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## RALEIGH DISTRICT HAS FINE MEETING

Four Oaks Furnishes Royal Entertainment For the Methodist Body of Men and Women.

### A NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE

Twenty-four Methodist pastors representing seventy churches and a goodly number of lay delegates of the Raleigh District of the North Carolina Conference held their annual meeting in Four Oaks last week, the program starting Thursday morning at ten o'clock.

Rev. M. T. Plyler, presiding elder of the Raleigh District, was in the chair and the first work of the session was to select Rev. H. I. Glass, of Central church, Raleigh, as secretary. The roll call of the pastors showed that only two in the District were absent.

The work of Thursday included the appointment of committees and the reports from the various charges. The reports were declared to be superior to those of a year ago which shows that the work of the district is prospering. Two points were stressed especially in the reports—the improvements going forward in Sunday schools and the enlarging of equipment for Sunday school work. Rev. Mr. Plyler introduced a new feature in the reports. When bodies from the churches of the district were present, they were called upon to give the report on the Women's work. The report from Smithfield was outstanding because of the amount raised for missions and the super-annuated preachers fund.

During the day two men were given license as local preachers: Mr. Ervine of Selma and Mr. Hardee of Stem. Mr. Ervine already conducts services at one place and he will probably take on additional work in the county. Mr. Hardee is at present a student at the State University.

No business was transacted at the evening session, Rev. D. N. Coviness, of Cary preaching an excellent sermon. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at this service.

Friday, representatives from Trinity College, Louisburg College and Carolina College at Maxton were heard from, the needs and the good being accomplished by these institutions being presented. Rev. J. M. Ormond was present from Trinity College, Mr. Mohn from Louisburg, and Rev. T. A. Sikes represented Carolina. Rev. Mr. Sikes also represented the North Carolina Christian Advocate. In speaking of the Advocate Mr. Sikes said that that paper now has more than 25,000 subscribers, the largest circulation of any Advocate in Southern Methodism. The property valuation of the paper is \$110,000 with no indebtedness.

Before the meeting adjourned, Creedmore was selected as the next meeting place, and the following were elected as delegates to the annual Conference. The regular delegates are as follows: B. B. Adams of Four Oaks, Chas. A. Creech of this city, Dr. Albert Anderson of Raleigh, Dr. E. T. White of Oxford, R. W. Sanders of Clayton, A. H. Vann, of Franklinton and Mr. Weaver of Raleigh.

The alternates were: Mrs. Jenkins of the Methodist Orphanage, Mrs. F. A. White of Kenly and Mr. F. B. McKinne of Louisburg.

The conference was delighted with the royal entertainment provided by the Four Oaks people. The new church which was dedicated last fall is well adapted to conference purposes as this meeting demonstrated. Committee rooms were available and the basement is admirably arranged for serving lunch which was provided at the church both Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee E. Sanders who have been living on Johnson street, have recently moved to Second street and Mrs. E. H. Dixon have moved to the residence they vacated.

## COTTON GROWERS OF COUNTY MEET

Elect Delegates To The District Meeting Comprising Johnston and Wilson Counties To Be Held Here

### REPRESENTATIVE CROWD

The Johnston County unit of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association met in this city Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Chairman J. B. Parker, presiding.

The meeting was opened by a talk by Field Agent J. G. Lawton, on the duties of members of the association and the importance of securing new members. Then Mr. N. B. Stevens, County Farm Agent, presented a Pig Club Project sponsored by the Smithfield Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Parker, the chairman, then made a few remarks concerning the importance of local organization and reporting to headquarters.

The meeting was quite a representative gathering, delegates from the following sections being present: Sandy Ridge, Benson, Rehoboth, Polenta, Carter's, Corinth, Kenly, Glendale, Sandy Grove, Meadow, and Smithfield. One colored group, Green School, was represented. Besides the delegates, the following members at large were in attendance: W. H. Sasser, J. R. Oliver, G. B. Smith, I. V. Pittman, J. M. Peele, W. A. T. Durham, J. C. Woodall, J. W. (Lamb), L. P. McLamb and C. G. Call.

The following were chosen as delegates from Johnston County to attend the District Convention to be held here in the Court house on May 9 at 2 P. M.: J. P. Parker, S. P. Honeycutt, W. H. Flowers, N. H. Lucas, W. V. Blackman, P. H. Joyner, W. M. Woodall, J. M. Peele, P. A. Boyette and I. V. Pittman.

This district, which is Number 5, is composed of Johnston and Wilson Counties. An important feature of the meeting to be held here May 9 will be the nomination of candidates for director of the Fifth District.

