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## MR. N. W. WALKER MAKES ADDRESS

### Johnston County Alumni Give Banquet; J. D. Parker on Program

In spite of the very rainy weather Wednesday evening, about twenty-five were present at the Woman's Club room to enjoy the State University banquet for the Johnston County students and alumni of that institution. The local chapter of the U. D. C., had prepared a veritable feast served in four courses, and the only regret was the fact that the weather prevented quite a number from attending. The hall was beautiful with its Christmas decorations.

The toastmaster, Mr. N. C. Barefoot of Benson, presided in a capable manner the entire program of the evening passing off without a hitch. Mr. N. W. Walker, of the University faculty was present and the toastmaster called on him first for a speech. Mr. Walker expressed pleasure at being in Smithfield and brought greetings to the University men from their alma mater. It may be interesting to note that there are 128 alumni in Johnston county and 29 are now matriculating at that institution. Mr. Walker threw out the suggestion that these men might worthily lend their influence and support to increase the number graduating from accredited high schools in this county, especially since this requirement has now been made a condition of entering the university. Out of 15,000 Johnston County children attending the public schools, only 270 completed the seventh grade last year and considerably less than a hundred got their diplomas from high schools. "The University," Mr. Walker stated, "has just begun its period of development." Ten years ago Mr. Walker predicted that if all the colleges in the state should double their capacity that the high schools would fill them, and the number of high school graduates has so increased that his prophecy has more than been fulfilled. He urged that the U. N. C., alumni help it to come to pass that in the near future the number completing four years of high school equal the number now finishing seventh grade. And in the meantime the University will be expanding and enlarging sufficiently to take care of these boys and girls too, for 65 girls are taking work at the University this year, and the future will see better provision made for the "co-eds." The University is already a "blue ribbon" college, and is still forging ahead.

After Mr. Walker Mr. J. D. Parker was called upon, who spoke in a happy vein of his college days, calling himself "the last leaf of summer," being the oldest alumnus present. Mr. Parker entered the University in 1894 there being only three other boys from Johnston County there at that time. His reminiscences were enjoyed as well as his expressions of loyalty to his alma mater.

After the last course was served Mr. Frank O. Ray presented the matter of forming a permanent Johnston County Alumni Association, and the matter was discussed by Messrs A. M. Noble, J. A. Narcon, Leon Stevens, and H. H. Marrow. It was finally decided to leave the organization in the hands of a committee composed of Mr. N. C. Barefoot, of Benson, chairman of the Johnston County Club at Chapel Hill, Mr. Holt, of Princeton, secretary, Dr. George Vick, of Selma, Messrs F. O. Ray and H. B. Marrow of this city. The selection of the committee was a happy one, and no doubt the U. N. C. Alumni Association will become a live organization. The evening's program was concluded with this decision.

Those present on this occasion were as follows. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Narcon, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Marrow, Misses Jean Abell, Margaret Moore, Rose Grantham, Arah Hooks, Lucile Johnson, Messrs Wm. M. Sanders, Jr., Geo. Y. Ragsdale, Kenneth D. Coates, Thel Hooks, N. R. Bass, F. O. Ray, Jas. D. Parker, L. G. Stevens, Benton Wharton, A. M. Noble, G. A. Martin, Baxter Ray, N. C. Barefoot, W. J. Barefoot, Colon E. Seima, of Benson. Joe Temples, of Selma and N. W. Walker, of Chapel Hill.

New York's fire losses last year were more than \$20,000,000.

## VOCAL UNION TO BE HELD HERE NEXT SUNDAY

### Good Program Has Been Arranged And a Large Crowd Is Expected.

On account of the Lower Johnston vocal union which will be held here Sunday, there will be no preaching services at the Baptist and Methodist churches here Sunday morning. This is the first time the vocal union has ever been held here, and it is hoped that a large crowd will be present. These unions are held some where in the county every fifth Sunday, and they are usually attended by several thousand people.

A good program has been arranged by Mr. J. B. Beasley, president of the vocal union, and a number of choirs and some good speakers are expected to make the day well worth while for those who attend.

The services will be held in the court house and the public is cordially invited and urged to be here Sunday morning, December 31, by 9:30 o'clock. All Sunday school pupils are especially invited.

