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A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

Words of Mr. Pou at the Funeral of Mr. Lassiter—Highest Tribute Is to Speak the Truth.

Mr. Pou said, Friends: I knew Tom Lassiter as a student at Burlington Institute. I knew him as a very young man. He was my friend more than twenty five years, and I am glad indeed to say a few words concerning his high character and useful life.

The highest tribute I can pay this man is to speak the simple truth. Thank God, his life was such no word of exaggeration is necessary, or indeed proper now.

Let us briefly enumerate some of his well known characteristics. He was honest, sober, truthful, charitable, full of energy, public spirited and patriotic. You, who knew him best, can bear testimony of the truth of these words. More than this, he had the courage of his convictions. If he thought he was right, he would stand and fight without counting the cost. You could only influence him in questions where principle was involved by showing him you were right.

He was also the head of a typical American home. Around his hearth stone gathered innocent and guiltless childhood, educated, refined womanhood, sterling integrity, and lofty manhood.

Of course our hearts go out in deep tender sympathy to the members of his family and yet one can hardly suppress the inclination to sound a note of triumph at the closing of a life so worthily spent.

During his long connection with The Smithfield Herald, the influence of the paper constantly increased and during all these years of service, never did he take the immoral side of any question. Always he stood for progress, education, for religion, for morality, for any and all things which in his judgment made the country, state, and nation better. Modest and unassuming, yet for quarter of a century he was a positive force in the life of this community. The Apostle in Exultation cried, "O death where is thy sting; O grave, where is thy victory." He cried out in that manner because he felt in his very soul he had conquered both death and the grave. And the life Tom Lassiter lived here in this town gave him the right to challenge death just as the Apostle did.

Friends, does such a life end here? Is this casket and this profusion of flowers, are these the end? These flowers do not perish. They die only to spring up and live again. Science tells us that no tree or flower or blade of grass by God's law ever is completely destroyed. Changed indeed these things may be, but utterly destroyed never. Can it be that man, God's highest and noblest work, is the one exception to this eternal law? Every thing in nature answers no. God's own inspired word answers no a thousand times, and something in the soul, the very being, of every one of God's creatures cries out no. So there is great comfort in this thought for this man's sorrowing family and friends. He is not dead. He yet lives and he has left secure a good name of which his young sons may well be proud in all the years to come.

This also ought to be said. As a youth he lived a clean life. He could contemplate the years of his young manhood without any sting of regret. Death came suddenly without any moment of preparation, or of warning, and yet we certainly are justified in believing he was ready. He lived the life of an honest man, and he put his trust in the sublime sacrifice on Calvary. What more could he do?

There is also this beautiful thought, even in this sorrowful hour. He is at rest. After years of honorable toil he rests peacefully. Somewhere in God's Kingdom in the bosom of some star Shining mid myriads afar, O, so far, Is a city of peace, sweet heaven of rest, A home everlasting, a home for the blest.

As the shades of evening were falling, as familiar earthly scenes were fading from his vision, verily we do believe he was permitted to see the white spires of the heavenly city and to hear the music of the Eternal Morn.

Republican leaders are planning for Senator Harding to make a coast to coast campaign.

BENSON SCHOOL OPENED

Radcliffe Chautauqua Much Enjoyed—Entre Nous Club Holds A Meeting—Personal Items

Miss Lillian Wythe spent last week end with her sister in Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Johnson are being congratulated upon the arrival of a son. Born Saturday.

Mrs. Martha Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Smith spent Sunday in Raleigh with Miss Mary Jackson, of Peace Institute.

Mr. J. R. Barbour made a business trip to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson and small daughter are spending the week here with relatives.

Mr. Ezra Parker spent Monday in Lillington.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. David Barbour of Elevation died Sunday after a very short illness.

Mr. L. C. Barbour, of Scotland Neck is spending a few days in Benson this week.

Mrs. E. M. Hall attended services at the Methodist church in Smithfield Sunday evening.

Miss Lennie Elmore, of Henderson who has been a guest of Mrs. M. T. Britt returned to her home Saturday.

