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## COUNTY Y. M. C. A. LAUNCHED.

At Banquet At Woman's Club Rooms Friday Night. Mr. Maydole Talked On "The Challenge for Leadership"—Mr. T. S. Ragsdale Presided—Plans to Raise a Budget of \$5,000.

The introduction of Y. M. C. A. work in Johnston county was formally taken on Friday evening at the convention called to consider the adoption of the county work plan of work. Four towns were represented. The attendance was less than half expected on account of the hard rain and condition of the roads, which kept several delegations from coming. Telephone messages were received from three other towns explaining the reason for their delegates not venturing to make the journey.

A turkey dinner was served by the Woman's Club of Smithfield at 7:00 o'clock in their rooms where the meeting was held. Mr. T. S. Ragsdale who had been appointed temporary chairman by the State Committee to lead in the preliminary work, acted as chairman.

Mr. Hugh D. Maydole of New York City, spoke on "The Challenge for Leadership," and reports were made from the different towns, which had been visited and canvassed with reference to the inauguration of this work in Johnston county. The reports were all favorable and indicated an almost unanimous desire on the part of pastors, school superintendents, principals and leading business men for the immediate organization of the county.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was given by Rev. C. K. Proctor of Selma, the other members being E. L. Veasey of Wilson's Mills and T. J. Lassiter of Smithfield. Their report reflected the sentiment of those present which was expressed by the following:

"Recognizing the need of a character building program along, social, physical, educational and religious lines, for the boys and young men of Johnston county, in the towns and rural districts, which will supplement the work of the fundamental institutions, such as the home, the church and the school, and believing the county work plan of organization as outlined and recommended by the State and International Committees, as adaptable to our county, therefore, be it resolved that we adopt this plan and that immediate steps be taken to organize the Young Men's Christian Association in Johnston county." This was unanimously adopted.

The committee further reported by nominating as members of the County Committee for the first year the following men:

Dr. W. T. Martin, of Benson;  
A. S. White, J. D. Barbour, Dr. B. A. Hocutt and R. W. Sanders of Clayton;

J. A. Keen of Four Oaks;  
P. D. Grady of Kenly;  
G. F. Woodard of Princeton;  
W. B. Crumpton and Dr. Geo. D. Vick of Selma;

T. S. Ragsdale, W. H. Hipps, Dr. L. D. Whorton, F. K. Broadhurst, J. H. Abell and P. H. Casey of Smithfield;

W. G. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills. These were unanimously elected, and authorized to fill any vacancies and to add such new members as may seem expedient.

A budget of \$5,000 was recommended for the first year and the committee authorized to take steps immediately to secure adequate pledges for this amount. Goals were suggested for the different towns and some have already accepted the amounts. Smithfield has raised nearly the entire amount of \$2,000 suggested and Selma is soliciting \$1,000. Clayton has made a beginning and a meeting of representative citizens has been called at the home of R. W. Sanders on Tuesday evening when Mr. Rigler and Mr. Maydole will be present and confer regarding the raising of Clayton's share. On Thursday evening a similar meeting is scheduled for Kenly. By the close of the week it is expected that most if not the entire amount will be secured.

As soon as the budget is raised the county committee will meet, elect officers and consider a secretary.

Johnston county is the second in the State to organize. Martin was recently organized and Buncombe is nearly as far along as Johnston.

The dinner served by the ladies was a most delicious and enjoyable one. The Smithfield Chamber of Commerce furnished the dinner. A resolution of thanks was voted to the woman's club and the Chamber of Commerce.

## Ford Turned Over.

Sunday, January 18, a Ford car and four negro men were turned over on the Youngblood hill near Poplar creek. They are reported to have been drinking and on their way back from Norfolk, Va.

## UNCLE SAM WILL START DRIVE ON RENT PROFITEERER

Through the collection of taxes on 1919 incomes, the first step in which will be taken tomorrow, the government will wage war on profiteering landlords with "sweet revenge" in prospect for "the tenant who has had to dig deep into his earnings to pay a high rental in 1919," says a Washington dispatch.

First intimation of this new aspect came in an announcement by Daniel C. Roper, commissioner of the bureau of internal revenue, that forms for making income tax returns which will be in the hands of all internal revenue collectors and ready for distribution Monday will contain a section providing that tenants shall include in their statements the amounts of rents paid and to whom it was paid. This information will be turned over to the department of justice to be used in its high cost of living campaign.

