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County-Wide Biscuit Making Contest Will Close May 1st

Women and Girls To Take Part in Biggest Biscuit Making Contest Ever Staged in Johnston Co.

VALUABLE PRIZES

With the cooperation of Mr. H. B. Marrow, county superintendent of education, Miss Mary E. Wells, assistant county superintendent, the members of the County Council, and the teachers of Johnston County, the Biscuit Campaign is being conducted by Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, county home demonstration agent. Two contests, one for girls and one for women, will be held at the county court house in this city on Thursday, May 1, at 10:30 o'clock.

Rules For Contest

All girls in Johnston County between ten and eighteen years of age may enter the contest. Boys also if they wish.

Those enrolled must make biscuits at home at least four times using recipe, and bring three to school to be scored.

Each of the three pupils whose score is highest in local contests will display three biscuits in the county Contest at the court house May 1.

All biscuits at County Contest must be entered by 10:30 a. m.

Miss Garrison will visit all interested schools in the county, explain the contest, and give one demonstration at each. Exhibits will be made in groups according to townships.

Directions for Making Biscuits

Three things are necessary for making good biscuits, provided the materials are good and the proportions correct:

1. The dough must not be made too soft to handle easily.
2. It must be quickly and lightly handled.
3. A quick oven is necessary.

All measurements are level. Sift flour before measuring. Sift all dry ingredients together, add lard, working in with tips of fingers; add milk, mixing with a spoon just enough to hold together. When all is mixed, turn on floured bread board and knead lightly until smooth. Roll lightly, cut half inch thick, place in pan so they will not touch. Bake quickly.

In using sour milk, the amount of soda needed will vary slightly due to the amount of lactic acid in the milk. In making baking powder biscuits it is better to use sweet milk if possible: it adds more food value than water and gives a better brown.

Biscuit should have two light brown crisp crusts with little crumb. If they are too thick and bake too rapidly, the crumb becomes a paste which can not be reached by the digestive juices. Biscuits properly made are partly digested in the baking.

Buttermilk Biscuit

2 cups flour, 1-4 teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, 3 tablespoonful lard, 1 teaspoonful salt 1-2 to 2-3 cups buttermilk.

Baking Powder Biscuit

Two cups flour, 1-4 teaspoonful soda, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, 3 tablespoonful lard, 4 teaspoonful baking powder, sweet milk or water to make dough soft, 1 teaspoonful salt.

Score Card For Biscuits

General appearance	20
Shape, round	5
Size, medium	5
Crust, golden brown, crisp	10
Crumb:	30
Texture, flaky, tender	10
Color, creamy white, no spots or streaks	10
Moisture, springy and elastic, not gummy	10
Flavor:	40
Slightly nutty	15
No musty or acid odor	15
No taste of leavening agent	10
Lightness:	
Equal throughout, no heavy streaks	10
Prizes will be awarded by Mr. H. B. Marrow, county superintendent of education. Judges: three home dem-	

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DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION MEETS

E. S. Abell Is Elected Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee; Delegates Are Named.

Hon. Ed. S. Abell is the new chairman of the Johnston County Democratic Executive Committee, having been chosen unanimously by the Democratic County Convention here Saturday. Representatives from practically every section of the county were present, and the convention was called to order by Chairman E. F. Ward. The chief object of the meeting was to elect delegates to the State Convention, and a motion was carried that all democrats in Johnston County in good standing who shall attend the State Convention shall be recognized as delegates.

Mr. Ward then tendered his resignation as chairman which was accepted and Hon. E. S. Abell was put in his place by acclamation. The selection of a secretary to the Executive Committee was left, by unanimous vote, to the discretion of Chairman Abell.

NEGRO GROUP COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD HERE THURSDAY

The Smithfield Group Commencement of Johnston County Negro school will be held at the County Training School building, April 17. The program will begin at nine o'clock in the morning with grand parade of the school pupils marching with their school banner.

Mr. H. B. Marrow, county superintendent, will speak on efficiency in the class room and on plans for the school building programs. Judge A. M. Noble will be present as one of the speakers, and H. L. Trigg, principal of Berry O'Kelly Training School will make the commencement address at 11:30. The program will consist of addresses and contests in story telling, spelling, reciting, singing, literary and industrial exhibits.

