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BENSON LETTER OF MUCH INTEREST

Chamber Commerce Organized; High School Be On Accredited List

BENSON, June 17.—Monday night the business men of the town met at the town hall and organized a new chamber of commerce. The following officers were elected: Dr. A. S. Oliver, president; Mr. Alonza Parrish, vice-president, and Mr. Julian Godwin, temporary secretary. A committee was appointed to draft by-laws and to recommend whether or not a whole time secretary should be employed. The chamber has already secured commander Tom Byrd, of Asheville, head of the American Legion in North Carolina, to make an address Wednesday evening in the school auditorium to which the public is cordially invited.

Quite a crowd gathered here last Sunday for the singing contest. There were sixteen choirs participating. The loving cup was presented to the Methodist church choir of Duke.

Mrs. J. C. Warren was hostess to the Fidelis class of the Baptist church Monday evening. At the conclusion of the business session a unique Bible contest was engaged in. Mrs. Warren served her guests delightful refreshments before the meeting adjourned.

The regular meeting of the Young People's Missionary Society of the Methodist church was held with Misses Maud and Mabel Johnson Monday evening with a full attendance. Those on the program were Misses Evelyn Boon, Vallie Hill and Mary Jackson. The society planned to have a picnic on Thursday afternoon of next week. The hostess served a delicious ice course.

The first game of the Central Carolina baseball league will be played Monday between Benson and Smithfield, at Smithfield. Tuesday, Smithfield will play here. Two games a week will be played on the Benson diamond. This league is composed of Benson, Smithfield, Wendell and Selma.

Mr. Jefferson Barefoot, of our city, was one of the number to receive the A. B. degree at the University of North Carolina this year. His mother, Mrs. A. L. Barefoot attended commencement there returning with him Friday.

Mrs. John Hines, of Henderson, spent a few days this week in town with relatives.

Misses Ella and Esther Morgan and Miss Crystelle Lucas, left Tuesday to attend summer school at State College, Raleigh.

Rev. E. M. Hall returned Wednesday night from Durham where he has been attending summer school.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Martin and son, W. T. Jr., have returned from Wrightsville Beach where Dr. Martin attended the State Dental Association.

Mrs. W. R. Strickland leaves tomorrow for Richmond to enter a hospital there for treatment.

Mr. John Parrish returned the first of the week from Randolph-Macon, where he has been in school the past year.

Miss Vallie Hill is spending the week end at her home in Jonesboro. Mr. J. R. Barbour is in Raleigh today.

Mr. Baxter Jones, of Elizabeth City, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boone several days recently.

Mrs. Darius Duncan and children, of Raleigh, are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cannaday. Miss Gladys Levine, of Florence, S. C. is visiting her sister, Mrs. Paul Johnson.

It has been learned that with the addition of one hundred books to its library the Benson high school will be immediately placed upon the accredited list of standard Southern high schools. The Board has referred this matter to the Woman's Club and with its help expects to meet this condition at an early date.

Complying with a request made by the physicians of the town, the Woman's Club is engaged in preparing Lactic Acid Milk for their colitis patients in this community for whom it is inconvenient to secure it from Smithfield.

POST GRADUATE COURSE IN INTERNAL MEDICINE

Johnston County Physicians Will Take Course Given at Selma by Dr. Frank H. Chapman.

CHAPEL HILL, June 17.—Under plans which have been developed by the University Extension Division and the medical department, of the University of North Carolina, the coming week will witness the beginning of a postgraduate medical course in internal medicine in twelve communities of the State.

Centers have been established in the following cities and towns: Charlotte, Salisbury, Asheboro, Lexington, High Point, Greensboro, Durham, Selma, Goldsboro, Wilson, Rocky Mount, and Tarboro. Once each week there will be a lecture and a clinic at every center.

Dr. F. D. Adams, of the faculty of Harvard University will have charge of the groups in the west and Dr. Frank H. Chapman, of the faculty of Rush Medical College, will have charge of the course in the east.

