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George Ragsdale Sends Account First County Club Feed of the Year

Chapel Hill, Nov. 17.—The Johnston County Club, composed entirely of Johnston County men attending the University, held its first informal feed of the year here last night. Almost all the men from the county who are in attendance here attended the gathering, which was a most enjoyable one. After a short business session the refreshments were served, which consisted of cakes, grapes, bananas, and oranges. After that, cigarettes and bottled drinks were served by the refreshment committee.

The first meeting of the year was held last week and the officers elected. Those elected were W. J. Barefoot, president; G. Y. Ragsdale, vice-president; and B. B. Ray, sec. and treas.

It is the plan of the Club to hold meetings several times during each quarter, and to have at least one feed each quarter. By doing this, the boys will stay in closer touch with one another, and it is felt that they will become better acquainted with each other at each meeting.

The following men from Johnston County are in attendance: W. J. Barefoot, Benson; N. C. Barefoot, Benson; W. M. Sanders, Jr., Smithfield; C. E. Williams, Benson; J. O. Ellington, Jr., Clayton; S. E. Hobbie, Clayton; E. C. Jernigan, Benson; G. Y. Ragsdale, Smithfield; W. J. Talton, Selma; B. B. Ray, Selma; L. P. Liles, Wilson's Mills; Herman Eason, Selma; J. R. Temple, Selma; S. W. Worley, Selma; W. H. Massey, Princeton; R. L. Ray, Jr., Selma; Clarke Fitzgerald, Micro; Kenneth Coats, Smithfield; Frank Pearce, Micro; J. P. Fields, Selma; Mr. Hales, Kenly; Mr. Poole, Clayton; Hiram Gerald, Micro. G. Y. RAGSDALE, Reporting Clerk.

The Parables of Safed the Sage.

I journeyed in the Land of the Big Red Apple, where they raise fruit as delicious as that wherewith Eve tempted Adam. For Eve knew her business, and the Apple is Some Fruit. And I saw the trees laden with fruit, and the ground beneath them growing green with Alfalfa.

And I asked, Whence cometh the water, wherewith these trees are nourished? For the clouds dry not their rain, neither is there melting snow upon the distant hills.

And they showed me a deep well that went down an hundred cubits. And at the bottom I saw an Engine that worked with Electric Power, and rested not day nor night. And the engine lifted the water in a Mighty Stream so strong that when it reached the surface they ad to hurl it against a wall to take away its violence and divide it into smaller streams lest it tear up the very ground. And the waters flowed unto Many Orchards and watered the trees.

And they brought forth fruit in their season, neither are there any years when the crop faileth for lack of water. For there is a Mighty River that floweth under the ground, and its flow is perpetual. And everything doth grow, whither-so-ever the river cometh.

And when I saw these things I said, Behold there be many men whose lives are Sterile and Barren of good works who might Grow and Blossom and Bear Fruit.

For there floweth under the feet of every man streams of Power; and there are in the life of men Hidden Reservoirs wherewith they might Drink, and water the ground abundantly.

For there is no need that any life should be barren, or that any man should fail to lift up toward heaven the evidences of a life that is useful, and good. The sun is in the sky, and there is a spring of water in the earth, and no man's life should be unfruitful.—Watchman Examiner.

The Starting Crank.

Just because a crank can start something, he thinks he is the source of the horsepower.—Baltimore Sun.

FIRE DESTROYS A BENSON WAREHOUSE

Armistice Day Fittingly Observed; Clubs Have Interesting Meetings

Benson, Nov. 19.—The people of our town were awakened last night between two and three o'clock by the fire siren and a large crowd hurried to the scene of the fire. It proved to be the new Banner tobacco warehouse which was completely destroyed. It is said that about 40,000 lbs. of tobacco was burned. Mr. J. M. Motley was the manager of the warehouse and is the heaviest loser. The origin of the fire is unknown. There was about \$5,000 insurance on the building. It was in this building that our high school boys had their basket ball court, they having played there last night.

