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MR. EDGERTON'S LETTER

When Johnston County was an infant it thought as a child. It acted as a child. There was no necessity for business systems because there was but little business to be transacted. The entire time and services of a man was not required in any office. There was no use, therefore, in paying for his entire time. The plan then was adopted to pay him for whatever part of his time that was required to perform the various duties of his office. They reasoned that he should be paid well because he would have to leave his work one or two days in each week and look after the business of his office. The fees, therefore, were not fixed on a basis of the actual work to be performed but were made larger because of the little work to be done and the inconvenience to the Officer in leaving his work and going to Smithfield to discharge his duties as a County Officer.

We have passed the juvenile stage in every department of development with the one exception of our County Government. We are farming differently. We conduct our schools differently. We are manufacturing more extensively. We are using better roads. Time has evolved better and more business-like systems in the management of all our industries—except our County Government.

When I look upon the great resources of our County and behold her in her onward march toward the front rank; when I observe her in her young manhood appropriating every means and device for a better and more perfect system of schools, modern roads, better churches; when I see the intellects and business ability of our citizenship take first rank at every point, I am forced to conclude that the people have advanced ahead of their County Government.

I have no pet scheme. I have no axe to grind. I have no one to reward, or whom I wish to rebuke. I plead for a change in the conduct of our County's business system in keeping with the progress we have made in every other department of our development. Time would be cruel to evolve only such improvements as would tend to enhance individual interests. Time and necessity have joined hands and are now demanding that Johnston County enjoy the benefits of modern, practical, business-like County Government.

I can go no further until I state that there is and has been no County that has had better Officers, or that has adhered more closely to the system required by law than has the Officers of Johnston County. They have done ten thousand things that the law did not require them to do which meant great good to the people. No change or system will improve the efficiency of the individual or guarantee greater fidelity.

We need our best men in Office. They should be paid for their services. They should be paid well. They ought to be paid more than the same individual would get in other employment for the reason that the duties are more exacting and more responsible and should require the very best that is in a man. The cost of a campaign, the legitimate expense, is heavy. The sacrifice one has to make in giving up his other business and assuming the discharge of the duties of a political office, the duration of which is always exceedingly uncertain, is considerable. The pay should be commensurate.

In two other letters, heretofore, I have tried to show why changes should be made. I am now trying to show how they can be made. I do not believe the plan that I shall suggest will turn anything like the amount of money into the Treasury that some think will. I think the amount turned in will be small if the Officers are paid a reasonable salary. I have no desire to see the pay of the Officers reduced greatly. I just want to see a better system and our County adopt the management that others have tried satisfactorily. I have taken some interest in this matter and have made investigations which assures me that no County which has adopted the salary system would consider a return to the old antiquated fee system.

If we have the plan of paying our Officers a salary it would, of course, necessitate the services of a County

Auditor. As suggested in a former letter he should be required to audit and publish an ITEMIZED statement of every receipt and disbursement of each and every "Fund" in Johnston County derived by taxation of the people, except municipal corporations. He should be charged with the responsibility of seeing that no money is paid out of the Treasury except such as is authorized by law. He should be, ex-officio, purchasing agent of the County and pursue a business-like and equitable course in making such purchases as are required. We should have one Treasurer and his books should be open to public inspection at all times.

I have only briefly outlined a few things I would suggest. I have written these letters at the request of the Editors of The Herald. They are, as has already been said, based upon some observation and much experience. I am ready to join forces with all Democrats who favor the adoption of any of the plans outlined, or any other plan, that will mean advancement.

I shall write no more, unless it shall be in defense of what I have already written. Let the leaders, if they desire, begin the movement. We will follow.

Respectfully,
W. A. EDGERTON.

Selma, N. C.

Send in The Names At Once.

Mr. Z. L. Lemay, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Johnston County, wants the names of all the township Executive Committee men at once. Be sure when you send in the names to name the chairman and secretary.

He also wants the names of all the Democratic nominees for Justice of the Peace and Constable. This is important and it is hoped that those who have not already done so will send in these names at once.

Four Oaks News.

Dr. Smith has traded his Flanagan car to Mr. Alonzo Parrish, of Benson, for a Ford.

Mr. E. L. Strickland has purchased a new Ford car from Mr. Alonzo Parrish.

Quite a number from here attended the Primitive Baptist Association at Benson on last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Leora Edgerton, of Kenly, visited her sister, Mrs. Dr. Smith, last week.

Mr. Chas. I. Pearce, of Smithfield, was a visitor in town on last Friday afternoon.

Dr. Smith returned on Tuesday night from Latta, S. C., where he had been to see a patient. He made the entire trip on his Ford car and reports no trouble, whatever.

