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## COMMENT ON VARIOUS TOPICS.

**Prof. Vermont Writes From Chapel Hill Calling Attention to Some Matters of Importance to the Schools. Johnston's Loss in Mr. Archer's Promotion. Predicts That a Central High School for Johnston Will be Established Between Smithfield and Selma.**

Dear Mr. Editor: I have been too busy to write. I snatch a few minutes from this morning's hour to chat a while with your readers. First of all, my hearty congratulations on your fine editorial in yesterday's paper on the "Big things in the County." You set forth some of the most modern and sound ideas in that article that men are thinking of to-day. If our schools in Johnston County must grow, it is because the people will furnish the means where-with the schools can grow. You have done a fine work in beginning a campaign in favor of additional revenue and the best men in the County will stand shoulder to shoulder with you. The biggest calamity that could come to us now would be to stand back and grumble at the little additional expense that progress will involve. We have re-elected Mr. Royall as our Superintendent; we expect him to show all manner of progress and we must give him an honest deal. To expect things from a man, and to withhold from him the very means of success, is absurd. Now, Johnston County is one of the biggest and most important counties in North Carolina, it is one of the richest and it must progress. The means of progress is teachers better equipped, houses better furnished and an all around spirit of co-operation with the educational authorities. I, for one, trust, Mr. Editor, that you will continue your campaign with the utmost vigor. Whatever else things may be or do, the education of the children must go on.

The promotion of Mr. Archer came as welcome news to the Hill. Mr. Archer is recognized as one of the very best school men in North Carolina. His work at Selma marked him as a wonderful organizer and his loss to Johnston County will be hard to estimate. We all have felt the impulse that came from his enthusiasm. Selma is the greatest loser. It will be hard indeed to find a man that will equal him in activity and in ability. He had a dream and the Selma people realized part of it, at least. Mr. Archer's work was by no means completed and it will take a strong man to receive his mantle and to do his work as a prophet. Not every Elijah has his Elisha. If Selma will just continue the work so happily begun, they will have one of the very best schools in the whole State. And all Johnston County will share with them the pride of their noble efforts.

There are a lot of folks here from Johnston. I have not been able to get all their names. I went to the office to secure this information, but found that it would take me nearly two days to go through all the cards. The work would be too great. Only this is true: a number of the teachers are here preparing themselves to get their certificates. The new law is going to make radical changes in the teachers' profession and Johnston County teachers are beginning to realize what the change imports. There is going to be a demand for better prepared men and women and a gradual weeding out of untrained folks has begun. Under the new school law it is unlawful for any one to teach who does not hold a certificate. The school boards may not elect such teachers and the treasurers may not issue vouchers to them. Superintendents are not excluded and before many years teaching will be done only by those who have duly qualified for the work. It is a source of pride to the State that thousands of teachers are working for their certificates this year. And Johnston County, as usual, is doing its share.

Among the signs of the times is this remarkable fact that a Jewish Rabbi is lecturing here and drawing large audiences. He is a very distinguished scholar and comes under the auspices of a Jewish society. Think of Christians going out in numbers to hear a Rabbi! Is this not one of the striking signs of the times? And his fair and frank explanation of

his views does not offend his audience. On the contrary, men of thought want to hear the other man. If my "ism" can not stand the searchlight and the shock of the other man's "ism", then is my "ism" poor indeed. And the sooner I get rid of that sort of mental incubus the better for me. A fair and frank exchange of views has never weakened my opinions. It has given me a better line on my own thoughts.

These are some of the things in the air. These things will come eventually to pass in the world of education. Domestic Science will be taught everywhere. Our children will learn at school how to tidy a house, how to take care of the sick, how to beautify the homes, how to cook, how to sew, how to make the homes attractive.

Boys and girls will be taught the elements of farming, gardening, simple mechanics around the home. It will not be an unusual sight to see the teacher take an automobile to pieces before his students and teach them how the thing is made, how it should be cared for.

