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NEW COURT HOUSE PLANS ACCEPTED

Handsome Three Story Edifice Of Indiana Marble to be Erected on The Present Court House Site. Will Accommodate all County Officers And Have Jail on Top Floor. Steps Now to be Taken to Build at an Early Date.

Johnston county is to have a new and commodious court house. The plans for the building were accepted at the regular meeting of the county commissioners held here last Monday. Harry Barton, of Greensboro, was selected several weeks ago as architect for the new building. He, together with several members of the board of commissioners visited Wayne county court house and studied the situation with the result that the plans were presented Monday and then gone over carefully and then approved. The building is to be a handsome edifice with plenty of room to accommodate all the county officers and will take care of the county's business for years to come. It will be three stories high with a basement. The jail will be located on the top floor. We understand it will cost from \$350,000 to \$400,000.

B. F. WELLONS WINS SUCCESS.

Consummates Cotton Mill Deal and Gets Commission of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

The more the writer thinks about the wording of the English language and the relation of the words one to another, the greater value he attaches to some particular word. It seems customary for some people, or most people, to have their little pet word, or their "hobby" and if the writer may choose his word, it is "Resourcefulness."

Applying the word "resourcefulness" it has come to my notice that if a person taught to be resourceful, he has a great, or one of the greatest, assets in life. North Carolina presents untold possibilities for a young man, and, if he is resourceful, there is no need for him to leave the state in order to make money or be eminently successful in life. A young attorney, and if I may use his name, B. F. Wellons, of Charlotte, may be used as an illustration. For the past ten days he has been in our midst and no one knew just what he was up to, or perhaps he was up to see his best girl, as some of us thought, but lo and behold, it became known today that he was all the time secretly planning or trying to find a purchaser for the Union Cotton Mills, and yesterday he closed the deal with a profit of fifteen thousand dollars commission.

This opportunity was open to any one of our young men, and probably has been for some time, but they, like most of us, "were in the midst of the Amazon and did not think the water was good to drink." But then the writer has known young Mr. Wellons for some time and has seen him utilize his opportunities before.

H. H. LOWRY.

Newton, Feb. 4.

Earthquake in Brazil.

Dispatches from the State of Minas Geraes, Brazil, report that an earthquake Sunday shook down a number of houses in the country districts creating great panic among the inhabitants. The dispatches say that in intensity the earth shock is without precedent in that region.

The entire town of Loeger, West Virginia, was destroyed by fire Sunday and thirty-five families are homeless as a result. The village had about 600 population.

Fifty families were made homeless and 1,000 families were driven to the streets by fires in Brooklyn which swept private residences and apartment houses from midnight to 8 o'clock last night. Firemen were called to extinguish thirty-five fires.

Durham's Fire Report.

According to the report of D. C. Christian, chief of the fire department, which will be submitted to the aldermen tonight, the fire losses in Durham during the year 1919 totaled \$30,477.35. The losses sustained by the property owners was \$14,035, a per capita loss of \$1.02. The total value of property endangered during 1919 was \$476,360 against \$193,545 in 1918. Insurance loss on buildings and contents the past year was \$16,442.25, while in 1918 the insurance loss was \$7,043.27.

Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, has accepted an invitation to address the Chamber of Commerce at New Bern on the evening of February 17. Mrs. Baker, mother of the Secretary, is now visiting friends in New Bern.

DR. MARTIN SOON TO WED MISS ANDERSON

Engagement Announced Wednesday Evening by Mrs. W. H. Hipps at Very Pleasant Social Function—Miss Lawley Toasts Bride-to-Be.

Dan Cupid found his way to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hipps, on Fourth street, in this city Wednesday evening, and opened the doors to a number of the younger set. The reception hall and drawing room were thrown together for the occasion, poinsettias and long leaf pine branches being used most effectively to carry out the color scheme of red and green. The lights were shaded with red to add to this motive. Mrs. Hipps and Mrs. H. W. Baucom very graciously received the guests at the door.

Upon the arrival of all the guests, Mrs. Hipps distributed red hearts and they then proceeded to their respective places at the tables, where progressive hearts was played. Miss Augusta Anderson and Miss Lillie Talton cut the cards for the prize, both having made the highest score.

