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EDUCATION

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EDUCATIONAL DAY A GREAT SUCCESS

**More than Two Thousand
Attend**

GREAT SPEECH BY GOV. KITCHIN

The High and Graded Schools Coming Together Make the Day One of the Greatest in the History of the County.—It is Proposed to Make This An Annual Meet for the Schools. Kenly Band Helps With Its Good Music.

Sunshine in the heavens, sunshine in every heart, when the seventeenth flashed on Johnston. Smithfield, the Openhearted, hung the latchstrings on the outside to a thousand visitors, who came from the East, the North, the South and the West. Kenly's Concert Band flung the first glad notes in the silver skies, told the citizens of the town in crystal chords that the glorious Seventeenth had come.

To the Schoolgrounds flocked the guests and hosts. Girls, rosy-cheeked and eager-eyed, boys with beaming "morning-faces," teachers smiling, immensely anxious for a successful day. Parents beaming joy and approval on their sons and daughters, visitors and citizens all jubilant and happy. In the breeze the rival pennants, on the breasts the festive ribbons, emblems of the Schoolfolds loyalty, the Rooter's sympathy.

The grounds neat and trim, the race track ready, the courts and diamond as if swept by the most fastidious matron. Everywhere the signs of welcome, earnest welcome. At nine-thirty the first contestants entered the tennis-court and a battle royal began between Smithfield and Kenly. The brave little visitors fought stubbornly and defeated their gallant opponents, 2 to 1. In the meantime Kenly and Benson met in a fierce jumping contest, and in this contest the agility of Benson defeated the nimbleness of Kenly in the broad jump, but found defeat in the standing jump. The starter now called on the contestants in the Hundred Yard dash. Four clean young lads lined up ready for the race. A pistol flashed and the terrific struggle was on. Men of Wilson's Mills, Benson, Kenly, and Smithfield dashed along the level path. Ben Wellons, the man of Smithfield, won the race, amid the tumultuous cheers of a thousand on-lookers.

Now to another corner of the grounds! The fair daughters of Kenly and Wilson's Mills met in the ever graceful game of Basket Ball. Of all the outdoor games this is the prettiest girl's play. To and fro the ranks of the combatants swayed in defence of the goal, in anxiety to reach the enemy's quarters. On the lines two thousand enthusiastic spectators yelled and shouted for their teams. Victory smiled on Wilson's Mills.

Again the crowd surged to the Race Track, an eager expectation of the Relay race. Two schools lined up. The Black and Orange of Benson, and the Purple and Orange of Smithfield were unfurled and the sturdy champions stood on the starting line. At first Benson's colors went sailing in the hands of the swift-footed champions, in the end Smithfield took the lead and amid the most tremendous applause were carried first across the goal. Unfortunately an error in the race on the part of Smithfield left the victory in the hands of their opponents.

Governor Kitchin's Address.

Hon. W. W. Kitchin, the splendid Governor of our great State, claimed now the attention of the people. In a few well chosen words Mayor Wellons, who was presented by Supt. Royall, introduced the distinguished speaker. The Mayor was at his best, and hearty applause from the serried ranks of spectators approved his ringing introduction. Governor Kitchin spoke on Education and Duty.

It had been planned to have the speaking in the School Hall, but the crowd was so large that it was seen that not over a third of the people could get in to hear the Gov-

ernor, so it was decided to have the address in front of the building.

All through the splendid address ran the one thought that duty was the first thing to be considered in every man's life. In speaking of this, the Governor said that every man had three duties:

First, his duty to his Maker.
Second, his duty to his neighbor.
Third, his duty to self.

With those as a basis he made a great speech, one that no mere synopsis could do justice. Governor Kitchin has for many years been one of the foremost of the State's public men and the address made here Monday only added to his reputation as a speaker and leader in the civic life of the commonwealth.

The Day's Sports.

The sports of the day were begun with the calling of a Tennis Tournament by Mr. W. N. Holt, referee.

First Game—Smithfield vs. Kenly.
Players—Smithfield, R. Wellons and Edward Woodall. Kenly, Yates Edgerton and Jim Sauls.

Second Set—Smithfield 6; Kenly 3.
Third Set—Smithfield 2; Kenly 7.

Second Game—Benson vs. Kenly.
Players—Kenly, Edgerton and Sauls. Benson, Strickland and Jerigan. Kenly wins the game.

Relay Race.

In this, the most exciting race of the day, Smithfield was represented by Billy Rand, Ben Wellons, Edward Woodall and Leon Bailey. Benson was represented by Messrs. Hall and Goodrich. Smithfield won with an exciting finish by Ben Wellons.

Ben Wellons won for Smithfield in the 100-yard dash. Benson, Wilson's Mills and Kenly all had representatives in this race.

