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MRS. CHASE GUEST OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Tells of Work of Federation—Local Club Ranks 3rd In This District

The Woman's Club of this city had as its guest Friday evening at a most delightful social, Mrs. H. H. Chase of Chapel Hill, chairman of this district of Federated Clubs. The home of Mrs. Thel Hooks, president of the local club, where the entertainment was held was thrown open to more than 75 guests.

By the appointed hour, 8 o'clock, Mrs. H. P. Stevens and Mrs. F. K. Broadhurst, stationed at the front door began to receive the guests, who were shown to the cloak room by Mrs. E. O. Aycock and Mrs. Simon Jones.

Mrs. Hooks introduced the guests to the receiving line composed of the guest of honor, Mrs. Chase, and officers of the local club who were present as follows: Mrs. L. T. Royall, vice-president; Mrs. S. T. Honeycutt, treasurer; Mrs. P. H. Kasey, corresponding secretary; Mrs. H. L. Skinner, chairman of the Library Department; Mrs. H. B. Marrow, chairman of social service; Mrs. W. H. Lyon, chairman of the Literary department; Mrs. Lee Sanders, chairman of the Social committee; Mrs. W. N. Holt, chairman of the Ways and Means committee; and Mrs. L. G. Patterson, Editor.

After the arrival of all the guests the program for the evening began with a reading by Miss Irene Myatt. Mrs. Chase was then introduced by the president and gave an interesting discussion of the program undertaken by the State Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Chase gave interesting facts concerning the Sixth district of which she is president and to which the Smithfield club belongs. The Sixth district composed of 12 clubs represents the biggest membership of any other district in the state. Raleigh is the largest club in the district having 700 members, Chapel Hill is next largest with more than 100 members and the Smithfield Club ranks third with a few more than a hundred. Mrs. Chase explained the various funds which the Federation is raising and told of the good that is being accomplished. The speaker closed her talk with an invitation to the district meeting which will be held at Chapel Hill, March 19.

After Mrs. Chase's talk, Miss Sally May Tuttle gave another reading and Mrs. N. T. Holland and Miss Arah Hooks delighted those present with several solos.

Miss Mary E. Wells told of a recent trip to Samarang, an institution for which the State Federation worked to get established.

Before the guests departed a delicious course of block cream and cake was served.

RALEIGH HIGHS PLAY HERE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Local Squad of Basketball Tossers Out To Get Revenge On The Raleigh "Whirlwind"

"Raleigh." Twice this school year that word has meant defeat for Smithfield, once in football and once in basketball, but the local squad of basketball tossers are out to get revenge. Wednesday night will perhaps see the largest crowd of fans of the season at the Banner Warehouse to witness the second of the classics of the basketball season. Durham was the first and everyone is looking forward to another game of that caliber but hoping for a different result.

"Hold that fellow Spence and we can beat 'em" has been the cry heard time and time again in the Smithfield camp. In the game at Raleigh Spence playing running guard ran absolutely wild, caging 10 field goals. Smithfield is planning to stop him before he gets started. Some talk has been heard of using Brown at forward especially to hold Spence but Coach Park is keeping "mum" about what he is going to do.

The game begins at 8 o'clock sharp.

A folding ironing board attached to the wall is always ready for use but not in the way.

INCREASE IN SALES OF TREASURY CERTIFICATES

More than ten million dollars worth of Treasury Savings Certificates were purchased in the Fifth Federal Reserve District in 1922, the exact figures being \$10,512,893 according to a statement just received by Postmaster Sarah A. Lunceford from Treasury Department officials. In North Carolina the sales, through post offices amounted to \$1,515,143 with a per capita of \$.63 for the state, while the Smithfield post office is credited with \$3,275.00, or a per capita of \$.66.

The above sales were nearly ten times what they were for the previous year, 1921. The increased showing may be explained, in part by the large number of War Savings Stamps, series 1918, which were exchanged for the new treasury savings certificates. Many reinvested the proceeds of their war savings stamps they had held for five years in these new certificates which are similar to war stamps except that they are issued in denominations of \$25, \$100 and \$1000, and may be bought for \$20.50, \$82 and \$820 respectively.

The postmaster urges all holders of 1918 war stamps who have not done so, to present their stamps for redemption or exchange immediately as each day of delay means a loss of interest on their investment. Exchanged for the new certificates, which have five years to run but may be cashed at owner's option at values increasing every month, the investment again possesses earning power, as the savings certificates begin to bear interest the day they are issued.

