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## COUNTY EXTENSION WORK DISCUSSED

Delegations From Different Sections of County Plead For Farm and Home Work.

COMMISSIONERS ACT TODAY

The County Board of Commissioners spent the most of yesterday considering pro and con the Home and Farm Demonstration Work in the County. The Board convened about ten o'clock and at eleven delegations from all over the county appeared before the Commissioners to ask that the work be retained or to voice a protest against it. In deference to the ladies, the Home Demonstration work was considered first. Mrs. Estelle Smith, District Home Demonstration Agent, started things off by presenting in forcible language the merits of Home Demonstration work. Mrs. Smith has been in the work for ten years and she spoke from personal experience. She made a strong plea for the work to be retained in Johnston County along with the fifty-three other counties that have it. Her statements were backed up by personal testimony from about ten sections of Johnston County. Mrs. D. J. Wellons, who was the first Home Agent in Johnston County, spoke in behalf of the work, and she was followed by Mrs. Mashburn, of Bentonville township; Mrs. T. W. Ives, of the Johnson School Club; Mrs. Grey Easton, of Clayton; Mrs. Edgar Woodall, of Pomona; Mrs. Marshall Lassiter, of Elevation; and Mrs. W. M. Sanders, of Smithfield. Mrs. Herring, of Selma, read a letter from Miss Sallie Herring, her daughter, who recently won out in a State-wide demonstration contest, and was awarded a trip to Chicago. Miss Herring presented splendid argument for the retention of the work. Two gentlemen champions of the Home work, Mr. John Barnes, of Creech's School, and Mr. J. R. Atkinson, of Micro township, voiced their sentiments in regard to Home Demonstration work which carried conviction to those who heard them. Various phases of the work was commented upon showing how it has broadened from simple canning clubs to everything that pertains to a well-conducted home. When these advocates of Home Demonstration work had finished, the chairman of the County Board of Commissioners called for the opposition to present its views. A silence pervaded the Commissioners Room so that a pinfall could be heard. Then Mr. F. H. Brooks in moving that the work be retained unanimously, made a telling speech commending the work. A striking fact in connection with Home Demonstration work was the general satisfaction over the work of the present agent, quite a number asking that not only the work but that Miss Garrison be retained.

The Board of Commissioners then turned their attention to the Farm Demonstration work. Mr. E. W. Gaiter, District Farm Agent, was the first speaker in favor of keeping it in Johnston County. He presented figures showing that the amount expended by the county for this work is very small and not to be considered when the good that it does is known. He was followed by Mr. Charles F. Kirby, of Selma, who told what Farm Demonstration had meant to him. "Farm papers are all right, and I take them and read them," said Mr. Kirby, "but it takes a Demonstrator to put one to doing things." He spoke of reading about permanent farm pastures in a farm journal, but it was not until a County Farm Agent showed him how, that he planted ten acres in permanent pasture. He had read about vaccination for cholera, saving hogs from dying, but he had to lose a thousand dollars worth of hogs before he got help from the Farm Demonstrator in vaccinating for this disease. "The needs of this age," he said, "are better schools, better roads, and better agriculture, and the farm agent is one very effective means of improving agricultural methods and conditions."

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## Millions To Workers



WILLIAM M. RITTER,

lumber king, of Ohio and West Virginia, has just given between \$2,000,000 and \$8,000,000 to employees, relatives and close friends. Ninety-four employees have been with him more than 20 years.

## Dr. White Relates Curious Experience

A letter recently received from Dr. John E. White by his cousin, Mr. Hunter Ellington, has such a strange and interesting paragraph that we give it to our readers. It is as follows:

"Lately I have been on a campaigning tour in eastern S. C.—Charleston, Lake City, and Florence. You speak of some Smithfield people hearing me over the radio from Florence. I had a curious two hours in that city, Wednesday evening, December 19th. I came up from Lake City about 6:30 p. m. I found the hotel crowded, and was unable to get a room. I was at the desk trying to reach some friends on the phone, when two pistol shots rang out upstairs. A woman screamed, and I heard strange sounds in the hall above. Then a man's body came hurtling down the stairway head foremost, and struck on the landing, stunned. I was almost alone in the lobby. I went to him and found a hot pistol lying by his body. He was bleeding like a hog from a wound in the head and was unconscious. The woman whose scream I heard had disappeared but at the head of the stairs in the hall a man lay on his face dying, shot through the heart and lungs. It was bloody business, and I got my hands and coat bloody helping to move the body to a stretcher. It is curious how rattled most men get—for I found myself the captain of a group that assembled, telling them what to do—forgetting that I was a stranger and 'a minister's son.'"

