

THOUSANDS MEET CLINTON BODY ON TOUR OF COUNTY

Better Business League Finds Fine Welcome Over Sampson

COMPLETE TOURS FRIDAY

Starting Last Friday and Going Again Wednesday, Civic Boosters Take in All of Community Centers

Acting upon the suggestion made by the Independent several weeks ago, Clinton business men, members of the newly formed Clinton Better Business League, during the past week made two important trips through rural Sampson. On this journey, thousands of people were met, and the personal invitation of the business interests of the town was extended to the people to visit the county seat.

The first trip was made last Friday and the second yesterday. On each of these trips thousands of pieces of advertising matter were given out to those who greeted the travelers. Short talks were made by members of the party and those visited, and introductions were made all around.

The third and last of the present series of trips will be made tomorrow (Friday) when the representatives of Sampson's capital will tour the southern end of the county, stopping at all of the bigger schools in that section.

Make First Trip

Friday was indeed a gala day in the history of the Clinton Better Business League for it was on this day that the members of this organization paid a visit to the different schools in the northeastern section of Sampson county.

Leaving Clinton about 9 o'clock in the morning, the caravan which was composed of 12 automobiles, decorated with various signs of welcome, together with many pennants of various colors and which embodied around 30 very enthusiastic merchants, professional and business men arrived at Six Runs Academy at 9:55. They were met there by about 70 fine looking youngsters, with three teachers.

Dr. Hollingsworth, acting as courier for the caravan had the students in formation and in readiness to receive the words of welcome mingled with an abundance of wit and humor which fell from the lips of Major George E. Butler who held the entire audience almost spellbound throughout his speech. He introduced each and every member of the caravan personally, in a unique way which took like hot cakes with the children as well as with the members of the caravan. Each member was arranged in the proper order for the introductions and this form of introduction was carried out during the remaining visits. Major Butler varied wonderfully from the old style as each speech was delivered, always having new words at his command for each introduction and never for once did his speeches grow monotonous, but always keeping the members themselves guessing as to which way they would be introduced next.

Many Firms Represented

Those who were among the caravan and what firms or businesses they represented follow: W. D. Kelly, handling general merchandise, and who also acted as proxy for the Sampson Hardware company headed the list of introductions; Mr. O. J. Powell, dry goods; Mike N. Gann, Sampson Bargain House; C. R. Rich & Co., wholesale grocers; C. A. Deal, sanitary meat market; C. F. Collins, dry goods and gent's furnishings; Register & Parker, barbers; Mr. A. Phillips, the Globe; Butler & Hobbs, attorneys; Butler's Pharmacy; H. M. Register, mercantile; A. G. Robinson, Bank of Sampson; Johnson-Long, Mutual Life Insurance Co.; A. A. Jackson, whole and retail and who also acted as proxy for the Bank of Clinton; Bell Barber shop who also represented Charlie Warren, live stock establishment; Mr. Farris, the Fashion Shop; Mr. Parker of the Parker Dollar Store; S. H. Finch, gas and oil; Mr. L. E. Whitfield, county road supervisor; Dr. Hollingsworth, county health physician; Walter Scott Hobbs, attorney; Tim F. Sanders and Gem theatre.

The caravan after leaving gifts at Six Runs headed for Poplar Grove, arriving there at 10:30. They were met here by a body of 35 students and two teachers, who seemed to appreciate the presence of the members quite a lot. After Major Butler's speech and the gifts had been distributed among them the members left for King's school, arriving at 11 o'clock, and found a body of 30 students with two teachers, Mrs. J. S. Darden, being the principal. Follow-

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A FISH STORY

Catching 83 pounds of fresh fish in two hours and a half was the result of a fishing trip enjoyed Monday afternoon by Mr. W. D. Kelly, accompanied by two other experienced fishermen, in Onslow county, on the banks of a tributary to New river.

These three fishermen caught 65 fish in all, composed of jack and trout. Mr. Kelly says, that he walked away with the honors as a result of his catching one fish weighing four and a half pounds and measuring 27 inches in length.

MANY VISITORS AT MEDICAL MEETING

County Doctors Hear Outside Authorities on Technical Subjects at Big Meeting

The meeting of the Sampson County Medical society which was held in the Masonic hall last Monday proved to be a decided success in every respect, there being several visiting doctors present who took active parts in the discussions of papers which were read by different doctors at the meeting.

The morning session was largely consumed by different discussions of the papers read, and too, by the election of new officers.

