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THE BIG JOHNSTON FAIR NOW IS NEAR

Will Be Held in Smithfield November 1-6—Agricultural Display

Lets make the County Fair held at the grounds in Smithfield November 1st to 6th, this year a representative fair for our great county. Few counties have greater agricultural possibilities in either the production of large yields for so many kinds of crops or products of such high quality as Johnston and to make our fair the credit to the county that it should be it will be necessary to have exhibits of each product from the farm and home. Whatever is grown on the farm or produced in the home will find its place in the fair this fall.

Unfortunately the county fair catalogue is late in getting into the hands of the public this year, but within a few days it will be distributed to the far ends of the county. There are six departments of the fair, over 400 classes of entries, more than 1000 premiums amounting to nearly \$3000.00 all offered on exhibits which can be selected easily from the farms and farm homes of Johnston county. A larger list or more liberal premiums has not been offered by any management of any county fair in these parts than that offered by the Johnston County Fair this year. It will not only require the liberal premiums offered this year to make the fair the creditable success that it should be, but it will also require that same local pride which gave Johnston county four of the best community fairs last week that we have ever held. In number and quality of exhibits and attendance the community fairs were unusually good. It is hoped that most of them will be put on as community exhibits at our county fair. Community pride made them what they were and we are proud of the four, progressive communities which so completely surprised themselves and their guests with the success of their fair last week. The same force which made our community fair such a splendid success is more than sufficient to make the county fair fully representative of our great county.

The County Agent will be very glad to assist any person or group of persons in selecting and preparing exhibit for the fair and will give all the assistance that it is possible to do in seeing that the exhibit are properly entered and distributed in the fair. All exhibits should be brought to the fair grounds on Monday, November 1st, and to receive consideration by the judges must be brought to the fair not later than 10:00 a. m. Nov. 2nd.

Sincerely yours,
S. J. KIRBY,
County Agent.

Good Rules for Newspapers

When Governor Cox, Democratic Nominee for President, purchased the Dayton News some years ago he framed the following rules and placed them in conspicuous places throughout the building.

Remember there are two ideas to every question. Get both of them.

Be truthful, get the facts.

Mistakes are inevitable, but strive for accuracy. I would rather have one story correct than a hundred half wrong.

Be decent, be fair, be generous. Boost—don't knock.

There's good in everybody, bring out the good in everybody and never needlessly hurt the feelings of any body.

In reporting a political meeting give the facts, tell the story as it is, not as you would like to have it. Treat all parties alike.

If there's any politics to be played we will play it in our editorial columns.

Treat all religious matter reverently.

If it can be possibly be avoided never bring ignominy to an innocent man or child in telling of the misdeeds or misfortunes of relative.

Don't wait to be asked, but do it without asking, and above all, be clean and never let a dirty word or suggestive story get into type.

I want this paper so conducted that it can go into any home without destroying the innocence of any child.
(Signed) JAMES M. COX.

MR. POU AT CLAYTON

Addresses Audience of Five Hundred Men and Women—Other Speeches

Smithfield, N. C., Oct. 12.—Congressman Edward W. Pou has been waging an intensive fight against Republicanism in Johnston county, the home of Mr. Pou, and also the home of his Republican opponent. Mr. Pou has made a score of speeches in various portions of the county. He has also spoke at Louisburg and Bailey. Last night he addressed an audience of men and women at Clayton, about five hundred being present. Mr. Pou's Clayton address was one of the most powerful presentations on the League of Nations, revaluation act and true Democratic gospel heard at that place.

Mr. Pou speaks at Peacock's Cross Roads on October 23 and at Pittsboro on the 26th.—News and Observer.

Death of Mrs. Polly Ann Yelvington

Many hearts were made sad by the death of Mrs. Polly Ann Yelvington which occurred at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. J. E. Smith, Wednesday shortly after 12 o'clock. She had made her home with her daughter for the past three years.

She was the widow of the late Ransom Yelvington who preceded her to the grave twenty-two years ago. Mrs. Yelvington was 72 years old.

She had suffered with Bright's disease and cancer in the breast for the past two years. She went to Rex Hospital in September of last year for treatment which failed to do her any good, and she gradually grew worse until the end came. For the past few months her suffering was intense, but she bore it patiently. All that kind physicians and loving hands could do was done but to no avail.

She slept as a tired child; such a calm, sweet sleep.

In an hour like this we would pause for a moment and think what shall we say. We can pay her memory no higher tribute than the testimony that she was a Christian woman.

She was a fond and faithful wife, a tender devoted mother, a perfect unfailing friend. There has passed one of the gentlest of gentle spirits, one of the noblest of noble women.

