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JOHN H. SMALL IS GUEST OF NORFOLK

Waterway Project Formally Opened Monday—Realize Part of Dream

Congressman John H. Small, the father of the inland waterway which runs through Eastern Virginia and North Carolina, was the guest of Norfolk Monday when the new canal there was formally opened. In his speech he gave a history of the waterway project. A dispatch to the News and Observer gives interesting facts concerning the waterway as follows:

"This canal is a part of the Norfolk-Beaufort inland waterway, which when completed, will furnish a minimum depth of twelve feet for the entire distance of two hundred miles between the two places.

"Already shipping drawing not over eight feet of water can traverse the entire distance to Beaufort through the Croatan and Pamlico sounds and with dredging now underway, a minimum depth of twelve feet will be secured within a few months, which will be used pending a completion of the inside route via a canal of twenty-two miles in length through Hyde county and several rivers and creeks connecting Albemarle and Pamlico sound.

The third link of the inside route, which has the advantage of being protected from coastal storms from Adams creek by canal to Core Creek and thence to Beaufort, was dredged to a depth of ten feet several years ago and is now being sunk to a depth of twelve feet.

One hundred years ago to the year the Dismal Swamp toll canal between Norfolk and Elizabeth City was opened and Mr. Myers referred to the fact that the new canal would put this out of business. George Washington, Patrick Henry and other distinguished men held stock in the company and it has been in use since. However, the new canal will put it out of business because of being toll free. The army engineers rejected it as a part of the inland waterways because of the necessity of locks to maintain the minimum depth of ten feet, while the new route is at sea level."

PRINCETON—BOON HILL

Princeton, Dec. 1.—Miss Margaret LeMay, of Smithfield has been spending a few days here with her aunt, Mrs. Ed A. Holt, on account of the continued illness of little Martitia.

Misses Rena and Elgie Woodard of Kenly have been visiting Miss Alberta Boyett the past few days.

Mr. Edgar Boyett from Wake Forest came home to spend Thanksgiving.

Miss Bettie Lee Sanders, of Smithfield spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Richardson of Kenly were visitors in town Friday a short while.

Robbers broke into Albert Pearce's barber shop Friday night. It is not known what they were after.

Mr. Clarence Whitley has gone to Durham where he has a position in his brother's store.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wellons, from Raleigh came down to spend the week end with their parents' Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wellons.

Mr. Council Warick is very sick with pneumonia, which followed a stroke of paralysis.

The many relatives of the family will be interested to know that the condition of little Martitia Holt seems some better today.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cox, of Bentonsville section were visitors in town Sunday and Monday.

The waters of Neuse river in this township if properly harnessed would produce about five thousand horsepower, enough to furnish all the cities and towns of Johnston county with electric lights.

The devil has a mighty high regard potted plants and cut flowers. Rook Hill township, and for those who praise his agents and say they are good men. Men who are on the devil's side of every question in life. Every booze drinker is a living monument that the devil is doing business in our midst, and who is a bigger Annanias than the man who says a drunkard is a good citizen in his community?

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR JOHNSTON CO.

Report for last Year Dealing With School Census, Property and Teachers

Sometime ago Supt. Hipps gave us the statistical report of the schools of Johnston county, but owing to a press of political matter to handle and shortage of help in the office, it has not been practicable to publish until now. The facts given in this article will be the basis of several articles, which Supt. Hipps will furnish us from time to time. The teachers of the county and others interested will do well to file this copy for future reference.

Johnston county is a great county. In point of size it is one of the largest in the state. In point of natural resources it ranks high. It is the leading farming county of the state. And this article proposes to set forth interesting information as to its schools. Some of the figures are gratifying; others may cause us to wish for improvement.

School Districts.

There were in Johnston county the past year 98 white school districts and 37 colored. Last year 96 white schools were taught and 36 colored, making a total of 132 schools. There was one white district in the county which had no school house, and 7 colored districts with no houses. One new district was formed during the year by consolidation, two districts being consolidated. If these schools, 23 white schools, had one teacher; 45 had two teachers; 14 had three teachers; 14 had four or more, and 14 had high school subjects taught. For the colored people, there were 29 one-teacher schools; three two-teacher schools; three three-teacher schools; 2 four-teacher schools, and one high school. There were 3 colored schools which had only the first four grades taught.

