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SEARCHLIGHT TO BE THROWN ON KLAN

N. Y. World Expose Creates Attention in Washington; Craven to Be Quizzed

Washington, Sept. 6.—A story in The New York World of today, exposing the secrets of the Ku Klux Klan, attracted much attention among North Carolinians. As a result of the facts brought out the department of justice will make an investigation, and among those to be questioned will be Major Bruce Craven.

Attorney General Daugherty will ask William J. Burns, chief of the bureau of investigation, to follow up the allegations made against the order and the proof offered, with a view to seeing what can be done to punish or break up the organization, which is now nation-wide in scope.

A senator, whose name is withheld by request, and one house member, will ask Congress to inquire into the activities, the purpose and the effects of the Ku Klux Klan, with a view to enacting laws to prevent such movements in the future.

The World story supports reports to the attorney general on the efforts of the Klan to get a strong foothold in the nation.

Attorney General Daugherty denied today that he was a member of the organization. When told that Major Craven, former grand dragon of North Carolina, had stated on quitting his job and the organization, one of the reasons he joined the Ku Klux Klan was that he had been informed that Mr. Daugherty belonged to it, the attorney general said.

"I was never asked to join, and never in any way authorized or consented to the use of my name in that connection."

The attorney general, through Col. Goff, his assistant, also denied the statement of the Ku Klux Klan organ, The Searchlight, that the department of justice had ever given the organization a "clean bill of health."

Representative Weaver commented as follows on the Ku Klux Klan: "I don't believe in any secret organization of the character, apparently of this new Ku Klux Klan. I believe that it is not conducive to maintenance of law and order; and, in fact, it might easily become subversive of law and order, if it has not already become so."—H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer.

CREECH'S CHURCH ITEMS

Rev. J. T. Collier delivered a very interesting sermon at Creech's church Sunday which was appreciated by all who heard him.

Mrs. Nettie Parham, of Franklinton spent part of the past week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Narron, of the Sandy Spring school section passed through our burg Monday.

Mr. Cullen Creech made a business trip to Selma Tuesday.

Rev. J. T. Collier, of Micro, spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. J. H. Creech.

Mr. Crafford Batten, of South Carolina spent Sunday with his niece, Mrs. Lubie Batten in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Creech of the Thanksgiving section and Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin Whitley of Corbett's school section visited their uncle, Mr. Cullen Creech Sunday.

Miss Velia Creech of Micro spent the week end with Misses Maggie and Delia Bunn.

Mr. J. A. Baker attended the Soldier's dinner in Selma Monday.

Misses Lola and Rena Peele, of Selma were in our section Sunday.

Mrs. Lula Peele, of Wilson County, spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. H. D. Godwin.

Some of the people of this section are attending the revival meeting at Antioch and Moore's Chapel this week.

Misses Allie and Flora Stallings, of Corbett's School section spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Nancy Creech.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hicks of Antioch section spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. William Hodge.

Some of the people of this section have started to picking cotton.

"BIG SIX."

September 6, 1921.

KENLY NEWS NOTES

Kenly, Sept. 7.—Rev. C. E. Clarke filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday. He preached in his usual impressive way in the morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 8 o'clock.

The Radcliffe Chautauqua has arrived here for a three days stay in town. The program will begin this afternoon at 3 o'clock. It is expected to be unusually good this time and a large attendance.

The first bale of cotton for the season was ginned here yesterday for Mr. W. T. Kirby. The farmers of this section seem to be more encouraged over the prospects of the new selling price of cotton.

Dr. Thel Hooks will be in town again next Monday for the purpose of inoculation against typhoid and diphtheria. We are glad to know that so many people have taken advantage of this opportunity to protect themselves against these diseases.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards and children from Princeton were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Woodard Sunday.

Mrs. Eagles and children are leaving today to visit relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. Ross Edgerton spent Monday in the country with her sister, Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Henry Huff, of Fayetteville returned to his home Saturday after spending sometime with Mr. John Woodard.

Mr. F. A. White accompanied by Misses Ethel and Sadie Morris spent a few hours in Stantonburg Saturday.

Mr. J. M. Woodard and Miss Beulah Bailey left Friday to attend a house party at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Messrs J. W. Darden, T. C. Bailey and E. Z. Neighbors attended the ball games in Wilson and Rocky Mount Monday.

Miss Mildred Darden left Tuesday to enter school at G. C. W., in Greensboro.

Miss Lucile Holden left Tuesday to enter school at Louisburg College.

Dr. R. A. Turlington spent the week end in Sampson County with relatives. He was accompanied home Monday by his wife and daughter, little Evelyn Dixon, who have been spending some time with relatives in Roseboro.