She had been a consistent member of Clayton Baptist Church for a number of years.

The burial services were conducted Thursday afternoon at the grave at the old home place near Clayton by her pastor, Rev. O. A. Moore after which her body was tenderly laid to rest by the side of her husband.

She leaves to mourn her loss two sons and three daughters, Mr. D. J. Yelvington, of Clayton, Mr. V. J. Yelvington, of Charlotte, Mrs. Ed H. Smith, of Lexington, Mrs. J. E. Smith of near Clayton, Mrs. Robert Parish of near Smithfield and nineteen grand children and one great grandchild besides a host of friends and other relatives.

In the midst of the calamity that has befallen us, it makes us feel that earth has no compensating good to mitigate the severity of our loss, but blessed God there is no grief without a beneficent Providence to soften its intensity. The memory of her good deeds lights up our darkened hearts and lends to the surroundings a beauty so sad, so sweet, that we would not if we could dispel the darkness that environs us.

Our Heavenly Father has given us a hope that we may yet meet with those on whom death has laid its withering hands, and hear again the voice of the dear one who shared our earthly joys and sorrows. H. S.

Oldest Bell in America.

A small bronze bell, now an ornament in the clerk of court's office in Barnstable county, Mass., is believed to be the oldest bell in America. It began life as a ship's bell, and was carried about the rock-bound coast of New England in a small sailing craft that in 1697 went ashore off Sandwich in a terrific gale. Afterwards it was hung in the village church to call the faithful to worship. Later the town grew so that the people could not hear the bell and it was hung in the Court House to call the jurors and judge to their duties. It stayed there 170 years and was then placed in the clerk's office where it remains today.

POLAND AND RUSSIA SIGN PEACE PACT

Armistice to Become Effective at Midnight, October the 18th

Riga, Oct. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—A preliminary peace treaty and armistice was signed by the Polish and Russian Soviet peace delegates here at 7:10 o'clock tonight.

The armistice actually becomes effective at midnight October 18, that is 144 hours from midnight tonight.

The announcement that peace was to be signed brought great crowds to the square surrounding the Blackhead House. M. Joffe and the Bolshevik delegation entered the hall first and were followed by M. Dombki and the Polish delegation. About two hundred persons including the entire diplomatic body, and prominent Lettish officials, crowded the small room, many of them standing.

The head of the Soviet delegation described the Riga peace as "a peace without victors and without vanquished" in a brief address before the signature of the treaty. That describes the Riga agreement accurately as it appeared to disinterested on-lookers. It was a peace of give and take, which those who have followed the course of events fear will not be very popular either with the Bolshevik or the Poles.

But it is undoubtedly a triumph for the two chairmen who made it, and the spirit of conciliation with which they have handled the explosive questions that disrupted the Minsk conference is likely to win for them the gratitude of a war-exhausted world.

The Riga armistice will put the Bolsheviks at peace with all their Baltic neighbors within 144 hours from midnight tonight and leave the Wrangel movement as the only great military operations against the Soviets.

Fair in Pleasant Grove

The annual Community Fair was held in Pleasant Grove township Friday, October 8th at the township public house. It was probably the best ever held there and certainly one of the very best fairs held in the county. The exhibits were very fine and numerous and the attendance was large. In the stock exhibits were mules and horses and cattle and hogs. The farm exhibits were better than usual. Corn and cotton making an important part of them. In the building were exhibits of cooking needlework, canned fruit, bacon and many other such things. A fine dinner was served after which the people were entertained by speaking by Messrs. C. J. Kirby, W. H. Hipps, Dr. Young, of Angier, Frank Dupree and Mr. Dixon a farm demonstrator. A large per cent of the people of the township helped in getting up the fair but special mention is due to Mr. Claude Stephenson, the president and Mr. R. F. Coats, the secretary and to Mr. G. Willis Lee.

Roxboro Wrought Up

Durham, Oct. 13.—The citizens of Roxboro, county seat of Person county, where Ed Roach, a negro, was lynched in front of a negro church by a masked mob some months ago, are wrought up to the hysterical point it was learned tonight as a result of a series of anonymous letters, the first of which was received by a citizen a few days after the lynching.

The letters, it was learned tonight, are typewritten missives warning certain negroes to leave Person county and in some instances threatening the lives and property of prominent citizens for their business or friendly relations with negroes.

Last week a letter signed "The Roxboro County Mob," warned Belle Fields, a negro, to leave the community or be "blown to bits." She did not go by the appointed time and her house was dynamited. She was not injured.—News and Observer.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to use this means of expressing our gratefulness to our many friend, doctors and pastor for the kindness, sympathy and services rendered us during the recent illness and death of our dear little boy, R. E. Jr. Also for the many beautiful flowers offered.
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Holt.

