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## WOMAN'S CLUB BEEN ORGANIZED IN KENLY

### Town Officers Nominated at Democratic Convention; Other Items

Kenly, April 17.—The Community Club met on Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and had a most enthusiastic meeting with several of the Smithfield ladies present, Mrs. W. H. Lyon, Mrs. Thel Hooks, Mrs. H. P. Johnson, Mrs. Jack Broadhurst and Mrs. W. M. Sanders. The Kenly ladies were very glad to have the Smithfield ladies with them on this day. At this meeting the Community Club, of Kenly, was converted into a Woman's Club with Mrs. J. M. Woolard elected president and Mrs. T. C. Bailey vice-president. A nominating committee for the other officers was appointed to act with the president and vice-president as follows: Mrs. J. J. Edgerton, Mrs. H. M. Grizzard and Mrs. J. E. Holden. The report will be given Friday afternoon and the officers elected. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Fifty members were present.

The Missionary Society of the M. E. Church met on Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. At this meeting the delegates were elected to go to Henderson to attend the annual conference which will be in session next week. Mrs. C. F. Darden will represent the adult society in Henderson and Mrs. Donahue will represent the young people's society. Miss Eloise Darden and others possibly of the Young People's Society will attend also.

At a Democratic convention held in the Kenly High School auditorium Tuesday night for the purpose of nominating town officers to be voted on in the election on May 23 the following officers were nominated: Mayor, P. H. Etheridge; Commissioners, A. J. Broughton, L. C. Wilkinson, Dr. G. B. Woodard, F. A. White and Henry G. Watson.

The Priscilla Embroidery Club was entertained last Friday afternoon by Mrs. R. A. Turlington at her lovely home on Main street from 4:30 to 6:30 o'clock. The home was attractively decorated for the occasion. During the social hour refreshments consisting of a salad course followed by an ice course and candied ginger were served. The attendance was very good in spite of the inclemency of the weather and quite an enjoyable afternoon was spent. The club will next be entertained by Mrs. F. A. White.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Alford, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Raper and others perhaps from Kenly went to Whitakers Sunday to attend the funeral and burial of their sister, Mrs. W. T. Batts, whose death occurred Friday afternoon in a Wilson hospital.

Mrs. Rosa D. Edgerton and children spent the week end in Raleigh as the guests of Mrs. H. M. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O'Neal and baby, of Selma, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Etheridge during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Edgerton, of Rocky Mount, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Edgerton during the week end.

Miss Clyde Watson and Mr. Cecil Rackley, of Wilson, were guests of Miss Agnes Watson during the week end.

Miss Jewel Edgerton, who is a student at Peace Institute, Raleigh, spent the week end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Edgerton.

Mr. Dobbin Bailey and Mr. Rudolph Kirby spent a few hours in Raleigh Sunday.

Mr. H. F. Edgerton left Wednesday for an extended business trip South. He will first spend some time in Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Faye Barnes has recently returned from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Wilson, Fremont, and other points.

Mrs. G. E. Walston and daughter, of Wilson, were guests of Mrs. H. M. Grizzard for the week end.

"Sunday School Day" will be observed at the M. E. Church Sunday morning during the church period. Quite an interesting program is being arranged for the day.

Mrs. F. T. McDewitt and son, of

## BENSON SCHOOL BOY MAKES RADIO OUTFIT

### Fifteen-Year-Old Marshall Whittington Constructs His Own Apparatus

About a year and a half ago Marshall Whittington, of Benson, became interested in radio through reading articles in electrical and engineering magazines. He became so enthusiastic that he acquired a blue print, and studying it, decided that he could readily make a set. He already had a slight knowledge of electrical wiring and as soon as he had made up his mind that he could build the set he straightway asked his father to buy material for him. This took ed like folly to his father, who felt that this idea of his son was only an idle dream and that to invest money in parts for a radio set would be sheer nonsense. The boy, however, was not to be daunted and in the following summer when the town of Benson rewired the entire lighting system, he worked every day along with the foreman, his father allowing him to keep the funds received for is labor and dispose of it in anyway he wished.

As he was paid for his work he purchased parts for his cherished radio set. Finally, after many months all the parts were assembled and he began putting them together, working with the grim steadiness and experience of a far older person. Last November he received his first program, clearly and distinctly, which was a lecture on the manufacture of a spectacle lens, and was delivered in the Penn Hotel, in Pittsburg, Pa.

Oh! how elated he was that this earnest efforts were proving worthwhile. This only spurred him on and he has improved his machine until it is now one of the best and clearest in this section of the country. It is equipped with a loud speaker and the entire family is entertained every evening with high class programs. Many friends come and enjoy the entertainments along with the family.