Mr. Ernest Johnson, of Smithfield, was a visitor in town last Sunday.

Mr. Robert Johnson, of Smithfield, was a visitor in town Sunday.

Mr. Louis Levinson, of Fayetteville, was a visitor in town Sunday.

My! but the "home-fellows" don't have much of a chance.

Mr. Ed Matthews, of Smithfield, was a visitor in town Tuesday to see the "Alabama-Minstrels."

Mr. E. B. Sanders visited friends and relatives in and around Clayton last week.

Miss Golda Creech, of Bule's Creek, and her friend, Miss Pauline Hilburn, spent last Saturday and Sunday here with Miss Creech's mother, Mrs. Laura Creech.

Messrs. Bryan, Kivett, Parker and Hardy, from Bule's Creek, were visitors of F. Hunter Creech Sunday.

Mr. Hubert Lee happened to the misfortune to get his hand cut very badly in their cotton gin Friday morning. Dr. Smith was called in to dress the hand. He reports that Mr. Lee is doing nicely and will soon be well.

Mr. Dalton Lee made a record trip the other day. He carried a patient, whose teeth were badly torn up, to Smithfield. From the time he got on his car here until he pulled up at Dr. Holland's office it took him just fifteen minutes.

Four Oaks, Oct. 2, 1912.

Hon. Tom Settle, the Republican candidate for Governor, will speak in Smithfield next Monday, October 7th, at noon.

FORECASTS VICTORY

New York, Sept. 30.—With the Republican party from one end of the country to the other torn asunder by the activities of the Bull Moose candidate, and with Democrats working in complete, almost blissful harmony, indications at the present time, thirty-six days before election day, point to Democratic victory at the polls in November.

In undertaking the most elaborate Presidential canvass ever made by any newspaper, the Herald instructed all of its canvassers and all of its correspondents to "Get the truth." For more than a month reporters have been working from coast to coast.

In the eleven States where these straw votes were taken—New York, Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Wyoming—Governor Wilson ran first in nine. The Bull Moose candidate was first in Connecticut and third in all but Ohio and Wyoming. In Ohio he polled 942 votes, as against 818 for the Bull Moose ticket. Governor Wilson received 1,914.

The fifth in Ohio is a lively one. World reports show that if the Bull Moose candidate can show as much strength in November as he developed at the recent primaries, President Taft will lose his native State. As in all States near the Northern border line, the farmers are very hostile to the President. In Pennsylvania, one of the pivotal States in the great contest, there are indications of a close fight. New Jersey and New York are placed in the Wilson column.

Figures obtained in the voting contest show that the Bull Moose candidate is pulling the great bulk of his strength from the Republicans. They show that Governor Wilson is winning more from the Republicans than he is losing to the Bull Moose ticket. For instance while 4,150 Republicans, who four years ago voted for Taft, will this year, according to their statements, vote the Bull Moose ticket; only 678 Democrats will swing to the Bull Moose. Debs loses twenty to the third term. Out of 24,895 votes polled in the eleven States named, the Republican loss from 1908 is 5,997, while the Democratic gain over 1908 is 2,254.

Should the ratio thus far shown in the voting contests continue, it would indicate that Governor Wilson would carry more States than were ever before carried by a Presidential candidate. It should be pointed out, however, that the ballots have not yet been taken in some parts of the country where the President is regarded as strong.

Staid old New England is wobbling. Maine shows a tendency to be for Wilson. Connecticut seems at the present moment almost certain for the New Jersey Governor. Vermont and Rhode Island are in the balance, both with Wilson tendencies. Massachusetts is placed in the Wilson column. New Hampshire alone of the New England States is given to the President. None to the Bull Moose candidate. Indiana and Illinois are witnessing spectacular fights. In Indiana the investigators place Wilson in the lead, with the Bull Moose running second. Illinois is a veritable hot bed of uncertainty. The Bull Moose leads in straw ballots thus far taken. Governor Wilson does not appear to be stronger than he was during the primaries. In the four great States between the Dakotas and the coast—Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, the situation is found to be most interesting. The great army of "new" voters numbering more than 200,000, will determine the result in Washington. They are regarded as friendly to the Bull Moose candidate.—New York Herald.

BIG CIRCUS COMING.

Spark's big circus is coming to Smithfield. Friday, October 25th, is the day. It is claimed that they have a solid train of twenty cars, nearly 400 people and 20 or more animals, domestic and foreign. This is the biggest show that has come to Johnston County in many years and no doubt a large number of people will be here on October 25th.

GOV. KITCHIN COMING

Saturday, October 12th, is to be big day for Smithfield.

