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HEROES OF THE 20TH CENTURY.

Johnston County's First Quota of the Noble Brave To Honor Smithfield With Their Presence In A Big Rally Next Monday. Woman's Club and Red Cross Chapter Will Serve Refreshments to Johnston's Noble Sons. A Great "County" Day.

At a meeting held in the court house Tuesday evening, called by Mayor H. L. Skinner and largely attended by the citizens of the town and several of the ladies of the Red Cross Chapter, it was decided to hold a patriotic rally in Smithfield next Monday, in accordance with the suggestion of Governor Bickett. It is to be held in honor of the young men of the county who have been certified to the district board as the first quota for Uncle Sam's new army. They will be the guests of the town on this occasion and it is hoped that every man who has been before the exemption boards of the county and not exempted for any cause will accept the invitation to be present and be the town's guests. These young men have answered the call of their country to go forth to fight our battles and theirs. They are to be the heroes in the strife and fight for the salvation of the world's freedom from principalities and powers and especially the autocratic powers.

Mayor Skinner presided and several men took part in the discussions. All were unanimous for a rally and patriotic demonstration. Next Monday was fixed as the day and committees were appointed to have the matter in charge and work out the details of the exercises.

All the towns of the county are given a hearty invitation to come and help to make the day one that all our soldier boys who have to go in training for service will be proud of and one that will linger long in their memory. It will show to them that we are with them as they go forth to fight for one of the greatest causes in history. It will show to them that the people of Johnston County are not going to allow them or the ones they leave behind to suffer in any point where they can be of service.

In making the plans for the day's exercises the members of the Woman's Club and the ladies of the Red Cross are lending to the plans their most earnest support. Their hearts and souls are in the work and they are willing to bear their part on this great occasion. They will serve some kind of refreshments at a fixed place on the court house square to every man who has been called before the boards and not exempted. The colored men who have been called will not be forgotten but preparations will be made to serve them also.

The ladies of the Red Cross Chapters in the other towns are given a cordial invitation to come and take part in the work.

It is hoped that hundreds of people will come from all sections of the county to show their patriotism and to make the men who answer the country's cause feel that they are leaving behind friends who will see that their families and loved ones do not lack for the necessities of life during their absence.

It is not a Smithfield occasion but a great event for the people of the county and one which comes only now and then in a century and one which we trust will never come to our people again. To make such an event forever impossible among civilized peoples is the reason for this event. We are fighting to make the world safe for democracy and every man who has a part in the great fight is playing the role of a hero.

The War in Brief.

Serious situation continues on Russian front, with Teutons still forcing Russians back.

The week has been a good one for the Italians and a bad one for the Austrians. The Italians have made gains along their whole front.

Little has been done on the western front.

Ready for Village Mail Delivery.

The town officials and some wide awake citizens of the town have been busy this week getting ready for the mail delivery which is to start tomorrow. The street signs have been put up and the houses numbered.

The carriers are Messrs. W. L. Ellis and J. W. Setzer.

NINE CLAIMED NO EXEMPTION.

List of Those Who Failed to Appear at Selma Tuesday. List of Those Accepted.

Exemption Board No. Two, sitting at Selma, had another lot of men up Tuesday for Examination. Eighty-five were called to present themselves. Of this number the following failed to show up:

- 526-1997—Frank Byrd, Wilson's Mills, N. C.
- 591-940—Milton Crews, Zebulon, N. C.
- 633-2121—Fritz Walno Henry, Clayton, N. C.
- 636-1435—Walter E. Brown, Selma, N. C.
- 654-58—Benny Oneal, Bagley, N. C.
- 657-1654—John Mitchener, Selma, N. C.
- 660-400—Paul Simms, Kenly, N. C.
- 670-832—Clarence Hudson, Selma, N. C., Route No. 2.
- 679-2122—Albert R. Miles, Clayton, N. C.
- 682-2075—Stanley McKinnon, Clayton, N. C.

These parties were called for examination August 28th, and failed to report. Unless they are heard from in 10 days they will be reported to the District Board.