As the hands of the clock neared ten, the guests were led to the dining room by Mrs. Baucom. Here the color scheme of red and green was most prominent. Standing on the table were a beautiful bride with flowing veil and a wreath of flowers, and Cupid with his bow and arrow.

Besides each plate was found a dainty place card representing Cupid with his arrow. Tied to each of these was a red ribbon which was attached to the bride and the Cupid in the center of the table. Upon investigation, the guests found that small scrolls bearing characteristic verses were hidden, and much excitement was created on reading these. On a larger scroll the following was found: "Know ye all, Whereas William, son of Daniel, of the house of Martin, and Augusta, daughter of Nelson, of the house of Anderson, having reached years of discretion and understanding, seek admission into the state of matrimony."

"I, Daniel Cupid, Governor of said state, hereby proclaim them candidates for such admission on or after March twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred twenty."

"Written under my hand and seal on the fourth day of February, nineteen hundred twenty."

"(Signed) Daniel Cupid." This was read by Miss Lucy Lawley, who then gave the following toast to the bride-elect.

"Here's to the lass from 'The land of the sky,'
Here's to the lass with the blue in her eye;
Tho' she's been a flirt, still is, 'tis true,
With her habits of old, she must now be through."

You've surely done well, while Supervisor you've been,
You've vamped all the school children and committeemen;
By some hook or crook a man you've acquired,
Indeed, young lady, your nerve's to be admired."

Here's to you, Gus, you've made your choice,
We proclaim your happiness in one glad voice;
May the Blue Bird that brings joy all o'er the land
Be the one bird, the Martin, the lucky man."

As quickly, Miss Anderson responded to this toast with the following:

"Here's to the toast-mistress, the gay Movie Star;
Here's to the future, she's something to look for;

Here's to our fair hostess, she's charming, she's gay,
So well she's entertained us in her wonderful way."

Here's to you girls, my hopes are for you,
Leap Year has served me, may it serve you, too."

For a few moments, the room was filled with one ovation of toasts and good wishes to the bride-to-be.

A delightful salad course, carrying out the color motive of red, was served with sandwiches and coffee. Misses Lalla Rookh Stephenson, Mamie Sue Jones, Bettie Watson, Gertrude Caraway, Cora Belle Ives, Lucy Lawley, Sadie Puckett, Madge Kennette, Maggie Brown, Annie Peacock, Ione Abell, Lillie Talton, Augusta Anderson, Mrs. H. W. Baucom, Mrs. Rosser Lane were the guests of the occasion.

One hundred and forty-seven golfers played the first eighteen holes of the 36-hole qualifying round in the annual St. Valentine tournament at Pinehurst Monday.

NEW COTTON STORAGE WAREHOUSE COMPANY

Ready to Ask for Charter of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars.—Seventeen Thousand Dollars Already Subscribed.—Stockholders Optimistic Over Situation.

Those who had subscribed stock in the cotton warehouse met here Wednesday and voted to apply for a state charter for \$500,000 capital stock, with \$17,000 subscribed. J. P. Parker, S. T. Liles and A. M. Johnson were the committee appointed to secure a charter and to call a meeting of the stockholders to elect directors and officers as soon as the charter had been granted, which will take about a week. The secretary, Mr. Johnson, was instructed to continue to solicit stock and the warehouse committee was asked to get ready to dick with the state warehouse superintendent for a building and a site at Smithfield to begin with this year.

The stockholders are very optimistic over the new venture because the state is behind it. The profits from cotton warehouses in the past have been above 15 per cent dividend. John B. Cannon was not able to be present but wired that he would come later. He is president of the Spartanburg Warehouse Company that was organized last year in South Carolina and which is doing so well.

Mr. Liles grinned out loud just after the meeting and said that he was sure now that he was going to live to see Johnston County cotton in out of the weather and marketed at a living price, and he has gray hairs too. "The ice is now broken and we are at the bottom of things," he said, "and we are surprised to find that we are in only ankle deep; it will be easier now."

Cotton Meeting.

There were some 200 in attendance at the cotton meeting here Wednesday in spite of the rain and muddy roads. Mr. S. T. Liles, president of the local cotton association, presided. A. M. Johnson, the secretary-treasurer, reported what had been done to date and made an appeal for immediate action in starting warehouses here in Johnston county. Mr. W. M. Sanders explained the options being taken on low grades of cotton. Mr. S. J. Kirby, the new county agent, succeeding Mr. Johnson, was introduced to the folks present and asked that they give him a chance to help solve their farm problems and he would see to it that they would not be disappointed. During a short recess cotton association members were solicited and 36 were secured.

