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## JOHNSTON MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS

Dr. Root of Raleigh Addresses the Society; Take Up Marriage Law

Dr. Albert S. Root, specialist on diseases of children, of Raleigh, was the guest of the Johnston county Medical Society which met here Friday afternoon in the office of Dr. A. G. Woodard. The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. G. S. Coleman, of Kenly, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following was the program for the afternoon: "Diseases of the Intestines in Children" by Dr. G. B. Woodard, of Kenly; "Etiology" by Dr. Thel Hooks, of this city; "Differential Diagnosis" by Dr. Albert S. Root, of Raleigh—"Can we lower the infant mortality rate in diarrhoeal diseases?"

After the above papers were read the president called for a discussion. Drs. Wharton, Grady, Noble, Houghton and others made interesting talks proved beneficial in their practice with children especially in acute Euteric Intoxication, Acute Colitic, and allied diseases. Several questions were asked Dr. Root in regard to suggestions as to the treatment of artificially fed babies when associated with bowel trouble, all of which he discussed, the same being helpful and interesting to those present.

After the papers were disposed of, Dr. Vick, of Selma, suggested that the society set a fee for the examination of applicants for health certificates to procure marriage license. After some discussion by Dr. Utley, of Benson and others, a resolution was passed to the effect that in cases where there exists no history that the applicants had been associated with tuberculosis or a suspicion of venereal disease, the minimum fee of \$2.50 each would be the rule. However if there be a history or a suspicion that either of the above named diseases exists, and the physician is required to make a thorough examination the minimum fee should be \$5.00.

The society then adjourned until the first Tuesday in June, the next regular meeting.

Those in attendance here Tuesday were: Dr. B. A. Houghton, of Clayton; Dr. G. A. McLemore, of the Polenta section; Drs. J. C. Grady, G. S. Coleman and G. B. Woodard, of Kenly; Drs. J. B. Person, R. J. Noble, Geo. D. Vick, I. W. Mayerburg, of Selma; Drs. G. B. Parker, H. H. Utley, A. S. Oliver and J. F. Martin of Benson; Dr. C. M. Bynum, of Princeton; Drs. L. D. Wharton, Thel Hooks, Carl V. Tyner and A. G. Woodard of this city.

### Shooting in Meadow

In a raid against blockaders near Mr. John Allen Tart's farm in the lower part of Meadow township on Tuesday morning of this week, Deputy Sheriff J. Mang Wood and Mr. Harold Morgan were fired upon at a close range by members of a clan of blockaders who have been operating on rather a large scale for the past several months. The officers returned the fire and for a few rounds the affray had the proportions of a regularly planned battle. Deputy Wood received a few shots in the legs and the wind shield of his car was shattered. Gun shots from the officers were also effective. Elbert Lee, who fired the shot into the car at Wood and Mangum, was fired upon by another officer and was felled to the ground. It is thought that he was shot pretty seriously, but he succeeded in making his escape.

There seems to be quite a number of men connected with the manufacture of blockade liquor in that particular part of the county. One of Meadow's best citizens stated in some remarks connected with this affray that the crowds that gathered around some of the places where the whiskey is made and dispensed "looked like an association." There seems to be good evidence against a white man by the name of Elbert Lee and a Croatian Indian called Rube, and while they are still at large, it is thought that their arrest will soon be made.

There must be something wrong somewhere when the night litch fails to tumble to a buttonhook.

## APRIL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB

Cemetery Work Resumed; Library Makes Report; Lyceum Next Year

Wednesday afternoon the Woman's Club with a large number of ladies present held its regular monthly meeting with the new president, Mrs. Thel Hooks, in the chair.

An important announcement by the civic department was the fact that the work in the cemetery has been renewed after the winter months, and the work is again in the charge of Mr. Sellers. The work of cleaning up broken limbs, leaves and other refuse is going forward and the cemetery will soon take on a much more attractive appearance.