While the work of collecting the internal taxes will be just as heavy this year as it was in 1919, the government will receive less revenue. Instead of collecting 6 per cent on incomes between \$2,000 and \$4,000 from married persons as was done last year, only 4 per cent will be exacted this time. Single persons will get an exemption of \$1,000, as was provided under the previous revenue law. On incomes above \$4,000 the normal tax will be 8 per cent instead of 12 per cent of last year. But the surtax begins operation at \$4,000 and continues upward until the government will assess 60 per cent of annual incomes above one million. Internal revenue officers will send income tax forms to all persons who paid taxes last year. Others who are taxable must apply to the collectors for them. Mr. Roper warned that there would be unswerving enforcement of the revenue laws.

Returns and at least one-fourth of the amount due must be in the hands of internal revenue collectors by the 15th of March.

## HOOVER PREDICTS FALL OF BOLSHEVIST REGIME

Washington, Jan. 18.—Removal of the blockade on soviet Russia has knocked one of their "greatest props" from under the bolsheviks, Herbert Hoover said in a statement here tonight. Speaking from his knowledge of world conditions, the former director of European relief said the soviet had laid every failure of socialism on the blockade and used it as a stimulus for raising armies on the ground that the Russians were fighting to save themselves from starvation. With the blockade removed in large part, Mr. Hoover said "the bolshevik tyranny" will face collapse when it fails to relieve suffering.

Mr. Hoover thought Russia had no commodities, wheat, flax or cotton for export, since starvation is acute in the larger cities and the people almost in rags. The peasants were said to have sufficient food.

## New Bern's Schools.

The Sun-Journal this afternoon carries what is one of the most important news stories of a local nature that has been published in this city in many days, this being the announcement to the effect that the board of aldermen are to be asked to call an election at which time the people of this city will have an opportunity of voting on a bond issue of \$100,000 to be used in the erection and equipment of these additional school buildings.

For months the crying need of additional facilities for the white and colored children of New Bern who are endeavoring to secure an education has been evident, so far, no improvement in the condition existing has been made.

This case now has narrowed down to this: Either New Bern must have additional school buildings or it will be necessary to cut the daily sessions in half and take fourteen years for a child to go from the first grade to the high school when, as a matter of fact, they should do so in seven years.

The matter is to be left up to the people of New Bern to decide. If they want their children and their neighbor's children to have an education and get this within a reasonable time, they will vote for the bond issue. If they desire to perpetuate the existing condition, they will vote against it. The decision will soon be in their hands.—New Bern Sun-Journal.

## Fourth Sunday Preaching.

Rev. S. F. Hudson will preach at Trinity Baptist church next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He will preach at Hood's Grove church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. E. Dupree will preach at Burnell at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

## Tax Listers Meet Today.

The Tax Listers of the several townships are meeting with Mr. J. Walter Myatt, County Supervisor, today to go over the work before them.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOOK CLUB

Organized at Princeton January 16, At Home of Mrs. Luther Edgerton. —Next Meeting January 30.

Princeton, Jan. 19.—A group of young ladies assembled at the home of Mrs. Luther Edgerton on Friday afternoon, January the 16th, and organized a book club.

Mrs. Ralph Stevens acted as chairman. The object of the meeting was briefly expressed and was received with enthusiastic welcome. Each member was asked to give a book to the club by buying new or sharing one already on hand. It was decided the club would meet every two weeks in alphabetical order and by way of entertainment, rook would be played.

A very amusing contest was engaged in by each member suggesting a name for the club. These were written on slips of paper which Mrs. Edgerton distributed and were shaken together, the name being decided by Master Ralph Stevens, Jr., picking up one of the slips. The lucky one was that of Miss Bessie Massey: "The Young Peoples' Book Club." Among these slips some deserve special mention. "Girls Reading Club," "Princeton Society Book Club," "1920 Book Club," "The Get-together Book Club," "Just Watch Us," etc.

After dispensing with all necessary business Mrs. Edgerton handed each one an attractive piece of cardboard tied with red ribbon and written on top of each was "Why We Want to Join the Club." Each member was then given a pencil and asked to write a few reasons for wishing to join the club. It proved to be very interesting and showed a great deal of originality among the members. After this delightful entertainment a delicious salad course was served, followed by cream and cake.

The time for departure came all too soon every one left feeling happier for having spent an afternoon in social fellowship and agreeing with one accord that Mrs. Edgerton was a charming hostess.

