

NEW PRES. SPEAKS TO COTTON COOPS.

W. M. Sanders Addresses Cotton Coop Locals at Benson Wednesday

A meeting of the local Cotton Cooperative Marketing Association was held Wednesday afternoon in Benson in the Farmers Commercial Bank building, with Mr. A. M. Johnson, County chairman presiding. The meeting was opened about three o'clock the following making brief talks: Messrs. N. E. Lucas, M. T. Britt, W. M. Sanders, and L. E. Rogers.

This was the occasion of the first speech made in Johnston County by the new president of the North Carolina Cotton Cooperative Association, Mr. W. M. Sanders. Mr. Sanders, who was elected to this office recently, has made speeches, however, along this line at New Bern and Raleigh, since he took up the duties of president. More than fifty interested coop members were present Wednesday to listen to his message. Mr. Sanders stated that 500,000 people in North Carolina were engaged in the cultivation of cotton. Only about 31,000 are members of the association. These association members have turned over 135,000 bales during the first year of operation. The fourth payment on this cotton has been made aggregating 22 cents per pound. Twenty-five thousand bales are yet unsold, and Mr. Sanders stated that when this cotton is converted into money, the association expects to pay as much as 26 cents. Cotton sold by non-members, he said, averaged only 22 1/2 cents. According to these figures, cotton sold by the Association will bring \$17.50 per bale more than that sold by outsiders—a saving to members of \$2,600,000.

After Mr. Sanders' speech Mr. L. E. Rogers, district manager of the Tobacco Association, spoke upon the tobacco situation.

During the course of the program Mr. A. M. Johnson started plans for a coop tour of the county and invited those participating in this to be at his farm in Cleveland township on August 4th about noon. He stated he would have "something" for them.

The next meeting will be held in Kenly.

CULTIVATION IS FOR PREVENTION, NOT REMEDY

The old time way of cultivating crops was to wait until the ground got hard or until there was a fine crop of weeds to fight before cultivating. The idea was that so long as the ground was not baked and not hard, why stir it? Thoughtless farmers said. "The weeds can't do much harm when they are small, can they? If I wait until the weeds and grass get big, I won't have to cultivate but once when I would have to cultivate twice if I started when the grass was small."

This attitude and argument is almost as bad as that of the man who locked his barn door after his horse had been stolen, or the other fellow who sprayed his peach tree after the worms had caused the peaches to drop from the trees. Wise cultivation is always for prevention and not an attempted remedy. The weeder and the pike-tooth harrow are for the purpose of preventing the ground from becoming hard and for preventing the weeds from making more than a start. And in this as other things "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."—The Progressive Farmer.

TYPHOID DEATH RATE FOR LAST YEAR WAS LOWEST

New York, July 17.—Control of typhoid fever has made such progress that in 1922 the death rate for this disease was the lowest ever recorded according to the figures compiled by the Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

Based on statistics from one-seventh of the total population of the United States and Canada, the death rate in the year mentioned was 5.6 per 100,000 of population. In 1911 the rate was 22.8 per 100,000.

These figures are particularly cheering to American Child Health association, which is engaged in fighting typhoid as well as other diseases which affect children and mothers.

MEMORIAL FOR FORMER SMITHFIELD PASTOR

The congregation of the Prentiss Place Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Virginia, is rapidly advancing plans for the construction of a commodious edifice at the corner of Lincoln street and Atlanta Avenue. When the new building is completed it is the purpose of the church to call it the "Jackson Memorial Baptist Church," as a tribute to the memory of Rev. Joseph Bryan Jackson, a former pastor who was much beloved by his membership, which has decided to honor him in the construction of the new church.

He had been pastor of this church for five years preceding his death on November 13, 1919. At this time it was suggested that the church would want to erect a monument in honor of their departed pastor, and since it had been one of the burning desires of his heart and soul to build a Temple of God for that church, that nothing could be more suitable, fitting, and appropriate than that the church go forward with the work that he had planned with them and build a house of worship as his monument and call it the "Jackson Memorial Church." This suggestion was favorably considered by the church and the adjacent cut shows the architect's plan of the church, which is soon to be erected. A picture of the church was recently draped under an American flag and unveiled before the congregation by Miss Sallie Jackson, daughter of the former pastor.

Rev. R. G. Kendrick is the present pastor of the church and Mr. W. L. Newton is secretary of the building committee.

During the twenty years of Mr. Jackson's ministry he served the following North Carolina churches as pastor: New Hope, Falling Creek, Fremont, Goldsboro, Fairmont, Rowland, Back Swamp, Hamlet, Smithfield Selma and possibly some other churches and also the church at Ocean View, Virginia. He was secretary and treasurer of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Ministerial Conference and clerk of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Baptist Association.—Biblical Recorder.

