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## SCHOOL MEETING A GREAT SUCCESS

Representatives From All the High Schools in the County Present.—Prof. N. W. Walker Delivered a Fine Address and Spoke of the Needs for a Greater School Program.—Banquet Served By The Ladies of the Woman's Club a Most Pleasing Feature.

Perhaps the greatest school meeting ever held in Johnston county was held at the Woman's Club rooms in Smithfield last Friday evening. Supt. W. H. Hipps had invited all the high school principals and the committeemen of the high schools to be present and nearly every one was here to hear the school problems discussed.

The first on the program was the elegant repast which was prepared and served by the ladies of the Smithfield Woman's Club. Tables had been set for sixty plates and nearly every place was taken. After all had thoroughly enjoyed this feature, Supt. Hipps, who presided, made a short talk telling why he had invited the school people to come and mentioned some of the problems before us today, and then introduced Prof. N. W. Walker of the State University.

Prof. Walker made a very thoughtful address calling attention to some of the problems that followed every great war, how the business, the educational and the financial equilibrium had been upset. All these things call for larger vision, unbounded enthusiasm and a firmer determination if we are to meet them in a successful way. Prof. Walker said that the demands of the day call for a bigger and broader school program. He spoke of the need for more and better teachers, better buildings and better equipment and filled every one present with greater enthusiasm for the greater school program.

Following Mr. Walker's address, Supt. Hipps, after a short but inspiring talk, called on those present to make short talks on the situation. Many responded and inspiring talks were made and much enthusiasm prevailed. The meeting is calculated to result in great good for the schools of Johnston county.

All the members of the County Board of Education were present, as were committeemen from Selma, Micro, Kenly, Glendale, Pine Level, Princeton, Wilson's Mills, Clayton, Archer, Four Oaks, Benson, Meadow and Smithfield. Nearly all the principals of these schools were also present. It was a great meeting and Superintendent Hipps was highly pleased with the attendance and the interest which was manifested.

### School Closed at Emit.

The school at Emit, which has been taught by Mrs. W. O. Hocutt and Mrs. Lee, closed with appropriate exercises last Saturday, the 17th.

The morning exercises were devoted to songs and marches by the little folks and by the principal address of the day, which was delivered by Rev. J. J. Murray, of Smithfield. Following Mr. Murray's address Mr. H. V. Rose, Superintendent Public Welfare, and Prof. J. O. Bowman, principal of the Selma Graded Schools made short talks.

At 1:00 o'clock a sumptuous picnic dinner was spread, which was much relished by all. Ball games were played in the afternoon, and at night the program was concluded.

The school this year has had a very successful course. The attendance has been excellent and the pupils have in almost every instance made their grades. Special mention should be made of Nellie Oneal, age 9, and Grace Winston, age 11. They attended the entire term without missing a day or being tardy a time during the term. They are, therefore, entitled to the "Certificate of Perfect Attendance," which was offered by Supt. Hipps last fall. The certificates will be awarded within a few days.

### Molasses Sold at Auction.

Yesterday at the court house door in Smithfield two barrels of molasses—one of 55 gallons and the other 56 gallons—were sold to the highest bidder bringing 85 cents a gallon. These two barrels were taken at a blockade still in Wilders township several days ago.

## JESSE HALES NOW IN THE PENITENTIARY

Governor Revoked Reprieve Granted Him Until August Sixteenth.—Arrested in Kenly Saturday by Sheriff Massey and Carried to the Penitentiary Saturday Evening by Deputies

All the four men who were found guilty last June charged of the murder of Deputy Sheriff J. Alf. Wall are now in the State penitentiary to serve a sentence of twenty years. Spain Bailey, J. H. Evans and John Stencil were taken to the penitentiary Wednesday afternoon after having surrendered to Sheriff Massey. It seems that Jesse Hales had been granted a reprieve by the Governor to August 16. This would have kept him out of prison until that date if the Governor had not seen fit to revoke the reprieve. Saturday Sheriff Massey received a telegram from Governor Bickett stating that the reprieve was an error and ordered the Sheriff to arrest Hales and take him to the penitentiary at once. Sheriff Massey accordingly went to look for Hales and found him at Kenly where he arrested him. Hales was greatly surprised as he thought he was safe until August and he was hoping that something would somehow turn up that would make him a free man. He was taken to Raleigh Saturday evening by Deputy Sheriff George F. Moore and Mr. W. L. Ellis, and lodged in the State prison about eleven o'clock.

The crime for which Jesse Hales, Spain Bailey, J. H. Evans and John Stencil were found guilty and given a sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary shocked all Johnston County as nothing that has taken place in recent years. It will be remembered that Deputy Sheriff J. Alf. Wall in the discharge of his duties was shot and mortally wounded when he went to cut up a blockade distillery in Beulah township about a year ago. The four men who were found guilty of the crime were arrested at once and taken to Raleigh for safe keeping.