Messages have been received from Havana, Cuba. A clock was heard ticking on that island as plainly and distinctly as if it were within a yard of the hearers. Messages have also been received from Ontario, Canada, St. Louis, Mo., points in Nebraska, Texas, Georgia, Florida, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and in fact, from most all sections of the United States. Once he had a direct connection with England.

Besides being a radio enthusiast, Mr. Marshall is an electrician of no mean ability. He helps the superintendent of water and lights on any job that comes up and is fast climbing in the electrical profession. He is a member of the Junior Class of the Benson high school, and expects to enter college and pursue the study of electrical engineering on his graduation from high school.

## FLEET OF WOODEN SHIPS DESTROYED

Washington, April 18.—Five of a fleet of wooden ships being transferred up the Potomac river from the shipping board storage base in the James river were practically destroyed by fire today according to a report received by marine corps headquarters from Quantico. Four other vessels were reported badly damaged.

Washington, arrived in Kenly Wednesday on a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Grizzard were in Wake Forest last week to be present for the Bridger-Dickson wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Edwards, of Princeton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Woodard.

Misses Ethel Morris and Sadie Revell spent Monday in Raleigh shopping.

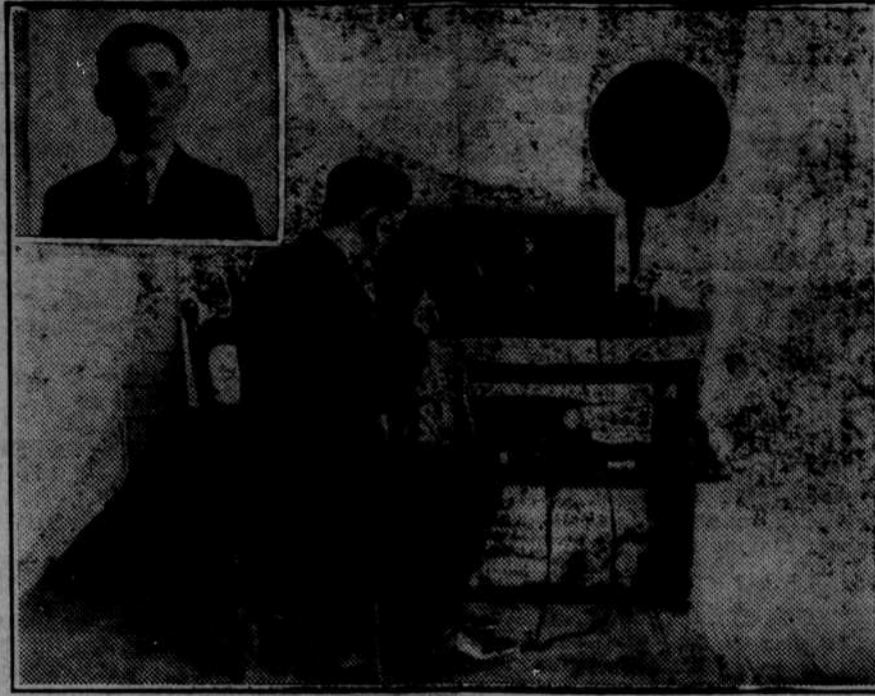
Mrs. A. H. Hardison left Wednesday for Washington to visit friends.

Miss Oda Ward, of Norfolk, Va., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Ward.

Mrs. Lester Watson and Miss Nell Hardison spent Thursday in Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Winborn, of Fremont, spent a few hours in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Edgerton and children, of Princeton, spent a short while in town Sunday.



MARSHALL WHITTENTON  
The 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whittington, of Benson, built and installed the radio receiving set with which he is photographed above.

## PARK'S PROTEGES WIN GAME FROM CLAYTON

### Smithfield High Show Fine Form Winning 9-4 From State Champions of 1922; Avera Twirled.

Showing fine form the Smithfield High school baseball team made the last year North Carolina high school champions bite the dust when they emerged at the big end of a 9-5 score over Clayton Tuesday. Smithfield had two big innings, the third and sixth, and succeeded in hitting well when hits meant runs. Clayton scored in seventh and ninth frames with errors in out and infield to be blamed.

Both teams played the first two innings without scoring although in each inning men died on bases. In last half of third Smithfield opened up when Adams singled and Avera got to first on double. Smithfield pulled a double steal and with Skinner, Holland and Godwin hitting ran across home plate on four tallies.

In sixth inning Smithfield scored five times, while Clayton got two runs in a seventh inning rally errors in Smithfield fielding being largely responsible. Grady relieved Avera in eight with bases practically full and one gone holding Clayton scoreless. In ninth Clayton again staged a desperate comeback and two men crossed rubber with aid of errors.

Avera while a little wild at times pitched good ball, keeping the hits scattered and with good support would have had a shutout game to his credit. Grady showed up well while in.

