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HIGHWAY BOOSTERS STOP IN THE CITY

Galaxy of Speakers Urge Importance of Proposed Short Cut Route To This Section; Save 100 Miles

LUNCH WITH KIWANIS

Twenty-five men representing towns all the way from Wilson to Dillon, S. C., composed the special booster delegation which is advocating the shortening of the route from New York City to Miami, Fla., and which stopped in Smithfield Wednesday from one to two-thirty o'clock in the interest of this route. The delegation started Wednesday morning from Wilson on a two-day special booster trip stopping for a short time at every town between Wilson and Dillon located on the proposed route.

Smithfield Kiwanians were hosts to the boosters at a barbecue luncheon served in the farmers room of the court house, more than a hundred being present at the luncheon.

Immediately afterwards, a short meeting was held in the commissioners room, and several enthusiastic speeches were made in the interest of the route. Mr. John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, who is in charge of the booster trip, made the first talk. Mr. Oates stated that the proposed short cut route has been the logical route all the time but our people have not pushed it and in the meantime travel has been diverted at Petersburg, Va., or by Pinehurst and other routes. "But show a Yankee," he said, "how he can save hundreds of miles in going from North to South, and he will go that route." And that is what this Carolinas-Florida Short Route will do. Between New York and Miami it will save three hundred miles and the route in North and South Carolina alone saves one hundred miles.

Mr. Oates stated further that it was the old Indian train from North to South; it follows the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad all the way; and located between the coastal plains and the hill country, it is nature's route. He pointed out that it is an historic route, and he mentioned a number of interesting places that would be properly marked for the benefit of tourists as they ride along. A conservative estimate, he thought, of the number of tourists who would pass this way would be at least thirty thousand a year and the advantages to be derived by this travel are too important to let slip. Not only will the tourists spend money along the way, but they will see, especially in this section of the route some of the finest land anywhere. Capitalists will see the best place to build factories, and permanent settlers will be the result.

Hon. Hannibal L. Godwin, of Dunn, was the next speaker. He spoke of how Florida had become rich through the tourists; how highways are a civilizing agency; and how the highways of North Carolina have attracted attention all over the nation and even in other countries. He spoke of the climatic conditions and the fertile soil which will attract those coming through this section. He urged that the folks of this section stand shoulder to shoulder with all others interested in the route and go before the State Highway Commission at the proper time a hundred per cent strong.

Mr. J. W. McKay, who lives in Dillon County, South Carolina, but who mails his mail box on the line dividing North and South Carolina, then made a few remarks, pledging South Carolina to do her part even though she did not have the amount of money to spend on roads that North Carolina has.

Col. H. O. Pond president of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, was called upon for a few words, after which Mr. T. C. Young, president of the Carolinas-Florida Short Route Highway Association, spoke briefly stating that the proposed route covers 186 miles in North Carolina, touches twenty-one towns, connects five county seats and passes through upon Messrs. R. C. Gillette and L. G. Stevens, who both endorsed the route. It was announced that with-

President Thanks World Airmen

Washington, Sept. 9.—A statement formally welcoming and congratulating the world fliers was issued by President Coolidge today after his return to the White House from Bolling Field, where he greeted them personally upon their arrival from New York.

"It is with a renewed faith in America," the President said, "that I welcome you. A new record of achievement has been made in the past six months by you in the domain of aviation. It has been made by men who wear the American uniform. It has been your skill, your perseverance, your courage that has brought this great honor to our country. In what is probably the greatest opportunity for future scientific development of transportation your enterprise has made America first. I trust the appreciation of your countrymen will be sufficient so that in this field America always will keep first."

In Memory of Mrs. W. B. Hobbs

On Sunday night, August 17, as the day had passed and the night shades had fallen, about eight-thirty o'clock the angels came and bore the spirit of Mrs. W. B. Hobbs back to the God who gave it. She was taken sick Thursday, July 10, but gradually grew worse until August 14 when it was decided to take her to the Smithfield Memorial Hospital where physicians rendered every aid possible but none could stay the icy hand of death. God called and she calmly obeyed and is now sleeping the sleep of the righteous.

She was the daughter of the late Alfred and Dinah Lassiter and was born October 2, 1863. Louie Jane Lassiter was married to W. B. Hobbs December 22, 1880, and unto this union were born seven children, two having preceded her to the grave many years ago. The children are as follows: Messrs. Junius A., Walter M., and John W. Hobbs, Mrs. J. C. Byrd, of Bunn's Level, Harnett County, and Miss Pearl M. Hobbs, who so patiently stood by the bedside both day and night and did all she could for her mother's comfort. She also leaves two brothers, Messrs. John and W. A. Lassiter and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Massengill, of Four Oaks, Mrs. L. R. Moore, of Durham and Mrs. Evelyn Hall, of near Benson.

