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## SCHOOL OPENED WITH LARGE CROWD

Rev. D. H. Tuttle and Dr. L. D. Wharton Make Talks; Four Trucks Running

School opened here Wednesday with the biggest first day enrollment in the history of the school. Four trucks, from Wilson's Mills Polenta, Pomona and Creech's schools, brought pupils in thus helping to swell the number. An efficient corps of teachers under the direction of Supt. Franks handled the large crowd of pupils with a minimum of confusion and the second day of school found most of the students down at work.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the Methodist church, was present at the opening of the school and made a very appropriate talk. Referring to a line from "America" which was sung by the school—"Land where our fathers died," Mr. Tuttle called upon the boys and girls to keep those principles for which our ancestors gave their lives, alive today. He then quoted several passages of scripture, using them as a basis of admonition to seek learning. "The next thing to hating sin," he said, "is to hate ignorance which causes so much sin."

Following the talk by Mr. Tuttle, Dr. L. D. Wharton chairman of the school Board, welcomed the former students and teachers back and gave an especial welcome to the teachers and pupils here for the first time.

Mr. Franks then read a telegram of greeting from Miss Margaret Newell, former music teacher, which was warmly applauded.

Mrs. Wilson, of Selma, was introduced by the superintendent with the statement that she would have a class in expression and public speaking in Smithfield. Mrs. Wilson stated she would not begin her work until next week.

### Little Margie Allen Dead

Margie, the sixteen-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hamon Allen, who lives near Four Oaks, died on Saturday, June 9, 1923, after several days of suffering from Cholera infantum and meningitis. From the time she was taken she grew steadily worse until death came to her relief. The little body which had suffered so much was tenderly laid to rest in the Allen burying ground.

Many of the relatives and friends of the sorrowing family were present and as they looked upon the sweet, placid little body in its casket their hearts swelled in sympathy for the bereaved family. But let us not think of little Margie as dead, but as living; not as a flower that has withered, but as one that transplanted, and touched by a Divine hand, is blooming in richer color and sweeter fragrance than those of earth.

"There is no death! The stars go down

To rise upon some fairer shore;  
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown  
They shine forever more."

### Singing Convention

The annual singing convention of Johnston County, heretofore has been held on Saturday before the first Sunday in October. But after consulting many of the Choristers, we thought it best to hold this convention on the 1st Sunday in October hereafter.

This convention was held with Trinity Baptist church last year and it was voted for this convention to be held with Banners Chapel church, one mile south east of Benson, this year, so the time will be on Sunday, October 7, 1923.

An invitation is hereby extended to all classes of Johnston, Harnett, Sampson and any others that may care to participate in same. Come one, come all.

W. Y. MOORE, (Pres.)  
MATTHEW RAYNOR, (Sec.)

### Dr. Vann At Baptist Church

Dr. R. T. Vann of Raleigh will preach at the Baptist church here next Sunday morning and night. A cordial invitation is extended to all to hear him.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS TREMBLES IN BALANCE

Geneva, Sept. 5.—The superstructure of the league of nations, of which an American President was the chief architect, is imperilled and in the British view the very foundations of present day Europe are shaken.

Such, briefly, is a summary of the situation at Geneva tonight because of Italy's refusal to recognize the right of the league of nations to intervene in her dispute with Greece.

Consternation and a deal of sadness prevail everywhere, for it is generally, though reluctantly admitted, that the league has been unable to withstand the first great test of its practical use as a machinery for regulating differences between nations, since one of its leading members has declined to concede to its competency.

Hence there is a growing sentiment among the smaller countries, that if the league covenant applies to them, it apparently does not bind the great powers of Europe.—Associated Press.

## WAR VETERANS ENDORSE OCCUPATION OF THE RUHR

Brussels, Sept. 4.—The delegates of war veterans associations representing seven Allied countries, at their fourth annual congress adopted a resolution today endorsing the occupation of the Ruhr as the legal means to obtain reparations under the Versailles treaty.

The American, Czech, French, Rumanian, Belgian and Jugo-Slavian delegations approved the resolutions unreservedly while the British, after a short discussion introduced an amendment dealing with the effects of the occupation on unemployment in the United Kingdom and it also was approved.—Associated Press.

### Protracted Meetings To Begin

We are requested to announce that Rev. D. C. Johnson and Rev. W. R. Coats will begin a protracted meeting at St. Mary's Grove on Sunday, Sept. 16th, and at Bethel on the first Sunday in October.

The people at large are kindly invited to attend these meetings. It is expected that W. R. Coats will do the preaching and D. C. Johnson and Lillian Johnson conduct the song service.