Score by innings:	R.	H.	E.			
Smithfield	004	005	000	9	11	6
Clayton	000	000	202	4	5	7

## EDITOR WHITE GIVES OPINION OF EUROPE

Washington, April 18.—Labor and women, not the Allies or Germany won the war, William Allen White, editor of the Emporia (Kansas) Gazette, declared here today in an address at a luncheon given in his honor by the National Popular Government League. He recounted impressions gained on a cruise to the Mediterranean countries and England from which he returned last week.

Labor's victory is in its present vastly improved economic condition, Mr. White said, while women's victory is in her advanced social and political condition. Labor's advance in the scale of living is noticeable everywhere, the speaker asserted, adding that the adjustment to this condition was one of the factors in the present unsettled state of Europe and the world.

Likening Europe to a house on fire, Mr. White said the Europeans were clamoring for the American fire department, but meantime were doing little themselves toward extinguishing the blaze. He argued that the United States should aid Europe in some way and suggested a conference of representatives of all classes in the various nations in an effort to arrive at some solution of the world problem.

Nurse: "You must forgive your little brother before you go to bed. You might die in the night."

Bobby (reluctantly): "Well, I'll forgive him, tonight, but if I don't die, he'd better look out in the morning."—Boston Transcript.

## WELFARE BOARD TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES

### Meeting Of Board Will Be Held In Greensboro April 26—Commissioner Is Silent

Raleigh, N. C., April 19.—Any action which the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare may take in connection with charges of cruelty to prisoners in the State Prison will be decided on at the quarterly meeting of the Board in Greensboro on April 27, Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, Commissioner of Welfare, stated yesterday, but declined to make any comment, either on the charges or on the probable action of the board.

The meeting of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, it is stated, was not called for the purpose of considering the charges brought by E. E. Dudding, president of the Prisoners' Relief Society or for taking any action thereon, but since it is near at hand, it is certain that the question of a prison investigation will be considered.

The action of the directors of the State Prison precisely in line with the expected, leaves the Dudding charges still undisposed of with the flat statement on the part of the prison directors of their belief that the charges are of such a character that they do not merit investigation by themselves or any other agency.

"We have set up officers of the law, solicitors, prosecuting attorneys, grand juries, an attorney general, and a commissioner of public welfare to represent the people and investigate alleged criminality on the part of the officers as well as on the part of private citizens. We do not propose in any way to encourage setting up somebody to have a sensational and useless investigation of slanderous charges against our management of the institution but if any solicitor, grand jury, welfare commissioner, or other officer of the law, wants to make any investigation of any act or anything done at the State Prison under our management, it will be the pleasure of the superintendent and other officers in charge to expedite the investigation and courteously assist therein at any time."

Apparently, there was no division of opinion among the directors of the prison as to the course of the board in regard to the Dudding charges. Chairman James A. Leak had already expressed himself in no uncertain terms. News and Observer.

## 1 GERMAN KILLED; 17 HURT IN CLASH

Essen, April 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Clashes between unemployed and the police were reported today from various parts of the occupied area. The most serious disturbance was at Mulheim where a crowd attacked the town magistrate's office. One German was killed and 17 wounded in a clash with the security police.

The unemployed at Mulheim have been re-inforced by men from Duisenberg, Oberhausen and nearby towns and marched to the town hall to present their complaints.

As Spring approaches each year we always wonder how Noah refrained from using the two fishing worms.—Phoenix.

## JOHNSTON COUNTY HAVE ANOTHER FAIR

### Dr. R. J. Noble Elected Pres. And R. A. Wellons New Secretary-Treasurer

Notwithstanding the fact that the lease on the Fair Grounds is out having expired Dec. 31, 1922, and that the Fair Association faced a deficit of between \$250 and \$300 last year, the stock holders of the Johnston County Agricultural Society who met in the court house Tuesday afternoon laid plans for a bigger and better fair next fall than ever before. Dr. R. J. Noble of Selma was chosen as president of the Fair Association; Mr. C. M. Wilson of Wilson's Mills as vice-president; and Mr. R. A. Wellons of this city, as secretary-treasurer.

The meeting of the stockholders was called for three o'clock but it was around four before a majority of the stockholders were assembled together. Mr. J. W. Stephenson, who has served efficiently as president for several years, presided over the meeting. The financial statement of the association was called for which showed a deficit of about \$275 which situation has left some of the premiums offered unpaid. Among the unpaid premiums are the amounts due the schools at Kenly, Benson and Ivanhoe Mill of this city.

After hearing the report of the financial status, even though behind in funds, it was the unanimous opinion of those present that a great agricultural county like Johnston could not afford to do without a County Fair, and a committee was forth with named to nominate new board of directors of the organization. The following persons were nominated and elected: Robt. A. Sanders, Smithfield, R. F. D.; Dr. R. J. Noble, Selma; J. Rufus Creech, Pine Level, Route 1; C. M. Wilson, Wilson's Mills; W. D. Avera, Smithfield, R. F. D.; R. E. Lee, Meadow township; B. A. Turnage, Wilson's Mills; B. L. Jones, W. D. Hood, J. A. Narron, R. A. Wellons, F. H. Brooks, E. S. Edmundson, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter and H. C. Woodall.

