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## OFFICERS CAPTURE DISTILLING OUTFIT

Largest Whiskey Still Ever Captured in Johnston Seized Monday in Bentonville.

WAS VALUED AT \$3,000.00

The biggest whiskey still ever captured in Johnston County was seized Monday by Deputy Sheriffs J. J. Eason, J. D. Stephenson and W. L. Ellis, of this city, Robert Keen, of Four Oaks, and J. Mang Wood and brother, of Meadow township. The still was located about a mile and a half beyond the home of Mr. J. J. Rose, near a creek in Bentonville township. It was a large copper outfit of about 200-gallon capacity.

The officers approached the still about sunset Monday afternoon and found two white men and four negroes who broke and ran as the officers came upon them. One man, M. D. Cline, a young white man from Durham, was captured and brought here to jail, where he still remains. The others made their escape. At the first sign of commotion raised by the officers at the still, two white men who were at an old house near the still sprang into a big six-cylinder automobile which was on the opposite side of the house from the officers, and fairly shot down the road in their mad flight. Several artiller automobile which was on the in the house.

The still was complete in every detail. Besides the 200-gallon copper still which had two doubling worms, ten vats six feet square and three feet deep filled with something like 4,000 gallons of beer that was being run, thirty-seven half-gallon fruit jars containing corn whiskey, were found. Ten dozen empty half-gallon fruit jars, axes, a pitchfork, and other things were around the still. The outfit was valued at about \$3,000.

The names of the four negroes and the three white men who escaped are not known, although the officers have some clues upon which they are working. It is thought that all the white men and some of the negroes were from Durham, and had sought this out-of-the-way place to make a supply of whiskey for the State Fair which is being held in Raleigh this week.

### Trinity Alumni Meet.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle, president, is calling for a meeting of the Trinity Alumni Association of Johnston County at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 20. The meeting will be held in the Busy Men's class room of the Methodist church. After the meeting they will be expected to attend a motion picture "A Year at Trinity College" to be given at the Victory Theatre. Every member is expected to be present.

There will be prayer meeting at Pisgah Baptist church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is invited attend.

## Bentonville Fair To Be Biggest Yet

A communication from Mr. J. Harvey Marshburn, secretary of the fair, indicates that preparations are now under way for the greatest community fair yet held in Johnston County. The date of the fair is October 23rd, and the place is Oak Grove school house, which is located about the center of the old battlefield. Hon. Frank Page and Col. Fred A. Olds, of Raleigh, are expected, and everybody is invited.

The Bentonville township fair is doing more for the community than showing farm and live-stock exhibits. It is endeavoring to solve one of the greatest problems that can concern the general welfare of any people; namely, that of providing some means of road improvement which will give an easy outlet to the railroad centers and the county seat. A visit by the public to this splendid agricultural and historic section of the county will stimulate road development for this section, and the attractive township fair which will be held there next Thursday will offer a most timely advantage for the occasion.

## Baptists And Methodists Forget Creeds In Hymns

### To Establish Auto License Bureau Here

Through the efforts of Mr. W. Ransom Sanders, Secretary of State W. N. Everett is establishing a state automobile license bureau in this city. It will be located in the show room of the Sanders Motor Company, and this firm will have charge of issuing the licenses. This will be quite a convenience for Smithfield and the surrounding country. It will be in operation in about ten days.

## COTTON ESTIMATE MAY BE TOO HIGH

H. F. Stevens Thinks Government Report Too High by 500,000 to 750,000 Bales

### COTTON BELT RETURNS

"The government report on the 1924 cotton crop is far too high by possibly 500,000 to 750,000 bales," says Mr. Harry P. Stevens of this city, who has just returned from a trip through the cotton belt of the South as far as Texas. Mr. Stevens came to this conclusion after talking with those familiar with the existing conditions on 27 million acres of the 1924 crop.

