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The papers are taking care to publish the fact that W. O. Saunders, editor of the Elizabeth City Independent, has joined the church. Mr. Saunders is quoted as stating that when he united with the church it was not during a revival meeting, and no one fell on his neck and wept nor shouted hallelujah. One thing about the Christian religion is that it is adapted to the needs of individuals. However if Mr. Saunders has accepted Christ as his Savior as he joins the church, he has accepted the same Savior that causes other people to weep and shout his praises.

Dr. S. W. Hughes, religious leader of London, in an address made recently at Lake Junaluska, the Assembly grounds of the Southern Methodist church, declared that he was "neither a modernist nor a fundamentalist. We ought to get rid of these wretched adjectives," he told his Junaluska hearers. "They are doing more harm in religion than anything else. These superficial distinctions do a lot of harm. To think God's thoughts after Him is orthodox enough for me." We are rather of the opinion of Dr. Hughes. Creeds and beliefs will take care of themselves when people enthrone Christ in their hearts.

We read in a daily paper the other day that a large German manufacturing corporation capitalized at \$17,500,000, is contemplating erecting a plant for the manufacture of artificial silk, either in Virginia or North Carolina. We do not know what raw material is used for the artificial silk but we judge it is cotton. It would seem that the logical location for such an industry would be in the heart of cotton producing territory. If the promoters of this enterprise could see the crops in Johnston county, they would certainly be impressed that the raw material would be forth coming here. Johnston county needs some such enterprises, and we believe manufacturers would find in Johnston county ideal factory sites.

The Letter Box

AN APPRECIATION

During the past six years I have been in such close touch with the people of Johnston county in an official way that I cannot sever this relationship without feeling a sense of sorrow and regret. My work as Superintendent of Public Welfare has called me into hundreds of homes and has acquainted me with thousands of people. I have seen the people at their best and at their worst. The nature of the work has tried not only my soul but the souls of those whom I have worked. Some grievous mistakes have been made which no one regrets so much as I. But upon the whole I am severing my official relationship with the people of this county with the consciousness that it has been a worthwhile work.

The people upon the whole have rendered splendid co-operation, and it is due to this more than to any other condition that I have been able to perform the duties of this office so well as I have. I wish it were possible for me to give full credit for every act that the churches, the newspapers, the teachers, the institutions, the other county and state officials, and every single individual have done toward making every detail of the work a success. I wish it were possible that each could know how fully I appreciate their help.

There are several dependent and neglected children in the county for whom I have found temporary or

permanent homes. There are several families whose condition in life have been so ill that they have come within the scope of the welfare department. There are several disabled veterans of the World War in whose behalf I have labored for the benefits provided for them by the Veteran's Bureau. My work with these people has engendered a mutual friendship which I cherish very much. Much of that which we have helped to accomplish is still unfinished, and here lies the chief source of my regrets.

Finally, it is my intention to remain in the county. Time may come again when I may be of service to some of those I now must give up. Should that ever come to pass, I shall be happy in again devoting my energies in their behalf.

H. V. ROSE.

JOHNSTON COUNTY MEN MAKE GOOD

Friends of Messrs Cleveland and John Hawkins of Micro will be interested to learn that they are on the job in Georgia showing the folk in Thomas county how to grow tobacco. Men who are experts in growing and handling tobacco have impressed the people of that county to such an extent that B. C. Reese, the cashier of the Planters Bank in Pavo, Georgia, has written The Herald the following letter in regard to their work:

"It is with pleasure that we give you a little history of Cleveland and John Hawkins, of your county, who came here last fall to grow a crop of tobacco for Daniell Brothers of this place. We wish to express to their friends their community through the columns of your valuable paper, our unqualified endorsement of Hawkins Brothers as being the highest type of citizens, and men who know the tobacco game from beginning to end. They have unquestionably been worth very much to this county and community in giving advice in the most pleasant manner to all who were interested in the growing of tobacco. Tobacco experts who have visited their farm, and this means dozens have declared that they have one of the best crops of tobacco and of the best grade that has been grown in Thomas county."

COMMUNICATIONS SENT US MUST BE SIGNED

Again we have received an unsigned communication, and therefore necessarily it must be consigned to the waste basket. We regret to do this but the editor must know who sends in the items. Sometimes, though not often, what are meant to be jokes are played in such items, and the newspaper must know the author, even though his name is not published. We are glad to get news items from every section of the county and we hope you will be careful to enclose your name in the future.

Guest of Mr. Huntley.

Mr. J. W. Huntley, of Wadesboro, is spending a few days in the city the guest of his son, Mr. Walter J. Huntley.

