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FARMERS' UNION PICNIC.

(BY W. C. HARPER.)

On Friday, July 5th, members of the Local Unions of Johnston County, with many of their friends, met at Hopewell school house, four miles west of Smithfield, for the purpose of hearing a much enjoyed address by our State President, Dr. Alexander, and to pay tribute to the many good things of a well laden table. At eleven o'clock our speaker was introduced by our County President, Mr. Geo. T. Pool, in a few well-chosen remarks.

Dr. Alexander began his address by showing his appreciation of so large an audience, especially the ladies which was encouraging to the widowers and bachelors, stating that he wished to do all in his power to help our County President to obtain the prize which is the main factor in making a happy home and a satisfied life. He did not fail to speak of the splendid school building and to congratulate the patrons upon the pride and interest they were taking in education, which is one of the greatest principles the Farmers' Union stands for, believing that the education of the masses means a nobler and better life. That we favor vocational training for our boys and girls, and to that end we would have agriculture and domestic and social economy taught in our rural public schools and county high schools. That we favor the initiative, the referendum and recall, applied under safe and conservative restrictions, as the most potent and efficient means for the protection and promotion of real safe government, that is, government of and for and by the people. That we favor and demand of our representatives the enactment of the Torrens System of registering land titles. That we favor and demand of our representatives the placing of all county officers on salary instead of the fee system as is now the case. That we favor state-wide primaries for the selection of nominees for state and national offices, to the end that the aristocratic minority may not defeat the will of the majority as is now too often the case. And a word for the merchants, one thing we may do that will increase our interest in and respect for each other, it is to practice a spirit of reciprocity of live and let live. There are some things which you as individuals and through your organization may help us to accomplish, and I know that my brother will excuse me and stand by me in making an appeal to you. These profits which these middle men take and which they must have if they operate, add much to the high cost of living. We ask you to help us to eliminate the needless of them and that you adopt such business methods wherever practical as will put you in as close touch with the producer as with the consumer. You also may help us to secure an adequate parcels post. The thrifty nations of the earth have it, and it is coming, but by a united effort we may hasten its coming. The merchant will not be hurt; he will only adjust his business to the changed conditions.

After speaking upon other subjects and the great growth of the Union, we adjourned for dinner, arranged by the ladies, and a more orderly people and a better picnic dinner is seldom seen, and the maids were there who had helped prepare many such and just as social as ever. The afternoon was spent in meeting old friends, still holding their own and enjoying such delicacies as cold drinks, etc., and no one went away but with praise upon their lips of the good people of Hopewell.

"The sunshine lies out in the country,
The sweetness of nature is there."

Tax on Dancers.

Any person past the age of 16 years who wishes to dance at Dodge City must pay the city \$1 a year. The City Commissioners met not long ago and passed an ordinance providing for a license fee of \$1 from all dancers, and further providing that no person under the age of 16 can attend a dance unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.—Kansas City Journal.

FOUR OAKS ITEMS.

Mr. P. H. Creech has returned after spending a month visiting his brother in Norfolk.

Mr. M. A. Creech left Monday for Fuquay Springs to spend a week, drinking water and recuperating.

Messrs. B. B. and D. W. Adams spent last week in Norfolk on business.

Mr. Tommy Strickland, who has a position with the Western Union Telegraph Company at Columbia, S. C., was in town last week shaking hands with his many friends.

Among those who took advantage of the cheap rate to Fuquay Springs, July 4th, were Messrs. L. C. Barbour, Ira Keen and G. F. Bizzell.

Miss Erma Stevens, of Smithfield, with her guests: Misses Helen Grooms, of Greensboro, Louise and Isa Sills, of Nashville, N. C., and Bess Hodges, of Hendersonville, were the guests of Miss Annie Adams Friday evening.

Dr. A. J. Smith, of Kenly, was in town this week looking at the town and adjacent country with the expectation of locating here to practice his profession.