School books will be furnished by the community and not by the individual. The school books will be purchased by the district and either rented or sold straight out at cost.

High schools will be consolidated. One or two high-schools readily reached will take the place of the innumerable high-schools that dot the country and do more or less inefficient work. The day will come, for instance, in Johnston County, that there will be somewhere between Selma and Smithfield a central High School, which will take care of all the pupils above the ninth grade. That school will be in the hands of specialists and will be really efficient. It will replace the seven or eight high-schools that we have now in the county and will permit the superintendents to devote their time to the younger students in their schools.

There will be found in school houses phonographs, moving pictures, stereopticons and all other means of imparting instruction.

Teachers will be elected for two, instead of for one year. A number of the best teachers in North Carolina have been driven out of the schools because of the uncertainty of tenure of office. If it is reasonable to elect the County Superintendent for two years, why not the local superintendent?

Teacherages are being erected over the State, just like parsonages are being built. The teachers all over the State find it hard to secure boarding places. The school house will have its teacherage.

These are some of the things in the air. There will be others, but I have written enough. There is some food for thought in these new suggestions.

A. VERMONT.

Chapel Hill, July 11, 1917.

## RUSSIA MOVING VIGOROUSLY.

**They Have Captured Halicz, the Key to Lemberg, and Took 14,000 Prisoners and Fifty-five Guns. General Korniloff Leading in the New Movement.**

Good news from Russia was published in the dispatches from Petrograd in Wednesday's daily papers. One dispatch says that Halicz, the strategic key to Lemberg, capital of Galicia, has been captured by the Russians under the leadership of General Korniloff. From July 2 to July 8, 14,000 prisoners were taken with 55 guns of which 12 were heavy pieces. General Korniloff's offensive extends along a twenty-mile front in eastern Galicia.

German forces, Berlin admits, have been withdrawn on the Stanislaw sector of the Galician front, back of the Lomnica river.

Since General Kerensky came into power in the Russian War Department new life has been put into the Russian forces and the Allies are hoping for greater things during the remainder of the summer.

## Cannot Enlist After Being Drafted.

According to a letter written a Charlotte man by the State Adjutant General, men who are selected under the draft law cannot enlist in the National Guard organization. Those of the selective draft age who desire to enlist must do so at once, or they may not have the opportunity to do so after next week.

## DR. L. L. NASH DIED TUESDAY.

**Well Known Methodist Preacher Passes Away After a Service of Forty-Four Years in the Ministry. Held a Meeting in Smithfield Two Years Ago.**

Rev. L. L. Nash, D. D., conference evangelist of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, died at his home in Hamlet Tuesday night at the age of 71. He had been in the Methodist ministry for 44 years and had served many of the churches in the North Carolina Conference. He had held charges at Raleigh, Wilmington, Greenville, New Bern, Fayetteville, Rocky Mount, Washington, Henderson, and other places. He gave up the pastorate a few years ago and since then has been conference evangelist, holding meetings in many sections of the State.

Two years ago Dr. Nash held a meeting with Smithfield Methodist church, being the second time he had held a meeting here within the past twenty years. He was a strong preacher and left his impress wherever he went. He had many friends in Smithfield who regret his departure. His funeral was held from Central Methodist church in Raleigh yesterday and the interment made in Oakwood cemetery.

## SENATE TO VOTE ON FOOD BILL.

**August Body Will Take the Vote Saturday, July 21, on One of the Great Urgency War Measures Before the Congress.**

In a time like this a representative government sometimes appears to go very slow. That is what some people think of the United States Senate at the present time. But they are dealing with great questions and must look thoroughly into every proposition before a vote is taken.

The Senate has been considering the Food Control bill for two weeks or more and will taken ten days more before a vote is taken. A majority of the Senators think that the food bill should be confined to food, feeds and fuel. Others think otherwise. Whatever they may think the bill is a very important one and should be well considered. Still as much haste as possible is what the country is wanting at this time.