The Governor called a special term of the superior court to try them and they were brought to trial last June before Judge John H. Kerr. They were found guilty after a very hard fought trial and sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary. They gave notice of an appeal and were required to give bond of ten thousand dollars each. The matter was heard at the Spring term of the Supreme Court and the verdict of the lower court was sustained.

These four men are now in the penitentiary and the majesty of the law has been upheld.

### ATLANTA PEOPLE PROTESTING.

They are Preparing to Spend Summer in Tents Rather Than Keep Up Ravenous Landlords.

News comes from Atlanta that the people of that live Georgia city are planning to alleviate the housing conditions and combat the profiteering in rents. The fair price Commissioner of Georgia is negotiating for several acres of land on the Atlanta-Marrietta suburban line where families might live in tents during the summer. The high rents in Atlanta, like many other towns, is making it almost impossible for some of the working people to be able to live and pay the profiteering prices. Representative Upshaw, of Georgia, has introduced a bill in Congress providing for the War Department to lend two thousand tents for persons who are unable to find homes.

### Must Resign or Not Run.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has ruled that W. T. Woodley, a revenue collector from New Bern, must resign his office or not run for State Auditor. The ruling means that a man cannot hold an office in the revenue department and run for a State office at the same time.

### The Adam and Eve Club.

The immediate effect of the organization of Overall Clubs in the South as a means of bringing down the price of clothing was an increase in the price of overalls from \$2 to \$6 a pair. Any one could have foretold it. The only way to get ahead of the profiteers is to organize Adam and Eve Clubs.—Philadelphia Record.

## BIG SCHOOL PLANS FOR SMITHFIELD

The Board of Trustees Considering Plans for a Twenty-four Room Building for the High School and Grammar School. Architect Hook And Prof. N. W. Walker Here Last Friday Confering With Trustees.

The school situation in Smithfield has reached a place where it demands the best attention of the school board and the people of the community. The present building for the white school is far from being able to meet the demands of the day. When it was built about nine years ago it was considered sufficiently large to take care of the school of Smithfield for twenty five years, but it has already been overcrowded and school is being taught this year on double schedule from the sixth grade down. There are now fourteen class rooms in the building including the basement rooms which have been fitted up for class purposes. There are 21 teachers. So it is easy to see that there is not near room enough.

Additional land has been bought and the proposition now is to build another school building for use of the high school and grammar grades. The board has selected Mr. Chas. C. Hook, of Charlotte, as architect. Mr. Hook and Prof. N. W. Walker, State Inspector of High Schools for the past fifteen years, met with the members of the school board together with Supt. Marrow of the city schools and County Supt. Hipps Friday afternoon to consider the building program. The present indications are that with the best conditions that can be secured that it will be impossible to complete a new school building before September 1921. By that time Supt. Marrow says that a building of eighteen rooms will be necessary to take care of the school situation for Smithfield and community. Since that is true it is thought best that plans be considered for a twenty-four room building.

The cost of building material and labor is so high at the present with no prospect of reduced prices for years to come that a building like the one contemplated will cost \$150,000 or more.

On top of all this a building for the colored school is very badly needed and one must be built soon if the educational requirements of the negroes of Smithfield and community are to be met.

There is only one way by which the funds necessary to carry out this big building program may be secured. This is by a bond issue. No bond election may be had except by action of the legislature which is soon to meet in special session. It is a matter of the greatest importance to this progressive community that the people should begin to consider this important question. Shall the educational needs of this community be met or shall we take a backward step?

### Mr. W. H. Hancock Dead.

New Bern, April 17.—Following a second stroke of paralysis a few days ago, Mr. William H. Hancock died at his home, No. 315 Metcalf street, this morning. About ten days ago Mr. Hancock suffered a stroke of paralysis and later a second attack followed and his condition rapidly grew worse until the end came.

The deceased, who was in his 61st year, has been a resident of New Bern for many years and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. Surviving the deceased are his wife and six children as follows: Mrs. H. C. Pittman, Saow Hill; Mrs. T. S. Ragsdale, of Smithfield; Mrs. E. C. McCarty, of Ardmore, Okla.; Mrs. W. F. Dunn, of New Bern; Mrs. O. O. Jackson, of Plymouth, a son Mr. Hugh Hancock, of Portsmouth, Va. His sister, Mrs. Mary Salter, resides at Marshallburg and a brother, Mr. Jalles Hancock, at Harlow.—News and Observer.

### Pershing Willing to Run.

General John J. Pershing, it is announced from Washington, while not a candidate, he is willing to serve the nation as President if he should be called for. He has spent his life in the service of his country and feels it his patriotic duty to continue if the people want him.