Armistice Day was celebrated here with much manifestation of enthusiasm and patriotism. Splendid exercises were held at the school auditorium at nine o'clock a. m. then followed the parade composed of the excellent Dunn band, the veterans of the civil and world wars, the school children and several beautiful floats. One of the most elaborate dinners ever spread in Benson was served in a vacant store to the ex-service men, and members of the band, also the school faculty. At 2:30 p. m. Col. R. L. Williams, of Raleigh, made an excellent talk to a large crowd near the station, after which Mayor Canaday called forth from the crowd the following Confederate veterans: Capt. Rashea, Lovie Innis, Robert Strickland and James Norris, and after a few well chosen words asked the crowd to join him in a hearty cheer for those venerable old veterans. Immediately the band broke into "Dixie" while the crowd applauded. A basket ball game between our boys and Weyland High concluded the altogether delightful event.

Mrs. A. S. Oliver was hostess Wednesday evening to the Missionary Society of the Methodist church. The meeting was well attended and a program on Songdo carried out. In view of the fact that the "Missionary Voice" is in the throes of a desperate struggle to maintain its existence the agent made a special plea for subscriptions to this worthy publication. About six were added. At the conclusion of all business Mrs. Oliver served delicious chicken salad sandwiches and hot coffee.

The Parrish Hotel was re-opened Monday night under the management of Mr. C. W. Wilson, who comes well recommended as a hotel man. On Monday evening the doors were thrown open to the entire citizenship of the town and a delightful reception tendered them. Mr. Alonza Parrish was master of ceremonies. Talks were made by several of the guests and both vocal and instrumental music furnished. On entering the guests were served punch and later a luncheon was served in the dining room. The town gladly welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and their two children to its midst.

Last Monday afternoon, Mrs. R. B. Brady was hostess to the Health-Home-Economics Department of the Woman's Club. The meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mrs. W. J. Root and the following program enjoyed: Paper—"Feeding our Families Intelligently" by Miss Cornelia Ayers, teacher of Home-Economics in the Benson school; balanced menus for a week as follows: "Breakfast" Mrs. J. H. Rose, "Dinner" Mrs. J. L. Hall, "Supper," Mrs. O. A. Barbour. After several business matters were discussed the Department adjourned to meet in December with Mrs. J. L. Hall.

The John Chas. McNeill Book Club held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. W. D. Boone. This meeting was a week early on account of several members' planning to be out of town on Thanksgiving. The topic for study was "Bjornson." Mrs. M. T. Britt discussed his place among modern dramatists, Mrs. A. T. Lassiter read a brief paper on his life and works, and Mrs. O. A. Barbour gave a discussion of one of his plays, "Beyond Human Power." Mrs. E. M. Hall sang a number of old songs which concluded the program. It was decided at this meeting to donate those books used by

COUNTY TEACHERS MEET SATURDAY

Spelling Contest Sends Louise Wrenn and Otis Barbour to Raleigh

The second County Teachers' meeting of the school year was held here Saturday in the Graded school auditorium with an attendance of 176 teachers. The meeting was full of interest from start to finish. The main business of the day was the organization of a local unit of the North Carolina Teachers Assembly, and the election of delegates to the annual meeting in Raleigh this week.

Supt. W. B. Crumpton, of Selma, was chosen as president of the county association; Miss Mamie Moore, of Wilson's Mills, vice-president; and Miss Mary E. Well, secretary-treas. A large number of the schools in the county reported 100 per cent joining this organization which includes the following schools: New Beulah, Pittman, Woodrow, Massey (Bentonville), Kenly, Boyette, Glendale, Brogden, Princeton, Mt. Zion, Shiloh, Polenta, Powhatan, Baptist Center, Sandy Ridge, Zebulon Heights, Royall (Elevation), Spilona, Stewart, Meadow, Holly Grove, Poplar Grove, Sandy Grove, Micro, Pearce, Thanksgiving, Moores, Corinth (Oneals), Pine Level, Poplar Springs (Oneals), Sunny Nook, Live Oak, Plainview, Jones, Pomona, Johnson, Creech, Archer Lodge, Wilson's Mills, Selma.