The luncheon was served in the club dining room at the Rufus King at 1 o'clock, and at this time the lecture by Dr. William F. Reinhoff, Jr., of the Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, on "Operative Treatment of Goitre" was delivered and to more thoroughly explain his lecture, lantern slides were used.

Those who were not mentioned on the program, who were present at the meeting and luncheon, are as follows: Dr. J. DeCosta Highsmith, of Fayetteville, and Drs. Shaw and O. L. McFadden, also of Fayetteville; Dr. R. L. Pittman, superintendent of the Pittman hospital, of Fayetteville, read an interesting paper on "Spinal Anesthesia," which caused much comment and discussion. Dr. T. M. West, superintendent of the Cumberland General hospital of Fayetteville, took an active part in the discussion of different papers which were read. Other doctors taking active parts in the meeting were: Dr. R. L. Parker, of Rose Hill and Dr. Steele, of Mount Olive, together with Drs. Strong and Williams, of Warsaw.

Dr. G. R. Faircloth, of Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, who delivered an address on "Obstruction in the Lower Urinary Tract in Men Past the Fourth Decade" to the society is a native of Sampson county. Dr. Faircloth is a son of the late Wesley Faircloth of Boykin Bridge, having been born and reared in that section of Sampson county.

The following officers were elected: Dr. Street Brewer, Roseboro, president; Dr. J. M. Lee, Newton Grove, vice president; Dr. V. R. Small, Clinton, secretary treasurer; Dr. G. L. Sikes appointed delegate to the state medical society which is to be held in Wilmington in June; Dr. E. T. Hollingsworth, Clinton, alternate; Dr. Paul Crumpler, elected on the board of censors.

ROSEBORO MAY GET COTTON MILL

Reported That Western Sampson Town Will Soon Have Fine New Improvement

The erection of a cotton mill that will furnish a weekly payroll of approximately \$1,200 to the town of Roseboro is planned for the near future. Every citizen of the town seems to be fully alive to the need of this enterprise, and say that before many moons have elapsed Sampson county can boast of having a cotton mill that will equal those in other counties of the state according to its size.

It is said that the cotton mill in question will have a capacity of 5,000 spindles and will employ around 350 persons on each shift, and that the mill will operate day and night thereby furnishing employment for approximately 700 people daily.

Co-operation is needed at present and Roseboro, having her share, is rallying to the cause and is buying considerable stock. The site has not as yet been purchased as several locations are in question and can be purchased as soon as the plans have been definitely decided upon.

Roseboro is proud indeed that this mill has met with the approval of every citizen who has been approached on the subject and there seems to be no question but that this new enterprise will soon become a reality.

COOLIDGE COVERS WIDE VARIETY OF NATIONAL TOPICS

President's Message, 10,000 Words Long, Read to the House and Senate

APPROVES REDUCING TAX

Renews Many of Recommendations He Made Two Years Ago; House Gets to Work on Tax Reduction Measure

Washington, Dec. 8.—A wide range of legislative recommendations, some of them new, others a reiteration of policies he has advocated to congress for the last two years, was in President Coolidge's annual message transmitted today to the house and senate.

Abandoning his custom and that of Presidents Wilson and Harding of addressing a new congress in joint session, Mr. Coolidge submitted his message in writing. One of the longest presidential messages in years, aggregating 10,000 words and touching on 46 subjects, it was read by clerks in each house.

Domestic Field

In the field of domestic legislation, the executive urged further tax reduction, giving general approval to the bill drafted by the house ways and means committee; recommended action to strengthen aviation along lines proposed by his air board; renewed his advocacy of power to deal with labor disputes in the coal industry as proposed two years ago by the coal commission; advised a curtailment of the shipping board's powers and control of the merchant fleet by one executive, and touched again on the need for encouragement to co-operative marketing as an aid to agriculture.

The president also appealed for observance of the prohibition law by the public and vigorous enforcement with the co-operation of states. He renewed his advocacy of railroad consolidation, governmental reorganization and increased state and local co-operation in reclamation projects, opposed return for the present of property seized from aliens during the World War and recommended sale of Muscle Shoals to the highest bidder.

Foreign Affairs

In a lengthy discussion of foreign affairs, Mr. Coolidge appealed for favorable senate action on the proposal for American adherence to the world court, voiced gratification over the Locarno security agreement and expressed willingness for the United States to take a lead in any feasible plan for further reduction of land and sea armaments.

