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## Prison Officials Inspect Camps

### Pou Pleased With Conditions in Prison Camps in Mountain Section.

(The Asheville Citizen, Nov. 23.)

"The fact that not one sick prisoner was found in State prison camps in Western North Carolina was most pleasing and is concrete evidence of the care and supervision being given these prisoners by the supervisors in charge of the five State prison camps in the mountains," stated George Ross Pou, superintendent of the North Carolina State prisons, its farms and camps, yesterday. Mr. Pou is a visitor in Asheville for a few days. He is a lawyer of Smithfield and is the son of Ed. W. Pou, who has been a member of Congress for 25 continuous years and is second only in the list of continuous terms in the lower branch of the U. S. Congress.

Mr. Pou has recently visited the State prison camps located at Bat Cave, Mt. Emma, Franklin, Almond and Marshall and inspected the site for the location of a new camp near Laurel, in Madison county. "There are more than 300 State prisoners confined in the Western camps," said Superintendent Pou. "All are negroes. Not a death has occurred in these camps in the past year. The State is to be congratulated on securing such men as Captain J. B. Hallway, at the Bat Cave Camp; Captain F. G. Baker, at the Mt. Emma camp; Captain N. E. Raines, of the Marshall camp, and Captain L. H. Champion, in charge of the camps at Franklin and Almond.

"The prisoners all seemed satisfied and the contractors are highly pleased with their services," Superintendent Pou said.

"The population of the State prison has increased more than 100 per cent in the past four years," Mr. Pou said. "From 700 prisoners in 1921 we now have a population of 1,400. It is regrettable to note the increasing number of young white men who are sent to State prison. Until recently the commitment of negroes exceeded the commitment of whites about three to one. However, the recent commitments of white men exceed the negro commitments and the sad thing is the average age is about 20 years."

"I am a great believer in the parole system and in the intermediate sentence. During my more than four years as superintendent of the prison I have recommended more than 100 paroles. Of this number I do not know of one prisoner who has violated his parole."

Asked as to crop conditions on the two State farms, Superintendent Pou said more than 500 bales of cotton would be produced on four hundred acres at the Camp Polk farm in Wake county which is manned by negro prisoners and about 1,800 bales would be produced on the Caledonia farm in Halifax county—a white farm.

"The prisoners of the Central prison, in Raleigh, are now manufacturing concrete culverts for the State Highway Commission at a saving of about 50 per cent of the former cost to the highway department. Should the highway department use as much concrete culverts this year as last its manufacture by prison labor will entail a saving of approximately \$60,000, or enough to construct two miles of concrete

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## AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me—



I'd shore git eben wid some of dese old niggers if I wuz able to buy some of dat transitory insanity.

## Cupid's Assistant



"A MEDIUM for the dissolution of loneliness," says Mrs. Nellie B. Stull, of Elyria, Ohio, new president of the Widow and Widower's Club of America. "Don't rush—the line forms on the left," says Cupid.

## Ladies Night At The Kiwanis Club

### F. H. Jeter, President of The Raleigh Club, Is Guest of Honor.

Mr. F. H. Jeter, president of the Raleigh Kiwanis club, was the principal speaker at the Kiwanis dinner given here Wednesday evening at the club room. The occasion was "Ladies Night," and Kiwanians had as their guests their wives and sweethearts. Mr. Jeter proved a most delightful after dinner speaker and kept the fifty or sixty guests in an uproar of laughter with his wit and humor. His talk, however, concluded with the real Kiwanis spirit when he emphasized the importance of serving not only the immediate town, but the entire community. The agricultural element of any section is the foundation of prosperity and there should be a close cooperation between town and country.

Mr. Smith and Chaplain Zimmerman of Port Bragg, were guests on this occasion, and Mr. Smith presented the work of the Red Cross in appropriate words.

A most enjoyable musical program was a feature of the evening. Mrs. A. M. Calais sang a solo; Miss Irene Myatt and Mr. Calais, a duet.

