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## CAMPAIGN FOR CLEAN UP WEEK

### Woman's Club Will Help in Putting It Across Here in Smithfield

The State Clean-Up Campaign is scheduled this year for the week of April 4-9. Smithfield has for a number of years co-operated in this spring clean-up movement and this year will be no exception. The Woman's club through its civics department has already laid plans for executing a campaign which will be thorough in its scope. The town authorities as has been the rule, will aid in this important undertaking.

Smithfield has had unusual opportunity this spring to be the cleanest, healthiest town in the State. The drainage work which is being carried on jointly by the town and state is sure to result in untold good to this community. But this drainage work, in order to rid the town of mosquitos, needs the cooperation of every household. The low places may be drained, and public breeding places of mosquitos destroyed, but if on the premises of our homes tin cans, and old buckets are allowed to furnish breeding places we will still have these malarial carriers. So for the most effective work for a healthy town, every body must lend their support in a real clean-up" campaign.

The safeguarding of health is of prime importance in such a campaign but other benefits follow in its wake. Many a fire has no doubt been prevented by getting rid of combustible matter before a rat or cigarette stump had a chance to do its destructive work. Thus in furthering fire prevention a "spring cleaning" is certainly worth while. Then, by making home and city beautiful, civic pride is stimulated, and an esthetic benefit results. The coming week of April 4-9 should inaugurate a continuous clean-up campaign which will stamp this community as **Healthy, Safe and Beautiful.**

## MEADOW NEWS

The school at Meadow is progressing very nicely now.

Prof. Hipps, Mr. Rose and Miss Garrison visited our school last Friday. We were very sorry that Prof. Hipps was taken sick and could not talk to us in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson, of Cerro Gardo and Mr. and Mrs. B. Johnson, of Smithfield, visited relatives in this section Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Almond Hood, of Hood's Grove visited at the home of Mr. D. C. Smith's Sunday.

Miss Jennings, of Statesville spent the week-end here with her sister, Miss Pearl Jennings, one of our teachers.

Mrs. R. Henry Holland, of Kenly, Mrs. Iredell Stott, of Simms, and Mr. H. T. Parker, of Elm City, returned to their homes Saturday after spending sometime at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Parker, having been called to be at the bedside of their little niece, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia.

We are glad to state that little Wood Parker, who has been so very sick with two attacks of pneumonia is slowly improving now.

The young people of our community enjoyed very much the apron party given by Miss Addie Johnson Saturday night.

Little J. N. Johnson, Jr., and J. W. Wood, are very sick with whooping cough.

The teachers of the lower grades will give their children an egg hunt at Parker's Pond Friday evening.

Miss Myrtle Lee, of Raleigh will arrive Friday to spend the Easter holidays with her parents.

Mr. Perry Ryals and sister, Ila, of Raleigh, will arrive Saturday to spend the Easter holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Marshburn spent Sunday at Blackman's Grove with their brother Mr. Jasper Morgan.

Mr. W. P. Lee spent Monday in Kinston on business.

## E. P. RUCKMAN WRITES HERALD

He Tells Something of His Montana Ranch. An Oil Boom Has Struck His Section With Force

Mr. E. P. Ruckman, who was formerly with the Atlantic Coast Line railroad working for them at the depot in Smithfield, has written us a letter an extract from which we print below. He resigned his work here to take an interest with his brother in a ranch out west. This ranch is known as "The Pocahontas Ranch" and is located near Reed Point, Montana.

Mr. Ruckman has been taking The HERALD ever since he left Smithfield and it was in connection with renewal that he wrote us about his ranch. He gave these facts because of a conversation we had with him when he was East.

"We are getting along real well here on the ranch, have a thousand acres now, and quite a nice bunch of cattle to start with, also do quite a little farming. We had 2700 bushels of grain last year, most winter wheat, and have in 121 acres this year. We keep several milk cows to pay our expenses, and the return from the cream alone last year was \$500, and plenty of milk to feed a nice bunch of hogs. It pays to keep several milk cows when we have plenty of pasture. "There is a great oil boom on in Montana, and have struck some of the best wells in the country already. Thousands of acres of land has been leased, and some have sold for as much as \$5,000.00 an acre. We have good prospects right around here, and several hundred acres have already been leased, some that joins our ranch, and we expect some wells to be put down this spring, and if we strike oil our land will take quite a jump."

## Captured a Whiskey Still

Tuesday afternoon of this week a copper whiskey still was captured on a small island in the Atkinson Mill Pond in Boon Hill township by Messrs E. G. Richardson, Oscar Rains and W. H. Stevens. A small quantity of whiskey and sixteen barrels of beer were found at the still. S. A. Worley, Pat Massey and a colored man named Bill King were arrested.

