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The 2nd. Annual Farmers' Union Picnic the Fourth Thursday in July--the 22nd.

Free Dinner; Farmers' Union Brass Band;
Speakers of State or National
Prominence

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND PRES. BARRETT INVITED

That the Farmer's Union is a real, live, moving force in our life was impressively manifest at its annual picnic at Windsor one year ago. That it is still more so, will be evidenced again on the 22nd, or the fourth Thursday in next month when the Union will again gather at the county seat in its second annual picnic. Bertie county will have another FARMER'S DAY--the 22nd day of July. The fundamental idea of the Farmer's Union is a better educated farmer; and its fundamental object is the betterment of rural life and agricultural conditions. And this being so, there is no reason why every white farmer of good character in Bertie county should not be a member of some one of our many active Locals in this county. The Union has long since been convinced that there is no magic in the name union unless it means UNITED. United not to hurt others but to better themselves. The farmer of all men is above prejudice and class hatred. He has long borne his burden uncomplainingly. He is not laying it down now. He wishes no life of idle ease. He simply wants his burden regulated by the benefits he confers. He wants an honest dollar for an honest day's work; a fair and reasonable reward for his days of sweat and toil. Others may succeed; he rejoices in it. He wishes a fairer field and an open market for his labor and his products. This organization, more than other undertaken by the tillers of the soil, has a definite mission, based on sound principles and conducted on strict rules of business and morality. It is leading the farmer to a better life and higher plains of usefulness and influence. We are living in an age of organization and co-operation. Every business is organized and its members are co-operating for mutual benefit, and the results are seen on every hand. Churches co-operate and spread the gospel. Communities co-operate and employ a teacher and a preacher. Suppose each individual employed his own preacher for his family and teacher for his children. Imagine the waste and inefficiency of such a thing. There are a thousand and one ways in which the farmers can co-operate for the common good of all--and they are doing it. And they are seeing and realizing the benefits. They are becoming educated, educated to their necessities--necessities of the times--the necessity of self-protection--self-preservation. And such protection, when built up and perfected, will throw its arms around all and bid them come within its folds. For, when the farmer receives benefits it permeates the entire body politic of the universe and every human

soul is affected. Mr. farmer be a party to your well-being. Throw yourself and your influence into this great body of humanity workers and help to help yourself, your wife, your children, your children's children, your neighbors and your fellow-toilers of the soil. Enlist yourself in the ranks. Join your nearest Local; be an active member; help to co-operate; receive the benefits direct. Get in it. Get in it before the great annual picnic comes off; feel then like you are one of them; like you are leading your mite, however little it might be, to the great cause. You will feel better because of it and by it. Don't put it off. Do so at the next meeting of your nearest Local. You owe it to yourself, you owe it to your wife and to your child and to the high calling of your profession--the highest, the noblest and the most honest of all life's work. Be ready for the GREAT DAY in July--the 22nd--the fourth Thursday. It will surpass the last great picnic--and that will be saying enough. We all know what a great day that was; what an enjoyable day; that the Farmers' Union turned out en masse and invited the entire county to come and help them to enjoy the pleasures and partake of their hospitality. That same invitation is now extended to all. There will be enough to feed the county and some left over. And a brass band will furnish enlivening and

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Capehart-Smithwick

The marriage of Mr. Glenwood Capehart and Miss Pauline Smithwick drew a large number of relatives and friends to the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Windsor, N. C., on Tuesday afternoon of last week. The magnificent and appropriate decorations were probably the most complete ever witnessed in our town, where great taste is displayed on such occasions. The wedding arch of cape jessamines was specially appropriate and beautiful. The approach of the bridal party was heralded by the joyous notes of Lohengrin's magnificent wedding march, splendidly chorused by the joint choirs of the Methodist and Episcopal churches, to a brilliant accompaniment by Mrs. Margaret Askew Darden, organist of the church. The entrance and departure of the bridal party including a stately bridal march were interesting and attractive. The bride's particular friends and maids were Misses Naomi Ellsworth, Norfolk, Va.; Mary Gordy, Edenton, N. C.; Anna Mae Freeman, Windsor; and Margaret Sallinger, Windsor, N. C. Miss Beatrice Moore, niece of the bride and maid of honor preceded her to the altar rail. Mesdames L. J. Smithwick, of Norfolk, Va., and W. J. Newbold, of Woodard were matrons of honor. The ushers who attended upon the bridesmaids were Messrs. William P. Gurley and Claud Pearce, Windsor, N. C., and Joseph Rayner and Asa Gray Phelps, Merry Hill, N. C. The bride's cousin, little Miss Rose White Kenney, daintily dressed,

gracefully performed the duties of ring bearer. Mr. Louis J. Smithwick, of Norfolk, Va., cousin of the bride accompanied her and presented her to the groom under the wedding arch. The bride is a remarkably handsome young woman. Her gown entrain, the beautiful flowers and decorations, the impressive ceremony recalled the bridal scenes of the old time South. The groom was accompanied by his brother William Hill Capehart, Esq. Rev. L. D. Hayman, pastor of the Methodist church, used the full marriage ceremony of his church. It was indeed a very impressive one and more than a pretty wedding.