"The opinions of the Big Cotton Dealers," further reports Mr. Stevens, "vary, of course, but there was an apparent unanimity that the production of the cotton belt West of the Mississippi River would not exceed 7,000,000 bales. Now if you will take the estimates for the Government as of October 1 for all cotton produced East of the Mississippi River, you will get a total production of 12,053,000 bales for 1924. There is a wide diversity of opinion relative to the merits of the Government reporting system as to its accuracy. We do know this, however, that these reports, whether accurate or inaccurate, create a sentiment that sends the price either up or down.

"As to the physical condition of the cotton crops along the way traversed, I could only judge in a limited way. I am fully persuaded, however, that in Louisiana, East, Southern and Central Texas where they had an extremely dry, hot summer, that the crop will be considerably shorter than a year ago and that the staple will be of a very inferior quality.

"Western Texas is expected to make the largest crop in its history. Here is where the big crop must be made or lost.

"I am reliably informed by a very accurate observer that the rains of early September apparently did much good in that section. Then in their wake came numerous boll weevil, boll worms and grasshoppers. Cotton the last week in September, ton in that section was just opening therefore, the bumper crop prospects for 1924 will be determined by the outcome in that Western Belt, where thousands and thousands of acres of prairie lands this year are expected to produce 'King Cotton'."

## JOHNSTON AT FAIR

Number of Farm Exhibits From Johnston at Dunn Fair.

Among the farm exhibits at the Dunn Fair from Johnston county last week were those put on by Mr. Seth Lee of Peacock's Cross Roads; Mr. S. P. Honeycutt, of Benson; Mr. L. Parker, of Benson, R. F. D. Mr. Lee had an exhibit of pure bred Duroc Jerseys which created quite a bit of comment. Mr. Honeycutt took the blue ribbon for the best individual farm display. Mr. Parker had an exhibit of Italian bees. He had an observation hive and honey both extracted and in the comb.

Watch the date on your label and renew when your time expires.

Novel Feature Turns Attention From Noisy Midway; 50 Singers In Chorus.

### R. E. THOMAS HAD THE CENTRAL PLACE OF DAY

Shouting Baptists and singing Methodists, regardless of creed, united in the common accomplishment of raising a tune, and acres of space in which to do it—the Johnston county choir, fifty strong, turned the attention of the Fair throngs yesterday from the midway attractions to home-made music, and drowned out the melodious wails of the merry-go-rounds with hymn tunes raised with a pitch pipe and sent forth with the pure joy of singing.

They were present from every Baptist and Methodist church in Johnston county, and there was no denominational choice of tunes. R. E. Thomas, who represented the Johnston Union church, moved up on the platform and led some singing that started with all decorum out of a hymn book, but soon graduated into tunes that everybody could keep up with by the clapping of the leader's hands.

And the leader, sending forth a leading note every now and then to guide his forty-nine followers, kept time with his hands and the hymn book until the latter got in his way, and then he got rid of it to give himself more leeway. He was singing, and in earnest about it.

The tunes went on back beyond the familiar hymns in churches today and centered on the kind that can be sung without accompaniment other than the rolling bass and the tuneful tenor, while the women carried the soprano along at a lively clip.

But it was R. E. Thomas who had the central place of the day. Smiling a smile that would have made anybody sing, he pitched his tunes, and called for action, specifying a little more tenor or a little more alto, as his ear caught a breakdown, and clapping his hands, up above the choir which was informally grouped around him on the ground, in rhythmic and good old-timey fashion.

And as the crowd gradually forsook midway and the lunch-stands, there were conjectures as to what it was all about, until S. P. Honeycutt,

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## New Branch of Atlantic Coast Line May Come By Smithfield

Dreams of all recent presidents of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce for another railroad connection for the Capital City have been brought within 17 miles of fulfillment, barring some unexpected hitch in negotiations already completed between the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and the Montgomery Lumber Company, owner of the 22 miles of railroad between Spring Hope and Rolesville.

Frank S. Sprull, of Rocky Mount, attorney for both the railroads, stated over long distance telephone last night that the purchase price has been agreed upon and the negotiations completed except for details. Mr. Sprull stated he was not at liberty to mention the price involved in the transaction.

