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## CITY WATER BONDS SELL AT PREMIUM

Thirty Thousand Dollar Water Improvement Bonds Bring Total of \$30,852.38

### NOW NUMBER ONE PLANT

Town of Smithfield bonds in the amount of \$30,000 sold for water works improvements on June 21, were delivered Wednesday. Under the Municipal Finance Act, cities and towns have the right to issue without an election, after the bonds have been properly advertised and no objection is filed. It was in accordance with this Act that this city sold the water improvement bonds in June which were purchased by W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, Ohio, at a premium of \$852.38.

The town had outgrown its water equipment and it became necessary to enlarge it in order to take care of the increased number of users. The improvements include a coagulating or settling basin, a laboratory for treatment of the water, and wash tank for washing filterers. The two filterers which it is now possible to use, have been overhauled. The plant is now numbered among the best in North Carolina, and citizens of Smithfield re invited to inspect it and get first hand knowledge of the city water supply.

Mr. W. N. Holt is the commissioner in charge of the water and lights, and he has taken an active interest in having these improvements made. The work, which was done by Tucker & Laxton of Charlotte, contractors, with Mr. O. L. Olsen, of Raleigh, engineer in charge, was completed under the direction of the State Board of Health. Mr. O. L. Wilson, who has been here for some time, is in charge of the plant as local engineer.

### High School Eleven Opens Season.

Today, Friday, September 26, the Smithfield high school football squad open their season when they play the Elm City Eleven here on the high school gridiron. The game will start promptly at three o'clock and promises to be full of excitement and pep from start to finish. This will probably be the only game to be played here this season, and a large crowd is expected.

For the last three weeks Coach W. L. Rice has been putting the team through very strenuous practice and the boys are anxious to "buck the line."

Although the team is made up largely of new material, most of its members have had previous experience either with last year's second team or with the famous plow-point eleven that all but plowed its way to a glorious victory in a past season game on the local field last year.

The boys have worked hard. They deserve the support of all the true sportsmen of the town and believe that they will be worthy of such support.

The probable line-up will be: J. Kirkman or Honeycutt, quarterback; W. Lawrence or Parrish, right halfback; D. Kirkman or Watson, fullback; Honeycutt or J. Kirkman, left halfback; Matthews or Fitzgerald, right end; Stephenson, Lee or Rose, right tackle; Boyett or Grantham, right guard; Johnson, center; Talton or Gillett, left guard; Stancil, Fuller or Davis, left end.

### THIEVES GET TWO BALES OF COTTON

Two farmers of Blackman's Cross Roads, Meadow Township, Messrs. L. B. Blackman and Charley West, are short a bale of cotton each, which were snatched from their yards last Friday night by unknown marauders. According to report, the cotton was stolen about twelve o'clock, and neighbors state that a suspicious Dodge truck screened in with wire was seen to leave that section in the direction of Smithfield. It was new cotton, one bale weighing 485 pounds and the other 440 pounds.

If honor be your clothing, the suit will last a life-time; but if clothing be your honor, it will soon be worn threadbare.—Arnot.

### Our Next President?



First returns from this newspaper's nation-wide Presidential poll shows Coolidge, Davis and La Follette so closely grouped that the possibility of the election being thrown into the House and Senate is easily within reason. In such event either Dawes or Bryan might be made president. This new picture, from Lincoln, Neb., shows the two Vice-Presidential candidates in friendly visit when Dawes called upon Governor Bryan.

## INTERESTING NEWS FROM TOWN KENLY

### J. J. Edgerton, One of Kenly's Most Prominent Citizens Dies Suddenly

Mr. J. J. Edgerton, one of Kenly's most prominent citizens, died suddenly at his home here Saturday morning about two o'clock. The funeral services were conducted from the residence at three o'clock Sunday afternoon by Dr. W. B. North, pastor of the Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member. Mr. Edgerton had been in feeble health for about two years but had not been confined to his bed except at short intervals. He made a trip to Wilson on the day before his death and was also on the streets about nine o'clock that night. The honorary pall bearers, were as follows: Messrs. John H. Watson, G. M. Morris, P. H. Etheridge, J. G. High, A. J. Broughton, J. W. Darden, J. W. Hollowell, Dr. J. C. Grady, Dr. G. B. Woodard, Dr. R. A. Turlington, R. A. Hales, P. Godwin, J. M. Stancil, J. T. Barnes, Barnes Pope, P. D. Grady, W. J. Hooks, J. E. Jones, Robert Raper, A. G. Hooks, and Mr. Eagles.

