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School Patrons Besiege County Commissioners

FOR BETTER HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES

Mass Meeting To Be Held Here Friday Afternoon To Thresh Out Matter Before Joint Boards.

INTERESTED IN SCHOOLS

Yesterday found the county commissioners room filled to overflowing with a crowd of Johnston county school patrons who were there to find out whether or not provision has been made to send their children to school during the coming year.

The county board of commissioners were in session every member being present, including the newly elected member, Mr. J. T. Edgerton of Kenly. Mr. Freeman Broadwell of Plainview started the discussion in which quite a number took part and which finally wound up in a hub bub of conversation, each one telling his neighbor what he thought about the school situation in Johnston county and in his own community in particular.

This statement, strange to say, found a responsive chord in the breast of some others present who favored selling the trucks and building more school houses where the pupils could walk to them. One expressed the opinion that all this

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FOUR OAKS HOME BURNED SATURDAY

Home of Mr. Charlie Wellons Totally Destroyed by Fire Saturday Afternoon.

Saturday afternoon shortly after five o'clock a call came from Four Oaks for the Smithfield fire company to go at once, fire which was feared might lead to a disastrous blaze having been discovered in the roof of a dwelling. When the fire was discovered the whole roof of the house of Mr. Charlie Wellons was in flames, according to information given here.

Fire chief Sam E. Hogwood and his company responded to the call and arrived on the scene in a short while but it was too late to save the building. The dwelling was built of heart lumber and lightwood and it was impossible to stop the flames. However, the nearby buildings were protected, prohibiting the spread of the fire. The stillness of the atmosphere was also a help in controlling the fire. It is thought that if the garage which is located at the rear of this dwelling had caught, the whole town would have been in grave danger.

The dwelling was totally destroyed but practically all the furniture was saved. The loss is estimated at between \$4500 and \$5000. It is understood that there was \$1500 insurance on the building.

N. C. PRISON MAKES CONVICT CLOTHES

Superintendent Geo. R. Pou Urges Counties To Buy Prison-Made Clothes for Convicts

Raleigh, Sept. 5.—George Ross Pou, superintendent of the State's Prison, yesterday issued his second letter to the chairman of the boards of county commissioners of the hundred counties of the State in an effort to secure orders for clothing for county convicts, which is now being manufactured at the prison.

URGES RETURN TO CHRISTIAN FAITH

Congressman E. W. Pou Sees Remedy For Crimes Only In Reconversion.

"My message to the people of Johnston county," declared Congressman E. W. Pou, Sunday morning as he addressed a large congregation assembled at the Baptist church at the eleven o'clock hour, "is re-consecration. I would say to the blockader in the back woods in trumpet tones, 'Stop! Laws will not remedy the ills of the world. When one's heart gets right he has no desire to break the laws."

Thus the congressman from this district closed a splendid discourse in which he made an appeal for people to stand firm in the faith of their fathers and mothers. What appears to be a preconcerted purpose to de-throne the Christian faith in America is assuming dangerous proportions. The recent world war is a challenge which cannot be ignored.

UNITED STATES BUYS MORE GAS

People of America Are Using More Gasoline Than The Rest of the World

Gasoline consumption is far more extensive in the United States than anywhere else in the world. A commerce department survey made public July 19 showed per capita consumption in this country to have reached 69.8 gallons a year, while England was second with an average of only 11.6 gallons. One year's consumption in China would not keep the automobiles of the United States running eight hours.

To supply the demand, American production of gasoline was increased from 1,500,000,000 gallons in 1914 to 9,000,000,000 gallons in 1924. The United States accounted for 79 per cent of the world's total consumption last year while at the same time exporting \$160,000,000 worth of the commodity.

The commerce department also announced then that in June the United States produced 350,557 passenger automobiles and 36,096 automobile trucks, compared with 214,332 and 28,117 respectively, in June last year.

Discuss Ways and Means to Complete New Hospital As It Was First Intended

With the new hospital well under way of construction the meeting of the board of directors Friday afternoon in the court house was characterized by discussions of ways and means to complete the hospital as it was first intended. The matter of collecting money for the stock already subscribed was discussed and Dr. W. J. B. Orr, secretary-treasurer, was authorized to notify the stockholders that their second payment will be due on September 15. A campaign for the balance needed for the building will be put on in the near future.

MISS COMBS TALKS ON MISSION WORK

Returned Missionary Tells of Her Work With Women and Girls in China. There for 14 Years.

One of the most interesting talks made by a foreign missionary here was the one delivered Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church by Miss Bessie Combs, who is on a furlough from China. Arriving here from Middlesex about three-thirty o'clock, full of pep and enthusiasm, she was ready to deliver her message.

