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BIG CROWD ATTEND VOCAL UNION HERE

Fourteen Choirs Were Presented Here Sunday; Meets Next at Barefoot Memorial Church.

The Lower Johnston Vocal Union which was held here Sunday at the Farmers Warehouse fulfilled the expectations of those who had it in charge so far as the crowd and good singing and good speaking were concerned. Several thousand people were here from far and near. Fourteen choirs were present to sing.

The Farmers Warehouse was made to resound with the opening song, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," as the entire congregation joined in the singing of the old familiar hymn. A scripture lesson was read by Mr. J. B. Beasley, president of the Union, which was followed by prayer by Mr. S. C. Turnage. Judge A. M. Noble on behalf of the citizens of Smithfield welcomed the Vocal Union to our city after which Mr. J. A. Wellons made a talk concerning a monument to Mr. Neil Eason who was one of the originators of the fifth Sunday Vocal Union. About fifteen dollars was contributed toward erecting a monument to his memory. The only other speech of the occasion was made in the afternoon by Judge F. H. Brooks, the greater part of the day being taken up by the singing of the various choirs.

The fourteen choirs and their leaders were as follows: Corinth led by B. Thomas; Barber's Chapel by W. E. Massey; Banner's Chapel by Matthew Raynor; Yelvington's Grove by H. B. Adams; Elevation by Hector Creech; Lee's Chapel by Henry Royall; Pleasant Hill by J. B. Raynor; Benson's Grove by C. P. Stewart; Peasant Grove by J. B. Core; Johnson's Union (children's class) by C. R. Thomas; Duke M. E. choir by J. B. Core; Johnson's Union by R. E. Thomas; Watery Branch by J. E. Barbour; Barefoot Memorial by Robie Massengill.

The Vocal Union will be held next at Barefoot Memorial on the fifth Sunday in September.

REV. W. C. CUMMING TO GO TO CHINA SOON

The following clipping from The Wilmington Star will be of interest to many friends throughout Johnston County, Rev. Mr. Cumming recently having been pastor of several churches in this county:

Wilmington, July 28.—On next Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian church at 11:15 o'clock there will be a special farewell service for the Rev. William C. Cumming, who will leave in August, by way of Vancouver for Nanking, China, where he goes to assume his duties as a foreign missionary.

The Rev. William C. Cumming is a native of Wilmington and a son of the First Presbyterian church in which his father was a ruling elder until the time of his death. He was educated in the schools of Wilmington, in Davidson college, in Union Theological seminary at Richmond, Va., and in Princeton seminary in New Jersey.

He goes out as a special representative of the First Presbyterian church of Wilmington, being one of the 18 foreign missionaries of this church and he goes to Nanking which is the special mission field.

The exercises of the morning hours will be in the nature of a farewell service to Mr. Cumming and the public is cordially invited to attend.

EVELYN NESBIT ARRESTED IN LIQUOR RAID ON CAFE

Atlantic City, N. J., July 28.—Evelyn Nesbit, former wife of Harry K. Thaw, and Al McDonald, manager of the El Prinkipo Cafe, were arrested in a raid early today on a charge of violating the State prohibition enforcement act.

Four quarts of whiskey and several bottles of choice wines were seized in the cafe where Evelyn has appeared as a dancer.

Both were lodged in the city jail, but later gained their release on posting \$1,000 bail. Evelyn gave her age as 33.

PRES. HARDING HAS SUDDEN RELAPSE

California Heart Specialist Is called In; San Francisco Is Playing Nurse With Grave Care.

San Francisco, July 30.—President Harding today is a sick man.

How serious is his illness, his physicians have not said beyond the statement issued last night saying that "new symptoms" had arisen during the day "indicating complications in the case of the president." But it was regarded sufficiently serious last night to cause a cancellation of the chief executive's entire Californian program and to bring about a consultation into which two leading California physicians were called.

Hold Consultation
Four physicians participating in the consultation concluded their meeting early today without issuing any statement, although Brigadier General Charles E. Sawyer, personal physician to the President, previously had announced that a bulletin would be made public. None of the four physicians would make a personal statement. The consultants were General Sawyer, Dr. Hubert Work, secretary of the Interior, an a former president of the American Medical Association; Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of the Stanford University and the present head of the American Medical Association, and Dr. Charles M. Cooper, of Stanford, a heart specialist.—Associated Press.

10 ILL WITH POISON FROM EATING CHICKEN

Ten persons were made ill with ptomaine poison from eating chicken at Sanders Chapel on Saturday. Quarterly Conference was held at Sanders Chapel Methodist Church on that day quite a large crowd being present, and dinner was served on the grounds. Two persons, Mr. Lawhorn and Mr. Richard Hill were brought to the hospital here, but were well enough to leave Sunday. The others were treated at home. It is thought that the poison was caused by leaving the chicken in a tin pan over night. Among those made ill was Mr. W. H. Lyon, of this city.