Benson won in the standing broad jump, while Kenly carried off the honors in the running broad jump.

Basket Ball.

A basket ball game between Kenly and Wilson's Mills was called at 11:30 A. M.

The first fifteen minute's half was fast and exciting in spite of the fact that many fouls were called. When time was called the score stood 4 to 1 in favor of Wilson's Mills. The game was not continued at the expiration of the ten minute rest period, being interrupted by the other sports. It was resumed however immediately after the literary program in the afternoon. Wilson's Mills won the game with a score of 12 to 4.

Referee—Miss Hassell, of Smithfield. Umpires—Mrs. Senair, of Kenly and Prof. McLeod, of Wilson's Mills.

At 5 P. M., the basket ball game between Benson and Smithfield began. Mr. Tyre Bailey, of Kenly, was chosen for referee. Mr. W. N. Holt, of Princeton, and Mr. Charles Pierce, of Four Oaks, for umpires.

The game was very interesting and almost every one present was disappointed when Benson refused to play the second half, thereby forfeiting the game to Smithfield. The score was 7 to 5 in favor of Smithfield when time was called at the end of the first half. The Smithfield girls have played several games this season, winning every one. They have been doing magnificent work.

Literary Program.

Immediately after dinner the visitors gathered in the school auditorium to attend the literary contest of the afternoon. The program began with a declamation, by William Adams, of Four Oaks, in a contest between Mr. Jesse Turlington, of Benson, Yates Edgerton, of Kenly, and Albert Coats, of Smithfield. Mr. Yates Edgerton was the victor of the event.

In the musical contest between Misses Pearl Harris, of Kenly, Hester Gurley, of Princeton, and Betty Watson, of Smithfield, Miss Pearl Harris won the prize.

The Clayton quartette also entertained the audience with a good selection.

On account of the absence of the opposing essayist, Miss Stella Gurley did not read her paper for Smithfield.

In the reciter's contest, with Misses Lois Massey, of Clayton, Hattie Coats, of Smithfield, Thelma Brady, of Benson, and Rosa Edgerton, of Kenly, the last named was awarded the prize.

In each of these contests much in-

terest was manifested by those present, and not until the judges announced their decisions was there any certainty on the part of the hearers as to the winners of the prizes. All the recitations and declamations were of a high order, while the musical selections were bright and inspiring. Every one taking part was worthy of a prize.

Base Ball.

At 4:00 o'clock a ball game between Smithfield and Wilson's Mills was called by umpire W. N. Holt.

The game was a five-inning game to allow another one that afternoon. At the end of the fifth inning the score stood 4 to 0 in favor of Wilson's Mills.

Batteries: Smithfield, B. Rand and Gordon. Wilson's Mills, Wilson and Parrish.

Immediately afterward Benson and Clayton took the diamond, but after a few innings Benson forfeited the game to Clayton.

Orations and Debate.

In the evening the Opera House was crowded with people to hear the orations and quartettes; also Benson and Kenly were to end a series of debates. The Benson, Kenly and Smithfield quartettes sang, Smithfield winning. The orations were delivered by Mr. R. E. Parker, of Benson, and Mr. H. G. Hudson, of Smithfield, their respective titles being "Party Loyalty" and "The American Forest." Both delivered orations that did credit to themselves and their school. Mr. Parker of Benson was pronounced the winner.

The debate between Benson and Kenly was made very interesting by the fact that each school had won one victory, and this was to decide who would win the best two out of the three.

The query was: Resolved, "That the right of suffrage should be granted women in America."

Benson had the affirmative and the speakers were A. G. Goodrich and H. D. Lambert. The negative was defended by Zeb Atkinson and J. B. Lee, of Kenly.

The debate was hotly contested, each man delivering a fine speech and bringing out many points. The victory was given to Benson, although Mr. Lee of Kenly, carried away the honor as best debater.

The Judges for the evening, were Mayor Jas. A. Wellons, Mr. W. W. Cole and Mr. J. D. Parker, all of Smithfield.

The crowd was variously estimated at from 1500 to 2500 visitors. Some saying that there were as many as three thousand here that day.

Thus ended the first County Meet and the Seventeenth is now a matter of history.

The day as a whole was glorious and if it had its imperfections, this was due to the fact that the managers had not had any experience along Field Day lines. The Meet must become an annual feature of the educational system of Johnston. Next year must see a greater day, a better day.

Our citizens must unite in one successful effort to make this one of the great educational counties of the State.

BROOM MAY BE A LUXURY.

Pontiac, Ill., April 14.—Farmers of Cumberland and Cole counties signed an agreement to-day pledging themselves not to raise broomcorn for five years unless the dealers will guarantee them a price to exceed \$120 a ton in advance of planting. For twenty years the two counties have been the broomcorn centre of the country.

