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SMITHFIELD GIVES WARM WELCOME

To Scout Party of Central Highway Commission

DINNER ON COURT HOUSE LAWN

Large Party of Smithfield People Met The Pathfinders at Princeton. Several Addresses Made Here and the People Showed Their Interest By Their Enthusiasm. Large Crowd From Clayton Here in the Interest Of the Clayton Route. Oakland Route Also Had Strong Supporters.

The pathfinders of the Central Highway Commission were at Smithfield last Friday and the manner in which they were received showed that the people are interested in the Highway. A large delegation was here from Clayton to urge the claims of the Clayton route. Among the Clayton delegation we note the following: C. M. Thomas, A. J. Barbour, E. L. Hinton, J. G. M. Cordon, J. A. Vinson, J. M. Turley, R. A. Wall, Dr. J. J. Young, D. H. McCullers, D. O. McCullers, C. W. Carter, R. H. Gower, G. C. Bryan, and others.

From up the Oakland route, we note the following, who were present to push their claims: G. B. Smith, J. Walter Myatt, F. T. Bookner, R. A. Sanders, Claude Sanders, J. E. Jones, Jesse Wood, J. F. Sanders, E. H. Woodall, Ruffin Barbour, J. H. B. Tomlinson, W. D. Avera, H. V. Faulkner, J. W. Smith, W. T. Johnson, Lawrence Barbour, Burt Barbour, J. H. Ylvington, W. D. Tomlinson and others.

The Central Highway pathfinders were met at Princeton by a large party from Smithfield, in nine automobiles, as follows:

J. A. Campbell, in his Buick, with N. B. Grantham and T. J. Lassiter.

J. H. Kirkman, in his Maxwell, with F. H. Brooks, H. P. Stevens and W. R. Long.

I. R. Wolverton, in his Maxwell with A. S. Johnston, R. R. Holt and W. D. Avera.

Dr. L. A. Muns, in his Maxwell, with W. L. Williams, J. D. Underwood and Lee Sanders.

N. M. Lawrence, in his Case, with W. L. Woodall, T. S. Ragsdale and W. M. Sanders.

H. D. Ellington, in his Ford, with Daniel Jones, H. P. Hill and W. N. Holt.

Dr. N. T. Holland, in his Case, with S. S. Holt, H. L. Skinner and L. G. Patterson.

E. F. Ward, in his Ford, with F. K. Broadhurst and Claude Martin.

J. C. Stancil, in his Ford, with G. E. Thornton, J. E. Hobbs, W. T. Johnson and Mr. Barbour.

The party was given a warm reception here and went away speaking of Smithfield and our people in most complimentary terms.

The account of the meeting here, by R. M. Phillips in the Greensboro Daily News, is as follows:

"Smithfield, May 12.—The central highway scout trip is gathering momentum as it comes up the State. There has been no greater enthusiasm at any place than the party found at Smithfield to-day. The Case scout car and William Dunn's car were escorted from Goldsboro to this place by two others with the following occupants: George C. Royall, Mr. Howell, Charles Dewey, W. T. Yelverton, George L. Becton, John Slaughter, L. M. Michaux and H. A. Pike. The party was met at Princeton by a caravan of automobiles from Smithfield, nine cars and 30 people.

A splendid audience, mostly farmers, filled the courthouse at noon to hear the speakers. W. M. Sanders, president of the Johnston county good roads association, presided at the meeting. The speakers were: Dr. Pratt, Geo. C. Royall, R. M. Phillips and James A. Wellons. Dr. Pratt talked practical road construction, while the others boosted the advantages to be derived from a system of good roads all over the State. At the close of the speaking more than 50 new members were added to the county good roads association.

Interested delegations were here from the rival sections wanting the

central highway. One route is via Clayton and the other is four to seven miles further south and enters Wake on the Batts farm road. The advantages of each route were impressed on the committee which went to Raleigh this afternoon via the Batts farm route, and early tomorrow will make a special trip over the Clayton route.

After the meeting here to-day a fine luncheon, picnic style, was served the crowd with the visitors as guests of honor on the courtyard green by the ladies of Smithfield.

We have found the good women among the finest good roads boosters all along the route. The people of this town, as they were everywhere else, are deeply in earnest and have been lavish in showing hospitality. The east is setting a pace in interest that the west will have to bestir itself to equal."

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

At Selma Baptist Church On Friday Night, Saturday and Sunday, June 9-11, 1911. Leading Sunday School Workers of the State to Be Present.

The Committee, appointed at the last session of the Johnston County Baptist Association to arrange for a Sunday School Convention to be held somewhere within the bounds of the association sometime this year, has about completed the plans for the meeting. Upon invitation the Convention will be held with the Selma Baptist church, beginning on Friday night before the second Sunday in June and continue through Sunday. The dates are June 9, 10 and 11.