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in Raleigh the third Monday in June at 11 a. m.

### Large Turtle Caught

Dave Wood, colored, caught a 21-pound turtle from Neuse River on the farm of Dr. R. A. Smith near Brogden school, on Friday, April 18. The turtle measured two feet from the end of his tail to his nose and was said to be a regular sea turtle.

### LITTLE FOLKS GIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT COUNTY HOME

Eighteen primary pupils of the Yelvington's Grove school went to the County Home with their teacher, Mrs. Harry Roberts, Wednesday last week and gave a concert for the inmates there. The program, which consisted of character songs and folk dances, was much appreciated by the old people in the county home.

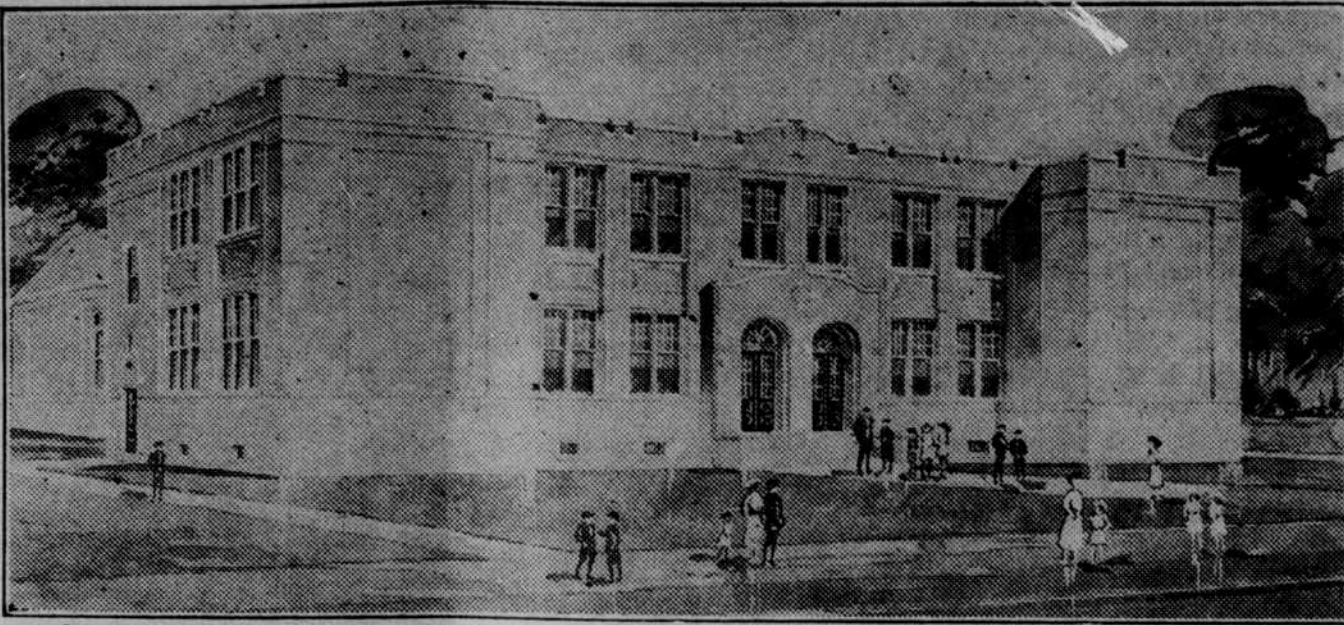
### Whiskey Captured

Two half gallon fruit jars of whiskey were captured Saturday afternoon on the Ford car of Mr. John Kennedy, who lives near Wilson Mills. The car and whiskey were seized and Mr. Kennedy was released by Mayor J. A. Narron under bond to appear in Recorder's Court on May 6. It is said that he had been under suspicion for some time and was being watched by officers.

### Concert Violiniste and Soprano

A "concert violiniste and soprano will be given at the High School auditorium Friday evening under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church. Mrs. Mabelle New Williams is the artist who will present this program and she comes with high recommendations. She has been connected with the Fayetteville School of Music since last September and has been well received in a number of concerts. She is a master violinist and possesses a fine voice as well.

## The New Consolidated School Building at Brogden



## NINE SCHOOLS MEET AT PLEASANT GROVE

Rev. A. T. Lassiter and Supt. H. B. Marrow Speakers On This Occasion.