## Princeton Pupils See Raleigh

The sixth and seventh grades of the Princeton graded school, under the leadership of their teacher, Miss Lorene Leonard, spent Tuesday in Raleigh seeing the places and buildings of the capital. Col. Fred A. Olds was their guide and with his usual thoroughness and graciousness conducted the visitors to every place of interest and explained the occasion of their interest and importance. Among the places visited was the building of the News and Observer where the young Princeton pupils found pleasure in inspecting the machinery used in getting out a daily newspaper. Those in the party were Miss Leonard, Jessie Edwards, Louise Edwards, Vivian Hastings, Virginia Woodard, Alma Pearce, Mildred Pearce, Ruth Grantham, Mildred Snipes, Lena Loler, Eula Baker, Alfin Rowe, Carlyle Woodard Earl Watson and Molton Capps.—News and Observer.

## Schedule for Baseball

Manager O. A. Zachary announces the following revised schedule of games for the State College baseball team: March 25, New York University at Raleigh; March 28, (Easter Monday) Wake Forest at Raleigh; March 31, Carolina at Chapel Hill; April 1, Elon at Raleigh; April 5, Wake Forest at Wake Forest; April 6, Maryland University at Raleigh; April 7, Elon at Elon; April 8, Guilford at Greensboro; April 9, Davidson at Charlotte; April 11, Florida University at Raleigh; April 14, Davidson at Raleigh; April 16, Guilford at Raleigh; April 20, Trinity at Durham; April 22, Georgia Tech at Raleigh; April 23, Georgia Tech at Raleigh; April 30, Carolina at Raleigh; May 2, Davidson at Davidson; May 3, Furman at Greenville, S. C.; May 4, Clemson College, at Clemson college, S. C.; May 5, Open Away; May 6, Georgia Tech at Atlanta, Ga.; May 7, Ga. Tech at Atlanta Ga.; May 11, Trinity at Raleigh.—State College News Service.

## URGE REDUCTION OF COTTON CROP

### N. C. Cotton Commission And Bankers Recommend Tobacco Reduction Too

Washington, March 23.—Decision to recommend a reduction of 50 per cent in cotton acreage for the present year was reached at a conference here today of the members of the North Carolina Cotton Commission and a committee of bankers from that state. After reviewing conditions in the cotton market, both foreign and domestic, the conference concluded that the present surplus would be sufficient for a year's demand, even if no cotton were grown this year. Production of a normal crop on top of the present surplus, which those attending the conference said was the largest on record for this time of year, would force the price down to 5 or 6 cents, it was predicted.

The conference agreed unanimously to urge farmers, merchants, bankers and all others interested in the cotton growing industry to unite in bringing about the acreage reduction recommended. The conference, agreeing that similar conditions prevail in the tobacco industry, also urged a reduction of acreage in the golden weed for this year.

The North Carolina Cotton Commission was appointed by Governor Morrison, under act of the General Assembly together with a committee of bankers of North Carolina to make a general survey of business conditions with respect to the agricultural situation. The cotton commission was specifically appointed to investigate cotton conditions and to make such steps, in conjunction with cotton commissions appointed by others of the cotton growing states, as would tend to stabilize cotton conditions. The commission is composed of R. O. Everett, of Durham, chairman, A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, now a member of the War Finance Corporation, and L. J. Baker, of Palmyra, while the bankers' committee is composed of H. C. McQueen, president of the Murchison National bank of Wilmington; W. B. Drake, Jr., president of the Merchants National Bank of Raleigh, and W. L. Parsons, president of the Bank of Pee Dee. The joint committee after discussing the situation for the greater part of the day issued at statement which reads:

"From the most reliable information obtainable, it appears that there is a larger surplus of cotton on hand at the present time than at the same time in any year in the past. The domestic consumption is greatly reduced on account of the unfavorable conditions in the home markets. The foreign demand is reduced to approximately one-third on account of the unsettled conditions and consequent lack of buying power in foreign countries, which, in normal times, consume about two-thirds of the American crop. As an evidence of this condition, it is reliably stated that recently spot cotton was lower in Liverpool than in New York, taking into consideration the adverse exchange conditions.

"Those who have studied the subject most carefully are unanimously of the opinion that with the present lack of buying power both at home and abroad, there is cotton enough on hand now to supply the actual demand for a year or more even if no cotton at all were raised during the year 1921 in America. At the present time the price of cotton is far below the cost of production. With anything like normal production it is likely that not only the new crop but the old crop now on hand and unconsumed will sell for 5 or 6 cents a pound. There is nothing in the situation to indicate any increase in price. It seems that the only way to prevent real disaster to cotton farmers and others interested in the cotton section is to reduce the acreage at least 50 per cent and decrease fertilizers used on the reduced acreage at least 50 per cent.

