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FARMERS UNION SEEKS REDRESS

**A meeting Called in Raleigh
To Present Grievances
To Legislature**

The following letter has been sent us for publication by the secretary of the Johnston County Farmers' Union. It is addressed to the local officers and members of the Farmers Union and is a message from the North Carolina Division of the Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union of America:

"Committee on finance of the General Assembly now in session at Raleigh, N. C., on today agreed to hear complaints and suggestions of remedy with regard to revaluation injustices and inequality of taxes, on Tuesday, February 8th, at three o'clock in Raleigh. The hearing will be in the Senate or House chamber of the State Capitol. This offers the only opportunity our people will have to protest directly to the General Assembly against the injustices and inequality of the revaluation. It is, therefore, earnestly desired that every local Farmers Union shall be represented by one or more delegates. This is our opportunity to present our grievances to the one body that has immediate power to redress them. If your Union or County shall not be represented the fact will be construed to mean that your people are indifferent to this subject.

"We expect to have a meeting preliminary to this hearing in Raleigh some time Tuesday morning. We have not yet engaged a meeting house or auditorium, but please notify all who are coming to see me or Mr. Bagwell as soon as they arrive in Raleigh; one or the other of us will be at the Yarrowburg Hotel, and will be glad to see all who come.

"I need not urge the great importance of this matter upon you as I am sure you realize it.

"Respectfully,
"R. W. H. STONE, President.
"W. L. BAGWELL, Sec.-T."

In answer to the foregoing letter let every farmer who protests against the high assessments or Real property meet in Raleigh on the 8th of February and go with the Farmers Union before that committee.

We want at least one delegate from every local Union in Johnston county. (All farmers are invited.)

A. J. FITZGERALD,
Sec. Johnston Co. Farmers Union.

POPULAR SPRINGS NEWS

Popular Springs, Feb. 5.—School was suspended two days last week on account of the snow.

Several people from this place attended the B. Y. P. U. at Thanksgiving Sunday night.

A number of young people of this community enjoyed a party last Tuesday night given by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Price.

Mr. G. R. Whitley made a business trip to Wendell Friday.

Misses Ila May and Alger Murphy had as their guests last Friday night, Messrs Dallis and Ernest Price.

A crowd of young people called at Mr. L. A. Ellen's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. John Oneil called on his best girl last Sunday afternoon.

A crowd of young people enjoyed a hay ride last Friday evening from Mr. L. A. Ellen's to Mr. J. I. Murphy. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Brannan have moved from Popular Springs to Thanksgiving.

Messrs Eugene Oneil and Lester Brannan, Misses Robelia Whitley and Nellie Wood were car riding Sunday afternoon.

Messrs Ernest Price, Robert Jeffreys and Misses Nedgie Ellen and Recie Hammons were out walking Sunday evening.

"A PEACH I BET"

CORINTH SCHOOL NEWS

The school is progressing nicely. Everybody seems to be interested.

We are planning to vote a special tax to enlarge and reinforce the school.

About \$45 was realized from the box party Saturday night, January 29th. We thank all for their generosity. C. B. THOMAS, Teacher.

scription before your time expires. Watch your label! Renew your sub-

MR. ROBERTS TO SPEAK HERE.

Albert E. Roberts of New York Will Address the County Y. M. C. Convention Here Feb. 11th.

Mr. Roberts has been identified with the County work movement since its early beginning. From 1904 until 1908 he was the State County Secretary of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Since January 1st, 1908 he has been connected with the County Work Department of the International Committee and since March 1st, 1910, has been the Senior Secretary of the County Work Department of the International Committee. Under his administration, the work has developed remarkably and from a few organized counties, has grown to 216 in the United States and Canada, with County Work operating in 40 states and provinces, with 265 men giving their time to the promotion and supervision of the County work.

He has been actively identified for several years with various county life organizations and movements. He is a member of the Country Church Commission of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. He was a member of the American Commission for the Study of Agricultural Co-operation in Europe, which as you may recall, was headed up by Senator Fletcher, of Florida. During the war Mr. Roberts made a special trip to Europe in connection with the Y. M. C. A. Work in the A. E. F. and visited various regions where he came in contact with all phases of Association work.

He has been intimately acquainted and fellowshiped with such men as Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey, formerly Dean of the College of Agriculture at Cornell, N. Y. and President of the Country Life Commission. He is also intimately acquainted with other leaders of the Country Life Movement. He has also spoken from the same platform as the late Ex-president Roosevelt and many other men of national world-wide reputation.