Messrs Jack Hooks and Leon Watson left Tuesday for Elon College where they will enter school.

Mrs. Otto Barnes spent a few days with her brother at Wilson's Mills last week.

Services next Sunday by Rev. J. E. Holden, pastor of the M. E. church.

Miss Bertha Woodard Hostess.

Selma, Sept. 4.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wiggs was the scene of much merriment Thursday evening, when their sister, Miss Bertha Woodard entertained the younger set, complimentary to the 21 young men and ladies of Selma who are soon to leave for various colleges in the State.

Several games were enjoyed, ending with a spirited contest in which Miss Lillie Eason and Mr. R. D. Blackburne came out victorious.

The color scheme was red and green, being carried out also in the refreshments, which consisted of a salad course and iced tea.

Several out-of-town guests were present.

Fish Fry at Flat Rock.

Last Monday morning a party of 48 people of Pleasant Chapel section and Branch Chapel section met at Flat Rock to spend the day. The men seined the river and caught about 100 pounds of fish. Nine large carp and lots and smaller fish were caught. About 75 pounds of fish were fried for dinner. After having enjoyed a sumptuous dinner the children repeated for the river to wade and have a good time in the water.

Young Folks Entertained.

Tuesday evening, Master Norman Grantham was host to a number of his friends at his home in Brooklyn. The young folks enjoyed games on the lawn, until the refreshments were served after which they took their departure.

—Why is the full moon not so heavy as the new moon? Because it is a great deal lighter.

TOBACCO MARKET HAS GOOD OPENING

Quarter Million Pounds Sold —Good Tobacco Brings Good Price

For weeks Smithfield has been looking forward to September 6, the opening day of the tobacco market here, and her expectations were fully realized as to the crowd and amount of tobacco here. Automobiles and other vehicles lined the streets and the floors of the three warehouses showed a quarter of a million break. One of the warehouses had a hundred and eighty loads of tobacco in it.

The sales began at the Center Brick warehouse, and the whole day was taken up with the sales there and at the Farmers warehouse which drew the second sale. The tobacco on the Banner warehouse was sold Wednesday. The tobacco in quality averaged a little better than the tobacco for the opening sales a year ago. The low grades of tobacco were not so much sought after, but the good grades sold well. Upon a whole the prices were better than had been expected, some of the golden weed bringing 40, 50 and 60 cents per pound.

The big tobacco companies were well represented as follows: Export Tobacco Co., by Mr. V. E. Wells; Imperial, Mr. Sam Morton; Liggett & Myers, Mr. H. A. Baggett; R. J. Reynolds, Mr. Van Landenham; T. S. Ragsdale Co., represents J. P. Taylor, The American Tobacco Co., and other companies. There are several other men who buy independently.

With good buyers on the market, and with enterprising warehousemen the Smithfield tobacco market has started under favorable conditions.

Clean-Up Campaign.

The veterans bureau in cooperation with the American Red Cross and the American Legion is conducting a Clean-Up Campaign throughout the United States.

Meetings are being arranged at central points in each state. Representatives of the three above named organizations will aid the ex-service men and women in presenting their just claims against the Government.

These claims are with reference to compensation, training, medical attention and insurance.

C. M. James, field representative, Custom Bldg., Wilmington, N. C., announces the places and dates for South-east North Carolina:

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 20, 21, 22, Johnston and others.

Goldsboro, N. C., Oct. 24, 25.

For those who reside in the following counties: Wayne, Greene, Lenoir, Duplin, Wilson, Johnston, Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 4, 5, 6, 7, for those who reside in the following counties: Cumberland, Harnett, Sampson, Johnston, Bladen, Robeson and Hoke. For further information address: Benj. H. Hinde, 202 Mint Bldg., Charlotte, N. C.

PLAIN VIEW ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Malesy Pace motored to Sanford Friday to visit Mrs. Oscar Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Batten spent the week end with Mrs. George Anderson at Silverdale.

The revival at Carter's Chapel, conducted by Rev. A. Corey and Prof. S. R. Stine, closed Sunday night. Some over 3,000 chapters in the Bible were read during the week. There were no additions to the church.

Quite a number of our people attended the ball game at Selma Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray Easom of near Selma spent the week end at Mr. Sam Easom's.

Mrs. Texas Helem is on the sick list.

Mrs. James Batten is able to be out again after a lingering illness.

Messrs W. H. Pittman, W. H. Scott, F. M. and Berry Lancaster attended the opening tobacco sales at Wilson Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Pittman, of Branch's Chapel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pittman.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Narron, of near Middlesex spent Sunday with Mrs. J. G. Narron.

