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DISTRICT COTTON ASS'N MEETS HERE

W. H. Austin and Dr. S. H. Crocker of Wilson Co. Nominated Director

The cotton cooperative marketing association, of district number five, which includes the counties of Johnston and Wilson met and nominated two nominees to be voted on by the signers of the cotton contract on or before January 31st. W. H. Austin, of Smithfield, and Dr. S. H. Crocker of Stantonsburg, Wilson County, were nominated.

A. M. Johnson opened the convention, as county chairman. J. W. Stephenson was elected chairman of the meeting and B. T. Ferguson secretary. The chairman then appointed a nominating committee of six men, two from Wilson County and four from Johnston. The committee returned to inquire if two men were to be nominated. The chairman answered that it was not necessary. The committee returned shortly and reported to the convention that W. H. Austin was their sole and only choice. Mr. F. K. Broadhurst moved that the report of the committee be accepted and adopted, and seconded by some one else. This brought A. M. Johnson to his feet, saying that he was a delegate and that this action was not in accordance with the rules of the State Organization committee; which required that two men be nominated so that the grower who was to vote on the proposition would have more than one man to vote for and to add other names if they wished. Again Mr. Broadhurst urged that Mr. Austin was as good a man for the place as could be found and that it would take such a man with connections with banks and big business, and urged that he be nominated by acclamation. The whole delegation sat apparently stunned. Mr. Johnson got the floor and said: "Gentleman of the convention, if you have any backbone at all now is the time to use it. I am not talking of fighting for myself; I am thinking of my farmer friends out over Johnston County who sent me here to look after their interests; and I know what their interests are. Personally I cannot accept your proposition nor will those whom I represent. You will have to conform to the rule and nominate two men, probably one from each county; then the farmer will understand what to do when voting and also have some choice in selecting the director for this district. I am not objecting to the man or men, I am objecting to your tactics."

At this point, Mr. W. V. Blackman got the floor and said that we hadn't finished organizing yet and that we needed a man who could finish that job more completely; and that the work of the director for the district would be principally to organize and one who knew and one who had helped thus far could do it better than one who had not, and that his choice was A. M. Johnson. Mr. E. T. Westbrook spoke next and was of the same opinion; also Mr. E. G. Holland and others after things had warmed up. After this kind of discussion for an hour or more the convention decided to send the nominating committee back with instructions to nominate two men instead of one. This was done. The committee added Dr. S. H. Crocker to that of W. H. Austin and the convention adopted it. There were no other names mentioned except that of A. M. Johnson and L. S. Tomlinson in the convention but both had declined because they had both worked hard for the cause and would be inclined to be criticized for working for a payless job. Other farmers had been considered outside the convention but were not proposed.

Sam J. Kirby was elected to receive the votes at his office at Smithfield. A. M. Johnson and J. P. Parker were appointed as a committee to help Mr. Kirby count the ballots. The convention expressed its appreciation of the support of the newspapers in the district and especially the persons who have sacrificed much for the cause of Co-operative Marketing. A. M. Johnson, county chairman, says that it is the duty of the signers in each township to organize next Monday and henceforth help do the directing. The biggest work is yet to be done.

ANNUAL FIRE LOSS IN STATE IS ON INCREASE

Nearly Twice Damage Done in 1921 as Occurred During the Year Before.

The annual report of Stacy W. Wade, insurance commissioner, showing the fire losses, reveals that instead of decreasing the amount increases yearly, despite the educational fire prevention work that is continually going on in all parts of the state. The total loss for the state at large last year was \$7,463,207, which is against a loss of \$4,032,000 for the preceding year.

In the report Wilmington is listed among the cities showing a "small" December loss. The report gives Wilmington a loss of \$6,615 in 18 fires during that month.

Commissioner Wade's report gives the loss in the United States and Canada in 1921 as \$332,654,950, with a loss of \$330,855,625 in 1920. In this connection Commissioner Wade cites a curious instance of the law of averages. The loss for the first six months in North Carolina for 1921 was \$3,714,112, and for the United States and Canada \$163,926,300. For the last six months, the loss in North Carolina was \$3,649,095, and in the United States and Canada \$168,728,600. The per capita loss in North Carolina for 1921 was \$2,905 and in the United States and Canada was the same, \$2,905.

Commissioner Wade says the official reports from all towns and counties for December show fewer casualties by fire or firework to persons or property than was ever reported before for a Christmas month.

