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NATIONAL GUARD TO BE RECOGNIZED

Roster Hdq. Detachment and Combat Train 2nd Bn. 117th F. A.

The government will recognize the National Guard unit of the 117th Field Artillery recently organized in this city. All members are requested to be present at the Farmers Warehouse at 7:30 o'clock. Captain St. Julien L. Springs has furnished us with the following list of the 71 members of the unit:

Adams, Charles Reid, Four Oaks.
Avera, Nicholas Allen, Smithfield.
Bandy, James M. Four Oaks.
Barbour, Wm. Elbert, Smithfield.
Beasley, Chas. Leon, Smithfield.
Benson, Henry A. Smithfield.
Booker, Benjamin Walton, Smithfield and Clayton RFD 1.
Blackman, Wilbert, Smithfield.
Brooks, Frederick H. Jr. Smithfield.
Bryant, John A. Smithfield, Rfd 2.
Biggs, Maurice A. Smithfield.
Coats, Jesse, Smithfield.
Creech, Thos. Bryant, Smithfield.
Dupree, William H. Smithfield.
Fuller, William Hugh, Smithfield.
Fuller, Thos. Edward, Smithfield.
Fulghum, Thos. R. Jr., Smithfield.
Godwin, William I. Smithfield.
Grimes, John Alvis, Smithfield.
Grady, Chas. Gilbert, Four Oaks.
Hamilton, James J. Smithfield.
Holland, Norwood T. Smithfield.
Hogwood, Sam E. Smithfield.
Hooks, Jonathan Thel. Smithfield.
Johnson, Horace, Smithfield.
Johnson, Adam Heath, Smithfield.
Johnson, Atlee R. Smithfield Rfd 1.
Jordan, Lyndon, Smithfield.
Lamm, Ezekiel C. Wilson's Mills, 2.
Lewis, Carl, Four Oaks.
Lissiter, Shepherd R. Smithfield, 1.
Moore, Wm. Lee, Smithfield.
Moore, Richard, Smithfield.
Moore, Vinton, Four Oaks.
Parrish, Kenneth, Smithfield.
Parker, Willie M. Smithfield.
Patrick, Dan Gaston, Smithfield.
Peterson, Junius V. Smithfield.
Peterson, Linwood A. Smithfield.
Pilkinton, Clifton, Smithfield, Rfd 2.
Pittman, Herbert L. Selma.
Ragsdale, George Y. Smithfield.
Ragsdale, Thos. Smith, Smithfield.
Robertson, Edward D. Smithfield.
Skinner, Frank L. Smithfield.
Smith, Milton Muns. Smithfield.
Smith, Horace, Smithfield.
Springs, Cnas. D. Smithfield.
Springs, St. Julien L. Smithfield.
Stallings, Sam Henry, Smithfield.
Stallings, Thos. E. Smithfield.
Strickland, Julius L. Four Oaks.
Stanci, Lawrence U. Smithfield.
Stephenson, D. Carlton, Smithfield.
Stancil, Jas. Furman, Smithfield.
Stephenson, Raymond, Smithfield.
Stephenson, Clarence, E. Smithfield.
Talton, Leon T. Smithfield.
Turner Emmett W. Smithfield.
Turner, Wilbur LeMay, Smithfield.
Utley, James, Smithfield.
Warren, Walter B. Smithfield.
Watson, William T. Mage. Kenly, and A. C. L. Smithfield.
Wellons, Henry B. Smithfield.
Wellons, Floyd Frank, Smithfield.
Wellons, Hugh S. Four Oaks.
Woodall, Marvin E. Smithfield.
Woody, Julius G. Smithfield.
Young, Joseph Judson, Smithfield.

Oxford Orphanage Singing Class

The entertainment given by the Oxford Orphanage Singing Class at the court house Wednesday evening was one of the most enjoyable to which it has been the pleasure of Smithfield people to listen. The program did not begin until after the church services at the Methodist church and the court house was crowded to hear the concert.

