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OVER TWELVE HUNDRED FARMERS HAVE FALLEN IN LINE SINCE FEB. 1

Cotton Co-Ops Wage Popular Campaign

Entertaining Programs Scheduled for Stanly School Centers Next Week.

MR. SWAIN IS IN CHARGE

Field Service Men to Begin Two Weeks Campaign in Stanly County Monday.

It is said that most people would rather be entertained than to be instructed. Mr. J. B. Swain, who begins a series of lectures at many of the rural school centers in Stanly county next week, combines instruction with entertainment.

In a similar campaign in Union county recently nearly 300 new members signed the co-operative marketing contracts and in Rowan county last week and this week much renewed interest has been manifested and the membership in Rowan has also been largely increased.

It is significant that after viewing the work of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative association for three years more than 1,200 new members have joined the organization since the first of February, representing contracts covering more than 12,000 bales of cotton.

In his lectures Mr. Swain will picture clearly the old speculative system of arbitrarily making prices every day on the south's most valuable crop by merely writing figures on the boards of cotton exchanges that deal only in paper contracts and virtually suspend the operations of the law of supply and demand in order to produce the fluctuations that are needed to make it a great gamble for those who play the game at the expense of cotton growers and south ern business interests.

The new and better method of marketing under organized co-operation is presented in striking contrast to the old system.

Following the lecture Mr. Swain stages an entertainment feature that never fails to win hearty and continuous applause from every man, woman and child in the audience unless he has chronic liver trouble or some other serious ailment. No matter how much lead you've plotted during the day and how tired you may be, you'll forget it all when Mr. Swain gets in action on the rostrum.

Haywood Morris Died Thursday

Popular Young Man of Mt. Carmel Section Passes Away at Boyhood Home—Buried Last Friday.

Haywood Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Morris, of the Mt. Carmel section, died at the home of his parents last Thursday evening about 2 o'clock. The deceased had been in failing health since he came out of the army at the end of the world's war and during the last three months he was practically comatose. His physicians said that he would not overcome his affliction. He was both wounded and castrated while serving in the Germans and after being brought back to this country remained at the government hospital near Asheville for over a year. It was as a result of the castration that the young man's lungs to the extent he never himself again, and to this was attributed the direct cause of his death.

The funeral services were held at the Mt. Carmel Baptist church last Friday evening, the Revs. Ed Staley, J. Candor, and John Reece Jordan, officiating these last sad rites. Immediately after the funeral the body was laid to rest in the Mt. Carmel burying grounds, just a short distance from where the deceased was born 29 years ago.

The deceased is survived by both his father and mother as well as three brothers and four sisters, these being as follows: L. Morris, Sarah Morris, Coy Morris, Clarence Morris, John Morris, Fleta Morris, Alice Morris, Ula Morris and Mary Alder Morris.

Mr. Morris lived the life of a Christian, being an active member of the Mt. Carmel church since he was 6 years of age. The entire community joins his friends in deep and unadulterated sympathy during these sad hours that have and are still covering over the home and table that now has a marked vacancy.—Montgomery Herald.

An honest taxicab driver has been found in New York. The newspaper generally recorded the incident.

Autos May Hit 35 Per Under New Law

Goes into Effect Friday, May 1. Conforms to Laws of Other States.

Greensboro, April 29.—Friday, the new automobile speed law permitting 35 miles per hour on the highways of the North Carolina will become effective. The new law, according to C. W. Roberts, vice-president of the Carolina Motor club, which organization sponsored the increased speed, raises the limit by five miles and defines the road and section of roads and towns. The limit in business sections is raised from 10 miles to 12 per hour and retains the restriction of 20 miles per hour in built-up residential sections.

"No section of the state highway shall be constituted a built-up residential section, whether within or without the corporate limits of a city or town, if there are not more than eight houses on either side of the road continuously for 1,000 feet," is the construction of Mr. Roberts. "Fifteen miles per hour is permitted while passing churches or schools—but this is only effective when people are leaving or entering the grounds. At all other times, 35 miles is permissible."