The following were before the board and passed the examination, and were enrolled for the army:

- 541-1593—Hubert D. Stancil, Selma, N. C.
- 216-54—William R. Smith, Micro, N. C.
- 28-4267—Rufus Bowman, Princeton, N. C.
- 605-1638—Robert Jurant, Selma, N. C.
- 569-113—Herman Bagley, Pine Level, N. C.
- 668-1735—David B. Durham, Clayton, N. C.
- 666-1859—David Nelson Allen, Clayton, N. C.
- 48-775—Eugene Manning, Zebulon, N. C., Route No. 1.
- 699-2045—Exum Stephenson, Clayton, N. C.
- 663-1320—N. C. Holt, Princeton, N. C.
- 689-2106—Leham W. Barnes, Clayton, N. C.
- 659-19—Herbert Pender, Selma, N. C., Route No. 3.
- 665-4—L. C. Davis, Micro, N. C.
- 653-750—James Glover, Selma, N. C., Route No. 2.
- 647-1008—Ahron Wall, Clayton, N. C., Route No. 2.

Of the above, nine-claimed no exemption.

LOCAL BOARD NO. 2,

Johnston County, Selma, N. C., Aug. 29th, 1917.

MELONS, LIKE FISHES, OFTEN GROW LARGE.

Healthy Specimen of "Negro's Delight" Victor in Motorists Offensive.

(News and Observer, 30.)

When one watermelon that has been on cold storage for twelve hours satisfies the appetites of ten automobile dealers, mechanics and farmers in the shank of the evening, it goes without saying that the aforesaid 'million was some product of the vine.

The melon in question was the object of a motorists offensive staged at the show rooms of the Marson & Woodall Company, on Fayetteville street, late yesterday afternoon. It was grown on the farm of Will Avera, located a short distance from Smithfield, and descended from a direct line of melon crops antedating the Revolutionary War, the seed having been brought to this country by Mr. Avera's great-great-grandfather.

Several large, tempting slices of the luscious fruit survived the onslaught of ten healthy men and as a proof of the noble ancestry of this particular melon, the guests were invited to Mr. Avera's farm to pick a few eighty pounders before the season is over.

A Word Often Misspelled.

There is one word in the English language often misspelled. School teachers, editors, printers, proof-readers and all other classes of folks who write appear not to know how to spell "benefited." Most of them spell it "benefitted." Next time you write it only use one "t" and you will be right.

MEN WHO FAILED TO APPEAR.

Local Exemption Board No. Two Gives Names of 27 Men Who Did Not Respond To Call. They Are to Be Certified to District Board and Denied Claim for Exemption Unless They Appear at Once.

Mr. Editor: We enclose a list of name of persons who have never answered to their summons to appear for examination. Unless these parties report at once they will be denied all claim for exemption and will be certified to the District Board as called into the military service of the United States. Then if they fail to report for duty when called they will be deserters and subject to court-martial; and liable to be shot.

The order number appears first, then the serial number, followed by name and post office and date ordered to appear before exemption board.

- 21-275—J. M. Williams, Kenly, N. C., August 6th.
- 55-1682—Chas. J. Steele, Selma, N. C., August 6th.
- 94-927—James Moss, Petersburg, Va., August 6th.
- 128-7280—James Bemis, Kenly, N. C., August 6th.
- 141-194—William Pierson, Selma, N. C., R. No. 3, August 7th.
- 146-1673—Walter McLudin, Selma, N. C., August 7th.
- 150-2132—Eddison C. Hall, Clayton, N. C., August 7th.
- 152-1294—Arthur W. Woodard, Princeton, N. C., August 7th.
- 173-809—Peter Horne, Selma, N. C., R. No. 2, August 7th.
- 192-773—James Godwin, Selma, N. C., R. No. 2, August 7th.
- 231-1032—Junius Bryant, Raleigh, N. C., August 7th.
- 236-1314—Willie Whitley, Princeton, N. C., August 7th.
- 255-1675—Pompey Jenkins, Selma, N. C., August 7th.
- 278-805—Frank Williams, Selma, N. C., R. No. 2, August 8th.
- 321-773—David Keelins, Kenly, N. C., August 8th.
- 323-406—John Clay, Kenly, N. C., August 8th.
- 327-392—John B. Richardson, Kenly, N. C., August 8th.
- 341-2023—Colonel Lee, Clayton, N. C., August 8th.
- 380-814—Norris Brown, Selma, N. C., R. No. 2, August 8th.
- 450-49—Harvey Raynor, Micro, N. C., August 13th.
- 456-1660—Wallace Hill, Selma, N. C., August 13th.
- 475-1634—Moses Munns, Selma, N. C., August 13th.
- 477-323—Henry Davis, Kenly, N. C., August 13th.
- 481-857—Butler Bunny, Selma, N. C., R. No. 1, August 13th.
- 502-565—Walter Marant, Selma, N. C., R. No. 2, August 13th.
- 531-1556—Leo Warren Davis, Selma, N. C., August 13th.
- 547-506—Joe Cooper, Kenly, N. C., August 13th.