JOHNSTON COUNTY TO GIVE THANKS AGAIN

The year 1922 in Johnston County was remarkable for its bounteous crops, and the whole county came together in a splendid thanksgiving service at the county seat in recognition of the blessings poured out by a merciful Heavenly Father. The county will remember the work of the now sainted Judge Stevens in making this service one to linger in the memory of Johnston's.

This year the crops are just as fine as they were last and even though the boll weevil threatens menace the outlook is splendid for bumper crops. Cognizant of these blessings, the suggestion comes again from Mr. Chas. Horne of Clayton that another service of thanksgiving be engaged in by the people of Johnston County. Mr. Horne asked that the people of this county consider the proposition and accordingly a committee of citizens met last night and made a beginning toward planning for this Thanksgiving Day. Judge F. H. Brooks was selected as chairman of a county-wide committee to arrange a program, and Aug. 15 was designated as the day to be set apart. A speaker of note, probably Dr. John White, a native of Johnston County, now of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C. will be present to honor the day. Details of the plans will be worked out and published in a later issue. It is indeed fitting that this voluntary Thanksgiving be rendered to the Giver of all good gifts and certainly every one in the county will enter heartily into its observance.

"Is your daughter going to practice on the piano this afternoon?"

"Yes."

"The lawn some time, anyway."—Pennsylvania Farmer.

"Well then, will you please loan me your lawn mower? I have to do

OLD FOLKS DAY AT MASSEYS SCHOOL

Mrs. T. R. Hood and N. L. Perkins Win In Spelling Match; Play Old-Time Games.

Perhaps the largest crowd in the history of the celebration of "Old Folks Day" at Massey's School house gathered there Friday and enjoyed the old-time games and amusements. The "old folks" became young folks for the day and participated in the sports with a zest and enthusiasm which would credit to a young boy or girl.

By nine thirty o'clock the program started with a game of "Round Town." This was followed by "Bull Pen" with six on each side among whom were the following: P. A. Holland, T. R. Hood, Wiley Creech, J. W. Barnes, C. S. Pearce, Deal Troy Creech and John Wiggs. All of the players were youngsters of 40 or over.

By eleven o'clock quite a crowd of those who had attended school in the days gone by had assembled and an old-fashioned spelling match was engaged in. P. A. Holland called the roll and lined the spellers up in two long lines. Mr. A. J. Fitzgerald was selected as teacher and the old "Blue Back Speller" was used as the textbook. The teacher was easy at first, giving out the words in the first part of the book. After a round or two, however, he turned over the leaves to "ordinary," "seminary," "tributary" etc and along there some of the boys and girls began to sit down. By the time words like "prognosticate," "heterogeneous" etc, the lines were getting thin. Finally all but two had sat down these being Mrs. T. R. Hood and Mr. N. L. Perkins, and when the teacher gave out "civet," these two missed it and took their seats. A treat of candy was given to the class and the winners awarded prizes Mrs. T. R. Hood will be glad to show anyone interested her string of beads, and Mr. Perkins says everyone must watch out for his red bandana handkerchief at the opening tobacco sale.

Young and old then engaged in jumping the rope until the band struck up. After several good selections, dinner was announced. Those who wished to spread their dinner together, others ate by themselves. But there was no scarcity of food.

At two o'clock the program outlined for the day was continued. Mr. Wiggs and Capt. Barnes arranged a wagon for the bands. First was the Rabbit Hash Band which gave some very enjoyable music. An old time dance was then called and an eight handed set was engaged in. The "boys and girls" stepped out and began to limer up their joints but owing to the warm weather only one set was danced, this giving way to "clog dances." Two young boys clogged first but Messrs. C. W. Creech and Joe Stancil felt their feet tingling and soon outdid the boys with their old time stunts.

After more music by the band, a fifty yard foot race was staged. Two girls were the runners, Miss Talton winning. Next came a seventy-five yard dash, two young men being the contestants in which Mr. Morris of Kenly was successful.

These contests closed the activities of the day which were witnessed by more than a thousand people. Some estimated the crowd to be between 1,500 and 1,800 people. This community enjoys its annual celebration and others would profit by starting something similar for their neighborhood.

CHAMPIONSHIP HYDRANGEA PLANT FOUND AT DALLAS

Dallas, July 27.—Mrs. G. V. Lohr, of Dallas, is in possession of a hydrangea plant two years old that has a large cluster of rich foliage and one single pink bloom 30 inches in circumference, 17 inches in diameter and six and one half inches thick or deep, entitling Mrs. Lohr to the championship especially of this particular species of flowers.

