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Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN ON FOR NEXT WEEK

Mr. Robert A. Wellons Chairman for Johnston County. Our County Asked to Raise One Thousand Dollars to Help on This Work.

The State Committee of the North Carolina Young Men's Christian Association is conducting a campaign during the month of October to raise \$80,000 for the extension of the Y. M. C. A. work in North Carolina. It is intended to use this amount of money towards the extension and development of the Y. M. C. A. in this state, including development in the high schools among the boys in the towns and cities and mill settlements as well as in the rural districts. Summer Camps for the boys will be established, local organizations will be put in working order, and thus the community which now does not have the benefit of a Y. M. C. A. Worker will be given this benefit if this campaign is successful. All of us know the great good which has been done and which can be done by the Y. M. C. A. and all of us remember the work they did both here at home and abroad during the great war.

Up until this year North Carolina did not have an organization of its own, but the Association work in this State was done under the supervision of the office which controls several States. It is the intention of the Association if this financial campaign is successful to operate by itself thus doing all the work in this State allowing this State the greatest benefit from its work.

Johnston County has been assigned a quota of \$1,000 to be raised in this campaign and Mr. R. A. Wellons, who has accepted the County Chairmanship has sub-divided the county and assigned to each town and the vicinity around the towns a quota in keeping with the town's size.

The campaign to raise Johnston County's \$1,000 quota will begin on Monday, October 13 and it is hoped will end within a few hours after it begins, for Johnston county is well able to support a movement of this sort, and it is felt that when the people are called upon to support such a movement as this they will respond readily. Each town in the county has a local chairman in whose hands full information of the purpose of this campaign has been placed, and it is hoped that people will fall in behind Chairman so that Johnston County may wire the State Committee that it has over subscribed its quota long before the day is over.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

State Examination for Teachers to be Held in Smithfield October 14-15.

All teachers who are already teaching and who expect to teach in this county this year, if their Certificate is not in force, must take the State Examination in Smithfield October 14th and 15th.

The summer school which has been running for one month closes today. The work done has been of the highest order, and the attendance all the time has been good.

Supt. Hipps attended the Fair in Pleasant Grove township Wednesday, and the one at Mill Creek Thursday.

The Tractor Demonstration.

The Sanders Motor Company held a very successful tractor demonstration at the John A. Johnson farm one mile from town yesterday. They showed how Fordson tractors can run corn mills and cotton gins and cotton presses or pull plows. Perhaps the best part of the demonstration was the plowing. It was done with turning plows and disc plows, which were made to follow tractor. Double disc and double and single turn plows were used. Both the Oliver and the McKay disc plows were demonstrated. Dinner was served at 1 o'clock old time. The best fried fish and the best barbecue with plenty of bread and cold drinks were served free and about two hundred people enjoyed the good dinner. The demonstration was successful every way and the company should take several orders as a result.

What a Dollar Will Buy.

The American dollar will buy more foreign money now than ever in history; but, alas! one cannot eat foreign money.—Rochester Post-Express.

COTTON WAREHOUSE NEEDED.

The Only Solution for the Cotton Situation—Some Communities Already Organized—Cotton Farmers Urged to Hold their Fleece Staple.

(By Jule B. Warren.)

Raleigh, Oct. 8.—Cotton warehouses in every cotton growing county in the South is the only solution to the low priced cotton problem, say officials of the American Association and other agricultural leaders in North Carolina, and these warehouses will come only through organization of the cotton farmers. Some communities in the state have already organized warehouses and many others are contemplating the erection of these storages in the near future.

The American Cotton Association, through its township and county branches, furnishes the easiest and most simple way of getting an organization for warehouse building, for in every section where the Association has formed branches, plans have been immediately set in motion for the erection of enough warehouses to store all the cotton grown, because the branch association provides an organization of all who are interested, the farmer who produces the cotton, the merchant who sells to cotton farmers and the banker who lends money to the merchant and the farmer with cotton as the basis of his security. What the farmer needs today more than anything else in his fight for fair price cotton is organization and money. The organization will come through membership in the county branch of the American Cotton Association, and the money can be secured from any bank easily when the cotton warehouse is organized.

But cotton warehouses will not spring up over night, and will not be erected this year in sufficient numbers to take care of the cotton produced. The temporary need of the cotton farmer must be met by the farmer himself, and perhaps with the aid of his business friends in towns and cities of the state. The cotton farmer must hold his cotton until the price offered is at least 36½ cents for October, and increase half a cent a month until May, according to the program of the Association adopted at the New Orleans meeting. There is a great scarcity of cotton in the country, and if the farmer holds for the Association price, he will be able to get it in the end.

Community Leagues and Recreation.