Mrs. Capehart is the youngest daughter of Alfred J. Smithwick, Esq., one of our most excellent citizens. She is a lineal descendant of Edmond Smithwick prominent in colonial days and who deeded the land for the first church in North Carolina. She has been one of our most efficient public school teachers, and among a large number of relatives and friends in Bertie county she is much beloved. Mr. Capehart is one of our most enterprising and successful farmers. His family has been prominent in the social and political life of the county. He is a son of the late William Armistead Capehart, one of the county's best citizens. Two of our oldest and most representative families are thus united. The best traditions of our social and hospitable life in Bertie county are centered in them.

We wish our friends every happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Capehart will reside on his farm near Merry Hill, N. C.

Bryan's Mistake

The note of Woodrow Wilson to the German Government was as friendly in tone as it could have been, with honor and dignity for the people of this country. It did not cause Mr. Bryan's resignation. There is nothing of minatory character in the note, nothing that the most fervid imagination could construe into a challenge or ultimatum. The tone throughout was not only diplomatic but was friendly. To have been content with anything less would hardly have been consistent with the self respect of the American people. Even Germany is agreeably surprised at the friendly tone of the note, and wants to come into conflict with this Government no more, than this Government does with her. The truth is, that Mr. Bryan never wanted the Cabinet office. He should not have accepted it. He no doubt accepted the portfolio of Secretary of State with the view of leading in affairs of Government. But, when he realized that he must play a second fiddle, he resigned the responsible position regardless of all grave possibilities. Every statement issued by the "Peerless Leader" to justify his regretful act, has more complicated the problem. I have been a great admirer of the genius and power of Mr. Bryan during his whole spectacular career, but it seems to me he failed his country in its first serious crisis after becoming Secretary of State. A man who considers himself the ablest American leader, and the star around which circles the constellations of the new world, can hardly content himself with second place at Washington. I feared that he would tire of reflected glory. Mr. Bryan will do something great or nothing. Like Caesar, he rather be first in the village across the Rubicon, than second in Rome.

W. T. MINTON.

Obituary

In the early morning hours of May 31, 1915, death came into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Myers and the sweet spirit of their little boy Edmund went home to Heaven to dwell in the presence of our blessed Saviour throughout eternity. Our hearts are sad, home is not the same since little Edmund is gone, but what a comfort to know that our little darling will never know the sin and sorrow of this world. His three short years on earth made life better to those around him. He had just grown to the age of attractive childhood and women his sweet little life into the hearts of all who knew him; but God wanted another

little flower to adorn his throne on high, so he sent the Angels for him. Little Edmund was sick such a short while, his death was a great shock to his many friends and relatives. He was given all the attention that loving hands could give, but the Lord knew best, and took him away to live forever with Him.

Edmund was an unusually sweet and pretty child. He was so bright and quiet he seemed to belong to another world. Surely death must love such a sweet little spirit.

A real large crowd was present at the burial. Rev. M. P. Davis conducted the services, rendering many comforting and impressive thoughts to the bereaved ones. He was buried at his home near his grandfather's grave where he often liked to play. Mama and papa cannot see their little darling but they can see the mound of earth under which he is sleeping, this will be a great comfort for a long, long time. Loving hands completely covered the grave with beautiful flowers, which was a token of fond remembrance his many friends and relatives manifested toward him.

May the sustaining grace of God comfort the bereaved hearts and help us to meet him in the sweet "Bye and Bye."

HIS LOVING AUNT.

The News from Butlers

Owing to the rainy weather the farmers have gotten behind with their work, especially in this neighborhood.

Brittons' Grove Sunday school is progressing nicely. We hope to have a nice pic-nic sometime the last of August or the first of September.

Misses Bessie Lassiter and Phelps attended the "movies" in Windsor Friday night.

Prof. C. W. Lassiter left for Spring Hope the 8th. Will not be home again for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dow Perry of Colerain, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Perry of Greens Cross, spent Saturday and Sunday with their mother, Mrs. J. J. Williford.