School Houses and Furniture

As the report above shows there was one less school house than there were districts, there being ninety-five houses for rural white schools and 28 for the colored. These houses have a total of 253 class rooms, 214 of them being in white schools. There is, now, not a log house in the county and only 48 houses with but one room. Two new teacherages and two new school buildings were put up during the year and one old one repaired, the total cost of building and repairs being \$11,600. The entire value of rural school property was given as \$139,787, the white school property being valued at \$130,787.

There were 78 houses furnished with patent desks. Forty-five had home made desks and two colored schools were furnished with benches. The total number of patent desks was 2,683 single and 1,648 double. There 67 home made single, 2,240 home made double, and 400 benches.

School Census.

In Johnston county the total school census, 6 to 21, was 16,534. Of this number, 13,258 were in the rural schools. The number of children 6 and 7 years old was 2,622, of that number 2,105 being white boys and girls. The years 8 to 13—the compulsory ages—included 4,573 children, 3,537 being white. There were 4,701 between the ages of 14 and 17, and the number of young people between 18 and 20 years totaled 1,362.

As to the cities of the county, figures were given for Clayton, Selma and Smithfield. Clayton had 963 children, 601 white and 362 colored; Selma had 1,152 children, 722 white and 410 colored; Smithfield had 1,161 children, 699 white and 462 colored.

However the school census is one thing and the enrollment is another. The total enrollment of children 6 to 21 was 12,323, leaving 4,191 children who for one cause or another were not enrolled. The average daily attendance was 10,000.

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TOBACCO FARMERS OF JOHNSTON MEET

Temporary Organization Is Formed—Officers and Co. Executive Com. Elected

On Wednesday morning, Mr. O. F. McCrary, of Washington, N. C. Organizer for North Carolina Tobacco Grower's Association, addressed a meeting in the court house which was attended by a good number of representative tobacco growers from the different townships in this county. The by-laws and constitution of the State Association and those proposed for the county and township organization were discussed and unanimously approved after which a temporary county organization was formed. The following officers were elected.

President, J. W. Stephenson, Smithfield, N. C.

Vice-president, J. Prim Parker, Smithfield, N. C.

Secretary—Treasurer, S. J. Kirby, Smithfield, N. C.

The meeting also elected a temporary County Executive Committee composed of the following:

J. W. Barnes, Wilders.
W. N. Barden, Micro.
J. E. Corbett, Selma.
J. H. B. Tomlinson, Smithfield.
A. M. Johnson, Cleveland.

The men present went on record as favoring the complete organization of every township in the county after which a permanent County Organization is to be perfected. The Association plans for the township to employ a man to make a house to house canvass and to get every tobacco grower in each township of the county to sign the pledge for a systematic reduction of the acreage devoted to tobacco next year. It is generally admitted that there will be a material reduction in tobacco acreage for next year's crop, but it will be a far more business like arrangement to get a complete record of the 1919 and 1920 crops and let the buyers and speculators know just exactly what we propose to do in the matter of producing tobacco in the future.

According to Mr. McCrary a number of the counties are signing up from 75 to 90 per cent of the tobacco growers, the landlords signing for their tenants. No difficulty is anticipated in this section from the failure of our farmers to stand solidly by their brother farmers in this crisis. The association proposes to publish a list of the names of all farmers who do sign and who do not sign the pledge and stand by it. In going into this organization the farmers should bear in mind that it is not a little one-horse affair which they are now organizing, but that all of the counties in the fluecured tobacco belt of this State are organizing into what is known as the North Carolina Tobacco Grower's Association which is already federated in with the State Organizations of South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. The Association will be an active live working organization and will be able to supply its members with accurate authoritative information regarding the amount of tobacco that the market will demand at a cost plus a reasonable profit basis. There never was a time in the history of your county when the farmers needed more to stand together. Explain it as you will, but with a businesslike organization of the farmers of this county at the present time could do a great deal toward lightening their own burdens. We are at the mercy of everybody else and in many instances are working against our own interest. A meeting is being called for each township in the county and published elsewhere in this paper. You are urged to be present at your township meeting.

Very sincerely yours,
S. J. KIRBY,
Secretary and Treasurer of Johnston County Tobacco Grower's Assoc.

Card of Thanks

We the undersigned wish to thank our relatives and friends for the many deeds of kindness and words of consolation in the dark and distressing hours of the sad accident and death of our dear son, Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Woodall and family.

NEWS ITEMS FROM CITY OF BENSON

Carson Woodall Accidentally Killed—John Jones Dead—Aged 90 Years

Benson, Dec. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hall, and son Edgar spent Friday and Saturday in Raleigh visiting friends.

Mrs. J. R. McLamb has been spending sometime with relatives in Newton Grove.

