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## FEW OLD SOLDIERS ATTEND EXERCISES

Hon. E. W. Pou Makes Memorial Day Address at Service Held at Cemetery Saturday

### VETS GUESTS AT DINNER.

The Sanders-Holt Chapter of the U. D. C. was sponsor to the Memorial Day services held at the cemetery on Saturday morning at eleven o'clock. A few of the people of Smithfield, with a small remnant of the old veterans were present.

Mr. F. H. Brooks was asked by the Daughters to take charge of the service, which was opened by singing that old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." Rev. A. J. Parker of the Methodist church, made the opening prayer, which was very beautiful and touching, in the allusion to the heroes of the '60's.

Hon. E. W. Pou, Congressman from this district, was then presented by Mr. Brooks and delivered a very beautiful and touching tribute to the "Lost Cause" and the heroes who died for the cause as well as those present who fought for it but escaped death. Mr. Pou's address was very touching and he concluded his remarks as follows:

"My friends, the people of the South will always cherish the memory of the men who fought in the great struggle. Upon this little band gathered here today, we pour the full measure of our affection and our gratitude. You and those who fought with you made up this grand army of human life. You rest under the blessing of the women of the South bestowed upon you like a benediction from heaven.

"Survivors of the Confederacy, whatever have been your hardships in this life, whatever dissensions shall divide men your devotion to your great leader commands that you shall remain brethren. Only a few of you are left. Call the roll; the great majority answer not. Year by year your ranks are decimated by the pitiless blade of time. Upon the evening sky of your lives the finger of your dead comrade writes in letters of blood, 'Confederate Soldiers are brethren.' When the last one of this little band shall cross over the river to rest under the shade of the tree of life, God grant that upon the other shore you may find every one of your comrades, gathered here today, marching in a mighty column, commanded by the great Captain, with footsteps keeping pace to the music of the Eternal Morn!"

After the speaking, the veterans were conveyed by automobiles to the spacious lawn of Mrs. W. M. Sanders where a delightful dinner was served to the veterans, their wives and widows, and was greatly enjoyed to the fullest extent. There were only 15 of the old veterans present this year, the average being 80 years and three months. Some of the veterans seemed very feeble in body and yet their spirits were as young as in '60, as they sat around the table and talked of days gone by. The list of the veterans present is as follows: Simeon Massey, Alfred Richardson, P. B. Langdon, Robert Strickland, E. F. Adams, W. R. Massengill, B. T. Long, Joseph Crocker, J. T. Barham, H. F. Peedin, S. Rains, A. Jack Ellis, Ransom Batten C. H. Benson and C. R. Tomlinson.

Eggs are valuable as a food because they contain protein, fat, minerals and vitamins in a readily digestible form. According to Dr. B. F. Kaupp of State College they approach closely to being a perfect food.

### DENTAL CLINICS FOR JOHNSTON COUNTY

Dr. C. C. Massey, County Health Officer, informs us that he has secured from the State Health Department, without cost to the county, and for a period of possibly three months, a dentist for the benefit of the school children. Dr. Massey plans to have dental clinics that will be in reach of every section of the county. He will make further announcements at an early date.

## FIRE RUINS STOCK VARA L. SMITH CO.

Loss Is Estimated To Be Above \$10,000; Only Partly Covered By Insurance.

### ORIGIN OF FIRE UNKNOWN

The stillness of Sunday afternoon was broken about three o'clock when the fire siren sounded, calling the fire department to the business section of town, the dry goods store of Vara L. Smith and Company being on fire. The fire which caught in the rear of the building, was soon extinguished but the big stock of goods was badly damaged by smoke and water.

The fire was discovered in a unique manner. The telephone of the Vara L. Smith Co. registered a call in the Telephone Exchange and the operator on duty, Miss Lucy Mathis, knew that there was trouble of some sort. She called the residence of Miss Smith and told her something must be wrong, but before she could reach the store, Lina Smith, a colored woman who lived nearby called the operator to turn in the fire alarm. It is thought the telephone receiver melted from the heat of the fire causing the phone to register in the exchange.

The proprietors are at a loss to explain the cause of the fire. It is understood that someone went to the store early Sunday morning and turned off the light which is left burning each night, and everything was all right. The loss, which is estimated at above \$10,000, is partly covered by insurance.

## Former Smithfield Man Is Held Up

Mr. T. R. Cole, who formerly held a position with the Creech Drug Company of this city but who is now with the Bilbro Drug Company of Asheville, was held up at the point of a pistol by an unmasked bandit in the drug store Tuesday night about 10:15 o'clock. The bandit got away with \$20, according to reports which reached here yesterday. Later in the week Mr. Cole identified W. L. Greydon, of Anderson, S. C., in the police station as the bandit.