I am hereby making an announcement that will be an unpleasant surprise to many people over the county. Our community and recreation work will be temporarily discontinued after this week.

While I shall not engage in this work again myself, I shall use my influence to get this work re-continued.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank my friends over the county for their fine cooperation and the many kindnesses they have shown me.

I beg to remain, your friend,
R. P. MERRITT.

Cotton Profited Most.

A compilation by the National City Bank shows that the cotton farmers profited most and contributed least in farming for the war. The wheat farmers increased their acreage for the war 10 per cent and, northern farmers generally increased their farm acreage in crops 10 per cent. Cotton's acreage actually declined during the war, from over nearly 37 million acres in 1914 to less than 36 millions in 1918. But wheat prices increased 105 per cent, while cotton's price increased from 6 cents a pound in 1914 to 27 cents in 1918, an increase of 300 per cent.—Cappers Weekly.

Kainit For Use Again.

Kainit refined makes muriate of potash. Potash of salts makes sulphate of potash when refined. On account of the demoralized labor condition it is said we need not expect much if any muriate or sulphate but we will be able to get kainit. It is being sold again in the United States. This will relieve the potash shortage to a considerable extent.

Dubb Bolfer—The day I get round these links in less than a hundred I'll give you a dollar. Caddie—Thank ye, sir. It'll come in handy in me old age.—Toledo Blade.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MEET

Will Hold Regular Meeting In Court House Next Tuesday Night at 8:30. The Proposed Hospital for Smithfield To Be Considered.

A regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Court House next Tuesday night, October 14, at 8:30 o'clock. This is to be an important meeting and every citizen of the town who is interested in the welfare of the community is urged to attend. Among the important matters to be considered is the proposed memorial hospital for Smithfield. One man in Dunn has promised a donation of fifty thousand dollars for a hospital in that town. Smithfield is amply able to have a modern hospital. But let us get together next Tuesday night and take up the matter in dead earnest.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Ten persons were killed and 28 others seriously wounded by the throwing of a bomb into a funeral procession in Moscow recently according to advices from that city. Many other persons were slightly injured.

The government crop report for October 1, shows that the forecast for the United States corn crop for 1919 is 2,900,511,000 bushels. The forecast shows an increase during the month of September of 43,000,000 bushels. The condition is 81.3.

Lieutenant B. W. Maynard, of Kerr, N. C., a ministerial student at Wake Forest College, flew from New York to Chicago Wednesday at the rate of about two miles a minute. He is in the army race westward from New York to San Francisco and so far has led all competitors on the lap of the journey to Chicago.

The Protestant Episcopal Church of America will spend in foreign and domestic missions, during 1920, \$1,215,200 more than was appropriated for the work last year, if recommendations of the board of missions which met in New York, to the triennial general convention, are adopted. The board recommended a total budget for mission work of \$3,242,749.

The United States destroyer Laub, arrived Monday from Antwerp and landed \$5,125,000 in German gold at Pier 12, Brooklyn. The specie, packed in iron-clamped wooden cases and guarded by Secret Service agents under William Kavanagh of the United States Department of Justice, was conveyed in motor lorries to the New York Federal Reserve Bank, 120 Broadway.

Sixty persons were killed Sunday in the wreck of the Laredo-Mexico City passenger train, which was derailed between Venegas and Saltillo, Mexico. Belief is expressed that a complete survey of the wreckage will show that at least 15 more were killed in the accident. The train left Laredo Saturday and was very heavily loaded, especially with second-class passengers among whom all the deaths occurred. The casualties among the first-class passengers were limited to more or less serious injuries. The wreck occurred on the National Lines and information regarding it was given out at Mexico City Sunday night at the Mexican Central Railway offices.

Gary, Indiana, site of one of the United States Steel Corporation's greatest plants, affected for more than two weeks by the strike in the steel industry, Tuesday was under military control of approximately 1,100 Federal soldiers, commanded by Major General Leonard Wood, commandant of the Central Department of the Army. The troops have just returned from overseas. The call for Federal troops was made by James P. Goodich, Governor of Indiana, after thousands of strikers paraded and held mass meetings, although forbidden by the mayor, the police and the approximately 300 State militiamen stationed at Gary.

Question for Mr. Gompers.

A correspondent of the Sun notes that in Germany the twelve-hour day and the seven-day week are largely prevalent, and asks how the five-day week with eight hours a day can compete with this sort of production. The question is a fair one. Perhaps Mr. Gompers will answer it when he has more time at his disposal. He works all the time when he is not sleeping.—Brooklyn Eagle.

NEW BUSINESS HOUSES OPENED

Three Selma Firms Have Recently Opened Branch Stores in Smithfield. Great Need for More Store Houses Here.