Miss Mozelle Stallings of Selma spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rose.

Miss Blanche Martin who attends school in Cary spent Thanksgiving at home with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Wheeler.

Mr. Thurman Rose went to his home near here for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Godwin were in Raleigh Saturday.

Mr. Dallas Langdon went to Raleigh Monday for treatment.

Miss Dorothy Finch, of Oxford, visited her sister, Miss Velma Finch the past week-end.

Mr. D. R. Barbour made a business trip to Raleigh Saturday.

Mr. G. L. Barbour of Hope Mills, spent Monday and Tuesday in Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Roberts, attended the foot-ball game at Raleigh last Thursday.

Master Walter Debnam, of Selma, spent the week-end here with Dr. and Mrs. Oliver.

Miss Minnie Love Stephens spent Thanksgiving at her home in Oriental.

Miss Carrie Yelverton spent a few days this week with her parents in Stantonsburg.

Rev. A. T. Lassiter is conducting a meeting this week at Buies Creek.

Misses Olga Long and Laura Matthews spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Angier.

The seven-year-old child of Mr. Arthur Barbour who lives in Elevation township suffered severe burns when her clothing caught fire from an open fireplace several days ago.

Carson Woodall, the 18 year old son of Mr. Willie Woodall who lives near Benson accidentally killed himself Thursday afternoon while out hunting. While attempting to cross a fence the hammer of his gun struck a rail, discharging the gun, the entire load taking effect in the side of his face, inflicting a wound from which he died a few hours later. He was buried Friday afternoon in the family burying ground, his pastor, Elder Exus Lee conducted the funeral services.

The Victor Band Concert given in the school auditorium Saturday night was a strictly high class entertainment. Owing to the extremely bad weather only a small crowd was in attendance however.

A program will be given at chapel exercises in the school next Monday morning by the members of the safety league, of which Kenneth Cavenaugh is president, and patrons are expected to be present.

The sale of Christmas seals for the Red Cross work is progressing rapidly and the committee of the community association who have this in hand expect to sell the entire number they have on hand before Christmas.

Master William Boone entertained a number of his friends on the evening of November the 29th, the occasion being his 12th birthday.

Mr. John Jones who was about 90 years old died at his home in Elevation township Friday, after having been in feeble health for several weeks. He was perhaps the oldest man in that community at the time of his death. His long life had been a useful one. He leaves a widow and several small children. He was buried Saturday afternoon at Rehobeth church near his home.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Methodist church met Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. D. Boone. Devotional exercises were conducted by the president, Mrs. Boone. After the minutes and roll call, reports were heard from the superintendents of the different departments which were in the main satisfactory.

The next meeting of the B.Y.P.U. will be under the leadership of Miss Sybil Goodrich, who has arranged an attractive program for it. The subject being "The Name of Jesus." Those who will take part in the program are Mr. Decker Creech, Miss

WOODROW WILSON PERSONAL MEDIATOR

President to Help in Ending Armenian Trouble—Can Offer No Aid Now

President Wilson has preferred his "personal mediation through a representative" to end hostilities in Armenia.

Sometime ago, the League of Nations at Geneva, adopted a resolution in behalf of Armenia, requesting that the horrors of Armenia be brought to the attention of the powers with a view to entrusting to some power the task of stopping those hostilities. The United States was included among those powers though not a member of the League. Paul Hymans, president of the League, invited President Wilson to act as Mediator, which invitation he has accepted. Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, may be the representative through whom the president may act.

An Associated Press dispatch gives the text of the president's letter an extract from which we publish below:

"I am without authorization to offer or employ the military forces of the United States in any project for the relief of Armenia, and any material contribution would require the authorization of the Congress, which is not now in session and whose action I could not forecast. I am willing, however, upon assurances of the moral and diplomatic support of the principal powers and in a spirit of sympathetic response to the request to the council of the League of Nations, to use my good offices, and to proffer my personal mediation to a representative whom I may designate, to end the hostilities that are now being waged against the Armenian people and to bring peace and accord to the contending parties, relying upon the council of the League of Nations to suggest to me the avenues through which my proffer should be conveyed and the parties to whom it should be addressed.

(Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

Cotton Mills Reduce Wages

Effective Monday, November 29, a 25 per cent reduction of wages was made at The Raleigh Cotton Mills, according to N. E. Edgerton, president of the Company.

Mr. Edgerton stated that the reduction in wages and cut of men in 1914 was bad but that conditions now are worse than he has ever seen them. In 1914, the official said, there was a market but today there is none.