The Young People's Book Club will meet with Miss Agnes Massey next on Friday afternoon, January 30th.

## WHISKEY-LADEN SHIP SINKING.

Yarmouth in Distress, Has Cargo Worth Two Million.

Boston, Jan. 18th.—The British freighter Yarmouth, which left New York for Havana yesterday with a cargo of liquor, reported in radio messages today that she was sinking.

She gave her position as latitude 39 north, longitude 74 west, and said that she was "24 miles northwest of light vessel No. 3. The message said: "Forward ballast tank leaking into engine room." A heavy mist prevailed. The Yarmouth registers 725 tons.

New York, Jan. 18.—The cargo of liquor carried by the freight steamship Yarmouth consisting of whiskey, gin and champagne is valued at \$2,000,000. She left this port yesterday for Havana, with a heavy list to starboard owing to the haste with which longshoremen loaded her in an effort to get her away before prohibition became effective at midnight Friday.

Revenue agents were at the pier watching to see if the ship would put to sea before the amendment went into effect, but at midnight there were still two barges filled with cases of liquor alongside and large stocks of it on the pier. The entire shipment was stopped by the revenue agents but yesterday the Yarmouth was permitted to proceed with what had been put aboard.

About 3,000 cases of liquor said to be worth between \$250,000 and \$500,000 at present prices were on the pier under police guard when the steamship moved out.

Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—The communication officer of the Philadelphia navy yard said tonight that the coast guard cutter Itasca stationed at New York and two steamers had gone to the assistance of the steamer Yarmouth. The distressed vessel sent her S. O. S. from a position 24 miles east of Northend light ship, or about 35 miles east of Cape May, N. J.

## Dead from Eating Spoiled Olives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Delbene and their two sons, Dominick and Anthony, of New York, died Friday as a result of eating spoiled olives, and their daughter, Lena, was in the hospital suffering from the same poison. Anthony Delbene, the fourth victim, died at the Fordham hospital.

## Two Stills Captured.

Last Friday there were two whiskey stills captured in Wilson's Mills township on the old Turner farm. One was a thirty-five gallon still and the other a sixty gallon still. A large lot of beer was poured out. The work was done by Messrs. Eugene Richardson, J. P. Stell, James Ellis and one other helper.

## JUST BACK FROM A FINE TRIP

Smithfield Party Has Returned From Tampa, Key West, Florida, and Havana, Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Underwood and Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Stevens have just returned from a most delightful trip to Jacksonville, Tampa, Key West and Cuba where they visited Havana and Matanzas. They first went to Tampa where they attended a meeting of the officers and the "star agents" of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. The company carried its guests around the southern end of Florida, to Key West, landing them back at St. Augustine. At Key West Mr. and Mrs. Underwood and Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, and several others of the party took a steamer for Havana, Cuba, ninety miles away.

They found Havana a delightful place and after taking in the sights of the Cuban capital they took an auto trip to Matanzas, eighty-five miles distant. They found the road between the two cities a brick paved road and a very good one. They found Cuba, like all other Spanish settled countries, disregarding the Sabbath. The people were at work in the fields, running their sugar mills and engaged in other industrial activities. They found that the cost of living at the hotels is high. They had a great trip and one which they will treasure as one of the most pleasant they ever took. They were gone two weeks.

## HOUSE ADOPTS LARGE POST-OFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL

Washington, Jan. 15.—The largest postoffice appropriation bill ever presented, carrying \$560,977,866 for maintenance of the department during 1921 was passed today by the house. The original estimate was \$391,713,673 but the house added \$75,783,988 for increases in salaries provided for in previous legislation.

Provisions for continuing the existing airplane mail service after July 1, and for its extension were eliminated from the bill on a point of order by Representative Tincher, republican, Kansas, who held operation of such service permanently was unwarranted by law. Representative Walsh, of Massachusetts, as speaker pro tempore, sustained Tincher's objection. The item carried \$850,500 for purchase of aeroplanes and the extension of aerial mail routes through the south and to Alaska. Supporters of aerial mail look to the senate to restore the provisions.

Appropriations for experiments in operation of motor vehicle truck routes and country motor express routes also were eliminated, members urging that existing methods of mail delivery were adequate.

Extraordinary increases in prices of supplies and the rapid increase in the volume of business necessitated such a large general appropriation, Chairman Steenerson, Minnesota, of the postoffice committee said.—Associated Press.