Smithfield continues to grow. Just as fast as a house can be secured some one moves to town and starts business. Last spring the cry was for more and more residences. That cry is still on. While a number of new houses have been built the cry is just as loud as ever.

There is an insistent demand for more business houses. There are men and firms who want to open business in Smithfield but cannot for lack of a place to do business. Within the past month or two three leading business firms of Selma have opened branch stores here. The first to open in Smithfield was the Carolina Pharmacy which opened business in the hotel building in the room formerly occupied by the old Bank of Smithfield. This company now has a complete and up to date drug store here and is beginning to do a nice business. The store has an equipment second to no drug store in this section and is well prepared to handle prescriptions and anything in the drug line.

The next Selma business firm to open up a store here was the Worley Furniture Company. This company which was established in Selma several years ago by Mr. Paul C. Worley now has branch stores in Raleigh, Wilson and Smithfield. Having four large stores this company is able to buy in big quantities and get goods at the cheapest prices. They have been open only a few weeks but they have already secured a large and growing trade. This firm is located on Third street.

Another Selma firm is opening a branch store here this week in the building on Third St. formerly occupied by F. Williams. This is The Ward-Earp Co. This enterprising company has another branch store at Zebulon. They will carry a large and complete line of general merchandise and dry goods.

All this shows how other people have great faith in Smithfield's future. We hope to see other store buildings erected here so that other good firms may come and open up business.

A Call Meeting.

To the Colored School Committeemen and Teachers of Johnston County:

Remember the date of meeting for the purpose of lining up for the school year 1919-1920 is October 18. Saturday before the third Sunday. Each of you are requested and urged to be present. The County Supt., Prof. W. H. Hipps will address us, and present his plans of work and cooperation for the educational advancement of our people. The Negro population of Johnston County is 11424. The greater per cent of which not only own their homes, but many are well to do farmers: men who desire their children properly educated. Think of the vast number of children of school age included in the above figures, and the school facilities of the various districts for their educational training. While strenuous efforts have been put forth, and a very creditable work accomplished for the educational development, as is now seen at various points, the goal has not yet been reached. For before us lies a vast scope of unexplored territory. With concentrated effort on the part of all concerned, I see no reason why Johnston County should not boast of the best public school buildings for Negroes in the state, and the best qualified teachers to train the children. Well you say, "Rome was not built in a day." That's true, but Rome was built. The solution I see to the problem is; that in each school district where school sites are to be purchased, buildings and repairs to be made, etc., for us to accept the proposition offered by the county also that of Mr. Rosenwald, i. e. we raise a certain amount of money to which they add a certain amount. So let us plan to raise building and repair funds where necessary.

Mrs. Annie Holland, state supervisor, also Mrs. F. A. Williams, state Health Agent, promises to be present.
LAURA J. A. KING,
Super. of Negro Schools Johnston Co.

The Cincinnati Red Sox are the base ball champions of the world, having won yesterday's game from Chicago by a score of 10 to 5.

BIG AUCTION SALE NEXT WEEK

The Dr. Holland Home and Seven Residence Lots Will Be Sold Here Next Wednesday.

The Union Auction Company of Smithfield will offer the eleven-room residence, until recently owned by Dr. N. T. Holland, for sale at auction next Wednesday, October 15. The remainder of the Dr. Holland lot has been cut up into seven residence lots. These will be sold at the same time. This valuable property is located in the western part of Brooklyn, near the Turlington Graded School. Dr. Holland sold this property some weeks ago to Messrs. A. S. Johnston and Leon G. Stevens. They have now turned it over to the Union Auction Company.

Smithfield real estate is valuable these days and increasing in value every week. This sale will give those desiring to invest here a nice opportunity to secure some choice residence lots.

THE NEWS IN CLAYTON.

Clayton, N. C., Oct. 8.—Miss Eugenia Thomas, of Meredith College, spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Poole of Selma visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hinton Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gulley and little son, George Truett, of Nashville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Godwin for the week end.

Miss Lillian Beasley of Cary spent Sunday with Mrs. Luther Hinton.

Mrs. E. R. Gulley and Mrs. J. D. Gulley spent one day during the past week with relatives in Selma.

Quite a number of town people went to Raleigh yesterday to hear Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas, Texas. He was there in the interest of the "Baptist 75-Million Campaign."

Mr. T. M. White went to Smithfield on business Monday.

Miss Veta Austin who is in school at Raleigh spent the week end at home.

Mr. Hampton Jackson of Garner was in town Tuesday.

Miss Charity Swindell will leave today for her home at Aurora after spending the summer here with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hollowell.

