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JOHNSTON COUNTY GIVES THANKS TO GOD

Hon. O. Max Gardner And Hon. J. W. Bailey Deliver Addresses at Service

Johnston county has had conventions and rallies and Red Letter Days, but yesterday, in the estimation of a large number of people, stands at the head of any and all celebrations ever held within her borders. More than a thousand people gathered under the trees at the rear of the court house and for two hours participated in a special Thanksgiving service for the manifold benefits bestowed on Johnston county through its splendid crops.

Judge W. S. Stevens opened the service with appropriate scripture reading and fitting passages were also read by Rev. S. H. Styron, of Pine Level. Prayers were offered by Rev. C. A. Jenkins, of Clayton and Rev. J. A. Russell, of Four Oaks. The big congregation joined in singing the "Doxology" and "Coronation" led by Messrs. R. E. and C. B. Thomas and the Johnson Union choir.

The preliminary devotions put the audience in just the frame of mind to appreciate the masterful address of the occasion delivered by Hon. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby and Hon. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh. Judge F. H. Brooks introduced Mr. Gardner and told how the idea of a Thanksgiving service originated—how Mr. C. W. Horne, of Clayton, one of Johnston county's best and biggest farmers, in talking over the wonderful prospects a few weeks ago expressed the wish that the people of the county could come together in such a service; how Judge W. S. Stevens was impressed with the idea, and the thing grew until yesterday's coming together was the result.

Mr. Gardner was never in better speaking trim and his address was a literary gem.

His first words pronounced the occasion fine, significant, and unique in North Carolina. He said he was sorry that he was not a minister on this occasion for it was a day for God's ministers to preside. His theme then naturally turned to the farmers who have made possible this thanksgiving service. He stated that the North Carolina citizenship was wonderfully made, that the boys and girls of the old North State furnished the best material on earth for splendid men and women. He told of how the country boys are leading in the business and professional life of the state while in many instances the city youths weaklings in body and mind serve in inferior places. He placed the farmer, plodding his weary way homeward at night fall, as the very foundation of the country's safety. The audience which was assembled before him was, he said a typical North Carolina audience.

The speaker then turned attention to the crops themselves. He told of the wonderful fields of cotton, the best he had seen in North Carolina which were to be seen from the highway as he came to Smithfield from Raleigh. He called attention to the fine crops which are the rule in Johnston, and pleaded that the people of this county standing on the brink of prosperity should remember those less fortunate ones hungering for the very necessities of life.

Mr. Gardner paid his respects to the boll weevil which has already infested his own cotton fields, in Cleveland county, and predicted that the pest would soon cover the cotton belt. But he threw out a challenge to the farmers of this day not to give up and quit raising cotton, but get down to work and overcome the difficulty. "There has never been any primrose path to victory," he said. Diseases of the human body have required work and genius to conquer them, and he emphasized the fact that we must still make cotton in North Carolina. He called forth laughter and applause when he stated that if men would put the same zeal and intelligence into the fight against the boll weevil that they put into the gubernatorial campaign when he and Mr. Morrison were running for governor the pest would soon disappear from (Continued On Page Four)

OFFICER CRABTREE DIES OF WOUNDS

Shot by Nineteen Year Old Klutz Who Now Awaits Trial in Wake Jail

After an unequal battle against hurts that might have instantly killed weaker man. Tom Crabtree, city detective, died at 2:30 yesterday afternoon at Rex Hospital. "Boots" Klutz, nineteen years old boy who fired two steel bullets into the policeman's body at one o'clock Thursday morning, and then drove a big automobile over the prostrate man is in Wake County jail, without bond, waiting to answer the charge of first degree murder.

Tom Crabtree, after nine years of service on the Raleigh police force, turned over his badge at last without murmuring and without admitting that he was vanquished in the fight that friends have watched with hope since the news of the shooting spread about.