Dr. Chapman's itinerary is as follows: Durham, Monday, June 19th; Selma, Tuesday; Goldsboro, Wednesday; Wilson, Thursday; Rocky Mount, Friday morning; Tarboro, Friday afternoon.

Johnston county physicians have enrolled for the Selma center as follows: Doctors C. S. Coleman, C. M. Bynum, R. S. Stevens, J. C. Grady, C. B. Woodard, G. D. Vick, B. A. Hocutt, H. E. Brooks, Thel Hooks, A. H. Rose, J. F. Martin, A. S. Oliver, I. W. Mayerberg, J. B. Person.

ELEVEN SECURE DRUG LICENSE; WOMAN LEADS CLASS

Eleven members of the class who took the examination for registered druggists and assistant pharmacists before the State Board of Pharmacy during the week passed successfully and were awarded license yesterday. Nine out of 12 applicants for registered druggist license passed, and only two out of seventeen applicants were able to measure up to the standard for assistant pharmacists.

Miss Beatrice Averitt, of Fayetteville, a daughter of a well known physician in Cumberland county, led the class of applicants with a grade of more than 90. There were three women applicants, two of whom passed successfully. The examination was given by the full board, Dr. E. V. Zoeller, Tarboro, chairman; Dr. F. W. Hancock, Oxford, secretary; Dr. I. W. Rose, Rocky Mount; Dr. C. P. Greyer, Morganton, and Dr. K. E. Bennett, Bryson City.

Successful applicants for registration were:

Miss Beatrice Averitt, of Fayetteville; Miss A. L. Bradshaw, Lenior; C. C. Siske, Pleasant Garden; M. L. Jacobs, Morrisville; Ernest E. Moore, Granite Falls; W. L. Stone, Kittrell; J. E. Burns, Goldston; J. R. Gary, Suffolk, Va.; J. S. Nance, Charlotte.

Those passing the test for assistant pharmacists were:

W. W. Huggins, Wilmington, and E. G. Carmichael, Albemarle.—News and Observer.

Caesar Had Nothing On Him.

Caesar's famous Veni, vidi, vici! had nothing on the message of this doughboy, who recently returned from France, and telegraphed enthusiastically to the folks at home: "Deloused, demobilized, delight."—Charity and Children.

Mr. A. W. Graham of Shelby was in town Friday on business.

Friday afternoon a fast game of baseball was played between Camp Bragg and Benson, the score being eleven to two in Benson's favor.

The garage back of the Parrish Hotel belonging to Mr. A. Parrish, was burned about one-thirty Friday morning. The fire alarm being out of order it was well under way before the town was aroused from its slumbers. A train passing through came to the aid of the yells and pistol reports and when its whistle ceased its blood-curdling blasts every one down to the babies was awake.

Miss Katie Lee of Dunn spent several days here this week with relatives. Miss Lee has just returned from Boston where she was a graduate in the Boston school of Expression.

SHIP SUBSIDY AND BONUS POSTPONED

Both Bills Put off to Consider Tariff; Democrats Aid Farmers

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Two facts, or apparent facts, thrust themselves forward as a new week starts. First of these is that Senator McCumber has taken "cold feet" on his threat to force the soldier bonus bill to the front early this week and displace the tariff bill that it may be considered. Second is the alleged acquiescence of President Harding in a temporary delay in the consideration by the House of the ship subsidy bill. Neither President Harding nor Senator McCumber have given up their purpose to see that these two bills go through this session, but each of them has virtually agreed to let a little more water run over the dam before putting their pet measures to the test.