The Committee has been fortunate in securing Prof. E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, for two addresses. Prof. J. Henry Highsmith, of the Department of Education, of Wake Forest College, for three addresses. Both these men are leaders and the churches and Sunday schools of the Johnston Association are to be congratulated that they are to be on hand. Their presence assures success. Other speakers have been invited, whose names will be announced as soon as the complete program is arranged. The Committee is anxious that all the churches and Sunday Schools get busy and make their plans to have large delegations present.

PRINCETON NEWS.

Princeton, May 17.—Mr. Frank B. McKinne and wife and Mrs. David McKinne, of Louisburg, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. McKinne.

Mr. Oscar Ralford and wife, of Dillon, S. C., are visiting relatives in town.

Mr. W. B. Strachan, of Salisbury, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Dr. J. B. Strachan.

Mr. W. D. Heath, of Raleigh, was in town Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Herbert Fitzgerald, from Trinity College, has been visiting friends in town the past week.

Mr. R. H. Gower, County Tax Assessor from Clayton, has been with assistant assessor, C. H. Holt, the past few days.

Messrs. Willie Joyner and John Holt have returned from Mars Hill and will spend their summer vacation with their parents.

Miss Lissie Woodard has been visiting Miss Pearl Aycock at Micro.

Miss Minnie B. Strachan is spending several days with her sister, Miss Hattie, at Rocky Mount.

Mr. Lester Aycock and sister, Miss Pearl, are visiting in town this week.

Mrs. Nelson Wells and baby, from Henderson, are here on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. J. D. Finlayson.

Mrs. Eddie Stallings, of Durham, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Lee.

Mr. Geo. L. Jones, of Smithfield, was in town Monday.

Mr. Ashley Sanders, from Cove City, is spending a few days with his mother.

"FOXY."

Prof. N. Y. Guley, of Wake Forest College, will deliver an address at the Baptist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

WEALTH OF THE FARMS

TEXAS WRESTS THE FIRST HONORS FROM ILLINOIS.

Georgia's Rapid Strides. South Carolina Makes Largest Increase Of Year In South.

Washington, May 14.—The value of wealth produced on farms of the United States was \$8,926,000,000 during 1910, as estimated by the Department of Agriculture in a statement just issued. This is an increase of \$104,000,000 over 1909.

Texas, with her ten million acres of cotton, wrested from Illinois during 1910, the honor of being the first State of the Union in point of value of her principal farm crops which aggregated \$364,110,000, an increase of 14.9 per cent over 1909. Illinois, with \$290,295,000, dropped to second place, the decrease having been 13.9 per cent. Iowa held her place as third State, while Kansas, in 1909 fourth State, dropped to tenth.

Georgia made a rapid stride in crop production for the year and jumped from tenth to fourth State with a total of \$210,192,000, an increase of 26.5 per cent over 1909.

All the other Southern States made good increases except Louisiana and Kentucky. South Carolina made the largest, 28.4 per cent, or \$140,009,000, jumping from twenty-first to thirteenth State.

FOUR OAKS NOTES.

Four Oaks, May 17.—Mr. W. J. Lewis made a business trip to Fayetteville Thursday.

Miss Neva Barbour is spending this week in Benson.

Messrs. Hunter Creech and Chester and Victor Cole have returned from Buies Creek Academy.

Quite a number of our young people attended the School close at Micro last week. Also several of the members of the Juniors were present at the presentation of Bible and flag by Smithfield Camp.

Mr. Mac Cullom and his mother, Mrs. A. N. Cullom, and Misses Blanche and Ruby spent a few days here and at Blackman's Grove recently, the guests of their former patrons of Music School and friends.

We are always glad to have them with us. They were en-route for their new home at Raeford, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Creech, of lower Johnston, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Stanley Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Mary Barbour returned from Micro Sunday.

Misses Nellie Lassiter and Hilda Tomlinson passed through en-route for Benson commencement Monday.

Mr. M. C. Barbour, of Rehoboth section, spent Tuesday night with his brother, Mr. K. L. Barbour.

Attorney J. R. Barbour, of Benson, was here Tuesday on business.

Miss Pearl Baker and Mrs. B. B. Adams spent several days in Newbern recently. Miss Baker was a delegate from Bright Jewels here, and Mrs. Adams attended the Annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of North Carolina, of which she is Secretary.

Rev. Mr. Inman, of Falcon, delivered two very good sermons here Sunday afternoon and evening. Mr. Inman is a young man, 17 years of age, and has the appearance of one of sterling worth, that will make his mark in the world of to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Williams entertained quite a number of their young friends at an outdoor ice cream supper Tuesday evening from eight to eleven, in honor of their guests, Messrs. May, Harper, Hamilton, Barbee, and Edwards, of Durham. Numerous Japanese lanterns served as light until the moon rose. Delicious cream and cake were served, after which there were games and songs galore. At eleven the young people reluctantly departed, declaring Mrs. Williams a very good hostess, and talking of the next treat promised.