The following were selected as active pall bearers: Dr. G. Coleman, W. L. Etheridge, J. M. Woolard, L. Z. Woolard, J. H. Barnes, R. T. Fulghum, but just at the close of the services and as the pall bearers were preparing to convey the casket to the hearse, fourteen robed clansmen in full regalia appeared and took charge of the casket, bore it to the hearse and followed the hearse in closed cars to the cemetery where they again took the casket from the hearse and lowered it into the grave. They remained in a circle around the grave while the minister conducted the short service at the grave. The clansmen knelt in short prayer and on rising gave the sign of the fiery cross and marched away.

Beautiful floral tributes were used in profusion, among them being a huge fiery cross of red flowers with the letters "K. K. K." in gold.

Mr. Edgerton leaves a wife and two children, Master Jarvis, Jr., and Griffin Edgerton; three brothers, Mr. H. F. Edgerton, of Kenly; Mr. W. A. Edgerton, of Wilson, and John E. Edgerton, of Lebanon, Tenn., and one sister, Mrs. Rena Edgerton Holland, of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Edgerton was a successful farmer and business man, having for many years been engaged in a successful live stock business here.

Miss Emma Matthews left Sunday for Richmond Hospital where she is undergoing treatment.

Miss Eulalie Darden has returned from Hendersonville where she spent some time recently.

## FIVE PEOPLE KILLED AT GRADE CROSSING

Chattanooga, Sept. 21.—R. H. Webb, 35, his wife, 36, and 3 children, Dollie, aged 14, Arnold, 5 and Ruth 3, were instantly killed when the Dixie Flier, on the Western and Atlantic railroad struck an automobile near McCarthy, Tenn., seven miles east of Chattanooga this afternoon.

## DECREASE SHOWN IN COTTON YIELD

### Government Forecast Sends Cotton Up \$10 Per Bale; Condition By States

At the close of the cotton exchange here yesterday reporter for Hedgpeh & Company gives the following report of the New York cotton market for today. Cotton opened  
October 23.40; closed 24.48  
December 22.68; closed 23.60  
January 22.70; closed 23.66  
March 23.03; closed 23.86  
Reports from Worth Street yesterday afternoon were mixed, some claiming no improvement while others admit very inquiries for goods. It seems safe to say that hopes of a thirteen million bale crop have been badly shaken if not in fact dissipated and the market should offer good trading opportunities with a preference to the buying side on breaks until after the next government report.

Washington, Sept. 23.—The cotton crop was forecast today by the Department of Agriculture as 191,000 bales smaller than indicated two weeks ago, with a total production of 12,496,000 equivalent 500 pound bale indicated.

Of this crop, 2,662,636 running bales, counting round as half bales, had been ginned prior to September 16, the Census Bureau reported.

The crop reporting Board's forecast of production was based on the condition of the crop on September 16, which was 55.4 per cent of a normal, indicating a yield per acre of about 149.2 pounds, compared with a condition of 59.3 per cent on September 1 this year, indicating on that date a yield of 151.5 pounds and a total production of 12,787,000 bales. Last year's crop was 16,129,671 bales.

The condition on September 16 and the forecast of production therefrom by States follows:

Virginia, condition 60, forecast, 39,000 bales; North Carolina, 52 and 782,000; South Carolina, 47 and 728,000; Georgia, 59 and 1,448,000; Florida, 71 and 29,000; Alabama, 59 and 956,000; Mississippi, 57 and 1,55,000; Louisiana, 48 and 398,000; Texas, 52 and 4,237,000; Arkansas, 59 and 1,056,000; Tennessee, 60 and 413,000; Missouri, 63 and 222,000; Oklahoma, 64 and 1,262,000; California, 77 and 63,000; Arizona, 72 and 90,000; New Mexico, 85 and 60,000; all other States, 77 and 18,000.

About 70,000 bales additional to California are being grown in Lower California, old Mexico.

The ginning prior to September 18 by States follows:

Alabama, 223,178; Arizona, 8,568; Arkansas, 72,658; California, 47,233; Florida, 8, 844; Georgia, 228,131; 980; Missouri, 16; North Carolina, Carolina, 190,625; Tennessee, 2214; Texas, 1,476,936; All other States, 248. The ginnings include 87,670 round bales, counted as half bales, and 240 bales of American Egyptian.

Ginnings prior to September 1 were 958,294 running bales.

Pays To Advertise.  
He who whispers down the well About the goods he has to sell Won't reap as many golden dollars As he who climbs a tree and hollers.