Next week has been set apart as cleaning up week for the town. Let every one see that his premises are put in sanitary condition. It will mean much for the health of the town.

KILLED FOR MISPELLING.

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EASTER FASHIONS PARADE.

New York's 400 Fifth Avenue Resplendent in Hats, Plumes, and Short French Gowns.

New York, April 16.—All the world and his wife, the old regime and the new, the Knickerbocker element, descendants of those who used to stroll on Easter along Bowling Green, were on Fifth Avenue this morning for the great fashion parade after church.

While there was a decided nip in the air that made fur neckpieces comfortable, the display of spring finery was a notable one, in spite of the snow flurries. Up and down the avenue the crowd surged from 12:30 o'clock, when some of the fashionable churches began to let out, until 1:30 o'clock, all the way from Washington Square to Fifty-ninth street, there was an ever-moving panorama of the newest French modes, the latest tailored effects from London, some somber, some gay, some extreme, and some the reverse, but all suggestive of the season.

It would have been difficult in this human kaleidoscopic scene to signal out any particular colors as the favored ones of the moment, but king blue and shades of violet probably predominated in millinery, and darker blue and heliotropes in frocks. The hats ranged from tiny helmets to large Gainsboroughs and Rembrandts, topped with long French plumes, which have supplanted the willows in favor, and all of the dresses were extremely short—what the French call "traiteurs."

SELMA NEWS NOTES.

Selma, Apr. 20.—Those of our people who were at Smithfield last Monday, speak in the highest terms of the speech of Governor Kitchin and also of the exercises of the day. Such days as that do the cause of education a great deal of good; boys and girls about the age of sixteen, begin to think that going to school is no good and want to quit; but, such days as last Monday makes them wish to be in the games and they will go on hoping they can get in the push, to use a slang expression. Why can't one of these days be at the several graded and high schools each year?

Mr. Frank Coleman, of New York, is here on a visit to Dr. Robert P. Noble. He married a daughter of Mr. E. S. Moore, a former resident of this township, but who is now living near Greenville, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mitchener have returned from a visit to Florida. They report a splendid time and are much improved in health.

Mr. H. B. Pearce has gone to Richmond for his health. He has been very feeble for some time and hopes to be benefited by his trip.

Sheriff Nowell has begun work on his new house opposite Mr. Winston's residence. From the appearance of the arrangements of the sills, it will be a very nice and comfortable dwelling.

Dr. R. J. Noble is having the inside of his dwelling rearranged and when completed will be very convenient.

Mr. Paul Worley, of Pine Level, is erecting two nice stores on Anderson street in the rear of the Selma Manufacturing Co.'s store.

Our roads are now in excellent condition and automobile parties are now on the road from Smithfield here all the time. A nice run of about ten miles with an automobile would be from Smithfield to the old depot, then to Selma and back to Smithfield.

BATHED IN MOLTEN STEEL.

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BENSON NEWS.

Benson, Apr. 20.—Drs. J. C. Johnson, of Durham, and Floyd Johnson, of Cerro Gorda, were here Sunday and Monday to spend Easter with relatives.

Dr. W. T. Martin was a visitor to Fayetteville Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Robert Smith, of Moyock, has returned to Benson and will likely make his home here in the future.

L. B. Pope, editor of the Spokesman, was in Dunn Tuesday night to attend the annual Easter German.

Mrs. J. H. Boone went to Smithfield Tuesday afternoon to attend the burial of Mr. Lovett Eldridge at the cemetery in Smithfield yesterday.

Miss Lettie Ryals, who has been teaching school at Pine Level the past year, came home to-day. Her school was cut short two weeks on account of the illness of the principal.

Mr. Riley Stewart, who sells pianos, has moved his family from our town to Clayton. We regret to lose him from our town.

Misses Maud Hall and Mary DeLoache, of Meredith College, spent Tuesday night in town with the family of Mr. J. L. Hall. They went to Raleigh yesterday morning to resume their studies.

Mr. George V. Britt and sister, Miss Mattie, of Newton Grove spent Monday here with their brother, Mr. M. T. Britt.

We are glad to note that Mrs. M. H. Langdon, who has been quite sick for several days at her home here, is slightly improved.

Mrs. Nell Jernigan died at her home two and a half miles west of here Tuesday night after an illness of several months. She was a sister of our townsman, Mr. J. M. Morgan. Her remains were buried yesterday at the town cemetery.

Misses Louise Carroll, Mary Justice, Nan Gordon and Ruth Jones went to Smithfield Saturday to be present at the School Field Day Exercises held there Monday.

Mr. J. W. Whittenton is having the walks in front of his home concreted which adds greatly to the appearance of his home. We understand that several citizens here will have the walk around their homes concreted.

