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## BIG DAY AT WILSON MILLS HIGH SCHOOL

### Teachers From Nine Schools Meet at High School—Discuss Problems

Wilson's Mills, Dec. 10.—Friday will long be remembered as Red Letter day in the catalogue of events in the Wilson's Mills high school.

To seventy of the teaching force of Johnston County, Superintendent Hipps had extended invitations to visit the school and observe the individual class work. Out of this number 94 per cent was present.

The success of the day was due largely to the hospitality and work of the teachers and students of the local school. The usual morning schedule was followed until the ten o'clock recess, after which the visitors with teachers and students assembled in the auditorium. A singing contest was conducted between the grades. Seldom does one hear children sing with more spirit and volume. From the number sung by the first grades to that by the eleventh, the audience listened with appreciation.

Six selections were rendered, but to the High school, the judges gave the decision of the best rendered selections.

Following this contest was an observation period of demonstration language work. Miss Atwood Sloan conducted a lesson on Health. Mrs. Lula Uzzle on Jack Frost; Miss Mamie Moore, a socialized English lesson correlated with Civics on the question of a new school building. These lessons plans and results were highly complimented by Miss Wells in the "Round Table" discussion of the afternoon.

At noon the students were dismissed for the remainder of the day. At this hour a delicious lunch with hot cocoa was served to the visiting teachers at the dormitory.

In the afternoon while Miss Minnie Lee Garrison was demonstrating a fireless cooker and Christmas decorations to the club members, Superintendent Hipps and Miss Wells were leading a round table discussion before the body of teachers assembled for the purpose of obtaining help, information and further guidance in their work.

Miss Wells recommended to the teachers Sheridan's Language book, stating her desire to see a desk copy in every school-room.

Supt. Hipps spoke of the fine spirit of co-operation in Johnston county. "Are children attending school? Do you have a daily schedule? Are you putting across what you are undertaking? Are you a dreamer or loafer? If you are, do you realize you will have that kind of school room?" These were some of the vital questions asked by Mr. Hipps.

"A book-worm isn't a teacher," he continued, "but a teacher must know the subject matter, must know the boy or girl, must inspire that boy or girl to go on. What we desire in a teacher is a person of refinement or culture to be able to enter the classroom and drive the point."

Speaking of the needs in the educational system of Johnston county, Mr. Hipps said, "I believe the time has come to popularize education. I desire to get people to stop thinking in the terms of taxation, and to begin thinking in terms of childhood. I want to get folks to talking about Johnston county's educational system."

From the principal of each school represented problems were reported. The dominant need was that of more class room. The reports of children sitting on the floor, on borrowed goods boxes emphasized the crying demand of the hour.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, chairman of the County Board of Education, expressed his gratification of the meeting of the day, and made emphatic the fact that education is an urgent necessity of today.

The school with teachers represented are listed below:

Benson: Principal J. R. Weaver, D. W. Kanoy, Laura Matthews, Cornelia Ayres, Katie Lee Matthews, Maude Dodson, Minnie L. Stevens, Clara Edwards, Lois Carter, Pattie Hunter, Vermelle High, Ruth Poin-dexter, Olga Long.

Kenly: Principal W. S. Bureson,

Aaron Sapiro To Be Here Dec. 27.

A telephone message yesterday from Raleigh to County Farm Agent, S. J. Kirby announced the news that on Dec. 27, Aaron Sapiro, known over the United States and abroad for his connection with Cooperative Marketing, will be in Smithfield and address the farmers not only of Johnston but surrounding counties. Mr. Sapiro is attorney for twenty-one successful co-operative marketing associations and knows the subject thoroughly. He helped to draw the contract for the associations in North Carolina. He is said to be a fine orator, and whether one agrees with him or not, his speech will be full of interest. A large crowd is expected to be present. An effort will be made to have representative crowds from Wayne, Harnett, Wake and other nearby counties. The meeting place and hour will be announced later. Watch the paper.

Miss Parrish Showered.