The Association was entitled to eighteen delegates who were elected as follows: W. S. Burleson, of Kenly; G. M. Moser, Micro; Miss Debbie Bailey, Clayton; Miss Blanche Penny, of Princeton; W. B. Crumpton, Miss Perry and Miss Ina Young, Selma; E. R. Settle and Miss Margaret Flinton, Pine Level; Miss Mamie Moore, Wilson's Mills; J. R. Weaver and Miss Ruth Poindexter, Benson; O. F. Blankenship, Four Oaks; W. H. Hipps, T. H. Franks, G. T. Whitley, Miss Mary E. Wells, and Miss Ora Canaler, of this city. Alternates were elected as follows: Misses Sallie Merrill, of Princeton; Hazel West, Smithfield; Lillian Hurst, Kenly; Gradabelle Turner, Selma; Myrtle Miller, Pine Level; and Mr. Harry Keller, of Wendell.

Greater interest is being manifested this year than ever before on account of the change in the method of electing officers of the State Assembly. It is proposed to have a primary and elect officers in a democratic way instead of appointing a nominating committee of five to choose officers of the Assembly. It is also proposed to elect a whole time secretary who will devote his entire time to the organization of local units and who will look after the welfare of the teachers in the state.

At the same time of the Teachers' meeting, a spelling contest was held to decide who should represent Johnston county in the State-wide spelling contest to be held in Raleigh, tomorrow, November 3rd. Each township in the county was entitled to two representatives, and every township save one was here. One hundred words from New World Speller Book II were given out, which the contestants wrote down. When the papers were graded it was found that Otis Barbour of the High Tower School in Pleasant Grove, had made a grade of 100. Two girls, Misses Nettie Ivey, of Poplar Springs School in Banner township and Louise Wrenn, of Mt. Zion school in Cleveland had tied for second place making a grade of 98. Twenty-five words more were given out to these two and Miss Wrenn came out victor. The two who will go to Raleigh are seventh grade pupils, Miss Mary E. Wells, who conducted the contest, was well pleased with the showing made by all of the contestants.

Men of Weight and Influence.

"Success brings poise," says a magazine writer. Especially avoid dupois. —Cleveland News.

The club last year which were suitable for young people to the Children's Library which the Woman's Club hopes soon to open in Benson. After books for the month were found by members, Mrs. Boone served dainty refreshments consisting of perfection salad with wafers and hot chocolate.

N. C. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS READ

Rev. D. H. Tuttle Returns; Rev. S. A. Cotton Made Presiding Elder

When Bishop Darlington read the appointments of the preachers in the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church at New Bern Sunday night, three items at least were of special interest to Smithfield people. Rev. D. H. Tuttle, who has so faithfully served the church here for the past year was returned to this pastorate; Rev. S. A. Cotton, four years pastor here only leaving last year to go to Franklinton, was made a Presiding Elder in the Washington District; and Rev. J. C. Wooten was sent back to the Raleigh district.

The congregation had no fear but that Mr. Tuttle would be returned here, but one never knows what the Conference may do, so their minds are now at ease. Mr. Tuttle's report which he carried to conference told the story of work well done and during his year here he has found his way into the hearts of the people.

Rev. Mr. Cotton lived among us four years and his success in life will always be cause for rejoicing by the Smithfield people. That he was advanced to the place of Presiding Elder is gratifying to his many friends here.

Other changes of interest were made in the Conference but for lack of space we publish only the appointments of the Raleigh District as follows:

Presiding Elder, J. C. Wooten. Benson circuit, E. H. Hall. Cary circuit, D. N. Caviness. Clayton, C. T. Thrift. Creedmoor circuit, V. A. Royal. Four Oaks circuit, J. A. Russell. Franklinton, R. F. Bumpass. Garner circuit, J. C. D. Stroud. Granville circuit, F. B. Noblitt. Kenly circuit, J. E. Holden. Louisburg, G. F. Smith. Millbrook circuit, H. M. Mitchell. Oxford, E. H. Snipes. Oxford circuit, B. H. Black. Princeton circuit, W. G. Farrar. Raleigh: Central, C. K. Proctor, Edenton Street, W. W. Peele; Jenkins Memorial, L. P. Pattishall. Selma, Edgerton Memorial, G. B. Perry.

