

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE LIVE TOWN OF SELMA.

Annual Meeting of Selma Associated Charities; Miss Allen Entertains in Honor of Guest

Selma, Feb. 2.—Last week Selma was visited by a severe snow storm much to the delight of the kiddies. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the schools were closed on Thursday and Friday. The heavy ice caused a number of telephone poles to fall, leaving Selma to return to ancient history and candles. However our lights are on again, the snow is about gone and we'll soon be having good old North Carolina Spring time once more.

Miss Mary Belle Hayes of Elm City was the week-end guest of Miss Ida Mae Allen.

Mr. Craven Page, of Greensboro, spent several days in town last week.

Miss Ruth Clark, of Rocky Mount is the guest of Miss Bertha Riley.

Miss Elizabeth Allen spent last week-end with Miss Naomi Ruth Churchwell in Kinston.

A great deal of interest is felt in the community over the announcement of the engagement of Mr. Frank Oliver Ray, solicitor of the county to Miss Elinor Edmundson, of Goldsboro. The wedding will take place in April.

The annual meeting of the Selma Associated Charities was held several nights ago in the Baptist church for the re-election of officers and membership campaign. Mr. W. H. Call was elected president and Mrs. Robt. Etheridge secretary. About \$52 was turned in for work in the community.

Miss Ida Mae Allen entertained a few friends at Bridge Saturday evening in honor of Miss Grace Lucas of Lucama. At the close of the evening a delightful salad course was served. Those enjoying Miss Allen's charming hospitality were: Misses Grace Lucas of Lucama; Annie Belle Warren, Vivian McNeil, Louie Della Pittman, Katherine Redwine, Gertrude Cook, Bertha Riley, Messrs R. C. Raymond, C. P. Harper, John Jeffries, George Lattimore, of Selma; and Messrs R. P. Holding, St. Julien C. Springs, and Paul Whitehead, of Smithfield.

To the Men of America

You talk of your breed of cattle,
And plan for a higher strain;
You double the food of the pasture,
And heap up the measure of grain;
You draw on the wits of the nation,
To better the barn and the pen,
But what are you doing, my brother,
To better the breed of men?

You boast of your Morgans and Herefords,
Of the worth of a calf or colt,
And scoff at the scrub and the mongrel,
As worthy a fool or a dolt;
You mention the points of your roadster,
With many a "wherefore" and "when,"
But ah! are you counting, my brother,
The worth of the children of men?

And what of your boy? Have you measured
His needs for a growing year?
Does your mark as his sire, in his features,
Mean as much as your brand on a steer?
Thoroughbred—that is your watchword
For stable and pasture and pen,
But what is your word for the homestead?
Answer, ye breeders of men!
—Rose Trumball,
Scottsdale, Arizona.

Gasoline-Silk Folly

A woman and her home were burned up the other day in Springfield, Mass., through ignorance of the quite commonly known little old pair of facts that gasoline left open will quickly fill a closed room with a gas sometimes more dangerous than gunpowder and that rubbing silk may produce a spark. The woman left a silk waist soaking in gasoline in a bowl in a bathroom to clean it. After a time she went back and began rubbing the silk between her hands, producing a spark which ignited the gasoline fumes and blew up the place. Had she only known—Conservatism.

Wilson to Call Session

President Wilson is expected to issue soon a call for a special session of the new senate for March 4, to act on Mr. Harding's nominations of cabinet and other important officers. President-elect Harding asked the president to call the session. It will probably be of short duration. After the inauguration, a session of the full Congress for early spring will be called.

Landlords and Tenants

We are receiving letters from renters who have entered into leases to pay cash rent this year, and in some cases next year as well, on the basis of the high prices for grains and live stock which prevailed last summer. Looking ahead, they can see that if prices for grain and live stock remain as low as they are now or advance but little, they are not going to be able to raise enough stuff this year to pay the rent, and they are trying to decide what to do.

As one of them puts it in a recent letter: "Since prices have taken such a drop, I find it very hard to make ends meet. What I would like to know is whether it would be proper for me to go to my landlord and try to get a reduction in rent, or whether I should stick to it and go ahead as if prices were still high. I don't want to be classed as a howler, but it is pretty hard to pay high rent and raise a family at these prices.

Wallaces' Farmer does not advocate for a moment any reckless breaking of agreements or contracts entered into; but we can see no possible objection to tenants who have committed themselves to a high rent going to their landlords and asking for a rent it is pretty hard to pay big rent rental.

