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## DEMOCRATS TO HEAR GARDNER SATURDAY

Candidate for Nomination for Governor Coming to Smithfield. Will Speak in the Court House Tomorrow Afternoon, May 22. Has Many Strong Supporters in This Section Who Want to See Him Our Next Governor.

The people of Smithfield and Johnston county are to have an opportunity to hear another Democratic candidate for the nomination for Governor or speak here tomorrow afternoon. Hon. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, will be here and speak in the court house at three o'clock. Mr. Morrison and Mr. Page have already been here and been heard. It is no small honor to be a candidate for Governor of the great State of North Carolina on the Democratic ticket. To be the nominee is an even greater honor, for to be the Democratic nominee means to be the next Governor of the State.

Mr. Gardner has been touring the State this week, making speeches and arousing much enthusiasm wherever he goes. His friends in this section are expecting to shake hands tomorrow with our next Governor. Come out and give him a hearing, whether you are for him, Mr. Page, or Mr. Morrison. He has been attacked by Mr. Barrett, the labor leader of Asheville who is said to have been a Republican in other campaigns. From the reports in the daily papers Mr. Gardner is paying his respects to Mr. Barrett in a handsome manner.

Remember the day, hour and place: Saturday, May 22, at three o'clock, in the court house at Smithfield.

## LEVI P. MORTON IS DEAD.

Levi P. Morton is dead. He died last Sunday on his ninety-sixth birthday.

He contracted a cold three days prior to his death at his home in Rhinebeck, N. Y., after spending a part of Sunday afternoon reading congratulatory telegrams on his birthday.

He was born on a little farm in New York State. He was the son of Rev. Daniel Oliver Morrison, a Congregational minister.

He never went to college, but attended the academy in his home town of Shoreham.

He began his business career as a clerk in Boston and soon went to New York and accepted a position in a bank.

President Hayes appointed him as honorary commissioner to the Paris Exposition in 1878.

In the same year he was elected to Congress and served two terms in the lower House.

He was a candidate for a seat in the United States Senate twice but was defeated both times.

He served as Vice President of the United States with President Harrison from 1889 to 1893.

He became Governor of New York in 1895 and served one term.

He was a great financier and died a very wealthy man. He made many large gifts to Grace church and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, besides numerous other benefactions.

## BROOKS CHALLENGES OVERMAN

A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate, has challenged his opponent, Senator Lee S. Overman, to five or more joint discussions in the state. Mr. Brooks evidently desires to give the people of North Carolina an opportunity to choose. He asserts "that this is a fighting age in which we are living and nobody but a fighting Democrat is worth a hurrah in the next Senate to contend with Lodge, Johnson, Borah and others."

## Polenta's School Committeemen.

Polenta school district, Cleveland township, has a set of committeemen that cannot be beaten in the whole country. They were all born on the same day of the month. They are John O. Ellington, Horace M. Barbour and Cadmus T. Young. They were all born on May 10. They are all good, live, progressive men and splendid citizens. They take a lively interest in their school and stand by the school and the teachers. And Polenta always has a good school.

## MEADOW NEWS.

The community meeting was held at Meadow last Friday night. Miss Lawley was present with the motion pictures which were enjoyed greatly. The next meeting will be held on Friday night, June 4, at which time we will have the best old fashioned fiddler in Johnston county with several other musicians, who will render music for the occasion. We will also have the motion pictures and several other interesting features on program. An effort is being made to make this the best meeting we have ever had and everybody is invited to come out and enjoy the program and boost our community.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Sunday school was held at Trinity Baptist church last Sunday morning. Funds were raised and definite plans were made for the construction of class apartments and an effort is being made to have an A-1 Sunday school. We are very glad to see our people waking up to higher ideals in religious life as well as other things.

Mr. J. M. Beaty was in our section last week, being interested in the surveying of the plot for the erection of a parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wood attended the commencement at Buies Creek last week.

Mr. P. L. Lee from near Four Oaks was in our section last Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Ryals and Mrs. Allie Holley of Raleigh are visiting relatives and friends in this community.

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee last Monday.

A fine mule belonging to Mr. Birchard Langdon died last Sunday night which is, indeed, a heavy loss to Mr. Langdon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mashburn of Bentonville visited at the home of their father, Mr. T. J. Mashburn last Sunday.

We are glad to know that Maida, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Lee is greatly improving after an attack of pneumonia.

Messrs. Eric and Eli Lee were visitors at the home of Mrs. Negilena Morgan in lower Johnston last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Gartha Dudley and sister, Miss Lula, visited in Sampson county last Sunday.

If you wish to hear the best fiddler in Johnston county come to Meadow on Friday night June 4.

Mrs. Lessie Holloway of Jamesville is visiting her father, Mr. Pias Johnson.

