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## Decision Pending In Regard to Holding County Fair Again

Directors to Meet In An Adjourned Session Saturday Afternoon, May 9.

### WANT PEOPLES SENTIMENT

The matter of holding a county fair again is up for consideration at this time, a directors meeting held yesterday resulting in an adjourned session set for Saturday afternoon, May 9, at which time the matter will be settled.

It will be recalled that rain last year at the beginning of fair week contributed to a deficit of about a thousand dollars which the premium winners were forced to lose at least temporarily. There is a sentiment on the part of some that the fair should be continued, certainly another year, in an effort to make good the due bills which were issued to the premium winners. Some are of the opinion that if the fair is dropped for one year that it will mean the death of the fair organization.

On the other hand there are those who feel that it will be a mistake to hold the fair again in the same place. The lease on the fair property has expired and it has been necessary to rent. This naturally prohibits the placing of any permanent equipment on the fair grounds, and the old buildings are considered rather inadequate for worth while exhibits of farm produce and live stock. The present site is low and in case of rain as last year, the mud is a handicap not to be overlooked.

The board of directors is loath to give up having a county fair and yet the prospect is not good for continuing it under apparent difficulties. It is the desire of the directors to have an expression from a large number of people as to the best thing to do before the meeting Saturday week.

The directors, any one of whom will welcome an opinion on the subject, are as follows: Dr. R. J. Noble, Selma; C. M. Wilson, Wilson's Mills; J. Rufus Creech, Smithfield, Route 2; R. A. Wellons, J. H. Woodall, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, E. S. Edmundson and H. C. Woodall, Smithfield.

The meeting Saturday, May 9, will be held in the commissioners room at the court house and will be called to order promptly at five o'clock.

Mr. R. A. Wellons, former secretary of the Fair Association, who has since moved his residence to Charlotte, will not be a candidate for re-election as secretary, but there are others who will undertake the fair either under the same circumstances should it seem best to continue it as last year or under any new arrangement that may be devised. Mr. J. A. Narron has been prominently mentioned for secretary and also Mr. W. D. Avera.

### Governor Appoints Republicans

Raleigh, April 29.—The Governor has kept his word in declaring some weeks ago that members of the minority party would not be ignored in official appointments. Republicans, he said, were excluded from membership on the Budget Commission because he considered the Democratic party responsible for the fiscal policy of the State. In naming board members during the week three republicans were recognized. They are: ex-Judge E. W. Timberlake, Wake Forest; Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Winston-Salem and ex-Judge W. S. O'B Robinson, Goldsboro. They go on the Hospital for the Colored Insane at Goldsboro, Teachers College for Negroes at Winston-Salem and the State Hospital at Raleigh. Editor Santford Martin, of the Winston-Salem Journal, is appointed a director of the State School for the Blind and Deaf, Raleigh. He is a Democrat of the Jeffersonian type.

### The Wood In Your Newspaper

Every person who buys a twenty-four page newspaper for two cents cuts out of the forests of the United States or Canada a block of wood two inches high, three inches wide and four inches long.

With the help of a paper mill a cord of wood informs 3,600 people of the days news.—Washington Times.

### Awaits Chair



Wm. Cavilier, 15, of Pottsville, Pa., convicted of slaying his grandmother and sentenced to be electrocuted this week, is at last remorseful, as this last photo shows.

## COUNTY COUNCIL TO MEET SATURDAY

The members of the County Council of Home Demonstration work will hold their regular meeting in the Commissioners room of the Court house tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Miss Helen Estabrook, Clothing Specialist for North Carolina, will be present and give a demonstration in children's clothing. Miss Mary Yates of the State Library Commission will also be present at this meeting and will be ready to give information concerning circulating libraries.

### AN AXE-IDENT

There was a young salesman, named Phipps, Who married on one of his trips A widow named Block, But he got quite a shock, When he found there were six little chips.

## NEW SPEED LAW IN EFFECT TODAY

Greensboro, April 29.—Friday, May 1st, the new automobile law permitting 35 miles per hour on the highways of North Carolina will become effective. The new law, according to C. W. Roberts, vice-president of the Carolina Motor Club, which organization sponsored the increased speed, raises the limit by 5 miles and defines the residential sections of cities and towns. The limit in business sections is raised from 10 miles to 12 miles per hour and retains the regulation of 20 miles per hour in built-up residential sections.