What is to happen to the McCumber soldier bonus bill is expected to develop at a conference of Republican Senators called for Monday morning by Senator Lodge. Acting under direct orders from the White House, the reactionaries of the Senate, bellwethered by Senator Lodge, propose to show Senator McCumber on Monday that he cannot have his own way about the soldier bonus bill, that he must bide a "wee" before that measure will be taken up, the argument to be forced upon him being that the Republican program is to get the tariff bill into conference, and that with this accomplished there will be ample time to consider the bonus bill. And the intimations from the McCumber camp is that if there is a certified check given by the Lodge forces for action upon the bonus bill immediately after the tariff is out of the way, that this will be accepted.

There may be hitches in this program, but today it appears as if it would go through and that McCumber will tone down his defiance and take the medicine that is to be handed him. Of course, there is a possibility that he will not be able to control other Republicans who consider the passage of the bonus bill at once as an essential thing for success for the coming election, and that here will be sufficient Democratic aid to bring the bill to the floor of the Senate, but this possibility seems remote tonight.

Help for Farmers.

The American farmer is placed under a great debt to the Democratic minority in the Senate, which, under the leadership of Senator Simmons, broke down the Republican plan for a tariff duty on potash. The rates proposed reached right down into the pockets of the farmers, for it was a tax that the farmers could not pass along.

Careful calculations show that the rates of potash as written in the Republican tariff bill would have cost the American farmers the enormous sum of \$51,300,000, the amount which the North Carolina farmers would have had to yield up ranging from \$1,500,000 to over \$2,000,000. That tax the farmers would have had to pay or else go without potash. The inequity of the scheme can be realized as it is remembered that there must be potash for fertilizer and that without fertilizer there will be a let-down both in yield and in quality of American crops.

The normal consumption of potash in America is 270,000 tons a year, and the Republican scheme was to lay a tax of \$50 a ton for the first and second years, then \$40 and \$30 and \$20 for the next three years in succession, this robber scheme of taxation being placed upon the single industry of agriculture. The demand for this came from the American potash producers, even while they are not able to produce enough potash to meet the normal demand. In 1918, under the stimulus of price inflated by the war there were 50,000 tons produced in this country, but the production had fallen to only 7,626 tons in 1921. Taxing the maximum production of 1918 as the basis the domestic producers would in the five year period grab off \$9,500,000 while the customs duties on the 220,000 tons of potash which would have to be im-

PROMINENT MAN OF WILSON MILLS DEAD

Mr. J. A. Wilson Died Suddenly Sunday Night; Funeral Today 3:30

The many friends of Mr. J. A. Wilson were shocked to hear of his death which occurred suddenly at his home in Wilson's Mills Sunday night at 11:30 o'clock. For some time Mr. Wilson had succored from heart trouble but his death was quite unexpected at the time it occurred. He was here Saturday attending to his business affairs, apparently as well as usual. He had reached his sixty-sixth year.

Mr. Wilson was from one of the most prominent families in the county, and will be missed by a large circle of friends. He has been a very successful farmer, owning a large farm near Wilson's Mills where he has always lived.

In 1882 he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Sturdivant, also of this county, who survives him. To this union were born two sons, Messrs Raymond Wilson of Mexico, and Harry Wilson, of Wilson's Mills, and four daughters, Misses Evelyn and Mildred Wilson, of Wilson's Mills, Miss Sallie Wilson, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Crawford, of Asheville.

The funeral services will be held at the home of the deceased today at 3:30, conducted by Rev. Lee S. Sandler, of Wilson, pastor of the Christian church, of which church Mr. Wilson had been a member for several years. Following the funeral services, interment will be made in the Wilson cemetery at Wilson's Mills.

The bereaved have the sympathy of many friends throughout the State who have known Mr. Wilson.

ANNOUNCE DISCOVERY OF HOOKWORM CURE

WASHINGTON, June 18.—After extended experiments, Dr. Maurice C. Hall, of the Department of Agriculture announced today that he had discovered what he believed to be a positive cure for a hookworm in the form of carbon tetra-chloride. This chemical, which is commonly used as a clothes cleaner, the statement said, "will likely prove to be a cheap, agreeable and effective treatment for a parasite that is destroying health and reducing human efficiency in millions of people in many parts of the world, including many thousands in our Southern States."