Miss Mildred Parrish left yesterday for Salem College, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Miss Evelyn Boon left Wednesday for Randolph-Macon, Danville, Va.

Miss Lusie Temple has resigned her position with the Citizens Bank and Trust Company to accept similar work in her home town, Jonesboro, N. C.

Young men leaving for Chapel Hill this week are: Messrs. Jefferson Barefoot, Casper Jernigan, Carl Barefoot, Colon Williams and Sherril Utley.

Mr. John E. Croom, of LaGrange is spending the week here with relatives.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Smith on Tuesday, a daughter, Naomi.

The Benson Graded School opened Monday morning, September 13th, with all teachers present. A large number of the patrons of the school were present at the opening. Rev. E. M. Hall read the scripture lesson, Rev. C. C. Wheeler, offered the prayer, after which speeches were made by the following: Mayor C. C. Canday Supt. L. F. Wells, the new Superintendent of the school, County Supt. W. H. Hips, Mr. T. T. Lanier, the retiring Superintendent of the Benson School, Rev. A. T. Lassiter, Rev. C. C. Wheeler and Dr. Adams, Radcliffe Chautauqua Manager.

The following medals were offered: The Entre Nous Club offers a medal for the best all round student, the John Charles McNeill Book Club offers a medal for the best original short story (open to students from 6th grade up.) Morning exercises were closed with short stories by Miss Dorrough, Junior Chautauqua Director.

Mr. A. B. Allen spent a few hours in Smithfield Tuesday night.

Mr. J. W. Goodrich is in Raleigh this week taking treatment from Dr. Lowery, a Specialist.

Mr. John Turjington, Mrs. Lilla McBryde, Mr. E. W. Moses and Miss Ethel Hunter spent Sunday afternoon in Duke.

The Radcliff Chautauqua, of Washington, D. C., has just made possible for the people of this community, a most delightful season of entertainment and uplift. The entire program was pitched on an unusually high plain. The concerts were both comical and classical, and were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The main feature of the Chautauqua however, was the masterful lectures. The three gentlemen delivering these lectures are among the most popular platform speakers of America. We feel that all of us are better American citizens as a result of having heard these distinguished gentlemen on their ringing messages of patriotism.

We have booked the chautauqua for another season, and we shall be delighted when this season roll around. The Entre Nous Club held its regular meeting Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Geo. E. Parker, Jr. The wide porch was attractively decorated with ferns and cut flowers. Many plans for the betterment and beautifying of the town were discussed and several important steps were definitely decided upon. Each guest was then presented with an attractive hand-painted contest entitled "What Will She Wear?" This proved quite interesting. Mrs. J. H. Godwin and

POPULATION OF JOHNSTON

Census Bureau Report Gives 1920 Population of Johnston County Towns—Smithfield 1895

Through the kindness of Dr. L. D. Wharton, we have the following tabulation of the 1920 Census of Johnston county and her principal towns. Micro leads in percentage of increase, Four Oaks stands second, Smithfield and Benson tied for third place, each having a net gain of forty per cent. According to the report, Pine Level decreased during the past ten years, her population now being twenty-one less than in 1910. The total gain of the county during the past decade is 7,599, or 18 3-10 per cent.

Town	1910	1920	Gain	P. C.
Johnston Co.	41,397	48,998	7,599	18
Smithfield	1,847	1,895	548	40
Selma	1,311	1,601	290	22
Clayton	1,411	1,423	12	008
Benson	800	1,123	323	40
Kenly	726	827	101	13
Four Oaks	329	583	254	77
Princeton	354	403	49	13
Pine Level	394	373	loss 21	06
Micro	74	183	109	147

B. Y. P. U. Meets Monday Night

Next Monday evening the B. Y. P. U. will be in charge of Mr. Maurice A. Biggs. The following program will be carried out:

1. Subject—Daniel, a Country Lad in a Great City.

2. Scripture Reading—Mr. J. D. Herring.

3. Talk—Life in a Great City—Miss Ruth Brown.

4. Reading—Interpreting Dreams—Mr. Erwin Pittman.

5. Talk—Daniel's Speech—Miss Ruth White.

6. Reading—The Handwriting on the Wall—Mrs. J. D. Herring.

7. The Lions Den—Mr. Herbert Brown.

8. Conclusion—By Leader.

A cordial invitation is given every one to attend these meetings every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

At the Civil term of Guilford court, last week, 22 couples were granted divorce in four hours.