Mrs. Hobbs united with the Primitive Baptist church at Clement on the second Saturday in May, 1897, and was a faithful member for twenty-seven years. She was a good Christian-hearted woman, a devoted wife, a good mother, greatly beloved by her children and the brothers and sisters of the church. She was always willing and ready to lend a helping hand to those in need, trouble and distress. Being a devoted member of the church, her doors were always open cordially inviting ministers, brethren and sisters, relatives, friends and especially her neighbors. She will be sadly missed in her home, her church and her community for she was dearly beloved by all, for those who knew her best loved her most.

She possessed such a meek and humble disposition that the beloved husband, five children and nineteen grandchildren realize their loss cannot be estimated, but we can only point them to the great I Am who never makes a mistake and doeth all things well. We feel that it was His will to take her to Himself away from this troubled and sinful world. Her memory will still be an example for those who are left behind to follow.

On August 18 her remains were taken to Clement church where the funeral was conducted by Elders Leonard Stephenson and Xure Lee. A large crowd had gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to this noble woman. The pall bearers were: Messrs. W. D. Johnson, Adam Whitley, Jr., Needham Stevens, Tom Johnson, Robert Higgins, Walton Alford, Jesse Whitley and J. O. Stephenson. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

In the next forty-five days a meeting with the State Highway Commission will be called in Raleigh, and a big delegation is desired.

The booster party left promptly at two-thirty and spent the night in Fayetteville, continuing the trip yesterday.

MEEKINS FAILS TO FILL ENGAGEMENT

Will Speak Here Next Monday; W. D. Briggs, of Raleigh, Here Next Wednesday.

OTHER SPEECHES MADE

Quite a number of Republicans both men and women were disappointed here Wednesday when they found that Mr. I. M. Meekins, Republican candidate for governor, would not speak as scheduled. A death in his family and the serious illness of his daughter necessitated the foregoing of this engagement. He will, however, speak in Smithfield next Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Those present, however, assembled in the courthouse and several speeches were made by prominent Republicans. Mr. J. C. Stancil presided over the meeting. He stated in his opening remarks that they hoped and expected to elect a Republican ticket this year from President down to constable. He introduced Mr. James Raynor, of Benson, who confined himself for a few minutes to the situation in Johnston County. "Conditions in Johnston," he said, "are disturbing." He laid this state of affairs to the laxity of law enforcement and proceeded to attack the various offices of the county.

Concluding his speech, Mr. Raynor introduced the chief speaker of the day, Hon. Willis D. Briggs, of Raleigh, who without any formal opening, cut loose upon the Democratic administration, charging against it many acts of abuses of public offices, and declared that the time was at hand when the people of North Carolina were seeking for a change. He cited that once Catawba County, far up in the mountains, was the banner Democratic county in the state but was now solidly Republican. Later Johnston held the coveted banner and that now it is wavering upon the border line and is almost ready to join the ranks of Republican counties, and that Halifax is now in possession of the Democratic banner, showing that the Republican party started with gains in the mountains and has never stopped until it has reached the sea coast.

Try as he could Mr. Briggs could never assert any charge against the Democratic party more specific than that in the old days Democratic campaigners had a heap to say about the flag and the glorious things for which it stands. Even this sort of campaign, declared the speaker, is now on the wane and the record of the Democratic party is no longer the party boast that it once was. He charged the Democrats with gross discrimination against the Republican party in having a bill introduced and passed in the recent special session of the Legislature which virtually put every Republican county in the state under the Australian ballot at the same time leaving the Democratic counties free to conduct the elections under the old system.

The speaker paid high tribute to the late Chas. B. Aycock, declaring that he had the honor of being a close and intimate friend of Governor Aycock, and that to him he had contended for the adoption of the Australian ballot. He said that Aycock also favored it but did not believe that the people were ready for it. The closing of his speech was an arraignment of the Democratic party in a series of charges to the effect that the Democratic party was anything else but Democratic. He declared that 46 per cent of the voters of North Carolina vote the Republican ticket. But by the careful arrangement of our Congressional Districts not a solitary Republican could be sent to Congress as a Representative. He further declared that in the face of the fact that 46 per cent of the voters are Republicans that not a Republican judge can be found on the map of North Carolina.