## Judge C. M. Cooke Dead.

News was received at Louisburg Friday of the death of Judge Cotton Mather Cooke, long one of the leading public men of the State, and a resident of Louisburg. Death occurred at a sanatorium in Morganton, where he had been undergoing treatment for a nervous disorder for many months.

Cotton Mather Cooke was born in Louisburg March 10, 1844, the son of Captain Jones Cooke, and his wife, Jane Ann Kingsbury. Through the Kingsburys he was related to the well-known New England families of Kingsbury and Mather, and was a relative of Cotton Mather, the noted critic. On his father's side he is descended from one of the State's most distinguished families.

His early education was received at the Louisburg Academy and later he matriculated at Wake Forest College. In his second year there the war between the state broke and he left college to join the Fifty-fifth North Carolina regiment, being a private in Company I. Young Cooke was advanced to the grade of first lieutenant and later commanded the company after the captain was captured.

After the war he superintended the family estate and applied himself to studies in law, winning a license to practice in the county courts within a year and later full license in State courts. He also applied himself to the study of literature, working out for himself a liberal education that he had sacrificed to fight for his State.

He was intensely interested in public affairs and held a number of public offices: In 1901 he was elected judge in the Fourth Judicial district, serving until he resigned in 1917. He was a trustee of the University of North Carolina and of Wake Forest College.

Mrs. A. S. Johnston and children spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Sanford.

## PROHIBITION EFFECTIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Nation-wide prohibition by constitutional amendment, the dream for years of those opposed to the sale of liquor, became effective Friday at midnight with the department of justice and the bureau of internal revenue, the two government agencies entrusted with enforcement of the new basic law, ready to take action against all violators.

The final step in the work of enforcing the new form of prohibition was taken Friday night when Secretary Glass approved finally the regulations to be observed by agents of the federal government.

John F. Kramer, general prohibition commissioner, announced that he practically had completed selection of his corps of state commissioners and local agents, and had been notified by them that they were prepared to start Saturday morning on the task of enforcing the amendment.

There was little notice taken by government officials of the end of all licensed sales of liquor except at the treasury department, where much activity was shown at the offices of officials connected with prohibition enforcement. Their task, however, was confined to the linking up of detailed plans for aiding local authorities in driving out the illegitimate dealer in intoxicants. Officials said they expected a multiplicity of legal and lesser tangles to ensue, but they were making an effort to avoid as many of these as possible.

Commissioner Kramer said he had a staff of nearly 1,500 men ready to begin their duties at midnight. About 300 of these will work under the direction of the state prohibition enforcement officers while the others will serve much as did internal revenue agents before war-time prohibition went into effect. Mr. Kramer's bureau has \$2,000,000 with which to conduct its work until July 1.

Treasury officials anticipate some trouble in handling the distilled liquors in bonded warehouses. It has been disclosed that in several cities, large quantities of bottled goods have disappeared from bonded storage despite the vigilance of revenue officers. To avert further thefts, Mr. Kramer's staff has been instructed to guard such liquors with extra care.—Washington dispatch.

## Mrs. Martha Baker Broadhurst Dead.

The following account of the death of Mrs. Martha Baker Broadhurst, of Goldsboro appeared in Sunday's News and Observer:

"Mrs. Martha Baker Broadhurst, daughter of the late Col. Jesse J. Baker, and relict of the late Capt. D. J. Broadhurst, of Goldsboro, died at her home in Goldsboro yesterday after a slow decline of many months. Mrs. Broadhurst was 76 years of age and was one of the best known and beloved women of Goldsboro.

"She is survived by five sons and two daughters. These are Messrs. Rowland, Jack, Edgar, Frank, Hugh and Charles Broadhurst, Mrs. J. J. Farrior and Mrs. A. F. Winkelman. She is also survived by three brothers and one sister, Messrs. O. L., W. D. and J. S. Baker and Mrs. Walter H. Barnes, all of Goldsboro.

Messrs. Frank, J. J. and Charles Broadhurst are residents of Smithfield, and the sympathy of the community goes out to them in their bereavement.

## The Story of a Fur Coat.

"I believe half the time women do not realize just the value of money and the high cost of things," said a man engaged in business. "An instance: A certain prominent woman that I know, was 'crazy' for a fur coat, and it cost \$600. She talked of it by day, and she dreamt of it by night. Her husband said, 'Do you really want that coat?' She said, 'Yes.' 'Well,' said he, 'I will bring you the money at dinner time, and you can buy it.' He went to the bank, made a check for \$600, and asked that the money be given him in silver dollars. He took the money home and poured it out on the floor and called his wife and said: 'There is the money for your coat.'