The speaker, who was originally from St. Jose Missouri, was introduced by Miss Vera Herring, district secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society. In her introductory remarks, Miss Combs said that she went to China in 1911, fourteen years ago, and was stationed in a small town twenty-five miles from Shanghai. After laboriously spending days and months in the study of the Chinese language she was allowed to begin work. She said that she did not go to China to teach but to preach, and she had been in China six years before she was given just the work she wanted. Then she was assigned evangelistic work among the women and girls of one of the districts. She said that where she lives in China they have no roads but everybody travels by boat, and when she is out on the field at work she lives in a small houseboat. Because she is a missionary and tells the old, old story of Jesus and His love, her boat is called the "Jesus boat."

Miss Combs spoke of the great change that had come to America in the fourteen years she has been away, especially in the young people. She said everywhere she went the favorite theme was the "youth of today." She said they were very different from the young people of a few years ago, and while they liked to say things that shock people, she believed that deep down in the heart of the young people today there was a yearning to do worth while things. She mentioned several new words that had been "coined" while she was away and dwelt particularly on "flappers" and the impression they made on her.

During her talk Miss Combs said sorrowfully that the church has not stood behind the missionaries. She spoke feelingly of the keen disappointment she felt when she learned that the mission board had cut the missionary appropriation twenty per cent, even when the people here have so much money and can afford so many luxuries. She told of the disappointment that the missionaries would feel when the news reached them.

Her description of what the gospel is doing for those who had never before heard of Jesus Christ and His power to save from sin, was particularly striking and as she told of conversions and of how devout the vilest sinners often became, it was very touching. She closed her interesting talk by singing for the young people, "Near the Cross" in Chinese.

This Crew Now Opening Its Nation-Wide Dry Drive



All state and divisional chiefs in Gen. Lincoln C. Andrew's new Federal Dry Army were in Washington last week for a final council-of-war before the big drive which started this week. There are 22 district chiefs, unrestricted by state lines. It is planned to "get the big ones"—cutting off the liquor supply at the source. No. 1, Comm. Haynes; No. 2, Gen. Andrews; No. 3, Comm. White.

Ivanhoe Manufacturing Co. Has A Second Hearing

B. B. Adams, Former President of Defunct Mills, Testified That He Did Not Believe Mill Could Have Lost \$667,000 In Legitimate Hedging; Others Examined; Next Trial October 12.

The bankruptcy trial of the Ivanhoe Manufacturing Company of this city which had its first hearing about a month ago before Joseph Blount Cheshire, Jr., referee in bankruptcy, in Raleigh, was continued this week consuming the greater part of Thursday. F. K. Broadhurst was treasurer and general manager of the cotton mills, J. J. Broadhurst was bookkeeper and the following were on the board of directors: B. B. Adams, F. K. Broadhurst, J. J. Broadhurst, W. H. Austin, J. H. B. Tomlinson, W. D. Avora and E. F. Ward.

The hearing Thursday was not completed and the case will be continued some time during the first days of October. An account of the hearing Thursday as published in the News and Observer is as follows:

B. B. Adams, of Four Oaks, for mer president of the defunct Ivanhoe Mills of Smithfield, testified that he did not believe the mill could have lost \$667,000 in legitimate hedges on the cotton market. He was a witness in bankruptcy proceedings before Joseph Blount Cheshire, Jr., referee. He said that when he left the mill after a stroke in 1920 that the mill was in as good condition as any in North Carolina.

"Mr. Adams made a very good witness in his own behalf against the thinly veiled insinuations of J. W. Bailey, attorney for Ken-

RANSOM RAYNOR INJURED BY AUTO

Was Run Over By Automobile On Highway at Hannah's Creek Church; Seriously Hurt.

As we go to press news reaches us that Mr. Raynor died soon after reaching the hospital in Fayetteville.

A serious if not fatal accident occurred about 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning on the highway at Hannah's Creek Primitive Baptist church when Mr. Ransom Raynor was run over by an automobile driven by Dr. J. F. Parker, of Selma.

According to reports received here, Mr. Raynor, who lives in the Banner Chapel section, had gone to the church to await for Mr. Troy Lee, one of the county commissioners, and was coming with him to Smithfield. In the meantime he was standing by the road talking to Mr. D. G. Allen. It seemed that they did not see the approaching automobile until it was almost at them and when Mr. Allen called to Mr. Raynor to "look out, a car is coming!" he stepped in the wrong direction and the automobile ran over him. Mr. Raynor was immediately carried to Dr. Utley's office in Benson for medical attention and his condition was found so serious that it was thought advisable to take him to a Fayetteville hospital. At last reports he was said to be in a serious condition.