PRINCIPALS ELECTED AT FOUR OAKS AND KENLY

County Superintendent Marrow is at work lining up teachers for the schools of the county next year. The new building at Four Oaks will be completed for the new term and, Mr. Marrow states that every room except one will be in use. He has secured Mr. N. C. Shuford, of Black Mountain as principal of the Four Oaks school, and he will be assisted by a corps of fourteen teachers. In an incredibly short time this school has grown until it is among the largest in the county. Mr. Marrow feels that he is fortunate in securing Mr. Shuford who has been at Black Mountain for the past five years.

Mr. George T. Whitley, who has been principal of the school here for a number of years has been elected to head the Kenly school. In cutting expenses in the school here the duties of principal and superintendent were combined and the Kenly school is indeed fortunate in having Mr. Whitley. He loves the teaching profession and is well qualified to direct the Kenly school. Twelve others will be employed at Kenly.

14-YEAR-OLD BOY IS KILLED AT ROCK QUARRY

Clifton Pierce, fourteen-year old son of Mr. W. L. Pierce was killed about ten o'clock this morning when his body was caught in the gear wheel of a hoisting engine at the granite quarry of the Raleigh Granite Company near Bailey. The boy was almost instantly killed. His body was horribly mangled, his liver being torn from his body.

Young Pierce was employed at the quarry and was working about the engine when in some manner his clothing was caught in the gear wheel and his body drawn into the machinery. Before the engine could be stopped the boy was killed.

The deceased lived with his parents near the rock quarry. He is survived by his parents and several half brothers.—Wilson Times, July 19.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE RECORDER'S COURT

Several Whiskey Cases On Docket; Massengill Gets 16 Months On Roads

Recorder's Court lasted through two days this week, the following cases being disposed of:

State vs. W. B. Adams charged with using profane language on the highways. The defendant was called but failed to show up. Judgment, nisi sci fa and capias.

State vs. C. R. Sanderford and Lewis Heflin charged with having excess booze. Lewis Heflin was declared not guilty and was discharged. The other defendant, C. R. Sanderford, was found guilty and fined \$50 and costs.

State vs. C. R. Sanderford and Lawis Heflin charged with driving an automobile while drunk. Heflin was found not guilty and was discharged. Sanderford was found guilty. Judgment that he be confined in common jail of Johnston County for thirty days and assigned to work on roads of Smithfield township, and pay the costs. The jail sentence was suspended upon condition that defendant refrain from operating motor vehicles on any road in North Carolina for period of six months and enter into bond a \$100 bond for faithful performance of condition.

State vs. L. D. Stephenson charged with violation of the prohibition laws. The defendant was found guilty and sentenced to be confined in jail for twelve months and assigned to work on roads of Smithfield township and pay the costs. The defendant took an appeal and a bond for his appearance was fixed at \$1,000.

State vs. George Benton charged with abandonment. Defendant called but failed to appear. Judgment nisi sci fa and capias.

State vs. R. E. Massengill, Gethro Hayes, J. A. Graham, Junius Graham, and Walter Snead, charged with violating the prohibition laws. Nol Pro as to Gethro Hayes, J. A. Graham, Junius Graham, and Walter Snead. The other defendant R. E. Massengill called for a jury trial. The jury found the defendant guilty upon four counts. A judgment was imposed that the defendant be confined in the common jail of Johnston County for a term of four months on each count, term on second count to begin at the expiration of first; term on third to begin at expiration of second; term on fourth to begin on expiration of third. Defendant was sentenced to pay costs. An appeal was taken to the Superior Court, and a bond fixed at \$2,000.

State vs. Walter Ellis charged with violation of prohibition laws. The defendant was found guilty on count charging having whiskey in possession. Found not guilty for transporting. Judgment was that defendant pay a fine of \$25 and be confined in jail for four months. Capias to issue at request of solicitor, at any time within one year, upon information that defendant has indulged in intoxicating liquors in any way.

State vs. Willie Johnson charged with obtaining marriage license by false pretenses. Defendant pleads guilty. Fined \$25 and costs.

State vs. John Jones, Joe Mears and Will Beckwith charged with affray. John Jones was found not guilty. Defendant Will Beckwith was found guilty and fined \$25 and one half costs. Defendant Joe Mears found guilty and fined \$10 and one half costs.

State vs. Jesse Turner charged with attempting to break prison and beating a ride on a train. The defendant pleads guilty. He was sentenced to be confined in the common jail of Johnston County for a term of sixty days and assigned to work on the roads of Smithfield township and pay the costs.