The next issue was the taking of options for low grades of cotton or low middling and below. Here was a scramble, 41 cents for low middling, with 80 per cent cash, the rest in deferred payments at six per cent. Over 1400 bales were disposed of. But some of the banks refused to endorse the delivery of the farmers' cotton and that may make a difference. But Mr. Johnson is going to find out about it and let those who took options know by Saturday, 7th. Options can be signed till the 10th of February. The blanks may be had from Mr. Johnson at his office over the post office, he says. The option holds the one who made it for 30 days only.

Flu Situation in Raleigh.

Two deaths and 109 new cases of influenza were the developments in the situation at Raleigh Wednesday. None of the Colleges there except the State College have the disease among the students. A strict quarantine is observed.

The situation at the Methodist orphanage where there have been more than two hundred cases, is improved. No new cases were reported. There have been however, two deaths at the orphanage, two boys who developed pneumonia.

AN UNUSUAL CASE.

Wife Wants to Provide English Sweetheart and Baby of Her Husband With a Home Here.

New York, Jan. 31.—A plea that her husband's sweetheart, Miss Emily Knowles, a young English girl and her three months old baby be permitted to land in this country has been made to the Bureau of Immigration in Washington by Mrs. Cora M. Spiker, of Baltimore, wife of an American aviator, it was learned today at Ellis Island.

Mrs. Spiker declared that she and her husband, Percy R. Spiker, wish to adopt the child and also offer Miss Knowles a home. The aviator's brother, Guy S. Spiker, who has never seen the English girl, submitted an affidavit that he was willing to marry her.—Concord Times.

BUSINESS LOTS SELL AT FANCY PRICES

Six Thousand Four Hundred Dollars Paid for One Lot 25x146 Feet Two Blocks of Court House—Sale Conducted Wednesday by the Union Auction Company.

Highest prices ever paid for business lots in Smithfield were paid here Wednesday for the seven lots on the south side of Market street, just opposite the Center Brick Warehouse. These lots were 25x146 feet in size and within two blocks of the court house. The corner lot brought \$6,450 while the lot next to it brought five thousand. The third brought over four thousand and so on, the lowest bringing three thousand. The sale was conducted by the Union Auction Company. Mr. Sam T. Honeycutt was manager of the sale, while Mr. H. T. Herndon was the auctioneer. Among the purchasers were Mr. Simon B. Jones, Mr. W. F. Grimes, Mr. Don Peterson, Mr. Whitehurst, Mr. J. D. Underwood and others. These lots are on Market street and in the center of what will be one of the best business districts of the town in a few years. The seven lots sold for a little more than \$28,000.

Joe Johnson Hurt Wednesday.

We regret to learn that Mr. Joe Johnson was badly hurt Wednesday afternoon while delivering a tractor to a purchaser near Princeton. He had the tractor on a big truck and crossing a creek about three miles from Princeton he found that he was unable to make it up the hill on account of the condition of the roads. He therefore decided to take the tractor off of the truck and drive it to his customer with its own power. But in some way the skids turned and it looked as if the tractor would fall and so he drove it down the skids and one wheel passed over his leg. He was taken to Princeton and Dr. Woodard dressed the injured limb. A car was sent from Smithfield and brought him home. He was taken to Wilson to a hospital by Dr. Muns and his brother, Mr. Henry Johnson. There it was found that the bone was not crushed but the flesh was badly torn and the wound was a rather painful one. It is hoped he will be home again in a few days.

PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA. New Cases Appear in Greater Numbers Throughout North Carolina.

Pneumonia developing in many sections of the State Wednesday, says the News and Observer, added to the apprehension of health authorities over the spread of the epidemic of influenza that has been widespread for the past three weeks. During the day 79 new cases of this most dreaded disease were reported to the State Board of Health, with nine deaths. Sylvia, the county seat of Jackson county, was the worse stricken with 36 cases of pneumonia and 30 cases of influenza for the 24 hour period ending at 8 o'clock Tuesday night.