## MRS. PARKER DIES AT HOME IN SELMA

Selma Kiwanians Entertain School Teachers; Mrs. Debnam Gives Informal Tea

### BRIDAL PARTY HONORED

The people of Selma were grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Parker which occurred at her home here on Monday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Mrs. Parker had been in failing health for twelve months and her death was not unexpected. Her husband, Mr. S. W. Parker, preceded her to the grave twenty-two years ago. Mrs. Parker would have been 66 years old on October 3, had she lived. She had been a faithful and consecrated member of the Baptist church for a number of years and will be greatly missed in her town and community. Surviving are the following children: Mr. C. G. Parker, of Wilmington; E. H. Parker, of Sanford, Fla.; Mrs. D. D. Morton, Spencer; Mrs. H. W. Hood, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. E. D. Parker, Selma; Mrs. O. D. Hinnant, and Miss Ida Parker, Selma. The funeral services were conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. C. H. Cashwell, and interment was made in the family burying grounds near Selma. The pall bearers were: Messrs. J. N. Creech, J. N. Wiggs, Theo. Eason, M. R. Wall, E. V. Woodard, and H. A. Brown.

The members of the Kiwanis Club entertained their wives and the Selma School faculty Thursday evening at a delightful banquet. The bachelor members were in charge of the program and also superintended the decoration of the club room which was made festive with purple and gold streamers, flags and goldenrod. Plates were laid for 135. Secretary Gordan Whitaker opened ceremonies by having everybody sing the Kiwanis song. Rev. Neil McInnis gave the invocation. Between courses Mr. C. P. Harper, chairman of the program committee, called on the following gentlemen for speeches. Mr. John R. Barker, Welcome to Teachers; Mr. Geo. F. Brietz, "What the Selma Schools stand for in the Community." He paid a high and fitting tribute to the faculty, to Superintendent Waters and Dr. R. J. Noble, chairman of the board of trustees. Dr. Noble in humorous vein, in a short talk on "What I Have Learned About Teachers While Chairman of School Board," was much applauded. A quartet by Messrs. J. Q. A. Jeffries, Linwood Richardson, Oscar Creech and Walter Grant was twice encored. The "bobbed haired" teachers sang, "Shingle Belles." Prof. Damroski, of Russia, was present and demonstrated a wonderful hair tonic, producing a marvelous growth of hair on Wilbur Perkins' head in five minutes. A stunt by Misses Cook, Smith, Stinson and Matthews brought forth gales of laughter. Miss Edith Matthews was winner in this contest and was presented with a box of candy. Mrs. Matt R. Wall sang, "A Little Gift of Roses," which was particularly suited to her soft clear soprano voice. In a lemon and rose contest Miss Rena Perry and Mrs. David Fields were each presented a box of candy. William I. Godwin, a new member, was given a warm welcome.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam was hostess at an informal Tea, Friday afternoon from four to six o'clock, given for her daughter, Miss Alta, who became the bride of Dr. Bennett B. Poole, of Winston-Salem, Saturday morning. The guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. R. W. Etheredge. Golden glow, marigolds, and ferns were used for decorations, carrying out a color scheme of green and gold. Mrs. J. B. Person and Mrs. T. H. Atkinson served punch and sandwiches in the reception room. Mrs. Ed Hugh Lee presided in the gift room where numbers of handsome gifts were an expression of the love and esteem in which the bride is held. A lovely Madeira cloth covered the dining table, the centerpiece being the bridal cake on which stood a miniature bride, bride-groom and clergyman.

Mrs. W. R. Smith and Mrs. W. P. Aycock served cake and block cream in the colors, green and gold. In the music room Mrs. W. W. Hare had

## Wendell Man POPULAR COUPLE Kills Himself WEDS IN CLAYTON

Wendell, Sept. 21.—J. C. Collins, age 45, becoming despondent because of illness shot himself through the heart with an army rifle at his home here late this afternoon and died instantly. His wife was visiting a neighbor at the time and found him dead upon her return.

Presumably he pressed the butt of the rifle against the wall while he pushed the trigger with his hand, sending a bullet crashing through the main artery leading to the heart and burying itself in the wall.

He was a native of Yadkinville but had been depot agent for a time later in the real estate business. More recently he had been book-keeper for the Mond-Henderson tobacco redying plant.

He had been to Richmond for treatment but was not supposed to be seriously ill. He leaves no children. Arrangements for the funeral had not been completed this evening.

## BEWARE CRAVEN COUNTY OIL LANDS

### Insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade Warns People Against Buying Oil Land

Raleigh, Sept. 22.—Insurance Commissioner Stacey Wade is hot after the Carolina Syndicate, composed of Frank Dempsey, of Ohio, and John A. Donahue, of New York, and if any North Carolinians buy Craven county land hoping or believing that they are buying "oil" lands it will be their own fault, and if they should lose their investment they will have no cause of complaint against Mr. Wade's department.

Commissioner Wade today gave out a formal statement in which he warns people not to buy these lands or interest in them. He says that the Carolina Syndicate has not been licensed under the blue sky law of North Carolina. Further the commissioner requests that newspapers refuse to accept advertisements of these alleged "oil" lands if offered them, rather that the newspapers inform the insurance department of such offer of advertisements if made. The people of North Carolina are also requested to lend the insurance department aid in informing it if stock or land is offered for sale by the Carolina Syndicate.