## JOHNSTON COUNTY LEADS STATE IN COTTON PRODUCTION

Johnston, Wake, Nash and Harnett have made much larger cotton crops than last year. Johnston has led the state this time, Robeson having suffered an eclipse through the operations of the boll-weevil. Johnston is accredited with the ginning of 55,028 bales up to Dec. 1 this year, against only 45,946 to the same date last year. More than 9,000 bales of twenty-five cent cotton in excess of last year's crop is enough to make Johnston feel that degree of thankfulness which was expressed in a special thanksgiving program at Smithfield some months ago. But Harnett is credited with ginning 32,060 against only 24,108 last year, a gain of 8,000 bales. But as Dunn gets thousands of bales from Sampson for ginning, it is probable that high Sampson, which shared in a measure in the unusual yield of the Wake-Johnston-Harnett area, is responsible for a part of this 8,000 excess over last year, thereby counterbalancing the shortage in the ginning report for Sampson. That is, Sampson probably made as much cotton as it did last year, though the ginning report is 1,594 bales short. This would mean that the section lying near Harnett made more cotton than last year, while the southern half and the area above Clinton and East of Coharie made considerably less. Not only was the boll weevil more active in the latter sections, but the wet weather was more hurtful, while two or three big hail storms destroyed many bales. We, accordingly, should judge that Mingo, Honeycutts, Westbrook and Herringtownships have made a fine crop this year, and that conditions in those townships should be rapidly improving.—Sampson Democrat.

## Long-Continued Popularity.

Much more than the usual attention is being given this year to those perennial lines of Dr. Clement C. Moore's "Twas the night before Christmas"—because it is recalled that they are just a century old. It was on Christmas eve, 1822, that the serious-minded professor of Greek and Hebrew in the General Theological Seminary, New York, first jotted them down to amuse his children, and thought no more of them. They were presented to posterity by a young woman who made a copy of the verses and sent it to a local newspaper. The old professor's fame rests chiefly upon the little piece of light writing which seemed to him at the time so trivial. After all, this is not surprising. We have had a more famous instance of the same sort in our own day. The fame of Lewis Carroll, author of "Alice in Wonderland," etc., is world-wide. Few to whom his pen-name is familiar ever heard of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, the learned professor of mathematics at Cambridge. It is idle to attempt to account for the long-continued popularity of Dr. Moore's poem. It simply sped true and hit the bull-eye. Such things defy analysis.—Philadelphia Record.

A ten year old boy beat his daddy in the show ring at the Pinehurst Fair and won \$85 as the best showman at the fair. He had been trained in club work.

## FARMERS TO FIGHT MR. BOLL WEEVIL

### Farmers' Meeting Is Called Here Jan. 16 to Discuss Methods of Warfare

RALEIGH, Dec. 26.—Holding its first meeting on January 1st and beginning the new year with an intensive fight on the cotton boll weevil, the Division of Entomology will render every assistance at its command to aid farmers of North Carolina in their war on the weevil this year. The meetings to begin in January have been divided into three groups. The western series will embrace the counties of Rutherford, Cleveland, Catawba, Lincoln, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Iredell, and Hoke. These meetings will be in charge of W. Bruce Mabee of the Division of Entomology as principal speaker.

The central series will embrace the counties of Rowan, Stanley, Moore, Montgomery, Lee and Chatham and will be in charge of Franklin Sherman, Chief of the Division of Entomology.

The Eastern series will embrace the counties of Harnett, Cumberland, Robeson, Bladen, Pender, Duplin, Sampson, Wayne, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Greene and Pitt and will be in charge of J. O. Taylor, formerly with the delta laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The county agent in each of the counties will arrange for the meetings and plans are being made now to hold one meeting to the county, this to be in the county court house or some other central gathering place. Each meeting will begin at 11 o'clock and will be advertised by the county agent several days before it will be held.

Every farmer intending to grow cotton this coming year should make it a point to attend the meeting in his county. The meeting for Johnston County will be held at Smithfield on Tuesday, January sixteenth at 11 o'clock.

## Careless Bondholders.

During the world war, when our Government was engaged in raising billions of dollars by loans, the curious fact was developed that millions of Americans were quite ignorant of the nature of bonds and the methods of investing in them. When they were induced by appeals to their patriotism to buy bonds many of them neglected to collect the interest due them, and in other ways seemed to indicate that they regarded the money they had paid for Liberty or Victory bonds as really a contribution to the Government, for which they were to receive no return. Some of these unsophisticated persons seem to be still among us, judging by the announcement that the holders of \$400,000,000 of Victory bonds, interest on which ceased on December 15, have failed to call for their securities and are therefore now receiving no return on their investment. The interest due them is waiting for them, along with the cash necessary for the redemption of the bonds, but still these holders show no desire to obtain their money. Evidently there are a vast number of Americans who are either very improvident or very careless when they pass up \$400,000,000 in this easy fashion. Uncle Sam would be very glad if they would call and get their money which is waiting for them and which should be promptly reinvested.—Philadelphia Record.

## FORMER PRESIDENT WILSON IS SIXTY-SIX YEARS OLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A delegation of five from the Woodrow Wilson foundation will await upon former President Wilson at his home in Washington Thursday to extend birthday greetings to him on the 66th anniversary of his birth. Those in the delegation will be Hamilton Holt, executive director; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Mrs. Charles E. Simonson, Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany and Mrs. Carolina Runtz-Rees.