BROTHER-IN-LAW OF MR. UNDERWOOD DEAD

Mr. J. D. Underwood was called to Dunn Wednesday night on account of the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Hassell McNeil, which occurred at 10:30 Wednesday night. Mr. McNeil had been in bad health for some time. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon in Dunn and interment was made in the cemetery there. Mrs. Underwood and Mrs. C. B. Register attended the funeral.

S. S. WORKER WILL TALK TO CLASSES

Gilbert T. Stephenson to Address Bible Classes of the Community Sunday

Through the efforts of the Business Men's Class of the Methodist Sunday school, the members of adult Bible classes and especially men's classes of this city and in Johnston County and any others interested will be given the opportunity of hearing Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Raleigh, noted Bible student, discuss the Sunday school lesson Sunday morning at the Methodist church. Mr. Stephenson will speak in the main auditorium of the church. Sunday school begins at 9:30 and everybody is invited to be present at the opening.

"John, The Apostle" is the subject of the international lesson for Sunday, which will be the subject of Mr. Stephenson's discourse.

The speaker, who is vice-president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company is a well known Baptist layman. He is chairman of the Baptist Foundation Fund, and is active in Sunday school work. He has been actively connected with the work of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. All adult classes are cordially invited to hear him.

A committee appointed from the Business Men's class has sent out special announcements concerning Mr. Stephenson's talk, the entire class being enthusiastic over his coming to Smithfield.

CO-OPS OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN S. C.

Florence, S. C., July 18.—The Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association began its second year of marketing here with a sharp rise in the cash advance which caused its members to rejoice at all of the 42 markets of the South Carolina belt where the association received its first tobacco of the 1923 crop two weeks in advance of the announced opening of the auction houses.

The cash payments for first deliveries to the association, which are 50 per cent beyond the cash advances made last year when the organized growers' began marketing, pleased all members of the association who ventured through the torrents of rain that fell throughout South Carolina. While the advances posted by the association for wrappers have jumped from \$22.75 to \$32.50 in less than twelve months there is an even greater increase in the first payments made today for primings, smoking lugs and cigarette cutters. In fact, the first cash advances paid by the co-operative association today were higher than the prices for many similar grades paid on the auction market in 1921.

The prediction that the co-operative association would open its doors after the auction markets and would base its prices upon those on the auction floors has been completely exploded by the big tobacco co-operative association, which today started its marketing machinery smoothly fully two weeks in advance of date for the opening of the auction warehouses in the South Carolina belt.

Thousands of association members will celebrate the success of their organization and the opening of its second year tomorrow, when United States Senator Smith, who has befriended the farmers in Congress as a member of the farm bloc, will attend the great barbecue of tobacco growers to be held at Kingstree. Governor McLeod, of South Carolina, will address another mass meeting of the growers at an all-day barbecue at Mullins on July 19th.

Rezal Key Contest.

Hood robbers have put on a contest the winner in which will be presented with a beautiful 61-piece set of Community Plate guaranteed for fifty years. The contest begins on Thursday, July 26th, and a key will be given for each purchase of fifty cents. The one who gets the key that will unlock the lock which is displayed in their window will get the chest in his contest appears elsewhere in of silver. An advertisement explains this issue. Look it up and read it.

FORMER SECRETARY OF WAR SAYS EUROPE READY FOR WAR

Cleveland, July 18.—Europe is now more nearly ready for world war than it was in 1914, Newton D. Baker told an audience of women gathered here today to hear the Former Secretary of War and others outline the purposes of the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association. It was the first gun fired here in an attempt to secure signers to a petition that the United States enter a League of Nations.

"When we present to the President and Senate ten thousand names, or ten hundred thousand names, or ten million names or those who want America to join a League of Nations, they will listen," Mr. Baker declared.

"Europe is now more nearly ready for world war than it was in 1914, so far as underlying causes are concerned," Mr. Baker added. "I can not see now it can be prevented unless some substitute is found."

"If the devil has it in his heart to let forth upon the human race more deadly instruments of destruction than were used in the last terrible war, it means international suicide so far as to civilized nations are concerned."

"America must do her part in a big way in concert with the other nations of the world to prevent an international war. I believe that way will be the League of Nations, with reservations to protect the liberty of the United States."

Mr. Baker explained that there is no opposition between the League and the world court. He referred to the latter as "something we ought to go into," adding that "the court doesn't take us into the League and it doesn't keep us out."