Another good move for Four Oaks here Tuesday, when the special school tax election was carried with 52 votes for and only 5 against.

Mr. J. C. Phillips, who has had a position here for several months with The Journal, left for his home in Dunn Monday evening.

DIAZ WILL STEP DOWN

DE LA BARRA PRESIDENT WITH MADERO AS ADVISER.

A Surrender to Rebels New Election Will Be Called Within Six Months.

Mexico City, May 17.—President Diaz and Vice President Corral will resign before June 1 and Minister of Foreign Relations De La Barra will become President ad interim, according to official announcement made to-day.

Francisco I. Madero, Jr., the revolutionary leader will be called to Mexico City to act as De La Barra's chief advisor and to serve as the greatest guarantee possible that every pledge made by the government to end the revolution will be carried out. As viewed by the public it will be virtually a joint presidency, pending the calling of a new presidential election.

The Cabinet will be reorganized. The Minister of War will be named by De La Barra. The Foreign Office will be in charge of an under-secretary named by De La Barra. Other Cabinet members will be chosen by De La Barra and Madero acting jointly.

A new election will be called within six months and political amnesty will be recommended to the Chamber of Deputies.

The foregoing are the conditions on which President Diaz will compromise with the rebels. Virtually they are admitted in high quarters to be a complete surrender to the revolutionists.

The resignation of Diaz and the "joint regency" of De La Barra and Madero, are said to constitute a guarantee so complete that the original insurrecto demand for fourteen Governors no longer need be considered.

The Cabinet was in almost continuous session for two hours to-day, despite the severe illness of President Diaz. The President's entire face is infected from an ulcerated tooth. His upper lip is swollen far beyond its normal size and his face is inflamed. He showed fever yesterday, but this symptom was eliminated to-day. He speaks with the greatest difficulty; but, while he is in severe pain, his condition is not alarming at this time, despite his advanced age.

The government's conditions were telegraphed to Judge Carbajal this afternoon with instructions to submit them to General Madero. They were accepted apparently as an armistice covering the entire Republic of Mexico was agreed upon at Juarez this evening. Inasmuch as the government believes that it has made every concession that the revolutionists requested, it is firmly believed that a treaty of peace will follow.

LIGHTNING'S WORK.

Last Saturday night lightning did considerable work near here:

It set fire to and burned a stack of fodder for Mr. Mordecai Alford.

It struck the pantry to the house in which Mr. Albert Johnson lives and loosened one of the corner boards and tore the pantry to some extent on the inside.

It fired a dead lightwood tree for Mr. Merrill Olive. Some of his neighbors saw it burning and started to think one of his houses had caught fire, but no real damage was done except the loss of the tree.

It set fire to a house in Clayton, but the fire was extinguished with a little effort on the part of the people.

On the road near Mr. H. T. Underwood several telephone poles were torn and show signs of what happened to them.

Mr. Orlando Barbour, of Elevation township, had lightning to strike a stove flue to his house. It tore it to a considerable extent and then ran down one corner of the house. It demolished his range and tore up some of the flooring plank. It is said that some of the family were stunned by the shock, but not seriously hurt.

It struck the house in which Mr. G. A. Gower lives near the depot in Smithfield and after tearing off some shingles it tore up a door facing

at the rear end of the hall.

Mr. Alonzo Johnson, from near Johnson's Cross Roads, was here Tuesday and says he has seen nine trees in his neighborhood which were struck by lightning Saturday night.

Lightning struck a chimney for Mr. Jenkins Johnson and knocked off four bricks and came down a post by the chimney's side shivering it, then tore down the mantel and shivered a sill as it went to a corner of the house where it tore up a wood block as it went to the ground. Mr. Johnson, who was not over three feet from the fire place, was stunned and could not hear well for a day or two. One of his children was lying in front of the fire place near enough that a piece of the mantel fell on it. The child was not injured.

It struck Mr. R. H. Johnson's house but did small damage. Several wood blocks used as pillars under the house were torn to pieces.

LOCKE CRAIG SANGUINE.

Looks For Big Increase in Democratic Vote From Western North Carolina—Will Be Candidate for Gubernatorial Nomination.

Locke Craig, of Asheville, who was Governor Kitchin's most formidable opponent three years ago for the Democratic nomination for the governorship, and who has since that time been recognized as an active candidate for the nomination for Governor in 1912, is here to argue appeals to the Supreme Court from his district.