Fourteen boys and girls took part in the program which was featured by an operetta—A Rose Dream.

The singing throughout the entertainment was particularly good and evidenced both talent and careful training.

An offering was made during the evening which goes toward defraying living expenses at the orphanage.

The young people were entertained in the homes of masons while in the city.

Presbyterian Church.

11:10 a. m. Baptismal services.
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
No evening services.

FRANCE AND BELGIUM TAKE MORE GERMAN MINES

Workers of Aix-la-Chapelle Ask Work With the Belgian Paymaster.

DUESSELDORF, March 18.—Reports of negotiations designed to settle the Ruhr problem, which are numerous here, have not altered the Franco-Belgian plans for taking over the coke and coal properties of the Germans. It was announced today that two additional shafts of state-owned mines had been occupied by order of the commissioner of control. The Blumenthal mine near Recklinghausen is guarded by French troops, and the French are planning to begin the shipment of coke to France immediately.

The exact number of mines now in the hands of the French and Belgians is not known from official sources, but according to the Germans the number is seven. The Prosper mine, which has two shafts, and also the Lehin mine, both near Bottrop, were occupied yesterday, the Germans say, as well as the Bismarck mine in the region of Gelsenkirchen.

The French are continuing to load coke cars by means of German-Polish labor; several hundreds of these men are working for the French. They are quartered at the mines, and are eating and sleeping under the protection of troops, steam engines and other apparatus are being brought from France and Belgium to facilitate the loading of the cars with the thousands of tons of coke on hand.

From Aix-La-Chapelle it is reported that several thousand miners of the Anna mine belonging to German capitalists have opened negotiations with the Belgians for the purpose of reaching a working agreement. The men ask for a seven hour day, payment in Belgian francs and certain food allowances. It was announced today that because of the refusal of German mine owners to pay a 40 per cent tax to the French and Belgians the first penalties had been applied by the commission of control.

These penalties include the withholding of all export licenses, except in relation to contracts with Holland and other neutrals. This coal tax, based on coal production, was formerly paid by the owners to the German government. The mine owners have been granted more time to consider the matter of payment, but if they continue their obstinate attitude after April 15 they will be arrested and court martialled.

The Franco-Belgian commission, which is considering the new monetary system for the Ruhr and Rhineland, went to Essen today for consultation with the engineers mission and army technical experts. This commission is headed by Director Janson, of the national bank of Belgium, and includes Directors Strohl and Gravenre, of the bank of France. It will return to Paris next week.—Associated Press.

COLORED WOMAN FALLS DEAD WHILE IRONING

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock an old colored woman known as 'Aunt Charlotte' Fields dropped dead at the home of Mrs. Pearl Pope where she was employed. Aunt Charlotte was ironing and from all indications dropped dead with heart failure. No one was in the room when she fell, but Mrs. Pope's little girl found her later and failing to make her move or speak carried the news to a neighbor. Mrs. Pope who holds a position in the law office of Mr. S. S. Holt was summoned and a doctor was called. The woman was dead, however, when the physician arrived. 'Aunt Charlotte' who came to Smithfield from South Carolina had lived here only a few years.

Giant Tree Many Centuries Old.

A giant pinaceous timber tree indigenous to New Zealand, locally called Kauri, has been discovered in the northern forest. It has a trunk 22 feet in diameter and 66 feet in girth, and it rises 75 feet clear of branches. The tree contains 195,000 superficial feet of timber and is estimated to be 2,000 years old.

Look for the good in the other fellow and he won't see so much bad in you.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RECORDER'S COURT

First Case Under Turlington Act Before Judge Noble —Other Cases

The first case to come before Judge Noble in the Recorder's Court in which violation of the prohibition law under the Turlington act, was charged was tried Tuesday the defendant being Ed Moore, colored. Moore was found drunk in Selma and arrested by Chief Griffin. A coca cola bottle full of whiskey was found in his possession. There was no denying the evidence. He was found guilty and fined \$25 and costs. It was not proved that the defendant had whiskey in his possession for the purpose of sale and the judge gave him a minimum fine.