LOCAL BOARD NUMBER TWO, for the County of Johnston, State of North Carolina, Selma, N. C., August 28, 1917.

EDWIN POU A FIRST-LIEUT.

Has Made Good as Aviator "Somewhere in Canada." Smithfield People in Washington Reception.

The following items in yesterday's Greensboro Daily News sent from Washington City by Mr. Parker R. Anderson, are of interest to Smithfield and Johnston County people:

T. B. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. George Ross Pou, Dr. and Mrs. Gilmer Brenizer, Miss Annie Johnson of Red Springs and Congressman John H. Small and daughter, Mrs. Gall, were among the North Carolinians who attended the Japanese reception given by Secretary of State Lansing last night.

Friends of Edwin Pou, son of Congressman and Mrs. Edwin W. Pou, will be glad to learn that he has won recognition as an aviator "somewhere in Canada" and has been recommended for a commission as first lieutenant. Young Pou enlisted as a private in the District national guard when the trouble was brewing on the Mexican border and saw service in Mexico. He resigned as a member of the guard and enlisted as an aviator after war was declared with Germany.

While at a height of 2500 feet a few days ago one of the planes broke on his machine, but Pou managed to "glide" the air fighter to the ground and escaped with only slight injury.

THE NEWS OVER SELMA WAY.

Hon. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, Makes Strong Plea For the Red Cross. Lecture by Rev. R. L. Davis. Selma Graded School Faculty. Bond Election Called for September 18th. Interest in Epworth League Growing. Other Items of Interest.

Selma, N. C., Aug. 30.—Mr. Paul Hassell, of New York, was here for a few hours Wednesday enroute to Fayetteville.

Mrs. R. M. Jenkins and son, of St. Charles, S. C., are here this week the guests of Mrs. W. H. Etheredge.

Miss Georgia Winston, of Oxford, is in the city this week the guest of the family of her uncle, Mr. M. C. Winston.

Miss Louise Williams, of Dunn, spent the last week-end with Miss Stella Etheredge.

Miss Rowena Evans, who has been bookkeeper for the Selma Supply Co., this year, will leave Saturday to accept a similar position with the Pine Level Oil Mill.

Mr. Junius Peedin has returned from Rocky Mount where he held a position with the Southern Cotton Oil Co., and has accepted the position which he formerly held, as Assistant Cashier of the Peoples Bank.

About thirty-five of the younger set enjoyed a "straw ride" Tuesday night, the large motor truck of Roberts Atkinson Co. going to Clayton and Smithfield, and having a very enjoyable trip.

Mr. C. E. Kornegay, the proprietor of the Ideal Grocery Company, has sold his stock of goods, and accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Fidelity Grocery Company, of Wilson.

Mr. W. L. Black, of Hopewell, Va., was here shaking hands with old friends and acquaintances Wednesday.

Mr. J. M. Beaty, of Smithfield, was in the city today for a few hours on business.

Mrs. T. H. Whitley recently returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Wendell.

Mr. Geo. W. Evans, the popular cashier of the First National Bank, spent the past week-end with friends in Raleigh.

Rev. R. L. Davis, of the Anti-Saloon League, lectured at the Methodist church here last Tuesday night to a fair sized audience.

Miss Florence Fitzgerald, of Micro, is spending this week with Miss Margaret Etheredge. Miss Fitzgerald has many friends here who are always glad to see her, she having taught in the graded school here.