Application has already been made by the Atlantic Coast Line to the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to make the purchase. Permission of the rate making body is required by act of Congress but no difficulty in this respect is anticipated by the two railroads.

While the new move makes the dream of Raleigh much easier of realization, bringing the objective 22 miles nearer and putting the terminus in Rolesville, only 17 miles away, the present plan of course involves only the road now actually in existence, which has been made profitable by the success of the granite quarries located near Rolesville.

In contemplation of the materialization of the plan to bring the rail-

## DEMOCRATS START COUNTY CAMPAIGN

Messrs Baxter Durham, Charles Ross and A. L. Brooks To Speak Next Week.

### BROOKS HERE WED. NIGHT

The Democratic campaign in Johnston county is well under way, and if the initial "speechings" held at Peacock's Cross Roads in Meadow township and at Oak Grove in Bentonville township Tuesday night are any indication democracy will come out with flying colors at the polls on November 4th.

Hon. Baxter Durham, nominee for State Auditor, was at Peacock's Cross Roads Tuesday night and made a rousing speech. He discussed national, state and county issues and about a hundred were out to hear him. Also a number of the county candidates were present and made talks. Among these were Messrs W. T. Adams, Alonzo Parrish, W. J. Marsey, G. A. Martin and E. F. Ward.

Owing to sickness in his family, Solicitor Clawson L. Williams was unable to be present at Oak Grove, but Messrs. P. B. Chamblee, J. A. Keen, D. M. Hall, H. P. Johnson, P. D. Grady and H. V. Rose were on hand, and the cause of democracy did not languish. A good crowd was present and a healthy interest was manifested in the coming election.

Candidates upheld the issues of the campaign at Plainfield School and Mill Creek on Wednesday night and at Micro last night.

Tonight, R. S. McCain is scheduled to speak at Pine Level, and a meeting will also be held at Rehobeth School in Elevation township.

Next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock Auditor Baxter Durham, of Raleigh will speak at Mt. Zion, and on the same evening Mr. Charles Ross of Lillington will speak at Sandy Springs school house. Tuesday evening Mr. Ross will be at Wilson's Mills, and Mr. Durham will be at at Brogden. Both of these men are good speakers and large crowds should greet them at each appointment.

Hon. A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, will speak in the Court house here Wednesday night—a fine opportunity for voters to hear the campaign issues ably expounded.

All township chairman in Johnston county are requested to send in to Mr. W. T. Adams a list of all township candidates at once.

## National Pig Girl



MISS GOLDA FOSSETT

has the distinction of running the greatest hog show in the world, as Secretary and Manager of the National Swine Show held annually at Peoria, Ill., where some 1600 champion porkers from all over the U. S. compete.

## DEATH CLAIMS A USEFUL CITIZEN

Mrs. Laura Creech Passes Away At Her Home in Four Oaks Wednesday Morning.

### MOTHER OF C. A. CREECH

Friends throughout the county and state were grieved Wednesday when they learned of the death of Mrs. Laura Creech which occurred at her home in Four Oaks Wednesday morning at 2:45 o'clock. She had been ill for some time and her death was not unexpected. She had recently passed her sixty-seventh birthday.

Mrs. Creech was the widow of the late Ezekiel Creech, one of the pioneer settlers of Four Oaks and one of its first city fathers, who died twenty eight years ago. Mrs. Creech was one of the founders of the Four Oaks Baptist church and was perhaps the first member of any church in the town of Four Oaks. She was a daughter of Mr. James Hardee Poole, a citizen of Johnston County, whose family is one of the oldest and best known in the county.

After a long busy and useful life she died as she had lived—honored and loved. She reared her own monument while she lived, in the hearts of all who knew her. Her life was completed, if work done and well done constitutes completion. Her Christian life was beautiful from its beginning to its close, and through all the changes and sorrows that she met in her life, her faith in God never wavered.