Mr. Gordon Wilcox, of the Merrimon Avenue Pharmacy, another clerk who was held up at the point of a pistol on Wednesday night declares that Greydon is the man that robbed him. An employee of the Gulf Refining Station, which was recently robbed also pointed Greydon out as the thief.

## CHAS. H. HOLT RE-ELECTED MAYOR OF PRINCETON

Princeton, May 6.—The town election May 5th, resulted in the re-election of Chas. H. Holt for mayor, Dr. B. L. Aycock, L. D. Mitchell, C. G. Holt and P. H. Joyner for commissioners. There were two independent tickets in the race in addition to the above regular ticket nominated by the town mass meeting.

There was a very strong effort made to defeat the nominee ticket. Possibly the largest vote ever polled in the town was recorded. Nearly every registered voter came out and voted.

### New Town Board Organizes

The new town board met Friday night and elected part of the town officers. Mr. W. L. Fuller was re-elected city clerk, and Mr. C. V. Johnson will serve again as treasurer. The selection of a chief-of-police and town attorney was deferred until a later meeting.

The following organization of the board was effected: W. F. Grimes, Street Commissioner; N. B. Grantham, Water and Light Commissioner; J. D. Underwood and R. P. Holding, Finance Committee; Dr. Thel Hooks, Sanitary Commissioner; W. H. Lassiter, Fire and Fire Inspection; W. D. Hood, Public Buildings and Grounds.

A college paper prints the bill tendered by a Chinese truck driver: "Ten comes, 10 goes, at 50 cents."

## MOTHERS DAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Baptist Pastor Delivers Sermon Appropriate to Occasion; Music Is Also In Keeping

### PROF. COLLIER COBB HERE

Mother's Day was observed at all the Sunday schools here yesterday, and the one preaching service in the city did honor to the day. Owing to the illness of Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Methodist church, no service was held at that church either morning or night, and it not being the regular day for preaching at the other churches, the congregations of the town worshipped at the Baptist church.

Rev. S. L. Morgan delivered a very appropriate discourse at the eleven o'clock hour emphasizing the responsibility that is placed upon mothers and citing instances of the influence that mothers exert over their children. The music was also appropriate to the occasion. Mr. A. M. Calais singing "Little Mother of Mine" for the offertory and Miss Helene Ives and Mr. Calais rendering a duet, "Mother's Way," as a part of the opening devotions.

At the evening hour, Prof. Collier Cobb, of the State University, showed pictures of China and gave interesting explanations as they were thrown on the screen. These scenes were taken by Prof. Cobb himself during a trip to the Orient, and his observations were original and informing. A large crowd filled the auditorium of the church. The lecture and pictures were a part of a missionary program sponsored by the missionary organizations of the church. An orchestra composed of a group of local boys took part in the music of the evening.

## WEEVIL CONTROL ON JOHNSTON CO. FARM

Attention is called to a cotton demonstration farm of 5 acres for the best cultural and weevil control methods developed to date on the farm of Mr. Snead Sanders, Route 1, Four Oaks, of this county.

This is one of the many hundreds of ocular cotton demonstration farms operated under the general supervision and co-operative support of the American Cotton Association. The Association is furnishing free to the operator full instructions for planting and culture, diary to keep to a record of the test and poison and machine to apply the same.

These demonstrations conducted all over the cotton belt for the past few years have proven to be very successful in weevil control and profitable yields of cotton have resulted. The purpose of the Campaign is to render substantial and effective aid in combatting the weevil menace.

Every cotton grower in the County is invited to visit and watch the methods of culture and weevil control employed and the results obtained at the end of the season.

### Pine Level Boys Defeat Micro Lads

Pine Level, May 8.—The Pine Level boys defeated the Micro boys in a slow but exciting game here recently. The first inning told the story. It seems that all the Pine Level boys could connect with the pill. Stafford's pitching and Oliver's catching were too much for the Micro boys, for they had the Micro boys eating out of their hands. The Micro boys got three hits to Pine Level's twenty.

The Pine Level boys took the game by the score of 19 to 4.

### Truth Crushed to Earth Will Rise

One of last year's law class took his first case a few weeks ago. His client was suddenly called out of town on business, and left instructions with his lawyer that the results of the case be wired to him as soon as possible.

The case, queer as it may seem, was won and the lawyer wired: "Right triumphs over wrong." Some minutes later a message came over a hot wire: "Appeal to the higher courts."—Rockingham Post-Dispatch.