The influenza epidemic spreads unchecked, according to the reports at the State board, with an increase of 500 new cases for the day, a total of 2,485. Distress calls are being received in considerable numbers, and advice requested as to the advisability of closing schools, churches, and all places of gathering. Such help as the board is able to offer is being furnished, but the matter of closing schools left in the hands of local health authorities.

Relatively few deaths have been reported thus far in the epidemic, but with the increase of pneumonia that is expected for the next few days, the death rate will probably increase also. Influenza itself is not regarded as so serious as it was last year, but the possibility of pneumonia following influenza seems in no way reduced.

Wednesday's report by counties is as follows:

Cabarrus, 150; Chatham, 27; Cherokee, 23; Clay, 31; Cleveland, 40; Cumberland, 1; Davidson, 133; Durham, 18; Winston-Salem, 214; Franklin, 3; Gaston, 8; Granville, 12; Greensboro, 80; Guilford, 500; High Point, 70; Halifax, 3; Haywood, 22; Jackson, 30; Lee, 10; Martin, 10; Mecklenburg, 16; Mitchell, 75; Moore, 75; Montgomery, 5; Wilmington, 17; New Hanover, 2; Northampton, 13; Pitt, 42; Polk, 6; Rockingham, 40; Rowan, 98; Rutherford, 50; Sampson, 15; Stanley, 15; Surrey, 2; Union, 300; Raleigh, 94; Washington, 10; Wilson, 42; Yancey, 14. Total, 2,485.

Pneumonia was reported Wednesday as follows:
Carthage, 2; Sylvia, 36; Tryon, 2; Wilson, 2; Gastonia, 2; Wilmington, 2; Winston-Salem, 1; Albemarle, 10; Scattered, 19. Total, 79.

SHORT WEEK WILL NOT FEED HUNGRY

Everybody Must Do A Reasonable Day's Work To Down H. C. L.—See No Reason Why Farmers Should Slack On the Job.

Sherman J. Lowell, master of the National Grange, in a statement given out at Syracuse, N. Y., Monday, declared it was the belief of the farmers of the country that the only way to reduce the cost of living was for every one to be willing to do "a reasonable day's work," and that the forty-four hour week would never support even America. Mr. Lowell's statement, in part, follows:

"The farmers' belief concerning the way to reduce the cost of living is for everyone to be willing again to do a reasonable day's work. The 44 hour week will never support America, to say nothing of feeding a hungry world. Those who are best informed on agricultural conditions in America cannot offer the slightest hope of lower food prices, so far as the farmer is concerned.

"In the reconstruction everyone must get ready to actually work again to save again, and to a considerable degree to get back to thrift, sanity and common sense, or else accept as permanent the present scale of living costs, in which even we might just as well stop ranting about the high cost of living and realize that a new basis of economic procedure is here to stay.

"This is the declaration of the National Grange, which sees in the future no reason why its members should slave long hours, seven days a week, to supply cheap food to the other workers of the country, who enjoy short hours and unlimited opportunity for rest and pleasure. Speaking as the largest and best established farmers' organization in America, the Grange hereby notifies the world that the farmers do not intend to keep responding to the call, 'produce, produce, produce,' so long as other lines adopt as their slogan, 'reduce, reduce, reduce.'

"There are five very definite things that may be expected in time to have an effect upon the production of a world's food:

1. A more direct and less expensive system of distribution.
2. The removal of all artificial restrictions upon the sale of farm products.
3. A lengthened industrial day, with honest service for wages paid.
4. Increased dividends on farm investment which will enable their owners to meet the wage scale of competing occupations.
5. Increasing social and educational privileges in rural communities."

GLENDALE ITEMS.

There were services at the Free Will Baptist church Sunday. They have a new church house which is furnished with new seats, lights, rugs and bell. Also there is a wide awake Sunday school under the supervision of Mr. E. G. Holland.

Miss Lelia Currin spent the week end with friends at Mount Olive.

Mr. Clarence E. Blackstock of Asheville spent the week end with his sister, Miss Ethel Blackstock who has charge of the music department of Glendale high school.

The farmers of our section are quite busy preparing plant beds for tobacco.

Miss Ora Holland of Fremont was the guest of Miss Debbie Cuddington last week.