Impressive funeral services were held in the Four Oaks Baptist church yesterday morning, at eleven o'clock. The services were conducted by her first pastor, who was also pastor of the Baptist church here at that time. Rev. John W. Suttle, now of Shelby. He was assisted by Rev. J. A. Ivey, pastor of Four Oaks Baptist church. The floral designs were many and unusually beautiful. Interment was made in the Four Oaks cemetery.

The deceased is survived by eight children: Mrs. John W. Sanders and Mrs. E. B. Johnson, of Four Oaks; Mrs. L. L. Levinson, of Benson;

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## HOLT GOES TO ROAD

Tobe Holt Convicted of Slander of Mrs. Paul C. Duncan.

In Recorder's Court Tuesday morning, C. A. Holt, commonly known as Tobe Holt, of Princeton, was convicted of slander of Mrs. Paul C. Duncan, who was Miss Minnie Straugh before her marriage, and a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of the county. Judge Noble sentenced Holt to serve twelve months on the public roads of Smithfield. Holt was also convicted of trespass on the premises of Mrs. Duncan, and of carrying concealed weapons, a pair of brass knuckles. He was sentenced to thirty days on the roads in each of those cases upon conviction.

## NINETY TEACHERS IN SESSION HERE

Almost a Hundred Per Cent of The Teachers of The Eight Months School Present.

### EXTENSION CLASS HERE

"A new school building does not make a school," County Superintendent H. B. Marrow told the ninety school teachers who assembled in the court house here Tuesday in the first Teachers' meeting of the school year. Out of the eight schools represented here (Kenly, Glendale, Micro, Wilson's Mills, Pine Level, Princeton, Four Oaks and Meadow), every school with the exception of Meadow either has a new building or additions have been made to the old one. All are brick buildings except the one at Meadow, and an election is pending in this district.

Continuing his line of thought, Supt. Marrow stressed the fact that the teacher and not the equipment makes a school. Comfortable buildings are needed, but they do not determine the spirit of a school.

The meeting here Tuesday which included only teachers of the eight months schools in the county, had almost a hundred percent attendance, there being only two teachers who were unavoidably detained, absent. The program for the day was informal, the object being to disseminate necessary information concerning the schools and to give out blanks, etc., that will be needed for reports. Those besides Mr. Marrow addressing the teachers were Miss Mary E. Wells, rural supervisor, Miss Virginia Puckett, who has charge of the census reports, and Mr. H. V. Rose, County Superintendent of Public Welfare.

Before the teachers adjourned, quite a number enrolled for the Extension class which will be conducted here once each week by Dr. Edgar K. Knight, of the State University. Announcement had been previously made that the class would alternate between this city and Selma, but owing to the increased enrollment the change was made to the court house on each Friday afternoon. The class will study "Public Education in the United States."

### BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday school 9:30. Efforts will be made in all services of the day to round up the revival meetings and to conserve its fruits. Opportunities will be given to others who may wish to unite with the church. The pastor will preach at both services and call for further decisions to follow Christ, Monday evening Mr. Perry Morgan, the State B. Y. P. U. leader, will be present for an important meeting in which this and other near-by churches will participate—a rally meeting for the group of churches. The young people are specially invited. A cordial welcome to all.

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Sunday school at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock.

Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30

### Youth Challenges

Mrs. E. C. Gregory

Spencer, Oct. 15.—Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory, of Salisbury, vice chairman of the Rowan Democratic Executive Committee has been challenged to a joint debate on the merits of Davis and LaFollette by a ninth grade school boy in Spencer, Ralph G. Simmerson. The challenge came about when Mrs. Gregory made an address to the women in Spencer one evening this week when young Simmerson gained admittance and took exception to the statements made by Mrs. Gregory as to Mr. Davis, Mr. LaFollette and on the questions of prohibition and child labor legislation. In a letter addressed to Mrs. Gregory, Young Simmerson says that if the vice chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee believes Mr. Davis to be such a great friend of labor she would certainly be willing to defend him in a debate with a school boy. The challenge is good for any date in Rowan county and it is specified that the audience is to be the judge.