"No section of the state highway shall be constituted a built-up residential section, whether within or without the corporate limits of a city or town, if there are not more than eight houses on either side of the road continuously for 1000 feet," is the construction of Mr. Roberts. "Fifteen miles per hour is permitted while passing churches or schools—but this is only effective when people are leaving or entering the grounds. At other times, 35 miles is permissible.

"When the driver's view is obstructed for one hundred feet before he reaches intersection, and two hundred feet on the intersection road, he shall slow down to 15 miles. If he can view both roads as designated, he may travel the full 35 miles provided by law. Only 15 miles is permitted when the driver is traversing curves or corners of the road unless he can view the highway for 300 feet.

"Another interesting feature of the bill is the ruling against misuse of signal devices. Open muffler cut-outs, exhaust whistles or horns are considered objectionable devices. The law is more explicit and makes possible a complete understanding by all motorists. It is uniform with many other states and will save many motorists the fine being imposed by operators of so called speed traps."

## BENSON NOMINATES A SECOND TICKET

Citizens Convention Selects Ticket to Oppose Men Named In a Previous Convention

### NEW TICKET IS MIXED

Benson, April 28.—What was termed a citizens convention was held in the Convention hall of the First National Bank building Thursday evening of last week. P. B. Johnson called the meeting to order. I. O. Farmer was elected chairman and Alonzo Parrish, secretary.

The following persons were placed in nomination: Mayor, Jesse M. Britt nominated by P. B. Johnson and who was nominated by acclamation there being no opposition; Commissioners, Alonzo Parrish, nominated by Ezra Parker; James E. Wilson, nominated by J. B. Faircloth; Moses Peacock, nominated by Preston Woodall; H. O. Dixon, nominated by Joe McLamb; Charlie Johnson, nominated by A. B. Hudson. When the vote was taken the following were declared the nominees for commissioners on a citizens ticket: Alonzo Parrish, James E. Wilson, Henry Langdon and Moses Peacock.

A Democratic convention had been previously held in the Farmers Commercial Bank building and a town ticket nominated. The citizens ticket includes both Democrats and Republicans.

## MAYO BAILEY GETS GOOD APPOINTMENT

Former Smithfield Man is Appointed Assistant Corporation Commissioner.

### GRADUATE OF U. N. C.

Corporation Commissioner Maxwell, who was recently designated Blue Sky Commissioner by Governor McLean, has appointed Representative I. M. Bailey, of Onslow, as assistant in the supervision of this work. Mr. Bailey will receive a salary of \$4,500. He will act as attorney and counsel for the entire department, in addition to aiding Commissioner Maxwell in handling the Blue Sky problems. The appointee is considered fully qualified for the duties he is undertaking.

Mr. Bailey is well known in Smithfield, his native town, and his friends here will learn with interest of his appointment as assistant Corporation Commissioner. He is the son of the late J. R. Bailey of this city.

Mr. Bailey is a graduate of the state university and has been practicing law at Jacksonville, N. C., since 1917. He has been county attorney of Onslow county and was an active member of the last general assembly. He expects to move his family to Raleigh in the near future. His wife is a daughter of former Sheriff Thompson, of Chowan county, and they have four children.

## Dr. H. G. Roberts, Fatally Injured in Airplane Fall, Told of Mistake

Raleigh, April 28.—Senator John R. Baggett, of Harnett teacher and long time friend of Dr. H. G. Roberts, who died today as the result of a fall in his airplane near Coats, declares that before his death Dr. Roberts recovered consciousness and told how the accident occurred.

Today army aviators from Fort Bragg, having gathered second hand the facts brought from Dr. Roberts, illustrated the fall and men who saw the dead physician in his last flight say the reproduction was perfect. Dr. Roberts told Mrs. Roberts and his mother that he made the mistake and the accident was in no way attributable to the machinery. He told them that after he had gone a short distance in the air he determined to try a "bank" and discovered that he was too near the ground. When the

machine dived it shot to earth so quickly that he could not recover it.