## Road Bonds in South Carolina.

The road convention which met in Columbia Monday is in favor of an issue of from 40 to 200 million dollars of bonds for the building of roads.—From The Newberry (S. C.) Herald and News.)

## HAS PRELIMINARY HEARING—PERRY

### Examination Waived Until Recorder's Court Next Tuesday, January 2

A case which will attract widespread interest was instituted in a justice's court in Smithfield on Wednesday before Squire D. T. Lunceford. The case is State vs. A. W. Perry and charges the defendant with the wrongful killing of Paul Stephenson, which occurred in the town of Benson on the night of December 9th.

The defense which is represented by E. S. Abell waived examination in the preliminary hearing and the case was forwarded to the Recorder's court docket and will have a hearing on Tuesday, January 2nd.

The State will be assisted in the prosecution of the case by attorneys S. S. Holt, of Smithfield and Ezra Parker, of Benson.

It is not definitely known what line of defense the defendant will make but it is generally thought that a plea of not guilty will be made on the ground that the killing was justifiable.

## 30 TO 80 MILES AN HOUR COMMON SPEED FOR BIRDS

Certain species of hawks have a speed of 200 feet a second, or about 136 miles an hour, says the Biological Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This might be a suitable rate for a racing airplane. The canvasback duck can fly from 130 to 160 feet a second, but its usual rate of 60 to 70 miles an hour would be pretty fast to be enjoyable in a plane making a pleasure trip.

The crow is the least rapid of a list of 22 migratory birds, flying an insignificant average of 45 feet a second, or 30 miles an hour. Of course this speed maintained steadily in an automobile would mean a very fair rate of progress, defying the speed laws in many communities. Most of the birds listed, however, do better than the crow. Curlews and jacksnipes can fly 55 and 65 feet a second, while quails, prairie chickens, and ruffed grouse can make 75 feet. The dove can reach a speed of 100 feet a second, or 68 miles an hour, although its usual rate is less. Red-heads, blue-winged teals, green-winged teals, Canada geese, and different varieties of brant can fly over 100 feet per second, ranging in speed from 68 to 98 miles an hour, but usually fly at a much slower rate.

## THIRTEEN PERSONS ARE BITTEN BY RABID DOG

KINSTON, Dec. 24.—A rabid dog owned by a farmer a short distance from Pink Hill was today reported by health department workers to have attacked and bitten 13 persons in the vicinity. The first victim was a small boy visiting the home of the animal's owner, it was understood. All the victims are being given the anti-rabies treatment. The head of the animal was examined at Raleigh where hydrophobia was found to have existed.

## SARAH BERNHARDT IN CRITICAL STATE

A Paris dispatch tells of the news of the critical condition of Sarah Bernhardt, famous actress, now 78 years old. Though at this advanced age she has kept up her work and was rehearsing a part in a new play soon to be produced. The papers Wednesday reported her better, and she told friends that she expected to assume her role in the play yet.

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\* MASONIC FUNERAL TO  
\* BE CONDUCTED SUNDAY \*  
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\* Next Sunday, December 31st, \*  
\* the Masonic funeral of Mr. L. B. \*  
\* Langdon will be preached at the \*  
\* home graveyard in Elevation \*  
\* township. Mr. Langdon was a \*  
\* member of 450 Polenta Lodge \*  
\* A. F. & A. M., and that lodge will \*  
\* have charge of the funeral ser- \*  
\* vice. All masons are especially \*  
\* requested to be present, and the \*  
\* public is asked to take notice \*  
\* and act accordingly. \*  
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## NEGROES ARE LEAVING STATE OF GEORGIA

### Labor Agents Post Signs Predicting Trouble From The Ku Klux Klan.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 27.—Facing what they described as the greatest labor shortage in years, Georgia farmers are swamping the two United States Senators from this State with requests for immediate relief.

Labor agents from the North, operating in every section of the State, it is declared, have caused negroes to leave by the thousands, and so general has been the exodus that a majority of the farmers find themselves without labor. Hence, the Senators have been asked to try either to modify the immigration laws or restrict the activities of labor agents.

Ku Klux Klans over the State whose memberships are composed largely of farmers, are trying to stop the operations of the labor agents, but thus far have made little headway. State Labor Commissioner H. M. Stanley estimates that negroes are leaving the State for Northern cities at the rate of 100 a day.

"In many communities," Commissioner Stanley said, "labor agents have posted signs warning negroes to leave the State by Christmas if they wished to avoid trouble at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan. Labor agents then got busy in these districts, and the migration begins when fat jobs at \$7 to \$10 a day in Northern cities are offered the negroes." Mr. Stanley declares that "unless this migration can be stopped quickly Georgia's agricultural interests will be gravely menaced. Georgia farmers, as a rule, are entirely dependent on negro labor."

