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MORRISON MAKES A FINE ADDRESS

Pleads for Farmers to Raise More Hogs, Cows, Chickens and Vegetables

In keeping with the purpose of the Farmers Congress held in this city Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, Governor Morrison addressed a crowded court house Friday stressing a live-at-home campaign. The governor has preached this doctrine all over North Carolina but this was the first time the citizens of Smithfield have had the opportunity to hear him upon this subject.

Mr. J. A. Wellons introduced the governor who launched forth immediately upon (as the governor said) his pet theme—the greatness of North Carolina. "The Old North State is in many respects," said the governor, "the greatest state in the Union. North Carolina is a great agricultural state. She is the empire state of the South with the exception of Texas, which is an empire in itself. Only four states in the entire union surpass her in the value of crop values. In the value of tobacco produced annually and in cotton produced per acre North Carolina ranks first in the nation."

Governor Morrison also recalled the fact that Johnston county ranks high as an agricultural county. Among the 50 greatest agricultural counties in the United States, four are located in this state one of them being Johnston county, which heads the list measured by population.

After dwelling upon the farming wealth of the State, the Governor spoke of the stride which has been made in manufacturing. North Carolina has 153 more cotton mills than Massachusetts. She is the undisputed leader in the south in the field of manufactures. In the manufacture of furniture, she holds second place in the United States, and leads the world in tobacco manufactured.

But with all this illustrious record, these wonderful achievements, Gov. Morrison made the assertion that the farmer is not prosperous. Some, he said attribute this fact to bad laws; some to one thing, and some to another. But according to the governor, the trouble lies in the type and character of agricultural practiced. Instead of agriculturists, the farmers have become cotton and tobacco growers. "After making millions of dollars," said Mr. Morrison, "we give it to Iowa and Nebraska for musty meal and fat back." He declared that when farmers make crops on borrowed money and disaster comes and they are not able to stand up under it, the system is wrong. And he implored North Carolina and Johnston county to mend their ways. He said that many of the farmers have forgotten that the primary business of farmers is to raise necessary food stuffs. He told the folks that \$40,000,000 worth of meat is imported into North Carolina, whereas this state is the finest place anywhere to grow a hog.

When the governor reached this stage of his speech he began to picture how North Carolina might change conditions by raising hogs having more milk cows, chickens, turkeys, vegetables, fruits, nuts, berries, and other good things to eat thereby making it possible to keep the cotton and tobacco money at home. The governor showed how expensive it was to send away from North Carolina to get produce. He spoke of the high freight rates and in this connection put in a lick for his plan to develop the waterways of this state. With 35 counties penetrated by navigable rivers, he sees no reason why this situation cannot be remedied. He cited the boat lines now in operation which he said are paying well.

"I do not know how it will be worked out," declared the governor, "but some way, some how, some time the waterways will be developed."

The closing thought of Governor Morrison's address was that God is leading us on to higher, better and nobler things, and it is the duty of the people with such wonderful resources at their command to go forward. It becomes a duty to take care of all those unable to take care of themselves—the insane, the defective, the sick, the helpless. And a fundamental duty said Gov-

JOHNSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MEETS

Governor Morrison and Secretary of State W. N. Everett Guests At A Luncheon

Immediately following the address of Governor Morrison here Friday, the Johnston county Bar Association met in the Woman's Club room where they were served a delightful three course luncheon. Mr. Robert A. Wellons, president of the Bar Association, was master of ceremonies, and during the course of the luncheon a number of short speeches were made.

Among the first to speak was Judge A. M. Noble, who made a motion which was carried that Governor Morrison be made an honorary member of the Johnston County Bar Association. The governor responded briefly after which Mr. F. H. Brooks moved that Rev. D. H. Tuttle, also a guest of the association, be made an honorary member. The motion was carried and Mr. Tuttle thanked the association for the honor thus conferred upon him.

During the course of the luncheon, Mr. H. B. Marrow, County Superintendent of Schools, was called upon who spoke of the progress made in this county along educational lines. He recalled the fact that this county has furnished two Rhodes scholars. He pointed out signs of material prosperity as shown in the building of good, substantial school houses, and gave some comparisons as to the number of boys and girls graduating from high school. This year eight times as many high school graduates will be turned out as finished three years ago.

Mr. John Morris, secretary of the chamber of commerce, was called upon to name the greatest resource of Johnston county, and after naming several things which might be considered greatest, declared that the people of Johnston were her greatest asset.

Mr. G. A. Martin, secretary of the local bar association, was the next on the program, whose witty remarks provoked laughter a number of times. He made the statement that the biggest percentage of lawyers lived in Smithfield than in any town in the State, but that they were all making a living and apparently getting on in the world.