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D. Carlton Stephenson as vice-chairman and Sam E. Hogwood as Adjutant and Finance officer. Dr. Hooks then took charge of the meeting. It was moved and seconded that dues be fixed at \$3.00 annually and moved and seconded that the first Tuesday

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night in each month be the regular meeting time for this post at 8:00 o'clock at the Armory. A call for members resulted in the following names as charter members:

Dr. Thel Hooks, D. Carlton Stephenson, Sam E. Hogwood, St. Julien L. Springs, E. L. Woodall, C. L. Stephenson, W. E. Parker, E. W. Gordon, W. E. Somers, D. W. Lambe, Four Oaks; Lewis Keene, Four Oaks; Roy R. Johnson, Four Oaks; Nathan Keene, Four Oaks; Luby F. Royall, Four Oaks; R. F. Smith, Smithfield; H. L. Johnson, Rev. J. S. Irvine, Daniel Jones, B. L. Jones, H. V. Rose, Charlie Fulghum, Selma.

Col. John Hall Manning was then called to the floor by Dr. Hooks and responded with a most interesting and intelligent explanation of the working plans of the American Legion, and the Legion Auxilliary which is the women's branch that this post will no doubt organize in the near future. Mr. Manning's message was warmly applauded after which a general discussion was held by members.

Col. Henry D. Styer, (USA Retired) now Instructor (Military) at Oak Ridge made a short talk on the Legion and his experiences during his 40 year continuous service with the American Army. His remarks were enjoyed by all present.

The organization of a local post of American Legion is something that has been hoped for here for a long time and beginning Wednesday night with 21 charter members it should be 75 or more within a week as there are a number of ex-service men in Selma, Kenly, Four Oaks, Benson, and other parts of the county all of whom are eligible to membership having had a part no matter how small in the recent war.

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which the State's prosecuting witness has suffered since the assault was made upon him this case has attracted considerable interest and many people from both Sampson and Johnston counties were present at the hearing. Solicitor Massey was assisted in the prosecution by C. L. Guy, of Dunn, and Col. E. S. Abel and H. V. Rose, of Smithfield. The defendants were represented by James Raynor, of Benson, and E. J. Wellons, of Smithfield.

Several cases on the criminal docket of the Recorder's Court were disposed of here last Tuesday.

The first case to go on trial was that of State vs Milo Byrd, white, charged with operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor. Not guilty and discharged.

Ronnie Hastings, a Selma negro, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs. Ed Smith, another negro, was in court on a similar charge and was adjudged to be guilty. He was likewise discharged upon suspended judgment and pay-

ment of costs. R. L. Sanders, negro, and C. W. Wiggs, white, both of Selma, were charged with passing worthless checks. The State failed to convict in both cases and the men were discharged.

J. D. Parker, a white man of the Benson section, was tried for violating the prohibition laws. Judgment, not guilty.

Earl and Julian Stephenson, white men of Cleveland township, who had the reputation of being old-timers in the moonshine business, were found guilty of violating the prohibition law and were sentenced to the road for 6 months. Both appealed to the superior court and were discharged under a \$300 bond.

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goods were found.

In the meantime four parties, three men and one woman had been arrested and were in the Perquimans county jail for a robbery of Towns and Chappel, a blind merchant living six miles from Hertford. They had given their names as Louis Powell of Durham, Ernest Wade Hartsell of Oxford and Same Lounge who has recently done time on the Durham county roads. The girl gave her name as Mary Howard, gave no address, but claimed to have a brother in Wilmington. The officers took the two negroes to the Hertford county jail and they identified one of the men and the woman as being with them in many robberies. Young said they helped him in the Four Oaks robbery and Mordica said they helped him in half a dozen at Bethel, Robersonville and Everetts.

The woman proved to be Mabel Holmes who some years ago lived in Greenville and was noted for her bad reputation there.

They will be surrendered by the Perquimans authorities to Pitt county authorities where they will be tried for the greater offense.

Sheriff Jackson expects to arrest one more man in Virginia who is connected with the gang. His arrest will make three whites and five colored to date. Yet there are others not yet known, it is thought.

The gang of whites seemed to have divided the states of Carolina, Virgin-

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ia and Maryland into districts in which they picked up a local negro to help them rob. Mordica said he helped them in Virginia last year. The party would be tourists at times, then they would be salesmen, but were really picking up goods from everywhere and disposing of them through a clearing house in Norfolk.

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demand having been particularly urgent for the past year and a half. He urged that the cooperative association members store their cotton at the warehouse rather than deliver to the various receiving points, thereby preventing damage by weather conditions and the docking of weight accordingly. "It will pay to haul your cotton six or seven miles to a storage house," said Mr. Stephenson, "rather than run the risk of its getting wet and having it docked fifteen or twenty pounds per bale on account of it. Cotton damaged from weather conditions cost North Carolina growers nearly five million dollars in 1923." Farmers who stored their cotton in a warehouse stated that it had meant money in their pockets.

The same board of directors was re-elected for another year as follows: A. S. Creech, N. B. Grantham, J. A. Smith, W. D. Avera, W. H. Austin, Robt. A. Sanders, F. K. Broadhurst, J. P. Parker, J. W. Jones, J. D. Underwood, J. Rufus Creech, W. H. Flowers, R. C. Gillett, I. V. Pittman, J. D. Parker, J. W. Wood-

and G. B. Smith. It was decided that the board of directors meet once a month for the next five months the first meeting to be held on Saturday, August 15th.

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