In the preface of his message, the president set forth the view that the country "does not appear to require radical departures from the policies already adopted so much as it needs further extension of these policies and the improvement of details."

He also stressed anew the necessity for government economy insisting that it is the pathway to further lightening of the tax burden.

HOUSE STARTS TO WORK ON TAXATION LEGISLATION

Washington, Dec. 8.—Congress received President Coolidge's annual recommendations for legislation today and then got down to business.

The house took up the \$325,000,000 tax reduction bill, debating it for more than three hours, while the senate received a flood of bills dammed up on the opening day yesterday by early adjournment out of respect to senators who have died during the recess.

The president transmitted his message to the two houses by messenger and it was read by the clerks. The reading was received in the senate with silence, but in the house there was frequent applause from the Republican side for the recommendations and at the end the members generally stood and applauded.

A number of bills designed to carry out most of the major recommendations of the chief executive were introduced during the day and still others will follow. The president gave approval to the principle of the tax reduction measure, which the house expects to pass next week.

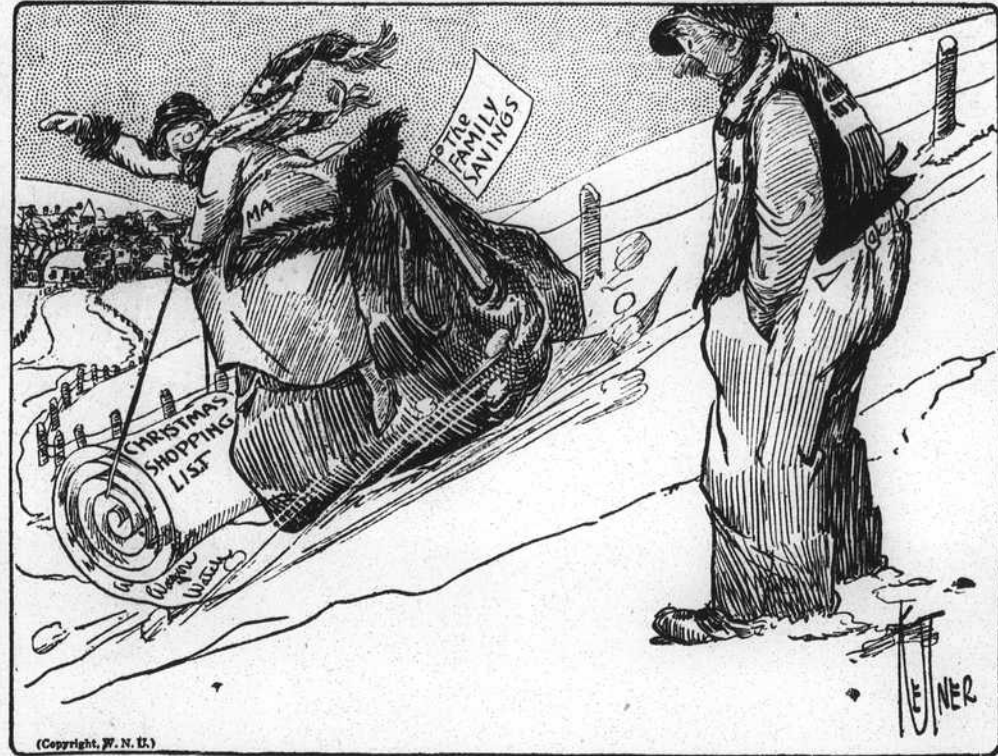
MRS. PARTRICK FALLS

Mrs. T. H. Partrick slipped on the floor Monday afternoon at her home and fell. Fortunately no bones were broken, however, Mrs. Partrick's upper lip was cut and bruised.

FALLS; BREAKS ARM

Mrs. T. F. Sanders slipped on a banana peel Sunday morning while en route to church and fell, breaking her right arm.

The Annual Toboggan Slide



R. W. HOLLIDAY DIES AT HIS HOME HERE

Well Known Druggist Had Been Active in Building of the Community

Seldom has there been more universal grief on the part of the people of Clinton than is felt here in the death of Mr. R. W. Holliday, one of Clinton's oldest business men, who died at his home on Fayetteville street Friday night at 9:30 o'clock.

Mr. Holliday was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge here and has always from the time of his initiation into the fraternal order played an important part in all of its activities.

His character was unquestionable among his wide circle of acquaintances. He was ready at all times to take his share of the responsibility in the building of enterprise. He was a willing worker toward all things that would lend to the progress of Clinton and Sampson county.