A half hour from then I was at the Baptist church witnessing a wedding—beautiful women, music, candles; life and love and sweetness. In another half hour I was in the big tabernacle where the George Stephens revival was in progress. Three thousand people were present. In a few minutes the singer, Harry Clarke, and others knew I was present in the audience, and came to me saying that Stephens was suddenly ill and had been taken to his room, and that I must save the situation and preach. Fool for boldness that I am, I went to it. The Lord singularly honored his word and the people said it was the greatest meeting of the six weeks. Seventy-five came forward, including two fallen women of the street and a leading citizen. That was the sermon heard over the radio. In two hours, from 7 to 9, I had boxed the compass.

I am continually remembering my happy visit to Smithfield and in your home. Josephus Daniels wrote me another letter the other day in which he said nice things of what some Smithfield citizen had told him about my preaching in Smithfield."

## "THE FLAPPER GRANDMOTHER"

A three act musical comedy entitled "The Flapper Grandmother" is being rehearsed by local talent and will be presented at the high school auditorium next Tuesday evening. The play, which is being given under the auspices of the Woman's Club, is full of laughs and thrills and promises a delightful evening for those who attend. Peppy music and attractive costumes will add to the presentation. Several choruses will feature the program.

## MEADOW DISTRICT CARRIES ELECTION

Delegation Will Visit Schools of County Before Selecting Plan for Building.

A \$35,000 BOND ISSUE

After three attempts that failed, Meadow Consolidated School District No. 2 carried its school election on December 23rd by a good majority. The two districts which had consolidated with Meadow were Glenwood and Sandy Grove. The vote in December was on a \$35,000 bond issue and there were 231 votes cast for the bond issue and 42 against.

It has not been yet determined what type of building will be erected at Meadow but sometime this week a party of patrons and friends of the school will make a tour of the county, visiting each type of school that has been erected. It is probable that some school buildings in adjoining counties will also be visited. The patrons are desirous of building the best school possible with the proceeds of the bond issue. The contract will be let as soon as plans can be decided upon, and if the work is rushed it is hoped that the new building may be used next November.

The school at Meadow now employs seven teachers and there is need for another teacher but there is not room. Only seven grades are taught this year. Last year there were sixty-five in high school, and four completed the eleventh grade. Upon the completion of the new building high school work will be resumed.

The decision to build a school at Meadow leaves only one other section of the county without high school facilities. Pleasant Grove needs a new building.

## Class 1921 Has Reunion

On Tuesday evening, December 30th the class of 1921 of the Smithfield High School enjoyed a reunion dinner party, eight members out of ten being present on this occasion. The dinner which was served in five courses, was given at the May-San Tea Room, and Mr. Benton Wharton, president of the class of 1921, was master of ceremonies. Features of the evening were the reading of the Last Will and Testament and the Class Prophecy. A significant fact in regard to this class is that six out of the ten members will graduate from college this spring, while two are Juniors. Those present at the reunion were: Misses Margaret Lee Austin, Jean Abell, Lucile Cotter, Margaret LeMay; Messrs. Kenneth Coats, Edgar Watson, Marvin Woodall, and Benton Wharton. Members of the class not present are: Miss Frances Burton Crewes, of Oxford, and Mrs. John White Ives.

## Double Marriage

Mr. Lester Langston, of Dunn, and Miss Alice Britt, of Bentonville township, surprised their friends on Monday, December 29th, by going to Bennettsville, South Carolina, where they were married. Mr. Langston is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Langston, of Bentonville township, while the bride is the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cub Britt, also of Bentonville township.

At the same time Mr. Willie Flowers and Miss Pauline Best were married. The bridegroom, aged 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Flowers, of this city, and the bride, aged 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Best, of Wayne County.

## PASTOR ACCEPTS WORK

AT PISGAH AND SHILOH  
Rev. S. S. McGregor, of Davis, has accepted the pastorate at Pisgah Baptist church and at Shiloh. The new pastor will preach twice each month on the first and third Sunday at Pisgah. On second Sunday he will preach at Shiloh. Work for the fourth Sunday is still to be supplied. He preached his first sermon at Pisgah last Sunday, having arrived on the field the previous Wednesday.

