Mackeys Ivy Gay-Lord of Buell, Va., Eula Spruill, Ethel and Lillie Barco, Messrs. Herbert Jones of Norfolk, Johnnie Tarkenton of Mackeys, Elmer and Nathan Spruill, Jack McAllister, Raymond Harrison, George Jacobs, Amos Edwards and Asa F. Johnston. Miss Jessie Lee Allen and Miss Saowden of Norfolk are guests of Mrs. L. L. Allen.

Misses Ida and Hattie Peacock left Monday for Baltimore to purchase their fall stock of millinery and fancy goods. Miss Myra Peacock has accepted a position as teacher in the Graded School at Creswell and will leave during the first week of Sept.

The Misses Barco entertained last Thursday evening in honor of their house guest, Miss Minnie Hodges. After an ice contest in which the prize, a box of candy, was won by Miss Mary Johnston, the entire party went for a delightful automobile ride, and on their return, dainty refreshments were

served. Those present were Misses Minnie Hodges, Nellie Tarkenton and Corrinne Bell of Mackeys, Myrtle Pierce of Winton, Eula Spruill and Mary Johnston, Messrs. John Tarkenton, Nathan and Elmer Spruill, George Jacobs, Jack McAllister and L. D. Barco.

Gatesville News.

Messrs. W. F. Ruth, J. L. Hayes of Windsor and Miss Alice Babb of Hertford are visiting at the home of Sheriff J. A. Brown.

Miss Janet Walton of Franklin is visiting her parental home.

Messrs. W. B. Williams and C. G. Ellis spent several days last week in Norfolk.

Miss Lillie Barrow of Hertford is visiting her cousins Misses Clara Maie Brown, and Nannie Riddick.

Little Miss Suste Roberts is quite sick with scarlet fever.

Mr. A. R. Roberts spent last week in Baltimore.

Mr. Hurdle and daughter Lula of Norfolk are visiting at the home of her brother, W. J. Deans.

Master Arthur Mitchell of Windsor is visiting his cousin Master Hance Hofter.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. V. Cross of Savage spent Sunday with Mrs. T. E. Hofter.

Miss Laura Lee Eason is at home after quite an extended visit to relatives in Norfolk.

Miss Olio Brinkley and mother of Cypress Chappel visited Mrs. W. F. Eason Friday.

Mr. W. R. Hayes and Miss Allene Edwards visited friends in Belvidere Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peele, Mrs. Daton and baby, Mrs. Council and baby, and Mr. Gilmer Holland of Holland Va. were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cowper last Tuesday.

Miss Edith Powell of Norfolk is visiting Mrs. C. G. Ellis.

Mrs. W. R. Cowper is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Rawls, son Earnest, Misses Georgie Hollowell and Mary Edith Rawls of Holland, Va. spent Tuesday with Miss Lizzie Eason. Mrs. C. G. Ellis, Mr. Thurman Eason, Misses Edith Powell, Placid Browe and Virginia Rountree visited Mrs. W. A. Ellis, of Vivian Sunday.

To Whom It May Concern.

I take this method to correct an erroneous report which has been circulated concerning my candidacy for sheriff of Gates county. The report has been circulated that I made the statement somewhere "that I had been treated entirely fair in the Primaries and County convention and that I had lost and lost fairly." To this report I wish to reply that I have never made such statement, for I could not have done so and state facts, as every body in Gates county knows. I do not think however, that the gentlemen who started the report meant to misrepresent facts, but simply made a mistake. I shall be pleased to explain fully the circumstances which I think led up to the starting of the rumor, if you will interview me.

Very respectfully,
L. W. BROWN.

Gliden Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brinkley and brother and sister, Carson and Lizzie of Colerain were the week end guests of friends and relatives here and were accompanied home by Miss Inez Perry. Mr. Floyd White left Monday a. m. for Buie's Creek Academy. Mrs. Sarah Copeland of Belvidere spent Sunday at the home of her father Mr. W. E. Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Parker and daughter Katherine of Edenton have returned to their home, after spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Welch.

Mrs. B. F. Berryman, who has recently undergone an operation at St. Vincent's hospital has returned, greatly improved.

Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Ward and daughter Selmo, little George Ward of Richmond Va., and Misses Virginia and Margaret Stephenson of Suffolk Va. called at the home of Mrs. A. J. Ward Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. A. T. Perry and son Conroy have returned, having spent a week very pleasantly at Ocean View.

Miss Blanche Ward has returned after a two weeks stay with friends in Clarkton. She reports a most delightful trip.

W. D. Perry spent Friday and Saturday with his son John who is in service at Fort Monroe.

Mr. T. Ward and family and Miss Sadie Carter spent Friday afternoon in Edenton.

Mr. R. V. Lamb of E. City was the guest of Miss Blanche Ward Sunday.

Mr. A. D. Ward motored to Suffolk Friday P. M. on business.

Master Elgin and Harry Ward of Tyner were in our village Wednesday on business.

Miss Lillie Mansfield was the guest of Misses Ruth and Zeta Perry Sunday.

Mr. E. V. Welch left Tuesday for Whitsette Institute where he will be a student the coming session.

Mr. Thomas Deans and sister Pauline were visitors at the home of Mr. J. V. Winslow, Sunday.

Mr. B. H. Ward and family of Bosley, Mr. M. A. Ward and family of Carters were the guests of Mrs. A. J. Ward Sunday.

Quite a number of our people attended services at Zion M. E. Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Joe Winslow and Miss Blanche Ward called at the home of Mr. E. C. Welch Wednesday afternoon.