Mr. Roberts has a marked ability not only as an administrator and executor but possesses unusual ability as a public speaker. He has spoken to many thousands of men and boys and in nearly every state of the union. There is no other member of the International staff that is more sought after for addresses at State Conventions, State Boys' Conferences and other Association gatherings than he. He recently spoke for the annual State Boys' Conference at Vermont for the fifth time. This conference is attended by 500 or 600 boys from all over the State and at their last conference 132 boys made decisions for the Christian life and 179 took forward steps.

Mr. Roberts has a strong personality and wins men and boys not only to himself but to the Kingdom. He issues a strong challenge to men for service and never neglects to impress upon the audience the necessity of right kind of leadership being produced from the county districts.

Vocal Union

The lower Johnston Vocal Union met in session at Johnston Union Free-will Baptist church on January 30, with J. B. Beasley, president, and Lehman D. Underwood, secretary.

In the opening service two songs were sung in unison, and the scripture lesson was read by the president. The welcome address was delivered by Rev. H. R. Faircloth. Then followed two songs by Johnston Union choir, after which the dinner hour came.

After dinner two more songs were rendered by Johnston Union after which A. V. Woodall, of Powhatan, made a speech on "Vocal Music." The Powhatan choir then sang two songs which were followed by two by the Johnston Union. The rest of the afternoon was spent in singing the two choirs present alternating in the programme. The service closed with a prayer by Mr. Harvey Barnes.

The next Vocal union will be held the fifth Sunday in May with T's Chapel Free-will Baptist church.

Biggest Ice Plant In The U. S.

On his recent visit to Florida, Mr. Ed. S. Abell visited the biggest ice plant in the United States. It covers two acres and turns out one hundred and four thousand tons of ice per day. It is at Sanford, Florida.

MRS. VANDERBILT MAKES AN ADDRESS

**President State Fair Association Appears Before
State Assembly**

Raleigh wanted much more to hear Mrs. Geo. W. Vanderbilt than it has desired to hear any recent gubernatorial messages to the General Assembly, or the utterances of sundry other dignitaries who have addressed that distinguished body of lawmakers in recent times, if the size of the crowd that packed the galleries and the lobbies of the Hall of Representatives yesterday is any index.

And having heard her, both Raleigh and the General Assembly were more profoundly pleased than any recent messages of Governors or addresses of dignitaries have pleased them, if sure of appreciation.

General Carr arose to make the presentation. The audience heard him with abstraction, devoting most of its attention to a scrutiny of Mrs. Vanderbilt. Back of it may have been something of curiosity but that interest was lost in the sheer admiration which she commanded. Beautiful to see and with her natural charms enhanced by a consummate simplicity and grace, she thronged lost itself unrestrainedly.

"This is a day when women have come into their own," Mrs. Vanderbilt said.

"And each one of us must shoulder her responsibilities along with the men, and try to fulfill her duty to her community, State and country at the same time remembering her obligations to her home, and following the high-minded examples of the men who founded our government and are responsible for its success and the success of its institutions. So, gentlemen, I at once assume a responsibility in thanking you in the name of my fellow-sisters for what you have done for in conferring this distinction upon me, you have included them.—News and Observer.

Mrs. Vanderbilt spoke of her interest in North Carolina and how she wished to see the state progress along all lines. She referred to Governor Morison and his "splendid and far-reaching program for road construction." She heartily endorsed his plan. Along with the road program, she wished to see a higher standard of agricultural production and a higher plane of rural life. She pledged the State Fair Association to do its part in the development of the state along those lines.

Mrs. D. H. Creech Hostess

The Literary Department of the Woman's club held a most delightful meeting last evening with Mrs. D. H. Creech. The home was bright and attractive with pink and white carnations and ferns. When all had arrived, the chairman, Mrs. H. W. Bacon, called the meeting to order and the program began.

The topic for the evening was "The Theory of Democracy. Ideals of the French Revolution." The first paper was entitled "The Rights of Man" and was read by Mrs. L. G. Patterson. This was followed by a paper on "Liberty and Order" by Mrs. W. H. Allsbrooks. The third paper, "The Poetry of Freedom," was read by Mrs. F. H. Brooks.

After this most interesting program was rendered, the hostess served delicious cherry and orange mousse with pink and white cakes.

Austin-Stephenson Co. Moves

The Austin-Stephenson Co., moved into its handsome new building on Third street last Tuesday. This structure is an ornament and credit to Smithfield, and we venture to say that there are very few towns in the United States the size of Smithfield, which contain a building as large and complete in every respect. It is by all odds, the finest building in the county, of any character, and traveling men say that it contains more floor space than any other retail store in North Carolina. The HERALD extends its congratulations to the firm, upon the completion of this monument to its business success, and wishes for it a continuance of the same good fortune, which has attended it in the years gone by.