Mr. S. S. Holt followed Mr. Martin with a few remarks after which the delightful occasion came to a close. The guests then repaired to the court house steps where a picture was taken and soon after the distinguished guests-of-honor were on their way back to the Capital City.

FAIR RALEIGH BALL TOSSERS HERE TONIGHT

The local girls quintet will meet the Raleigh team here tonight in probably the best game of its kind of the season. The Raleigh team has been swamping the girls teams of the State and will be even more anxious to add Smithfield's scalp to its belt. The Smithfield girls have played two games and come out at the big end of both. The first was with Kinston resulting in a 43-9 score and later defeating Goldsboro 29-10.

NORTHERN FLORIDA IN GRIP OF COLD WAVE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 18.—Northern Florida today experienced the coldest weather and the first ice of the season. The lowest temperature recorded by the local weather bureau was 34 deg. at 7:30 a. m., but thin ice in the extreme low places evidenced the fact the mercury dropped below that.

While today's cold snap was confined largely to the northern portion, the weather bureau forecast frost over the entire peninsula tomorrow, with threatened damage to growing vegetables, which are about 30 days ahead of the season. Fruit will not be endangered, however.

ernor Morrison is to educate the youth of the State.

When the speaker sat down, at the suggestion of the chairman, Mr. Wellons, a rising vote of thanks was extended the governor.

Then Mr. W. N. Everett, recently appointed secretary of state to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. J. Bryan Grimes, made a brief talk, after which the crowd adjourned.

FEBRUARY TERM OF CIVIL COURT

Judge J. Lloyd Horton Is Presiding; Most Cases on Calendar Called

The two weeks' term of Civil Court began here yesterday with Judge J. Lloyd Horton, of Greenville, presiding. Judge Horton who is the youngest judge on the North Carolina Superior court bench is handling the calendar in a manner that bids fair to clean up the docket. The major part of yesterday was spent in going over the calendar and very few cases were allowed to be continued.

The following are serving on the jury this week:

S. T. Langdon, Benson.
E. V. Deans, Selma
H. W. Higgins, Smithfield
Seth Lee, Benson RFD 2
W. G. Rowe, Princeton, RFD 3
Victor Barbour, Clayton RFD 1
J. H. Price, Wilson's Mills
A. F. Bowen, Kenly RFD 2
W. S. Creech, Princeton
J. W. Barbour, Four Oaks
A. D. Austin, Willow Springs
P. H. Joyner, Princeton
Walton Johnson, Benson
T. H. Daughtry, Pine Level RFD 1
R. V. Crocker, Pine Level
J. C. Gordon, Smithfield.

More About Cigarette Smoking

When a study was recently made of the fourth month grades of the cigarette smokers and non-smokers in the eighth grade in the Smithfield High School it was found that the smokers averaged 72.7 and the non-smokers 80.7. Averages of the examination grades of the same students for the first term examinations have been found by Superintendent Franks to see if there were similar results. The average of the examination grades of the smokers was 68. The average grades of the non-smokers was 77. The girls averaged 80.

These facts about grades of cigarette smokers have been worked out not for the purpose of showing up anybody, but simply for the purpose of letting the boys who are smoking, as well as those who might take up the habit later, know just what effects of cigarette smoking are. The boys have cooperated with Mr. Franks in the matter. He went to the boys to find out definitely who smoked and who didn't promising the boys not to tell their parents or anybody else they were smoking or to use the information against the smokers in any way.

ROBBERS ROLL AWAY 25 BARRELS OF LIQUOR

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 16.—While three armed watchmen were supposedly on guard, robbers sawed their way into the warehouse of the Federal distillery, Colgate station, near Camp Holabird, last night, and rolled 25 barrels of whiskey out of the front door.

Apparently the thieves got away with only 14 barrels as 11 were found by prohibition agents hidden under a tarpaulin not 50 yards from the warehouse. The failure of the watchmen to prevent the robbery is being investigated by federal agents.

PLAN ERECTION OF HOSPITAL AT DUNN

DUNN, Feb. 18.—The mayor and commissioners of Dunn will be asked at their next regular meeting to call an election to allow the citizens of the town to vote on a \$20,000 bond issue for the erection of a 40-room hospital there. It is planned to raise \$20,000 by popular subscriptions from the citizens of the town to supplement the bond issue of \$20,000 to be voted.