## TO HOLD CO. FAIR AGAIN NEXT YEAR

J. A. Narron Is Chosen Secretary-Treasurer of the Fair For the Coming Year

### RENT GROUNDS FOR YEAR.

The Johnston County Fair is not dead. Enough members of the board of directors were present at a meeting held in the commissioners room of the court house Saturday afternoon to fan the spark of life that has been on the eaves of ebbing out for the past few months, and Mr. J. A. Narron was chosen to keep the fan going until the old time enthusiasm shall be bright once more. Mr. R. A. Wellons, who has been a director and also secretary-treasurer of the fair, resigned from the board having moved his residence to Charlotte, and Mr. Narron was elected in his place as director and also secretary-treasurer. The fair grounds will be in the hands of the Fair Association during the coming year except for the Negro Fair, all revenue derived therefrom with the one exception going into the treasury of the association.

The new secretary will soon have plans underway for the fair this fall, and it is the hope of the Association to take care of the expenses this year and also pay the premiums of last fall for which premium winners now hold due bills.

Those present at the meeting Saturday were: Dr. R. J. Noble, Messrs. E. S. Edmundson, R. A. Wellons, J. H. Woodall, H. C. Woodall and Mrs. T. J. Lassiter. The absent members of the board of directors were: Messrs. C. M. Wilson of Wilson's Mills and J. Rufus Creech of Smithfield, Route 2.

## UNION MEETING F. W. B. CHURCH WILSON

The first union meeting of the Free Will Baptist Western Conference will be held with Wilson Free Will Baptist church, Wilson county, on May 29-30-31. The following is the program for this meeting:

**FRIDAY**  
11 A. M. Introductory sermon by Rev. E. Posten.  
12 M. Dinner.  
1 to 1:30 P. M. Devotional service by Rev. W. G. Boykin.  
1:30 to 2 P. M. Remarks by Moderator, Rev. N. S. Lancaster.  
2 to 3 P. M. Business period.  
3 P. M. Adjournment.  
7:45 to 8 P. M. Devotional service.  
8 to 9 P. M. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Whitley.

**SATURDAY**  
9:30 to 10 A. M. Devotional service by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.  
10 to 11 A. M. Special lecture by Rev. R. F. Pittman, of Ayden.  
11 A. M. Special music by Branch Chapel choir.  
11:15 A. M. Sermon by Rev. W. M. Ferrell.  
12:15 Dinner.  
1:30 to 1:45 P. M. Song by audience. Special music by Branch Chapel choir. Invocation by Rev. N. D. Wiggs.  
1:45 to 3:30 P. M. Special music by Wilson church.  
4 P. M. Adjournment.  
7:45 to 8 P. M. Devotional service by Rev. S. H. Styron.  
8 P. M. Sermon by some visitor.  
9 P. M. Adjournment.

**SUNDAY**  
11 A. M. Opening service by Rev. J. A. Evans. Sermon by Rev. C. M. Johnson.

## ARGENTINA COTTON YIELD IS SMALL CONSIDERING ACREAGE

Washington, May 11.—The cotton crop now being picked in Argentina is estimated at 74,700 bales, the department of agriculture was advised today by the international institute of agriculture at Rome.

While this estimate is above the 68,800 bales reported for last year, the department said, it is small considering the area planted, which is estimated at 257,000 acres. The small yield is attributed to drought, leaf worm and locusts.

## CHRISTIAN ARMY CALLED TO BATTLE

Ham-Ramsey Organization Calls Upon the Christian Forces of County To Mobilize

### WEDNESDAY JUNE THIRD.

A clarion call is sounded by the Great Commander, our Lord Jesus Christ, for the "Army of the Lord" in Johnston county, and surrounding territory, to make ready for a great long siege of Satan's stronghold.

In command will be General Mordecai Fowler Ham, with Major W. J. Ramsey, and Lieutenant Earl S. Rogers, assisting. Captains A. J. Parker, S. L. Morgan, Walter B. Clark, Chester Alexander, H. R. Faircloth will be in command of local companies, while the numerous captains (preachers) will command their respective companies, and all are commanded to mobilize at the Armory, (Cooperative Tobacco Warehouse) in Smithfield on Wednesday night, June 3rd 1925, at 7:45 P. M., for orders and drill.

The allied army never faced as dangerous or treacherous foe in the late war as that which challenges the army of the Lord. We then fought for a world wide democracy and protection of human rights. We are now called upon to fight for universal human rights. We are now called upon to fight for universal christianity and protection of Divine rights. We are truly called upon to fight for our homes and firesides and our native land in this great conflict as we were in the late war. It is a question of whether God or Magog shall rule. On which side of the battle line will YOU be found?