Governor, Hon. W. W. Kitchin, will be the guest of our town, and make a speech in the interest of his candidacy for the United States Senatorship.

The Kitchin Campaign Committee for this county, with Mr. L. H. Alfred as chairman, is planning for a big barbecue, and also to have a brass band here that day. The people of the county regardless of their choice for senator, will delight to honor our Governor, and it is expected that a great crowd will be here from every section. Governor Kitchin is one of the finest speakers in the State and never fails to entertain his auditors.

A challenge has been made to Senator Simmons, through his campaign manager for this County, Mr. W. M. Sanders, to be here and meet the Governor joint discussion. Let the people turn out and hear the Governor's address.

A Race in Picking Cotton.

A few days ago Mr. Oscar Stanley, who boards here and goes to school made a visit to Mr. Archer Barbour, of Clayton township. On Mr. Barbour's land lives Mr. Oliver Moore, who has the reputation of being the best cotton picker in that section. Mr. Stanley and Mr. Moore decided to race one day in picking. Last Friday was the day selected. They began early and picked until dark. Mr. Moore picked 510 pounds and Mr. Stanley 504.

Associational Meeting.

The Baptist Women of the Johnston association will hold their usual missionary meeting at Clayton on Wednesday October 30th 1912. The women of every church as well as the members of the missionary societies will be asked to attend.

Boy Killed By Fall.

Wadesboro, Sept. 30.—Lester Horne a fifteen-year-old boy, fell from a scaly bark tree near Peachland Saturday and was killed instantly. He was alone, but the body was found in a short time. He fell a distance of fifty feet and his skull was fractured.

Speaking at Bethesda Church.

Mr. D. C. Smith informs us that arrangements have been made for some good singing and speaking at Bethesda Baptist church first Sunday in October morning and afternoon. Mr. L. H. Alfred will speak there at 11 o'clock.

Her Majesty The Hen.

Cotton is king in the South, but in the West and other sections of the country a strong pretender to the throne is the hen. Eighteen billion eggs, valued at one and seven-tenths cents each, was the extent of her industrial labors last year, making the chicken business greater than the steel business. The annual per capita egg allowance for 1910 was two hundred eggs were laid in one year for every man, woman and child in it, and if every one consumed his portion it cost him \$3.40.

The hen gave work, profits or enjoyment to every class of man in the country and to practically every man of every class. The dealer from whom the farmer purchased his chicken feed, the farmer himself, the middlemen who handled the eggs, the railroads and their employes who shipped the eggs in 6,500 full capacity freight cars, the retailer and the purchaser at the corner grocery. Great is Biddy. May she reign forever.—Richmond Virginian.

EDITOR CHAMBLISS TO PREACH

Receives and Accepts a Call to the Pastorate of Wilson Baptist Church. Wilson, Sept. 30.—Rev. T. W. Chambliss, editor of the Charlotte Chronicle, preached in the First Baptist church of this city last Sunday, morning and evening, and after the evening service there was a conference held and Mr. Chambliss was called to the pastorate which he accepted. He will tender his resignation as editor of the Chronicle and if accepted will return to Wilson at once.

GRADED SCHOOL OPENS

The Turlington Graded School opened Tuesday with an enrollment of 238 pupils. The higher grades are full and the lower grades are similarly numerous. The Third and Fourth grades enrolled some 70 boys and girls. This made it impossible for the teacher who has charge of this room to do successful work, consequently the grades had to be divided, and the Fourth Grade will come in the morning from 8:45 to 11:45. The Third Grade will come from 12 to 3.

The pupils have entered on their work fully determined to do good work. They have had a vacation of over half a year and are well rested. They should do good work at once. Parents are earnestly urged to make the children study their lessons at home. Unless they do, the teachers cannot possibly teach them with any measure of success. The time at school is too limited to permit long preparation of lessons.

It is also evident that the parents must cooperate with the teachers. Home training precedes school training, no teacher can possibly instill in the child ideas of order, industry, work, self-respect in the mind of the child, if it is permitted to do as it pleases at home.

In the higher grades the responsibility of their work is thrown as much as possible on the students themselves. They are sufficiently old to realize the need of work. Corporal punishment or other punishment is useless in the case of the adult student. Non-adults should be encouraged in their studies by the parents rather than forced. We urge on the parents an occasional visit to the school, an occasional discussion of their work with the boys and girls. We urge also the prompt attendance of the children, the rare permission to stay at home, or be absent from school. In only the most urgent cases should parents interfere with the right and the duty of the children to study.

We have before us a splendid year. Let us parents and teachers make it the best in the glorious annals of Turlington Graded School.