J. A. Perry of U. S. N. is at home on his furlough. Mrs. J. A. Perry and baby, Mrs. Jane Hollowell and Mrs. Mellie Spivey were the guests of Mrs. L. N. Umphlett Saturday.

Acorn.

The summer of 1914 will soon be a thing of the past. The corn, standing for so many days on level and on hill side, the beautiful foliage thereof, shading the earth with its hues of emerald will, together with the greenfields and meadows in close proximity change their color to autumnal brown. We who dwell in this community do not appreciate as we should the bright prospects revealed to us by the God of Nature in the lavish display of its stores of food, which are being

garnered for the untold thousands who dwell within our gates. It is true—we praise the sunshine, and the shower, without which food in abundance could not be procured, and yet many of us are to some extent improvident in the use of the portion which God in the wealth of His beneficence dispenses with a lavish hand. Yes sir, our corn crop is exceedingly good, our husbandmen are almost through with the work of stripping the foliage which of a truth is the life of the growing corn. Our orchards are full of luscious fruit, the apple and peach predominating in variety and in excellence.

Members of the Ladies' Aid Society of Oak Grove Christian Church met with Mrs. W. B. S. Riddick at her home Sunday afternoon. Of those who had been present at the meeting and partaken of Mrs. Riddick's hospitality we note: Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Small, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Small, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Benton and Mr. L. S. Parker. Peach cream was served at the close of the meeting, when all departed with pleasant memories of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Rountree and family visited at the home of his brother, Mr. L. M. Rountree, at Corapeake last Sunday.

Mrs. J. J. McCarthy called at the home of Mrs. L. A. Rountree Monday morning.

Mr. W. B. S. Riddick who has been confined to his home for about three weeks, due to fracture of his collar bone while loading a cart with apples, is improving and we hope our neighbor will soon be able to resume his old time duties.

Masters Hertell and Haslett Rountree visited their friend, J. Vernon McCarthy, last Monday evening.

Sunbury Notes.

Miss Blanche Pierce is on a visit to relatives and friends in Portsmouth, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Brown spent one day last week at Mr. J. E. Corbett's.

Rev. T. M. Grant and wife were visitors in Sunbury last week.

Rev. Costen J. Harrell of the faculty of Trinity College, Durham, N. C. preached an able sermon at Philadelphia, M. E. Church last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Rice of Richmond, Va. is visiting friends and relatives in this community.

Mrs. I. F. Pierce and sons, Thurman and Bennet, are visiting in Portsmouth, Va. this week, and will also make a visit to Mathews and Gloucester counties, Virginia before returning home.

Messrs. W. S. and H. L. Cross were visitors in Sunbury last Sunday. They were accompanied home by their families who've been spending some time here. Mrs. G. C. Brooks returned with them to be with the family of Mr. B. L. Saunders, whose son was killed in Suffolk on Saturday night.

Dr. G. C. Brooks went to Suffolk on Monday to attend the funeral of Mr. Saunders.

Mr. Thomas C. Manning of Suffolk is spending a part of his vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Manning. Miss Gladys Corbett spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives near Middle Swamp.

Miss Irma Parker has returned from a visit to Hobberville, N. C.

Mr. C. F. Copeland and son Ralph spent Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in Norfolk, Va.

Winfall.

Dr. Elbert White of Norfolk Va. is visiting his family for a few days.

Miss Mary Isabella White is attending the Teacher's Institute at Greenville, N. C.

Mr. Charles E. Brown of Philadelphia is visiting relatives in Belvidere.

Mr. Walter Hayes and his niece Miss Allene Edwards of Gatesville were guests in and around Belvidere on Sunday.

Messrs Cannon Nowell, Carroll Ward and Julian Chappell left last week for Mars Hill.

Miss Viola Ward returned home last week after a stay of several weeks in Norfolk.

Miss Marie Winslow has returned home after visiting friends in Norfolk and E. City.

Mr. Haskett of Philadelphia is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Alphonso White.

Mr. Joseph White has returned to his home in Franklin after a pleasant visit to his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth White.

Mrs. J. H. Baker and son Garland are visiting friends in Franklin.

Mrs. Burton Hathaway and daughters, Misses Agnes and Margaret, spent Sunday at Virginia Beach.

Mr. Frank Kirby of Norfolk, was the guest of Miss Sallie Jessup Sunday.

Miss Annie Maie Smith is visiting friends in Durants Neck.

Misses Frankie Barber and Minnie Hollowell left Wednesday to visit their uncle, Mr. Jas. Perry, in E. City.

Rocky Hock Items.

There will be a lawn party at Elm Grove school home Tuesday September 1st, given under the auspices of the Rocky Hock Farmers' Union Brass Band, beginning at three o'clock and ending at eleven o'clock at night.

Mr. W. H. Hollowell left Sunday night for Buie's Creek, after spending his vacation at home with his parents.

Mr. T. B. Hollowell's children of Norfolk are visiting their grand parents and relatives here.

Mr. Richard Nixon left Sunday night to attend school at Buie's Creek.

There was a large crowd at an ice cream supper at Mr. B. B. Hollowell's Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hollowell and son, Billie, spent Tuesday and Friday in Ahoskie with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Evans.

We are glad to state that Mr. C. W. Tyuch is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Treville Dail and children spent last Sunday at Mr. B. B. Hollowell's.

Miss Mattie Whitman has returned home from Norfolk, Va., where she has been visiting relatives.

Mr. W. H. Hollowell and brother, Raleigh, spent last Tuesday night at Mr. Billie Williams and attended the picnic at Bethel.

Miss Bettie Evans of Ahoskie, visited her aunt, Mrs. B. B. Hollowell last week.