## Prof. Vermont to Supply Pulpit.

The pulpit of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian church will be filled for the remaining Sundays of the Summer School session by Professor Adolph Vermont. Mr. Vermont's wide experience as a teacher and traveler give him peculiarly good qualifications as a lecturer.

Rev. W. D. Moss, the pastor of the church, left Monday afternoon for his vacation trip to Washington and to several northern points.—Summer School News.

## Liquor in Charlotte Too.

J. A. Hilton and a colored man named Will Wallace were convicted in the Recorder's Court in Charlotte Tuesday for having whiskey for sale. They were arrested Tuesday morning early. They had fourteen gallons of blockade liquor in an automobile. The liquor and the automobile were confiscated. The men were fined \$500 each. Hilton paid his fine, and the negro was given his choice of a \$500 fine or a year on the roads. Too much blockade whiskey was unhealthy for these men.

## Weather Summary For Cotton States.

New Orleans, La., July 12.—No decided change in temperature occurred and nearly normal conditions prevail.

Light precipitation occurred in Florida, the southern portion of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana and at a few scattered stations in Texas, moderate showers in Oklahoma.

Heavy Rains—Oklahoma, Shawnes 1.24. Memphis district reports missing.

## To Prepare Agricultural Course.

In accordance with a bill passed by the last General Assembly Governor Bickett has appointed Dr. J. W. Joyner, Dr. B. W. Kilgore and Dr. W. C. Riddick a commission to prepare a course in agriculture, manual training and home economics to be taught in the public schools.

## AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

**Death of Mr. Kit Barnes at Hopewell, Va. Death of Mrs. Paul Raynor at Durham. Brief Paragraphs About the People Who Come and Go, Some of Whom You May Know.**

Benson, July 12.—Messrs. J. T. Stanford, C. C. Creech, C. T. Johnson and others are attending the Methodist Conference at Elizabeth today.

Mr. L. E. Reaves, of Raeford, has been here this week on a short visit to his sister, Mrs. Nat McLamb.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whittenton and children will spend tomorrow at the old Whittenton homestead in Harnett County where there is a family reunion.

Mr. C. S. Henry, who has been sick for several days, is able to be on his job again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Britt returned Monday night from Wilson where they had been to see their daughter, Pauline, who has been sick there for the past several days. She is improving and will soon be able to return home.

Messrs. Walter and Willie Evans, of Rich Square, are here spending some time at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Stanford.

Messrs. W. H. Royal and George Holland left Sunday for Richmond where they will spend the week fishing. They motored through the country.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. P. Stewart, of Coats, were here Sunday spending the day with relatives.

Mr. S. F. Ivey was a visitor to Goldsboro Sunday, returning home in the afternoon.

Major Privett, of Edenton, was here Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Mr. H. A. Parker, visiting his wife who has been here for the past several days.

Mr. Johnnie Gibbs, the eighteen-year-old son of Mr. Frank Gibbs, continues right sick at his home one mile East of Benson. His friends hope to see him out again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Massengill went up to the home of Mr. Lam Lassiter, in Elevation township, Monday and spent the day with Mrs. Massengill's parents.

Mr. J. A. Parker, of Smithfield, was a visitor to Benson Monday on business.

Mr. J. L. Hall and Rev. G. W. Rollins went up to Smithfield and Selma Monday on a business trip.

Mr. J. A. Wellons, of Smithfield, was here Tuesday afternoon for a short while on business matters.

Messrs. Archie Barbour and David Talton, of near Clayton, were here Tuesday afternoon on business for a short while.

Messrs. R. F. Smith, Claud Weeks, Chief Henry and Pius Hudson were visitors to Smithfield Tuesday on business.

Mr. Walter Myatt, a prominent farmer of Cleveland township, was in the city for a while on business Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. E. B. Johnson, of Four Oaks, was here on Wednesday of this week for a few hours.