Thursday evening Miss Hilda Parrish, a January bride-to-be, was given a miscellaneous shower in quite a unique manner. Miss Eula Parrish, who was entertaining the D. G. S. Girls at her home on that evening, and Miss Helene Ives, who was also entertaining a number of her friends had planned to surprise the bride-to-be who was spending the evening with Mrs. W. W. Cole.

About 9:30 o'clock as Mrs. Cole and several guests were busy with their needle work this bevy of young ladies came trooping in with gifts of various kinds. After the honoree had recovered from her surprise the guests were served hot coffee and sandwiches.

B. Y. P. U. Meeting at Trinity.

On next Sunday morning, December 18, beginning at 10 o'clock the B. Y. P. U. of Blackman's Grove will give a program at Trinity church, Peacock's X Roads. Mr. Perry Morgan of Raleigh, who is the State B. Y. P. U. Secretary, will be present and make an address at 11 o'clock. There will be special music by the Trinity choir and the program will be full of interest and enjoyment. Everybody is invited to attend the meetin.

PROVIDENCE NEWS

Messrs Leonard and Rufus Johnson were in Angier Thursday.

Mr. Claud Stephenson went to Clayton one day this week.

We all must be ready and go to the Piney Grove schoolhouse next Friday night, December 16. They are going to have a fine time over there. There will be a box party and several other amusements. Every body is specially invited to come and take part in this program. Remember the time, Friday night, December 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Powell of Smithfield were in this section one day this week.

Mr. J. Robert Parrish went to Angier one day this week.

Mr. Clarence Lee went to Raleigh Monday. "BIG MACK."

Angier, N. C., R. 1, Dec. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stallings, who have been living in Raleigh have moved back to their former home on Smithfield, Route 1.

Beulah Mae Bailey, Lillian Hurst, Odessa Lemmond, Frances Hales, Mabel Wommack, Miss Reeves.

Princeton: Principal, Blanche Penny, Annie Wester, Mae Nixon, Elizabeth Hall, Fannie Wellons, Ruth Tyler, Ora Taylor, Ellen Uzzle, Jane Jones.

Four Oaks: Principal O. F. Blankenship, Roy Mann, Leola Sanders, Zella Wester, Caroline Fitzgerald, Esther Creech, Mrs. Leon Adams, Mrs. Wm. Adams.

Pine Level: Principal E. R. Settle, Margaret Flinton, Eurh Phillips, Myrtle Miller, Roberta Shuford, Mrs. Annie Parker.

Micro: Principal, G. M. Moser, Leta Wellons, Edna McGuire, Kathleen Rogers, Dora Faulkner, Clara Eason.

Glendale: Principal Nita Andrews, Dolly Scott, Irma Vause, Hattie Merritt, Dicie Randall.

Meadow: Principal Winifred E. Tilson, Myrtle Lee, Jessie Peters, Minnie L. Nelson, Lillian Miller.

Wilson's Mills: Principal, Mamie Moore, Gayle Hartz, Helen Dixon, Myra Nixon, Mrs. Lulu Uzzle, May McIntosh, Atwood Sloan.

## 4 POWERS ACCEPT NEW AGREEMENT

### United States, Great Britain, Japan and France Form Alliance; End old One

Washington, Dec. 10.—A new quadruple agreement to preserve peace in the waters of the Pacific was announced to the world today by the United States, Great Britain, Japan and France.

As a consideration of the international realignment Great Britain and Japan agreed to consign to the scrap-heap the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, long viewed with apprehension in both America and Asia.

The provisions of the agreement, which is in the form of a ten-year treaty, are confined to "the region of the Pacific Ocean." Under them the four powers are to respect each other's island possessions and to meet in consultation if a dispute arises or if the rights of any of the four are threatened by any other power.

Announcement of the treaty terms was made at a plenary session of the same conference by Senator Lodge, of the American delegation, and was followed by expressions of approval by the plenipotentiaries of Great Britain, France, Japan, Italy, China, Belgium, the Netherlands and Portugal.

