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## Senator Heflin Opens Campaign

### Large Number of Democrats Give Attentive Hearing To Initial Speech.

The Democratic campaign in Johnston county formally opened Friday night with a rousing speech in the courthouse here by Senator J. Thomas Heflin, of Alabama. The spacious courtroom was comfortably filled with a representative citizenship of the county, and the interest manifested in the initial speech of the campaign was auspicious.

Hon. E. W. Pou, congressman from this, the fourth, district, introduced the speaker. In his introductory remarks he stated that the election in Johnston county two years ago was not a Republican victory. It was Democratic indifference. He commended the ticket which the Democrats have nominated this year and brought out the fact that fourteen out of seventeen townships are represented on this ticket. Then, after pledging every ounce of his strength to victory at the polls in November, he presented that prince of orators, Senator Heflin, who held the attention of his audience for about two hours as he discussed the records of the two political parties of the nation.

Sensor Heflin is well versed in all the arts of oratory, and not in recent years has an address been so well received in Smithfield with a store of knowledge at his command, he presented a forceful, clear cut arraignment of the Republican record, and at the same time showed that the constructive and helpful measures that have meant most to the masses of the nation have been instituted by the Democratic party.

He took issue with the statement of Mr. Johnson Hayes, the Republican nominee for Senator in North Carolina, who spoke here Friday afternoon, to the effect that there is very little difference now between the Democratic and Republican parties. He quoted Scripture about knowing a vine by the fruit it bears, and used as a refrain the words: "By their fruits ye shall know them." as he undertook to disclose how wide apart the two parties really are.

He compared the Jeffersonian principles of Democratic government with the Hamiltonian ideas that permeate Republican rule. It has been a battle between the interests of labor, agriculture and commerce and the interests of the big man, the rich trusts, he said, and "by their fruits ye shall know them." He scored the act of the Republicans in abolishing our merchant ships. He told of the rotten banking system that had a strangle hold on the nation until the Democrats instituted the Federal Reserve System. He exposed their use of taxing power to benefit the rich and lay the income tax burden on those less able to bear it; he repeated the sordid story of bartering the oil reserve supply; and reached his climax when he challenged the Republicans to name a single instance of scandal attached to the Democratic party.

Before the Senator took his seat he touched on the cotton situation, giving remedy for the low prices, and stating that for twelve years

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## AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

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## DEMOCRATIC SPEAKING AT KENLY AND ARCHER

Next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock an old time political speaking by speakers whose fame is known throughout the state, will be held at Archer Lodge. Ex-Governor Cameron Morrison and Congressman E. W. Pou will do the talking. At seven-thirty o'clock Saturday evening, Ex-Governor Morrison will speak at Kenly. The public is cordially invited to attend these speakings.

## Convict Guard Fatally Wounded

### Merman McLamb Is Accidentally Shot As Friend Cleans Gun.

News reached here Saturday of the accidental death of Merman McLamb, of the Brogden section, this county, which occurred Thursday night at a Wayne county convict camp. The young man, only 20 years of age, was shot by one of the convict guards who accidentally discharged his gun while cleaning it.

The Goldsboro News gives the facts concerning the fatal accident as follows:

Merman McLamb, 20-year-old convict guard, is dead as the result of a shooting accident at Captain Hinnant's Stevens Mill Camp Thursday night.

Death came in a local hospital here at 2:30 yesterday afternoon. A week ago McLamb, strapping young country boy, "fine a young fellow as I ever knew," Captain Hinnant described him, secured a job as guard at the camp.

He was proud of the place in which he found himself, one of authority, and one of trust. He was proud of the firearms given into his keeping.

Thursday night he and Johnny Herring sat down after supper to oil and clean their revolvers, according to the story told. Herring finished his task, snapped the weapon together and threw the cylinder into place. As he threw the cylinder into place, there was a blinding flash, a report, and young McLamb fell back with a bullet wound from the .38 in his chest just above the heart.

Captain Hinnant rushed him to a local hospital where surgeons did all that was possible to save his life. The young man was conscious and gave the facts as above related. It was said. Death came at 2:30 yesterday afternoon.

After an investigation by officers, it was decided that the accident was unavoidable and an inquest was not deemed necessary.

The young man was the son of Mr. I. D. McLamb. The funeral took place Saturday in the presence of a large crowd.

## OFFERS \$5.00 FOR NAME FOR FILLING STATION

Mr. T. S. Ragsdale, who is having a filling station erected on the corner of Third and Johnston Streets, is offering five dollars to the person suggesting the best name for this new station. Each person is allowed to send in only one name, and all names are to be sent to Mr. Ragsdale not later than six o'clock Saturday afternoon, October 23. The winner will be announced as soon as the most appropriate name is selected.