FATHER SAVES GIRL'S LIFE BY A SPECTACULAR OPERATION

While Son Ends His Own Life; Used a Shotgun; Surgeon Saves Girl From Threatened T. B.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—A letter in a woman's handwriting was the only clue today to the mystery surrounding the death of John Minahan, 21-year-old University of Chicago freshman who was found today seated in a chair and leaning over a shotgun in his room in the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house.

Fraternity brothers, 25 of whom were sleeping in the house, insisted that the shooting was accidental. Minahan, they said had arisen early to clean his shotgun in preparation for a hunting trip to New Mexico on which he was to have started tomorrow.

Hyde Park police, however, expressed the belief that young Minahan had shot himself because of despondency over his health. No one in the house heard the two shots that ended the student's life. This, the police said, was due to the fact that the gun was placed in his mouth before the trigger was pulled.

Minahan's death came just after the announcement that his father Dr. John Minahan, a noted Wisconsin surgeon, had saved a girl from threatened tuberculosis and probable death by a spectacular operation by removing a tack from her left lung. In the course of the operation the surgeon was forced to stop the girl's heart, move it to one side, and then start it again.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN THE U. S. ARE FAVORABLE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—January business conditions in the United States as shown by statistics compiled by the commerce department, continued the favorable trend evident during the closing weeks of 1922.

Bituminous coal production averaged 11,000,000 tons a week during the month, lumber production increased steadily after the year-end slump and building contracts increased steadily, the total for the week ending January 20 being \$60,890,000. Wool receipts for the week ending January 13 were the largest since last summer.

Although wholesale prices in general continued to advance the retail food index declined considerably during the last two weeks of the month. Business failures, however, increased to some extent.

Just like a long letter from home to the folks who have left the community—that's what the home town paper is.

MR. WILSON NAMED FOR RE-ELECTION

Executive Committee Wants Chairman Board Education Re-elected

At the meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee here yesterday a resolution was passed recommending the reappointment of Mr. W. G. Wilson as a member of the Johnston County Board of Education. It will be recalled that the Democratic Convention last summer named Mr. N. E. Ward of Selma for this place. For reasons set forth in the following resolution the Democratic Executive Committee saw fit to recommend a change:

"Whereas the Democratic Convention of Johnston county assembled on the 31st day of August 1922 in Smithfield recommended to the Legislature the election of N. E. Ward of Selma to succeed W. G. Wilson, whose term expired as member of the Board of Education of Johnston County; and whereas the said N. E. Ward has since his recommendation by the Democracy of Johnston county been instrumental in aiding the Republicans to secure vote in the election of November 7, 1922 and whereas the said W. G. Wilson was the only other man mentioned at the Convention and that he received within a few votes of as many as the said N. E. Ward and further whereas he has so faithfully and capably administered the office as member of the School Board of Johnston County in past years and is a man particularly fitted by virtue of his knowledge as building operations to be invaluable service to the Board of Education in its present building campaign and program;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Johnston county assembled in special session in Smithfield this day hereby recommends to the Legislature of North Carolina the re-election of W. G. Wilson to succeed himself as member of the Board of Education of Johnston County."

THRILLING EXPERIENCES OF MR. CHARLES H. HOLT

Mr. C. H. Holt, of Princeton, has traveled on the railroads and electric trains of the United States more than three hundred and twenty-five thousand miles, was in a great many wrecks and has seen 38 persons killed in one passenger train wreck. One dark, rainy night the train ran into a trestle over a creek which was undermined by heavy rains. One coach fell into the water. Mr. Holt was riding on the engine at one time and saw two young girls step from another track over in front of the engine and were instantly killed. Two passenger trains were racing on double track. Both trains were running 60 miles an hour, on competing lines of railway leaving one of the larger cities. At another time he was on the engine when it struck a section car, killing some of the men. He was also in one wreck in which two big engines and 52 cars were totally destroyed, head-end collision. One man was killed. This was in March 1887 and occurred 14 miles north of Charleston, S. C.

Mr. Holt has seen two men instantly killed by touching electric light wires that were broken down in a heavy thunderstorm.

He was in another city in a great riot and was in the fight, in which several hundred darkies were reported killed.

He has seen two young girls shot and killed at different times and places by their jealous sweethearts. Many times he has been in a Southern city where it was hot and the flowers blooming and in less than 24 hours would be passing through a state where it was snowing and sleeting. On one occasion a trip was made when the entire passenger train runs through nine States, but the engines are changed 11 times in 1800 miles. He has lived nearly twenty years in the large cities. In those days he was employed by one of the large railway companies, and always legally entitled to ride on passes.

Gone to West Virginia

Messrs H. D. Ellington and Graham Smith have gone to Bluefield, W. Va., where they hold positions with the J. B. Colt Lighting Co.