The woman's club served the dinner, a turkey menu with all the Thanksgiving accessories.

## GREAT RUSSIAN MUSICIANS

Loseff's Russian Orchestral Quartet, which is to appear at the Four Oaks school auditorium on Wednesday evening, December 2, will offer one of the best and most popular musical programs of the season. This organization of talented artists appears in its native Russian costume, and the platform effect is indeed striking. The programs of the quartet are a combination of life and enthusiasm and cover a wide range of music from the wild, fantastic Russian dances, through the most exquisite, inspiring and difficult arias of the old masters, to that music termed, "popular, but never trashy."

A prominent and pleasing feature, and one that never fails to evoke the greatest enthusiasm, is a sterling rendition of the beautiful Russian folk songs, accompanied by haunting Russian ballads. For intensive melody nothing surpasses these old songs. Each member of the quartet is an accomplished soloist.

A program by this splendid organization is in no way an experiment. Season after season they have met with enthusiastic approval everywhere. An evening with this company will rank as a distinct event in our community.

## Presbyterian Church

Oakland church Sunday morning 11 a. m. No service at Smithfield Sunday on account of fifth Sunday union service of all the churches.

## Meet In Interest Near East Relief

### Chairman Calls Meeting to Formulate Plans For Observance of Golden Rule Sunday.

Judge F. H. Brooks, local chairman of the Near East Relief, has written a letter to all the pastors in the county asking them to attend a meeting in the Victory Theater at Smithfield on next Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

At this time a brief talk on the work will be given by Rev. Chester Alexander who has seen the work that the Near East Relief is doing in the Bible lands. Besides the brief talk on the work there will be several reels of motion pictures showing the work in the orphanages and refugee camps. These pictures have been loaned by the Near East Relief State office at Charlotte. For several years the Near East Relief has been feeding and training over 15,000 boys and girls who were made orphans by the World War when the Turks invaded Armenia and later destroyed the ancient city of Smyrna.

The pastors are asked to bring with them members of the Young Peoples Society or Sunday school so that the young people may help make plans for the observance of Golden Rule Sunday on December 6. All the young Peoples Societies of the United States have been asked to make a canvass of the towns and country on December 6 to invite the people to observe Golden Rule Sunday. After the reports are all in the national office of Near East Relief will decide which city of the country is the Golden Rule City. Last year Columbia, S. C., was named and the year before Chester, S. C., won the distinction. Each of these cities had the privilege of sending to the Bible lands one of their number to see this work and to report on it to the young people of our country.

The young people in their canvass ask the housekeepers to prepare a simple meal instead of the elaborate Sunday dinner and to give the difference in cost between the elaborate and the simple meal to the support of the boys and girls overseas. Judge Brooks is very anxious that some town or rural community in Johnston county be named as the Golden Rule spot of the United States this year, and he believes that the wide awake pastors and young people of the county can put across the greatest Golden Rule observance yet on record.

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## Fayetteville On Air Route To Florida

Fayetteville, Nov. 24. On top of the announcement that Fort Bragg will be made a stopping point on a fast air route for carrying New York Newspapers to Florida comes a request from a commercial aviation company for data on a landing field in or near Fayetteville for a giant twin-engine passenger plane to fly between the metropolis and the boom state. The General Airways System, Inc., will, they say, operate a fleet of planes making regular trips over this route, and they want a landing field here for the taking on of passengers. On the first trip they propose to take up an observation party over the city.

## YOUTH SHOT BY NEIGHBORS BOY IS IN LOCAL HOSPITAL

### James Woodard, 15-Year-Old Son of Mr. Robert Woodard, Seriously Injured When Load From Shotgun Enters Head—Oliver Is In Jail.

Quite a tragic accident occurred two miles from Pine Level yesterday morning about 8:30 o'clock when Gaston Oliver shot and seriously if not fatally wounded James Woodard, the fifteen-year-old son of Mr. James Woodard, following a wrestling match between the two boys. The wounded boy was immediately hurried here to the hospital where he is not expected to live.