Asked concerning matters political, he remarked with characteristic modesty that it seemed to him that the Democrats of North Carolina are determined to give him the nomination. This, he said, will be a great honor, and the governorship weighty responsibility, "but if I am made Governor the duties of the office shall have my very best efforts in the direction of conserving the best interests of the whole people." Mr. Craig says Democracy in western Carolina is in splendid shape, the best since 1902, and he looks for great increase in the party vote in 1912.—Charlotte Observer.

NEWS FROM CLAYTON.

Clayton, May 17.—Dr. Moore, from the Wilson Sanatorium, was in our town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones spent Sunday at his father's, Mr. H. A. Jones.

We are having our side walks paved and it helps the looks very much.

Miss Lillian Beal, of Franklin, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. McCullers, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Creech are visiting Mrs. Creech's mother, Mrs. M. M. Guley, this week.

We had a very severe electrical storm here Saturday night with rain, hail and wind, which did much damage, the lightning striking one dwelling and firing it; but help soon arrived on the scene and saved it with very little damage done.

Last Saturday afternoon one of Clayton's oldest citizens died at his home after a long period of illness—Mr. J. D. Adams. He has suffered with paralysis for quite awhile and now he is resting where there is no more pain. He was a member of the Methodist church and had served his Lord and Master well. He leaves a wife and several children and a host of friends. The family have our deepest sympathy.

H. R. B.

Last week Iredell County voted on a bond issue of \$400,000 for good roads, the issue winning by a majority of 1323. There are sixteen townships in the County and eleven of them gave a majority for bonds. Outside of Mooresville and Statesville, the county districts gave a majority for bonds of more than 300. Iredell County has long been in the list of progressive counties in the State. Her people are all the time wide-awake for everything that means for the building up of the County.

Voted Against Special Tax.

District number five in Cleveland township last Tuesday voted against special tax for schools, twenty-one to eight.

PULLING FOR THE LOGICAL ROUTE

Most Sections Have Two For Central Highway

BUT THERE ARE NO FACTIONS

Scout Party Looks Over All Routes Suggested and the Citizens Will Work Shoulder to Shoulder.

Raleigh, May 13.—For the past two days the central highway scout party has hardly had time enough to stop and hold meetings, so insistent has been the desire of people in the various sections to carry the party over what each section claims to be "the best route," and the "logical route" also figures largely. For instance, yesterday morning when the scout party reached a point about three miles out from Goldsboro on the Hooks bridge route, a halt was made and it was suggested that the state geologist get in another car and go back some two and a half miles and go over another and shorter route to a point about four miles from the city. It was done, and a record was made of distances and character of convenient road material on both routes.

After the party passed Princeton the trip was uninterrupted from there to Smithfield. Leaving Smithfield in the afternoon we came to Raleigh by the Oakland church and Batt's farm route. It is a ridge route between Swift and Middle creeks, and through a fine section. The road nearly half the distance is through deep sand, but there is an abundance of clay at convenient points, so that it can be made a fine route. But there is sharp contest—the people in Clayton and along that route insist that they have the best claim, as their road is already in a fair state of improvement.

In response to the urgent request of the Clayton route people the Case scout car, with Mr. Dunn's car, went over the latter route this morning. At Clayton the party was divided up and the people of that village carried us out in different directions over the township. I went with Dr. Pratt in Charlie Horne's car within six miles of Smithfield and back to Clayton. They have a very good road and it is being improved. We have met no more insistent people than the good citizens of Johnston. They have the "fever" and their persistence and enthusiasm means that the Johnston people are going to have better roads. Selma township is soon to vote on a special road tax provision. The people of Clayton township offer to guarantee that the county will not be called on to pay the \$50 per mile required by the central highway bill if they get the highway, while the people about Smithfield and along the Oakland church and Batt's farm route are offering private subscriptions to build the road that way. One leading citizen and an ex-representative told me he was ready to construct and maintain the road through his farm.—R. M. Phillips, in Greensboro Daily News.

Death in Meadow Township.

A leading citizen of the Southern part of the county passed away last week in the death of Mr. Miles V. Barefoot, which occurred on Thursday night, May 11th, 1911. He was born May 7th, 1830, and was in his eighty-second year. About ten years ago one of his eyes failed and about a year ago the other gave way, but he could see some until a month before his death, when he became blind. Otherwise his health was good until three weeks before his death when he had a paralytic stroke. From this he grew worse gradually until the end came. He was buried in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends. He leaves a son, Mr. John V. Barefoot, and three daughters—Mrs. Sarah M. Morgan, Mrs. Lida Hargrave and Mrs. Mary M. Young. Mr. Barefoot was well known in his section of the County. He was a good farmer and a financier. His example, if followed, would bring success to many who fail. We extend sympathies to the bereaved.