## SEVEN-YEAR-OLD PICKS 103 POUNDS COTTON

Cotton picking is an art that requires nimble fingers, as evidenced by the amount young children or often able to pick. Little Miss Vara Phillips, of Pine Level, route 1, aged seven years, was in the city Saturday and told us about picking 103 pounds of the fleecy staple one day last week. She was proud of the fact that she beat her grandfather who is between seventy and eighty years of age, by three pounds. This young cotton picker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Phillips.

## Soldier Monument Is Being Erected

### Plans Are Taking Shape For The Unveiling Here On Armistice Day

According to Mr. D. Carlton Stephenson, commander Pou-Parrish post of the American Legion, the plans for the Armistice Day celebration are taking shape, and every man, woman and child in Johnston county are urged to spend November 11, in Smithfield.

This will be a red letter day in Johnston county, a day of general celebration. A big parade of Johnston county's heroes, numbering about one thousand, will be a feature of the celebration. Those boys who wore the uniforms of Uncle Sam's fighting forces will be led by two bands, supported in the parade by the local National Guard Company and commanded by the old veterans of the World War.

This parade will be featured by the unveiling of Johnston county's tribute of respect and love for those men who gave their lives overseas that Democracy might be safe. These number about fifty. The monument, one of the most beautiful in the state which is now being erected, will be unveiled with appropriate exercises. After the chief speaker of the day, the ex-soldiers will be introduced to the mess line where the county's annual feed for them will hold sway until all are satisfied.

The afternoon will be filled with contests and other amusements, including the showing of a world war picture at the Victory theatre. The night of the eleventh will be filled with chock full. One of the greatest displays of fireworks ever shown in the state will be given at the fair grounds. This will be followed by one of the biggest old-fashioned square dances ever held. The older people of the state and county are especially invited to participate in this dance because they alone know how these dances should be danced.

Everyone is requested to remember the date, to be on hand early and bring the family to spend the entire day in celebrating a day of real thanksgiving and enjoyment.

## POU ASKS FOR A SPECIAL SESSION

President Coolidge was asked to call a special session of Congress in November to consider the depression of grain and cotton prices in a telegram sent yesterday by Representative Edward W. Pou of the Fourth Congressional District and ranking Democrat on the House Rules Committee.

Cotton farmers are threatened with financial ruin because of the recent decline in price," his telegram said. If they are forced to sell at prevailing quotations they must accept from \$20 to \$25 per bale less than the cost of production. In this desperate situation I earnestly urge that you call the Congress to meet in extra session on or before November 3 in order that opportunity be given as quickly as possible to pass emergency legislation which may save from ruin the grain producers as well as the cotton producers of the nation. I have a profound conviction that any recommendation you may deem wise and proper to submit to the Congress to avert threatened disaster to the farmers of the nation or any legislation reported from any committee with the same purpose in view will be considered in a spirit of utter disregard to any partisan advantage whatsoever."

Mother (coming in at 2 a. m.): "You needn't have waited up for me, Ysobel I have my own latch-key."

Ysobel: "I know, Mother, but somebody had to let Grannie in."

Ford is putting whiskers on the new Fords so that they will look like A. Lincoln.

## Hayes Speaks At Court House Here

### Probably a Hundred Hear Republican Candidate For The Senate Friday.

Hon. Johnston J. Hayes, of North Wilkesboro, was here Friday of last week and made a speech in the court house. Mr. Hayes is a candidate for seat in the United States senate on the Republican ticket. This was his first visit to Johnston county since nominations back in June, and from here he went to Selma where he again delivered an address.

The speaker was introduced to his Smithfield audience by Mr. James Raynor, of Benson, and for about fifty minutes his speech lasted.

In the beginning of his speech, Mr. Hayes denied that the campaign he is now waging is being made indirectly for a judgeship in his district. He declared there was no vacancy for a judgeship, and that he was a candidate in good faith for a seat in the national senate.

There were about fifty people in the courthouse when the speaker began talking and probably as many more came in during the progress of his speech of fifty minutes. Several Democrats were in the audience. His speech was entirely void of any heat of partisan politics; and it was, in the main, a kind of an endorsement of what the Democrats have done in the State. He claimed for his party a share of the credit which is due the State for the magnificent road system which is now being enjoyed by so many people, and he stated that he wanted to see the leaders of the State, both Democrats and Republicans, unite on a system of public education. He claimed that this was a much needed system, as part of the counties of the State are paying as much as \$1.06 on the hundred dollars worth of property, while other counties, which are more blessed in a financial way, get by with so light a taxation for schools as to pay only 29 cents on the hundred dollars worth of property.