His speech throughout was a strained effort to find something of a serious nature to charge against the Democratic party. Being unable to do this it was a sort of compromise between a friendly criticism of the party's records and occasional acknowledgements of the progress the

TONSIL CLINIC IS QUITE A SUCCESS

A Hundred Boys and Girls Are Served by The Clinic Here This Week.

DR. FITZGERALD OPERATES

The tonsil-adenoid clinic being held at the high school this week has been entirely successful and although twenty-five operations have been performed each day, for four days, we were informed that there were enough more applications to run another week. The staff of nurses and equipment, however, are required in another county next week and numbers of children will no doubt be denied this operation unless it shall be done privately. Only those of school age have been admitted to the clinic.

Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald, who at the conclusion of the clinic will go to Raleigh and be associated with Dr. Louis N. West, has performed the operations with his usual skill, and while he will be in his office here every Saturday, many in the town and county will regret to learn that he will after September 15, spend most of his time in the capital city.

The basement of the high school has proved an almost ideal place for the temporary hospital, the arrangements being quite an improvement over the clinic held here several years ago in the Burlington building.

A corps of ten trained nurses has been on duty during the clinic which together with relatives of the patients have given them every attention.

The Woman's Club has rendered thoughtful service in serving sandwiches and hot coffee to the attendants each evening and also by providing for a midnight lunch for those on night duty.

Entertains Book Club

Benson, Aug. 27.—Mrs. W. H. Royall was hostess to the John Charles McNeill Book Club and several other friends Tuesday afternoon at four-thirty. Mrs. O. A. Barbour, vice-president, presided over the meeting. Chaplain's service was conducted by Mrs. Whittenton.

It was decided that the books of the past year, after having been censored by a committee, be donated to the school library. The subject of the long talked of rest room for Benson was brought up for discussion again and it is hoped that through the united efforts of all persons interested we may this fall have open to the public a well equipped rest room.

A call meeting was planned to meet two weeks prior to the September meeting for the purpose of electing officers, deciding on new books and other business. The hostess had arranged two contests to be worked out. These were exceptionally interesting. Every one present listened with pleasure to vocal selections rendered by Miss Mary Bagley Overton with Miss Wilhelmina Utley at the piano.

Mrs. Royall assisted by Miss Chellie Royall and Alma Wilson, served delicious refreshments consisting of neapolitan cream, Angel food cake, salted nuts and mints. The color scheme of pink and white was effectively carried out in the refreshments.

Members enjoying Mrs. Royall's hospitality were: Mesdames O. A. Barbour, W. D. Boone, A. S. Oliver, J. H. Rose, J. W. Whittenton and M. T. Britton. Invited guests were: Mesdames E. R. Cannady, C. C. Cannady, Ed. Parker, H. C. Flowers, Preston Johnson, Paul Johnson, W. T. Martin, Chas. Johnson, Misses Mary Bagley Overton and Wilhelmina Utley.

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If that needle in the haystack is ever found it will be through a ad in the Herald.

Democratic party has made.

Mr. Briggs' speech was followed by a short address by Mr. Zoby Parker, of Middlesex, candidate for Congress against Hon. E. W. Pou. In a brief speech he urged concerted action upon the part of every Republican, telling them that no day passes that he does not slap some good fellow upon the back and urge him to vote the Republican ticket.

Yellow Jackets Hurt Little Boy

Gastonia, Sept. 9.—Little Billy Johnson, the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Cantey Johnson, rector of St. Marks Episcopal church, is a sick young man and his billy goat is a dead animal, as the result of a clash the two staged with a swarm of yellow jackets in the back yard of the Johnson home.

It seems that Billy and his goat were enjoying the day all to themselves while other members of the family were in the house. Sudden screams from the child brought the father on the run, who found that the insects had stung the boy in several spots about his head and that the animal was dead.

In the fight the goat staged with the yellow jackets, the insects got the best of him when they entered his mouth and their stingers of poison instantly killed the animal.

Instant death is caused when a yellow jacket stings either man or beast in the mouth, say physicians. Men have been known to die instantly when stung on the tongue. The goat, mentioned above, died five minutes after being attacked by the yellow jackets. The poison reaches the heart more quickly through the tongue than through any other part of the body.

MR. KING TO TEACH IN ROCKINGHAM

Four Oaks, Sept. 9.—Mr. John W. King, of the Spilona section, who graduated at Wake Forest College in June left home Sunday for Rockingham to take up his work as teacher of English in Rockingham High School.

Miss Vivian Case, of Farmville, returned home Tuesday after spending the past week with Misses Louie and Martha King.