And outside of five towns, there was no single fire in the towns and cities of the state where the fire loss reached \$5,000, and in a large number there was not a fire during the entire month. The bulk of the loss was occasioned by nine fires aggregating a loss of \$857,285 as against only \$261,607 for the entire balance of the state.

They were as follows: Louisburg, \$83,000, store and merchandise; Roseboro, \$150,000, stores and merchandise; Kernersville, \$25,000, store and merchandise; High Point, \$16,800, hotel building under repair; Wilson \$325,000, factory building and automobiles; Rockingham \$34,000, garage and automobiles; New Bern, \$27,800, store and residence; Scotts, \$18,000, school building; Charlotte, \$60,000, Biddle university, one building.

The Biddle university fire is the second serious one during the year at this school for the colored, supported mainly by the Northern Presbyterian church.

Without exception the loss at other points was small official reports showed.

The list of honor roll towns and counties, reporting no fires during the month will be announced later, showing a large number of towns and rural precincts of counties entirely free from fire loss.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Addie Wood of Wilson's Mills who underwent an operation two weeks ago, went home today.

Mrs. C. A. Westbrook, of Princeton underwent her second operation Tuesday. She is doing nicely and will go home in a few days.

Mr. T. W. Winstead was operated on last Saturday. He went home Thursday.

Mr. Charlie Bryant of Four Oaks, was operated on for gall bladder trouble Tuesday. His condition is still serious, but is as good as can be expected.

Mrs. Julia Medlin entered the hospital Wednesday and underwent an operation Thursday morning. Her condition is satisfactory.

James, the little two months old baby of Mr. Malcolm Coates, of Clayton was operated on Thursday. He is getting along all right.

The Progressive Farmer says that if the signers are not satisfied with the two nominees as directors that they can write the name of their choice in the blank space provided on the card that will be sent out to them next week. It also says "the directors should not be the best politicians among all the signers, but those men whose honesty is recognized as unimpeachable and whose business ability is outstanding."

REV. H. S. HARTZELL TO LEAVE OUR CITY

Resignation Takes Effect February 1st—Will Go To Rockingham

The people of the town will learn with regret that Rev. Howard S. Hartzell, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church here, has tendered his resignation and will go to Rockingham to accept work on February 1. Rev. Mr. Hartzell has been rector here for about two years, and has lived in our city for a year and a half. Prior to moving here he was at Duke which church he also served.

The work of his church has grown since his coming here, the membership having increased considerably. He has made many friends not only in his own congregation but throughout the town, who will regret to have him and Mrs. Hartzell leave. Rockingham is fortunate in securing Mr. Hartzell as pastor of the church there.

SEVERE EARTH SHOCKS FELT IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—Severe earth shocks were felt in many sections of Los Angeles tonight shattering window glass in some quarters and shaking frame buildings. There were 9 distinct shocks between 7:10 and 8:30 o'clock which agitated many residents. Many believed them earthquakes while others attributed them to big gun practice of four dreadnaughts of the Pacific fleet.

Naval officers at San Pedro (Los Angeles harbor) said the battleships were too far from shore for any concussion due to their guns to be felt. At Venice and Long Beach, more than 20 miles closer to the dreadnaughts than this city, no shocks were felt.

The shocks were of such extent in residential sections here that from several places it was reported that residents left their houses and congregated in the streets. Cracks in plastering were reported from some residences.

Japs To Cut Army By 50,000 Men.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—The Japanese War Office regardless of outcome of the Washington conference, plans reduction of the Mikado's land forces by 50,000 men within five years, according to the Tokio Nichi Nichi. To make up for the consequent loss in effective advanced types of machine rifles, anti-aircraft guns, tanks and other engines and guns will be attached to each fighting unit. Preliminary investigations in the reduction plan are reported already under way.

Mystery, Romance, Adventure, Character and Humor

The Girl a Horse and a Dog

By FRANCIS LYNDE

THE clever author of "The Wreckers" and other great railroad tales, has turned his attention to a different theme. It is of the West, matchless in its expression of the out-of-doors, with charming human types and an absorbing and fascinating wealth of incident. The search for a lost mine is interwoven with a most delightful love story. Watch for it as a serial in this publication. If not a subscriber, become one now.

You Must Not Miss It!

PRETTY MARRIAGE AT M. E. CHURCH

Miss Hilda Parrish Becomes Bride of Mr. D. G. Ridenhour; Reception

An unusually pretty marriage was solemnized at Centenary Methodist church Wednesday evening when Miss Hilda Alene Parrish became the bride of Mr. Dave Green Ridenhour.