### Fair Stockholders Meet

A meeting of the stockholders of the Johnston County Agricultural Society was called for Wednesday afternoon but only a very few were present. This was to have been an adjourned meeting to consider sites for the location of permanent Fair grounds. Inasmuch as it is hard to get a sufficient number of stockholders present at a meeting at the suggestion of Dr. R. J. Noble, president of the Fair Association, it was decided that the committee previously appointed get options on property suitable for fair grounds, have these options printed and a copy sent by the secretary to each stockholder. Each stockholder will then be requested to signify his preference and notify the secretary.

## NEW VOLCANO OPENS 50 MILES OF TOKIO

Pekin, Sept. 4.—A new volcano has broken out in the Chichibu range, about 50 miles northwest from Tokio, according to advices from Osaka. Kikko, country seat of the imperial family, is reported not to be seriously damaged. Many foreigners were reported earlier to have been staying at Nikko when last Saturday's quake occurred.

### Conditions Improving

San Francisco, Sept. 4.—Improvement in conditions in Tokio is reported in wireless advices received tonight from Iwaki radio station, 155 miles north of Tokio, by the Radio corporation. The water system has been repaired and is furnishing water in all sections of the capital; street lighting has been restored in four wards and food supplies have begun to arrive at nearby points.

Renew your subscription today.

## SUNDAY CLOSING PETITION TABLED

Town Board Will Wait At Least 60 Days To Act; Levies Tax of \$1.25

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held Tuesday evening in the opera house, a number of matters of vital importance being considered. The town tax rate was levied, a rate of \$1.25

on the hundred dollars worth of property being fixed, according to the Municipal Finance Act 1921. Distribution was made as follows: 40 cents, general tax; 80 cents for bonds; five cents for malarial prevention. A poll tax of \$1.00 was levied.

According to the financial report rendered at this meeting the total amount of disbursements for the past year was \$70,007.53. The receipts amounted to \$77,310.00 leaving a surplus on hand of a little more than \$7,000. A motion passed by the board instructed the clerk Mr. W. L. Fuller, to advertise all delinquent tax payers after October 1.

Dr. L. D. Wharton, chairman of the school board of the Smithfield district, was present at the meeting, and as a representative of the school board asked that the town place curbing in front of the new high school building and pave the side walk from second to third streets on the front of the high school. The commissioners readily endorsed this suggestion and will comply with the request, the expense of paving to be borne one-half by the town and one-half by the property owner.

At this meeting, a matter which has been under discussion by the public generally for the past month—that of allowing the stores of Smithfield to remain open on Sundays—was again brought to the attention of the town Board when Mr. E. S. Edmundson, a member of the Board, presented a petition signed by more than 325 voters of this city—both men and women—requesting that the ordinance requiring the stores to close be placed back on the books. The petition had been circulated by the Woman's club. When the petition had been read, Mr. Edmundson moved that the request be complied with, but the motion received no second. Mr. W. Ransom Sanders then made a motion that the petition be tabled for a month and a committee be appointed to investigate whether or not the petition was signed by bona fide voters. This motion was seconded by Mr. W. H. Lassiter and was carried. The appointment of the committee, however, was evidently overlooked. Judge F. H. Brooks was present at the meeting and made an appeal to the Board to take immediate action. He suggested that a resolution reinstating the ordinance in question be introduced, which according to 'a's', would have to lie on the table for 30 days, thus giving ample time for any investigation. As the matter now stands, it will require 60 days to put the law back on the books.

Another thing that came up for discussion was the use of the opera house for subscription dances. It was brought to the attention of the Board by the clerk that an ordinance is on the books, prohibiting such dances in the opera house.

## JAPANESE CITY IS A CHARNEL HOUSE

Tokio, Sept. 5.—Yokohama is a charnel house, the canals and waterfront are filled with dead and the stench from decomposing bodies is unbearable, according to refugees arriving from the stricken city. It is estimated that more than 200 foreigners lost their lives there. Most of the dead and injured among the Yokohama foreigners were those who were caught by the earthquake and fier while shopping in the downtown district. Thousands of the terror-stricken natives were drowned in the canals when seeking safety from the raging inferno which followed the tremor.—Associated Press.

## Yokohama Ruined

In Yokohama the conflagration was followed by a tidal wave and almost the entire city was devastated. The casualties there were estimated to exceed 100,000. There is dire need for food and water in both cities. The message confirms the establishment of martial law and other rigid precautions taken to maintain order.—Associated Press.