Discovery by Dr. Hall of the efficacy of the drug in removing hookworm parasites, it was stated, immediately stimulated medical men in many countries to start investigations from which, the department said "favorable reports are now being received."

Department records are said to show that twelve thousand natives of the Fiji islands have been successfully treated by the same method, a single dose removing all the parasites from 90 per cent of the patients.—News & Observer.

MILL MACHINISTS GOES TO CLAIM FORTUNE OF \$750,000

ELIZABETH CITY, June 17.—William Thomas Adams, a mill machinist here, left last night for Statesville, as the result of reading an advertisement in state papers by an attorney of that place that a textile worker bearing that name in North Carolina was heir to an estate of \$750,000 left by his grandfather, who died in London, England, six months ago.—News and Observer.

Rev. Lucas to Preach at Hopewell

We are requested to announce that Rev. J. W. Lucas, of Duke, will preach at Hopewell church next Saturday and Sunday at the usual hour for services.

The reported reach the huge sum of \$41,800,000. No other tariff bill ever carried such an outrageous tax. It neither protects nor raises revenue commensurate with its cost. The tax would have hit the farmers of America a terrific blow and would have only benefited the fertilizer trust.—News and Observer.

SHARP FIGHT STARTS OVER FORD PROPOSAL

Senators Underwood and Heflin Line Themselves Up With Ford—Hot Exchanges.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Senators supporting and opposing Henry Ford's offer to purchase and lease the government war initiated projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., clashed Saturday in a two-hour heated discussion over ways and means of developing the projects for peace-time operations.

Senator Underwood, of Alabama, Democratic leader, proclaimed himself "a Ford man" and asked an opportunity to vote for the acceptance of the Detroit manufacturer's proposal before Congress adjourned.

Senator Norris, of Nebraska, chairman of the agriculture committee which is investigating Mr. Ford's proposal in connection with other offers for Muscle Shoals, also went on record. He declared he was opposed to the acceptance of the Ford tender, or to any other, which would have the effect of selling properties "costing the people \$106,000,000 for \$5,000,000" and leasing those not sold to private interests for a period of one hundred years.

Senator Heflin, Democrat, Alabama, joined his colleague in a way that left no doubt as to his position on the Ford offer and precipitated a sharp verbal exchange with Senator McNary, Republican, Oregon, and with Senator Norris, when he said Mr. Ford had promised to manufacture fertilizers and sell them at one-half their present selling prices. The Oregon senator denied that Mr. Ford had made such a promise and said he protested against "such misstatements."

House leaders plan to vote probably this week on the senate amendment to the army bill appropriating \$7,500,000 for continuation of work on the Wilson dam.—Greensboro News.

CONDUCTOR KILLED INSTANTLY BY TRAIN

Dick Easterling Falls Between Cars While at Work.

WILMINGTON, June 6.—D. M. Easterling, yard conductor for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for the past fifteen years or longer and one of the most popular men in the employ of the company here was instantly killed shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon when he fell between his train and was cut in two by the heavy car trucks between the branches of the river in the vicinity of Navassa. Death was instantaneous, the heavy trucks parting the body completely.

The remains were brought to the city shortly and turned over to the undertaker to be prepared for burial. Dick Easterling, as he was popularly known to his associates and friends was one of the most popular men in the employ of the Coast Line here and was held in high regard by all who knew him. He was about 34 years old and leaves a family.—News and Observer.

MUCH INTEREST IN REVIVAL AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Four Oaks, June 19.—The revival at the Methodist church is meeting with much success. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Russell, preached all last week to the church membership. His sermons are powerful and convincing. He depends upon the Holy Spirit for guidance and he condemns sin in every form without fear or favor. The influence of the meeting is being felt throughout the community. People on the streets are talking religion. One woman was heard to remark after one of the evening sermons, "There will be no more cards in my house." A man said, "If that is a result of profanity, I am through cursing."