"The committee unanimously agreed to urge the bankers, merchants, farmers and all others interested in the cotton industry to unite in bringing about reduction herein recommended.

"Practically the same conditions

## SUPTS. MEETING IN THE GATE CITY

### City and County Educators Have A Joint Session In Greensboro

Greensboro, March 23.—Nearly 300 city school superintendents of the State gathered here today for a State wide meeting to discuss school problems. Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, presided and delivered the principal address. The capacity of the assembly room was taxed by the large attendance of school representatives, nearly every county of the State being represented.

Following a community sing, led by P. N. Haughtelin, Dr. Brooks discussed the recent legislation passed by the General Assembly, especially going into detail in the matters of financial auditing of the school funds of the counties, of the State, and also of the salary schedule, which was enacted into law form by the lawmakers.

Educational leaders convened at 10 o'clock and adjourned at 1 for lunch. This afternoon Charles L. Coon, of Wilson, spoke on "How Education and Religion When Used Together, Has Improved the Morals of Wilson County." Miss Elizabeth Kelly, of Raleigh delivered a strong address on "Adult Illiteracy," and E. T. Pusey, of Durham, spoke on "The Plan of Part Work and Part School" for the working boys and girls of the State. A general conference with Dr. Brooks was held tonight.

An unusual amount of enthusiasm prevailed throughout the entire session. Copies of the legislative educational bills, which were in pamphlet form, were distributed and a discussion of the various and sundry issues followed. Almost an hour was taken up in asking Dr. Brooks questions concerning the technicalities of the legislation.

Dr. Brooks complimented the work of the superintendents and educational leaders throughout the State the past year. He stated that more than 100,000 students were enrolled in the State schools during the year than ever before, and that 8,000 teachers attended summer schools during the holiday season.

## EMIT NEWS

Misses Goldie Lee and Ella Wilder spent Saturday night with Mrs. Percell Narron near Antioch.

Mrs. Valeria Whitley and son, Mr. Moses, of near Poplar Springs are visiting Mrs. Whitley's daughter, Mrs. J. H. Hales this week.

Mr. Waylon Hinton visited relatives near Middlesex last week-end.

Mr. Roney Narron of Zebulon was a visitor in our community last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. B. L. Corbett, of Spring Hope spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Marcelline Corbett.

Miss Erma Narron spent the week end with Miss Leona Godwin near Stillley's and attended the box party at Moore's school Saturday night. She reports a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Corbett visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Narron in Zebulon a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Davis spent last Sunday with their brother, Mr. Geo. Davis near Middlesex.

Mrs. B. G. Corbett went to Wilson last Saturday.

Mr. Mavon Deans, of Selma was a caller in vicinity Sunday.

Mr. B. L. Corbett, of Spring Hope, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. B. Hocutt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winston spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eason near Corinth.

Little Miss Naomi Corbett and little brother Aaron Henry of the Thanksgiving section are spending the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Corbett.

The farmers of this section are starting about their farm work very rapidly. Some of them are preparing to plant some corn this week. We only hope that "Jack Frost" will not scare them out of planting.

"E. PLURIBUS UNUM."

and the same recommendations apply to the tobacco industry.—Edward E. Britton in News and Observer.

## ARTICLE BY SHERIFF MASSEY

In Which He Defends His Position As To Law Enforcement In Regard To Blockading

My attention has been called to a communication in the last issue of the Smithfield Observer signed by "Three Interested Johnstonians," a verbatim copy of which appears in the last issue of the Smithfield HERALD as an editorial.

I wish to say that as Sheriff of Johnston county and as head of its constabulary force, I more than all other persons or officers, am responsible for the enforcement of the laws against the manufacturing and the sale of whiskey. And since I am Sheriff of Johnston County, I am responsible for the acts of my deputies in connection with the enforcement of these laws because they are appointed by me and owe their office to no one but myself.

I am in accord with the sentiment expressed in the article above referred to in that we have a great county and the laws ought to be enforced and I wish to say that since I have been sheriff of the county I have done my utmost to enforce those laws. Since I was inducted into office on December 1, 1918, I have captured 73 blockade distilleries and since that date I have arrested 24 defendants more or less concerned in the operation of the distilleries or the sale of the whiskey manufactured by them. Within the past 12 months I have captured 43 distilleries, 12 of which I found in my own township of Boon Hill.