The following schools will take part in the exercises: Benson, Q. C. Mial, principal; Stewart, Libbie M. Browne, principal; Reedy Branch, Bennie Grice; Four Oaks, W. David Ellis; Princeton, Josie Womble; Pine Level, W. Louise Spicer; Micro, Rosa B. Vinson; Kenly Mrs. A. P. Pearce; Long Branch, Samuel Dunn; Hickory Grove, Robert Smith; Hodge Chapel, Gaynell Harris; Bentonville, Lillie B. Jefferson; Cedar Grove, Laura Caple; Union, Mamie G. Dawson; Gallilee Estella Brandt; Short Journey, Suddie Woodard; Southern Grove, Janie Lane; Green, Masie E. Byrd.

The public is cordially invited. The school committeemen, patrons of schools and all others interested in the education and progress of the Negro schools of the county are invited and urged to be present. The board of education and county commissioners are especially invited to be present and note the progress made as will be demonstrated by the various schools in both industrial and literary work.

Perfect attendance certificates and certificates will be presented to the seventh grade graduates. Prizes will be awarded the winning contestants. Committee on program: J. B. F. Prather, W. David Ellis, Q. C. Mial, Samuel Dunn, Estella Braudie, Suddie Woodard and Josie Womble.

Committee on exhibits: Martha Streater, W. Louise Spicer, Callie Watson, Annie M. Lewis, Mary Forte, Bennie Grice, M. E. Byrd. LAURA J. A. KING, Supervisor Negro Schools. H. B. MARROW, County Superintendent. MISS MARY E. WELLS, Assistant County Supt.

The food value of eggs does not decrease as the price goes down. At this season of the year they are both economical and healthful.

EPWORTH LEAGUE INSTITUTE HERE

April 25 and 26, The Dates For the Raleigh District Epworth League Institute —Notable Speakers.

DISTRICT RANKS HIGH

The second annual Raleigh District Epworth League Institute will be held at Centenary Methodist church, Smithfield, N. C., April 25th and 26th.

The opening service begins Friday evening April 25th, at eight o'clock with a song service led by Mr. I. W. Medlin of Smithfield. Rev. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church will deliver the opening address. This will be followed by a social hour held at the Smithfield High school auditorium, the entertainment numbers being furnished by the Raleigh Methodist Orphanage Leaguers. The Smithfield Leaguers will be in charge of the refreshments.

Organization and enrollment of delegates will begin at 8:30 Saturday morning at the church. Song service at nine o'clock led by Mr. I. W. Medlin and program as follows:

"Intermediate Leaguers" by Miss Blanche Barringer, Wilmington.

"The Conference League," Rev. Thomas McE. Grant, President of the N. C. Conference Epworth League.

"Business Methods in the League," Mr. P. B. Magruder, Manager Raleigh Branch, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

"Poster Making," Rev. Philip Schwartz, Raleigh District Secretary. "Reverence in our Devotional Meetings," Rev. W. H. Brown, Ex-President Conference Epworth League.

Luncheon and Business Session at 12:30, the luncheon being served by the Smithfield Leaguers.

The Raleigh District enjoys the distinction of being one of the foremost districts, not only in the North Carolina Conference but also in the entire Methodist Episcopal church, South. The general direction of the Institute is under Rev. Philip Schwartz who has been the Raleigh District Secretary for the past three years and was placed by the executive Epworth League Officials at the Central office, Nashville, Tenn. among the six ranking district secretaries of Southern Methodism.

Kenneth Coates In Contest

Kenneth Coates, a student at the State University, was one of the participants in the annual Junior Oratorical Contest held at Chapel Hill Wednesday night, between representatives of the Philanthropic and Diallective Literary Societies. He represented the Philanthropic Society. His subject was "Democracy vs. Journalism." He maintained according to a news dispatch, that newspapers, as they are today, are dispensers of misinformation and conceal the truth. He asserted they are enemies to democracy, affirming that Harry F. Sinclair the millionaire oil magnate, was abetted by newspaper silence when the Teapot Dome lease was signed.

The Julian S. Car medal given to the winner in this contest, was awarded D. R. Hodgkin of Burlington.

Dr. C. A. Smith III in Baltimore

Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, head of the English department at the United States naval academy and well known in Greensboro, his former home, is seriously ill at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, Md. Mr. R. G. Vaughn and Mrs. L. Richardson, his sisters, have been with him several days. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Richardson, the former his nephew, left last night for Baltimore.