The church had been tastefully decorated for the occasion under the skillful supervision of Mrs. A. S. Johnston. A white color scheme predominated. Southern smilax giving the proper touch of green while numerous candles on the chancel rail and choir loft shed a brilliancy over the wedding scene.

At the appointed hour the wedding music began and Mrs. Hiram Grantham, of Red Springs sang "Because I Love You, Dear." Then "Sweetest Story Ever Told" was sung by Mrs. John W. Ives. Mrs. Beddingfield of Clayton presided at the organ and as the strains of the Bridal chorus from Lohengrin sounded forth the bridal party entered in the following order: Messrs D. W. Parrish and John White Ives; Misses Lucile Johnson and Helene Ives; Messrs William Pugh, of Raleigh and Sam Stallings; Misses Edna White of Townsville, and Nell Wellons, Messrs J. Tyler Overton, of Wadesboro and Walter Haywood, of Mount Gilead; Misses Margaret Moore and Elizabeth Cotter; Messrs Stacy W. Allen of Apex and Charles Springs; Misses Mabel Wellons and Sadie Puckett.

The bridesmaids wore charming costumes of silver cloth and silver lace and carried bouquets of pink Killarney roses and maiden hair fern. A silver wreath adorned the coiffure of each young lady. The groomsmen wore conventional evening dress.

After these attendants had taken their places within the chancel, the dame of honor, Mrs. Joe Whitehurst, of Mount Olive, entered wearing white satin gown and train and carrying a handsome bouquet of pink Killarney roses showered with sweet peas. She was followed by the maid of honor, Miss Eula Parrish, sister of the bride, who wore white satin and silver lace who also carried a shower bouquet of pink Killarney roses and sweet peas. Then came the flower girl, little Miss Helen Douglas Whitehurst, of Mount Olive, carrying a basket of pink rose buds and the ring bearer, Master Charles Irving Parrish, brother of the bride, carrying the ring in the heart of a rose. The flower girl wore a dainty white frock, and the ring bearer wore a black velvet Lord Flauntery suit.

In the wake of this tiny couple, the bride entered leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. Kenneth Parrish, who gave her in marriage. She was lovely in her wedding gown of white Duchess satin entrain with flowing tulle veil caught with orange blossoms. They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Dr. E. F. Pope, of Goldsboro. Rev. D. H. Tuttle performed the impressive ring ceremony.

As the benediction was pronounced, the music changed to Mendelssohn's Wedding March, the recession for the bridal party.

Owing to illness of the father of the bride, the reception which was to have been held at the home, was held in the church parlor in the basement. The guests were greeted at the door by Dr. and Mrs. Rosser Lane and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cole introduced to the receiving line.

The long room was beautifully decorated, a basket of pink roses being used as the centerpiece for the table. Block cream and cake was served by a bevy of young girls as follows: Misses Carrie and Louise Parrish, sisters of the bride, Ava Wellons, Rose and Nellie Grantham, Sarah Patterson, Arah Hooks, Jannita Woody, Ruth Brooks, Edna Coates, Mattie Lassiter and Elizabeth Young.

The young couple received a handsome array of gifts which were displayed at the home of the bride, attesting their popularity.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Parrish, of this city. She has lived here all of her life and her lovely traits of character have endeared her to many friends. The groom is the son of

WAKE FOREST LOCATE ALUMNI

Statewide Declamation Contest March 16-17; Fewer Students Enrolled for Spring Term.

Wake Forest, Jan. 16.—It is the purpose of the Alumni Association to locate all Alumni of Wake Forest College and relate then in some definite way to the College. The administration of the College recognizes the Alumni as its greatest asset, and where the College is not in touch with a Wake Forest man there is a loss both to the College and to the man. Letters by the Alumni Association have just been mailed to all men whose addresses are known, and any Wake Forest man who is not receiving communication from the College will do a great favor to his Alma Mater and the Alumni Association if he will send in his address. This is being urged very strongly on account of its importance. Class reunions of all classes, by five year periods instead of ten-year periods will be held on Thursday of Commencement Week this year, giving ample time for all to get here. Every member of each of these classes is urged to help in rounding up these men for the biggest Commencement in our history.

The State High School Declamation Contest is to be held in Wake Forest, March 16 and 17. Every high school is urged to send a male representative. The only requirement is a declamation not to exceed 1100 words. A fifty dollar scholarship and a twenty-five dollar gold medal is given to the winner of the first place. The winner of second place gets a prize too, while out of the final ten speakers the eight who do not win get a seal pin of the College. All possible effort is being made to entertain these boys in order to influence them toward a benefiting college career. For further information regarding the contest write T. S. Graham, Wake Forest, N. C.