BOOM IN DRY GOODS

A boom spirit growing in leading markets, woolen mills running night shifts, and commodity prices strengthening as demand grows are noted in the weekly market review of The Dry Goods Economist, which finds that within and without the dry goods trade favorable symptoms continue to multiply. For example, the Department of Agriculture reports the index of purchasing power of farm products as 10 per cent higher than at any time in the last four years. The average price of 50 representative stocks, half of them railroads and the other half industrials, a few days ago passed the boom levels of the early months in 1920, and reached the highest average for any year since 1916.

In dry goods lines there is considerably more activity. The cotton goods situation is favorably or adversely affected by the wide fluctuations which now are a feature of the raw cotton markets. The general tendency in these lines, however, is toward greater stability of prices. It is recognized that even with a crop of \$13,000,000 bales, if such an event with a crop of 13,000,000 bales, if such an event were to take place, the carry-over this year will be so small that raw cotton prices will continue at a high figure.

In some lines of cotton goods an advancing price tendency is apparent. Narrow brown and bleached cottons have been advanced about five per cent. On several lines of wide sheeting the discounts have been shortened. American prints have been advanced one-half to three-quarter cent, and a fair business is being done at the new quotations. Agents of mills that feature voiles in the unfinished state report a marked increase in demand.

The silk fabric business shows a steady improvement, due in large measure to the maintenance of the recent rise in raw silk, amounting to \$1 a pound since July 1.

Some speculative buying of the finer grades of raw wool is reported. Based on expectations of higher prices for wool there has been a stiffening of prices for wool and worsted fabrics. Both cutters and retailers are waking up to the extent of the curtailment in wool output and, while they are still proceeding with caution, they are actuated by the realization that the Fall season is

REVIVAL SERVICES GROW IN INTEREST

Junior Booster Chorus To Give Program Saturday Evening; Service For Women Sunday.

SPECIAL MUSIC ATTRACTS

The revival services now in progress at the Methodist church are being well attended and the interest grows. The pastor, Rev. D. H. Tuttle, never preached more earnestly, and the music under the supervision of Miss Hosford is spiritual and uplifting. Two pianos presided over by Mrs. C. V. Johnson and Miss Sadie Puckett, and a large adult chorus combine to make the music inspiring. Miss Hosford, who plays a saxophone, is a gifted leader and her vocal solos are from the depth of her heart and soul. Services are held each evening at 7:30 o'clock and in the morning from 9:15 to 10:15.

The Junior Booster Chorus composed of 100 voices will give an evening of sermon and song Saturday evening, and the service is being looked forward to by both children and adults. Press comments of Miss Hosford's work with boys and girls in other places, are in terms of praise, and the amount of work she accomplishes in four brief rehearsals, is considered marvelous.

Sunday morning will be observed as Decision Day in the Sunday school and Miss Hosford will speak to the young people sometime during the Sunday school hour.

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Miss Hosford will talk to women and girls. Her subject will be, "The New Woman" and a capacity house should greet Miss Hosford Sunday afternoon. Every woman and girl in the community is urged to be present.

TWO BALES GINNED IN PINE LEVEL

Pine Level, Sept. 6.—The first two bales of cotton at Pine Level ginned by Floyd C. Price's modern gin plant were owned by N. C. Massengill, and Joda Watson, the Marserrill bale weighed 540 pounds and was put in to the N. C. Cotton Growers Association by their agent here. The other bale owned by Joda Watson, weighed 472 pounds and was sold to Floyd Price at 23 1-2 cents. These bales were ginned Friday, Sept. 5th. Mr. Price's ginney each year for some time has ginned the first bale on Sept. 4th, therefore the cotton today was done one day later than several years past by just one day.

TOBACCO CO-OPS MAKE FAST START

Raleigh, Sept. 10.—Seven times as much tobacco was delivered to the 35 warehouses of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association which opened last week in Eastern North Carolina and several old belt markets as was received by the Association in the entire Eastern Belt during its first week of operation last year; the 1924 deliveries of the tobacco co-ops in the east having already passed seven hundred thousand pounds.

The satisfaction of association farmers over the highest advances ever paid by their organization is resulting in large deliveries to the co-operative floors where increased payments on a great majority of the grades have brought larger returns to the farmers on practically every load this year. In addition to this, the tobacco co-ops have now attained their goal of 75 per cent cash return for the tobacco of every member who desires it, by means of loans to the members who wish to borrow half as much money as they receive from their deliveries.

now upon them. On wanted goods, such as flannels and coatings some of the mills are running night shifts, Bolivias, which were being sold at cut prices and in a rather limited way, are now bringing full price because the market is ill supplied to meet the demand which, as previously reported, has recently developed.—Charlotte Observer.