## TO HEAD CITY SCHOOLS FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Mr. H. B. Marrow Has Been Re-elected Superintendent for the Fourth Time and Has Accepted the Position. Mr. Thomas H. Franks of Biltmore Will be Principal of High School Next Year.

Smithfield and her school system are to be congratulated that Mr. H. B. Marrow is to have charge of the city schools another year. About the first of January Mr. Marrow gave notice to the school board that he would not serve as superintendent after his present term expires in June. The board having under consideration the erection of a new high school building for the town felt that they needed Mr. Marrow's help for the next year more than ever. He was re-elected at an increased salary and after several weeks he finally decided to accept. His experience in school work and his knowledge of the situation here made it very important that the board secure him for the school another year if possible.

Since coming here three years ago Mr. Marrow has proven himself to be a very fine school man. Many of the leading educators of the State place him among our very best city superintendents. He stands for system and efficiency in all things. He has thoroughly organized the school from the primary department up, and has placed the high school on the Accredited List of High Schools in the State. It is an honor that no other High school in Johnston, and comparatively few in the State, enjoys. The enrollment of the white school is now well over six hundred while more than four hundred are enrolled in the colored school.

The board considers itself fortunate in being able to secure Mr. Thomas H. Franks, superintendent of the Biltmore school for principal of the high school. He is a graduate of Elon College, has had several years experience in high school work, having taught four or five years in the Asheville High School and served as superintendent of the Biltmore school for the past two years. He has attended summer schools at the Universities of North Carolina and Virginia and comes highly recommended.

### OVERALLS PRICES TO GO UP.

The Fad Recently Started Up Will Not Accomplish the Desired Result According to Greensboro Business Man.

The "overall fad" may not be very productive of results, according to a Greensboro business man, in the Greensboro News:

"The fad will absorb the available stocks of overalls now on the market. The manufacturer will shoot the price merrily higher as the demand grows. The retailer will speedily close out his normal supply of overalls, and when he goes into the market again for a stock, instead of being able to buy these goods so as to sell them at the present prevailing retail price, about \$5 a suit, he will have to pay such an increase that he cannot sell the garments for less than, perhaps, \$8 a suit; perhaps more.

"The fad will not seriously interfere with the clothing business, for when a man wants a nifty suit of clothes, he's going to buy it, fad or no fad. But whether he buys or not, he is most certainly running up the price of overalls, which are the necessary apparel of the workingman. When next the workingman, who habitually wears overalls, and isn't in the fad business, goes to buy him new overalls, he will have to pay, may be, 100 per cent. increase over what he paid for his last pair. Thousands of men who are joyfully donning overalls as a lark will buy just as many suits of clothes as they always did, because they got the money to pay for them, no matter how high they are. They will soon discard their blue trousers for the reason that a fad is always shortlived; and will be wearing their ordinary clothing. But the men who work for them and others, will feel the pinch. They will raise a holler for more pay on account of the h. c. l., and employers who have helped along the overall fad will have to come across."

The Kinston police will probably wear khaki during the summer to reduce the high cost of living.

## INSANE MAN KILLS NEW YORK DOCTOR

New York Doctor Shot While Taking Up Collection in A Fashionable Church.—Crazy Man Had Escaped From Asylum at Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

James Markoe, a well known surgeon was shot and killed Sunday while taking up the offering at the morning service in the fashionable St. George's Protestant Episcopal church, 15th Street and Stuyvesant Place in the old aristocratic district of New York, says an Associated Press dispatch.

His assailant was captured after a short chase by a group of parishioners. He gave name first as Thomas W. Shelley and later as Thomas W. Simpkin. The police said he told them he had escaped Thursday from the Eastern State hospital for the insane at Williamsburg, Va.

Dr. Markoe, a wealthy vestryman of the church, was a friend and personal physician of J. Pierpont Morgan, also a parishioner there. He was 56 years old. The church was crowded with parishioners, many of them representatives of the wealthiest families in New York when the shooting took place. Dr. Markoe was walking down the left aisle taking up collection while the choir was singing an anthem. As he reached the 12th pew from the rear and leaned over to pass the plate, Shelley who was seated next to the aisle, whipped out a revolver and fired at the physician. The bullet struck him over the left eye and he collapsed in the aisle. Several women screamed and men rushed from their seats, some to the aid of the physician and others in pursuit of his assailant. Shelley, with the revolver in his hand, leaped over the body of the physician to run out of the church. The choir, led by Charles Safford, continued singing in an effort to quiet the congregation.