The many friends of Mr. Jesse B. Holmes will regret to learn that he continues very sick at his home here.

Dr. G. A. McLemore, of near Clayton, was a visitor to Benson Wednesday, having been called here to see the sick child of Mr. Millage Durham.

Mr. Albert Coats, of Smithfield, was here this week for a few days working in the interest of the University of North Carolina.

Mrs. Clark, who before her marriage was Miss Ruth Stephenson, is visiting here for a few days at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Cassie B. Lee.

Messrs. J. R. Baggett, of Lillington, and J. D. Goff, of West Chester, Pa., have been in the city for the past few days working in the interest of the extension of the railroad running from Sanford to the Sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Creech and Mrs. Effie Harper and daughter, Miss Meta Harper, of Dunn, were visitors to our city Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. John W. Wright, of Salisbury, is here for a few days visiting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Goodrich.

Mrs. Stevens, of Mount Olive, is here for a few days visit to the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Rackley.

Miss Pearl Hill, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.

T. Stanford for the past three weeks, left this week for Rich Square.

Mr. Hunter Woodall, of Smithfield, was here Sunday spending the day at the home of Mrs. Bessie Lee.

Miss Ethel Dupree, of Willow Springs, is here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stephenson.

The many friends of Mrs. Seth Allen regret that she continues very sick at her home here.

Loris Lee, the three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. James Lee, died at the home of its parents in Elevation township, Sunday afternoon, after a short illness of Toxine poison.

Mrs. Paul Raynor, who before marriage was Miss Estelle Jernigan, a daughter of Mrs. Cornelia Jernigan of this place, died at her home in Durham Tuesday afternoon and was brought here for burial yesterday in the city cemetery. Mrs. Raynor was a highly respected young woman and had many friends who regret her untimely death. She left surviving her five small children besides her husband and many other relatives. The funeral was preached here at the home of Mrs. Cornelia Jernigan yesterday at noon by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. Mr. Lanier, of Durham.

Mr. Troy Parker, a highly respected farmer of Harnett County, died at his home four miles south of Benson last Sunday afternoon and was buried Monday afternoon at the family burying ground. He left a large family of children surviving him.

Mr. Kit Barnes, who up till about five years ago lived in Benson, died suddenly at Hopewell, Va., Tuesday morning and his remains were brought here for burial at the Hodges Chapel burying place yesterday afternoon. Mr. Barnes had been living in Durham for the past five years but at the time of his death was working at Hopewell, Va. He was about sixty-five years of age and left surviving a widow and two children, besides several other relatives. He was well known in Benson as he had spent most of his life here, and had many friends who regret his death.

TEN DOLLARS FOR BEST FLOAT.

Selma Melon, Tomato and Better Baby Fair Offer Prize to Johnston Schools Who Participate on July 24th.

Notice to School Committeemen of Johnston County: The Executive Committee of the Selma Melon, Tomato and Better Baby Fair, appointed by the Mayor to plan for the approaching Fair have decided to offer a premium of ten dollars cash for the library fund of the school which has the most interesting and instructive float in the parade on July 24th. Selma school not to enter the contest. Judges unknown to the public will be selected. The committee hopes that this premium will be made much larger and that a second winner prize will be offered.

JNO. A. MITCHENER, Chm., R. L. RAY, I. T. RAINS, Committee.

Selma, July 12th.

## North Carolina Prices.

The price of cow peas last week ranged from \$2.50 at Monroe to \$3.55 at New Bern.

The price of No. 2 white corn ranged from \$1.75 at Goldsboro to \$2.10 at Monroe.

Irish potatoes—From \$4.85 per barrel at Winston-Salem to \$8.50 at Charlotte.

Wheat—Two dollars a bushel at Charlotte and several other places. Monroe quotes it at \$3.00 per bushel.