The fourth group commencement in the county was held Saturday at Pleasant Grove when Elevation, Piney Grove, Wildwood, High-Tower, Rehoboth, Piney Forest, Pleasant Grove, Ogburn's Grove, and Shiloh, the nine schools in this group, met for their final exercise. Fully 500 school children were expected to be present and take part in the exercise of the day, but the steady rain Saturday morning kept many away. However, a good crowd was present and most of the schools were well represented in the parade. Pleasant Grove having no auditorium to accommodate a large crowd a stage was built outside the house and seats were arranged in the grove.

The first thing on the program after the parade was a song, "Hail to Johnston County," by Pleasant Grove and Rehoboth schools. That was followed by "Vacation Song," by the smaller children from Pleasant Grove and High-Tower schools. After a yell from Elevation and a song by Wildwood school, the seventh grade graduates took their places upon the stage, eighteen of the graduates being present.

In the absence of Col. Fred A. Olds, of Raleigh, and Rev. J. A. Campbell, of Buie's Creek, who were to make addresses, Rev. A. T. Lassiter, of Benson, was pressed into service. Although not expecting to be called upon and saying that he felt like the boy who forgot his speech in school, he made a good talk. He urged the boys and girls to take advantage of every opportunity that presents itself. He mentioned the motto of the Boy Scouts of America, "Be Prepared," and urged the boys and girls to strive to be prepared for their future and to strive for an education. He spoke of the good they could do in the world and of the influence for good they could be. He said there was not a boy or girl in the audience who, under normal conditions, could not get an education. He compared the salaries of the men who leave school upon finishing the grammar grades and high school, and those who go through college. According to statistics, he said, every day in school is worth about ten dollars to a pupil. "Trained minds help us to take advantage of the opportunities that come to us," he said. And not only does it make a difference in the salary one receives but it gives one greater influence and a better position in life.

Mr. H. B. Marrow, county superintendent, then explained the county unit system of schools and said that Pleasant Grove was the only one of the seventeen townships in the county that did not have a high school. He pointed out the fact that many of the men who had achieved something for themselves and been of service to the county had come from that township, and mentioned several of them by name. He said that some of the best stock of people in the county were found in that township.

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## J. W. Bailey Speaks to Large Crowd Here on Political Issues

Renews His Challenge To McLean To Meet Him For Discussion of The Taxation Question.

### INTRODUCED BY MR HORNE

The people of this community had opportunity to hear Hon. Josiah W. Bailey upon the political issues of the day, at the court house here Friday evening. Below we give the report of his speech as published in Sunday's News and Observer with a date line of April 26th.

Speaking in Johnston county's new courthouse last night, Josiah W. Bailey, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, renewed his challenge for a joint discussion of taxation with Angus McLean, his opponent, and declared, "If he won't meet me face to face in a forum like this, I appeal to him, for God's sake, not to let his strikers go around hitting me in the dark with letters like the Surles thing, the Mull thing, and the Barnes thing, which are not true and which do not give me a chance to defend myself."

Mr. Bailey used the speech of Secretary of State Everett to the recent Democratic Convention as his text in discussing taxation. Bailey supporters are confidently claiming Johnston county but Smithfield, where tonight's speech was made, is admittedly McLean territory and is the home town of George Ross Pou, Superintendent of the State Prison, who was quoted by Mr. Bailey in a Raleigh speech as having boasted of carrying "Johnston county in his pocket." Mr. Bailey was expected in some quarters to repeat the satire which he heaped upon Superintendent Pou in his Raleigh speech. However there was only one thrust, which though indirect was vitriolic and which drew appreciative laughter and applause from the crowd.

The candidate had been talking about office holders.

"I called them a bull frog chorus," he said, "but there are some toad frogs in the crowd and when you hear a squeak 'Bailey is beat' from the direction where they electrocute people, you can know that is the toad frog."

James H. Pou, of Raleigh, father-in-law of the candidate and who has been reported in Johnston county as being opposed to Mr. Bailey was prominent among those present tonight.

Mr. Bailey was greeted by a sympathetic but not vociferous crowd numbering about 400 people. He was introduced by Charles W. Horne, widely known citizen of Clayton. Considerable enthusiasm was shown at times during the speech.

Referring to three letters circulated against him, Mr. Bailey took up in detail a circular entitled "The Inconsistency of Bailey," which was signed by R. T. Surles, of Banner township, Johnston county.

"Of course I change my mind," he said. "Mr. Surles hadn't much to start with and it isn't much yet."

Taking up some of the items in the circular he denied a charge that

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## BIG OCCASION AT BROGDEN FRIDAY

J. W. Bailey Makes Address At Group Commencement—Probably 2,000 People In Attendance.

### A REAL BARBECUE DINNER

Group Commencements have been held in various parts of Johnston County during the past week, but perhaps no section pulled off a more successful one than the Brogden section last Friday, when around two thousand people gathered at the new consolidated school at Brogden to listen to the representatives of the schools in that group in contests, and to hear Hon. Josiah W. Bailey, of Raleigh, deliver a most forceful speech upon "Human Progress."