Shortly before the end came in the hospital room, the nurse and physician lifted the ban against visitors. Several close friends were there. Mrs. Crabtree was sobbing quietly. He asked what she was crying about. He was told she was merely disturbed.

Those who knew how seriously the officer was wounded were encouraged when he lived through Thursday morning, and when Thursday night's reports indicated that he was rallying from the shock. Physicians were waiting for a more complete rally in order to perform an operation that they hoped would relieve the paralysis that bound him from the waist down. With the passing of the shock, internal complications set in and all realized that the time was short.

Thursday afternoon, the wounded man made a deposition which, as his dying statement, will be used in the trial of his slayer. In it, he told how he answered the distress signals of the negro George Williams at the corner of Glenwood Avenue and Hillsboro street early Thursday morning, where he found "Boots" Klutz in the rear of a Cadillac automobile; how, without provocation, Klutz turned a forty five caliber automatic on him and fired at close range; how he rolled over the wheels of the machine to get out of the line of fire; how Klutz jumped out of the car, shot him again on the ground, and then drove the automobile across his body.

No time has yet been set for the preliminary trial of Klutz. The boy, who is well connected in Salisbury and Rowan county, will be represented in court by Charles U. Harris of the Raleigh bar, and R. Lee Wright, of Salisbury, his uncle. In the meanwhile, he is in Wake county jail, nursing a wound in his arm, said by the police to have been self-inflicted, and claiming complete ignorance of the events of early Thursday morning.

Tom Crabtree, who entered the service of the police department nine years ago as driver of the police patrol, was thirty-five years old. He has lived in Raleigh all his life. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Mary E. Lynden, and four sons, ranging from nine to 18 months. They are Thomas, Lewis, Fred and Jack.—News and Observer, Sept. 2.

BIG MASS MEETING OF GROWERS IN HARNETT

LILLINGTON, Sept. 4.—Two thousand people attended the mass meeting of cotton growers here Saturday afternoon in the court house when R. L. Godwin, of Dunn, delivered a strong address. E. C. Dupre, of Angier, followed Mr. Godwin. It was one of the most enthusiastic meetings that has been held here in many months.

The banks of Lillington and Harnett county have pledged their full support to the association's marketing program.

First Bale of New Cotton. Mr. John B. Raynor, who lives on Benson, Route 2, was in town today with a bale of new cotton, the first to come here. It brought 22c pound.—Eastern (Benson) News, Thursday, August 31.



HON. O. MAX GARDNER, WHO DELIVERED AN ADDRESS AT THE JOHNSTON COUNTY THANKSGIVING SERVICE HERE YESTERDAY

PRAYER OFFERED BY REV. C. A. JENKINS AT THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE HERE

Our Father who art in heaven, we would not address thee as our Creator, Judge, or King, because thou art more than these to us. Thou hast all the love and pity and forgiveness of the tenderest father, and in thy great heart there is room enough for us all. We are not orphans, but the children of God. Heaven is thy dwelling-place to whose sinless joys thou dost call thine own, where the weary lay down their burdens, and the pure in heart shall see God.

Hallowed be thy name. There is no name like thine, which is above every name, and is to be revered by all men. May we never take it in vain nor bring reproach upon it. Let all our people praise thee with high sounding cymbals, and let everything that hath breath praise Jehovah.

Thy kingdom come. Satan long has reigned as the god of this world. He has corrupted and blinded the nations. He has destroyed virtue and exalted vice, for the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. We pray that the reign of the Prince of Peace may fill the earth; that the Cross may be the basis of all theology; that the churches may be revived, society cleansed, and the whole world saved.

Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. The woes of the race are due to resistance to thy righteous will. We have left thee out of our reckoning; we have given ourselves to worldliness, luxury, and pleasure; we have sown the wind, and reaped the whirlwind. Thy will be done, not ours. As the angels do thy will in heaven, so may we. Our standards are too low; we have lost our ideals; we beg, therefore, that thou wilt pour out thy Holy Spirit upon us, that we, like the Angels, may render unceasing and unerring obedience to thy supreme will.