Cull the flocks, for "boarders" who don't pay are expensive.

## LOCAL APPEAL FOR JAPAN TO BE MADE

Ministers Will Present Japanese Cause In Churches Here Next Sunday

In response to an appeal which has gone out to all parts of the country an opportunity will be given in the churches of this city next Sunday to contribute to the relief of suffering Japan. The disastrous earthquake followed by tidal wave and fires has rendered thousands homeless and in need. In Tokio alone, food shelter and clothes must be provided for more than 2,000,000 people besides additional millions in districts affected. America must not forget that when San Francisco suffered a similar disaster 17 years ago, Japan was the first to come to her aid. The Red Cross seeks \$5,000,000 which Smithfield will have an opportunity to help raise.

The ministers of this city will each present this cause in their churches Sunday morning, but as The Greensboro News so aptly said in Thursday's editorial columns, surely there will be no need for any special appeal. For "Heaven knows," stated that paper, "if the people do not respond to what has been printed on the front pages of the newspapers during the last few days, they would not respond though one rose from the dead."

The campaign to be started Sunday will be continued through Monday, the amount raised to be sent through the Red Cross, this organization being in position to give relief more quickly than any other.

ADD to Local appeal for Japan—London, Sept. 5.—The first official account of the Japanese earthquake came today in the shape of a dispatch which the Japanese embassy received from the governor of the prefecture of Osaka, which says that the offices of the ministers of the interior, finance, education and railroads, the Metropolitan police headquarters and the arsenal in Tokio were burned down.

The Takanawa palace, the Imperial theatre and the Yuraku theatre were among the other buildings destroyed in the fire.

It is estimated that 200,000 houses were burned and that there were 150,000 casualties in Tokio.

## HOSPITAL PATIENTS AT TOKIO BURNED TO DEATH

Shanghai, Sept. 5.—An Eastern News Agency report from Haranomachi today said 800 patients in the Imperial University Hospital at Tokio were burned to death and that the Imperial Palace had been opened to refugees.

## New York, Sept. 5.—Donations of \$100,000 each from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and from Laura Spellman Rockefeller Foundation for the relief of sufferers in the Japanese earthquake disaster were announced tonight by the Red Cross committee of Greater New York, which opened an intensive drive to raise its quota of \$1,000,000 in the nation's \$5,000,000 campaign.—Associated Press.

## AUCTION TOBACCO SALES ARE SHOWING UP GOOD

The tobacco sales at the Banner Warehouse have been unusually satisfactory so far, according to reports. The sales on the auction market at this warehouse have already exceeded a half million pounds, and the market has been open only fifteen days. A hundred thousand pounds were sold here yesterday. All parking space near the Banner is all practically taken up every day with automobiles, trucks and wagons.

## AMERICA OFFERS AID TO STRICKEN JAPAN

Washington, Sept. 3.—The United States moved swiftly today to bring full force of the government and the people to the aid of stricken Japan. While government executive departments were directed to assist in the work, the public was urged in an appeal issued by President Coolidge to contribute funds through the American Red Cross for aiding the unfortunate and giving relief to the people of Japan.

The Red Cross at once announced that it had started the fund with a contribution of \$100,000 for the relief of victims of the earthquake and in addition had appropriated from its reserve fund \$10,000 for the assistance of Americans caught in the disaster zone. Arrangements were made at the same time for individual contributions to be received either through the national headquarters or through any Red Cross chapter. The funds will be sent through the state department to the Japanese Red Cross, an efficient organization.

Efforts, it was emphasized, will be directed toward assisting the sister nation on the farther shores of the Pacific by every available means, not merely because of the long friendship which has existed unbroken for years between the two countries but because of the broad humanitarian considerations involved in the great catastrophe. Nor is it forgotten by the United States, in thus being the first country to tender its assistance, that similar services were given quickly by Japan through its Red Cross to San Francisco after the devastating earthquake and fire in 1906.

### Sanders Reunion

Thursday afternoon of last week the relatives of Mr. Robert A. Sanders, who lives near Elizabeth, met at his home for a family reunion.

All his neighbors and a number of friends from Raleigh, Wilson's Mills, and Smithfield were among the 150 guests present when the call for supper came. A long table had been prepared under the shade of the beautiful oak trees in the yard and it was bountifully spread. Rev. J. A. Russell, of Four Oaks, pastor of the host, returned thanks for this happy occasion. Barbecue, Brunswick stew, fried chicken and old ham, bread, pickles, and iced tea were served by Mrs. Buren Faulkner, Miss Gldays Sanders and their assistants.