According to information received here, these boys, along with several others between the ages of nine and sixteen, were playing in the road in front of the home of a Mr. Thompson near Pine Level. They had been wrestling but the Woodard boy had stopped and was sitting by the side of the road eating peanuts when young Oliver took a shotgun from one of the younger children and approached the unfortunate youth, telling

him that he was going to shoot him. In a moment the gun was discharged, the load taking effect in the left side of young Woodard's head, knocking out his left eye and completely crushing the skull on the left side of his head.

Aid was summoned at once and the boy was brought here, reaching the hospital about 9:30 o'clock. The wounds, which were found to be of a serious nature, were dressed and the unfortunate boy was made as comfortable as possible.

Sheriff J. P. Parker was notified and Deputy Sheriff Forest Pittman went to Pine Level and brought Gaston Oliver, who did the shooting, to jail where he will await trial. Oliver claims that he was not angry at the time of the shooting and says that it was en-

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## Reckless Driver Crashes Into Car

### Two Hurt In Accident That Occurred Near Four Oaks Yesterday.

Just on the edge of Four Oaks, late yesterday afternoon, an automobile accident resulted in the injury of two persons, Tommie Adams and Bennie Baker, and the complete wreck of the Ford touring car in which they were riding.

These young men, according to our information, were under the influence of liquor to such an extent that they were zig-zagging across the road. Misses Clyde Sanders and Ruby Stanley of Four Oaks were riding along the road when they saw an approaching car veering from side to side. In an effort to get out of the way they ran their car into the ditch, but to no avail for the intoxicated driver hit the car parked at the side of the road. The car driven by the young ladies was only slightly damaged, but the other car was considerably broken up.

Charlie Lee who was riding with the young men was unhurt and assisted in getting the injured from the wreck. Misses Sanders and Stanley summoned medical aid. The injured suffered cuts and bruises but it is not thought that they were seriously hurt. Coca cola bottles adorning with whiskey were found under the smashed car after the wreck.

## Another Hollywood Party Leaves

Another Hollywood party bound for Hollywood, Fla., left yesterday afternoon accompanied by a professional man conductor, who points out all places of interest during the trip, and Mrs. Thomas A. Wadden, local representative of Hollywood. They expect to return home next Thursday afternoon. Those from Johnston county leaving yesterday were: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wellons and little son, Mrs. C. B. Register and sons, Robt. A. Sanders, D. B. Hamilton, N. A. Hamilton, Mrs. Jesse Coats, Misses Corinna Sanders and Irene Penny, Mrs. M. B. Strickland, Mrs. Garland Smith, of Smithfield; Mr. G. W. Byrd, of Wilson's Mills; Miss Vallie Hill, of Benson; and Mr. W. H. Upchurch, of Bentonville.

## SPECIAL MEETING FOUR OAKS JUNIOR ORDER

At the regular meeting of Four Oaks Council No. 337 Jr. O. U. A. M. Tuesday evening Dec. 1st, there will be an installation of officers for the ensuing year. There will be degree work following the installation, also such other business that may come before the Council. Every member is urged to be present and take part in these important matters.

W. ROBERT BARBOUR, Councilor.  
B. T. BARBOUR, Recording Sec.

## Clayton Club Has Legion Program

### Mr. Frank Capps, of Raleigh, Makes Principal Talk of Occasion.

Clayton, Nov. 25.—On Armistice Day, Nov. 11, the regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held with Mrs. W. F. Weathers as hostess. The lovely new home was enhanced by the tasteful addition of autumn flowers and American flags in keeping with the season and the day.

An interesting business session was presided over by the president, Mrs. B. A. Hocutt, and each department was shown to be active and prosperous. Mrs. W. M. Sanders of Smithfield, was present and made a few remarks complimenting the Clayton club.