To be binding on the United States the treaty must be ratified by the Senate, several of whose members withheld comment tonight pending a further study of the text. Open war was declared on it by some of the "irreconcilable" group of the Versailles treaty fight, but Republican leaders and some Democrats declared ratification was certain.

The signatures of the representatives of the powers have not yet been affixed to the document and there is an intimation that they may be withheld until the question of naval ratio has been settled definitely. The naval situation remains unchanged pending word from Tokio, but there is general confidence that approval of the American "5-5-3" plan will be made unanimous in the very near future.

In lieu of signature, the principal delegates have put their initials on the official copy of the treaty, and Senator Lodge said tonight that this act of affirmation was to be interpreted as meaning that the document has been "approved to all intents and purposes."

The treaty agreement is expected in itself to hasten a decision not only on the naval ratio but on all the other issues before the arms conference. The delegates believe they are over the top of the hill, and a British spokesman went so far tonight as to characterize today's session as "practically the break up of the conference" so far as major considerations are concerned.

One of the first impulses of some of the Senators was to compare and contrast the treaty with the League of Nations covenant, which so lately was the center of a bitter Senate fight. By an official spokesman of the American delegation, it was pointed out tonight that a feature of the covenant on which attack was conducted was omitted from the four-power peace agreement. In Article X of the League the members agreed to "respect and preserve" each others' territorial integrity, but in the new treaty the pledge is to "respect territorial rights in the Pacific."

The omission of the guarantee to "preserve" the integrity of foreign nations is declared by the American delegates to constitute an all important distinction between an alliance and a compact for peaceful solution of future controversies.—Associated Press.

Miss Ehrenfeld To Be Here.

Miss Ehrenfeld of the State Board of Health will be here tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon and speak to the mothers of the town on the subject: "Care and Feeding of Children." The meeting will be held at 2:30 at the Woman's Club room. Miss Ehrenfeld comes under the auspices of the Woman's club and the County Home Demonstration work. Her subject is one which should interest all mothers and it is hoped a large crowd will be present to hear her.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LEGISLATURE

### Measure Calling for Rewriting Constitution; 500 Bills on Calendars

School finance measures that have occupied the center of the legislative stage for almost from the moment the General Assembly convened last Tuesday at 11 o'clock are likely to be crowded out of the spot-light when the two houses re-convene after the week-end recess tonight, for then the Constitutional Convention will come down before the footlights.

Legislation calling for a Constitutional Convention in the spring of 1923 will be offered in the Senate tonight by Senator Harry Stubbs, who got a similar measure through the upper House at the regular session in February. The House killed that bill, largely because its proponents would not agree to submit the question to a vote. The vote in the House was close.

The tangled disorder into which the State's taxation system has fallen has created a growing sentiment throughout the State for a revision of the Constitution. Opposition in the House has materially decreased, and indications developing yesterday lend encouragement to the belief that the measure will pass in both houses.

But should a fight develop over the measure, it will not entirely overshadow the three education measures that are still pending before the General Assembly. The municipal finance measure is practically out of the way, with most of the opposition gone, but two of the Department of Education measures are still before the House, and all three rave yet to make their way past the Senate. Three or four days of the week are regarded as sufficient for them, and after that, adjournment of the session may come at any moment.

Less than two score of the 500 bills that have been offered in the two houses have made their way to the enrolling clerk's office for ratification. The rest of them are somewhere on the calendars of the House or Senate and it is not unlikely that many of them will die there when adjournment comes.

Many of them have been killed outright, and others will die in committee. The five bills in the House for the abolition of capital punishment have been "electrocuted," to use the phrase of Representative Spence, who fathered the first of the bills. He wanted his bill brought up, and a roll call vote taken just to see where the sentiment of the House lay, but the House didn't want to go on record, and the bill still lies dead.

Both the House and Senate have turned deaf ears to certain eastern counties that would be relieved of the stock law, and that issue over which more legislative time has been squandered than any other major measure, seems definitely quieted until the next regular session at least. The anti-stock law forces are hard to convince that they are dead, despite the fact that the House chloroformed them last February, after a desperate battle.