Miss Ruth Adams has returned from an extended visit to friends in Greensboro and Miss Hildah Way, at Waynesville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keen, of Hartsville, S. C., are visiting Mr. Keen's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keen.

Miss Alma Pierce, of Kenly, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. R. Keen.

Another County Profits By It.

It is always with pleasure that we hear of the successful working of the county salary system, in preference to the fee system. First, because the latter is diametrically in opposition to business principles and furnishes too much uncertainty, which is on the order of a gamble; and, second, because it is gratifying to learn of the saving of money for the taxpayers. The Dispatch's Raleigh correspondent to-day furnishes the information that Wake county the past year saved over \$5,000. It is thought that the saving will amount to something like \$8,000, which is decidedly worth while. This saving, too, comes under circumstances that were not at all favorable to the salary system, and it is said that time the system gets to working smoothly, the county will save more. That has been the history of quite a number of counties. Those that have it have found it a money saver, and other counties, having sense enough to profit by the experience of others and wisdom enough to push forward, have decided to adopt the salary system, and so the next legislature will bring about a big addition to the salary system's ranks. New Hanover should be among the number.—Wilmington Dispatch.

Loyalty to Home Enterprises.

One of the causes for the failure of local enterprises is the failure on the part of many people to comprehend that whatever injures any business in a community reflects injury upon the people of that community. Home enterprises should be loyally supported by home people. It is too often the case that a business that is of incalculable benefit for a locality is hampered or ruined through jealousies. Some people are so constituted that they cannot endure to see an acquaintance fairly prosperous, while they are perfectly willing to contribute to the prosperity of a stranger. The person who makes his money here and spends it elsewhere need not be surprised to find that others imitate his example, and that in the course of events crashes result, which throw him out of employment or entail severe losses in other ways. Loyalty to home and home interests is essential to the prosperity of any community.—Mocksville Herald.

We have just received a large supply of "The Tragic Story of the Titanic," a book of 350 pages, giving in detail the account of the sinking of the great ship, Titanic, and the heroism there displayed. No more thrilling story was ever written.

Time flies, death urges, knells call, heaven invites, hell threatens.—Young's Night Thoughts.

BENSON NEWS.

Benson, July 11.—Mr. E. L. Hall, of Fayetteville, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in town.

Mr. John Britt, of Newton Grove, visited relatives here several days this week.

Miss Sallie Elmore, of Mount Olive, is visiting Mrs. M. T. Britt this week.

Mr. Wm. Canaday went to Angier Thursday, where he will visit a few days.

Miss Emma Wellons, of Smithfield, was in our city one day this week.

Mr. Z. H. Rose, Principal of the High School, has returned to town, after visiting a few days.

Miss Mary Turlington, who has been attending the Summer School at Greenville for several days, returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fouville and family returned Monday from Greensboro where they have been visiting relatives for several days.

Chief of Police, W. M. Weeks, returned Tuesday night after visiting friends in upper Johnston for a few days.

Mr. J. L. Hall was in Richmond several days recently on business.

Mr. Ed Jones of Kenly, has accepted a position here with the Coast Line Railroad, and will move his family here. Mr. Jones lived here a few years ago and we welcome him back to our town.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Mayo, of Aurora, arrived to-day and will spend some time in our community. Mr. Mayo is a prominent business man of Beaufort county.

Prof. Rose has secured two teachers to take the place of those who resigned. Miss Esther Yelverton, of Fremont, will have charge of the Music Department and Miss Mary Turlington, of near Benson, will have charge of the primary grades.

Rev. Mr. Garriss, of Wotho, assisted by Rev. Mr. Rowland, of Georgia, is conducting a series of meetings in the Free Will Baptist church this week.

Birthday Celebration.

Wakefield, N. C., July 9.—At his home on Sunday, July 7th, 1912, Mr. Charles F. Tippet celebrated his fiftieth birthday. It was also the birthday of his daughter, Mary, who is half as old as her father.