In connection with the "clean up" campaign put on this week, one step at least was made to make "cleaning up" a permanent thing in our town. The Lyric theatre will give a matinee one afternoon a month to which the admission fee will be fifteen old tin cans, the woman's club to pay for the advertising of that program. It was decided to do this because of the results obtained Tuesday when the movie management used such a plan to assist in the "clean up week." Any one passing the Lyric will be convinced by the pile of cans. It was pointed out, however, that the cans must be obtained from home premises and vacant lots and not from places where the town carts have dumped trash.

Other business of general interest transacted was the appointment of a committee to present resolutions to the Fair Association in regard to the shows to be engaged for the next fair. Last year similar resolutions were adopted but the ladies were too late, the association having already signed up for the attractions and had to stand by the contract.

The ways and means committee made a report on the canvass for season tickets for a Lyceum Course next year, and it was thought a sufficient number has been promised to justify booking the course for another year. The attractions next time will include a play.

That some of the people of our town appreciate the library which the Woman's club maintains here, is evidenced by the fact that during the month of March ninety-six books were taken out. The library is open every Thursday afternoon from 3:15 to 5:15 o'clock, and some one is there to aid in selection of books and to keep a record of those taken out.

During the month thirty-five new books were donated by the following persons: Mrs. E. S. Abell, 20; Gilmer Wharton, 2; Mrs. Thel Hooks, 7; and Mrs. Bobbie Smith 6.

The library will be glad to receive donations at any time. If there are books in the home which the family has read and would like to pass on to others, Mrs. H. L. Skinner, chairman of this department of the club, will be glad to have them sent to her either at her house or at the library on days when it is open.

### James Fields Dead

On Tuesday morning, April 5, in Bentonville township, the sudden death of Mr. James Fields occurred at about 6:30 o'clock. He had gone out to work and was burning brush when he fell dead. He had been in usual health up to the time of his death. He was about 68 years old.

The funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the home after which the burial took place in the family burying ground. Rev. H. W. Rhodes conducted the service using as a basis of his remarks Job 14:10. Mr. Fields was a member of the Freewill Baptist church and lived a consistent life.

He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, Mrs. Nancy Fields, two daughters, Mrs. Katie Wise and Mrs. Thelie Jackson, of Wayne county and one son, Mr. Tim Fields. Three children had preceded him to the grave.

### Yes, She Figured It All Out

That Mother Eve was up to-date, You really must confess, For did she not originate, The "loose-leaf" style of dress?

## HARDING HONORS N. C. DEMOCRAT

A. W. McLean, Lumberton, Tendered 1st Assistant Sec. U. S. Treasury

(Special Correspondent)  
Washington, April 7.—At least one North Carolinian has been offered recognition by a Republican president. President Harding during his recent "weeding out" in the Treasury Department in Washington found a competent man who was a Wilson appointee, a life long Democrat and a Tar Heel. Most any man with these proclivities would have instantly been "swept aside" by Mr. Harding during his "Spring cleaning." But this man's record was so preponderant with efficiency of administration that Mr. Harding felt the continued need of his services.

Therefore, Warren G. Harding, Republican President tendered to Hon. Angus W. McLean, of Lumberton, N. C., the post of First Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Treasury, it being the most important position in the Treasury department, excepting the Secretary himself. Mr. McLean however, declined the appointment it being his desire to return to his business in North Carolina as soon as possible.

Mr. McLean is continuing his service as Director of the War Finance Corporation, and has been urged by President Harding to retain this position. Mr. Harding's recognition of Mr. McLean's splendid business and executive ability is not only an honor to Mr. McLean, but a distinct honor to the State of North Carolina, an honor to the State Democratic party and another of the long list of slurs cast by the President upon the Republican Party of this State. It will be remembered that President Taft was unable to find a Republican in our State fit to be appointed a Federal Judge, and he therefore appointed Judge Conner. President Harding is running true to form when he acknowledges that he has more confidence in a North Carolina Democrat than in any member of "Boss" Morehead's and "Ex-Boss" Marion Butler's organization.