A hostile majority awaits the coming of the Burgwyn bill reducing the tax exemption from \$300 to \$100 when it arrives from the Senate today. The same bill came over from the Senate in February and was duly killed. The majority of sentiment in the House today appears to be against the proposal, and its death appears to be certain.

The House has passed a substitute measure for the McSwain bill repealing the cotton tax, and the measure appears to have some considerable backing in the Senate. The substitute provides for the repeal of the tax, effective June 30, 1922, but eliminates the section distributing the \$500,000 revolving fund already collected. This fund will be retained for the assistance of new warehouse construction.

Insanity as a ground for divorce appears to have few sympathizers in the House, and the McSwain bill will probably die quietly. The provision for reducing the residence requirement for securing a divorce in the State from five to two years is favored widely, but it is not before the House in definite fashion, except as one of the provisions of the McSwain

Mr. Sanders Collecting Relics.

Saturday, Mr. W. M. Sanders showed us an interesting relic somewhat out of the ordinary. It was a piece of flooring made in 1830 by Debro Thompson, who lived at that time about six miles east of Smithfield, and was used in the floor of a "brandy house," a building, which was frequently found on the old plantations of long ago. The board was rough, one end having been made as smooth as possible with an adz to hold the piece of flooring in place. It was presented to Mr. Sanders by Mr. Jas. Monroe Thompson, son of Mr. Debro Thompson.

For sometime Mr. Sanders has been collecting relics here and there, and has some interesting collections. It is his purpose, so he informs us, to build on his place on Oakland Heights, an old time log house, in which to place these curiosities of the past. Such a collection will increase in value and interest as time goes on, and it is a worth while thing to preserve relics for future generations.

Rev. Mr. Moore in Town.

Rev. A. O. Moore, of Clayton was here yesterday and told us about making arrangements with Judge E. H. Cranmer to speak for him next Sunday morning, Dec. 18, at eleven o'clock at the Clayton Baptist church. Mr. Moore knows Judge Cranmer well, having lived near him in Southport, N. C., for some time.

Services at Presbyterian Church

This week revival services are being held at the Presbyterian church conducted by Rev. J. J. Murray, who is a former pastor of the church.

Services will be held each morning at 10 o'clock and in the evening at 7 o'clock. The public is invited.

Rev. Mr. Murray made many friends while pastor here, who welcome him back this week. He is now engaged in evangelistic work, giving his full time to eastern North Carolina.

Mrs. W. C. Coates Hostess.

Thursday afternoon, Mrs. W. C. Coates was hostess to a number of her friends at her attractive home on North Third street. Rook was the feature of the afternoon, nine tables having been arranged for the game.

The reception, living-room, and dining-room were thrown together for the occasion, and were tastefully decorated with ferns and pink roses. The color scheme, pink and green was carried out in the dainty favors which were baskets tied with pink and green tulle and filled with delicious homemade mints. At the close of the game a salad course with hot coffee was served.

Those present on this most delightful occasion were Mrs. E. L. Travis, of Weldon; Mrs. E. D. McDowell, of Wilson; Mrs. M. T. Pyne, of Wilson; Mesdames F. K. Broadhurst, W. A. Green, J. J. Broadhurst, Roger A. Smith, Charles Broadhurst, H. B. Marrow, Frank Ray, B. W. Sugg, W. A. Valandingham, H. G. Gray, E. J. Wellons, J. A. Wellons, N. T. Holland, C. A. Creech, W. H. Austin, H. P. Stevens, W. H. Lassiter, A. G. Byrd, L. G. Patterson, Troy Myatt, H. D. Ellington, T. C. Young, W. L. Fuller, Hal C. Hood, C. I. Pierce, H. S. Hartzell, H. P. Johnson, W. L. Ellis, A. M. Noble, L. G. Stevens, and W. H. Hipps and Misses Janie Lyerly, Sarah Miller, Lina Woodward and Hazel West.