Wake Forest starts on the 1922 tour with a slight reduction in her number of registrations. About a hundred failed to return. The economic conditions are responsible largely for the drop. Low prices have hit the farmers such a blow that many of our boys were unable to return. However, the number is increasing from late arrivals.

Dr. Benjamin F. Sledd, head of the English Department, is now in a hospital at Richmond. He is suffering from a nervous breakdown, but recent reports indicate a rapid recovery.

Anniversary is set for February 17th. The usual celebration is planned by the two literary societies and all students are anxiously awaiting this date, for they expect to have "company" and a good time. Everybody is invited.

The grading of the Gore Athletic Field is nearing completion. Plans for concrete bleachers have been drawn and it is believed that the four College classes will provide for the erection of a 120-foot section. It is believed also that the field will be ready for baseball when the season opens.

FOURTEEN HORSES BURNED

Oxford, Jan. 18.—The people of Oxford were awakened Tuesday night at midnight by the shrill fire whistle, to find a bright fire raging in the stables of A. M. Pruitt, in the rear of Lym, Winston & Co., store, on College street. The firemen quickly responded and every effort was made to save the horses, but 14 valuable animals perished in the flames. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin.—News and Observer.

Centenary Methodist Church.

Preaching by the pastor, 11 a. m. Preaching at 7:30 by Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder. At four o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Tuttle will preach at Jones' school house. Everybody welcome to all worship.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ridenhour, of Mount Gilead. For sometime he has held a position here with the Byrd Drug Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridenhour left on the midnight train for different points in the state where they will visit relatives of the groom, having given up a wedding trip to Florida on account of the illness of the bride's father.

CAMP BRAGG BE MADE PERMANENT

General Pershing Recommends It As Main Field Artillery School

Washington, Jan. 18.—Retention by the War Department of 9 main training centers, one in each corps area, and of a number of other special camps, was recommended today by General Pershing, chief of staff at a hearing before the House Military committee.

General Pershing recommended retention as military training centers of the following: McClellan, Alabama, Knox, Kentucky, and Travis, Texas.

As supplementary camps for mobilization and training of national guard, reserve units, and special detachments, the general urged retention of Camp Lee, Virginia, Jackson, South Carolina.

The War Department's program, General Pershing said, calls for the consolidation at Camp Bragg, North Carolina, of all field artillery schools east of the Mississippi. The great artillery center at Camp Knox, Kentucky, he said, should be moved to Bragg next summer.

A number of the War Department's recommendations are in direct variance to those of the House subcommittee which has recommended disposition of a large number of military reservations.

Opposition to the proposed consolidation at Camp Benning, Georgia, of the tank corps school at Camp Meade, Maryland, the engineering school at Humphreys, Virginia, and the signal corps school at Camp Alfred Vail, New Jersey, was expressed by General Pershing.

He recommended immediate weeding out of inefficient officers in the regular army, especially those in the higher grades, and declared it was imperative that an efficient officer force of approximately 14,000 be retained by the War Department.

Southern Division Leads.

According to statistical information given out by the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross, the Southern Division not only led the entire nation in number of chapters that are organized for service in time of emergency, but leads the entire nation in the number of chapters that are actively carrying on a peace time program.

Officials of the organization declare that this is nothing short of remarkable due to the fact that population centres in the South are comparatively few and that in the past year, the South more than any other section suffered from financial depression after the collapse in the price of cotton and recent ravages of the boll weevil.

However, the figures show that for the month of September, the last month reported, in the Southern Division, comprising the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia, there are 851 chapters and of these 817 are active.

The other divisions report as follows: New England 128, Atlantic 343, Lake 486, Central 751, Southwestern 728, Northwestern 111, Pacific 198, Insular and Foreign Possessions 53.

A splendid variety of work is being undertaken by the Southern Division with chapters reporting on war work, home service extension, disaster relief, home hygiene, nutrition instruction, health centres, first aid, life saving, junior auxiliaries, and recreation.

Pot of Gold Dug Up Near Goldsboro

Residents of the neighborhood near Lane's farm, an "fo' de war" plantation two miles south of Goldsboro, N. C., were greatly interested in the action of three strangers who recently visited the farm, measuring with rods until they found the right location. Then they began to dig and finally dug up a pot of gold said to have contained \$50,000 or more.

After the strangers left, the persons who had been watching them hurried to the scene and found that they had dug deep in the ground until they came to what may have been a concrete vault, built before the Civil War, where the pot of gold had been buried for many years.