The speaker took a fling at some of the papers of the State which have asserted that he is canvassing the State without naming the political party with which he is affiliated. He affirmed here that he is not ashamed to belong to a party which has furnished this nation with its presidents ever since 1860 with the exception of 16 years during which time Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson have occupied the White House as the chief executives. But in this connection he failed to mention what that same party has been doing down here in North Carolina since 1860.

This senatorial aspirant went into some detail to establish a dividing line between the qualities of men which make of some Democrats and of others Republicans. He declared that in the main there was not much difference between them. He stated that the main and lasting point of difference was the old question of tariff—the Democrats asking a tariff for revenue only, while the Republicans stood for both a revenue and a protection to be derived from tariff laws. He, of course, was a champion of a tariff for protection. While enlarging upon this subject, the speaker paid a beautiful and touching tribute to his mother, who is now well advanced in years. He stated that she had always been a Baptist and a Democrat and that his father had always been a Methodist and a Republican. When he grew old enough to choose his church and his politics, he took the religious faith of his mother and the political faith of his father.

Mr. Hayes' speech was well delivered and well received. Both Democrats and Republicans agreed that it was good and was above the speech of the average spell-binder that is sent into Johnston county by the Republican party.

Read The Herald ads.

## Nominees For County Commissioners



R. U. BARBOUR



R. H. RICHARDSON



B. I. TART



C. A. FITZGERALD



C. M. WILSON

## Clayton Suffers Disastrous Fire

### Three Stores Burn, The Loss Being Estimated At Around \$85,000, Partially Covered By Insurance.

The town of Clayton suffered a disastrous fire about four o'clock Friday morning when three stores in the main business district were practically destroyed. The fire originated in the L. H. Johnson Hardware building presumably in a pile of rags caused by spontaneous combustion. The loss has been estimated at \$85,000.

The losers are: Charley Horne, who owned the building; the Clayton Department store managed by W. L. Whitley; the L. H. Johnson Hardware Company, and Owen Gulley Company, general merchandise.

It was estimated that it would cost about \$25,000 to rebuild the stores. The stock of goods of the department store was valued at \$20,000; the Hardware stock, at \$16,000; and the General Merchandise at about \$25,000. The losses are partially covered by insurance. The Raleigh fire department was called to help extinguish the flames.

## GIN REPORT

There were 18,375 bales of cotton ginned in Johnston county from the crop of 1926 prior to October 1, 1926 as compared with 27,577 bales ginned to October 1, 1926.

E. G. HOLLAND, Gin Reporter.

## DEMOCRATS OPEN HEADQUARTERS HERE

Democrats have opened an office here to be the official headquarters until after election. Two rooms in the building at the rear of the courthouse occupied by F. H. Brooks have been secured, and some one will be at headquarters all of the time. Mr. J. B. Benton, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, may be found there each morning and all day Saturdays. Representatives from the Woman's Committee will also be there.

## Lovely Wedding At Woodsdale

### Miss Helen Tomlinson Becomes The Bride Of Mr. Frank Donald Hobart, of Davidson.

A marriage that came as a surprise to their many friends was solemnized at "Woodsdale," the lovely country home of the bride, yesterday morning at seven-thirty o'clock, when Miss Helen Tomlinson became the bride of Mr. Frank Donald Hobart of Davidson.

The living room with simple decorations of pink and white cosmos, long leaf pine and trailing ivy presented a lovely appearance. Tall candles in standards and in silver candelabrae shed a soft light over the wedding scene.

Before the contracting parties took their place at the improvised altar, Mr. William Puckett of Raleigh sang impressively "Until" and "At Dawning." Miss Virginia Packett accompanied him on the piano and also played the other wedding music.

There were no attendants, and the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin was the signal for the entrance of the bride and bridegroom. Rev. E. D. Dodd, pastor of the bride, performed the ceremony using the ring service of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The bride was attired in a two-piece midnight blue wool rep with smart beige accessories. She carried a lovely shower bouquet of Sweetheart roses.

A wedding breakfast was served to the guests only a few relatives and close friends being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart left at once for a motor wedding trip in Western North Carolina. After October 20, they will be at home in Davidson.

The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. B. Tomlinson. She was educated at Meredith College and Randolph-Macon College, and taught school for several years at Rocky Mount and Greenville after graduation. Possessed with charm and a sweet personality, she has a large number of friends who wish her all happiness and success.

The bridegroom formerly made his home in Amherst, Mass., and attended Amherst College. He is a landscape artist and is at present with Davidson College.