Mr. Raynor is the father of Mr. James Raynor of Benson, and is a prominent man in his community. He is about sixty-five years of age.

CO-OPS PAY HIGH ADVANCE IN EAST

Tobacco Cooperatives are Now Ready For Good Season at Twenty-Five Markets

Twenty-five cooperative receiving points of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association opened in as many Eastern North Carolina towns last Tuesday morning with a first cash advance to growers of sixty-five per cent. This is the highest advance ever made by any tobacco cooperative association in the country.

Association officials here Wednesday had not received reports on the delivery but they did not expect a heavy one. The growers in and out of the association were more inclined, according to what information has been received, to watch the "breaks" on the auction floors and make a studied comparison of the full price paid out in auction houses with the returns which the association advances will indicate.

CONTEST SCHOOL ELECTION

A hearing was held yesterday before the county commissioners, of the Pleasant Grove school election which was held August 25, and which was alleged to be carried by a majority of three. The election was contested on several grounds. Those opposing the election raised the question of persons being improperly registered, of the election not being properly advertised, of an

HAIL AND WIND STORM DESTROYS FIELD CROPS

Oxford, Sept. 5.—The terrific hail and wind storm which visited Granville county late Tuesday afternoon reached from the Virginia line to the Vance county line. The path of the storm was about four miles wide and ten miles long. Never in the history of the county has a more destructive storm been recorded. Some crops were totally destroyed, while others suffered 50 per cent loss.

In some sections not only the tobacco and corn crops were totally destroyed, but the entire woods nearby were stripped of trees. In some sections hail was so severe that it was reported to be ankle deep. On many farms only a small quantity of the tobacco had been cured, the entire remaining crop in the fields being lost. The devastated farms were visited by hundreds of citizens during the night and early morning. Immense trees were uprooted in many sections. No loss of lives has been reported, only miraculous escapes. Travelers on the roads were saved by taking refuge in nearby houses. Three-fourths of the county was not touched by this storm.

QUIET WEEK AT STATE CAPITAL

Interest Centers in Opening of Tobacco Markets in Eastern North Carolina.

OTHER STATE NEWS

Raleigh, Sept. 7.—A quiet week was passed in Raleigh last week. The chief interest in the Capital City centering in the opening on September first of the tobacco markets of Eastern Carolina, this meaning much to the business of this section. The Governor and trustees went into conditions at Caswell Training School before Mr. McLean departed for New York to sign road bonds, Highway Commissioner Frank Page left for Buenos Aires to attend a Pan-American road meet, the capital speculated over who would be appointed as judge at the special term of court for the trial of W. B. Cole of Rockingham, the killer of W. W. Ormond, Josephus Daniels, chairman, went ahead with plans for a Bryan Memorial at Washington, D. C., the special committee investigating the Commissioner of Labor and Printing with reference to favoritism charges reported and printing bids were opened for the public business. The Capital also looked forward with interest to the Supreme Court of this week when the appeal of Henry Dennis Griffin of Williamston, sentenced to 30 years for mutilating Joseph Needleman will be heard.

The opening of the tobacco markets was distinctly disappointing. An average price of 14 to 16 cents which was four to five cents below last year was realized on opening sales with about 8,000,000 pounds offered for sale. The quality of the early tobacco was said to be poor. The opinion was expressed during the week that the best portion of the crop had not been offered for sale and also that the farmers had dragged the market with too much cheap tobacco, thus lowering the price. Hope is held that the later season quality will raise the price.

Governor McLean and the board of Caswell Training School decided at a meeting to formulate a definite policy in dealing with the feeble-minded children of the institution. This policy in its various phases will be worked out by the various members of the board and presented in full at a later meeting.

Commissioner Frank Page left for South America to attend a road congress at Buenos Aires. After the meeting he expects to visit several South American republics and inspect road systems, returning about November from his trip.

Governor McLean has not appointed a judge to try W. B. Cole of Rockingham for the killing of (Turn to page four, please)

MAY DREDGE NEUSE RIVER FOR BOATS

Improvement To Be Considered At Meeting In Goldsboro Today; Was Once Navigable

A hearing of the Improvement of Neuse River from New Bern to Raleigh will be held at Goldsboro at eleven o'clock today. All who are interested in this improvement which is under consideration by the United States government are requested to be present at the meeting. The hearing will be before Major Oscar O. Kuentz, District Engineer of the United States Army. He has requested that the arguments be put in writing as much as possible. This river at one time was navigable as far up as Smithfield and there is no reason why it should not be open to navigation again. Its improvement will not only aid navigation but it will be most beneficial in flood control. There are thousands and thousands of acres of land that are subject to floods from the waters of this river, due to the fact that it has not been improved.