The brothers and sisters of Mr. Sanders who were present on this delightful occasion were: Messrs. A. M. Sanders, W. H., and Claud L. Sanders and Mrs. Bettie W. Sanders; nieces and nephews: Mrs. Lula L. Turner, Mrs. Bertha LeMay, Miss Bettie Lee Sanders of Smithfield, Mr. and Mrs. Ed A. Holt, of Princeton, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hood, of Kinston, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith, Messrs. Robert, John A. and Henry T. Smith, Bobbie W. Sanders, Lewis G. Sanders, Misses Corinna Sanders and Emily Smith; great nieces and nephews: Wilbur, Emmett and Miss Mary Louise Turner, Misses Virginia Williamson, Mary Smith, and Margaret LeMay, of Smithfield; Julia and Martitia and Master Edgar and Thel Holt, of Princeton; Masters Alfred and Hyman Sanders and Zoe J. LeMay, of Smithfield; Misses Lucinda Elizabeth Ann Dixon, Betsy, Olivia and Mary Marsh Hood of Kinston. Other relatives present were: Mrs. W. R. Long, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Rose, of Smithfield, and Mrs. Geo. R. Pou, of Raleigh.

## Meeting Closes At Smith's Chapel

A meeting has just closed at Smith's Chapel M. E. church, which resulted in fourteen additions to the church. The pastor of the church Rev. W. G. Farrar, of Princeton, was assisted by Rev. G. T. Mills of Green Level near Apex.

A liberal supply of kitchen aprons made of good material and easily laundered are of value to the housewife. They soon pay for themselves in protection to dresses, say home demonstration workers of the State College and Department of Agriculture.

This gift does not result from any sudden impulse. Its giver has lived his life among us, and has seen the

## ADDRESS OF MR. ALBERT COATES

Delivered Here Monday When Mr. Sanders Formally Presents Fountain

The following address which has received much favorable comment from all who heard it was delivered by Mr. Albert M. Coates, of this city, on the occasion of the presentation of a drinking fountain to the citizens of the county by Mr. W. M. Sanders: Johnston County is 177 years old. Our forefathers, who came in 1746 to the ground on which we are standing now, brought with them few belongings; but among them were the tap roots which have made the county what it is today.

They brought the flint and steel and kindled a fire; the old spelling book and held the a, b, c's of knowledge; the family bible and kept the teachings of the God they worshipped in their hearts the hope that they might build here a government of themselves.

Around that fire they built a hearthstone. Around that spelling book they built a schoolhouse. Around that bible they built a church. Around that hope in their hearts they built a courthouse.

It's a long way from the little log homes to the attractive bungalows you saw on your way to the county seat this morning; from the little log schoolhouse to the handsome buildings throughout the county today; from the little log meeting-houses to the splendid churches around us; from the old fashioned courthouse to the modern structure in which you gathered awhile ago.

Many things have happened along the way. Towns have grown up bringing with them their chambers of commerce, civic leagues, organizations which have boosted local interests with a zeal which has sometimes appeared to threaten the county's unity. But stronger cross currents have been steadily and surely welding us together. Some of you remember when it took a day and a half to go from one end of the county to the other. Today it takes less than two hours. Telephones, automobiles, and good roads have shrunk distance to the point where you can hold Johnston County in the hollow of your hand, where far away strangers once are near by neighbors now. There was a time when only freeholders were allowed to vote on the management of county affairs. Later, men were allowed to vote irrespective of their holdings. Now, women, too, can vote. And thus, step by step we have been converging toward the point where every bit of mature intelligence in Johnston county is brought into partnership in managing the county's affairs.

And now that we have reached that point, a new element is entering into Johnston county's life. From 1746 when the county was formed, until 1775 when the first town was incorporated, the tendency was toward county unity. From 1775 to 1901 eleven towns grew up, and the tendency was away from the county unit in the interest of the upbuilding of these local centers. Today the tide is turning again, and our interest is becoming centered on the old county which is the home and mother of us all. She who for 177 years from the wealth of her soil and streams and forests has been a lavish giver to her sons, is today the glad receiver of a gift. We have come to the county seat this morning to find a beautiful fountain, made of marble, bubbling with water, wearing the wisdom of the Ancient Mariner's thought:

He prayeth well, who loveth well,  
Both man and bird and beast.

It reveals in the giver a humanity which thinks not only of all fellow-men, but also of all fellow-creatures; a humanity which realizes its relation not alone to itself and family and community, but also to the larger unit of the county, and which reaches its height in the realization of its relationship to every living creature God has made.

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