Quite a sumptuous dinner was served to about forty of his relatives and friends.

The table was loaded with fat hens, barbecue in abundance, hams, sliced in the Tarheel style, pies, cakes and pickle of all descriptions, along with ice cold butter-milk and lemonade for all who would drink. It was a regular old-fashion before-the-war feast, such as all North Carolinians know how to spread.

Among those who were present to partake of the feast were: Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pulley, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Pace, Miss Ola Pace, Mr. Julius Parget, Mr. Sheron; also his brothers, sisters, children and grand-children.

All who attended declared the host to be a jolly entertainer and were delighted with the occasion.

A Delightful Evening.

Pine Level, July 8.—On last Friday evening Miss Addie Creech, of Pine Level, delightfully entertained at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Creech, in honor of her guests, Misses Eva Coats and Eula Parrish, of Smithfield.

The guests were received at the door by Miss Bertha Woodard. They were then ushered into the parlor, where they were introduced to the guest of honor by the charming hostess.

After all had arrived games were engaged in. Just before the departing hour, the guests were ushered into the dining room, where they were served to cream and cake. At 11:30 the guests departed, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Those present were: Misses Eula Parrish, and Eva Coats, of Smithfield, Dolcie Woodard, Myrtle Kornegay, Bertha Woodard, of near Princeton, Leola Pilkington, and Lorena Godwin; Messrs. Clyde Godwin, Walter Taiton, Clyde Futrell, Kader Woodard, Herman Pilkington, John Peedin, Alonzo Corbett, of Princeton, and George Peedin, of Selma.

POLENTA NEWS.

Preaching at Shiloh Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. R. W. Horrell.

John McPherson, colored, was up before F. T. Booker, J. P., Monday for carrying concealed a pistol. He was bound over to the Recorder's Court, and will have a hearing next Tuesday.

Mr. Rufus Sanders, of Bentonsville, was in this section visiting last week. Of late his visit to this community have been quite frequent.

Rev. Mr. Sutton, the pastor, preached a most excellent sermon at Elizabeth last Sunday morning.

Miss Mary Booker is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. T. Adams, of Smithfield.

Mr. Herbert Jordan, of the Shiloh section, who had been sick with consumption, died on June 28th, and was buried at Oakland cemetery Saturday evening following. He was a young man of excellent qualities, and had a bright future before him. He died in the triumph of faith, being a consistent member of Shiloh Baptist church. He leaves two brothers and many other relatives and friends to mourn his demise.

Mrs. Ruth Stephenson Clark, of Raleigh, is on a visit to her grand-mother, Mrs. Sarah Barber.

Master Harris Robertson, of Franklinton, is visiting his grand-mother, Mrs. Susan Tomlinson.

Master Jesse Ellington, of Fayetteville, is on a visit to Mr. G. B. Smith and family.

Mr. Z. T. Jones cut a ripe watermelon on the 4th of July, which is the first we have heard of hereabouts.

Rev. Mr. Norris and wife, of Holly Springs, are spending several days this week visiting Mr. J. Walter Myatt and family.

For several months Mrs. W. B. Godwin has been under the care of a physician. The doctors treated her to the best of their skill, but symptoms of a serious nature having developed, it was thought best that the patient be taken to Rex Hospital in Raleigh for treatment, and so advised. The advice was heeded, and in charge of Dr. McLemore, Mrs. Godwin was taken to Raleigh Wednesday morning. We hope, upon investigation, an operation will not be necessary, and that Mrs. Godwin will soon be restored to health.

Mrs. H. D. Ellington, of Smithfield, and Mrs. Jesse T. Ellington, of Clayton, are on a visit to Mr. G. B. Smith and family.

The Red Spider has made its appearance in some of the cotton fields of this section, which to some extent has considerably alarmed some of our cotton growers. We hope little or no damage will be done by this troublesome little insect.