More "battles of life" are won on the knees than with armies; therefore all "christian soldiers" are requested to pray earnestly from now until June 3rd that Our Great Commander, the Christ, will truly lead in the person of the Holy Spirit in this campaign and that a great victory may be won over the adversary of our Lord, and that His Kingdom may be established in our midst and throughout the world.

By order of the General in Command.

## MR. DONNELL WHARTON ON DEBATING TEAM

Friends of Mr. Donnell Wharton, who is attending Davidson College, will be glad to learn that the Varsity debating team of Davidson, of which he is a member, won over Wake Forest College in a debate which was held at Queens College, Charlotte, several days ago. The query was: Resolved, That Congress should be empowered to override by a two-thirds vote decisions of the Supreme Court which declare acts of Congress unconstitutional. The Davidson team upheld the negative side of the query and won over Wake Forest. "The Davidsonian" in commenting on the debate, spoke flatteringly of the presentation of Mr. Wharton's argument. Mr. Wharton is a Sophomore this year.

### The Dutiful Cow

In an out-of-the-way corner of a Boston graveyard stands a brown board showing the marks of age and neglect. It bears the inscription, "Sacred to the memory of Eben Harvey, who departed this life suddenly and unexpectedly by a cow kicking him on the 15th of September, 1853. Well done, thou good and faithful servant."—Sheridan (Wyo.) Post-Enterprise.

They were discussing ways and means of getting down off an elephant.

"Well, how do you get down?" asked Bob.

"You climb down, of course."

"No," replied his friend Tom.

"Well, you grease his sides and slide down," suggested the other.

"Wrong again," insisted Tom.

"Then you take a ladder if one is handy and get down," was the next suggestion.

"No."

"Well, you slide down on his trunk."

"No you donkey. You don't get down off an elephant. You get it off a duck."—Ex.

## HAPPENINGS IN STATE CAPITAL

Governor Holding Expense of State Within Income; Borglum Speaks at Meredith

### START DRIVE AGAINST VICE

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, May 11.—Governor McLean's announced determination to hold expenses of the State within its income was demonstrated in a practical manner last week when he issued a statement to all department heads regarding trimming their budgets. The Governor was on solid ground for he spoke facts. Outlining to each department and institution the allowances made for their support during the year, the Governor called attention to the fact that the State's income was falling behind anticipated collections and that as director of the budget, it was necessary to exercise the power vested in him to make the expenditures square with the income. His announcement means that unless income of the state shows a large increase, and this is approximately seven percent, for the fiscal year from July 1, 1925, to July 1, 1926.

The tragic effect of the failure of the Mattamuskeet Lake drainage project in Hyde county was emphasized during the week when the Department of Commerce issued a statement showing that farm lands in the county has decreased in value \$900,000 from 1920 through 1924. This is believed to have been largely caused by the overflow of Lake Mattamuskeet and the flooding of some of the most fertile land in the State. A contract recently has been let to a mid-west concern by which it is hoped to reclaim this land for agriculture by properly draining the area.

Gutzon Borglum came back into the Raleigh limelight with a speech at Meredith College in which he asserted North Carolina must take sides in the Stone Mountain controversy. He described what he had done and reviewed his split with the Monumental Association leading to his being dismissed. At the same time a State member of the Association stated that regardless of how much personal sympathy there might be in North Carolina for Mr. Borglum, it was necessary to close the ranks and go ahead and aid in completion of the memorial to the Confederacy which is being carved on Stone Mountain.

The Raleigh police started a drive against vice during the week when a list of the women engaged in immoral practices was obtained and they were told to "get out." There is no indication as to whether the drive will be a permanent proposition or merely another gesture such as is very often made for control of the "social evil."

Six physicians of Durham will go on trial here on May 25 in Federal Court for violating the Harrison anti-narcotic law. They were arrested recently in the Bull city when a drive was started there and in other North Carolina cities to clean out the evil.

The North Carolina Association of Optometrists will be in session here Wednesday and Thursday of this week. On Monday the American Association for the Study of Feeble Minded closed a four-day session here.

\$1,500,000 in schools equalizing funds will be divided here on June 1 among the counties of the state, it is announced by Superintendent of Public Instruction Allen. Sixty-seven counties will participate in the funds.

The new board of Caswell Training School met in Raleigh during the week to organize; it was announced that the new State equalizing board would meet probably on Monday May 11, and the Corporation Commission attended a hearing at Richmond on Freight Rates which lasted most of the week. It was Virginia's protest against certain rates of North Carolina and was heard by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

On Friday the Corporation Commission issued an order requiring all buses to inaugurate a system of checking baggage similar to that now in vogue on all public carriers. The amount of baggage carried shall not be greater than can safely be handled without causing inconvenience to passengers.