A Better Pasture

A tramp, entering the gate of a rich lady's villa, knelt down on the lawn, and began eating grass. The old lady noticing his pathetic performance, came out and said: "My good man, are you so hungry that you eat grass?" "Yes Ma'am, I am," said the tramp. "Oh, dear," said the lady. "Come around to the kitchen door, the grass is longer there."

WORK AHEAD OF GEN'L ASSEMBLY

A Mass of Bills to Be Disposed of During the Remaining Two Weeks

The legislature for the past few days has been somewhat at a standstill so far as enacting bills into law, but the remaining days will doubtless be filled to the brim. The Raleigh correspondent writing to the Charlotte Observer Saturday summarizes the situation in the following words:

More will be done during the next two weeks than has been started during the 46 days that have already gone. Much of that which was started during those days will be carried through during the fortnight. The highway bill, with the \$15,000,000 bond issue, and the Morrison substitute ship bill are about the only pieces of important legislation that have passed both sides. Coming yet are the appropriations bill, with an expected \$7,500,000 appropriation for continuing the building fund at the educational and charitable institutions; the revenue bill, to provide for the finance of the state during the next two years; the debt limitation bill, the sinking fund bill, a mass of legislation proposed by responsible organizations and expected to be acted upon favorably; and numerous measures carrying out recommendations of the administration and various government departments, including the proposal of Auditor Baxter, Durham for the reorganization and simplification of the administration departments of the state government.

Then there is the Giles bill to increase the number of farm-owners in North Carolina, the Volstead act, the anti-klan bill, the new judicial districts bill, bills placing solicitors on a salary, and numerous other bills, some of which have gotten through the house and others of which are now before committees or waiting their chances on the calendar.

The finance and appropriations committees of the house are working overtime now drafting the revenue and appropriations bills. These must start in the house. Both are expected to put in their appearance next week. The appropriations bill will stick to the sum recommended by Governor Morrison for the educational and charitable institutions, it is confidently believed, and the appropriations for maintenance will follow closely the recommendations of the budget commission. A half million for the development of fish and oyster possibilities in eastern waters, Governor's Morrison's proposal, is thought certain to be included.

The bills submitting to the people constitutional amendment limiting the bond indebtedness of the state to five per cent of the assessed valuation of property and for the protection of the sinking fund to be created before the session adjourns, will get into the house early next week, the senate having voted its favor of them both.

The Giles farm loan bill is now in the senate and will be hard fought by its proponents. It has strong supporters and if it loses it will be after one of the toughest fights the general assembly has witnessed.

The house acted on the Volstead act and the anti-klan bill and the senate will get a turn at them next week. These two measures have received the most attention from the house of any legislation proposed thus far. The road bill, thanks to the settled state of affairs early in the session went through with little discussion and little opposition. The booze bill and the anti-klan bill brought up subjects calling for a lot of talk and a multitude of amendments, and it took time to get them out of the way.

Three Year Old Child Burned

The three-year old child, Lois, of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones, of this city was severely burned several days ago, her clothing catching from an open grate. Had it not been for her little 9-year old brother who was in the room with her, she would probably have been fatally burned. He quickly caught up a bed quilt and smothered the flames.

SMITHFIELD AMONG FOUR CHAMP CONTENDERS

Raleigh, Durham, Wilmington and Smithfield Quints Look As Class of Eastern N. C.

(By Donnell Wharton)

Four strong basketball squads—Raleigh, Durham, Wilmington and Smithfield—look today as the most formidable contenders for Eastern North Carolina High School Championship series which began Thursday night when Smithfield eliminated Pikeville and was continued through Durham and was continued through Raleigh. Perhaps other teams may prove to be "dark horses" in the race, but those that would look to be most likely to come in that class are Sanford, New Bern, Fremont and possibly Belhaven. The latter team fought its way in the elimination series last year up to the final contest for Eastern Championship when Durham forced her out.

Durham has not been defeated this year by any high school the only blot being a forfeited game at Raleigh. With about the fastest team in the race they look good.

Raleigh went through a long series of victories until on their breeze through Eastern Carolina both Smithfield and New Bern took their measure, though Raleigh has defeated both of the teams on the Auditorium court. Lucama forfeited game with Raleigh in first ground of series.

Wilmington has not been defeated except by Sanford team at Sanford, piling up a 60 to 5 score against Goldsboro last Saturday.

Smithfield has won 10 out of 12 games bowing only to Durham and Raleigh and defeating the latter on the local court. The Smithfield quint will take on Fremont (most probably at Goldsboro) on Thursday night. The winner of this game will play the winner of the Lumberton-Wilmington game.