Considering its age, Mr. G. B. Smith has the finest field of corn in all this section. Mr. J. W. Myatt also has a fine field of corn.

Mr. Frank Wood one night this week had the misfortune to lose a fine mule.

The political pot has commenced to boil, and candidates are visiting the dear people and soliciting their support. All of those who have announced their desire for office have friends in this township.

Mr. J. W. Myatt, who attended the Baltimore Convention, says it was a big affair, and a great Convention. He was an Underwood man, but being the loyal Democrat that he is, he is enthusiastic for the ticket and will work hard for its success.

Dr. Jackson, a young M. D., of Guilford County, was in this neighborhood Tuesday looking around for a good location. He appeared to be favorably disposed with this section of the country, but was decided as to his intentions as to locating in this community.

Rev. Mr. Spence preached an excellent sermon at Oakland last Sunday evening.

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Before God's footstool to confess
A poor soul knelt and bowed his head.

"I failed," he wailed. The Master said.

"Thou didst thy best—that is success."
—Henry Coyle.

THE NEWS OF SELMA.

Selma, July 11.—The electric lights were turned on again Wednesday night—a decided improvement on dark nights.

Mrs. Thos. Hood, of Georgia, is visiting her niece, Mrs. W. B. Driver.

Mrs. G. W. Nod left last week to visit friends in Gordonsville, Va.

All of the friends of Frank Davis of Wilson's Mills, are much pleased at his promotion in the base ball world. He has been purchased of the Knoxville team by the Cincinnati team, which puts him in the big league. May Frank continue to do well and prosper, and may his good right arm never fall him.

Mrs. Robert Millard Nowell has a house party this week and has as her guests, Misses Annie Irlie Poul, of Smithfield, LaRue Hunter, of Cary, Mildred Young, of Clayton, Evie Leigh Mizelle and Lalla Mizelle, of Lewiston.

A committee composed of our oldest inhabitants, Dr. R. J. Noble, H. D. Hood, C. B. Waddell, Wm. Richardson, M. C. Winston and John H. Parker, has been appointed by the mayor, to invite all former citizens to attend as a "home coming," the Watermelon, Tomato and Baby Show on July 24th, and they are hereby invited, but where will this great crowd get water? The old well—that famous old well that had the reputation in former times of being the best water between Goldsboro and Charlotte, and from which every one who has ever been to Selma delighted to quench his thirst, is almost no more. What will the committee say to the visitors who will, as of yore, want to drink that pure water, so light and pure that one can drink any amount without ill effects, about the well being "out of fix?" The well is in the same place, but it has in the place of the nice cucumber wood pump, an old iron pitcher pump that wheezes and coughs as if it was tired. There is not a public well in town. Water melons and tomatoes are right in their places, but they will not satisfy the thirst of the thirsty men, women, children, horses, mules and automobiles that are to be here; we expect to have our electric light plant in full blast by that time but that is to be used at night. We will have no use for electric lights in the day time; what we want is water. The great luminary of the day will be on hand to furnish light; and the brighter he is the more need there will be for water—good, cool water, but where will we get it? We expect horses to be here by the hundred. They must have water; where is it to come from? Automobiles will be here by hundreds and they have to have as much water as the horses; where will they get it with the glorious never-failing well of pure water out of commission?

HOT WAVE FATALITIES.

Eighty-four hours of fearful heat and intense humidity in Chicago was broken Saturday night. During that day fourteen people died from heat. Heat-maddened dogs bit 25 persons, and the people sought the parks and beaches to escape the fearful heat. The President of the County Board ordered ice delivered to the homes of the poor families where children were suffering, at the expense of the county.

Saturday in Philadelphia five victims of the heat wave were reported, making 14 up to Saturday night.

Monday was the hottest day of the year in Philadelphia, the thermometer registering 95. Eleven deaths from heat told the story of the day. Most of the victims were children.