As a member of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Holliday invariably took an enthusiastic part in its activities, lending a support that will be missed by the membership. He was a native of Sampson county.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Internment was made at the cemetery following the services. Rev. Geo. M. Matthis, his pastor, officiated. The Odd Fellows attended in a body. The druggists and doctors of Clinton acted as pall bearers.

Mr. Holliday is survived by his widow, who was before her marriage Miss Murphy of Wallace, and two children, Mrs. Ferris Williamson of Wadesboro and Mr. Robert Holliday, who is a senior dental student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. His brother, Mr. J. C. Holliday, and sister, Mrs. Gib Morisey, also survive him.

FURNISHINGS FOR NEW COUNTY HOME PURCHASED

Furniture for the new county home has been purchased. Beds and mattresses have already been purchased by Messrs. E. L. and J. H. Crumpler who spent last Tuesday afternoon in Goldsboro where this purchase was made at the Royal & Borden Furniture company. Kitchen cabinets and other household accessories have been ordered by mail and are now in transit, and are expected at an early date said Mr. J. H. Crumpler last week.

This new home will be modern in every respect, steam heat, and well furnished rooms will greet the inmates when they move in. There will be no furniture moved from the old county home, according to Mr. E. L. Crumpler, only the inmates will be moved from the old home.

Just when the inmates will be admitted to the new home has not been ascertained, but it is thought that they will occupy their new quarters within a few days.

AGED NEGRO DIES

"Aunt" Margaret Williams, colored died November 30th after a short illness of paralysis, at the age of 119 years. She was, so far as we know, the oldest person in Mingo township, if not in the entire county.

NEVER AGAIN WORTH BOYCE, PRESSMAN AT THE INDEPENDENT OFFICE, SUFFERED A SERIOUS INJURY TO HIS LEFT ARM THIS WEEK WHEN HIS HAND BECAME CAUGHT IN A BELT AND PULLED BETWEEN TWO RAPIDLY MOVING STEEL ROLLERS. SEVERAL BONES WERE BROKEN AND LIGAMENTS TORN. BOYCE SAYS THAT HEREAFTER WHEN BELTS WANT TO GO WRONG, THEY WILL HAVE TO GO THEIR WAY. HIS DOCTOR REPORTS THAT THE BONES ARE HEALING NICELY, BUT THAT HE WILL BE OUT OF SERVICE FOR SOME TIME.

LEAGUE PLEASUED WITH FIRST TRIP

Business Men Meet and Discuss Plans for Other Trips—Urge Better Attendance

Discussion of the trip of last Friday by the members of the Better Business League, was the feature of Monday night's meeting of that body. A large number attended the meeting. Every member expressed himself as having had a good time and that he expected to go on the next tours over the county.

Major George E. Butler, acting as chairman in the absence of Mr. W. D. Kelly, called the meeting to order and asked the different committeemen to state their success in having a free express delivery placed in Clinton. The chairman of this committee, H. L. Stewart, being absent at this meeting, the other committeemen reported that nothing had been done as yet toward this investigation, as they had not conversed with each other on this matter, but stated that they would do all they could to report something official at the next meeting.

The secretary was told to have some cards printed for the purpose of impressing on the members that this organization meets every Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. He will mail these postal cards out to every member so that they will reach them by Monday morning before the meeting that night. It is thought that this form of invitation will increase the attendance of the league greatly.

The league adjourned about 10:39 following a long discussion of the different unofficial businesses concerning the organization. Before leaving each member stated that they would appoint themselves as a committee of one to ask as many citizens as possible to attend the future meetings.

The club was on hand one hundred per cent strong and heard Governor Smith deliver an address that was tremendously strong. But few men in Rotary can equal him as a speaker. Eye, voice, features and manner proclaimed him a natural orator. On this occasion he spoke on the features of Rotary, stressing especially the two great cardinal principles of fellowship and service. These, said the speaker, should be the goal of every true Rotarian. "Service before Self" Rotary's slogan, he said, was the ideal for which a genuine Rotarian should strive. From Clinton, Dr. Smith went to Warsaw to visit the club at that place.

The Clinton club numbers twenty-seven members with Wallace Smith, president; Ferd Johnson, vice president, and Wilbert Jackson, secretary and treasurer. For two months every club in the thirty-seventh district is in an attendance contest and is pitted against each other. The contest began November first and will continue until the first of January. Clinton is pitted against Warsaw in this contest. Up to date the record of the attendance of the local club is 100 per cent and an especial effort is being made to keep it at that mark until the contest closes.