A value of \$300 was put on the ten tons of hay which one farmer cut from a six acre demonstration plot in Fasquotank. He says the hay paid all expenses of putting out the pasture.

TRAFFIC TAKES A HEAVY DEATH TOLL

Autos and Trains Cause the Death of 21 Persons; Accidents In Various Parts of the Country.

New York, July 29.—William I. Gotlieb, president of the Gottleib and Rabinotz, Inc., garments manufacturers, and four young women were killed early today when a Long Island passenger train crashed into the automobile from Long Beach.

The accident occurred at the Merrick road crossing in Rockville Center, when, according to witnesses, Gottleib's car smashed through the crossing gates directly in the path of the speeding train.

Wreckage and bodies were hurled or carried for more than 100 feet and the front of the automobile still was wedged into the locomotive when the train came to a stop 100 feet down the track.

Death apparently came instantly to four of the five victims. One of the young women was alive when she was lifted from the wreckage, but died as she was being placed in an automobile to be rushed to a hospital.

Terre Haute, Ind., July 29.—Nine persons were killed late today when a Pennsylvania east-bound passenger train crashed into the automobile in which they had started across the tracks at Liggett, eight miles west of here.

The train was traveling about 50 miles an hour and was two hours late because of another accident near Highland, Illinois in which four persons were killed.

According to G. G. Gillispie, in charge of the Liggett telegraph tower, who witnessed the accident the tragedy was caused by the attempt of the driver to cross the tracks ahead of the train. The automobile was struck directly in the middle, the occupants being hurled in dismembered fragments for a distance of about 200 feet.

Editor Killed By Train

Warsaw, July 29.—R. S. Taylor, founder and editor of the Duplin Record, was run down and instantly killed by a shifting engine of the Atlantic Coast Line in this town at 9 o'clock this morning. Mr. Taylor was a member of the board of directors of the state institution for deaf and blind former president of the deaf and dumb association of North Carolina, and at his death a member of the executive committee of the latter institution.

He was about 42 years old and leaves a wife and four children. He had been in newspaper work for many years.

One Killed And Another Injured

Wadesboro, July 29.—An accident occurred at the Seaboard crossing between this city and Ansonville this afternoon when a car occupied by Ben Downer, a young man of Lilesville, and two young ladies, Miss Wall, of Lilesville, and a Miss Webb, of Georgia was struck and torn to pieces by the westbound train No. 31. Downer was killed instantly, his body being carried a considerable distance down the track. Miss Webb and Miss Wall were badly injured, Miss Webb's injuries being regarded as serious. Both were removed to a local hospital where Miss Webb is in a critical condition.

Miss Eva Rebecca Springs, 17 years old, a resident of White Oak, but lately employed at Pomona, was (Continued on page 4)

California Man, 88, Welcomes His 45th Child

SANTA ANNA, Cal., July 28. EIGHTY-EIGHT years old, four times married, Romulu Delsi, a Mexican, who works on a ranch at Stanton, welcomed his forty-fifth child, a girl, a few days ago. Mother and daughter are said to be doing well. County records show that when he was 79 his wife presented him with twins.

Cow in Flivver, Family Sets Out On Vacation Trip

DURHAM, July 28. JOHN WEST WILSON, a mail carrier at Wilson, now on his vacation, put one over the other day. Besides his wife and children there's nothing on earth that John loves better than Mollie, his family cow.

Mrs. Wilson being the only one that could milk Mollie, did not want to leave the cow at home. "John, what will we do with Mollie?" "Wait," said John. Soon John returned with Mollie, roped, hog-tied, backing his flivver up, he put Mollie aboard and rattled away to his favorite fishing grounds.

ILLINOIS NEGROES TRY TO DANCE WITH WHITE WOMEN; FIGHT RESULT

One Killed, Four Seriously Injured Due To Negroes Invasion Of Dance Hall

Chicago, July 30.—One negro is dead, two county highway policemen are believed dying and two other men are seriously wounded as the result of a fight at Worth, Ill., between 150 negro construction gang workers, citizens and policemen early yesterday morning, according to the Chicago Herald-Examiner.

Fifty of the negroes, who occupy a camp just outside of Worth at midnight invaded a dance hall in Worth where a community dance of white persons was in progress. The negroes armed with knives, razors and revolvers chose as partners the white women, taking wives from the arms of their husbands, says the Herald-Examiner. Resistance on the part of the whites was met with oaths and threats of death, says a newspaper.