In Pittsburgh Monday two deaths, three suicides and two attempted suicides were all laid at heat's door.

Unable to stand the heat three more persons died in Philadelphia Tuesday and while three shuffled off this mortal coil through the suicide route, one died of heat in Camden, N. J.

The record for Wednesday: Two deaths in New York, and six in Cleveland, Ohio. The heat wave appears to be broken.

John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil King, celebrated his 73rd birthday Monday.

ESTHER WAKE AT CHAPEL HILL.

Chapel Hill, July 8.—On the evening of July 4th a large audience of five hundred people were entertained by the thirty actors playing "Esther Wake, or The Regulators."

The night was ideal for an outdoor play, and the setting for the play was unique. On the porch of Smith Hall with its four classic columns resembling the Colonial Mansion were repeated the scenes that were enacted in Governor Tryon's Palace during Revolutionary Times. Just in front of this porch of Greek architecture upon a grassy mound the Regulators, under the dauntless leadership of James Pugh, again struggled against wrong and oppression and for the liberty we now enjoy.

Esther Wake was written by Prof. Vermont, of Smithfield, who is now teaching the Modern Languages in the University of North Carolina Summer School. This play is splendidly conceived and is rich in striking situations. It is full of tragic historical events and has much dramatic interest throughout. Its theme, representing the feelings of a people rising up against tyranny and oppression, appeals to the best nature of a free American citizen.

The players were trained by Professor Vermont himself. They executed their parts nobly exhibiting their good training. The costumes were gorgeous. The auditorium was the green turf in front of the Carr Building. The audience faced Smith Hall with its stately columns of a Greek Temple clad with ivy rustling in the moon light. The audience sat sympathetic and enraptured as this play based upon Colonial History of North Carolina was given by the members of the Dramatic Club. The arrogance of Governor Tryon, the tyranny of Fanning, the deathless valor of James Pugh and other Regulators were tragically portrayed.

The hero of the play was James Pugh. This part was played by Professor Geo. McKie, of Chapel Hill, who is known to people at Smithfield. The heroine was Esther Wake, or Miss Mattie Hudson, of Smithfield. They played their parts in a matchless, soul-thrilling way. They won the hearts of the members of the faculty, the students and the towns people present. They were heroes that live in literature and in the hearts of the people.

Before the last scene began, the audience called for Mr. Vermont, the author of the play. He responded by thanking the people for their support and interest and expressed pleasure at the fact that his efforts in dramatizing North Carolina history were giving the audience pleasure.

The theme of the play is of peculiar interest to North Carolinians but is also universal in that it represents the feelings of a people rising in their might against tyranny and struggling manfully for dear freedom.

Fourth of July At Cat Fish Pond.

Pine Level, July 9.—The afternoon of the Fourth of July was delightfully celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Creech and their many friends at Cat Fish Pond.

At 1:30 autos, buggies and bicycles filled with boys and girls, were seen coming down the road to his home, with fishing tackle, prepared to enter in the contest of catching and stringing the most cat fish.

Mr. W. A. Herring and Miss Flora Futrell were the most successful.

The same contest was continued at the Perch pond of Mr. Creech, where Mr. Clyde Godwin and Miss Eula Parrish, of Smithfield, were the successful ones.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Creech were: Misses Eula Parrish, and Eva Coats, of Smithfield, Mary Kornegay, Dolcie Woodard, Lorena Godwin, Myrtle Kornegay, Bertha Woodard, of near Princeton, Flora Futrell, Jennie Creech, Mabel Pilkington, Mary Langley, Pearl Strickland, of Princeton, Addie Creech and Messrs. Clyde Futrell, Alonzo Corbett, of Princeton, Clyde Godwin, Kader Woodard, Gideon Creech, John Peedin, W. A. Herring, George Peedin, of Selma, Larkin Creech, Richard Britt, Millard Watson and Herman Pilkington.