Misses Myrtle Wood and Myrtle Lee returned home last Friday from Buies Creek where they have been in school for the past session. They were both members of the graduating class, Miss Wood having finished a commercial course and Miss Lee the literary course.

Owing to the dry weather the farmers of our section are having trouble about getting their tobacco set out. It is thought that there will be a larger tobacco crop in this section this year than has ever been before.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Denning of lower Johnston visited Mrs. Denning's sister, Mrs. Jasper Lee, last Sunday. Benson, R. F. D. 2, May 19.

## Kenly Adds Two to Her List.

Kenly, May 20.—Kenly defeated Clayton on the home diamond Monday to the tune of 12 to 7. The game was one sided from start to finish.

Kenly defeated Smithfield on Kenly's diamond Wednesday to the lonesome tune of 13 to 0. The Smithfield boys could not find Pittman, while the Kenly boys batted Poole all over the field. The features of the game were the pitching of Pittman, W. H., Jr., and the batting of the whole Kenly team. Hits for Kenly 15; Smithfield, 3.

Batteries: For Smithfield, Poole and Johnson; for Kenly, Pittman and Jones, Doc.

## Big Fish.

Mr. R. C. Crute caught a nice fish on the morning of the twentieth. His catch was a carp 35 inches long and weighed 24-1/2 pounds. Mr. Crute's appearance in town with such a fish created quite a little scene at the court house, where he displayed his catch. He told that it took him twenty minutes to land the fish after he hooked it.

## THE JOHNSTON COUNTY HOSPITAL ORGANIZED

Smithfield Is Soon to Have Place to Treat Disease. Stockholders Name T. S. Ragsdale, F. K. Broadhurst, J. D. Underwood, Dr. Thel Hooks and H. B. Marrow on Board of Directors. To Name Other Four on Board Later.

The subscribers to the capital stock of the Johnston County Hospital, Incorporated, met in the office of The Sam T. Honeycutt Company Tuesday night and effected an organization which is to be completed at an adjourned meeting to be held next Tuesday night.

Mr. Sam T. Honeycutt was named as temporary chairman and Mr. C. S. Broadhurst as temporary secretary. The charter which was secured from the Secretary of State last week was read and accepted. It was decided to have a board of nine directors. Five were elected at the meeting Tuesday night. The other four are to be named by the five already chosen at a later meeting. The five chosen at the meeting are: T. S. Ragsdale, F. K. Broadhurst, J. D. Underwood, Dr. Thel Hooks and H. B. Marrow.

F. H. Brooks, Dr. C. V. Tyner and Dr. L. D. Wharton were named as a committee to draw up the by-laws for the hospital and present at an early meeting of the stockholders.

The directors and officers who are to be chosen later were authorized to collect forty per cent of the subscriptions to the capital stock at once. They were also authorized to go ahead and purchase the Myatt House property on the corner of Second and Bridge street.

There will be some changes to be made in the building and furnish it as a hospital, but it is hoped to have it open for the reception of patients by the first of August or sooner.

## Six Days in Glass Box.

Cambridge, England, April 12.—Joseph Barcroft, a reader of physiology at Kings college here, has lived for six days in a hermetically sealed glass box.

The experiment arose out of a 30-year-old controversy as to whether it is possible to calculate the amount of oxygen in the blood from a knowledge of the amount of oxygen in the breath. The test was also made to demonstrate whether it was necessary that airmen should have oxygen apparatus when flying at great heights. It proved that oxygen was necessary to flying men but it did not show to what height they could fly with safety.

While in the box Barcroft kept a record of his sensations and made scientific observations. He said he suffered from sleeplessness but otherwise did not experience much inconvenience except on the last day when the atmosphere became extremely rarified. He then had headache and nausea. He was watched continually while in the box. He took food and slept in two small compartments fitted up with wicker chairs, a table, a small bed and a bicycle on which he exercised every morning.—Associated Press.

## Page Resigns.

Fair Price Commissioner Henry A. Page has tendered his resignation to the Department of Justice on account of ill health. In regard to his work R. E. Powell in Wednesday's News and Observer gives the following comment:

It is well known in North Carolina that the profit margins established by Mr. Page as Fair Price Commissioner and the plans he evolved for the prosecution of the campaign against the high cost of living were warmly applauded by Attorney-General Palmer. The Attorney-General regarded them so highly until, when a committee of merchants called here to ask Mr. Palmer to check the Page activities in the State, the Attorney-General not only declined to hear the suggestion but bluntly informed his delegation that the Page program would be adopted by the Department as a model for the country.

Rocky Mount organized a Page Club Tuesday night. The club proposes an intensive campaign in behalf of their candidate during the few remaining weeks.