## UNIVERSAL CITY IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Fire at Universal City, a suburb, late today destroyed 1,100,000 feet of film at the Universal studios, gutted one building and resulted in the injury of one man. Damage was estimated at \$350,000 including the value of the motion picture films.

Between 35 and 40 productions were included in the destroyed prints. The negatives from which the prints were made, however, were saved. Besides the one man, Edward Bush, a film cutter who was said to have been seriously injured, four others, were slightly burned or overcome by smoke. They were Kerman Kerrp, an actor, Fred Archer, head of the art title department, and Frank Atkinson and Edward Curtis, film cutters.

## CHILD THROWN INTO MAIL SACK BY MISTAKE

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.—Amid the hustle and bustle of a large crowd of Christmas shoppers in the main postoffice there came the cries of a mother for her lost infant.

While the mother was addressing Christmas packages at a table in the lobby she placed the child in a market basket, which she placed under the table. Her packages ready to be mailed, she looked for the baby. It had disappeared.

The basket, with its contents, had been picked up and thrown into a mail sack. Cries from the child as the sack was about to be placed on a mail truck led to its discovery.

The woman refused to divulge her identity.

## FIFTY IN HOSPITALS FROM BAD WHISKEY

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—More than fifty persons were in hospitals here today suffering from alcoholic poisoning as a result of drinking liquors obtained during the holidays. Two deaths due to this cause occurred. Eighteen of the patients were listed as in a critical condition.

## Potato Yield Varies.

The average yield of potatoes per acre in the United States varies from about 60 bushels in Texas to more than 200 bushels in Maine, according to reports of the United States Department of Agriculture. The average for the entire country for the past 10 years is 98 bushels per acre.

## PEACE PARLEY MAY BE FAILURE

### Uneasiness Spreading in the Conference as Crisis Approaches

LAUSANNE, Dec. 27.—Great uneasiness is spreading throughout Near East conference circles as the time approaches for a final reckoning on all important questions which remain unsettled between the Turks and the Allied powers.

Lord Curzon's positive announcement today that Great Britain will not cede Mosul to Turkey and does not propose to discuss that question further was the forerunner of less positive statements from the other delegations.

The sub-commissions are making little progress. Riza Nur Bey was less truculent today in the sub-commission on minorities. Allied delegations are clearly becoming less tractable in preparation for a final and complete statement of the maximum they will yield.

The indications are that the final will come early next week, with an uncertain outcome on capitulations, control of the straits and the rights of minorities.

Seemingly every one is talked out and every foot of ground between Mount Ararat and the Garden of Eden has been traversed.

Old Testament history has been reviewed from Genesis to Malachi; poets, historians, soothsayers, who trace their ancestry directly back to Adam and Eve, have presented claims; ecclesiastics, soldiers and statesmen of many races, languages and religions have been heard. The hopper is filled to overflowing and now the mill is starting to grind.

Kurds, Arabs, Assyro-Chaldeans, Armenians, Greeks, Turks, Bulgarians and Russians are watching with tense interest as the Allied leaders meet daily in private conferences, which are really deciding what the map of Asia Minor shall be. Lord Curzon, Marquis Di Gironi and M. Barrere had a long discussion today on capitulations, which, after Mosul oil, is probably the most stubborn question for settlement.

The three leaders made no announcement as to what decision had been reached. It was made clear however, that foreign supervision of foreigners tried in Turkish courts must stand.

The Turks are insistent against this and will not even consent to have a probationary period fixed so their courts may advance to western standards. Meantime, Constantinople is becoming more unsettled and Greece and Bulgaria are floundering along under the burden of miserable refugees, who dread a resumption of hostilities between Greece and Turkey.

The Allied delegates tonight were plainly discouraged after several hours discussion with the Turks on economic capitulations. The Turks made it clear that they wanted the right to give preferential treatment to their own manufacturers in the matter of taxation and justified their attitude by saying it was necessary to protect Turkish industries. In other words, foreigners would not only lose their preferential economic position which they are ready to lose in the interest of equity, but must meet Turkish competition, which would be strengthened by exemption from certain taxes imposed on foreigners.

A complete deadlock exists on the customs tariff questions. The Turks desire to postpone all action on this subject for two years, during which time they would undertake to negotiate separate commercial treaties with the United States. The Allies are ready to accept this but in return want Turkey to accept a maximum tariff scale, which would be arranged by negotiations at Lausanne, and operate both during and after the two-year period. The Turks have refused this compromise suggestion.—Associated Press.

## EFFORT TO COMPLETE WOODROW WILSON FUND

Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Chairman of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, has been putting forth renewed effort in the last few days to complete the drive in North Carolina. She called on each county for an additional \$35 which would put this state over the top.