Few other State-wide bills of any consequence are pending in either House. The usual run of bills about trapping fish and bear and shooting partridges, dumping sawdust in streams, and the like clutter the calendars. More than 200 bond issue and special tax bills have been introduced, ranging from new authorizations to the funding of the indebtedness of counties and cities are still up, many of them will die by limitation of time.

Adjournment by Saturday night is the goal and desire of most of the members of the House and Senate, and a resolution shutting down the new bills is pending tonight before the Senate after passage of the House. Many members have already asked for indefinite leaves of absence, and the ranks will be thinner each day. No difficulty is anticipated, however, in holding a quorum here until the end of the week.—News and Observer, December 12th.

## MONROE TENDERS WELCOME TO FOCH

### Foch Speaks in French But Col. Frank Parker Interprets Every Word

Monroe, Dec. 9.—Ferdinand Foch, the great commander of the allies' victorious armies, marched triumphantly into North Carolina tonight at 8:18 o'clock and was acclaimed by thousands of people.

His 45 minutes' sojourn here overwhelmingly endeared him in the heart of the state. It was a tremendous but sincere demonstration Monroe, reinforced by thousands of visiting North Carolinians, headed by their governor, Cameron Morrison, gave the distinguished Frenchman.

With the bands of the fifth and 17th field artillery of Camp Bragg playing the French national anthem, the Marsellaise, the Foch special consisting of seven heavy Pullman cars rolled into the station yard. No sooner had the music ceased than a great tumult of noise ensued, the crowd wanted Foch.

It required but a few seconds for the marshal to detain. He was met by the reception committee, headed by Governor Morrison. The first words spoken by the general were: "Bon jour mon le gouverneur." Other words were unheard; the people were verily making the country side echo with their cheers. Lifting his golden braided cap the marshal acknowledged the plaudits of the people.

From the station he was whirled in a waiting automobile to Union county's courthouse, where he spoke to the people in French, but Col. Frank Parker, of the famous first division, interpreted every word. "That great spirit," said he, "which swept over America and France and other countries left our flags flying on the Rhine. I ask that that great spirit which abided with us in the war abide with us in peace. The union that bound us together in war and made us invincible must bind us together in peace."

It was a brief talk and closed with words that evoked prolonged cheering: "Looking forward to the future, I greet you, I salute you and thank you for what you have done in the past and for what you surely will do in the future."

Following the short address the great commander stepped sprightly from the improvised platform and marched hastily to where the colors of the fifth and 17th field artillery regiments were placed.

Reviewing briefly the heroism displayed by members of these gallant regular army regiments the marshal placed the fourragere of the croix de guerre on the flagstuffs.

It was an inspiring sight, once seen in a life time, two American regiments being decorated for gallantry by the marshal of France in North Carolina and under artificial lights. It was an epoch making scene. Many of those men of the cassion who served throughout the war with these regiments were present to witness the bestowal while many now lie sleeping beneath the green Gallic hills from immortal Verdun to the sea.

The ceremony at the courthouse was impressively concluded when Mrs. E. W. Burt, of Salisbury, president of the American legion auxiliary of North Carolina, stepped forward and presented to the marshal an evergreen pine tree, about six feet in height, from the fields of Union county.

"I wish," said Mrs. Burt, "to present this to you, the marshal of France, an evergreen pine tree from North Carolina to be planted anywhere in France you choose to replace one destroyed during the war. May it signify the eternal friendship between the women of North Carolina and the heroic women of France."

Riding from the station to the courthouse was Governor Morrison, Hanford MacNider, commander of the American legion, and Col. Frank Parker. The latter remained by the side of the general to act as interpreter. The remainder of the marshal's staff occupied the other cars. It was a brilliant array.—By Ernest B. Hunter in Greensboro Daily News.

Rev. J. A. Russell, pastor of the Methodist church at Four Oaks, was in the city Friday. Rev. Mr. Russell succeeds Rev. E. B. Craven who was sent by the Conference to Beaufort.