Mr. Geo. F. Breit gave a very interesting and instructive lecture before the Epworth League at its meeting last Sunday afternoon. The Epworth League is young, having been only recently organized, but it is gaining in members steadily, and will very soon be one of the live organizations of our town.

Judge and Mrs. F. H. Brooks, of Smithfield, were here Wednesday night to hear the address of Hon. J. W. Bailey.

Mrs. W. H. Pool, Jr., is spending this week with relatives and friends in Wendell.

Mr. W. D. Anderson, of Eagle Rock, was here Monday on business. Mr. Anderson lived here for about ten years, and has many friends here who are always glad to see him.

Mr. T. C. Henry returned Friday night from Baltimore and other northern markets, where he had been to buy goods for his firm.

Quite a number of farmers who have been called for the military service have been here this week seeking exemption under the agricultural exemption clause.

Misses Mildred and Agnes Wall, of Archer, were here for a short while Saturday the guests of Mrs. W. H. Pool, Jr. They left Saturday for a visit to friends at Orrum and Wrightsville Beach.

Mrs. Geo. H. Morgan, who has been visiting relatives near Smithfield, returned to her home here Wednesday.

A special election has been called for Selma Graded School district to be held on September 18th, for the purpose of accepting or rejecting a bond issue of twenty-two thousand dollars to pay off floating indebtedness and to complete the furnishings of the new school building. There will be an entirely new registration. Mr. R. E. Richardson is the Registrar. The Selma Graded School will open

THREE MESSAGES OF DEATH.

Received in Benson in Brief Succession From West Virginia Hospital Telling of the Death of Messrs. Lonnie Mahler, John Ryals and E. Rylor. Cause of Death Unknown.

Benson, N. C., Aug. 30.—Chief of Police Henry received a telegram this morning announcing that John Ryals of this place, had died yesterday at Logans Hospital in Logan, West Virginia. Mr. Ryals is supposed to have been with a show company known as the Capalet Carnival. This message followed one yesterday addressed to Mr. Manley Mahler of this place stating that his son, Lonnie Mahler, had died at Logans Hospital, in Logans, West Virginia. Another message was also received by the Chief here stating that a son of Mr. E. Rylor had also died yesterday afternoon at Logans Hospital of the same city. It is not known at this time what caused the death of either of the three boys, and judging from the messages following closely upon each other it is surmised that the parties must have met with foul play. It is not known here that either of them were sick or had been recently. The last named party is unknown here and it is supposed to be a son of Mr. E. Reilly, a traveling salesman for the American Seating Company, while the Mr. John Ryals is a son of some man by that name who lives near Duke. The bodies of Messrs. Mahler and Ryals are expected to reach here tonight or tomorrow.

Little Change Made.

The editor traveled over a short stretch of road in Johnston County a few days ago that he has seen few times in 25 years. He was struck with one remarkable fact, and that is that there is little change in the appearance of the homes and farms in a quarter of a century.

The same road is there with its sand and hills and the same farms are there with but few improvements made. The outhouses are not improved much and some of the buildings we once knew are becoming delapidated with age. It is time to wake up. We are living in a new day now and must not sleep forever.

for the 1917-18 term on September 10th, with Prof. Moser formerly of the Wakeon school, as superintendent. The teachers are: Miss Elizabeth Hyman, of Hobgood; Miss Annabel Warren, Durham; Miss Lovie Dell Pittman, Carr, for first grade; Mrs. Mamie T. Candler, Selma; Miss Elva Strickland, High Point, for the second grade; Miss Lila Best, Allendale; Miss Louise Harlow, Miss Alma Adams, Four Oaks, for the third and fourth grades; Miss Douglas Hand, Burgaw; Mrs. R. W. Etheredge, Selma, for the fifth and sixth grades; Miss Helen Paris, Oxford; Miss Julia Passmore, Cary; Miss Margaret Bese-man, Enfield; Prof. Coy R. Williams, Graham, and Superintendent E. H. Moser for the seventh and high school; Miss Ruth Folger, Dobson, will have charge of the music department.