Teams contesting in the Eastern championship series left in the running from the series of games last week are: Group One—Behavon, Washington, Rich Square, Greenville, Group Two—Chapel Hill, Oxford, Henderson, Sanford, Parkton, Group Three—Oriental, New Bern, Jacksonville, Stone-wall, Group Four—Durham, Ellerbe, Group Five—Rocky Mount, Roanoke Rapids, Group Six—Raleigh, Benson, Group Seven—Smithfield, Fremont, Lumberton, Wilmington.

Average Price on Cotton 26 Cents

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—An average price of 26.25 cents was received for 37,493 bales of short staple cotton sold by the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, according to an announcement from the headquarters here.

This average represents prices on short staple cotton actually sold and delivered to date by the cotton cooperatives, it is stated, and does not include any estimated quotations on the hundred thousand bales yet to be sold.

The cotton trade has been taking the lower grades for the most part, it is explained, and the cotton cooperatives still have its best grades on hand. The tendency to buy lower grades is declared to be due to the strong demand, and as the supply of cotton in these classes become exhausted the demand will turn toward the better grades, which command higher prices.

Half Billion Goes Up in Smoke

In 1921, the sum of \$495,406,012, or nearly a half billion dollars' worth of property, went curling up in smoke. Diverted into constructive channels, this money, wantonly flung away in a single year would have built no fewer than 2,477 commodious hospitals, at an individual cost of \$200,000. Every three and one-half hours, on the average, sufficient wealth is destroyed by fire to erect one of these institutions; for the present burning rate in America averages \$16 a second!

Hardings Plan Trip

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President and Mrs. Harding expect to leave Washington for their vacation in Florida March 5 or 6, it was said at the White House today. A more definite date cannot be announced at present, it was added.

TWENTY-TWO ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Six Thousand Inmates of N. Y. Insane Asylum Terried by Explosion

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—A terrific blast, set by dredgers in Hell Gate last night, rocked the buildings of the Manhattan State Hospital for the insane on Ward's Island in the East River and set the 6,338 inmates cowering and wailing with a sense of impending doom.

Attendants calmed them and got them to bed, but before morning the doom fantasied by the disordered brains had come true, for 22 of the maddest. They had been burned to death in a fierce fire that swept the west wing of the main building. Three heroic attendants died with them; striving to the last to rescue them.

Blast Causes Fire

Hospital authorities and City Medical Examiner Morris, who rushed to the scene, said that in all probability, the blast had been the immediate cause of the fire. According to their theory, it caused a break in the insulation of electric wires in the building. A short circuit, they think, did the rest.

The fire was discovered at 5:05 o'clock by Michael Campbell, an attendant in ward 43, in which all the fatalities occurred. His calm heroic work, and that of James Hill, attendant in charge, and Patrick Bilingual, of Hartford, Conn., George A. De Emo and George Preis, the three attendants, who were burned to death prevented a far greater loss of life.

Part of the attendants brought those and fought back the flames, while the others, directed by Hill, ran up and down the 200-foot top floor corridor, rousing the patients with the cool order:

"All up for breakfast."

As fast as the maniacs—declared Supt. Marcus B. Heyman to have been the most dangerous on the island—could be marshalled from their rooms, they were marched in orderly procession to the fire proof dining hall, far from the scene of the fire. Seventy of the 92 inmates in ward 43 had been lost or carried to safety when a huge water tank in the blazing attic crashed through the ceiling completely blocking the corridor that led to safety, and filling the hall with flames and smoke. City firemen, fighting their way past the blazing barrier, brought out several struggling, screaming inmates, and several who had been overcome by smoke while dressing for the "breakfast." Most of the dead were found in the rooms and corridor beyond the fallen tank. Several were believed to have been buried beneath the debris when the floor gave way.

Seventeen bodies of inmates and one believed to be that of an attendant, had been recovered tonight. In addition, a few charred bones had been found, which were believed to be all that was left of some of those unaccounted for.—Associated Press.

Smithfield Must Hustle

Announcement that four units of the North Carolina National Guard are being organized and that when they are completed this State's allotment, with the exception of one hospital company, will be replete, was made here today by Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts. The companies are being organized in Smithfield, Greensboro, Whiteville and Charlotte.

Smithfield is forming a headquarters detachment and combat train, to be a part of the second battalion of the 117 Field Artillery. The company will be equipped with 155 howitzers, radio broadcasting and receiving stations, ammunition supply trucks and other materials. General Metts stated the organizers had been given until February 26 to complete the company. Washington is bidding for the same unit, and if Smithfield failed, it will be given an opportunity.—Raleigh Times.

Legal Holiday

Thursday, February 22, being Washington's birthday and a legal holiday, the banks will be closed on that day.