Oa, in Scotland, is said to be the town with the shortest name.—Dearborn Independent.

## HOOVER PREDICTS VERY GOOD YEAR

Finds Big Assurance of World Peace and Economic Stability.

RUSSIA, CHINA SORE SPOTS

Washington, Jan. 3.—In a survey of the economic prospects for 1925, Secretary Hoover today stated there were to be found more assurance of economic stability for the future and more promise of peace than at any time for many years. Forces at home and abroad, he said, showed progress toward prosperity.

He discussed domestic and foreign economic and financial situations. In the United States the recovery of agriculture was among the outstanding developments of 1924. This had been accomplished by expansion in other industries along some lines without undue inflation or serious speculative activities. Wages had remained stable around 100 per cent, above pre-war figures, while living costs were about 72 per cent. above pre-war time. Labor thus enjoying the highest wage in its history.

At the end of 1924 industrial production was at practically the same level as a year ago, and the railroads had recovered to a point where they were equal to any burden which might be thrown on them.

As to foreign commerce, the United States was in a strongly entrenched position and was the only one of the large combatant nations that had recovered its foreign trade to a point considerably above the pre-war level.

The sore spot, in Mr. Hoover's opinion, are Russia, which has failed to make satisfactory progress away from Bolshevism, and China, which has been disturbed by civil war. A part of Europe, he thinks, is dangerously over-armed. A steady improvement on the Continent is forecast with the successful operation of the Dawes Plan.

## Prevent Tobacco Disease By Beginning in Time

Oxford, Jan. 3.—Tobacco growers in Eastern Carolina will soon be getting their plant beds ready. The cost of producing an acre of tobacco is too great not to look after certain important details when planting the seed.

"The first thing to be considered is good seed," says H. A. McGhee, extension specialist in tobacco growing for State College. "If we do not get good plants our chance for success is slim. The variety has more to do with this success than many growers believe. One tobacco is fine for rich soils while others will grow best on thin soils. Every effort should be made to get the variety that does best in a given locality."

"Control leaf disease by planting disease-free seed and do not introduce disease into the bed. Make the bed away from danger from diseased soil. Weeds along ditch banks carry diseases and all weedy locations should be avoided. Burning as ordinarily done will not entirely destroy the harmful germs."

"Plant only the right kind of seed and have them clean and free from disease germs. The hull of the tobacco seed is so hard and smooth that it is possible to treat the seed to make them absolutely clean. The expense is slight. Angular leafspot, wildfire and other leaf diseases are very destructive to the quality and quantity of the leaf. Mosaic is a disease little known by tobacco farmers, yet it causes considerable damage. This mosaic is generally called 'Waterlool' and is thought to be caused by wet weather. This is a great error. It simply does not show up unless the season is unfavorable. If mosaic is present the tobacco will not produce as it should."

Mr. McGhee urges farmers this year to take up with the county agents the matter of treating the tobacco seed and planting in disease-free beds.

## Kiwanis Club To Hold Special Business Meet

There will be a special business meeting of the Kiwanis Club in the Woman's Club Room tonight at 7:30. The meeting is called for the proposal of names and classification of prospective new members for the coming year. It is earnestly desired by the new President of the Club that all active members be present. The regular semimonthly meeting will be held Thursday of this week at 6:30 p. m.

## Yardmaster Edens Drops Dead at Selma

Selma, Jan. 4.—The death of Mr. Edens came as a great shock to Selma people this afternoon when the news passed from lip to lip that Mr. Jim Edens had died of apoplexy at 5:30 o'clock.

He was in his usual good health and spirits today and had taken a friend out for a drive. Just as they neared the Selma Cotton Mills he made a peculiar noise, and fell forward on his steering wheel. Dr. Geo. D. Vick was summoned at once and was soon on the spot but found life extinct.

Mr. Edens held a very responsible position with the Southern Railway Company as General Agent and Yardmaster for Selma, and had held this position continuously for the past 26 years. He was 55 years old. The body will be taken to Red Springs his old home for interment. Surviving are his widow and two children.