Following the business hour, Mrs. Hugh A. Page, who never disappoints her audience gave the following program on the subject: "The American Legion." The program opened with the reading of "The Ten Commandments of the American Legion," in unison. Miss Josephine Poole next gave a reading, "The Great World War." The applause brought an encore and she gave a humorous reading on the same subject. The feature of the program was the introduction of Mr. Frank Capps of Raleigh, by Lieut. Hugh A. Page, who during the introductory remarks told some interesting facts concerning the local post. Mr. Capps in an informal way delighted every one with his easy manner as he presented the subjects: "Armistice Day" and "The American Legion."

"These," he said, "are inseparable." He stated that the membership of the legion is now about seven hundred thousand. It is an unselfish and public-spirited institution, seeking first to care for the disabled, and in many ways to bring comfort and sustenance to those left destitute because of the World War.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mr. and Mrs. Page and Mr. Capps for the excellent program.

The hostess assisted by Mrs. Clyde Wall, Mrs. Norwood Barbour, and Miss Blanche Barbour, served a delicious fruit salad with saltines, pickle, chicken salad sandwiches and hot coffee. Attractive little lemon pies flying miniature flags were next passed followed by salted almonds.

A large number of special guests including Mrs. W. M. Sanders of Smithfield, and Mrs. Cecil Barrington enjoyed the hospitality of the charming hostess.

Rev. R. C. White, pastor of the Baptist church, attended the Baptist state convention at Charlotte last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Sasser were visitors in the Shiloh section Sunday.

## Chicagoans See Pine Level In the Movies

Appropos the recent communication in the papers concerning Pine Level, N. C., being in the movies, Mr. C. C. Hook, Charlotte architect, who has drawn the plans for a number of Johnston county school houses, tells an interesting incident. About a year ago soon after "Classmates," the story by Walter Eberhardt, which has its scene laid in a North Carolina town, Pine Level, was put on the screen, a Chicagoan, was in Mr. Hook's office. He was representing some building material firm and was in to see Mr. Hook concerning his wares. Mr. Hook casually asked his stenographer to bring him the Pine Level school plans to see what the specifications called for.

"Pine Level, did you say?" asked the Chicagoan. "Is there such a place?" Then he proceeded to tell Mr. Hook how he and his wife had attended a movie in Chicago a few nights before and saw the picture, "Classmates," with the scene laid in Pine Level, N. C.

Mr. Hook assured him that whether or not Mr. Eberhardt had ever heard of the real Pine Level or not, it was certainly in existence, located on the main line of the Southern Railway.

## Union Service Sunday Night

A union service of all the congregations of the town will be held Sunday evening in the court house. The theme of the evening will be: A Community Chest for Smithfield. Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will preach a short sermon, and there will be talks by others.

## Disastrous Fire Sweeps The Town of Four Oaks

### Recognize Him?



"YOUR FACE is familiar." That's what they all say to Chief Two Guns White, who posed for the Indian head on your five cent piece. He recently attended the first Grand Pow-Wow of Indian Tribes in Seattle, Wash.

## Hospital Drive On In Negro Schools

### Plan To Raise Thousand Dollars For Johnston County Hospital Fund.

On November 7 the Johnston county Hospital project was brought before the negro teachers in conference assembled by the supervisor, and a drive for a thousand dollars was planned, each school to become responsible for selling a certain number of hospital tags. The supervisor mentioned several plans by which the money could be raised, asking each teacher to use a different plan even if he found that it would best reach the community interest in a financial way. But in this case asked each teacher to bring his or her plan used and result to next meeting. Saturday, November 28, was set for "Tag Day." A gold dollar is to be awarded to the teachers in the school leading in this drive and report any amount above their assessment. Below is the plan produced by Mrs. Julia Heartly, principal of Atkinson's Academy, her assistant being Miss Martha Green.

This two-teacher school was assessed \$50. This was the most successful plan used. We shall publish the next best plan used in next week's issue of The Smithfield Herald.

LAURA J. A. KING, Supervisor of Negro Schools

## Hospital Drive Arranged

Atkinson's educational drive for the Johnston County Hospital was arranged as follows:

Sunday night, Nov. 15, Preaching by Rev. I. D. Davis.