Give us this day our daily bread. And while we thank thee for thy unspeakable gift of salvation and for our hopes of heaven and immortal glory, we would not fail to bless thee for our daily bread. At this time, in particular, we are constrained to magnify thy goodness so richly shown to us in bountiful crops. The plowman overtakes the reaper, and the trader of grapes him that sows seed. The corn hangs heavy in the ear, and the cotton fields are white unto the harvest. Our county has escaped the ravages of the boll weevil, and no storm has laid waste the growing crops, and no plague nor blight has crushed the hopes of the husbandman to make his toil vain. Surely our God has given into our bosoms good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over. But above all this we thank thee most for the Bread of Life.

And forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. We confess our sins, and hold no grudge against our fellow men. Judge between us and our enemies and cause the right to stand. Help us to forsake the things that have soiled our hearts, and lift upon us the light of thy countenance reconciled. Speak thy pardon to our souls, and we will look into thy face and laugh, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

And bring us not into temptation, for we are weak and easily led astray; but deliver thou our providences so that we may not be overpowered by these circumstances and low environments. Enable us to resist temptation and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

But deliver us from the evil one. Enable us to escape the wiles of the Devil, looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. The world is full of evil. History is a mournful tale of hate, oppression, strife and war. Hasten, we beseech thee, the happy day when the sword of the Spirit shall displace the sword of the warrior; when capital and labor shall harmonize their differences, and in the spirit of Christ, like righteousness and peace, kiss each other, instead of smiting. We pray that our country may take its stand in behalf of universal peace, and teach the nations to learn war no more. Be pleased to stay the crimson wave of crime that is sweeping over the land, and hush the muttering storm of vice that threatens society.

In Jesus' name grant our requests, and thine shall be the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

MRS. BET SASSER GOES TO REWARD

Aged Eighty Years; Oldest Alumna Of Greensboro College for Women

Saturday afternoon about two o'clock the gentle, patient spirit of "Miss Bet Sasser," as she was called by a large circle of friends, found rest in her Saviour's care after 22 years of suffering invalidism. Mrs. Sasser, the wife of Mr. Alf Sasser, was stricken with rheumatism 22 years ago, and for 18 years she had been confined to a rolling chair not having been able to walk. She became worse Monday and gradually grew weaker until the end came. The patience with which she bore her suffering and confinement was an inspiration to all who came in contact with her. The beautifying influence of a pure religion shone from a spotless character, and her life was a benefaction to all within the circle of her acquaintances. She joined the Methodist church when young and in her early life was active in all Christian work.

The deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thad Whitley of the Sanders Chapel section. She was twice married, the first time to Capt. George Barnett and the second to Mr. J. Alf Sasser. If Mrs. Sasser had lived until December, she and Mr. Sasser could have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The deceased was in her eighty-first year. On her eightieth birthday, the ninth of last February, a number of her friends gave her a surprise party, providing refreshments, and a number of useful gifts.

Mrs. Sasser was a woman of unusual intelligence. At the time of her death, she was the oldest alumna of Greensboro College for Women, known when she attended a Greensboro Female College. She was always interested in what was going on and kept up with the outside world despite her shut in life.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Sanders Chapel a large crowd of relatives and friends being present to pay a last tribute to the life of their departed friend. Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of this city and Rev. J. A. Russell, pastor at Sanders Chapel conducted the services. Interment was made in the Sanders Chapel cemetery.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the surviving husband left alone in his grief and sorrow.

SEVEN MEN BURN TO DEATH IN \$200,000 FIRE

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 3.—Seven car repairmen recently employed were burned to death; 10 men injured; several severely, and property loss of \$220,000 was wrought by fire which started at dawn today in a bunkhouse in the Thirtieth street yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad and swept through the building with almost incredible speed.