Home made Butter—From 25 to 40 cents per pound.

Creamery Butter—From 35 to 45 cents a pound.

Eggs—22 to 35 cents a dozen.

Spring Chickens, per pound—From 20 cents in Hamlet to 25 and 27 at Maxton and Raleigh.

Live Hogs—From \$11.00 to \$15.00 per hundred pounds.

## Johnston-Harnett Druggists.

The Retail Druggists Association of Johnston and Harnett Counties held the regular meeting here yesterday. The following were present:

P. A. Lee and D. H. Hood, of Dunn; L. Gilbert and M. A. Peneck, of Benson; C. P. Harper, W. P. Woodard and Mr. Staniel, of Selma; R. T. Fulghum, of Kenly, and E. R. Thomas, of Duke.

## BETHMANN-HOLLWEG RESIGNS.

**Intervention of Crown Prince Said to Have Been the Deciding Factor. Emperor William Defers Acceptance. Rumor Reaches Holland That Entire Government Will Quit Along With Chancellor.**

(News and Observer.)

Berne, July 12.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin says the German Imperial Chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg has resigned. Emperor William, the newspaper adds, has postponed his decision. A telegram from Berlin today says that it was the intervention of the Crown Prince that caused the Chancellor to tender his resignation.

## Reichstag Ultimatum.

Amsterdam, July 12.—A rumor has reached Holland that the entire German government will resign with Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Main Committee of the Reichstag having refused to vote a war credit unless the government declares its policy regarding peace and reform which the government has declined to do. An imperial proclamation is considered imminent.

The Vossische Zeitung and Lokal Anzeiger, both of Berlin, agree that the Chancellor resigned owing to a letter from the Center or Clerical party declaring that the conclusion of a peace would be rendered more difficult if he retained his office.

## Family Reunion Postponed.

Mr. Lisbon Lee, of Meadow township, requests us to state that "The old Lee family reunion that was to be held on Thursday of this week has been postponed until Thursday, July 26. This reunion will be held at the old home place of Joel Lee, deceased, near A. D. Tart's. All relatives and friends are asked to be present with baskets well filled."

## To Run Atkinson Old Mill.

Mr. S. N. Liles, of Jonesboro, Lee County, recently purchased the old Atkinson mill property on Moccasin Creek in Boon Hill township, and has moved his family to it. Mr. Liles is making considerable improvements on the place and expects to add other machinery to the mill during the coming fall. This is perhaps the oldest mill in the county, and is noted for making good meal.

## Sunday School at Benson Grove.

A correspondent writes us that the Sunday School at Benson Grove Baptist church is a success, ninety people being present last Sunday. One class, taught by Elder J. Rufin Johnson, had 35 present, ranging in age from 14 to 73 years. Mr. Willie Heath is the superintendent and Mrs. Kittie Harper and Miss Pearl Johnson are teachers. The Sunday School will give a glad welcome to all who may attend.

## Here To Attend Court.

Last Tuesday Mr. C. D. Koonce, Clerk Superior Court Columbus County, and Mr. J. H. Yates, Deputy Sheriff, were here to attend the Recorder's Court as witnesses in the case of Jim Jobe.

## Statesville Boys in France.

According to a Statesville letter in the Charlotte Observer that town has two young men in service in France—Julian and Scarr Morrison. From letters written home the following has been learned:

"A submarine was sighted, young Morrison relating that he had an excellent view of the periscope, and saw the water splash as the gunners fired from the liner upon the submarine. Julian Morrison wrote of Paris whither the two went from Bordeaux. He says the horrors of war are seen on every hand. No young men are seen except those in uniform; men go about the streets with arms, or eyes or legs gone, and others with the Red Cross on their arms indicating that they were wounded in service. Women drive street cars, work on trains and perform other duties which are allotted to men in the United States. It seems that drivers of the army trucks are much needed. The French heartily welcomed the American boys into the transport service."