The army men did the same thing today but when 500 feet into the air before they attempted it. Pictures were taken and all facts gathered to give the fliers the benefit of conditions which produced the wreck.

The Harnett physician was regarded among the most popular men in the county. "When he is buried tomorrow," Mr. Baggett said, "there will be the biggest crowd that ever attended a funeral in that county. I taught Dr. Roberts and from the very first I saw in him more than an ordinary man. He was a splendid physician and a fine citizen. He was also a fine flier but made the mistake which has cost so many lives in this business."

## LOCALS LOSE TO WILSONS MILLS

Wilson's Mills pounded Honeycutt and Adams rather freely Wednesday and won by the score of 4-3.

Smithfield drew first blood in the second inning, when they scored their three runs. Wilson's Mills came back strong and tied the score in their part of the third. The score was tied up to the seventh inning, when Wilson's Mills scored their one point. But for miscues on the part of Wilson's Mills the Smithfield lads would have been "goose-egged."

Heavy hitting and several double plays on the part of the Mill lads was the feature of the game.

Batteries: Honeycutt, Adams and Adams; Uzzle, Liles and Tomlinson.

### MR. W. WILEY STRICKLAND DIES AT FOUR OAKS HOME

Mr. W. P. Massengill, of Four Oaks, was in the city Wednesday and qualified as administrator on the estate of Mr. W. Riley Strickland. Mr. Strickland died on Wednesday, April 22, at his home about a mile of Four Oaks after an illness of a week. He was taken with an attack of acute indigestion. He was buried Thursday afternoon, April 23, at the old family burying ground, Rev. J. A. Ivey, pastor of the Four Oaks Baptist church, conducting the burial service. The deceased was about 45 years old. He leaves a wife and eight children.

## RECORDERS COURT HAS LIGHT DOCKET

The following cases were tried and disposed of here Tuesday in Recorder's court:

State vs Albert Spencer, charged with gambling. The defendant was found guilty. Judgment suspended upon the payment of costs.

State vs Frazier Williams, gambling. Judgment suspended upon the payment of costs.

State vs Joe Hall, charged with gambling and possession of whiskey. Defendant was taxed with the costs in both cases.

State vs Needham Davis, gambling. Guilty; judgment suspended upon the payment of costs.

State vs J. C. Bonner, resisting officer and assault. Guilty; given 90 days on roads and taxed with the costs.

### MR. CHAS. DAVIS PUTTING IN UNUSUAL LINE OF GOODS

Mr. Chas. Davis will leave tonight for New York and other northern markets where he will purchase an unusual line of dresses and dry goods. Among his purchases will be an attractive lot of graduation frocks. He has recently received a lot of crepes and silks which he considers an unusually good buy.

What is believed to be the first observatory for avalanches has been erected in the province of Stiermark

### By Air To Pole



Donald B. McMillan is hurriedly making final preparations for polar explorations and a flight to the North Pole this summer in a U. S. Navy plane. The millions of square miles of waste lands between Alaska and the pole will be explored, motion pictures taken and a mapping machine operated.

## NEGRO KILLED BY AN AUTOMOBILE

An automobile driven by C. N. Erwin, of Durham, ran down a negro, Alex Blalock, near Clayton Sunday night, injuring the negro to such an extent that he died by the time he reached the hospital.

According to a telephone message from Clayton, Blalock was walking along the highway in company with a boy, Mr. Erwin, accompanied by R. L. Blake, was driving toward Clayton. The lights from a car headed for Raleigh blinded Erwin so that he failed to see the negro pedestrian until too late. Both eye witnesses state that the accident was unavoidable. The boy walking with Blalock stated that just a few minutes before the man was struck, he had warned him to get off the pavement and walk on the dirt road, but was shut up with the request to mind his own business.

Mr. Erwin picked the wounded negro up and rushed him to a hospital in Raleigh, but he died about the time he reached the hospital. Blalock had been living in Wilders township. He leaves a wife and several children.