SCHOOL OPENED HERE WEDNESDAY

Enrollment First Day of 557 —Eleven Members Of Graduating Class

It was an inspiring scene Wednesday morning when Turlington Graded school opened for the fall term, to see the large crowd of boys and girls and patrons literally overflow the building. And the sadness was taken out of the occasion with the realization that in another year adequate quarters would be provided for any and all who might go. Last year the total enrollment for the year was about 700 pupils, and indications now point to a bigger number this year. The first day enrollment of 557 was the largest in the history of the school, the enrollment for the first month of last year being 543. The number in High School this year on opening day was 154 as compared with 143 or the first month a year ago.

The school is already well organized with its four departments, primary, grammar grades, junior high school and senior high school down at work the first day. The business department which gives a course in typewriting and shorthand, has 25 enrolled for this work.

The senior class has 11 members with three others expected to come in next week. The members of the class are as follows: Harry Biggs, William Booker, James Davis, Joe Ellington, John Ennis, Edward Patterson, Erwin Pittman, Mamie Ennis, Jessie Smith, Lucy Wellons and Elizabeth Young.

The exercises Wednesday morning were brief only two short talks being made Judge F. H. Brooks, chairman of the Board of Trustees, made a few remarks giving a warm welcome to the members of the faculty and announcing that the erection of the new high school building would soon begin. He was followed by Rev. H. S. Hartzell, rector of the Episcopal church who spoke briefly of the stand T. G. S. takes among the schools of the State. Rev. Mr. Hartzell also conducted the devotional part of the program.

Superintendent Franks then made a number of announcements. He announced that the schedule for this year would include chapel exercises each morning but this would necessitate the program for the upper grades continuing until 3:40 in the afternoon. The primary grades will have double schedule as last year and will be in school only the usual half day.

Among other announcements was the reading of a telegram of greetings from Miss Sarah Kennedy who for three years had charge of the music department here but who will teach at Chicora College in South Carolina this year. The school voted to answer the message with best wishes for her success in her new work.

The faculty for this year needs no introduction, as a resume was published as soon as all the teachers were secured. The school has probably the best corps of teachers in its history, and the opening days portend a most successful year's work.

Federal Land Bank Man Here.

Mr. J. F. Latham, appraiser for the Federal Land Bank Association is in the county and will visit the farmers who have made applications for loans. The applicants will please be on the lookout for him next week.

First New Bale at Pine Level.

Pine Level, Sept. 7.—The first new bale of cotton ginned in Pine Level, was raised by Mr. Sam Moore and ginned by Floyd C. Price. The bale weighed 475 pounds and brought 22 and one-half cents per pound.

Smithfield Plays Clayton, 7-7 Tie.

The Smithfield Highs played the Clayton Highs to a 7-7 tie at Clayton Tuesday. The game was called on account of darkness in the 8th. The game was featured by Bill Massey's home run in the first. Ellington pitched a good game for the locals. He was given very poor support.

The game will be played over here today at the Fair grounds. Come out and see a good game.

NEWS ITEMS FROM BENSON

Benson, Sept. 7.—The Benson school opened Monday morning with a large attendance and every teacher at his or her post. A good many patrons attended the opening exercises in the school auditorium. The ministers of the town assisted in the devotional exercises. Prof. Weaver made a splendid talk on the school work in general and announced several medals to be awarded this year by different organizations and individuals of the town. Prof. Kaney made a short talk relative to the athletics of the school. He is very much interested in this phase of the school work and it is believed that under his direction the school will do much in this line this year. Miss Estelle Part of Buie's Creek, who is getting up a class in Erpression here, gave a delightful reading. This was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Maude Dedson, a member of the faculty. Announcements were made and the children remarched out of the auditorium while everybody sang "Onward Christian Soldiers." It is the general opinion that our school has a strong corps of instructors this year, who will carry the school through a most successful nine months of work.

The first regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held in the school auditorium Monday night with about 50 present. Twenty-three new members were enrolled. The vice president, Mrs. M. T. Britt called the meeting to order and after rolling the minutes of the organization meeting were read. The secretary was asked to read the resignation of Mrs. W. T. Martin as president. After it was voted that this be accepted Mrs. J. R. Barbour was elected president of the club by a unanimous vote. Constitution and by-laws were adopted by the club, dues were paid and several other business matters attended to before adjournment. It is gratifying to see the increasing interest in Benson's Woman's club. The club hopes that it can have Mrs. C. C. Hook, of Charlotte address the club soon. Mrs. Hook a former president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs and one of the foremost women of our state is an eloquent speaker and possesses a charming personality. If she is secured Benson will consider it a rare privilege to entertain and hear her.

Mrs. Gusta McLamb left today for Fayetteville to enter a hospital for an operation. Mrs. J. W. Whittenton accompanied her.