FOURTH DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY

**Comprises Five Counties—
Will Meet Here Tuesday
—Dr. Grady Pres.**

Next Tuesday February 8, the Fourth District Medical Society which comprises the counties of Johnston, Wayne, Wilson, Edgecomb and Northampton, will hold its annual meeting in this city. The members of the local medical fraternity are expecting at least thirty-five or forty doctors to be their guests, and are planning an enjoyable entertainment while in our city. A supper will feature the programme which will be served by that most efficient organization—the Woman's club at their rooms on Second street.

The meeting will be presided over by one of our own Johnston county physicians, Dr. J. C. Grady, of Kenly, who is president. Dr. C. A. Woodard, of Wilson, is secretary-treasurer.

Smithfield welcomes this body of professional men to our town and it is hoped that they will enjoy every minute while in our midst.

KENLY NEWS

Kenly, Feb. 2.—Miss Bertha Edgerton who has charge of the music department in the Nahutta High school spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edgerton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Grizzard have recently returned from a visit to relatives at Jarrett, Va.

Mrs. J. H. Alford spent Monday with relatives in Wilson.

Mrs. A. G. Underwood from Roseboro is expected to arrive today to be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Turlington a few days.

Mrs. J. T. Adams, of Linden, Mrs. H. M. Hamilton, of Raleigh and Mrs. J. W. Fitzgerald of Micro, were called to the bedside of their sister, Mrs. R. A. Hales last week on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Hales.

Mr. J. H. Kirby, Jr., left recently for Kinston where he has accepted a position.

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Turlington attended the birth-day dinner of their uncle, Mr. D. W. Cobb, in Goldsboro Sunday. Quite an elaborate dinner was served and most sumptuously enjoyed by a few near relatives.

Mr. Eddie Flowers is confined to his bed suffering from a broken rib resulting from a fall which he received while out hunting last week.

The electric light and telephone service has been put out of order for the past few days as the result of sleet. Several wires and poles being torn down. Service is partly again resumed now. The streets looked almost like a new ground as the trees were badly broken up. The Kenly people felt as tho they were living through the dark ages of the past.

A large funeral procession passed through Kenly last week accompanying the remains of Mr. Jim Rowe who died of acute indigestion in Rocky Mount. The remains were laid to rest in the family burying grounds near here. Mr. Rowe was the son of Mrs. Emily Rowe, of the Raines X Roads section. He had been in service for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. in Rocky Mount for several years.

It Looks Like Two Ice Plants

In our last issue we published the fact that an ice plant for Smithfield was an assured fact. It now seems that it is doubly sure, for information comes that a firm in the neighboring town of Selma proposes also to put up a ice plant here also.

About an year ago the Wood Grocery company, of Selma, decided to build an ice plant in Smithfield to manufacture ice. Because of the high prices of labor and building material then prevailing they waited about starting the work. Some time ago they bought the machinery, and an engine for the plant.

The location has been selected and the management for the place has been definitely settled. They will build and install the plant themselves without asking that a stock company be formed. They will carry around ice daily for general delivery for local consumption. This company has been in business in Johnston county for a long while and are known to be reliable.

REVISION OF REVALUATION

Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh Writes The HERALD a Letter on The Revaluation Act.

The Legislature now in session should by all means arrange for an extensive and a complete revision of revaluation. In fact the work is to be done over again so far as real estate is concerned. The job would not be so hard nor would it take so long as the revision committee would have the revaluation list to work from. In big counties like Johnston we do not think the county commissioners would have time to do all the revision work by themselves. We think the work would have to be done mainly by townships and county appraisers. Men who could give the time should be selected for the work. The County Commissioners could have the oversight of this revision work and do it by using the township and county appraisers. Below we publish a part of a letter which we have received from Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh:

"I have been reading the editorials in The HERALD on revaluation. It is not right to put the burdens upon land owners of filing petitions to have valuations reduced. It means hardship, lawyers' fees, loss of time and trouble. The General Assembly ought either to order a new appraisal by the county boards of commissioners or to order a horizontal cut of fifty per cent."

T. G. S. NEWS

Tuesday night the Juniors met the Selma Juniors in a game of basketball and completely vanquished them by a score of 28 to 2. The team work and goal shooting of the local team was far superior to that of the visitors. Selma was able to make only one goal while every one of the six Smithfield boys scored, altho one goal by Frank Skinner did not count because of a technical foul. The local scores were made by Stephenson C. rf 6; LeMay lf 6; Honeycutt lf 4; Wharton, D. c 2; Brown lg 10.