"When the driver's view is obstructed for 100 feet before he reaches intersection, and 200 feet on the intersecting road, he shall slow down to 15 miles. If he can view both roads as designated, he may travel the full 35 miles provided by law. Only 15 miles is permitted when the driver is traversing curves or corners of the road unless he can view the highway for 300 feet."

"Another interesting feature of the bill is the ruling against misuse of signal devices. Open muffler cut-outs, exhaust whistles or horns are considered 'objectionable' devices. The law is more explicit and makes possible a complete understanding by all motorists. It is uniform with many other states and will save many motorists the fine being imposed by operators of so-called speed traps."

Millington-Plyler School Stages Interesting Program

School Closes a Successful Year. Work is Highly Praised.

Albemarle, Va., April 29.—The Millington-Plyler consolidated high school closes the end of a most successful year, both for students and each member of the faculty.

For the past two weeks the students and faculty have been focusing their attention and interest towards the preparation of a program that is a credit to the school and its promoters.

The enrollment for the present year has been the highest since the consolidation. Four hundred and fourteen boys and girls have been enrolled, making conditions unfavorable for utmost progress, however, records indicate, that work of the highest quality has been accomplished.

It is sincerely hoped by students and faculty that by another year some of these unfavorable conditions may be eliminated. Additional room and equipment provided and length of term extended.

The school considers itself fortunate in securing some of the most able and talented men of the county as well as the state to help make the commencement exercises instructive and entertaining.

This entire section is interested in the great efforts that have been put forth for the commencement exercises this week. It is believed that the fine program arranged will be an inspiration to the school for another year.

The commencement exercises will begin Saturday evening and continue through Monday evening, the program being as follows: Saturday, May 2, at 8 p. m.—Mother Goose Gossins, Tom Thumby wedding and an operetta "Mid-summer Eve." Music by high school students.

Sunday, 11 a. m.—Annual address by Dr. W. A. Harper, president Elon college, Mecklenburg Laymen's quartette, Messrs. W. S. Alexander, J. L. Stancill, William Hassell, and George Newman, will be present to sing.

Monday, 10:30 a. m.—Song, address, presentation of prizes and certificates, and May Pole Dance. Baseball game at 2:30 p. m.

The feature of the school closing will occur Monday evening at 8 o'clock, when the high school play, "Borrowed Money," will be given. The play is by O. P. Parker, and is a shriek from start to finish. The school is doing some clever acting in this play, and each character from Charles C. Vantley, the home town success, played by Theo. Lyerly, on down to Specks the office boy played by Verne Snotherly, makes a distinct hit. About 15 of the schools' brightest and best performers among the girls and boys have parts.

The following compose the school faculty: C. R. Hutchison, principal; M. M. Palmer, R. R. Rogers, Mrs. Nan Lowder, Mrs. Ira Leffer, Miss Mary Leona Talbert, Mrs. D. W. Sides, Miss Ellen Lisbeny, Miss Fannie Lisbeny, Miss Mabel Denning, music.

Sunday Afternoon Concert Badin Band

Popular Band Will Render Interesting Program at Hearne Park Beginning 4 O'clock.

Fitting in with music week, and at request of the Women's club of Albemarle, the Badin band, under bandmaster Mr. Bohm and his associates, will render an open air program of choice selections Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

This band is quite a fixed institution at Badin, and has won for itself a reputation which carries it with the best in the state. It is really a part of the Tidewater organization, and its concert has been enjoyed by large numbers who have been fortunate enough to hear them.

The program for Sunday afternoon at Albemarle is as follows:

- 1. March—National Emblem—Baehler.
2. Waltz—Blue Danube—Strauss.
3. Spanish Serenade—La Paloma—Yradier.
4. Overture—The Admiral—Russell.
5. Novelty—Trombone Blues—Jewell.
6. Brass Trio—Visions—Hayes.
7. Selections—From Comic Opera "Mikado"—Sullivan.
8. Fox Trot—There's Yes, Yes in Your Eyes—Santley.
9. March—Bassology—Mackie-Beyer.
Hearne park, Albemarle, N.C.