My only compensation for capturing an illicit distillery is \$20 for each outfit and this compensation has failed by far to compensate me for actual expense incurred in the raids. In addition to the actual expense, I, with my deputies, have made many raids that resulted in no capture. We have exposed ourselves night and day in all kinds of weather in our effort to capture the violators of the law. There have been numerous occasions where resistance was offered by those breaking the law. On one occasion my chief deputy was killed. Moreover, I have assisted the federal authorities in making numerous raids in the county without receiving any compensation therefor and in consequence I have been forced at my own expense to attend Federal court at Raleigh as a government witness.

In the numerous cases, wherein I have apprehended the offenders I have invariably been a witness for the State or the government in the prosecution and in every case whenever I went up on the stand as such a witness I have been impressed with the fact that neither the court nor the officers was supported by such sentiment as expressed in the articles above referred to, because when I was on the witness stand I could look over the audience in the court room and see that the greater part of the same was composed of friends of the defendant, there to give these defendants a good character and otherwise assist them and that the supporters of the best morals in the county among whom I will name the "Three Interested Johnstonians" were conspicuous for their absence.

In regard to the statement that a deputy sheriff gave or sold whiskey to an employee of a certain merchant and in consequence was ordered out of the place of business in the town of Smithfield, I wish to say that I know nothing of it and I call upon the "Three Interested Johnstonians" to furnish the name of the deputy sheriff, along with the name of the prominent business man of Smithfield who ordered this deputy out of his store, and if, upon investigation, I find that such a deputy, while acting under my administration, was guilty of such a charge, I promise the public generally and "The Three Interested Johnstonians" in particular that this man will be summarily discharged by me. In this connection I wish to say that I am realizing less than \$1800 out of my office as Sheriff of Johnston county. This is a small compensation for the onerous duties of the office, not to mention the additional expense and dangers of making raids upon the blockaders of the county. But I am willing to continue in this job and to enforce the law to the best of my ability and I think I have demonstrated this fact by the record that I have made since I have been your sheriff.

It is useless expense on the part of the county to cause blockaders to be

## MENTIONED MR. BEN WELLONS FOR MAYOR

### Charlotte Paper Tells of His Fitness for the Position Should He Run

A new suggestion for the mayoralty race was made Saturday by friends of B. F. Wellons, of the Charlotte bar, who is being urged to enter the field. Friends of Mr. Wellons were using his name freely Saturday as a man who might enter the race and as one who has all the necessary qualifications for the office. Whether he will allow his name to be put on the ballots for the primary or not can not be said definitely, but it was understood that he is likely to do so.

Pointing out that the mayor is the commissioner of finance of the city, friends of Mr. Wellons say he is admirably fitted for the place in that respect. Although he has been a law practitioner, he has also had an unusual career as a real estate dealer and in other business matters.

Mr. Wellons, is a native of Smithfield, Johnston county and a graduate of the University of North Carolina in both the academic and law departments. He has been here several years.—Charlotte Observer.

## Hazing at State College

As a result of hazing several students of State College were cited Tuesday to appear before the, Wake County grand jury when it meets April 11 to answer charges violating the State laws. Considerable violence attended the outbreak of hazing, doors having been battered down and pistol firing being general. However no serious personal injury was done. Head shaving appears to have been the most extensive means of hazing.

## Base Ball Game

Last Saturday afternoon March 19, 1921, the boys from Thornton school defeated the boys from Pleasant Grove in a very exciting game of baseball. The score being 46 to 26.

We are now under the impression that the boys from Pleasant Grove had decided they were not the only ball players in Pleasant Grove township.

"The Black Mustache Boys."

## Happiness Not All

There is in a man a higher than love of happiness; he can do without happiness and instead thereof find blessedness.—Carlyle.

arrested and brought into court of justice unless the best element of the citizenship is behind the prosecution. You need not expect your sheriff or other officers to convict people when the next door neighbors of the defendants, neighbors of supposedly good character, come into court and exert all their efforts towards an acquittal of those defendants. The enforcement of the laws can be better secured by men of the type of the "Three Interested Johnstonians" coming into court and upholding the hand of justice rather than by publishing anonymous communications criticizing officers who have done their utmost to enforce the laws, night and day in all kinds of weather and endangering their lives while "The Three Interested Johnstonians" were safe in bed dreaming of some criticism that they would make against such officers.

I call upon the Smithfield Observer and The Smithfield HERALD and "The Three Interested Johnstonians" to furnish the name of a deputy, while acting under my appointment, who sold or gave away whiskey together with names of witnesses by whom I can prove that this charge is true. I assure the public generally that if upon investigation I find this charge is true he will be my deputy no longer.

In justice to myself I ask of both papers that this communication be published in as conspicuous place in each paper as the article above referred to was published.

Very respectfully,  
W. J. MASSEY,  
Sheriff of Johnston County.