Miss Ethel Hall attended a ball game at Coats, Saturday.

Mr. Laurie Cavenaugh, of Greensboro was in the city Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver spent Sunday in Selma.

Miss Clara Woodall is spending some time with her aunt in Bentonsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Royal and guest Mrs. Hugh Royal visited in Smithfield Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Lanier and Mrs. E. M. Hall went to Lillington Monday. Mrs. Hall was one of the judges in a singing concert there.

Mr. W. D. Boone and family spent Sunday in Raleigh.

Rev. J. T. Stanford and family passed through Benson Saturday, stopping a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rackley. Mr. Stanford was former pastor of the Methodist church here and his many friends were glad to get this glimpse of him.

Mrs. Swannie Tart has accepted a position in Smithfield with the Austin Stephenson Co., and will leave in a few days to take up her duties there. Her friends here regret to see her leave.

Mr. J. R. Barbour is in Raleigh today on business.

Miss Swannie Paschal left Sunday for State College, Raleigh, where she will do bookkeeping this year.

Mr. Alton Hall left Tuesday for Wake Forest where he will enter school.

Third Quarterly Conference.

The Third Quarterly meeting for Centenary Methodist church, Smithfield will be held Saturday, September 10th, 9:30 a. m. Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder, will preach at 11 a. m. on Sunday. At the evening hour the congregation will worship in the Gospel Tent. All stewards and other church officials will please remember the hour for quarterly conference.

FIRST BALE OF NEW COTTON SOLD HERE

Belonged to Mr. Ben Casey and Brought 20 Cents; Weighed 508 Lbs.

The first bale of new cotton brought to Smithfield this fall belonged to Mr. Ben Casey, who lives about four miles west of here. He brought it to Mr. W. M. Sanders' gin Tuesday, September 6th, where it was ginned that day. It weighed 508 pounds and was sold to Mr. Sanders at 20 cents a pound. The seed were sold at the gin for 40 cents a bushel.

The Smithfield cotton market is making a good start this fall. Some old cotton and several bales of new cotton are coming in daily. The price for the past two or three days has been 20 cents per pound, Smithfield has four cotton buyers as follows: Tomlinson & Co., buying done by A. M. Johnson; Cotter-Underwood Co., Messrs J. D. Underwood and P. K. Broadhurst, buyers; Austin-Stephenson Co., whose buying is done by Mr. W. H. Austin, Mr. W. M. Sanders is the oldest cotton buyer on the Smithfield cotton market.

Very few towns are so well prepared to gin cotton as Smithfield. The town has three large ginneries. Mr. J. W. Stephenson, about one-half mile west of town has a large gin which is well-equipped and up-to-date in every particular. In the town near the depot are two other well-equipped ginneries. One is owned by Mr. W. M. Sanders and the other by the Smithfield Gin Co. Mr. W. H. Austin is a large stockholder in the Smithfield Gin Company which started operation a year ago. Mr. L. H. Sasser is the manager. If you bring your cotton here to have it ginned the work can be done at the same time you are in town on other business. With the three plants in operation it is not easy to over run them with cotton.

ELEVATION NEWS

People in our section have begun picking cotton.

Mr. W. E. Clifton spent Saturday night with his uncle, Mr. L. C. Clifton. "Bill" is one of the many or our old boys we're always glad to welcome back.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whittenton of Benson spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Whittenton's sister, Mrs. Q. V. Moore.

Messrs Ralph Medlin and Wayland Bailey spent Friday in Raleigh.

Mrs. Noah Creech and children of Selma spent several days recently with relatives in this vicinity.

Miss Lessie Hill, of Coats, was the guest of Mrs. J. H. Price for the week end.

Mrs. J. W. Creech has returned after spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Dallas Stephenson in the Providence section.

Mrs. R. N. Warren and W. H. Creech spent Sunday afternoon in Bunn's Level.

Miss Lucy Creech entertained quite a number of the younger set at a delightful birthday party Saturday afternoon. Numerous games were played after which delightful refreshments were served. The guests all united in voting Miss Creech a charming hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stancil, of Duke are spending some time with Mrs. Stancil's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Barbour.

Mr. T. M. Johnson and family, of Coats, spent Sunday afternoon with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Bailey, of near Coats were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Medlin for the week end.

The Elevation boys defeated the Barbourtown nine on the former's diamond Saturday afternoon by a score of 12 to 0. The pitching of Morgan for the locals was the main feature.

A number of our farmers attended the opening of the tobacco market at Smithfield Tuesday.

Messrs Mather and T. E. Dorman spent Wednesday in the Capital City.

REPORTER.

Benson, N. C., R. No. 3.

—What does an artist like to draw best? His salary.