ERVIN WHITLEY DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER IN CONCORD

Mr. Ervin Whitley, who has made his home with his children since the death of his wife, died in Concord on Thursday night, last week, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Pemberton Shankle. Mr. Whitley was about 75 years of age. His remains were interred in the Fairview cemetery at Albemarle on Saturday. Surviving him are one daughter, Mrs. I. P. Shankle, of Concord, and two sons, Walter and Brack. He was one of our familiar citizens, a man of quiet disposition and highly regarded.

HOSPITAL NEWS.

- Mrs. G. B. Moore, of Troy, major operation Tuesday.
Mr. G. A. Rogers, of Albemarle, major operation Sunday.
Mr. M. M. Ritchie, under treatment for snake bite, is doing fine.
Mr. Rob. E. Allen, of Polkton, under medical treatment, doing nicely.
Mrs. W. V. Hatley, of Albemarle, major operation Friday; doing well.
Mrs. F. O. Dry, of this city, major operation Friday; condition is very satisfactory.
Mrs. J. A. Lisenby, of Norwood, under medical treatment.
John Curlee, of Polkton, tonsil operation Saturday.
J. B. Hathcock, of Albemarle, under medical treatment.
Smith Moss, of this city, operated on for appendicitis Saturday; doing fine.
Mrs. George Green, of Norwood, major operation Monday.
Clarence Harwood, tonsil operation Monday, doing satisfactory.
E. C. Sanders, of this city, major operation Tuesday.
Mrs. B. H. Dry, city, major operation Tuesday.
Miss Eeta Rogers, this city, major operation Tuesday.
Craig Morgan, city, tonsil operation Tuesday.
The following patients have left the hospital since Saturday: Mrs. G. B. Moore, of Troy; Mrs. D. B. McQueen, of this city; Mrs. Margaret Allen, Mrs. C. W. Blackwelder, Mrs. M. A. Davis, Mr. Crowell, of the city.

IREDELL HAS WOMAN AS HEAD OF SCHOOLS

Statesville, April 21.—Miss Celeste Henkel was unanimously elected superintendent of Iredell county schools at a special meeting of the county school board held here today. Miss Henkel will enter upon her new duties July 1, succeeding J. A. Steele, who has headed the county schools for seven years. She is the first woman ever elected to public office in Iredell county and the fourth woman in North Carolina to become superintendent of county schools. A number of ladies from various sections of the county addressed the board today setting forth Miss Henkel's eminent qualifications for position which she had demonstrated in nine years of rural school supervision.

(Miss Henkel is pleasantly remembered in Albemarle as the attractive guest of Mrs. J. A. Groves.—Press.)

HENRY BRANSON VARNER DEAD

Lexington, April 27.—Henry Branson Varner, 55, one of the pioneer good roads men of the state and also publisher of various journals, for many years till he took such a vital and increasingly wide interest in the motion picture business, died at his home here this evening at 9:15 of pneumonia, following an illness of two weeks. At the time of his death, he was president of the North Carolina Motion Picture Theatre Owners association and had been secretary of this organization.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his mother, a brother, J. E. Varner and one sister, Mrs. J. D. Sexton, all of Denton. He had no children. Mr. Varner was born on April 12, 1870.

A Noted Revivalist Albemarle Next Wk.

Rev. A. S. Locke, Indian, Begins Series of Meetings at West Albemarle Baptist.

It is said that the Rev. A. S. Locke, the Indian evangelist who is scheduled for a series of meetings at West Albemarle Baptist church, has datings for the year and more, and that a church must speak something like a year in advance if his services are to be enlisted.

Rev. G. C. Ivory, popular local pastor, says that he has had the engagement booked for nearly a year and he considers not only his own church, but the entire town and county as well, fortunate in having Rev. Locke on a two weeks' engagement.

Mr. Locke will begin the services next Monday night at West Albemarle Baptist church. Special devotions are being held by the membership of the church each day, and from the interest already aroused it is apparent that the church will be taxed to its capacity each service to accommodate the expectant crowds.

EXTENDING RADIO SERVICE.