SUSPECTED OF GIN BURNING, ARRESTED

W. J. Hicks Charged With Warning Gins to Close—Released on Bond

News of the first arrest and the addition of another state to the list of those in which cotton gins have been ordered to discontinue operation feature reports on the activities of night riders in the cotton belt.

W. J. Hicks, who is said to have boasted that he was "head of fifty men who took orders" from him was arrested at Carrolton, Georgia, Wednesday, charged with posting notices warning gins to close, indicted and released in \$500 bail pending trial, according to reports from that place. It was added that Sheriff Garrett, of Carrol county had offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of persons posting gins in the county.

Reports received from Vian, Oklahoma, stated that a gin at that place had been warned to close. Four gins at that place continued operations with guards posted about them. The addition of Oklahoma brings to six the number of states reporting night riding activities. The others are Texas, Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

Three fires in which gins were involved were reported Wednesday, but in neither instance was there ground for suspecting incendiarism.

Two gins at Lavaca, Ark., are idle, their owners closing down after receiving threats that gins would be destroyed if they did not do so.—News and Observer.

Cox-Roosevelt Campaign Fund.

The Democratic National Committee needs funds to have printing done and to pay postage and to defray expenses of speakers who go from place to place in the interest of the Campaign. Below we print a list of the names of some men who are giving to this fund. Any gift made by a Democrat will be appreciated and the names will be printed in this column.

R. W. Brooks	5.00
Geo. C. White	5.00
W. D. Blackwell	5.00
E. S. Edmanson	5.00
Hugh M. Austin	2.00
J. P. Baker	1.50
C. C. Gillard	1.00
M. B. Strickland	2.50
W. L. Fuller	2.50
Hood Bros.	5.00
C. O. Pierce	5.00
L. E. Watson	2.50
C. H. Brown	1.00
J. D. Spiers	5.00
W. W. Jordan	5.00
E. W. Pou	55.00
J. M. Besty	25.00
Total	\$133.00

Tobacco Growers Meeting.

A meeting of the tobacco growers of Johnston county will be held in the Court House in Smithfield, on Monday, at 2:00 o'clock October 18th, for the purpose of perfecting the county and township organizations and laying plans for carrying the work of the North Carolina Tobacco Grower's Association to every tobacco grower in the county. The members of the County Executive Committee have been especially requested to be present and every tobacco grower in the county is urged to attend this meeting.

Many of the other counties of the tobacco growing belt of the State have already perfected their organization and similar organizations have been formed in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee, and it is up to us to take a stand along with the other tobacco farmers and perfect a business-like organization for the prevention of the recurrence of the present over-production and low price situation with which tobacco farmers everywhere are confronted this year.

S. J. KIRBY,
County Agent

E. W. Pou To Speak in Four Oaks
Congressman E. W. Pou will speak in the school house at Four Oaks Wednesday night, October 20th at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Pou will tell of the League of Nations and the Revaluation Act. Come and hear the truth.

BASKET BALL TEAM

Reorganized in Smithfield—Fast Team to Be Put Out—The Schedule

The old last year's Smithfield Athletic Association has reorganized. Every man, woman and even the little tots, know what S. A. A. stands for, from memories of the past fall and winter months, when that organization put forth one of the fastest basket ball quints in the state.

This season they intend to put out as good, nay even a better, faster team, and one that can win not a majority, but all of the games played.

The support which the people of Smithfield and vicinity gave the Association last year made possible the work which they did. They are asking again that the community give them the same support which it gave last year, and the association promises that they will be amply paid with a sport which is not only clean and wholesome but an uplift to any town or community.

The schedule will begin about the 28th of November. All boosters and backers of last year's Basket Ball team are asked to set their heads and tongues and pocket books to work, and the team guarantees to put fear of the Smithfield Athletic Association in the heart and mind of every team between the mountains and the coast.
SMITHFIELD ATHLETIC A.

Mr. Pou and Mr. Daniels at Selma

Yesterday at 3 o'clock was the time appointed for Hon. Josephus Daniels to speak at Selma. The business houses of the town were closed from three until five o'clock for the speaking. A speakers stand and a large number of seats had been arranged in the large Waddell grove. At 3:15 the speaking began and about thirty minutes were taken by Mr. Pou who discussed the revaluation of property and the prices of farm products and introducing Mr. Daniels. Mr. Daniels spoke about one and a quarter hours. He spoke on the suffrage question discussing at length the woman and the ballot and urged the women present to do their full duty in the matter of registering and voting. The remainder of his speech was devoted to the League of Nations. He gave a clear and convincing explanation of the league. The audience was large and enthusiastic. The afternoon there was well spent in the cause of Democracy.