THE DEMOCRATS HOLD A MEETING

Johnston Still In Progressive Column; County Offices Are All Retained

Johnston County as represented here yesterday in a mass meeting of Democrats voted to keep the pace of progress which has been set by endorsing unanimously resolutions to retain the offices of Public Welfare, Home Demonstration Work, Farm Demonstration work, Public Health work and to keep the salaries of the present officers at the present figures. The meeting also passed a motion favoring a bill to reinstate the Primary in Johnston County and passed a motion directing the legislators from this county to draw up a bill which shall provide for the building of roads on a county unit basis but which, if a certain number petition, shall be submitted to a vote of the people before it becomes a law.

The court house despite the steady downpour of rain, was filled, many having to stand during the intense moments of interest. Mr. E. F. Ward, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, called the meeting to order and asked for the selection of a chairman to preside over the meeting. Mr. J. M. Morgan of Benson, was elected, and Mr. R. A. Wellons was chosen as secretary. Judge F. H. Brooks was called upon to state the object of the meeting which he did in a brief, clear cut way. He announced that the idea of a mass meeting was first suggested by Mr. W. M. Sanders who wanted an expression from the county as to changing the building of roads in the county from the township plan to a county unit basis. Later other questions arose and the idea took a stronger hold that the people of the county should assemble and voice their sentiments in regard to these problems which were confronting our legislators. In order to ascertain if the crowd was really representative, the secretary called the roll of townships and everyone of the 17 townships save Pleasant Grove responded.

Mr. Chas. F. Kirby of Selma, then presented two resolutions the text of which follows:

Resolution Number One:
"Resolved by the citizens of the county of Johnston county in mass meeting assembled this day that we:

"Recognizing the efficient service, and the good done for our people by our Farm Demonstrator, Home Demonstration Department the Welfare Work and the County Nurse, and further recognizing the efficient service of all of our county officers, we in mass meeting this day assembled do resolve that it is to the best interest that the above named work be continued and that the offices be not interfered with in any manner. Therefore it is the sense of this body that our present Legislature now in session pass no act interfering in any manner with the above-named work."

Resolution Number Two:
"We, the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of the county of Johnston, in special session assembled this February 5, 1923, recommend that the Legislature now in session pass no law interfering with the salaries of our public officers; and that they pass no law abolishing in any manner interfering with the Farm Demonstrator, the Home Demonstration Department, the Welfare Work and the County Nurse. Recognizing the efficient service of our County Commissioners we are of the opinion that our county will be best served by leaving that matter in their hands as it now is."

The adoption of the resolution was moved and seconded and then a discussion of the motion began with Rev. A. O. Moore, pastor of the Clayton Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Moore spoke specifically upon the Public Welfare work, and the new court house has certainly not before been permitted to re-echo such eloquence as came from this Baptist minister as he plead for the continuance of the work. He had in his hands a record of what has already been accomplished in Johnston county using a style of rhetoric effective in the hands of one who knows how, that of repeating the refrain, "Is that worth while" as he reiterated each type of work done. The speaker was heartily applauded.

WOMAN MAY RECEIVE \$40,000 NOBEL AWARD

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 31.—For the first time in history, the Nobel peace prize will go to a woman, if the official recommendation for the 1923 award is accepted. Miss Elsa Brandstrom, a Swedish Red Cross worker, is the nominee for the prize of \$40,000 given each year by the Nobel Institute to the person selected by the Norwegian Parliament.

Miss Brandstrom is widely known as the "Angel of Siberia" because of her extensive personal relief work among the war prisoners of Russia and Siberia, from 1914 to 1920. She is also known for her writings in favor of peace. She is at present on her way to the United States where she will lecture on her work.

Following in quick succession, speeches were made by Dr. R. J. Noble of Selma and Mr. C. W. Pender, Superintendent of the Pythian Orphanage at Clayton, each of whom made a plea for childhood and especially under privileged childhood.

Then Mr. D. J. Thurston of Clayton and one of Johnston County's representatives in the legislature, addressed the people and presented his position. He stated that he was present on this occasion as a representative of the people to get the honest and unbiased will of the county. He wanted to know if the taxpayers were willing to pay \$2400 for Public Welfare, \$2700 for a Farm Demonstrator and similar sums for home demonstration work and for a county nurse. He stated that there were rumblings from every nook and corner of the county about expense and warned those present that the wrath of an enraged people will ultimately seek vengeance. Mr. Thurston repeatedly insisted that the fight against high taxes was not a personal one. He was fighting against no moral question. Mr. Thurston stated that he did not care for political life even though he thought that he could be re-elected by a popular vote, but he only wanted to do his duty as a representative.