A. VERMONT.

News From Benson.

Benson, Oct. 2.—News was received here today that Mrs. Z. B. Stewart, of Chapel Hill, died yesterday morning. Mrs. Stewart before her marriage was Miss Lizzie Campbell, of Sanford. She was a woman of rare culture and refinement and was liked by all who knew her. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart lived in Benson till about one year ago when they moved to Chapel Hill and had made that place their home since that time. She leaves a husband and two small children, besides a host of friends, to mourn her loss. Her remains will be laid to rest in the church yard at Sanford tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Brazilla Stewart, wife of Mr. W. A. Stewart, who lived about four miles south of Benson, died of malarial fever yesterday about noon. She was about 50 years of age and for a long number of years had been a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church. She was a sister of Mrs. M. C. Benson, of our town, and Mr. D. B. Denning, of near town. She leaves a husband and several children to miss her. Her remains were laid to rest this afternoon at the family burying ground.

Eleven Couples Admitted Their Guilt.

Walking up to the ticket window of a moving picture show in Wilmington Eel, an excited individual informed the young woman ticket seller that his wife was in the theater with another man, and that he was going to kill both of them as soon as they came out. The stranger's declaration was heard by several persons, a crowd collected and there was much excitement for a time. The ticket seller notified the manager of the theater, who mounted the stage and announced that a man was outside waiting to kill his wife and the man who was with her. The manager advised the couple to leave the theater by the rear exit, and within two minutes eleven couples had hurried from the theater by way of the back door, EX.

REPUBLICANS MEET

The Republicans of the county met here yesterday and held a convention in the court house to nominate candidates for the county offices and the legislature ticket. Short speeches were made by Messrs J. C. Stancil and A. L. Barefoot after which the convention was organized by making Mr. A. L. Barefoot chairman, and Mr. R. D. Langdon and Mr. H. B. Pearce Jr. secretaries.

The principal contest of the convention was for the nomination of Sheriff but it resulted in Mr. J. T. Cole's nomination. The votes on first ballot were C. R. Stott 23 J. S. Jeffreys 27 J. T. Cole 57.

Mr. Robert Fitzgerald of Pine Leve was nominated for Register of deeds and Mr. Sam H. Massey of Smithfield for treasurer. Dr. George Parker of Benson was nominated for Coroner and Vann Penny, of Elevation, for surveyor. Messrs. E. F. Pearce, of Boon Hill, A. F. Barbour, of Elevation, W. J. Morgan of Meadow, Berry Godwin, of Pine Level, and D. M. Lee of Cleveland, were named for county commissioners. Mr. Phillip Lee, of Ingrams, and Mr. Walter Batten, of Beulah were nominated for the House.

The attendance was much smaller than for several years, and the delegates seemed very much disorganized and restless, there being much passing in and out of the court house during the entire session. The fact that the party in the county is split over Taft and Roosevelt was very evident in the convention yesterday.

A count at the opening of the convention showed only 123 persons in attendance. Another count about midway the proceedings showed only fifty present. Later a few others came back.

Several of the nominations seemed to go begging, as there was more declining of nominations than ever before in one of their Johnston County conventions. No nomination was made for Judge of the Recorder's Court. Mr. J. D. Parker the only Republican lawyer in the county, declined to be nominated, saying that conditions in the convention indicated that he would not be elected if he made the run.

The ticket named at the convention yesterday is doomed to the certain defeat that has been their lot in the years gone by.

The Fuller Stables Improved.

Mr. F. H. Parrish has completed the job of repairing the old Fuller stables. They are remodeled all over. He enlarged the stables making cement foundations and floors, recovered the entire building putting in several skylights, built two offices and a rat proof grain room and harness room which are nicely painted, besides a mule pen and a cattle pen and a large number of stalls for horses. The old Fuller Stables are now some of the best and most conveniently arranged stables in the county.

The Persimmon Crop.

There is a large persimmon crop in this section this year. Almost every little tree is loaded with the fruit. We never saw larger persimmons that those on the trees now. They are almost as large as small apples. The worth of the persimmon crop to hogs is underestimated. Farmers could raise an almost unlimited quantity of them by setting in proper places the little trees which come up voluntarily for the hog raiser. Did it ever occur to you that it would pay to save the persimmon crop? Where trees are out of reach of hogs and there are children to pick up the persimmons, it would pay to go to the trees two or three times a week and gather the persimmons which have fallen.

PARKER-PIERCE.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Parker, of Asheville, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Helen Vinson Parker, to Mr. Charles I. Pierce, of Smithfield. The marriage will take place at the home of the bride's parents, 67 Chestnut street, the latter part of October.