## NEW TOBACCO CONCERN GRANTED A CHARTER

Smithfield Leaf Tobacco Company Chartered Last Week by the Secretary of State. The Company Will Buy and Sell Leaf Tobacco. T. S. Ragsdale, T. M. Myatt and P. H. Kasey Incorporators.

Smithfield is fast forging ahead in new business enterprises, five new concerns, if not more, having been incorporated since January 1, 1920. The first of these was the Smithfield Stemmery Company which was granted a charter early in the year to operate a tobacco stemmery and redrying plant. Next charter granted was the Johnston County Publishing Company for the purpose of publishing The Smithfield Observer and do a general printing business. Last week two charters were granted to Smithfield concerns, one to the Johnston County Hospital, Incorporated, and the other to the Smithfield Leaf Tobacco Company. An important concern also incorporated since January 1, is the Farmers Cotton Warehouse with an authorized capital of \$150,000.

The charter granted to the Smithfield Leaf Tobacco Company authorizes a capital stock of \$50,000 with \$10,000 paid in by T. S. Ragsdale, T. M. Myatt and P. H. Kasey. This company will buy and sell leaf tobacco and do a general leaf business. The new company will have no connection with the T. S. Ragsdale Company which operates a stemmery and redrying plant. This plant is being doubled in its capacity and greatly increases the facilities of the Smithfield market.

## FOUR OAKS NOTES.

Four Oaks, May 20.—Col. J. L. York is in Greensboro and vicinity this week on business for the Carolina Handle Co.

Miss Esther Creech and Messrs. Cleon Sanders, Carl Lewis, and Vernon Moore are at home from Buies Creek School.

Mrs. J. H. Stanley, entertained Monday evening 8 to 11 o'clock in honor of Miss Annie Lee Webb of Benson Graded Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Benson lost their baby boy Monday after a short illness of meningitis. The sympathy of the community goes out to them in the loss of their little one, he was buried in Four Oaks cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Willis Smith, secretary of Trinity College Alumni, was here Thursday in the interest of the Gymnasium to be built at Trinity by members of Alumni.

Mr. C. H. Wellons has returned from Conway, S. C., where he visited his brother, Mr. R. S. Wellons whose wife is not expected to live.

Miss Josephine Bandy came home from Louisburg College Tuesday.

Messrs. Thos. Canady, Jesse Stanley, and Reid Adams, went to Cleveland, Ohio, this week to bring back new cars, the freight situation is such that driving through is the only way to get any.

Rev. A. T. Lassiter, of Benson, preached here in the school building Sunday evening, and will be here each third Sunday night in future.

Mayor Joe I. Lee, and the new board of Aldermen, B. I. Tart, Wm. Keen, and Henry Massengill, have taken the oath of office and have already made their presence felt by closing everything tight last Sunday except the sale of drugs. Not even gasoline can be bought here on Sunday. "Tourists take notice." Go to it, we are for you if you don't weaken, but if you do then we'll be sorry we missed our drinks any Sunday.

Mr. W. E. Barbour was in Wilson Tuesday on business.

Messrs. B. B. Adams, Albert Keen, I. M. Massengill, Rev. E. B. Craven and D. J. Wellons went to Franklinton Thursday to attend the District Conference of the M. E. church.

Rev. Chas. E. Stevens has returned from Washington, D. C., where he attended the conclusion of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. Stevens has returned from Smithfield and Newton Grove.

We are expecting large crowds at our Chautauqua under the big tent which opens Friday and runs through Monday. This is the Radcliff Chautauqua and will afford the best in amusement and topics of interest.

## GENERAL AND STATE NEWS.

Seven stills in Wilson, Johnston, Wayne counties were captured the past week by revenue officers. The arrest of ten men was made.

The Dowager Queen Alexandra, of England has been suffering from a bronchial cold which has caused great anxiety. She is 75 years old.

The flag over the State capitol in Raleigh Monday was at half mast in memory of former Governor Glenn, who died in Winnipeg, Canada, Sunday.

Fifty acres of land a mile and a half from Wilson, was sold last Saturday for \$50,000. The land only a few years ago was bought for \$50 per acre.

Beulahville, a small town in Duplin county, was visited by a destructive fire Monday. The hotel, postoffice, drug store and other buildings were burned entailing a loss of at least \$100,000.

The cost of food in England up to May 1 had risen to 146 per cent above pre-war level. It is stated, however, by the English minister of food that the price of food in England is lower than in France, Italy and Sweden.

The report of the capture of 24 trains and other government munitions and the flight of President Carranza by automobile with a great quantity of coins has been confirmed at El Paso.

The privilege of wearing army uniforms and use of military titles accorded during the war to officials of charitable and social organizations has been withdrawn by the War Department.

A dispatch from Rome states that at no time within the last forty years have there been so few Americans in that city as at present. There is a demand in Italy for immediate resumption of foreign tourist traffic.