## Five Good Men Named On Board

### Democrats Select For Commissioners, C. A. Fitzgerald, R. U. Barbour, C. M. Wilson, R. H. Richardson and B. I. Tart.

C. A. FITZGERALD

Mr. Charlie Fitzgerald, of Micro, candidate for the office of County Commissioner of Johnston County, is thoroughly qualified and capable of transacting the exacting business of the county and has a wide range of experience in all lines of business.

He is president of the Bank of Micro and is one of the best and most liked merchants in upper Johnston county. His friends are mostly among the farmers, who look upon Charlie as an honest, upright Christian gentleman and one who will always see to it that they get a square deal in any business transaction. He is a thorough business man and as such will make an invaluable asset to the Board of County Commissioners.

R. U. BARBOUR

R. U. Barbour, who was nominated by the Democratic party for one of the County Commissioners, was born in Elevation township, Johnston county. He is the son of Nathaniel Barbour, a farmer and Primitive Baptist preacher, who served four churches in Johnston county: Rehobeth, Hannah's Creek, Clement and Hickory Grove. Mr. Barbour was only five years old when his father died. As he was left an orphan with two sisters, he stayed at home working on the farm with them to make support. He took advantage of the meagre schools of his time as best he could and secured a scant education, in boyhood, but later went to high school of the county.

When he reached maturity he bought considerable land and worked to pay for it, farming the land all the while. In recent years he has purchased more land and at present has one of the most up to date farms in this section, also a fine dairy herd. For several years he has been engaged in handling livestock at Benson, and has made quite a success at that business.

He was born on the farm, reared on the farm, started on the ground floor, and worked his way, step by step, until at present he is one of the leading farmers and business men of the county. He is fully fitted and qualified to handle the affairs of a great county like Johnston.

CHARLES M. WILSON

Among the five successful candidates for Commissioners of Johnston county selected by the Democrats in the June primary, was Charles M. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills. Mr. Wilson is a good seasoned Democrat, and having served his party and his county as commissioner in the past years, he is familiar with the duties of a member.

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## Chautauqua 3 Days Next Week

### Program Includes New and Up-to-Date Numbers; "Applesauce," a Comedy-Drama On Thursday Evening.

Activity on the part of the local Chautauqua committee, of which Mrs. Thel Hooks is secretary this year, has already begun. A representative of the Chautauqua was here yesterday and met with the guarantors in the commissioners room. Those bringing the three-days of entertainment to Smithfield this year are: A. M. Noble, Dr. and Mrs. Thel Hooks, D. I. Penny, N. C. Shuford, J. D. Spiers, E. S. Edmundson, Robert F. Smith, I. W. Medlin, Rev. S. L. Morgan, Mrs. L. T. Royal, W. S. Ragsdale, Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Johnston, W. T. Holland, M. A. Wallace, Rev. Chester Alexander, Will H. Lassiter, T. R. Hood, W. N. Holt, Grayson D. Thornton, Mrs. D. T. Lunceford, Kiwanis Club, Smithfield Woman's Club, B. & P. Club, and Parent-Teacher Association.

The dates for this year's Chautauqua have been announced as October 20, 21 and 22, and tickets are now in the hands of the guarantors. Season tickets are not on sale after the opening of Chautauqua and as they represent a big saving over the cost of single admissions to each entertainment, the committee advises that orders for tickets be placed as early as possible.

The program for this year includes three musical concerts, two by the Dunbar Singing Bell Ringers on the opening day, and one by the Emerson Winters Company on the second afternoon. The Dunbar Singing Bell Ringers, a mixed quartet with the added attraction of the Swiss hand bells, is one of the finest musical features ever presented to the American public. The art was brought to America first by the late P. T. Barnum. While touring England he heard a group of a dozen church bell ringers practicing upon hand bells, and he conceived the idea of using a large peal of bells and playing more elaborate music.

These bells were made in England, as the world's best bells always have been, but in conformity with his unflinching originality as an advertiser, he dressed the players, both men and women, in the costumes of Swiss peasants, and called the company, "The Swiss Bell Ringers." For many years this company toured the United States in wagons before railroads were at all general. The art at that time was so successful that our grandfathers recall most vividly the visit of the Swiss Bell Ringers to their native towns.

It seems that thereafter the art fell into disuse and it was not really perfected or revived in any worthy way until 1898, when Ralph Dunbar and his brother founded the famous Dunbar Bell Ringers at St. Joseph, Mo. These brothers went to England and had made under their personal supervision a peal of bells which was undoubtedly the most complete and most perfect set of bells ever cast.

It may be interesting to know that the largest of these bells weighed 25 pounds and measured 16 inches in diameter.

The Emerson Winters Company has been here before and those

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## A Tantalizer

There is exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher their name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present them with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. You must bring copy of this paper in order to secure ticket.

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(Miss) Elizabeth Johnson recognized her name last issue.