Another case of interest was the state v. Kelly Rose of Selma, charged with store-breaking. In our last issue we carried an account of his entering the store of Jones-Cotter Co., and of his arrest. A probable cause was found and the defendant was placed upon a \$750 bond for his appearance in the Superior Court.

Other cases disposed of were: J. L. Scotton and N. T. Holland charged with seining in Holt Lake. The defendants plead guilty and judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

State v. John Artis charged with larceny. Defendant was found not guilty.

State v. Bettie Ennis charged with assault. The defendant plead guilty and judgment was suspended.

State v. Frank Haskins charged with larceny. Defendant plead guilty and was sentenced to six months in jail to be worked on the roads.

State v. William Smith charged with larceny. Defendant not guilty.

State v. Alford Parker charged with carrying concealed weapon and assault with deadly weapon. Found guilty and fined \$50 and costs.

SANDHILLS PEACH CROP IS BADLY DAMAGED BY FREEZE

ABERDEEN, March 20.—Last night's freeze destroyed fifty to sixty per cent of the blossoms of the Sandhill peach orchards, according to Dr. R. W. Leiby, in charge of the State Department of Agriculture's investigating station here. As further damage is likely tonight Dr. Leiby calculates that the Sandhills will do well if a third of a crop of peaches is made this year. He drove to many parts of the section today, making personal investigations, and had reports from other sections.

It is the first time in the history of peach growing in the Sandhills that the crop has been seriously damaged by a freeze. It has been supposed that the land where the peaches are grown was so located that it would always escape. At least immunity for so many years had caused the growers to conclude that the section would be permanently favored.

Dr. Leiby said that whether further damage would occur tonight would depend on whether it became calm. With a fair breeze there would probably be no further freezing, but the breeze appeared to be lacking.

Growers are much downcast over the report of the department expert and are hopeful that he has overestimated the damage. If he is correct, the freeze is nothing less than disastrous to the industry as it will mean the loss of many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

LARGEST CIGAR FOR UNCLE JOE CANNON

DANVILLE, Ill., March 20.—The largest smokeable cigar ever manufactured has just been presented to Uncle Joe Cannon, by the Cigar Manufacturers' Association of New York. It is 28 inches in length, a foot in circumference, and is made of pure Havana shade grown tobacco, filler and wrapper. It weighs a little more than five pounds and arrived packed in a special handmade cedar box. Both the box and the cigar bear the regulation wrapper and band and the box carries a special stamp.

Go to church and Sunday School next Sunday.

COURT UPHOLDS THE TURLINGTON ACT

Chief Justice Clark Affirms In Effect Rulings of Judge E. H. Cranmer

The fact that the Turlington act "is more extensive and more far-reaching in its requirement does not repeal the former act either expressly or by implication" the Supreme Court held yesterday in a decision upholding the validity of criminal actions pending in State courts upon the ratification of the more drastic Turlington prohibition measure by the General Assembly of 1923.

The opinion in the case was written by Chief Justice Walter Clark with Associate Justice Stacy noted as "concurring in the result." The decision of the court putting to rest questions as to the effect of the repealing clause of the Turlington act on indictments pending when the act was ratified was made in the case of State v. Eugene Foster, from Franklin county and the result is to uphold similar rulings on the part of Judge E. H. Cranmer who passed on motions in Wake county court immediately after the ratification of the measure involving the identical question.

The Foster case was argued in the Supreme Court last week, the defense having filed a supplemental brief in support of a motion in arrest of judgment because, it was alleged, the Turlington act repealed the former prohibition legislation in the State. The defense alleged that a provision of the new act allows the possession of whiskey for personal use in one's residence and that under it the defendant, charged with possession under the old law, would not be guilty.

"Under the present statute," said Chief Justice Clark, "it is an offense to have in possession any quantity of liquor whatever for the purpose of sale and this in no wise conflicts with the provision in force 24 December, 1922, even if thereunder the prima facie presumption of the purpose to sell would not have arisen unless such quantity was more than one gallon.