Candidate Hall In City

Mr. D. M. Hall of Clayton, Democratic candidate for Register of Deeds of Johnston County, was in the city yesterday shaking hands with his friends.

Find Child's Body Under Old House

Badin, April 13.—A child some three or four weeks of age was found under one of the vacant homes in Badin by plumbers who were engaged in work there discovered the "dried up" body of the child and made report of the finding. It seems that one arm was severed and the skull of the child was crushed, and that rocks had been piled on the body. As yet no clew has been discovered as to how the child met its death, nor as to who is responsible for it, while the identity of the child is not now known. It is a matter which will call for full investigation by the authorities. Indications were that the child may have been killed three months before.

LINER MAURETANIA IS TOWED IN BY FIVE TUGS

Cherbourg, France, April 13.—After struggling for 60 hours against a channel tempest, the Cunard liner Mauretania towed by five powerful tugs, entered the harbor here this evening. The great vessel which left Southampton in town Friday was compelled for the greater part of yesterday to ride the gale off Cape Barleur, about 16 miles off Cherbourg. Necessary repairs to the Mauretania's engines could not be effected at Southampton because of the shipyard lockout and the vessel was towed here in order that the work might be done.

MANY CONVERTS JOIN CHURCHES DURING REVIVAL

At the morning church services yesterday 109 converts were received into six churches of the city following the services during the past nine weeks at the Ham-Ramsey revival. Several churches closed during the hour for the 11 o'clock services and attended the revival.

At the Baptist Tabernacle church 50 were received; at Central Methodist, 13; Southside, 19; First Presbyterian, 16; Pullen Memorial, 2; First Baptist 9.—News and Observer, (Raleigh), Apr. 14.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT M. E. CHURCH

Revival services will be held during this week at the Methodist church and Rev. J. A. Russell of Snow Hill will assist in the preaching. An early morning service from 6:15 to 7 o'clock will be held each day, and Rev. Mr. Russell will preach each evening. Rev. Mr. Russell was formerly pastor at Four Oaks and is well known in this section for his evangelistic work. The public is cordially invited to these services.

ARMY PLANES ON TRIP AROUND WORLD REACH SEWARD, ALAS.

Cordova, Alaska, April 3.—By Associated Press. Four airplanes, composing the United States army squadron making a trip around the world, arrived at Seward, Alaska, this afternoon at 5:18 o'clock pacific coast time, according to information received here. The trip from Sitka was accomplished without mishap the advices stated.

Father Of Mrs. L. E. Watson Dead

Mrs. L. E. Watson was called to Wilson Friday on account of the death of her father, Mr. A. M. Thompson which occurred at his home in the New Hope section. Mr. Thompson was seventy-three years old and had been in feeble health for sometime. For the past several weeks he had been in a critical condition and his death was not unexpected. He was buried Saturday afternoon from the New Hope Baptist church of which he was a member, and interment made in the church cemetery. Those attending the funeral from this city were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Watson, Messrs. Edgar and Thomas Watson and Miss Cora Belle Ives.

Mrs. Watson has the sympathy of a large number of friends in her bereavement.

MEETING OF 6TH DISTRICT SUCCESS

Selma Club Will Be Next Hostess; Mrs. Brogden, of Durham Is Elected President of The District.

MRS. JERMAN SPEAKS

The club women of the Six District of the State Federation showed how women do things by attending the annual conference held here Friday, one hundred thirty-one strong, in spite of the fact that incessant rain made travel disagreeable. Mrs. F. H. Brooks, president of the District, presided over the meeting to welcome J. M. Woolard of Kenly gracefully the visitors to the city to which Mrs. responded.

The morning session was taken up with reports of the various clubs these reports being prefaced by an appropriate address by the District president. The work being done by the women in these clubs is along civic, educational, cultural and social lines, all of which means benefit to the community.

After a most enjoyable box luncheon served at the Woman's club room, the ladies assembled again for the afternoon session a chief feature of which was the address by Mrs. Palmer Jerman, of Raleigh, president of the State Federation. Mrs. Jerman expressed pleasure at being at the meeting, this being the thirteenth she has attended this year without yet tiring of hearing the reports which have more or less a sameness. The purpose of her talk was to bring the local clubs into a closer sympathy with the State Federation. She emphasized the fact that the Federation is made up of individual clubs which alone are responsible for the work of the Federation. She mentioned several ways in which the Federation can assist local clubs, pointing out the fact that the history of clubs has been that they were of short duration when their vision did not include a program broader than the local community.