The program opened with the singing of America, and invocation by Rev. S. H. Styron, of Pine Level. The Pine Level school then sang a song, after which Mr. H. V. Rose introduced the speaker for the morning, Mr. Bailey.

Seldom has a finer educational speech been delivered in Johnston county than on this occasion. Before beginning upon the real theme of his address, he congratulated the people of that section upon the splendid structure at Brogden. He spoke of the fine farming section which surrounded that community center. But the finest thing he had seen, he said, was the audience before him with hearts and minds centered on little children. Mr. Bailey declared he had always liked Johnston County, but after he married a native of Johnston his interest had naturally increased.

With these pleasantries as a preliminary, he launched into his subject—Human Progress. He called attention to the words of his subject, emphasizing the difference between human progress as distinguished from material progress. The graduates of the seventh grade made progress. Parents work and struggle that the children around their fire-sides may make progress. Their hearts are centered in their children's welfare. The object of their existence is progress—human progress.

The way to progress, declared Mr. Bailey, is first of all to have an objective. The average man or woman starts out in life with no definite destination but the young man or young woman who succeeds must have some object in view. In the second place, it often takes something to start boys and girls on their way to progress. Many young people have advantages but never get started toward a special objective. A third item in progress, is to keep going after once a start has been made. Some start to progress but make a magnificent stop. Mr. Bailey made an appeal to the boys and girls to let nothing divert them from their purpose, to let nothing discourage them in their efforts. He told the story of Columbus and his difficulties in making the voyage across the seas which resulted in the discovery of America. He quoted effectively the poet's lives on Columbus which embody the idea he was presenting.

Passing from this earnest appeal, the speaker undertook to define human progress. Only in the last 150 years, he said, has the world made progress. Before that time the modes of travel had been the same as in Bible times; now the world is on wheels. Before that time, people built fires just as they had since the days of the ancients; now electricity furnishes heat as well as the old fashioned methods. Before that time weapons, were still primitive whereas now a projectile can be hurled for miles with terrific force. By means of the telescope astronomers may now look beyond the sun itself, and by means of the radio, the human voice may be heard thousands of miles away. But these, said Mr. Bailey, are evidences of material progress. They represent physical comforts and luxuries. The last hundred and fifty

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## SUCCESSFUL EPWORTH LEAGUE INSTITUTE HELD

More Than 150 Delegates In Attendance; Unique Social at School Opening Night

Worship, prayer, work and play was the thought which permeated the meeting of the second annual Raleigh District Epworth League Institute held here Friday night and Saturday of last week.

The program opened Friday evening, Rev. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of Edenton Street church, Raleigh, preaching a splendid sermon appropriate to the occasion, "Youth and Using It" was his subject and his appeal to the young people was strong. After the service, which was held in the Methodist church, a social hour was enjoyed at the high school auditorium at which time the Methodist Orphanage put on a minstrel show. The entertainment was enjoyed by a large crowd. At the close the local chapter served Eskimo pies.

The program Saturday was featured by several addresses notable for the ideas advanced which will be of help to the seventeen leagues represented here. Miss Blanche Barringer of Raleigh spoke on "Intermediate Leaguers," Rev. Thomas McGrant, President spoke with special reference to "The Conference League;" Mr. P. B. Magruder insurance man of Raleigh, gave the business man's standpoint of "Business Methods In The League;" and Rev. W. H. Brown Ex-president Conference Epworth League, talked on "Reverence In Our Devotional Meetings."

An interesting number on the morning program was "Poster Making" by Rev. Philip Schwartz, Raleigh District Secretary. Mr. Schwartz had a number of posters on exhibition and explained how they were made.

Just before adjournment for dinner

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## PROGRAM BISCUIT CONTEST TO BE HELD THURSDAY

Prayer, by Rev. D. H. Tuttle. Community Sing, led by Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, district home demonstration agent. County Girls' Creed. Club Women's Creed. Song. Story telling, Miss Mary E. Wells.

Talk, Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, State home demonstration agent. Picture of contestants made on court house steps at 12:30.

Lunch and social hour. Women and girls are asked to bring lunch which will be served picnic style at 1 o'clock. All men who bring women, girls and boys will be welcome at the exercises and are invited to lunch.

Prize winners to be announced at 2:00 p. m. Special music. Games.