Misses Ferol Phelps and Bessie Lassiter spent the latter part of Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Lang Bazemore, of near Ebenezer church.

Messrs. Bruce Cobb and Z. P. Mitchell spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Magnolia Mitchell and family.

Timely Pointers For Orchard And Garden

Sow tomato, cabbage and cauliflower seed for fall planting.

Fall tomatoes usually bring fancy prices on local markets. Plan to have some to sell this fall.

Upon the first appearance of blight in fruit trees, cut out and burn the effected parts.

Keep the cultivator going in the fruit orchard. Neglect in this particular means poorly developed trees. *Ce'matis paniculata* is a good vine for the porch. It is clean, fragrant and a rapid grower.

Prune all spring flowers shrubs as soon as they are through blooming. This will result in more and better flowers next year.

Cut off and burn all blueberry vines as soon as they are through bearing. The new ones may be allowed to run on the ground until the end of the growing season.

A good lawn adds to the beauty and enhances the value of any home. Make preparations for a lawn now by sowing the front yard thickly to cowpeas.

Look into the matter of purchasing a home canner to utilize the surplus fruit and vegetables. They can be bought at small cost and will soon pay for themselves.

Plow up the old strawberry bed after the crop is off if you are through with it and sow the ground to cowpeas. It is seldom profitable to carry strawberries through more than three fruiting seasons.

CO. MEETING FARMERS UNION

The Farmers' Union met in a called session in Windsor on last Thursday. Owing to the inclement weather the regular county meeting could not be held at Coopers on the first Thursday--hence the called meeting at Windsor. In spite of the short notice there was a good attendance. President J. Lawrence Harrington called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock. Matters of importance and interest to the farmers were discussed and acted upon. The matter of buying land plaster and peanut bags was taken up and placed in the hands of the County Agent who already had some good prices and is making further efforts in the interest of the Union. A determination to do co-operative buying and thereby obtain prices to the interest of the farmer, was manifest. Already the Union has brought the price of fertilizer down, and in bringing it down has also brought the fertilizer factory in direct communication with the farmer. Representatives are sent out to the farm and are dealing direct with the farmer. The Union has become so strong that Mr. factoryman has been made to sit up and take notice. And the time is coming when all unnecessary middlemen will be eliminated and their profits be given to the farmer in lesser price.

A committee on arrangements for the great picnic in July--the 22nd--was appointed--Messrs. R. E. Tarkenton, J. E. Tadlock, E. V. Gaskins, J. R. Bynum, and S. W. Kenney. It was decided to have the picnic at Windsor; to have a brass band, speakers of national or state prominence identified with the Farmers' Union or their interest, and to invite every friend of the farmer to attend.

The invitation from Perry's Local to meet with it at the next county meeting was accepted. That will be the first Thursday in September.

County Organizer James M. Perry reported that he had been invited to organize several new Locals in the county. And County Captain W. T. Asbell announced that he intended visiting some of the Locals and lending his influence and help to their uplift and progress. Speeches were made by R. L. Rawls, J. R. Bynum, R. E. Tarkenton, J. Lawrence Harrington, M. L. Taylor and others. Enthusiasm, interest, harmony determination and justice were the features of the meeting, or the controlling spirit. The Union in Bertie county has long since become a factor in our life. Not only is it materially helping the farmers in selling and buying, but its moral force is uplifting and beneficial, and it is a social center in every community in which one is located. Every farmer in Bertie county should be a member. There is nothing to lose by being a member. There is everything to gain. The small initiation fee would be many times saved in the first purchase you make in co-operative buying. Then too, many Locals have a sinking or poor fund that is devoted to members in distress or upon whom misfortune comes. Its benefits are all on the credit side. There is nothing on the debit side except a small fee that will pay compound interest over and over again. Be a member of it before the great panic comes off--the 22nd of July.

Suggestions For Farmers' Debates

The Minnesota State College of Agriculture, which is a part of the State University, has just issued a bulletin on "Farmers' Clubs." There are now 800 clubs in the State of Minnesota and they are doing a wonderful work. In addition to the addresses, social meetings, picnics, business meetings, and general discussions of farmers' problems, the Minnesota farmers' clubs are frequently enlivened by debates wherein two speakers on each side endeavor to uphold their side of argument. This form of discussion excites keener interest than almost any other form, and we believe that our local Unions throughout the South might adopt it with profit. Following are some of the topics suggested for debate by the Minnesota bulletin. This bulletin suggests 50 subjects, but we include only those that we regard as applicable to the South:

FOR DEBATE

Resolved: That dairying is more profitable than beef-raising.
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