Mrs. Jerman stressed local work as the most important and suggested numerous lines that clubs were developing. But, she said, the women must also remember state-wide issues and even national questions. Uniform marriage and divorce laws and the eighteenth amendment are national matters that should concern all women.

Mrs. Jerman closed with a word about citizenship, asking the women what they were making of their citizenship. With 50,000 club women in North Carolina, representing both country and town, the balance of power lies with the women, according to Mrs. Jerman, if they will take the trouble to inform themselves and then exercise their right to vote.

A part of the afternoon program was devoted to the election of officers, Mrs. W. J. Brogden, of Durham being chosen as president. Selma was selected as the next meeting place after a cordial invitation had been extended by Mrs. L. D. Debnam, president of the Woman's club of Selma.

Decrease in Fire Loss.

The 1923 record reaches a total estimated at \$389,192,200, a drop of more than \$21,000,000.

Some interesting figures concerning the 1923 fire loss are given thru the compilation of the New York Journal of Commerce.

The burning rates on this continent shows the first check in its upward trend since the termination of the war. The 1923 fire loss record figures for the United States and Canada, compiled from the daily records of The Journal of Commerce reached a total of \$389,192,200, as compared with \$410,889,350 in 1922. This check in the fire waste is the more remarkable as the first 6 months of 1923 showed a continuation of the excessive fire losses, being nearly \$30,000,000 above the first half of 1922.—Insurance Dept. Bulletin.

URGE RETURN TO JEFFERSON PLAN

Speakers at National Democratic Club Banquet Score Tendency Toward Centralizing Government.

GOV. OF MD. SPEAKS

New York, April 12.—The American people are on the threshold of a great struggle of the states to regain their lost rights and to retain their present ones against the increasingly insistent encroachments of centralized Federal power, at variance with American policy, Governor Albert Ritchie, of Maryland, declared tonight before the Jefferson Day banquet of the National Democratic club.

The struggle to keep American ideals and to preserve American institutions against latter day misuse and misinterpretations overshadowed all other issues, he said, since "no high purpose either at home or abroad, ever has been or can be accomplished" by America except through those ideals and institutions.

Governor Ritchie was one of the principal speakers at the club's annual banquet on the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, which is tomorrow.

Governor Ritchie emphasizing the strength of the institutions conceived in the 18th century by the American founders, pointed out that throughout the 19th century which saw the United States attain ascendancy in manifold aspects of its National life, during which the country developed into the greatest nation in the world, no amendment was made to the Constitution save the three which followed the Civil War.

From 1804 to 1913, he said, America retained the beliefs that "that nation is best governed which is least governed" and that "National unity and national harmony were only possible so long as the nation kept within the limits of its domain and left the states free within the limits of theirs."

Later, the Governor went on, laws were enacted and constitutional amendments adopted, "which one by one are eating into the very heart of the American nation, because they are breaking down the sovereignty of the American state and substituting for that sacred thing an incompetent, extravagant un-American control radiating from Washington."

The situation has risen, he continued, partially because it was possible for majorities in the legislature of 36 states to impose their will on the nation. The vote of 2,316 members of these bodies, he said, could write into the constitution any amendment they chose to ratify without any appeal to the people from that action.

And these legislators with rare exceptions, he said, "harassed by the threats and blandishments of organized minorities until their will and their sense of right crumple and fall helpless to the ground."

"If I had my way, there is one constitutional amendment which should be adopted, and none other should be considered until that became part of our organic law. It is an amendment which would provide that no further amendments to constitution should be made unless each State is given the right to a referendum to the people upon the action of its legislature in ratifying any proposed amendment."

The Federal government, he maintained, had usurped powers rightfully belonging to the states and susceptible to better, more efficient and more economical administration by them, and had invaded the pocket-books of the taxpayers.

A Correction

In our Woman's Club section Friday, we credited the article about the Woman's club of Clayton to Mrs. B. A. Hocutt because, as president of the club, she sent it in. Mrs. Hocutt wishes to give credit where it is due and asks us to state that this article was prepared by rs. D. J. Thurston.