The Hi-Y club was in charge of the chapel exercises at school Wednesday. First the regular Hi-Y club program was presented. Next Hugh Ragsdale proved to be the "possessor of the brain of those present. Mr. Ransom put a dime on Hugh's forehead and as Hugh still felt the impression of it he thought it was still there and all his efforts to dislodge it were in vain, which proved very humorous to the pupils. Then a race was won by Bill Fuller who was able to stow away seven feet of string faster than Margaret LeMay or Ara Hooks. After this Thad Young, Irving Gillette, and Roy Johnson were given a bottle of milk each, which three young ladies, Jean Abell, Annette Lawrence and Ava Wellons fed to them. The drinkers were not to use their hands so Thad pulled out the nipple of his bottle and finished his milk in record time. An interesting pillow fight was then engaged in between James Davis and Donnell Wharton. The school voted that James was the winner and so he, while still blindfolded, was given the shock of his life with a small electric "shocker". Others were invited to try these shocks but very few would do so as the exclamation of horror from James proved most terrible.

The Senior quint went to Raleigh Wednesday night and won their second game of basketball from the Orphanage there. The Orphanage apparently had the game securely tucked away at the end of the first half when they led 12 to 7. The last period was a different scene however. While the Smithfield boys lacked supporters and their opponents had the gallery filled, their two lone "rooters" must have helped some for with defeat before them they settled down to real work, tying the score, then slipping back and then running it up again and winning 22 to 20.

The line-up for the two teams was: Methodist O. S. H. S. McCready 8, rf Ellington 6. King 2, lf Caudill. Chappill 10, c Stephenson 8. Haddock rg Davis 4. Kerman lg Wharton 2. Substitutions for Methodist Orphanage: Haddock for McCready, Jonnie for Haddock; for Smithfield Highs, Godwin (2) for Caudill.

The Orphanage had the misfortune to lose the services of one of the forwards, McCready who turned his ankle about six minutes before the close of play.

COTTON WAREHOUSE READY FOR BUSINESS

**Capacity Is 5000 or More
Bales; E. F. Crump, Mgr.
—Office on Grounds**

The Johnston County Cotton Storage warehouse, which has been under construction for sometime, is now finished and ready for business, arrangements having been completed this week for giving receipts to the farmers who store their cotton. It is a state and national bonded warehouse and has the backing of a strong stock company composed of Johnston County business men and farmers.

The president of this organization is Mr. J. W. Stephenson and the secretary treasurer is Mr. R. P. Holding. Mr. E. F. Crump, who was cotton weigher here for a number of years, is the manager and will have his office at the warehouse.

The building is located near the lumber mill. It is 50x140 and is arranged in five sections, each section having a capacity of 1000 bales. In an emergency 1500 bales can be taken care of in a section. J. E. Beaman, of Raleigh was the contractor and the building which cost around \$110,000, is said to be one of the most up-to-date in the state. Its construction is fire-proof.

Some cotton has already been stored in the warehouse and Mr. Crump is now ready to receive any other that the farmers have on hand and wish to store.

Chinese In Dire Circumstances

More than 14,284,000 persons in the famine districts of northern China are totally dependent on outside relief, according to figures just reported to the American Committee for China Famine Fund by the North China International Society for Famine Relief, after a two months painstaking investigation of the five provinces affected.

This investigation was commenced September 15 and completed November 15. It has been placed at the disposal of all relief organizations operating in the famine area, and is serving as the statistical basis for practically all relief work.

The report apportions the famine distress to the various provinces, as follows: Chihli, 8,076,500; Shantung, 3,106,000; Honan, 2,508,500; Shansi, 451,000; Shensi, 106,000. This takes account of the totally destitute cases only, the people who must be fed by relief societies if they are to live till the next harvest, and does not touch the general suffering which exists throughout these provinces.

The North China International Relief Society has undertaken the task of operating fourteen relief centers, caring for twenty-two counties in Chihli province, at a cost of some \$300,000. This is the limit of their financial abilities. The society stresses the fact that while missionaries are handling a large part of the relief work, there will be no religious distinction whatever in the giving of relief, absolute need being the only criterion.—American Commission for China Famine Fund.

Hi-Y To Aid Sufferers

The Senior Hi-Y club of this city is planning a "Beef Stew for Invisible Guests." This is a plan which worked successfully in New York City recently to obtain donations for sufferers in the Near East. The idea is to serve a supper, the menu of which is the same as that served daily to those in the famine stricken countries who are getting relief. One dollar is charged for a plate, and since the supper costs only a small part of that amount, the balance goes for those in need.

The local Hi-Ys will have their supper in the Opera House on Monday night. A special program of short speeches and music both vocal and instrumental is being arranged. Judge Brooks, County Chairman of the Near East Relief, will be one of the speakers. Everybody is invited to participate by buying a plate and thus give aid to people in the direst need.

Box Party at Selma

On Thursday evening, February 10, at 7:30 o'clock there will be a box party at the Temple Hall at Selma. Everybody is cordially invited.