At both morning and evening service Sunday a large number of people rededicated their lives to Christ and His service, while there were several young men who made a profession of faith and accepted Christ as their saviour.

Services will be held each afternoon at 4:00 and evening at 8:30. The meeting will run through next Sunday, if not longer. Every person in and around Four Oaks should hear these Gospel messages.

NEWS ITEMS FROM CITY OF FOUR OAKS

Revival at M. E. Church—Baptist S. S. Class Enjoy Picnic; Personal

FOUR OAKS, June 19.—Mrs. R. M. Von Miller, of Wilson, visited friends in the city Thursday. Mr. Richard Lewis spent Friday in Raleigh.

Messrs E. F. Strickland and E. B. Johnson made a business trip to Smithfield, Friday.

Dr. Clinton Cox, of Durham, spent last week end with friends in the city.

Miss Annie Ford left Thursday for Fuquay Springs where she will visit for a few days before going to Chapel Hill to attend summer school.

Mr. Manly Baker and son, Manly, Jr., of Raleigh, were in the city Monday.

Mr. Carl Lewis was in Fayetteville for a few hours Wednesday.

Mr. D. W. Lambe made a business trip to Smithfield Wednesday.

Misses Clyde Sanders and Pauline Lee were visitors in Raleigh Tuesday.

Judge F. H. Brooks, of Smithfield, was a business visitor in the city Friday.

Miss Luna Lewis is visiting friends in Hartselle, S. C., this week.

Mr. Eugene Cole, of Dunn, visited friends here last Sunday.

Friday, Mr. W. R. Keen made a business trip to Smithfield.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Levinston, of Coats and Mrs. Rosa Levinston, of Bishopville, S. C., spent last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Laura Creech.

Mr. James Adams has returned from Havelock, where he went on a fishing trip.

Mr. C. C. Lee and family spent Monday in the Capital City.

Dr. Baker of Tarboro, was in the city Tuesday on business.

Messrs Bert Barefoot, J. W. Sanders and B. E. Adams made a business trip to Smithfield Tuesday.

Mrs. Laura Creech and Miss Ruby Stanley left Thursday for Norfolk, Va., where they will visit relatives for some time.

The Baptist Sunday School class of Miss Mable Coffenburger enjoyed a picnic at Holt Lake Tuesday afternoon. Various sports were engaged in, after which a very tempting supper was served. The delicious chicken, pies, cakes, etc., were consumed with avidity after which the picnickers returned home.

Miss Esther Creech left Monday for Raleigh, where she will attend summer school.

The revival, which began at the Methodist church last Sunday, June 11, is progressing fine. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Russell, is delivering some splendid sermons. Services are held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and at 8:30 at night. Everybody is invited to attend each service.

Mr. Will H. Lassiter, of Smithfield, was in town for a few hours Friday.

Messrs Hugh Wellons and John Stanley attended the baseball game in Benson Friday.

Mr. J. P. Brown, of Tallahassee, Fla., is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. William Adams left Saturday for Norfolk, Va., where he will visit relatives for some time.

Mr. W. H. Tucker and family have returned to the city after living in Wilson for several months. They moved to their home here Thursday. We welcome them back.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Edmonds, of Farmville, attended the burial of Mrs. Edmonds' father, Mr. W. E. Stanley, Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Stanley, of Smithfield, spent Sunday in the city with friends.

Mr. Sterling Gates, of Farmville, was a visitor in town Sunday. Mr. D. T. Lassiter, of Raleigh, spent the week end with relatives in the city.

Mr. John Goodrich, of Benson, attended the burial of Mr. W. E. Stanley here, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frew Baucom, of Wilson, visited in the city Sunday.

Mr. Julius Stevens, of Wilson, was in the city Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. Della Gardner, of Wilson, spent Sunday here with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Stanley.