N. P. Good, chairman of the striking shopmen on the Pennsylvania system, in a statement tonight deplored the fire and said it could not be charged to the shopmen.

"The shop destroyed was under guard, as I understand it," said Mr. Good, and could not be reached except by some one having free access to the yards.—Associated Press.

Investigations immediately were started by the railroad, the police and fire departments and by the Department of Justice. They were in progress tonight, with announcement by the railroad that it had been unable "to determine the cause of the fire."

MAN SERIOUSLY HURT WHEN CAR TURNS OVER

GOLDSBORO, Sept. 3.—A Chevrolet car driven by Van Clinton, of Mount Olive, turned over near the covered bridge three miles south of this city this afternoon. Vance Kornegay, of Mount Olive was seriously hurt and was hurried to Spicer's Sanatorium. The other occupants of the car were only slightly hurt.

Mr. Luther O'Neal, druggist, of Goldsboro, has accepted a position with Crecon Drug Co.

STRIKE SITUATION DEVELOPMENTS

Car Shortage This Fall Is Inevitable; Business May Not Be Retarded

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Developments in the coal and railroad situations and anticipations on the nature of fall trade have occupied the center of the business stage during the past week.

Car loading figures indicate that soft-coal production is rapidly returning to normal, or to distinctly encouraging levels. Thus incomplete figures suggest that the total output for the week will run well over 9,000,000 tons, or, perhaps, close to ten million tons. This rate compares favorably with normal weekly averages.

Reports on the general movement of railroad traffic show that recent rates, which approximate the best of the year, are being maintained. Total loadings for the week ended August 19, the latest for which figures are available, are 859,000 cars, 6,639 cars over the preceding week and 41,072 over the same week a year ago.

It is still too early to measure the effect of the growing soft coal movement, but usually well informed quarters see no evidence of the movement in general merchandise being affected to an important degree as yet. On the other hand, it is felt that a resumption of anthracite mining, added to the crop carrying burdens, will impose a severe strain on the transportation system. In this connection interest centers on the railroads' attempts to put their shop forces back on a normal basis.

Even if the roads have the situation in hand by some time in October, it is thought a car shortage is inevitable. The consensus seems to be, however, that the shortage will not be so serious as to retard vitally the revival in business. It is also doubted whether it will cause a general rise in commodity prices, although opinions on the point are by no means unanimous.

Agricultural prospects remain remarkably little changed. The Department of Agriculture's September 1 cotton crop report reduced the condition from 70.8 per cent in the previous month's figure to 57 per cent and cut the estimated yield from 11,449,000 bales to 10,575,000 bales. The new figures were slightly more bullish than the trade had expected, but not sufficiently so as to prevent profit-taking. As a result, cotton prices were little changed.

Both the prospective crop and the carry-over are short, but a conservative view is taken of the willingness of both domestic and foreign spinners to buy at the higher prices. Wheat futures continue to fluctuate slightly above the dollar level at Chicago and these prices are taken to indicate conservative purchasing of general merchandise on the part of farmers.

The commodity market and that for foreign exchange reacted well to announcement by the Reparations Commission that Germany has been granted a six months' postponement on this fall's reparations payments. It is considered that a political crisis in Europe has been averted but the reparations difficulty still remains.—Associated Press.

BELIEVE IMPRISONED MINERS STILL LIVING

JACKSON, Cal., Sept. 4.—The night crew of rescuers working in the Kennedy mine in an attempt to reach 47 entombed men in the Argonaut gold mine, declared on coming to the surface today that when two signal blasts were fired on the 700 foot level, they were positive they were answered by five explosions coming from the Argonaut.

The miners declared that the sounds could not have been caused by falling rock. It would have been impossible to hear such sounds through the thick walls of stone that separate the two mines, they said.

All Jackson is rejoicing over the report for a feeling of certainty that the men imprisoned for a week still live now exists.

The officials refused to comment on the statement of the miners or to give out anything on the report.