There is every reason why the land owner should bear his fair share of this drop in prices of farm products. Many tenants who have been thrifty and have saved money can probably carry out any contracts into which they may have entered by drawing on their savings to make good the losses on the rent. In such cases the landlord will be able to exact his full pound of flesh. But it is not to the advantage of the landlord to do anything of this kind; nor is it to the advantage of the community. There is such a thing as driving too sharp a bargain, even tho it can be made to stick. We had this illustrated during the war, and the readjustment of existing contracts was quite general.

We can give a personal illustration: We had a contract to buy print paper at a certain price. When the year was about half over, the representatives of the paper mill came to us and said that the cost of manufacturing paper had increased so much that the mill simply would not be able to furnish paper to us at the price at which it had contracted to furnish it. The result, was that we voluntarily increased the price, not because we were under any legal obligation to do so, but because the mill had to have a larger price in order to keep going. This sort of thing was done not only by large numbers of publishers, but by large numbers of men in all kinds of business.

In the case of land leases on a cash basis which call for a rent altogether out of line with present prices of farm products, the landlord and tenant should get together and readjust these leases, preferably on a share basis. The officers of the Farm Bureaus in the various counties might render a good service by appointing a committee of level-headed farmers to look into the situation in their respective counties and try to bring about fair adjustments between landlords and tenants.—Wallaces' Farmer.

Around Pauline Church

Four Oaks, Route 1, Jan. 2.—Our school is progressing fine under the leadership of Misses Dema Bowers and Grace Bryan, who came to us from the mountains.

We have organized a Sunday school at Pauline church and we have as many in the Sunday school as there are in church on Sunday.

We recently had a box party at our school. The scarcity of money caused the boxes not to sell as high as formerly, but we did very well.

Good Roads Meeting

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—Governor Morrison will make the address of welcome Governor Brough, of Arkansas will preside, and nine legislatures now in session will be invited to attend the United States Good Roads association meeting in Greensboro, April 18-23.

Governor Morrison today accepted the invitation to welcome the good roads enthusiasts. He will invite personally the governors of the other eight states which now have legislatures on their hands, and North Carolina will be urged to send the legislators to the meeting.—Greensboro News.

President Attends Theatre

For the first time since his illness a year and a half ago, President Wilson appeared in public at a Washington theatre Tuesday night. The president accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and her brother, John Randolph Boling attended a performance of John Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln." As the president entered the audience recognized him and rose and cheered.

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EQUALIZATION IS THE OPINION.

Revaluation Will Come Up Next Week —Ten Per cent. Limitation Exceeded by \$900,000.

Equalization and not repeal is what will happen to the Revaluation act, if the opinions voiced by the full joint Finance Committee yesterday afternoon indexes the sentiment of the General Assembly. "Not kill it, but doctor it," as Senator McKinne expressed it, and with variations as to method of treatment, that was the sense of the entire session yesterday.

Seventy-six of the ninety counties exceeded the ten per cent increase and twenty-eight of these counties exceeded it by more than ten thousand dollars. It is noticeable also that most complaint of excessive taxes is coming from tax payers in these counties where the increased taxes were levied for county schools by the County Board of Commissioners and in violation of the limitation of tax rates fixed in the revaluation act.

The 28 counties exceeding the limitations by more than ten thousand dollars each, and the amount of the excess tax levied for schools in each of such counties, above the ten per cent authorized by the revaluation act, is as follows:

Anson, \$27,233; Bertie, \$12,526; Burke, \$15,978; Cleveland, \$13,351; Craven, \$17,515; Cumberland, \$25,358; Durham \$60,509; Franklin, \$19,315; Harnett, \$14,260; Johnston, \$41,819; Martin, 23,712; Nash, \$12,568; New Hanover \$15,100; Northampton, \$21,631; Pitt, \$23,838; Robeson, \$30,654; Rockingham, \$59,989; Rowan, \$17,864; Rutherford \$10,864; Stanley, \$16,565; Stokes, \$11,768; Surry, \$11,699; Union, \$54,493; Vance, \$20,395; Washington \$12,466; Wayne, \$13,650; Wilson, \$67,591.

Some machinery for equalization of assessments locally, and for bringing the county assessments throughout the State to a common value, is the aim of all members of the General Assembly who discussed the matter yesterday and during the two hours, very nearly every member of the committee had something to say about it. Some advocated the recall of the Board of Assessors and others advocated the County Commissioners as the proper channel, but both with the State Tax Commission to supervise the whole to the end that all counties should be assessed alike.—News and Observer, Feb. 1.

Trading Cotton Seed for Cottonseed Meal

A reader says she can exchange a ton of cotton seed for 1,500 pounds of cottonseed meal, but to do so must haul the seed five miles and haul the meal back to the farm. She wishes to know whether she should use the seed on the land for fertilizer or make this exchange.