The court found the emphasis placed by the defense on the failure of the House to concur in a Senate amendment to the Turlington bill specifically exempting pending actions from the effect misplaced.

"The legislation in this case," the court declared, "justified the conviction of the defendant on the charge of the indictment and there is nothing in the Turlington act which is in conflict therewith. The fact that the new act is more extensive and more far-reaching in its requirements does not repeal the former act either expressly or by any implication. Still less could we hold the failure of the House to concur in a Senate provision (intended evidently to 'exclude a conclusion' that the new act repealed all former provisions) had the effect to repeal all former statutes on the subject. It would be more reasonable to assume that the House deemed the enactment of the Senate provision unnecessary.—News and Observer, March 23.

MR. JESSE MORGAN PASSES AWAY AT HOME IN BENSON

News reached us yesterday of the death of Mr. Jesse Morgan which occurred at his home in Benson early in the morning after a lingering illness of several months.

Sometime ago Mr. Morgan had a stroke of paralysis but recovered sufficiently to be out again on the streets. A second stroke, however, put him in a precarious condition and his death was expected daily and hourly for the past few weeks.

The deceased who was about 65 years old is a native of Benson township, this county. He married Miss Bythia Turlington and reared a family not far from his home place. A few years ago he left the farm and moved to Benson at which place he resided at the time of death. He is survived by his wife and six children as follows: Messrs Jesse T. Eli and Gardner Morgan, Misses Ellie and Esther Morgan and Mrs. E. D. Langdon.

The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow and interment will take place at the Benson cemetery.

SMOKE SCREEN TO PROTECT PEACH CROP

Dense Black Smudge Hovers Under Georgia Orchards Endangered By Cold.

FORT VALLEY, Ga., March 19.—The Georgia peach belt covering thousands of acres of land which was yesterday a sea of pink blossoms, tonight was being protected by a smoke screen from hundreds of smudge pots in every orchard.

"It is a critical period for the orchardists," declared O. L. Sapp, in charge of the United States Peach Laboratory. "We are expecting a temperature as low as 25 during the night. If the temperature goes to 25 degrees there will be serious damage to peach trees that are in full bloom."

The Weather Bureau at Macon, Ga., thirty miles from here today issued a special warning informing peach growers that a temperature as low as 27 or 29 degrees may be expected during the night.

The smudge pots were touched off late this afternoon. The growers are using sawdust, green pine and cottonseed hulls. A stiff wind from the northwest was carrying a heavy black smoke screen throughout the belt.

The growers were using three-pound peach cans packed with cottonseed hulls, then saturated with petroleum. These cans were being placed one to every forty trees, while sawdust and pine trees were kindled to every fifteenth or twentieth row in the orchards.

Mr. Sapp in declaring that it was a critical period, said "the Hiley are in full bloom, and will be in the greatest danger. The Georgia belles and Elbertas are not in what we call full bloom and will not be as susceptible to heavy damage as the Hiley. However, all are in danger."

The government official said that late today the temperature in orchards here, Marshville, and as far south as Shellman, Ga., was 33 degrees.

COTTON CO-OPS HAVE EXHIBIT AT EXPOSITION

RALEIGH, March 20.—Delivery of cotton by members was practically completed this week, and the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association will now concentrate its efforts on making settlements on the basis of sales made to date.

The Spring distribution will be made sometime in April, and checks will be delivered to members by representatives of the Association instead of being sent through the mails, as was done last time. It was found that distribution of checks by mail was unsatisfactory. Members will be notified of the arrangements.

As soon as the next distribution is made, the cotton cooperatives will put on a membership campaign. This drive is expected to double the membership. Already applications for membership are being received from many sections.

The Cotton Co-Operatives are represented this week at the Eastern Carolina Exposition at Wilson with one of the most complete exhibits of the advantages of growing improved cotton and of taking care of it after it is grown that has ever been shown in North Carolina. The exhibit was prepared by Fred Haas, expert cotton grader for the Association. "It pays to grow good cotton when you get paid for it" is the slogan adopted for the exhibit.