## 200 TEXAS CITIZENS MADE HOMELESS

Breckenridge, Tex., Sept. 21.—More than 200 citizens are homeless here tonight as the result of a virtual cloudburst during the day which caused Gonzales creek to go over its banks, becoming more than a half mile wide in some places.

More than 100 homes were surrounded with water when the rising water of the creek inundated several sections of the city. No one has been drowned, according to early reports and working rapidly took scores from their homes as the waters rose. More than 4 1-4 inches of rain fell in two hours, but later in the day the skies began to clear and the creek waters began slowly to recede.

In charge of the guest book. Mrs. W. B. Johnson sang, "At Dawning" and "For Your Dear Sake," with Mrs. M. R. Wall at the piano. Mrs. N. G. Woodlief rendered several instrumental selections. A large number of guests called during the afternoon, a few out-of-town people being present: Mrs. A. S. Oliver, Benson; Mrs. Ed Hugh Lee, Raleigh; Mrs. T. A. Griffin, Wendell; Mrs. M. C. Winson, Warrenton; Mrs. Simpson, Clayton.

After the rehearsal in the evening the bridal party and a few friends and relatives from Clayton and Raleigh were entertained, the feature of the evening being the cutting of the bride's cake. Mrs. Ed Hugh Lee got the dime, the thimble went to Miss Bob Cobb, and the ring to Miss Jessie Eason.

Miss Alta Debnam and Dr. Bennette Poole Plight Their In Horne Memorial

### TO LIVE IN WINSTON-SALEM

Clayton, Sept. 24.—A marriage of interest to a wide circle of friends throughout the State and one connecting two of Clayton's oldest families was solemnized at Horne Memorial Church Saturday, September 20th, at 10 o'clock in the morning, when Miss Alta Griffin Debnam became the bride of Dr. Bennette Baucum Poole of Winston-Salem.

The church was lovely with decorations of palms, ferns, golden-rod and a myriad of softly lighted yellow candles. Prior to the ceremony a musical program was given with Miss Louise Young at the organ. As she played "Berceuse," Mrs. E. W. McCullers and Mrs. H. E. Brooks entered. Mrs. McCullers sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" and "At Dawning," and Mrs. Brooks, violinist, played "Loves Greeting". To the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, the four ushers, Mr. James Lane of Auburn, Mr. Warwick Debnam of Selma, Messrs. Vaughan Pool and Swade Barbour of Clayton, entered and took their places near the chancel. Miss Elizabeth of Denton, of Raleigh, and Miss Doris Jeffreys, gowned in embroidered orchid georgette with arm bouquets of purple asters, and Miss Miriam Lee, of Raleigh, and Miss Zella Barnes in embroidered canary georgette with arm bouquets of lavender asters were the bridesmaids. They all wore Bo-Peep hats trimmed in gardenias and tulle. The groomsmen were Dr. William Watkins, of Durham, and Messrs. C. B. Simmons, Neil Barnes and Aubrey Gattis.

These were followed by the matron-of-honor, Mrs. Adlar S. Oliver, of Benson, sister of the bride, who wore a blue and gold cut velvet gown with ostrich boa to match and carried a shower bouquet of Columbia roses and swansonia. The dainty flower girls were little Misses Helen Dixon Massey, of Selma, and Sarah Oliver, of Benson, and their frocks were of peach taffeta. Little Miss Louise Jones of Norfolk, niece of the groom, in a lovely dress of white voile over yellow silk with trimmings of autumn leaves, carried the ring on a satin pillow. The bride entered with her father who gave her in marriage. She wore an imported costume suit of rust bengaline trimmed with kit fox, with hat, gloves and shoes to match and her bouquet was of bride's roses showered with valley lilies. They were met at the altar by the bridegroom with his best man, Dr. Glenn Pool, of Winston-Salem. Rev. M. Y. Self, pastor of the church, spoke the marriage vows, using the impressive ring ceremony, during which time "Traumeri" was softly rendered. Mendelssohn's Wedding March was used as the recessional.

The bride is a graduate of Greensboro College for Women and has taught in the Clayton Schools for two years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Debnam, of Selma, but has spent most of her life with her grand-parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Griffin, in Clayton. She is a striking brunette and possessed with much personal charm. Dr. Pool is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and after a year's interne work at Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York City, located in Winston-Salem for the practice of his profession. His outlook for success is most promising. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Pool of Clayton. Both bride and bridegroom are very popular in their home town.

### PEACOCK NOW CLAIMS HE IS A SANE MAN

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 22.—Contending he has been judicially restored to sanity and that he is no longer accountable for the crime, Dr. J. W. Peacock, arrested Saturday near El Cajon for the slaying of the chief of police of Thomasville, N. C., several years ago, declared today he would fight extradition proceedings.