Mr. Foy Thompson, of Princeton, visited friends here during the week. Mrs. L. M. Edgerton and daughter, May Ida Edgerton, of Princeton, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Robinson spent the week end at the Pythian Home the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pender.

Mr. L. F. Austin, Misses Carrie Austin and Jessie Gulley spent Monday in Smithfield.

Mr. C. V. Williams who for a number of years has held a position in the Grocery Department of A. Horne and Son's store has withdrawn and has a business of his own in the new White Building on the corner at the Building and Loan Office.

Mrs. Walter Barham of Selma was here Tuesday visiting relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Broughton of Raleigh spent Sunday here with parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis.

The Last of Yellow Fever.

Medical science is making many of the most attractive parts of the world fit to live in. Major General (Dr.) William C. Gorgas, former surgeon-general of the United States army, says yellow fever has practically been eradicated from the world. He made that declaration a few days ago when it was announced that sanitary measures adopted at Guayaquil, Ecuador, have occurred at Guayaquil in the last low fever at that notoriously infested port. General Gorgas returned a few days ago to Panama after directing the fight against yellow fever in west coast localities. No cases of fever have occurred at Guayaquil in the last three months. It is the last large infested centre that has been subject to yellow fever epidemics heretofore, and Dr. Gorgas says that while there may be a few sporadic cases, he feels confident that yellow fever is the first great plague to suffer extirpation.—Wilmington Star.

Special arrangements have been made for medical benefits for Englishmen invalided from war services. The approximate number admitted to this benefit is 270,000 in England, 28,000 in Scotland, and 20,000 in Wales.

VISITING KING DRIVES OWN TRAIN

Belgian King Takes Over Throttle From Grimy Engineer. Royal Party Given Warm Welcome at Toledo, Home of Brand Whitlock.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—The king of the Belgians today ran the engine of his own train for 10 miles. The special train on which the king and his party are traveling westward was stopped at Wauseon, Ohio, while his majesty climbed into the cab of the engine and took over the throttle from the grimy pilot. The king, who has a thorough knowledge of locomotive engineering, ran the heavy train for 10 miles without a jolt. Then he stopped the engine and returned to his car.

The king, traveling "unofficially" with his queen and the duke of Brabant, passed through Ohio and Indiana today enroute to California. The train was stopped for an hour at Toledo, the home of Brand Whitlock, American ambassador to Belgium, where the party received an enthusiastic welcome. The stop was made by the king as a personal friend of Mr. Whitlock and not as an official visit.

A Rich Man Is He.

Tuesday night the Progressive Farmer gave a birthday party for Prof. W. F. Massey, who was celebrating his 80th anniversary. It was a dinner at the Yarborough hotel in Raleigh. Men from three states met to do him honor, and a guest from Virginia declared that there is no organization of farmers in his state but knows Prof. Massey and loves him. Other things said of the guest of honor were: "He has taught us how to farm," "he has taught people how to make a living." "In every county his name is known, no one has brought more happiness into North Carolina farm homes."

Prof. Massey, a born farmer, was not born on the farm, but describes himself as a convert to farming. He started out as a civil engineer, and had gone some distance when he drifted into his natural vocation, which is that of growing things and teaching people how to handle the soil so as to get the best results from their labor. Prof. Massey was a member of the original faculty of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and for many years connected with it. He has been writing about farm problems for 50 years, and for 30 years and more he has been recognized as one of the foremost instructors in the beneficent art and science of making two bales of grass grow where one grew before. Another thing said of him the other night is that he has helped a million people, Dr. Clarence Poe calling him a new type of millionaire.

It is a rich life indeed that he has lived, and a rich man is he. He lived through the years when "book farmer" was a term of reproach, while the most conservative tribe on earth refused to admit the possibility that its traditional knowledge of its own business could have anything added to it except by its own members, following that traditional knowledge. His example, his success, has inspired many of that great throng who pursue farm knowledge for the purpose of diffusing it, of passing it along to others, to the end that the earth may yield more abundantly its fruits and the husbandman escape a life of grinding toil unrequited. It has been the happy lot of Prof. Massey to witness intimately and understandingly the Great Evolution, and to be a part of it.—Greensboro News.

For County Wide Road Management.

A leading citizen of Johnston county complains that he knows of a road engineer who is getting a salary of \$175 per month in several different townships. This shows one of the troubles with township road work. If our road work was under county management one road engineer would be enough for the whole county.

Attempts Suicide When "Revenuers" Raid Place.

Wilson, Oct. 9.—About 7 o'clock this morning Arthur Lamm, while under the influence of liquor, attempted suicide in Walter Harris' cold drink stand. The pistol ball passed through his body, striking a bystander. He is now in a local hospital.