The co-operatives are co-operating with the State Department of Agriculture in its campaign against the boll weevil, and this week is sending out 34,000 copies of an address recently delivered in Congress by Hon. Charles L. Abernethy, of New Bern, in which he presented some valuable data prepared by Dr. L. O. Howard, distinguished insect specialist of the Federal Department of Agriculture.

Just as Noisy.

Mrs. Johnson—"Ah thought you all said you was gwine to name your new baby 'Victrola,' but Ah hears you-all done make a change."

Mrs. Moses—"Yes, Ah expected it would be a girl an' Ah decided to name her 'Victrola,' but she turned out to be a boy, so Ah done name him 'Radio.'—The Christian Advocate (N. Y.)

SIXTH DISTRICT TO MEET HERE NEXT

Mrs. F. H. Brooks Named for District Federation Pres. —Mrs. Marrow Sec.

At the district meeting of the Sixth district of North Carolina Federated Clubs held at Chapel Hill last Monday, the Smithfield club was significantly honored by having two of its members nominated as officers of the district organization and by Smithfield being selected as the place of meeting next year. Mrs. F. H. Brooks was nominated as district president and Mrs. H. B. Marrow as secretary. These names will be presented at the meeting of the State Federation.

Although the rain poured in torrents at intervals Monday the Smithfield's Woman Club had nine representatives at the District meeting. The session opened at 11 o'clock, the meeting being held in Sprunt Memorial Presbyterian church. The Chapel Hill Community Club gave the 150 or more ladies present a most cordial welcome and the program was full of interest from start to finish. After an opening talk by Mrs. H. W. Chase, president of the district, committees on Resolutions and Nominations were named, two of the Smithfield delegation being placed on these committees. Mrs. W. H. Lyon was named on the committee on Resolutions and Mrs. Thel Hooks on the committee on Nominations.

The reports from the various clubs were then heard, Mrs. H. B. Marrow, delegate from the Smithfield Club, making a splendid report of the work done here.

After the reports, a box lunch was served cafeteria style, each one having carried her own lunch. The hostess club supplemented the menu by serving hot coffee and ice cream.

Lunch over, the program was resumed, an address by Mrs. Sydney P. Cooper, of Henderson, president of the State Federation, being a feature of the afternoon. Miss Elizabeth Kelly of the State Department of Education was also on the program in the afternoon.

After Mrs. Cooper's address invitations for the next district meeting were asked for, and Smithfield extending an invitation was selected as the place. Smithfield has been hostess to the district meeting once, Mrs. H. L. Skinner being at that time the district president. Mrs. Palmer Jerman, of Raleigh, chairman of the committee on nominations then made her report which included Mrs. F. H. Brooks and Mrs. H. B. Marrow as president and secretary respectively.

The committee on resolutions presented words of appreciation for the hostess club, and then offered a resolution in regard to a Woman's Building at the State University. A new building at once was urged, the resolution receiving hearty endorsement.

After the business session was completed, those present were guests of the Chapel Hill Community Club on an automobile drive over the University campus and other points of interest in the University city.

SHRINERS PROMISED HUGE TIME AT WASHINGTON MAY 17

WASHINGTON, N. C. March 22.—The Shrine Club announce that the evening's entertainment on May 17, next, when Sudan Temple will put on its Ceremonial, will be of a character that will make the events remain long in the memory of the participants. The Fireworks display will be on a huge scale and will depict Shrine features including camels, emblems, and, of course, a novice "holding the rope." The ball will include a rose dance, a snow dance and best of all thirty of Washington's beautiful young ladies will see that Shriners have not a dull moment. A prize will be given to the most attractive young lady at the ball. Every Noble should be there. Get extravagant and mail a post card and tell us you are coming.

Mr. Britton Smith and his daughter, Miss Mamie Smith, returned to their home in this city Saturday after spending two weeks visiting relatives and friends in Fayetteville, Wilmington and Brunswick county.