### Had Escaped from Insane Asylum.

Thomas W. Simpkin, also known as Thomas W. Shelley, who shot Dr. James Markoe in a New York church Sunday, had been an inmate for some time of the Minnesota State Insane Asylum, Fergus Falls, up to two years ago when he made his escape, says a dispatch from Fergus Falls, Minn. He was committed to the asylum from Duluth. His mind, it is believed, became affected through study of spiritualism. He had a wife and two children in Duluth, who returned to England after Simpkin's commitment to the asylum.

Before he succeeded in escaping which was accomplished by knotting bed clothing together and lowering himself from a third story window, he had made two attempts to get away but on each occasion was recaptured. Simpkin was not regarded as dangerous, having a cheerful disposition. While here he claimed to be in communication with spirits and showed a religious leaning.

### Tennessee for Wood.

The Republican State Convention of Tennessee has instructed its delegates to the Chicago convention to vote for General Leonard Wood for President as long as his name is before the convention.

### J. O. Ellington, Jr., Honor Student.

Among the 97 undergraduate students at the University of North Carolina who made grades of 90 per cent or better in the quarter just ended, the name of John O. Ellington, Jr., whose home is near Clayton, is noted. Mr. Ellington spent two or more years in Turlington Graded School, graduating from that institution in 1918.

### NEGROES AND OFFICERS DEAD

Another Officer Was Perhaps Fatally Wounded When Trying to Break Up Card Game.

According to reports received at Winston-Salem late Sunday evening three negroes and one officer, Ex-Sheriff Lee Joyce, were killed and Jim Matthews, special deputy, was probably fatally wounded in a fight between the officers and negroes at Walnut Cove. The officers attempted to break up a gambling game in a negro restaurant. As soon as they entered the place the negroes began shooting.

## BIG COTTON MEETING HERE NEXT SATURDAY

To Hear the Reports of the Delegates To the American Cotton Association at Montgomery Last Week.—Plans for Cotton Warehouse At Smithfield to be Considered.

The members of the Johnston County Branch of the American Cotton Association are called to meet in Smithfield next Saturday, April 24, at one P. M. This is to be a very important meeting and every member of the Association and every person who has taken stock in the Farmers Cotton Warehouse are invited and urged to be present. Matters of much importance will come before the meeting for consideration.

Among the matters that will come before the meeting are these:

To hear the reports of the delegates to the National Convention; to give options or sell cotton to foreign buyers; to see the plans and models of the cotton storage warehouse for Smithfield now being built; to hear Dr. B. W. Kilgore and J. M. Workman explain the exact working of the Cotton Warehouse System under the state law, and many others.

Not only are members invited to come but every farmer and business man who is interested in the welfare of all will be given a hearty welcome to the meeting.

### Automobile Wrecked Near Princeton

On last Thursday night an automobile was wrecked in Wayne county near Princeton. Below we give an account of it taken from the News and Observer, which was sent up by their correspondent, Mr. Emmett R. Brown:

Goldsboro, April 16.—J. C. Dail, Frank Hill and Richard Dawson and Leo Albritton, of Kinston, are patients at the Spicer sanatorium in Goldsboro, where they were taken late last night following an automobile accident which occurred to a car in which the foregoing men were occupants.

A report from the hospital this morning says that the condition of Messrs. Dail and Albritton was critical and that the other two injured were also seriously injured. John T. Whitfield and H. H. Ferrall of Kinston were occupants in the car but escaped serious injury.

According to the story told by one of the men last night at the hospital the party were on their way to Kinston from a trip to Raleigh when Hill's automobile turned turtle and plunged down a steep embankment as it struck the front of a new concrete bridge now under way of construction about seven miles from Goldsboro on the county highway. It is said that Mr. J. C. Dail was driving the car, which was traveling at a fast clip, and as no light was on display at the bridge, so the men claim, they did not see the danger until it was too late, and the driver in attempting to avoid a collision with an obstruction at the bridge lost control of the steering wheel and the car turned over three times. The automobile was completely demolished.

Goldsboro, April 18.—The condition of Leo Albritton, of Kinston, one of the men who was seriously hurt in an automobile accident last week, is not improved and fears are entertained for his recovery. The other three men hurt when the machine ran off an embankment are reported to be as well as could be expected.

### Railroad From Raleigh to Clinton.

Much interest is manifested by the Sampson and New Hanover people over the proposed railroad from Raleigh to Wilmington via Clinton. A meeting was held in Wilmington Friday in the interest of the new railroad. This meeting was largely attended by Clinton and Sampson people. At the meeting in Wilmington it was brought out that Sampson people are willing to finance fifty miles of the road if the other people will fall in line. The proposed railroad would run across a good section of Johnston county.

### Population of North Carolina Cities.

Winston-Salem, 48,395; increase of 26,395, or 113.2 per cent. Salisbury, 13,884; increase of 6,732, or 94.1 per cent. Burlington, 5,952; increase of 1,144, or 23.8 per cent.