## HUBERT GAINNEY SLOWLY IMPROVES

Dunn, April 29.—The condition of Hubert Gainney, Johnston county youth, who was seriously burned, is alleged, by two other young white men of the same community, is gradually improving. He was recently brought to the Dunn Community hospital and though it has been six weeks since he was burned, he is yet far from recovery. His back, left arm, breast and abdomen were burned to a crisp. It is likely that new skin will have to be grafted on his back before it heals.

Mann and Marion Thornton, arrested on the charge of holding the youth over a burning stump, inflicting the horrible burns, have been released from the Johnston county jail under a \$2,000 bond each. Young Gainney has suffered intense pain as a result of his experience. However, he is cheerful and looks forward to the time when he will again be able to get around. So far he can hardly bear to be moved.

### Pine Level Revival.

The revival services at the Pine Level Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Russel C. White, of Clayton, are growing in interest. The people are becoming more and more interested in the strong gospel sermons Mr. White is preaching. The meeting will continue the most of next week, services at 3 and 8 p. m.

Mr. White will preach at Hepzibah Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### CHOIR PRACTICE TONIGHT

Choir practice will be held at the Presbyterian church this evening at 7:45 o'clock. A full attendance is urged.

A winery in California has 2,500,000 gallons of dry and sweet wines aging in casks awaiting a change in the dry law.

## PRIZES OFFERED FOR DRESSMAKING

Carolinas Exposition Offers \$250 In Gold for Best Dress Designed and Made. Other Prizes.

### OPEN TO THE CAROLINAS

Charlotte, April 29.—Two hundred and fifty dollars in gold as a sweepstakes prize for best dress designed and made by any girl or woman in the Carolinas, with an additional one hundred in gold as first prize in the class, is the lure held out by Carolinas Exposition officials this year to the women and girls of the Carolinas. The contest is inaugurated to stir a new interest in the almost lost art of individual designing and dressmaking in the home, and the Carolinas Exposition Company is offering a total in cash prizes of over one thousand dollars, in addition to many other valuable prizes offered by Carolina banks, stores and factories.

The contest has the active backing of the state departments of education, and this week Superintendent A. T. Allen, of North Carolina, is issuing a proclamation to every school in the state, urging the girls and teachers to take a hand in this contest.

Not only the educational departments, but the Farm and Home Demonstration Bureaus of both states are actively behind the contest, this meaning that forty thousand girls enrolled in Farm Demonstration Clubs will be solicited to participate. It is also expected that women's clubs and other organizations of women will take active part.

Attending the conference in Charlotte, in addition to J. Norman Pease, chairman of the style contest committee of the Exposition company, and other Exposition officials were Edmond Fairchilds, representing the Fairchilds Publications of New York, Miss Lonnie Landrum, Director State Home Demonstration Work for South Carolina, with headquarters at Winthrop College; Miss Katharine Moran, representing the State Home Economics Division, state department of Education of North Carolina; Miss Lillian Creighton, district supervisor of the North Carolina Home Demonstration Department, and others. Each of these heads of important departments expressed greatest enthusiasm over the good which this contest will result in to women of the state.

In North Carolina alone there are twenty thousand girls enrolled in the Home Demonstration Clubs, and under Miss Landrum in South Carolina there are about the same number. In the Home Economics Division of North Carolina there are over seven thousand girls studying home economics in the schools with a larger number of women engaged in other phases of the department's activity.

The heads of these departments propose to urge their full membership to join actively in this contest.

The outstanding feature of the Made-In-Carolinas Exposition this Fall will be a Fabrics and Fashions display, participated in by some of America's greatest exponents of the art designing, and the contest will terminate with the awarding of many prizes during the Exposition.

The contest is in two departments. That for women over eighteen provides for prizes of one hundred dollars first, fifty dollars, second, and other valuable prizes in the third class, viz. For best designed street costume, best designed afternoon dress and best designed evening dress. In the other class open to girls under eighteen, the prizes are the same in three classes as follows: Best designed street dress; best designed party dress, best designed afternoon dress. In addition there is a grand sweepstakes prize of \$250, open to both classes for best designed dress of either of the types defined.

Judges of national reputation in the world of style and design will pass the awards, and plans are being made by the exposition to have those entering this contest wear their dresses in afternoon and evening style

About the best cure for a swelled head is a dose of common sense.—The Progressive Grocer.