Services will be held at Old Beulah next Saturday and Sunday the 7th and 8th by Elder Martin of Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woodard went to Wilson last Saturday.

Mr. Stephen Alford of Kenly has recently moved in our midst. He has built a nice dwelling and we understand he will open a store and garage shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Eason of Smithfield spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wheeler.

Miss Nancey and Mr. Herman Price of Kenly spent the week end with Miss Octavia Hales.

Every two weeks on Monday night there is a picture show given at Glendale high school. A large crowd attends and the pictures and music are enjoyed by all.

A delightful party was given last Saturday evening at the home of Miss Elsie Boyett in honor of her guest, Miss Frances Morris of near Selma.

Mr. Richard Firrell formerly of our section has been visiting Mr. H. A. Stancil the past week.

BROWN EYES.

Sixty nurses from United States general hospital No. 19 at Oteen near Asheville have been sent to Chicago to help in the influenza epidemic there.

GROUND BOUGHT FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Board of Trustees of Smithfield Graded Schools Has Purchased Myatt Lot South Present School Grounds. Board Will Take Steps to Erect A New High School Building at an Early Date.

Last Wednesday the Board of Trustees of Smithfield Graded Schools purchased more ground and will plan for the erection of a new high school building as early as possible. For some time the board has been considering several sites and after weighing and considering the question from every standpoint a decision was reached this week that no better or more available site could be secured than the western end of the lot belonging to Mr. J. Walter Myatt. While the board was looking around the Myatt lot passed into the hands of the Union Auction Company and the deal was made with the company for the property. The Union Auction Company was planning to cut up the property into residence lots and offer them for sale at an early date. They already had the day set for the sale and had part of their advertising matter ready for advertising the sale. While the auction company which is composed of several Smithfield citizens was quite sure of making a nice profit on the sale it was generous in its deal with the school board and asked for only enough above the price paid to cover expenses already incurred.

The members of the board appreciate the action of the Union Auction Company in surrendering what might have been a nice profit to the company for the good of the schools of the town.

At an early date the school board plans to have an expert on school buildings and an architect to visit the town and help the board to determine what kind of building is most suited to the needs of the town.

The property purchased comprises all that lot south of the present school site except the house and lot where Mr. Myatt now lives. In all the land secured is almost two acres and will furnish room for the new high school building and also provide the necessary playgrounds.

CLAYTON NEWS.

Clayton, Feb. 4.—Miss Genie Thomas of Meredith College, Raleigh, spent this week end with her parents.

Mr. Ralph Austin has accepted a position with J. R. Hinnant & Co. He was there until called into service. After having seen active service in France his friends welcome him back again.

Mr. Elsie Gattis of Four Oaks spent Sunday here.

Mr. Harvey Parker of Selma was in town last Saturday.

Mr. A. V. Gulley made a business trip to Princeton last Saturday.

Mr. Wayland Jones happened to the misfortune to break his arm yesterday while cranking a Ford truck. He is getting along nicely today.

Mrs. O. G. Smith spent last Saturday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wallace spent Sunday in Selma.

The friends of Mr. Elwood Kelly are glad to see him back in the post office again. He has been gone for some time, having enlisted in the U. S. Navy at the beginning of the war.

Mrs. Miller White will be hostess to the members of the Halcyon Club this afternoon at three o'clock at her home on Main street.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lambert last week, a daughter, Rosalind Hinton.

Mr. C. W. Horne and Ashley are both confined to their beds with influenza. They are getting along nicely and hope to be out again soon. There are several other cases in town but none of them have proven very serious yet.

The Young People's Book Club.

Friday afternoon, January 30, Miss Agnes Massey cordially entertained The Young People's Book Club from three to five o'clock.

The business first in order was turning in all the books, after which progressive rook was engaged in. Following this delightful entertainment, a most unique salad course was served with hot chocolate, the salad being served in attractive orange baskets.

The occasion was much enjoyed and all agreed unanimously they would be glad when it came Miss Massey's time to entertain again.

Those present were Mesdames Luther Edgerton, E. F. Holt, John Woodard, Will Suggs, R. S. Stevens and Misses Agnes Massey, Bessie and Jessie Massey, Lena Woodard, Leone Holt, and Lena Brewer.

The club will meet next with Mrs. E. F. Holt, Friday, February 13th. Princeton, Feb. 3.