Smithfield, D. H. Tuttle. Tar River circuit, W. J. Watson. Youngville circuit, T. S. Coble. Zebulon circuit, W. L. Loy. Superintendent Anti-Saloon League, R. L. Davis. Business manager, N. C. Christian Advocate, T. A. Sikes. Editor Nashville Christian Advocate, T. N. Ivey. President Louisburg College, L. S. Massey. Superintendent Methodist Orphanage, S. A. Barnes. The Conference will meet next time in Raleigh.

Would Revive Family Singing.

"Why," asks a contemporary writer "do so few parents nowadays sing either to or with their children?" She goes on to urge a revival of this fine old custom.

Perhaps, as she suggests, the phonograph, with its music-making facilities, or the automobile, and the movie, forever dragging people from their homes, or jazz with its exotic and difficult cadences, have driven the old sweet airs and the habit of family singing from the American homes.

Old hymns of noble verse and nobler music, beautiful old ballads in settings of simple but perfect melody, are a valuable part of the equipment of any life and memory. Every little while new music of real merit is produced which should be added to the collection as pearls are added to a string.

Homes in which such songs are sung, homes in which fathers and mothers sing such songs first to and then with their children, are among the greatest influences of civilization. More important than the songs or the singing is the habit instilled in early life of finding pleasure in simple family association within the walls of home itself.—Concord (New Hampshire) Monitor.

Most women who get divorces from their husbands have had long separations from work.—Washington Post.

GOVERNOR ISSUES HIS PROCLAMATION

Makes Appeal for Orphans In Annual Thanksgiving Proclamation

Making a special appeal for the orphanages of the State, Governor Cameron Morrison, yesterday issued his Thanksgiving Day Proclamation, calling upon the people of the State to offer up thanks for the year's triumphs and prayers for the future. The proclamation follows:

"One of the most sublimely beautiful religious customs of our country is that of the President of the United States, and the Governors of the various States of the Republic, annually fixing a day pursuant to law, upon which the people are officially called upon throughout the country, publicly in the houses of religious worship, and privately, to acknowledge God and render thanks, and ask for future blessings and guidance. The day has always been a sweet and sacred one throughout the growth of our State.

"The President of the United States having designated Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of November, as a day of thanksgiving, devotion, and prayer,

"Now, therefore, I, Cameron Morrison, Governor of North Carolina, hereby designate and proclaim Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of November, 1921, as a day of Thanksgiving in this State.

"The General Assembly having designated the day, when fixed as a legal holiday, I respectfully urge that all business be suspended, and that all of our houses of religious worship to acknowledge and recognize Almighty God; and that in their homes, and private places, they recall God and their absolute dependence upon His goodness and mercy.

"As a State the year is richly laden with blessings for which we ought to render thanks unto Him from Whom all blessings come.

"The year's triumphs along lines of material and business endeavor are unusual under all the circumstances. We should be grateful, and with devout hearts render thanks; and generously dedicate the wealth created to sacred and benevolent purposes.

"As a part of our thanksgiving devotions and manifestations, I beg that those who are strong and able remember the orphanage for the unfortunate children of our State, and that they contribute liberally through their various religious agencies to augment the capacity of these beautiful and practical expressions of religion made through the orphanages.

"Let us not only render thanks for the blessings we have received, but let us also on bended knees seek Divine aid and guidance for our future.

"I ask the prayers of the people for strength, righteousness and wisdom for all who are in authority, in State and Nation; that they may deal justly in all things affecting the discharge of their official duties."—News and Observer.

To Begin Fight on Boll Weevil.