"Broadcasting stations WJZ and WJY, operated by the Radio Corporation in New York, and station WRC, operated in Washington, have been permanently connected with leased wires so that events occurring in Washington, New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia may now be broadcast simultaneously from these stations. The above mentioned stations are also connected by wire with WYZ, General Electric station at Schenectady. This wire system has been supplemented from time to time by the use of short-wave radio transmission from WGY and KDKA, the Pittsburgh broadcast station of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company. Wire connections between the Radio Corporation's New York station and the Westinghouse station KDKA, at Pittsburgh, are planned for 1925. This will permit simultaneous rendition of programs from Washington, New York City, Schenectady, Pittsburgh and Chicago, reaching a population of perhaps 70,000,000 people.—From Annual Report of the Radio Corporation of America.

U. BENTON BLALOCK MAKES FINE TALK

Tell Lions That Co-operative Marketing and Steady Money is Help to Farmers.

Mr. U. Benton Blalock, son of Stanly and now manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' association, with all of its appendages, told the Lions of Albemarle last Thursday evening that he would not have his remarks classed as a speech nor address. Plain talk is what our Benton called it, and it was a talk full of good facts.

Mr. Blalock was called to the work when it was new to him and new to the state. In this he was a pioneer. He laid his own plans and waged his own campaigns. Money was the main problem at first; but this was the easiest solved of all. The responsibilities are mountain high, and he would gladly resign today if another could be found to assume the work.

In his review of the work and accomplishments, Mr. Blalock showed a profound knowledge of the farmer and farm conditions. Co-operative marketing means so much to the farmer, who has not himself been made to see the great benefits. Now when cotton is bringing a good price, the need of organization is necessary. But this is more true when cotton faces a market which is below the actual cost of production.

In this the speaker explains how useful it is for the farmer to get his money in steady proportions—not all at one time. And of how keeping the bulk of cotton off the market at times of temporary inflation, when the inevitable result is to glut the market and lower prices.

His speech was well received, and was a good forerunner of the campaign for membership in this county. Several farmers were guests of the club for luncheon, and they were loud in their applause of Mr. Blalock's speech.

Among the guests were Messrs. W. T. Crowell, L. O. Ritchie, Ernest Ritchie, Henderson Rogers, M. D. Brooks, W. H. Love, Jason Whitley, Prof. H. D. Green, James Love, Charles Leffer, F. E. Ross, Rev. G. C. Adams, G. D. Blalock, Q. E. C. Coble, M. H. Morton, Fisher Hendley, Prince Furr and his small fiddlers, and Frank Marbury. Mr. Hendley and the Furr family gave several interesting musical selections.

The Lions recently took steps looking to the musical education of Mr. Furr's boys, who display such decided talent for the violin. The club is interested in getting Mr. Hendley listed as one of the artists at Pittsburgh for broadcasting. A committee was appointed to further these aims.

Rev. Q. C. Davis, C. A. Reap, L. M. McEwen, and H. M. Laudeman were appointed as delegates to the international association in June.



HOMER E. B. MASK, Director Field Service N. C. Cotton Growers' Association.

Lenoir-Rhyne G. C. Plays to Full House

Albemarle Was Well Pleased With the Visitors—Made a Popular Hit.

A large audience greeted the Lenoir-Rhyne College glee club at its performance in the graded school auditorium Tuesday evening.

As outlined in our last issue, the club rendered a comic opera, "In Old Louisiana." Miss Myrtle Cooper in the role of Rose, Pilot Farley's adopted daughter, was charming and was a favorite with the house all through. Samuel Sax, who is a brother of Miss Rosa Sax, teacher in our local school the past year, stood out boldly in his role of Pilot Farley and owner of the Sans Souci plantation. He has a good voice, and his numbers were all applauded. Another outstanding character was Mr. Albert Miller as Richard St. John, a young sugar planter.

The opera abounded in fine musical numbers, and had a very interesting love story running through it. The following composed a chorus of southern planters, their wives, daughters, and sweethearts, and made a popular feature of the evening:

- Janetta Boland, Lucretia Fritz, Frankie Huffman, Katherine Lord, Ruby Lutz, Frank Lips, Mary Ellen Mundy, Alice Mundy, Blakes Moore, Ruth Potter, Grace Probst, Ava Russell, Bryce Russell, Joyce Russell, Myrtle Rhyne, Dorothy Robinson, Myrtle Roseman, Blanche Smyre, Katherine Troutman.