"Ninety per cent of the concern's products manufactured in the last three months remain unsold," said the president, "and I assign as the cause of this high life and automobiles."

The operatives, according to Mr. Edgerton, haven't been visibly rebellious over the reduction. Ten or more however, have stooped to seek employment elsewhere because of inability to support their families on the wages received since the reduction of last Monday.

It is understood that The Caraleigh Mills, of Raleigh, and also mills at Neuse river and Wake Forest have made a 25 per cent cut in wages.—News and Observer.

Cotton Ginned in Johnston

According to the gin report of D. J. Yelvington, reporter for Johnston county, there have been 31,938 bales of cotton ginned in this county prior to November 14, 1920, as compared with 34,354 bales ginned to November 14, 1919.

Laura Matthews, Mr. Kenneth Cavenaugh, Mrs. C. C. Canaday, Miss Dora Barbour and Mr. Hubert Barbour.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Johnson Tuesday evening. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Billy Denning, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. W. D. Boone. After the roll call and minutes the main topic for discussion was an oyster roast to be given by the Society Friday night of this week. Committees for which were appointed. At that time the articles which have been made for the Christmas Bazaar will be on sale. Plans for a Bazaar having been abandoned on account of the present financial conditions.

GENERAL AND STATE NEWS PARAGRAPHS

Items of Interest Gathered And Condensed From Daily Newspapers

The Salvation Army is doing work in 63 countries now, according to a statement made by General Bramwell Booth, world leader of the Salvation Army. They have a quota of 18,000 officers alone.

Ice broke in the Missouri River at Bismark, N. D., Sunday and caused some damage. The stream rose 5 feet 8 inches in one hour.

Erwin A. Holt, wealthy cotton mill owner, has given \$5,000 to the special endowment fund of St. Mary's school at Raleigh.

Governor Bickett has gone to Harrisburg, Pa., to attend the Annual Governor's Conference this week. Tomorrow he goes to Philadelphia where he will be honor guest of the North Carolina society. He will make the principal address his subject being "Ho, For Carolina."

The educational commission of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, met in Memphis, Tenn., this week to plan for the promotion of a campaign for religious education to be undertaken for the church.

President-elect Harding, on his way from the Canal Zone, stopped at Kingston, Jamaica. The island accorded him a hearty welcome, he receiving an ovation wherever he went.

Engineer C. W. Baker, of Spences, was badly scalded Tuesday afternoon when a plug blew out of the boiler of his engine. His fireman escaped by jumping.

The freedom of the city of Edinburgh, Scotland, was conferred Monday upon Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, who is a native of that city.

The eight months old child of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Coltrane in Rocky Mount, was fatally scalded when a pot of boiling coffee was accidentally overturned.

Persons to the number of 673 have been killed or wounded in Ireland up to November 27 of the present year by anti-government elements. Another statement says the arrests there average over 100 weekly.

A woman will be deputy sheriff of Buncombe county, when the newly elected officers assume their duties on December 6. Mrs. O. R. Keitch, widow with five small children, will be given the position.

Two black bears were recently captured in Swain county about thirty miles of Asheville. Those two made 19 that "Old Bony", the champion bear hound of the mountains, has killed during the past four years.

The Sprunt Memorial Presbyterian church erected at Chapel Hill by Dr. James Sprunt, of Wilmington, as a memorial to his wife, was dedicated Sunday.

LEFT 40 WIVES AND KINGDOM.

Robert McClain Saved Life of Sultan of Liang-Liang and is Made His Heir—He is Not Willing to Give Up Present Helpmate for Harem.

Franklin, Mass., Nov. 23.—Due to the fact that he is already supplied with one wife who is quite satisfactory, Robert A. McClain, formerly of San Francisco, Marine "Devil Dog" and soldier of fortune, will not be able to accept the forty dusky wives willed to him by the Sultan of Liang-Liang, who was ruler of an empire located on an island in the South Seas.

McClain once saved the life of the Sultan and was formally adopted as a son by the ruler. Now the Sultan is dead and he has left his empire, consisting of the island, valuable pearl fisheries and 1,500 subjects, including forty wives, to McClain. He has been informally notified of the award and has written the war department for further particulars and verification of the report. The island is located at the extreme end of the Philippines, and it was in 1909 that McClain, then a marine, was ordered to the island to quell an uprising, which he did, saving the life of the Sultan thereby.

If the unofficial report that he has been made sole heir is borne out, he will disband the harem and probably turn the island over to the United States government.—Statesville Landmark.