Mrs. C. C. Canaday tied for the prize, but Mrs. Canaday proved to be the lucky one and received a lovely piece of silver.

The hostess assisted by Mrs. Canaday served delicious refreshments, consisting of tea, salad, sandwiches, mints and charlotte russe.

The club was glad to receive Mrs. F. L. Wells as a member. Those present were Mesdames Charles Johnson, W. T. Martin, J. H. Godwin, R. L. Bryant, C. C. Canaday, F. L. Wells, C. C. Wheeler and M. A. Peacock.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt entertained a few of their young friends Thursday evening in honor of their guest Miss Lennie Elmore, of Henderson, N. C. Rook was played at two tables given by Miss Mildred Parrish and Miss Elmore. Ice cream and cake was served by the hostess.

Those present were: Misses Lennie Elmore, Sarah Turlington, Mildred Parrish, Blanch Martin, Mary Lee, Messrs. Paul Starling, Henry Slocomb, Jesse T. Morgan, Laurie Cavanaugh and John R. Parrish.

The John Charles McNeill Book Club held its annual meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. M. Hall, for the purpose of transacting all business necessary for a year.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. R. Barbour; Vice-President, Mrs. W. D. Boon; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. M. T. Britt; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. A. T. Lassiter; Chaplain, Mrs. E. M. Hall; Program Committee, Mrs. J. R. Barbour, Chairman, Mrs. T. T. Lanier and Mrs. W. D. Boon.

It was decided that the original custom of giving a medal each year to the school be resumed, this being the first medal given since the beginning of the war. This one goes to the child best adapted to short original stories.

Every member present seemed eager to express in some way their appreciation and sympathy for Mr. R. L. Flowers, in his recent misfortune. It was voted that flowers be sent him with a note from the club accompanying them.

Ice cream and cake was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. I. P. Roberts.

Several other business details were disposed of and the club adjourned. Benson, N. C. September 16th.

FARMERS CONVENTION

Estimated that 2,000 Farmers Met Here to Consider Problem Of Low Priced Tobacco.

Long before the hour set for the meeting of the tobacco farmers of Johnston county the court house was filled to overflowing and it seemed that its capacity was not great enough for the 1500 or 2000 farmers who had gathered in Smithfield to consider what action could be taken regarding the low prices offered for this seasons tobacco crop. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Mr. Kirby, County Farm Demonstration Agent, announced that the meeting would be held on the court house square and in a few minutes the east side of the court house square was covered with farmers from all sections of Johnston and adjoining counties.

Mr. J. W. Stephenson called the meeting to order and Rev. S. A. Cotton, of Smithfield offered prayer after which Mr. Stephenson stated the object of the meeting and called upon W. A. Powell, of Bentonville to read the resolutions that had been unanimously adopted at the farmers meeting in Wilson on Tuesday. These resolutions were read and unanimously adopted.

"We, the farmers, tobaccoists, bankers and manufacturers, offer the following resolutions:

"Be it resolved:

"First: That instead of marketing this crop of tobacco in four months we market it over a period of seven months.

"Second: That the daily sales of each market shall be determined on the basis of the total sales of that market of last year's crop, extended over the period of seven months as above specified and that the North Carolina Warehouse association be called upon to prepare and put in motion necessary machinery to accomplish that end."