When Mr. Thurston had finished his talk, Mr. A. M. Johnson made a short talk relative to the Farm Demonstration work after which Mrs. R. A. Redfearn Home Demonstration Agent of Anson county, made a splendid appeal for the Home Demonstration work. A country woman herself with five children to raise she gave a personal testimony as to the worth of the work. She thought instead of a time to talk about high taxes it was a time to talk about how to make more money, and she proceeded to tell how the Home Demonstration work puts money into the farm woman's pockets by cooperative selling of the surplus produce raised on the farms. Her argument was clear and practical and the audience gave her a rising vote of appreciation when she had finished.

Mr. J. H. Broadwell of Selma, 79 years old and according to his statement a teacher for 41 years having taught from 800 to 1000 pupils in that time and walked 12,500 miles to do it then made a talk captivating his audience with his plain spoken words. He diagnosed the situation by saying that too many evade paying taxes.

Mr. J. W. Stephenson of this city made a few remarks in favor of the Farm work, after which the question was put which resulted in a unanimous endorsement of the resolutions. This part of the program disposed of, the Convention then heard Representative W. M. Sanders as he presented the matter of recommending the reinstatement of a Primary for Johnston County. Without any discussion a motion was carried endorsing the bill which has already been introduced in the legislature by Representative Thurston.

The matter of changing from a township system of working roads to a county unit basis was then presented by Mr. Sanders. Dr. C. H. Grady of Kenly and Mr. C. W. Pender of Clayton both made talks favoring the present township system. A motion was finally introduced by Judge Brooks providing that the Johnston county legislators draw a bill asking for a county unit system of building roads taking care of the townships and other details which shall be presented in the present legislature but which shall not become a law until passed upon by the people in the next primary.

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

MAXWELL SHOWS \$5,000,000 DEFICIT

Investigation of Financial Condition of the State Is Ordered

RALEIGH, Feb. 3.—Approving the action of the general assembly in naming a committee to investigate the condition of the state's finances, as requested by Governor Cameron Morrison Friday, when he addressed a joint meeting of the legislature, and disavowing any personal animosity toward the governor or his administration, Corporation Commissioner A. J. Maxwell tonight issued a statement to the Associated Press in which he continues to insist that a deficit of more than \$5,000,000 exists in the operating fund of the state, instead of the alleged prospective surplus upon which the budget commission acted.

Governor Morrison, in his address Friday, severely criticized Mr. Maxwell for what the governor characterized as an attack on the "constructive program" of the administration, founded on misstatement of fact relating to the state's finances.

"The general assembly has very properly provided for an investigation of the financial condition of the state and this investigation should settle fairly as to facts," Mr. Maxwell states: "I regret that an important question of impersonal fact has been made the subject of passionate discussion. No man can pay higher eulogy than I will do to the members of the budget commission. I hold them as friends, and I hope that the governor of North Carolina may not think so poorly of me when his passion cools. But I have no political friendship that I hold superior to my loyalty and obligation to the state. I know of no one who has more at stake in the maintenance of a sound fiscal policy during his administration than Governor Morrison and information on this subject should not be considered an attack on him or his administration."

"For some days I have tried to get members of the budget commission to join me and the state treasurer in an inquiry into this matter, but for one reason or another it was not done. * * * *"

"How can the general assembly function properly if it is not advised of the facts? If we are already on a basis of living expenses greater than our income, and with strong demand for greater expenditures, how can legislative measures be cut to fit, or if cut to fit, how could such course be understood by the public unless the general assembly and the public are advised of the facts?"

Mr. Maxwell stated further that his figures were based on the printed report of the state treasurer and the treasury statement for the last six months and that if they were wrong then he was wrong.—Associated Press.

DISCOVERS WAY TO DELINT COTTON SEED

Removes Lint So As To Improve Cotton Seed For Planting Purposes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A process of removing from cottonseed the short pieces of lint which adhere after cotton is ginned, so as to improve the seed for planting purposes, has been discovered by Loren G. Polhamus, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, and a public service patent has been granted at the request of the Department of Agriculture. The new process makes use of gaseous hydrochloric acid, and experiments are being conducted by Mr. Polhamus near San Diego, Calif., to develop it on a scale that can be used generally for preparing seed for planting, and to determine whether the process can be used commercially on cotton seed in the production of lintier cotton.

No safe and practical process of chemically delinting large quantities of cotton seed has been developed, but exposure of the dry seed to hydrochloric acid disintegrates the lint, obviating the wetting, washing and drying the seed as is necessary in a suggested treatment with sulphuric acid. A thorough cleaning of the seed by the new process facilitates prompt germination which aids in securing full stands of cotton and avoids clogging of planting machines.