The screams of the women were heard by officials of the village. When they entered the place, the negroes began firing. Additional help was summoned and when they arrived a general fight started. The negroes retreated towards their camp and, when they arrived there, were reinforced by 100 other negroes, and the police called for further aid. More than two hundred shots were exchanged and there was a hand-to-hand fight before the negroes were overcome.

NEW DAVIS STORES ON THIRD AND MARKET STS., COMPLETED

The handsome new stores fronting both Third and Market Streets belonging to Mr. Charles Davis are now completed and Mr. Davis will move his stock of drygoods and clothing into the new quarters this week.

The men's clothing department will be housed in the store facing third street which is 20x80 feet. The dry goods establishment, 20x90 feet, fronts Market street and at the intersection of these two stores, a space 40x40 feet, will be the ladies ready to wear department. On the second floor a complete millinery department will be conducted and the room over the clothing store will be devoted to house furnishings including rugs, carpets, etc. A mezzanine floor provides for a ladies rest room and office.

Besides the space already mentioned offices for rent are located in the second story facing Market street. The building, which is constructed of red pressed brick, is well arranged. All space is utilized and the store will be most convenient in the location of the various departments. The wood work is finished in ivory and oak. The building has running water on each floor and is steam heated. Mr. Davis expects to have in his employ about fifteen clerks. He, together with Mrs. Bragsdon Johnson, who has been with the Davis stores for several years, will leave about the fifteenth of this month for New York City to buy fall goods.

Mr. Davis will retain the use of one of the stores which he is now occupying as a bargain store, where unusual offers will be made all of the time.

Over \$500 worth of produce is sold each market day on the curb market established at Greenville in Pitt county by the farm agent, R. B. Reeves.

LOCAL MEN TOUR S. C. BOLL WEEVIL SECTION

Smithfield Farmers and Business Men Seek First Hand Information About the South's Greatest Pest.

There has been a good deal of speculation as to how the boll weevil will affect farming and business in general when he hits this section in large numbers. "Seeing is believing," so Messrs. N. B. Grantham, J. D. Underwood, J. Rufus Creech and H. C. Woodall decided to take a trip through an infested area of South Carolina and get first hand information along this line. Leaving last Thursday headed for Sumter, S. C., they traveled through the boll weevil area of North Carolina and through Sumter and Camden counties in South Carolina, South Carolina section which has been badly infested for six or seven years. These gentlemen desirous of learning all they could about boll weevil and its control stopped at various farms on the route as inclination led them, interviewed farmers in their fields and saw the methods used for control in operation.

Almost every farmer told them that the weather was a big factor in handling the boll weevil. If the weather is wet, the weevil gets the crop. If the season is dry, control methods keep it under. The farmers with one accord asserted that after the arrival of the boll weevil, the only way to make a crop is to put up a strong fight. The methods, which have been stressed by the state department of agriculture, are used viz: plant early, cultivate often, pick up squares, and when the infestation justified, poison. The state department recommends poisoning at night as the best time to kill the weevil, but these farmers stated that, being unable to get labor to do it at night they poisoned in the day. Most of the farmers mix their own poison. When asked by the North Carolina gentlemen how often they poisoned, varying answers were received. One man had poisoned seven times already whereas another had poisoned only three. The cotton patch must be watched like tobacco and poison put on when necessary.

The gentlemen from Smithfield were interested in the type of dusting machine used and in the cost per acre of using poison. The dusting machine which attracted the special attention of all was one drawn by two mules, which sprayed three rows at a time. Three men are kept busy during the operation of this machine, one to pump, one to drive, and one to mix the poison. With this type machine thirty acres per day can be dusted. The cost of the labor and the poison mixture was estimated at 38 cents per acre for one application. This of course did not take into consideration equipment—the mules and dusting machine, and another thing which lessened the cost is the fact that labor in South Carolina can be secured at 75 cents per day.

The South Carolina farmers this year are making good crops, having had little rain. The visitors were told that the cotton acreage however had been cut 40 per cent since the advent of the boll weevil, but it has had a beneficial result in causing the farmers to live at home. According to one of the men from Smithfield, they stopped at a country store which looked as if it had been there for ninety-nine years and the stock of merchandise with it. In talking to the proprietor one of them asked him, if he did a general supply business. He replied, "I used to, but the farmers all raised their own stuff now."

Corn and oats according to the tourists seemed to be the chief crops besides cotton. Very little tobacco was raised in the section visited and what was raised appeared to be of a poor quality. These gentlemen feel that they have a much better knowledge of the situation since going to South Carolina, and feel that they will know better how to control the weevil in their own cotton fields. Such information brought back from the "firing line" is calculated to help all who are interested in making cotton under boll weevil conditions.

To be just in your criticisms, begin first with yourself.