M. H. Stacy, Professor of Mathematics at the University of North Carolina, will deliver the annual address at the commencement exercises of the school here on May the 16, at eleven A. M. Prof. Stacy is a gifted speaker and ranks high in his work at the University.

Notwithstanding the fact that several of the other schools were united in their efforts to defeat the Benson school at the exercises held in Smithfield Monday, the Benson boys won the orator's contest as well as the debate between the Kenly and Benson boys. The center of interest seemed to be in the debate owing to the fact that this was the third of a series of three held between the two schools. Benson having won the first, and Kenly the second. The speeches of the representatives from each school were excellent and showed thorough training, reflecting credit on, not only the young men who delivered them, but also upon their respective schools. The decision of the judges was unanimous for the representatives of the Benson school.

The Wm. Todd Show Company will be here again next week. Many of us remember pleasantly the time they were here a year ago, as the show was clean, interesting and instructive. The show is a ten cent show and will open Monday afternoon and continue all the week both in the afternoon and at night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall entertained Tuesday evening from eight-thirty till eleven in honor of Misses Maud Hall and Mary DeLoache, of Meredith College. Many interesting games were played and the evening very pleasantly spent. Those present were, Misses Ruth Jones, Nan Gordon, Mary Justice, Louise Carroll, Bertha Johnson, Mary Cooke, Luna Tolar, Willie Duncan, Meta Harper, and Leola and Mattie Smith, Messrs. W. T. Martin, L. B. Pope, L. H. Johnson, James Strickland, Z. H. Rose, U. F. Wallace and Claud and Ralph Canaday.

Miss Neta Penny, of the faculty of Princeton School, was here Monday.

PASSES AWAY AT NINETY-THREE

**Mr. Lovett Eldridge Answers
Last Call****WAS A LAWYER AND FARMER**

Reared in Southern Part and Moved To Smithfield Many Years Ago. Attended School Taught by the Noted Ghost Elliot.

Shortly after five o'clock, on Tuesday morning, April 18th, Mr. Lovett Eldridge, who lived across Neuse river about one mile from Smithfield, died at the age of ninety-three years. So far as we know he was the oldest man in this section. He was one of whom it could be said that he died of old age. He was reared in the southern part of this County, on the farm, but his school mates and boyhood acquaintances had gone ahead of him to the next world. Before his death he was one of the few now living who attended school taught by Mr. Ghost Elliot, a noted teacher in Johnston and Wayne counties, many years before the Civil War. Mr. Eldridge studied law and moved to Smithfield, where he practiced for several years. He did not much like law practice and quit the profession and began farming. He has been a successful farmer for many years. A few years after he began farming, he sold his town property and moved to a plantation on the Wilson's Mills road, where he lived until his death.

His remains were interred Wednesday afternoon in Smithfield cemetery, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. A. S. Barnes, assisted by Rev. T. H. Spence. He leaves a wife, two sons, Messrs. John and James Eldridge, who hold good positions in the New England States, and two daughters, Miss Ellen, one of Johnston County's best teachers, and Mrs. James H. Tomlinson, of Cleveland township.

Mr. Eldridge was twice married, first to a Miss Ellis, the mother of his children, and later to a Miss O'Neal, who survives him. He was a kind husband and father and a good neighbor. He enjoyed reading and had a vast store of general knowledge. It was very interesting to talk with him over matters past or present. We extend sympathies to the bereaved.

NEWS FROM CLAYTON.

Clayton, April 19.—Easter was a day of pleasure here—some went to Raleigh; some to Smithfield and some to picnics. All report a nice time.

Mrs. C. W. Horne went to Raleigh Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. M. Cordon went to the Capitol City Friday.

The Clayton base ball team added two more scalps to their list last week, one from Cary 11 to 5, and one from Wakefield 9 to 6.

Messrs. Jno. I. Barnes and R. R. Gulley went to the Capitol City Friday.

Miss Ellie Whitley is visiting friends and relatives in Wendell and Zebulon this week.

Mrs. Jno. I. Barnes went to Raleigh Saturday.

Mr. Hugh Page, of Trinity College, was home for a few days last week.

Mr. Ralph Hilliard, of Wilson, spent Easter at home.

Dr. W. D. Young spent Easter here with his brother, Dr. J. J. Young.

Mr. Pallie Cordon, of the University, spent Easter at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. M. Cordon.

We regret very much to note the death of Mr. Joe T. Barnes' little child, which died Monday. It had been sick for several days past. The burial took place at his old home near Archer. Quite a large crowd attended the burial. The father and mother have our deepest sympathy. The little one is now beyond the trouble of this world and will shine with the angels in that fair and bright world above.

H. R. B.

Have you paid your poll tax? There are several elections to be held in this County on May 16. Remember the law.