KU KLUX ORDERED TO SHOW RECORDS IN FLOGGING CASE

Lumberton, July 18.—Overshadowing the testimony offered here today at the trial of Mike Lawson, chief of police Fairmount, Johnson, Hedgepath and Jule Brodgen on charges of secret assault, assault with a deadly weapon and kidnapping, the charges growing out of the alleged flogging of Mrs. Mary Watson and Mrs. Hattie Purvis, was the issuance by the clerk of court of Robeson county of two subpoenas upon the alleged grand klaliff of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina and the alleged head of the Fairmont klavern, ordering them to produce all records of the klavern showing membership of Fairmount klavern, all records showing the connection, if any, of Mike Lawson with the klavern, all records dealing with the alleged whipping and all records showing the connection of H. L. Taliaferro, alleged agent of the klavern who is under indictment for conferring with state's witnesses with the klavern.

The subpoenas were issued against B. H. Keith, alleged head of the Fairmont klavern and E. F. Randolph, alleged grand klaliff of the North Carolina realm, knights of the Ku Klux Klan. They were issued at the request of counsel for the state.

At the same time a subpoena was issued at the request of defense counsel against H. F. Hackett of the state's attorneys, ordering him to produce notes of an alleged private interview with Mrs. Watson at which the identification of her assailants is alleged to have been discussed.—Associated Press.

VOCAL UNION TO BE HELD IN SMITHFIELD 5TH SUNDAY

Smithfield is to have its second vocal union. On the fifth Sunday in this month, July 29th, the Lower Johnston Vocal Union will meet here at the Methodist church. Mr. J. B. Beasley, the president of the Union expects a record breaking crowd. About 15 choirs will be on hand including the choir of Mr. Joe Core, of Duke.

The choirs are requested to be here by ten o'clock. Among the M. Noble who will deliver an address of welcome, and Mr. James A. Wellons. Everybody is cordially invited to the singing which promises to be a treat to all who attend.

Miss Rachel Aycock, of Dunn, is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Aycock this week.

A BIG MASONIC PICNIC BE HAD AT POLENTA

Dr. Hubert M. Poteat is the Speaker for the Occasion—Good Time Expected

An event that promises to be of unusual interest to many throughout the county is the All-Day Picnic to be given by Polenta Lodge No. 450 A. F. & A. M., on Saturday, August 4th.

As the invitation to be present is not limited to masons a very large crowd is expected. The public at large is cordially invited to come and all that can do so are requested to bring baskets.

Speaking of baskets, it is reported that several pigs are already being conditioned to best fit themselves for the coming barbecue—and the holdings of Cleveland Township chickens off the market bids fair to force the price of Springers considerably up.

The speaker of the day will be Dr. Hubert McNeill Poteat, of Wake Forest. Dr. Poteat is well known through out the state and south, and being Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, his presence is sure to attract many members of the fraternity.

Although plans are not complete, it is hoped that the Masonic Band of Dunn will furnish music for the occasion.

Polenta Lodge has been uniformly successful in putting on several social affairs during the past year which, while limited, have been much enjoyed. This picnic will no doubt be a culmination and the lodge is laying plans to make it the best in its history.

Assistant Grand Lecturer J. W. Alford is to be with the lodge for the week preceding and any Masons who are interested are invited to take advantage of Mr. Alford's lectures. In addition, Mr. Alford will preach a sermon at Oakland Church Sunday morning August 5th. While this will be along Masonic lines and of special interest to Masons, the public will find it of unusual type and interest.

All in all, August the fourth is likely to prove a banner day in the county and large crowds will be in evidence to enjoy it.

GET-TO-GETHER MEETING AT CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Next fifth Sunday, July 29th, a get-together meeting will be held with Canaan Baptist church. This field is composed of five churches, Trinity, Pauline, Hood's Grove, Calvary and Canaan.

The following program begins promptly at ten o'clock:

10:00 Sunday school lesson with the five churches represented, Rev. J. N. Barnette as teacher.

10:30 Program by the Sunday Schools, each church to be represented.

11:00 Sunday school lecture by Rev. J. N. Barnette, of Dunn.

11:30 Sermon by Rev. James Ivey, pastor of Four Oaks Baptist church.

12:15 Dinner on the grounds.

1:30 p. m. Song service and business transactions.

2:00 A talk by Rev. Elbert N. Johnson, of Dunn.

2:45 Special music.

3:00 A talk by Dr. O. A. Keller, pastor of Benson Baptist church.

3:45 Special music by the choirs.

We are expecting to have other speakers also that we do not have on the program and also some good singing by different choirs. Everybody is invited to attend and bring well filled baskets. Come and let's make this a great day for Canaan.

We want to urge that all the Sunday school superintendents and teachers in this field of churches be present.

O. H. BAREFOOT, President.
D. J. WOOD, Secretary.

J. E. Gregory Adds To Store

Mr. J. E. Gregory, proprietor of the five and ten cent store, is making some changes in his building. He is adding thirty feet at the rear with a balcony. When completed it will add greatly to the arrangement of his store.