Judge Bragaw, of Beaufort county offered the following:

"Resolved: That an association of tobacco growers be immediately formed and organized, the name and plan and operation of which shall be designated and provided as follows:

"First. Each county in Eastern and Piedmont North Carolina in which tobacco is grown shall select a representative for that county, said representative to constitute a committee to meet hereafter and at the earliest date possible to formulate a complete plan of organization and operation, said committee of representatives being hereby authorized to designate the name of the association to recommend by-laws to local or county units of the organization for ratification and adoption.

"Second: That this committee of representatives shall be authorized to designate the curtailment of acreage to be planted in tobacco for the year 1921 and suggest methods whereby such curtailment may be effectuated.

"Third. That this committee of representatives be authorized to select officers and committees of the organization to the end that delay in putting into effect its plans may be avoided and shall make provision for election of officers and committees by the organization at large at some other date to be designated by the committee or representatives.

"Resolved further: That it is the sense of this meeting that every bank doing business with tobacco growers in North Carolina be requested to enter into such legal agreements with this association as may tend to assure a curtailment of acreage in tobacco for the year 1921 and to encourage and enable the planting of a larger acreage of food and feed crops and thus aid in providing against a repetition of existing conditions.

"Resolved further, That a special committee be now appointed by the chairman of this meeting whose duty it shall be to communicate the substance of this resolution to each county in the territory contemplated and to request that local meetings be held and a representative selected to act for the county on the committee of representatives herein before provided for or this special committee to be authorized and directed to name the time and place for the meeting of said committee of representatives and to make due publication thereof and otherwise to provide for the full attendance and county representation at such meetings.

"Resolved, further. That the committee of representatives provided for (Continued on page ten.)

CALLS FARMERS TO MEET

Governor Bicket Issues Proclamation Calling Cotton Growers Together On Monday, September 20.

Cotton growers in every county in the states where cotton is grown are called to meet at their respective county-seats at 11 o'clock next Monday morning to perfect plans and organization for holding the present cotton crop until fair and just prices are offered for it, and to more fully utilize the present cotton warehouses and build more of them.

The call for meetings comes through a proclamation issued yesterday by Governor T. W. Bickett at the instance of the Cotton Grower's Association. Similar proclamations will be issued by the Governors of all other cotton-growing States and next Monday will probably see more cotton growers in meeting throughout the South than have ever been gathered before. The Governor's proclamation is as follows:

"Whereas, North Carolina is primarily an agricultural State and the State's cotton crop is one of its chief sources of wealth; and

"Whereas, the recent astonishing decline in the price of cotton presents a situation which cannot be properly dealt with by individual cotton growers, each man acting for himself. There must be united effort on the part of the men who grow the cotton and on part of the business men and bankers whose prosperity depends so largely upon the farmers' prosperity; and

"Whereas, the American Cotton Association at its recent meeting in Montgomery, Ala., asked that Monday September 20th, 1920, be observed in all the cotton growing counties of the South as 'Cotton Day', the farmers and interested business men of each county be asked to assemble at their seats at 11 o'clock on the morning of that day to join farmers and business men from all other parts of the cotton belt in a Southern campaign for fair-priced cotton and for all that it means to our people.

"Now therefore, I, Thomas W. Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, in co-operation with other Governors of cotton-growing states, do issue this, my proclamation, calling on the cotton growers of each cotton producing county in North Carolina, together with other citizens interested in their welfare, to assemble at their county-seats at 11 o'clock next Monday, September 20, 1920, to discuss the following subjects:

"1. Plans for holding the cotton of the county until fair and just prices can be obtained together with plans for co-operative marketing.

"2. Plans for fully utilizing existing warehouses and warehouse facilities of the county, and for erecting additional warehouses with special emphasis in this connection on practicable plans for financing the crop.

"3. Plans for immediately increasing the acreage in fall sown small grains, as the one wise and certain plan of effecting a reduction in cotton acreage, pledges to this effect to be taken."

A Great Revival

The greatest revival meeting that I have ever had the privilege to attend was held at Bethel Free Will Baptist church by the pastor, Elder Lloyd Vernon, assisted by Elder H. R. Faircloth, who did most of the preaching.