Making provision for a place to hold the fair next fall was referred to the board of directors, and the stockholders meeting adjourned.

A meeting of the directors was called immediately and the above named officers elected. R. A. Wellons was elected secretary at a salary of \$500, the salary which has been paid for the past several years. Mr. Wellons agreed to act as treasurer without any additional remuneration, and the by-laws were accordingly amended, so that the secretary and treasurer can be one and the same. He was then elected treasurer. Mr. Wellons, who owns the site of the Fair Grounds, made propositions in the meeting whereby the grounds could be either rented or purchased. After a full discussion, a motion was carried to rent the Fair Grounds for the next fall, the rental being fixed at \$500. At the same time the directors have the opportunity to take an option on the fourteen acres comprising the Fair Grounds, until after next fall. The board will meet again on Saturday morning, April 28 at 10 o'clock at the court house to accept or reject this option.

Before the meeting adjourned, an Executive Committee was elected as follows: Messrs. B. L. Jones, J. Rufus Creech, W. D. Hood, E. S. Edmundson, H. C. Woodall and J. A. Narron. The following were placed on the finance committee: F. H. Brooks, C. M. Wilson, and W. D. Avera.

## CORPORAL PUNISHMENT ABOLISHED FOR PRISONS

Tallahassee, Fla., April 18.—The house of representatives today voted 63 to 15 to abolish corporal punishment in this state in the handling of county prisoners. The action came on the adoption of an amendment offered by Rep. Davis to the measure which would abolish the county convict lease system. The morning was consumed in discussion of various amendments to the bills of lesser importance.

## DATE OF MINSTREL CHANGED TO TUESDAY

The minstrel given by the boys of Smithfield High school under the management of Miss Margaret Newell and Dixie Wallace will not be shown tonight, as advertised on account of the mass meeting here. Tuesday night is the date fixed for the minstrel and the high school auditorium will be the scene.

## MR. HARDING'S COURT PROPOSAL APPROVED

### Democrats Manifest Much Interest in it Since Wilson Announced Position

Washington, April 18.—Democrats are manifesting more interest in the world court since former President Wilson announced his position. A leading party worker said today that senate will fight for the world court provisions as contained in the League of Nations, but will take the best way they can get. A few democrats will vote against it, saying that a butchered court is no good.

Democratic workers and politicians here believe that it was a mistake to force former President Wilson's hand at this time. They assert that the republicans stood by their policy of isolation until the pro-league members of their party became angry, and then the President announced the court proposal. Now the administration is for cooperation instead of isolation. This new program has split the republicans and the best course for the democrats is to stand pat and let the enemy fight, and break their party into factions.

These practical democrats fear that the republican wisdom will succeed in pulling Harding down, and putting up some other man. They do not anticipate any serious trouble with Hiram Johnson, but some conservative substitute for Harding. They were chagrined when they saw the Rouse-Wilson communications in print.

Prominent democrats connected with the national committee, as members and officials, will undertake to interpret President Wilson's letter to Representative Rouse of Kentucky. They do not think that he meant the Harding-Hughes plan should be defeated.

Former ambassador to Great Britain, John W. Davis, of Washington, said:

"I think the democrats should meet the republicans on this world court proposal, and accept it. There is no reason for discussing reservations at this time. I did not understand Mr. Wilson to say that he was for the world court program of the republicans. He made it clear what he stands for, but did not say he would vote against the court proposition."

The democratic national committee is trying to give the republicans a free and open field for controversy over the world court. They believe it is to be a finish fight, with a bolt at the national convention. The committee predicts that President Harding will "try to convince the people that we should be a member of the permanent court of international justice, a course to which no one is opposed, unless it be the republican members of the foreign relations committee."

The directors of the policy of the committee will formally state in a few days that they do not interpret the Wilson letter to Rouse to mean "we should not take the Harding-Hughes court proposal."—H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer.

## FIVE KILLED IN APARTMENT FIRE

Lynn, Mass., April 19.—Five persons were killed in a fire which destroyed the Essex Castle, a five story brick apartment house on Ellis street in the center of the city early today. Many occupants were hurt.

The blaze started at one o'clock on one of the lower floors and almost immediately the interior of the building burst into flames. The 150 persons living in the 49 suites were quickly aroused. A few made their way down the stairways before these were cut off by fire and smoke. Many jumped from the windows and others were taken down ladders by the firemen. There were many narrow escapes when the roof fell in.—Wilmington Star.

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