A fair-sized and representative audience of Selma people gathered at the City Auditorium last night for the purpose of organizing a local chapter of the Red Cross. The organization was perfected with Rev. C. K. Proctor, Chairman; Mrs. L. D. Debnam, Vice-Chairman, and Miss Margaret Etheredge, Secretary. Rev. C. K. Proctor in a few pleasing remarks introduced Judge F. H. Brooks, of Smithfield, who was to introduce the speaker of the evening. Judge Brooks in his usual pleasing and forceful way told of the success of the organization of a Red Cross chapter in his home town, and of the many acts of mercy of this great organization, after which he introduced Hon. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, as the speaker of the evening. Mr. Bailey told in convincing terms of the organization and work of the Red Cross, the greatest organization of its kind in the world. He portrayed vividly the work of this organization in the great national disasters of our own country, and touching on the European struggle showed why the people back home must lend a helping hand, if we expect our forces and the forces of our allies to succeed in this great struggle of democracy against autocracy. The various committees of the organization will see every man, woman and child in town, and it is to be hoped that all will become members.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BEULAH.

Missouri Preacher Holds Revival at Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. C. P. Jerome Rapidly Improving. Methodist Sunday School Picnic in Raleigh. Dr. Foster Is Added to the Medical Profession in Johnston. School Notes and Other Items.

Kenly, Aug. 29.—Doctor James Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has consented to deliver an address to the people of this community on Monday, September 10th, at the opening of school for this term. A public program of a popular educational nature is being prepared and it is expected that the exercises will be both decidedly helpful and inspiring.

The school census, which has just been completed by Mr. Andrews, reveals some very interesting facts. It was learned that practically every child of school age in the district will attend school this year beginning with the first day; this is not meant to include, however, those who will attend college from the community—about twelve choice young people. It was also learned that it will perhaps be unnecessary for moonlight schools to be opened in the district, inasmuch as there are only three people over twenty-one years of age who cannot read and write intelligently. Moreover testimony as to the healthfulness of the community was secured in view of the fact that there are not more than a half dozen cases of illness in the district.

Mrs. B. F. Greer, of Southport, and her little daughter, Addie Mae, have already come to the community, and Mrs. Greer has taken up her duties as Matron of the Dormitory.

Owing to the fact that two of our leading physicians have responded to the war needs, Dr. J. F. Foster, of Vaughn, North Carolina, has come to this community for the purpose of practicing medicine as a family physician. Dr. Foster is a man of experience, having been connected for one year with the hospital in Richmond, Virginia. He comes to us most highly recommended.

The members of the Methodist Sunday School here gave themselves an all-day picnic in Raleigh Wednesday of this week. Between fifty and a hundred of the young folks went, and they were accompanied by several of the older members of the school. Mr. J. R. Sauls is Superintendent of the Sunday school.

Rev. C. P. Jerome, pastor of the Methodist church here, who has been suffering of ill health for several weeks, is rapidly improving. His physician thinks he will be able to resume his pastoral work by the first of October. Dr. L. S. Massey, Editor of the "Raleigh Christian Advocate," filled the pulpit here for Mr. Jerome last Sunday, preaching two powerful sermons. At the special request of the Presiding Elder, Mr. M. B. Andrews has consented to fill Mr. Jerome's appointments at Lucama and Buckhorn during the month of September.

A revival meeting of much interest came to a close at the Free Will Baptist church last Sunday night. Rev. Ira Waterman, of Eldridge, Missouri, did the preaching, assisted by the pastor, Mr. S. H. Styron. The whole series of sermons was strong, well delivered, and effective. Much good was accomplished. Three joined the church.

Johnston Men In the Third Infantry.

Three companies of soldiers of the Third Regiment, Infantry, were scheduled to leave Raleigh last night for Camp Sevier at Greenville, S. C. There are several Johnston County young men in these companies as follows:

John Q. A. Jeffreys, Selma; F. J. Bailey, Four Oaks; Fred Carter, C. Stephenson and William Carter, Clayton, and Sonie Crowder, Wilson's Mills, members of Company B. Porter Wallace, Clayton, Supply Company.

Smithfield Boy To Go To France.

A battalion of engineers, now at Greenville, S. C., will soon proceed to France, according to news sent out from Greenville. In this battalion are quite a number of North Carolinians, several being members of the Second North Carolina Regiment. One of the young men to go, Z. V. Johnson, of the Second Regiment, is a former Smithfield boy who worked here with Simon B. Jones Garage at one time.