## Interesting Contest At Wedding Reception

An interesting contest that provoked much laughter was a feature of the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Thurston for Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Mizzelle upon the occasion of their marriage in Clayton Christmas evening. Each guest was asked to name an adjective and these were to be used in a write-up of the wedding. The following is the result of contest, the adjectives being printed in black type:

"At six o'clock on the ludicrous evening of Christmas Day there was ridiculously solemnized an exhilarating wedding in the sumptuous Clayton Baptist church. The church was tackily decorated in white and green in a cross-eyed manner. The spooky scene was made more hideous by the magnanimous glow of many candles. The blooming Bridal Chorus from Lo-hengrin was crazily sung by ten young girls dressed in palpitating white dresses. A chubby solo was brassily rendered by Mrs. Warren McCullers. The wedding march was knottily played in a most ugly manner by Miss Louise Young. The dainty ushers preceded the modest bridal party to the altar. All the men in the par- awful in dress suits. Mes-

dames Bunn, Barbee and Steger were ramsidedously gowned in pink-checked creations. Miss Thurston, the super-tuneless bride, Miss Jessie Thurston's sister of the bride, was unrelenting in a charming ombre zoreen, entered on the arm of her unbearable father and was given to the groom, the beautiful Mr. Clyde Mizzelle in an unpardonable creation of white beaded chiffon over satin. Margaret Bunn, a very elegant little girl, bore the ring on a horrible white satin pillow. A wonderful ceremony was performed by Rev. C. A. Jenkins, in a most handsome manner, after which the entire cute bridal party went to Mrs. Thurston's to a cranky reception.

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## BUSY TIME AHEAD IN STATE CAPITAL

"Advance Guard" of General Assembly On Scene; Preparations About Complete.

WILL CONVENE WEDNESDAY

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—With state department heads whipping their recommendations for additional legislation into shape and the arrival of the advance guard" of the approaching session of the General Assembly, the capital city is looking forward to a busy time this winter.

The capitol building has been completely renovated since the regular session of the General Assembly in 1923 and the work of setting in order the legislative halls, committee rooms and other working quarters for the solons and their little army of employees is well advanced, so that the preparations will be more nearly complete in every detail than in a long, long time, when the representatives of the "dear pee-pul" assemble on Wednesday of this week for a sixty-day sojourn in the state capital.

The new electric lighting equipment, the ventilating system and other improvements for the comfort and convenience of the members are all practically completed and the finishing touches in cleaning and dusting are under way. In a word, the capitol is dressed for the occasion as it has never been before in the memory of the present generation. "It is a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

The sub-station postoffice that the Raleigh postmaster has provided for the accommodation of the legislature the past several sessions will be set up again in the west ring corridor between the two legislative halls, and will be adequately manned during the session for the convenience of the members. In the language of former Senator Basset, of Nash, this has come to be an "urgent necessity."

The legislature will lose little time in getting started. The election of Representative Edgar W. Pharr, of Mecklenburg, to the speakership seems to be a foregone conclusion and he will doubtless announce the House committees immediately after taking the chair. The Lieutenant Governor, who is President of the Senate, has stated that he will be ready with his committees on the very first day of the session. Frank D. Hackett, of Wilkes, and Alex Lassiter, of Bertie, will be continued as principal clerks of the Senate and House respectively, no opposition having developed to either of them.

The State Constitution provides that the General Assembly shall convene in biennial session on Wednesday after the first Monday in January, which this year falls on the 7th day of the month.

On Tuesday following it is incumbent upon a committee, composed of senators and representatives, to canvass the vote cast for Governor and other state officers at the last general election and declare the result in a joint session of the two branches of the Assembly. Tuesday, the 13th, will witness this canvass, and the inauguration of the new Governor is likely to occur on the day following.

The inaugural ceremonies of Governor-elect A. W. McLean will be directed by a committee of the House and Senate and local organizations. The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce has selected the following committee to co-operate with the legislative General Albert L. Cox, chairman; former Judge J. Crawford Biggs; Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of State College; Mrs. Josephus Daniels; Paul B. Hulfish; Frank H. Jeter, and Robt. F. Phillips.

The usual custom on such occasions will be followed. Mr. McLean will be met by these committees at the inaugural and escorted to the Governor's Mansion, where he will be received by the outgoing executive, who will accompany him to the city auditorium in which the inaugural ceremonies are to be held, including the installation of the newly elected

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