There are a few interesting incidents in connection with Mr. McLean's career, which every North Carolinian should know and of which we should be proud. The history of his life should serve as an inspiration to the young manhood of our State.

Mr. McLean is a lawyer, banker, cotton manufacturer, farmer and railroad man. He is a "topnotcher" in every one of them. He is Director of the War Finance Corporation, Washington, First Assistant Secretary of the Treasury under Woodrow Wilson, formerly General Counsel for Alien Property Custodian, and a member of the Railway Advisory Board.

At the age of 26, he formed and was elected President of The Bank of Lumberton, and at that time was the youngest bank president in this country. He remained as its President until it became a National Bank and still serves in that capacity.

He is a Trustee of several colleges in the State and was formerly President of the Scottish Society of America.

To Mr. McLean is due a great deal of credit for the passage of the Farm Loan and Rural Credit System. In 1908 Mr. McLean wrote and published a book, entitled, "The Need For Farm Land Banks and Rural Credit Societies."

Mr. McLean is universally admired for his keen insight and his sterling integrity. His choice by President Wilson as one of four men to organize the greatest financial undertaking of this country during the war was a well deserved honor. And Mr. McLean did not fail to "measure up", as he was later made Managing Director of the great War Finance Corporation.

Although one of the busiest men in our State Mr. McLean does not neglect his religious duties. He is a regular church attendant, an Elder in the Presbyterian church and a Trustee of Union Theological Seminary. To his religious duties he gives unstintedly of his time and means, and here, as elsewhere, he is a tireless and efficient worker.

Mr. McLean owns and operates one of the largest cotton and tobacco plantations in the Southland.

His name has been prominently mentioned by the Press as being em-

## REDUCTION OF 33 1-3 PER CENT IS MADE

Township List Takers And Assessors Appointed; J. A. Keen, Supervisor

The County Commissioners of Johnston county met here Monday and Tuesday of this week. On Monday their regular routine business was done one special matter of general importance being passed upon. It was ordered that Mr. J. A. Keen County Auditor, be appointed supervisor for listing personal and real property. The request of the people of the county for a revision of revaluation was taken under consideration.

On Tuesday morning the above matter was taken up, and it was decided to make a horizontal reduction of thirty-three and a third per cent of the value put on real estate a year ago. List takers and assessors for the different townships were appointed as follows:

Wilson's Mills, J. A. Wilson; Clayton, L. H. Champion; Cleveland, F. H. Weeks; Pleasant Grove, Claude Stephenson; Elevation, J. Shep Johnson; Banner, A. E. Surlis; Meadow, R. E. Lee; Bentonville, S. G. Westbrook; Ingrams, W. E. Barbour; Boon Hill, Harry Watson, Micro, J. D. Creech; Beulah, A. G. Hooks; Oneals, J. Willard O'neal; Wilders, W. M. Nowell; Selma, H. G. Eason; Pine Level, Alex Wiggs; Smithfield, C. V. Johnson.

### Important Meeting in Smithfield

Rev. H. W. Baucom has arranged for an important meeting to be held in the Smithfield Baptist church Sunday and Monday April 11 and 12th. We are informed that morning and afternoon services will be held each day. Mr. Harry Strickland, of Nashville, Tenn., and Secretary Middleton, of Raleigh will have charge of these meetings. Preachers, teachers, and all who are interested in the Sunday School work are asked to attend. A large number of people from various parts of the county are expected to attend. While Baptists arranged for these meetings they are not limited to any denomination. People of all denominations are asked to attend. The men in charge are capable men and the meetings will be well worth while to all who attend. You are invited to come out and bring another with you.

### Kenly Entertainment

Kenly, April 5.—Last Friday night the Golds of the eighth grade algebra class entertained the Purples in the Kenly high school basement.

After the guests arrived, games were played, and several contests were engaged in. Later in the evening, lemonade and candy were served.