Kinston, Oct. 31.—Federal agricultural men will begin a strenuous fight on the boll weevil in this section before or shortly after Christmas. Cotton growers are being warned that unless they profit by experiences of farmers further south, they stand to lose large sums next season. The ravages of the Mexican pest in local fields this year indicated just what the weevil is capable of once it has firmly established itself, the experts declare. The northward advance of the insect was halted by the first light frosts at a point past this city. It arrived late. Next spring it will overrun hundreds, possibly thousands of acres. Rotation will be one means used in combatting it.—Charlotte Observer.

Tobacconists Take Holiday.

We are asked to announce to the farmers that the tobacco market here will be closed from Wednesday night until Monday morning for the Thanksgiving holidays. The warehouses will be open and the buyers back on the market Monday, Nov. 28th, ready for regular sales.

CAROLINA TOBACCO GROWERS SIGN UP

Minimum Number Pounds Contracted for in State; Will Handle 1922 Crop

Mr. J. M. Galloway, of Greensboro, who grows more tobacco than any other man in the world, has signed up for co-operative marketing, according to a telegram received last night at Raleigh headquarters to the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association from L. V. Morrill at Greensboro.

The contract signed by Mr. Galloway, which is identical with that signed by the farmer who grows only a few hundred pounds calls for the delivery to the co-operative association of 650,000 pounds. A number of Mr. Galloway's tenants have also signed the marketing contract bringing the total amount of tobacco from his farms to over a million pounds that will be handled by the Growers Co-operative Association.

North Carolina tobacco growers have signed up their minimum number of pounds for the Tri-State Co-operative Marketing Association, according to an announcement from Raleigh headquarters. Assured of handling the crop of 1922 through their own association, the growers are going to beat the sign-up records of Virginia and Kentucky and are confident that the final figures will show 75 per cent of the 1920 production signed in the Old North State.

Yesterday the Raleigh office of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association received the following telegram from Aaron Sapiro at Lexington, Ky.:

"Burley tobacco growers association just formally authorized with over 42 thousand contracts and over three-fourths crop. Believe you will do the same for bright tobacco."

With all the large tobacco growing states of the South in friendly competition for the honor of signing up the largest number of growers for co-operative marketing under the same contracts, North Carolina growers are determined to pass the best record made in any other state.

Telegrams and letters are piling up at Raleigh headquarters asking for contracts and speakers, while interest among business and professional men increases as the campaign draws to a close. Bankers and other business interest are greatly impressed by the way the farmers have shown their confidence in the movement, and there is no longer any reason why business men should hesitate to take an active part in the wind-up campaign.

With new batches of signed contracts coming in daily, it is impossible to give final figures on the campaign to date. Production for 1920 and present sign-up figures in millions of pounds for some of the leading counties follow:

Edgecombe, 1920 production 12,800,000 pounds; sign-up 9,800,000 pounds. Greene 10,800,000 and 8,500,000 lbs. signed. Surry 11,500,000—8,000,000. Caswell 11,000,000—6,000,000. Person 11 million—8 million signed. Nash 17 million—12 million sign-up. Lenoir 14,000,000—8,000,000. Wayne 14,400,000—8,300,000. Vance 9 million—5 million. Granville 17,000,000—9,200,000.—News and Observer, November 20th.

Pot and Kettle.—"You have such strange names for your towns," an Englishman remarked to one of his new American friends. "Weehawken, Hoboken, Poughkeepsie, and ever so many others."

"I suppose they do sound queer to English ears," said the American, thoughtfully. "Do you live in London all the time?"

"Oh no," said the unsuspecting Briton, "I spend a part of my time at Chipping Norton, and then I've a place at Pockestog-on-the-Hike."—Harper's Magazine.

"I hear that the Allens are separated," said Mrs. Spineless.

"Yes," replied her husband, "and Mr. Allen signed a legal document giving her the control of their children."

"O, John!" sighed Mrs. Spineless, "I wish we could get a document that would give us control of our children."—Charity & Children.