If we assume that 1000 pounds of cottonseed meal is worth about the same in value of plant foods as one ton of cotton seed, then we have 500 pounds of cottonseed meal, on the basis of this proposed trade, to pay for hauling a ton of seed five miles and 1,500 pounds of meal back to the farm. At \$32 a ton for cottonseed meal, 500 pounds of meal is worth \$; therefore it looks as if it will pay to haul these seed and trade them for cottonseed meal on the basis proposed.

Below we are given the plant foods in an average ton of cotton seed and also the amounts of the different grades of cottonseed meal required to furnish approximately the same amounts of plant foods:

One Ton Cotton Seed	Nitrogen	64 lbs.
	Phosphoric acid	26 lbs.
	Potash	24 lbs.
1,100 Lbs. Cottonseed Meal (7 per ct.)	Nitrogen	63 lbs.
	Phosphoric acid	27 lbs.
	Potash	22 lbs.
1,050 Lbs. Cottonseed Meal (7½ Per Cent.)	Nitrogen	65 lbs.
	Phosphoric acid	26 lbs.
	Potash	21 lbs.
1000 Lbs. Cottonseed Meal (8 per ct.)	Nitrogen	66 lbs.
	Phosphoric acid	25 lbs.
	Potash	20 lbs.

From the above it is plain to see that since cottonseed meal is more satisfactory for use as fertilizer, whenever one can trade a ton of cottonseed for enough more than 1,100 pounds of 7 per cent cottonseed meal, 1,050 pounds, of 7½ per cent cottonseed meal, or 1,100 pounds of 8 per cent cottonseed meal to pay for the hauling or for making the exchange it will be advantageous to make the trade.

There is another reason why the trade should be made when it is economical to the farmer to do so. The oil in the cotton seed is of no value for fertilizer, but it is worth something to the oil mills and for food. The mills will almost always give more than enough meal for seed to pay the farmer to make the trade.—Progressive Farmer.

NORMA TALMADGE



This young woman, who in private life is Mrs. Joseph Schenck, fairly ran away with the honors in a recent contest conducted by a Chicago newspaper to ascertain the most popular actress in moviedom. Miss Talmadge was born at Niagara Falls, N. Y., in 1897 and educated in the Brooklyn schools. At the age of fourteen she entered motion pictures. She now heads her own company. She is 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 110 pounds and has dark hair and brown eyes.



TWO, tree mont ago one my frien wot's a cop een da poleeze station gotta increase for da family. Hees wife hava greata beega fat little bambino boy een da hospitaal. Dat cop geeva da ceega alla hees friens and tella every body he gotta besta baby een Unitteda State.

My frien ees sure stronga for dat keed alla right. And I tink before dat keed getta beega man he geeva hees papa pienta training for be greata cop.

You know all da cop gotta do ees keeppa everybody out of trouble. He stoppa da noise and stoppa da fight and maka everybody feela good. And sence he gotta dat new bambino my frien worka one shift as cop for da ceety and one shift for da keed.

He tella me on da street he can keeppa da peace and stoppa da nois weeth no moocha trouble. Jusa between you and me and no for spreada round, he tella me hees job was preety softa one.

But he tella me now dat keed gotta hees goat. He say da leetle son-of-a-gun maka more trouble one night as he finda on da street een seexa week. He say when he feenish walka da beat for da ceety he gotta walka da beat for dat keed, too. He say da leetle shaver yella so louda he can all night jusa for maka da noise. And my frien no can putta dat keed een da jail for breaka da peace weethout hava da scrap weeth hees wife.

Eef somebody ees raisenell on hees beat he getta preety sore and trow een da jail. But when dat leetle bambino breaka loose he maka more trouble as fiva, seexa men. And da cop he tink was greata stuff. He tella me he no trade dat keed for meellon bucks.

Weeth da man my frien ees tough guy and gooda cop. Put, weeth da keed he ees gooda man and a bum cop. But eef I gotta leetle bambino mebbe I am da sama ting, I dunno. Wot you tink?

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bange.

YOUR VALENTINE.

Who'er you are, whate'er your line,
If you shall need a Valentine,
I'll serve if it shall chance to be
That you've the soul of sympathy,
A heart that beats responsive to
The sufferer in need of you,
And always do the best you can
To serve and cheer your fellow-man.
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How It Started

THE "PLUS" SIGN.

THE "plus," or sign of addition, is derived from the Latin word "et," meaning "and." Originally the word "et" was written as a capital E with a flourish across the lower extremity. This in time, as haste dictated to convenience, degenerated into a simple cross.
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