In a landing field near Friendship Monday an airplane from Langley Field, Va., was almost completely wrecked. The mechanic in the plane with the pilot received slight cuts. A defective axle gave way when the machine struck the ground.

The commencement address at Trinity College, Durham, this year will be delivered by Vice President Thomas R. Marshall, on June 9. His speech will be a discussion of live national problems. Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, of Malden, Mass., will preach the commencement sermon.

Arrangements have been completed for the transportation of 2,000 persons weekly from Poland to the United States. The Polish authorities estimate that a quarter of a million persons have already applied for passports about 95 per cent of these being women and children, dependents of persons now in America.

## Miss Margaret Moore's Recital.

Miss Margaret Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, is a member of the graduating class at Peace Institute, Raleigh, next week. She will receive a diploma in the regular college course and a special diploma in piano. Her piano recital was given last Saturday night. Monday's News and Observer gives the following account of this recital:

A recital was given Saturday evening at Peace Institute by Miss Bernice Lee Upchurch, senior in voice, and Miss Margaret Moore, senior in piano. They gave an interesting and well balanced program before a large audience.

Miss Upchurch has a rich well placed soprano voice, singularly even throughout and she used it with skill and intelligence. She was perhaps at her best in "My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair" of Haydn, Clark's "Fanchionette," and Treharne's "Spring Song." Miss Moore has ample technique and her playing is individual, interesting and pleasing. The poetic slow movements of the sonata in particular made a deep impression and her fleet fingers and delicate touch added much to the pleasure of the evening.

The commencement exercises will be completed next Tuesday night.

The sweet potato is on a "personalized" tour of the state in a special car—the conductors say the sweet potato is going to help lick the boll weevil.

North Carolina produced 14 per cent of the peanut crop of the United States in 1919.

## DANIELS' TRIBUTE TO THE NAVAL DEAD

Impressive Ceremonies Over Bodies Of 151 Men of Navy and Marines. Twenty-six to Be Buried at Arlington.

New York, May 19.—Secretary Daniels today paid tribute to the first American Sailor and Marine dead of the World War to be brought home from overseas.

At impressive ceremonies in the New York navy yard over 151 flag draped caskets which were landed by the transport Nereus last Monday, he called upon the Nation to "ever bear in mind that they made the supreme contribution on the altar of their country, reverently, solemnly and as courageous men always go into battle."

"As we gather here today to give welcome to the dear bodies of the first of the sailor and marine dead to be brought home for interment," he said, "we do not think of these lads as gone before their time nor do we find it in our hearts to bow down in mourning. Rather as mother earth gives hospitable sepulcher to their forms, sacred to us, we thank God that in the hour when the world was tottering these strong and valiant youths kept it from an abyss of absolutism and despotism."

"Better than we, these lads knew what they were fighting for, and the highest honor we can show them is to keep alive in our hearts the glory of the cause which sanctified their sacrifice. Here and now let us consecrate our lives to complete the work for which they gave themselves, and be as willing as they were to surrender all for world justice and world peace."

"Some of these lads went to glory from the heights in the aviation section. Some were stricken by disease. All died honorably in the service of their country."

"It was not given these generous and high-spirited youths to know the disillusion that come to men in mature years or the weakness of the sere and yellow leaf. They were called and gave the cheerful 'em aye, aye, sir'—by the captain of the heavenly Hosts, and they live with the Immortals."

Of the bodies, twenty-six will be buried in the National cemetery at Arlington on Saturday. The others were claimed by relatives. Among them was the body of one civilian, Llewellyn Snowden, of the American Legation at Rome.—News and Observer.

## Construction Company Passes Here.

Mr. J. M. Thomas, of Hamlet, N. C., who has charge of the local construction company of the Carolina Light & Power Company, with a force of sixteen, passed through Smithfield Tuesday on their way to Marion, S. C. They were traveling on a big truck and carried their own ladders and other equipment. For the past twelve months they have been at work for the Company at Goldsboro having rebuilt the plant there. The Company has taken over the electric plant at Marion, S. C., and Mr. Thomas and his crew are on their way there to rebuild the plant which it is estimated will take two years. They are expecting to make the trip to Marion, via. Raleigh and Hamlet in two days. They are stopping along the way taking views of the towns through which they pass and other scenes of interest. They took a few kodak pictures in Smithfield.

## Cary Votes School Bonds.

At a special election held Tuesday, Cary voted a \$20,000 bond issue for the purpose of erecting an additional school building. The total registration was 167. Ninety-three voted for the issue and 52 against.

## Typhoid Fever Campaign.

Fifty thousand North Carolinians vaccinated against typhoid fever is the goal of the State Board of Health for this summer. Preparations are being made for another intensive drive, quite a number of counties having already accepted the proposal of the State Board of Health to put on the campaign at a cost to the county of 25 cents per person.