ROBBERS VISIT GARAGE AND STEAL ACCESSORIES

Robbers broke into the garage of Mr. Hervey Smith of the Smith & Darden firm at his home in Park Heights some time Tuesday night, stealing several accessories from his Dodge sedan.

It is not known just when the robbery occurred, but having missed what they had taken, including the speedometer and cap from off the crank case, together with other small accessories that they decided to make away with it is thought they were liberal indeed in leaving anything.

UNIVERSITY ALUMNI TO MEET HERE SATURDAY

A meeting of the Sampson County Alumni association of the University of North Carolina will be held in the dining room of the new Rufus King hotel here Saturday evening, December 12, at 7:30 o'clock.

Dean Frances Bradshaw, of the University of North Carolina and Judge Henry A. Grady will address this meeting and deliver talks.

The entire faculty of the Clinton schools is invited to take part in this meeting along with the alumni of the University. Capt. Fitzhugh Whitfield, president of the organization has notified each member of the association to be present at this occasion.

GIVE FIDLERS' CONVENTION

There will be a fiddlers' convention at St. Paul's school house Saturday night, December 12, at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited.

BIGGER BUILDING AND OTHER BETTER THINGS FOR FAIR

Stockholders Vote for Enlargement of Main Structure at Grounds

TO ENLARGE TERRITORY

Growth and Popularity of Sampson Show Taken to Mean That Other Counties May Soon Join Local Organization

A vote of credit of \$5,000 for needed improvements and unanous support of the directors in their efforts to up-build the institution featured the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Sampson County Fair association Monday. A general enlargement and betterment of the fair was approved by the stockholders.

The meeting was harmonious in every respect, and the directors and officers were lauded for their success in handling the big show. The reports of the last year's activities were received, and plans for the future development of the fall show freely discussed.

Change Plan of Election

One important change in the methods of directing the activities of the organization was made. The directors, in years past, have been elected annually. In the future, starting next year, they will serve for three year periods, three directors being elected each year. Next year, an entire set will be elected, three to serve for three years, three for two years and three for one year each. Each year after that three will be named for three years each.

While the improvements to be made were left to the officers and directors by the stockholders, it was generally understood that the \$5,000 authorized was for the purpose of building a larger and more efficient grand stand and main building. For several years past the grand stand, while one of the best in the state, has proven too small for the big fair. By the proposed addition, much more seating space will be provided, and exhibit room will also be available for a greater number of exhibits.

Others May Join

While nothing definite has been done to that effect, it is thought that both Duplin and Pender counties will ask at an early date to be allowed to come into the Sampson fair. These communities, it is thought, will ask to be allowed to purchase an interest in the fair, and that it be made a three county, or sectional fair, rather than a distinctly Sampson show.

This tendency, it has been pointed out, is indeed a great compliment to Sampson and its fair. So great has the reputation of the Sampson show become that others, rather than have a small show of their own, prefer to be a part of the big show. Better transportation and a general awakening of this section of the country make possible such an arrangement.

The directors elected at the meeting were Major George F. Butler, E. L. Crumpler, A. H. Herring, J. R. Peterson, R. A. Herring, J. A. Stewart, F. A. Howard, S. H. Hobbs and F. B. Johnson.

CIGARETTE CAUSE AUTO COLLISION

Roseboro Couple Hurt When Driver Gives Up Steering Wheel to Light Smoke

Miss Bullard and Mr. J. S. Starling of Roseboro sustained lacerated knees as a result of an auto collision on Lisbon street last Saturday night about 9:30 o'clock when the Ford car in which they were riding collided with a Ford being driven by Chas. Parker, accompanied by Needam Butler, both colored.

According to Mr. Starling who was driving the machine, the accident happened when he requested Miss Bullard to hold the steering wheel while he lighted a cigarette. While in the act of lighting the cigarette the car drifted slowly to the left hand side of the road, colliding with the car approaching them.

Miss Bullard was taken into the home of F. J. Vann where Dr. Paul Crumpler was called to give the necessary medical aid, several stitches were necessary. The negroes sustained no injuries from the collision. There were no arrests made on the occupants of both cars compromised.

Mr. Starling operates a filling station in Roseboro, but is now in the field undergoing medical treatment for various bruises sustained in the accident.