It was one of the most pleasing entertainments ever offered in Albemarle, and as the members of the club were guests of Luthers families and their friends, Albemarle felt honored in being host to this crowd of jolly rovers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PARTY.

Last Thursday evening the members of the Wilson Wesley Bible class of Central Methodist church were entertained by Miss Mabel Denning in her charming home. Immediately upon arrival the guests were served coca-cola and sandwiches, after which a number of interesting outdoor games were played. Afterwards all went inside, where Miss Denning favored them with a number of piano solos. Also several piano and vocal solos were given by Miss Nina Crawford, as was the recitation with which she won the prize at Guilford college. Afterwards Miss Denning served ice cream and cake. Those enjoying this delightful occasion were Misses Mary Lily Snuggs, Alice Huclaboe, Nina Crawford, Thora Fesperman, Maud Redwine, Catherine Reeves, Catherine Cozlin, Catherine Talbert, Pauline Troutman, Lucile Griffith, Ellen Hamilton, Grace Litt, Rosebell Almond, Lula Agle; with Miss Margaret McManus as a specially invited guest.

LITTLE WILL CASE ENDS.

The Little will case has been a long fought one, and a conservative estimate of the cost of the trial is placed at \$30,000 or more. A compromise was finally effected in which the family of the late R. E. Little, of Wadesboro, receives the entire estate left by Mr. Little at his death, and pays to the Anson Sanatorium the sum of \$52,500. Each side to the contention pays its own attorney fees and court costs. R. L. Smith, Esq., of Albemarle, was attorney for the bank, named in the will as executor. The final settlement of the estate approximating a half million dollars is said to be satisfactory to all parties, as well as an equitable distribution of the estate. The efforts to set the will aside proved unsuccessful in the attempt to show that Mr. Little was not of sound mind, and that he was incapable of making a will at the time the paper was made. Under one estimate, the hospital has received \$343,000 through the will.

RIDGECREST SCHOOL.

Closing exercises will be held at Ridgecrest school next Monday and Tuesday. On Monday, Hon. G. D. B. Reynolds will deliver the address, followed by dinner on ground. In the afternoon the lower grades, and in the evening at 8 the 5th and 6th grades.

A play will be given Tuesday evening May 5, "Daughters of the Desert." Admission free.

Norwood Couple Wed Auto Ride Extends

School Has Interesting Finish. Items of Local Interest.

Norwood, April 28.—John M. Lauer and Miss Lucy Mae Bailey were married on last Wednesday at the Methodist parsonage at Ansonville. The young couple had been taking an auto ride to Albemarle and other points, but did not fully make up their minds to get married until they reached Ansonville. Mr. and Mrs. Lauer will make their home with Mr. Lauer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lauer, who live about a mile and half from town. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gandy, of near Ansonville.

Rev. A. A. Walker, Charlotte, pronounced the magnificent sermon to the graduating class of the graded school and a large audience Sunday morning at the graded school auditorium on Sunday morning. The sermon, as is the usual case, was a gem of intelligence and highly enjoyed by all. Tuesday evening the play, "The Hoodooed Coon," was thoroughly enjoyed. Commencement began with the sermon Sunday, the play Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning address by Prof. L. H. Cowan, Wake Forest college, graduating exercises, awarding of diplomas and medals, Wednesday evening, class day exercises, which ended the school year. Graduates were Miss Hazel Harris, Ruel Kendall, Geneva Gordon, Julia Thompson and Messrs. Gordon Sinclair, Thos. Hathcock. Those receiving certificates were Messrs. Valerie Duke, Tommie Thompson, Messrs. Raymond Skidmore, Dave Lee.

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B. Y. P. U. RALLY AT NEW LONDON

There will be a B. Y. P. U. Rally at New London church on the first Sunday of May at 2:30 p. m. All members of the B. Y. P. U. are urged to be present. If you do not have a B. Y. P. U. send representatives from your church, this meeting is for the purpose of explaining the B. Y. P. U. work, and making plans for the coming year. Be there. Program for the meeting will follow.

The convention dates June 6-7 at Badin, in the new auditorium of the Badin Baptist church. Good speakers including our state secretary, Mr. Perry Morgan. Room for everybody and every worker expected to be there.