Collection taken by Mr. W. D. Sanders amounting to \$12.05.

Monday night, Nov. 16, Preaching by Rev. R. S. Sanders.

Collection taken by Mr. M. I. Dixon and A. B. Heartly amounting to \$8.25.

Tuesday night, Nov. 17, Preaching by Rev. W. H. Pair.

Collection taken by Mr. I. S. Sanders and Matthew Sanders amounting \$8.01.

Wednesday night, Nov. 18, Preaching by Rev. W. H. Pair.

Collection taken by Mr. Joseph Howard and Dallis Judkin, amounting to \$5.25.

Thursday night, Nov. 19, Preaching by Rev. R. Crockett.

Collection taken by Mr. T. W. Hood amounting to \$13.00.

Friday night, Nov. 20, Preaching by Rev. N. C. Sanders.

Collection taken by Mr. I. C. Lee amounting to \$6.50.

The total amount raised in the Atkinson Academy school drive was \$52.85.

## Baptist Church

There will be services at the Baptist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock with a sermon by the pastor. Sunday school at the regular hour. No service at night on account of the union service at the court house.

## Several Stores and The A. C. L. Station Were Reduced To Ashes and The Bank Building Was Very Much Damaged.

## BUILDING PROGRAM

Four Oaks, Nov. 25.—Almost an entire block of Four Oaks business section was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The fire caught in the livery stable opposite the railroad station about 8 o'clock. The fire had gotten some headway before it was discovered. All the stores and buildings leading up to the bank, including the A. C. L. station were badly damaged. The Smithfield, Selma and Fayetteville fire departments were called and they responded promptly.

The streets were filled with men, women and children. It looked for a while that the whole town would burn.

The burned buildings included the livery stable of R. W. Smith, the grocery stores of W. D. Allen and Willard Johnson and a restaurant owned by Mrs. Julius Johnson.

Mr. William Sanders had the misfortune to get his ankle sprained during the fire which was the only accident that happened. Since the fire occurred, we hope it will make the people of Four Oaks realize more fully the need of water in town, for we have no way in which to extinguish fire, except by buckets. The people of Four Oaks appreciate very much the aid Smithfield, Selma and Fayetteville gave us in helping to extinguish the fire. Smithfield fire department deserves special mention, the truck coming over in eleven minutes.

The Carolina Light and Power company's men have arrived to begin work rebuilding the town and it is much needed, for the line has been in a dangerous condition for some time.

Mr. Ira Lee, of Smithfield, is erecting a six room bungalow on North Main Street near the school building. Houses are needed in Four Oaks. Build and let the town grow.

Four Oaks school has had to add two more rooms to the building to accommodate the pupils. Two extra teachers have been added to the faculty. They are Misses Jean Smith and Annie Nichols.

The second basketball game of this season was played Friday on the Four Oaks school court. Four Oaks defeated Wilson's Mills by a score of 6 to 16.

The second number of the Lyceum course which is Loseff's Russian Orchestral Quartet and will appear here on Wednesday evening, December 2. The people of Four Oaks and community will have the opportunity of enjoying an evening of real music. This quartet is composed of two men and two women of the Russian type. All of them are true artists with pronounced individuality. Their instrumental and vocal selections are brilliant, varied and masterfully rendered.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church met Monday afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. David Barbour. The president, Mrs. Ralph Canaday led the devotional, after which the regular business session was held. A nominating committee composed of Mrs. J. A. Ivey, Mrs. J. W. Sanders and Mrs. B. B. Creech were appointed to elect officers for the coming year. The society planned to serve lunch each night at the church during the Training School. After the business session an interesting program was given on "The Child and the Future of the South." Mrs. Alton Messingill, group leader for the evening had charge of the program. At the close of the meeting the hostess served delicious hot chocolate and marshmallow cake.

Mr. Jesse B. Adams and little son, J. B. Jr. of Washington City, have been spending a few days

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