The meeting began September 4th, and closed September 12th, with 19 additions. The main feature of the meeting was the powerful sermons, the evidence of God's Spirit working in the hearts of both saint and sinner. Christians were greatly built up and sinners were seen to tremble as a leaf before the breeze.

The soul stirring songs were rendered with much power and effect. We had the best order that I have ever seen at that church, with a full house at almost every service, especially at night.—C. J. Thomas, Four Oaks, N. C.

Death Near Wilson's Mills.

Mrs. Gussie Ingram died Tuesday September 14th at the home of her nephew, Mr. John R. Rhodes who lives on the J. D. Lassiter farm near Wilson's Mills. The burial took place Wednesday afternoon at Antioch Methodist church in Bentonville township, the funeral being preached by Rev. Robert Strickland.

GRADER TO VISIT GINNERS

Mr. E. I. Poole and County Agent S. J. Kirby Will Discuss Cotton Grading Work

Mr. E. I. Poole, official cotton grader of Johnston County, is here on the job with office over Peedin and Peterson's store. During the coming week he, accompanied by the County Agent, will visit the ginnings of the county to discuss the cotton grading work with them and to solicit their interest and hearty cooperation in making the work reach every man who grows cotton in this county. Mr. Poole's work should prove a great asset to the marketing of our most important money crop and it is hoped that every one will lead the necessary cooperation and support to make this work the big success that it should be.

Several specimens of insects somewhat similar in appearance to the cotton boll weevil have been brought to this office during the year, but to date we have not discovered a single cotton boll weevil. The specimen which, in appearance most closely resembled the cotton boll weevil brought in some days ago, was not the boll weevil at all. We will hardly find the boll weevil in this county this year, but it would be a good thing if all of our farmers would begin to make preparation by diversification to meet the boll weevil situation as well as the low price of tobacco.

One of the first things to do be ready for boll weevil and low price of tobacco conditions is to put in a few well prepared acres of permanent pasture grasses and clover this fall as a means of producing better and more economical livestock. If you are interested in this work your County Agent will be glad to discuss it with you.

The Boys' and Girls' encampment was in every way a great success and every one seemed to thoroughly enjoy every moment of it. Not a mishap during the three days and two nights of it, no sickness and every one acquitted themselves in a most gentlemanly and ladylike manner. The lectures, demonstrations, games, sports, pictures, yelling, singing and eats were just excellent. The men and the women from Raleigh and Washington who took part in making this meeting for the boys and girls really worth while without exception said that ours was the nicest encampment with as well behaved and in every way as fine a set of boys and girls as any with which they were associated. Between eighty and ninety club boys and girls attended this encampment and the visitors present for every lecture, demonstration, game and meal ranged from fifty to five hundred.

Your local Agents are deeply indebted to the club leaders, Mrs. Lens Creech, Misses Roberta Powell, Mary Hill and Vic Kirby all of whom took great care in looking after the welfare and comfort of every boy and girl while on this encampment. They did fine work and we hope they enjoyed it as much as the boys and girls did.

Special thanks are due to Mr. J. W. Darden for his unbounded generosity in turning over the nicest camp grounds, bath houses, well equipped with shower baths, swimming pools and the most beautiful and commodious pavilion in the county to the boys and girls and their guest without any charges whatever. Mr. Darden has an ideal camping place and the inspection of his modern extensive manufacturing plant and farm was a treat to every one. Moreover Mr. and Mrs. Darden visited us on frequent intervals and seemed very solicitous about our welfare and comfort while on this institute. Every one came away realizing that in these two good people the young folks of this county have two big-hearted kind spirited hospitable friends to whom we all can well afford to feel deeply grateful.

In getting the equipment back to Smithfield one girl's coat to a blue coat suit and one new claw hammer were lost that has not been found. The part of the picture machine lost has been located and every thing else is in good order.

S. J. KIRBY, County Agent.

Recreation Club to Meet.

The Recreation Club will meet with Mrs. Walter Myatt Wednesday, September 22 at 8:30. Members who cannot attend will please phone the hostess by nine o'clock.