Those present were Misses Beulah Bailey, Ollie Moore, Mabel Womack, Ruby Watson, Clyde and Margaret Hooks, Bessie Eloise and Cornelia Alford, Ossie Overman, Jessie Narron, Verona Lasiter and Eunice Ward, and Messrs E. N. Booker, Harvey Hardison, Kenneth Kirby, Glen Edgerton, Kenneth Watson, Balbus Leeson, Arthur and Boyce Crumpler, Verlie Barnes, Rasba Watson, Lemuel Phillips, Robert Richardson, George Ballance and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Burleson.

### New System of Irrigation

"What's the best way to grow potatoes?" asked the amateur gardener of his more experienced friend.

"Plant onions above them," was the reply. "The onions will make the potatoes' eyes water, and that'll save you a lot of work with the watering can."

minently qualified in every respect to head the State of North Carolina as Governor. As the next Governor will be elected from Eastern North Carolina, Mr. McLean's friends are urging him to allow his name to go before the people, but so far he has not committed himself. Should he decide to make the race he will undoubtedly receive the nomination.

## BENSON ORGANIZES A SINGING CLASS

Fifth Sunday in May Singing Convention Will Be Held in That City

Benson, April 6.—The John Charles McNeill Book Club enjoyed a most delightful meeting at the home of Mrs. M. T. Britt on last Thursday afternoon. After routine business was disposed of Mrs. E. M. Hall charmingly sang a brace of songs by American composers, about whom she told something concerning their life and work. Mrs. Britt then played Chopin's Fifth Nocturne and Mrs. Barbour made a short talk on the influence of music, after which Miss Annie Lee Webb was prevailed upon to play one of McDowell's numbers. Hand painted cards were distributed for a contest, the answers to each question being names of Spring Flowers. Mrs. I. P. Roberts proving to be the lucky one was presented with a lovely one rose vase. After refreshments consisting of block ice cream and homemade cake were served, the hostess presented each guest with a beautiful carnation and sprig of fern. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Britt's gracious hospitality were Mesdames W. D. Boone, I. P. Roberts, E. M. Hall, Preston Woodall, J. L. Hall, A. T. Lassiter, J. H. Rose, C. C. Canaday, Chas. Johnson, J. R. Barbour and Miss Annie Lee Webb.

The "District School" was presented in the school auditorium last evening with a large attendance. It was given under the direction of the Social Service Department of the Missionary Society of the Methodist church. The prime object of the play was to cause a laugh and in this it fully succeeded. It would be hard to tell who the Star of the evening was, probably Mr. H. A. Parker as the four year old boy loved the biggest laugh with Miss Love Stephens, as Miss Simple a close second, though the entire cast was fun provoking from start to finish, and we hear that a neat sum was realized from the entertainment.

Prof. Wells has written Josephus Daniels to deliver the Commencement address and it is earnestly hoped that he will accept. The commencement program promises to be unusually interesting this year and large crowds are expected to attend.

Mr. Ed Hill was in Raleigh Monday on business.

Mrs. W. T. Martin returned Monday from several days visit to relatives in New Bern.

Messrs J. R. Barbour, Almond Parker, Ira Raynor and Dr. Oliver were in Smithfield Monday on business.

Mrs. T. T. Lanier has returned after an extended stay at her home in Chalybeate Springs.

Mrs. J. L. Hall visited relatives in Dunn Monday.

Mrs. Belle Bingham and Masters William and Tom Lassiter of Smithfield spent the past week end in town with relatives.

An organization of singers has been perfected here whose object is to sing when their services are need for such occasions as may arise in Benson or immediate vicinity.

The organizers were S. P. Honeycutt, Parlia Hudson, Paul Stephenson, Willie Dixon, Mrs. E. M. Hall and J. H. Rose, who asking for four other singers from each of the four churches of Benson, which will make a total of about twenty voices for the class.