"'All that money,' his wife exclaimed. 'Yes, all that money,' said the husband. 'There is \$600, the price of the coat.' 'Well, if it takes all that money,' said the wife, 'I won't buy it. I had no idea how much \$600 was.' She was in the habit of having checks and did not realize just how much money \$600 was.

Moral: When you give your wife money put it in a pile.

## Cotton Ginned in Johnston County.

Mr. D. J. Yelvington, of Clayton, special agent of the Government, reports that there were 45,126 bales of cotton ginned in Johnston county from the crop of 1919 prior to January 1, 1920, as compared with 42,476 bales ginned to January 1, 1919.

## CHURCHILL GODLEY EXECUTED

Smithfield Man, Protesting His Innocence, Pays Penalty for Assault On Nine-Year-Old Girl.

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—Praying for the forgiveness of his enemies, and declaring just before he entered the death chamber that he was innocent of the crime with which he was charged and for which he was electrocuted, Churchill Godley, Smithfield man convicted of assault on a nine-year-old girl, went to his death in the electric chair this morning. Godley was very pale when he entered the death chamber, and showed signs of nervousness when he took his seat in the electric chair. Otherwise, however, he stood the terrible error he did, and which the governor others had expected. He did not collapse and was conscious of all that took place up to the time the button was snapped and the electric current went through his body.

The execution was witnessed by a number of newspaper men, and by the prison officials as well as some others who had secured the passes for the electrocution. Those who had expected a confession on the eve of the electrocution were disappointed. The condemned man did say that he was guilty of what he told the governor he did, and which the governor termed as "gross misconduct" to the little girl. He declared just before his death, however, that he was not guilty of the greater crime, for which he was electrocuted.

On December 9, the governor received the letter containing the partial confession of conduct which the governor referred to in his final statement about the case when he refused to commute the sentence for the last time. He did postpone the date until January 16, in order that specialists might make an examination of his mental condition.

During the past few days Godley has called in ministers, for the purpose of getting their advice about his spiritual welfare. During his conversations with these preachers he would constantly break out in denunciation of his prosecutors, and with declarations of his innocence. The men of God told him that there was nothing more they could do to help him as far as his execution was concerned. He made several appeals to them to again see the governor for the purpose of getting the sentence commuted.

Mrs. Godley remained with her husband yesterday afternoon. She was with him during his talk with the ministers, and last night told him goodbye for the last time. She has been faithful to him throughout his troubles and has done everything possible to get the sentence commuted.—Jule B. Warren, in Wilmington Star.

## Funeral of John Barley Corn.

Fifteen thousand people crowded their way into the Billy Sunday tabernacle Friday in Norfolk in the afternoon to attend the strangest service ever held in the Old Dominion, when the evangelist preached the funeral of his arch enemy, John Barleycorn. There was a note of triumph in the meeting, since Sunday 26 years ago began the scattering attack on liquor which gained for him first nation-wide reputation.

The corpse, in a twenty-foot coffin, was paraded from Union station to the Tabernacle, followed by crowds. Twenty prominent citizens, dressed in grotesque clownish costumes, and headed by "The Devil" in his red coat, led the procession, which entered the Tabernacle only after policemen had cleared away the immense crowd that couldn't get a place in the building.

The casket was placed in front of the platform, at its head was a wreath of pink carnations; some admirer of the deceased had been faithful to the last.

The Evangelist reached the height of his great power in the denunciation against whiskey and its results. Time after time the audience cheered. Eyes were wet as he told of the ravages of John Barleycorn.

## New Dormitory for Oak Ridge.

At a special meeting of the executive committee of Oak Ridge institute, together with some of the trustees and members of the faculty of the institution, Friday night at the O. Henry hotel in Greensboro, tentative plans for the construction of a new dormitory at Oak Ridge were discussed.

President T. E. Whitaker and other officials told of the vital need for more facilities, a need which was clearly recognized by those attending the conference. It appears likely that the trustees will sanction the enlargement program and that ways and means of translation of the plan into practical performance will be agreed upon within the next fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Phillips and Mrs. Houss and Miss Ora Talton spent Sunday in Raleigh.