Jenny Lind With P. T. Barnum

In connection with the Jenny Lind centennial last week, quite a number of interesting glimpses of the Swedish Nightingale have come to light. One which, perhaps the general public does not know, is the fact that P. T. Barnum, the "world's showman", brought Jenny Lind to the United States.

Barnum engaged the services of Jenny Lind without having either seen or listened to her. He had listened to her praises and sent his agent across the water to fetch the celebrated singer to this country. The agents instructions were that he was to offer her anything up a \$1000 a night for 150 nights, plus all her expenses. But so tremendous was her success here, that the agreement was changed to read that Lind should receive, besides the \$1000 per night already promised, one-half of the balance after Barnum had taken \$5500 per night for his own expenses and services. The first concert netted \$17,864.05 for tickets. The story of the prices paid for tickets to Lind's concerts is always interesting, because they were fabulous. The highest price paid for a ticket was that paid by a William Ross, of Providence and amounted to \$650.

Large Shipment of Gold.

New York, N. Y.—In addition to bringing 2776 passengers, the Cunard liner Aquitania, arriving here on Saturday from Southampton, via Cherbourg, carried the largest shipment of gold a single steamship has ever brought here. The value of the gold was estimated at \$18,500,000 in United States currency. Most of it goes to the Federal Reserve Bank toward the payment of Great Britain's share of the Anglo-French loan, due on October 15.—Christian Science Monitor.

GOLD BEEN FOUND IN NORTH CAROLINA

New York Corporation Has Purchased Howie Mine In Union County

The Waxhaw Mining Co., a corporation of New York and Baltimore capitalists, has purchased the old Howie gold mine, in Union county, according to the Greensboro news and plans to operate it again, are said to be well under way. The mine has been worked intermittently since 1850 sometimes with considerable profit, and is in good shape.

During the 80s it was bought by a New York millionaire named Bates, who moved to the neighborhood, with his family. He personally looked after the work and gold was taken out in paying quantities. But romance stepped in, and it was proved once more, that there are stronger interests in human life, than the love of money. Mr. Bates had an attractive daughter, and a young man in the vicinity fell in love with her. The tender passion must have been mutual, for in order to prevent a marriage, which he disapproved, Mr. Bates sold his mine, took his family and hurriedly moved back to his northern home. Since that time, the mine has had several owners finally being sold to the Kaxhaw Company, for fifty thousand dollars.

Efficiency Needed.

General W. W. Atterbury, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad in charge of operations, speaking before the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce said that during government control of the railroads and the six months' transition period the efficiency of employees had fallen to 75 per cent, measured by production per hour. He added, however, that there were still on the pay rolls thousands of old employees, who felt old-time pride and satisfaction in their work.

In the opinion of Gen. Atterbury, it is the tasks of the railroads to educate the young men, "who have never known the pleasure that comes from a job well done or the satisfaction that comes from loyalty," up to the standards retained by the veterans employees. They must be taught to give 100 per cent efficiency and to take pride in the giving of it. They must learn that they owe it to themselves as well as to their employes to work conscientiously and faithfully.

This was but one phase of a comprehensive discussion of the railroad situation by Gen. Atterbury, but it is the one that has been focusing general attention for some time. The demand from employers generally has not been so much for a reduction in wages as for an increase in efficiency. It is the almost unanimous report that production lags because of decreased efficiency and a lack of interest upon the part of workers.

Senator Harding, the Republican presidential candidate, has repeatedly said in his campaign addresses that he does not want to see wages reduced, but that he insists upon workmen giving 100 per cent efficiency in their employment. W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal reserve board, an economist of clear discernment has emphasized in his speeches and in the reports of the board that the most effective contribution toward reduction in the cost of living will come from increased production, which can only be achieved by efficient work.

Gen. Atterbury speaks with the voice of authority upon this subject. As the operating head of a great railroad system, a position reached through years of experience, he has learned the fundamental lessons of industry. They teach that only through loyal and efficient cooperation can success be attained, and only by success can high wages prevail. The rule holds good in every branch of industry. When the workers of this country come to recognize it generally and observe it in their various avocations, stability and success and prosperity will be permanently achieved.—Washington Post.

Presbyterian Church

Rev. D. M. McGeachy, of Oakland church, will preach in the Presbyterian church at Smithfield, Sunday night at 7:30.