They have one of the best new song books ever used in this section and there is more new music in it than in any song book ever seen in this community. NEW—means songs dated 1921.

On the 5th Sunday in May they are expecting to be honored with a Singing Convention with a large number of classes from nearby in attendance, to be held in Benson. Several classes have already expressed a desire to be here for the occasion and are already making preparation for this event on May 29th, 1921.

Invitations will be mailed to all classes wishing to be present, and to those classes who are intending to be present we ask you to communicate with Mr. S. P. Honeycutt, Secretary, giving the number in class, so that proper seating arrangements may be made.

The following men will be asked to serve as arrangement committee for the fifth Sunday gathering: Messrs Chas. Johnson, M. T. Britt, C. W. An-

## NEGRO TELLS STORY OF ELEVEN DEATHS

Declares That He Helped to Kill Farm Hands Because Of Fear for His Life

Covington, Ga., April 6.—Fear for his own life was the motive that prompted Clyde Manning, negro farm boss to help kill 11 negro farm hands employed on the Jasper county plantation of John S. Williams, the negro told the jury trying Williams in Newton county superior court here today. Manning asserted on cross-examination he did not want to help kill them but was afraid to disobey Williams, who, he declared, was trying to do away with the negroes for fear they might testify regarding peonage conditions on the Williams farm.

"They wasn't abothering me," said Manning, a coal-black, short stockily built man of about 150 pounds, "and I didn't want to get 'em out of the way," but, he added, a few moments later, "Mr. Johnny said, 'It's their necks or yours.'"

The negroes met death shortly after federal authorities started an investigation of alleged peonage on the farm six of them, according to Manning, being chained to rocks and thrown alive into rivers, and five knocked in the head or shot and buried on the farm.

Williams is on trial charged with the murder of Lindsey Peterson, one of three negroes alleged to have been brought into Newton county and drowned. The defense sought to confine the witness to his account of Peterson's death and to bar him and two federal agents from testifying to peonage conditions. Judge John B. Hutcheson overruled both motions and Green F. Johnson, chief counsel for Williams, indicated he would appeal on these grounds to higher courts in event of conviction of Williams.

Throughout an hour of cross-examination the negro who was indicted jointly with Williams stolidly denied any pressure had been brought to bear on him to make him tell the story. It was only after long questioning by officers, he said, that he first told the story, but he denied he had been beaten, threatened with drowning or promised a light sentence if he would help convict Williams, as the latter's counsel intimated.

"I'm just telling the truth," Manning told the attorney, and added that he had not talked when first arrested "because Mr. Johnny told me not to."

"Well drilled," was the only comment that could be obtained from Williams after the trial. He had watched the witness closely throughout the day, and on one occasion smiled broadly when Manning described how, in his attempt to operate his employer's automobile, he had run into a mail box.

Huland, Marvin and Leroy Williams three sons of the defendant, for whom Governor Hugh Dorsey has asked indictment in Jasper county when the grand jury there takes up on April 11 investigations of the deaths of the eight negroes in that county were not in court again today, but Dr. Gus Williams, the oldest son, flatly denied reports they had left the state. They probably will attend the trial later, he said.

The state put up four other witnesses besides Manning—two federal agents; Clyde Freeman, a negro farm hand and a negro woman cook, and was expected to conclude its case by tomorrow night. The defense indicated it would conclude its testimony in about one day and that the case should go to the jury Saturday.

Manning was the state's chief witness and during his testimony the courthouse was packed to capacity, Judge Hutcheson permitting all who could to stand in aisles and around the bar after all seats had been filled. The court asked for order and again today, as was the case yesterday, there was hardly a murmur from the crowd as men and women leaned forward to catch every word.

Manning seemed little affected by his recital, and rarely changed the inflection of his voice. He is unable to read or write, he said, and gave his age as about 29 years, but did not know where he was born.

"When I first remember myself," he said, "I was in Jasper county." During some three hours of direct examination the negro told in detail

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