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Albert Coates Is Unveiling Speaker

Pays Beautiful Tribute To The 49 Johnstonians Who Gave Their Lives; Carlton Stephenson Dedicates Monument

For weeks, Smithfield, with the rest of Johnston county, has looked forward to the unveiling of the bronze statue which the county so fittingly has erected in memory of the forty-nine Johnstonians who made the supreme sacrifice in the World War.

Armistice Day was decided upon as the appropriate occasion for this sublime exercise, and yesterday saw the streets of this city thronged with men, women and children here to do honor to these dead heroes. The cold winds of practically the first winter weather apparently kept no one from being here, and all who came evinced the deepest interest in every phase of the program planned for the day.

Shortly after ten o'clock, a parade several blocks long began to move along the most prominent streets of the town. The Princeton brass band headed the procession, national guardsmen, ex-soldiers of three wars, school children and decorated automobiles following in due order.

The parade halted in front of the white swathed statue on the courthouse square, and the unveiling ceremonies began. F. H. Brooks, standing on a flag-decorated truck placed near the statue, in the absence of the mayor of the town, welcomed all visitors to Smithfield and turned over the keys of the city to them for the day.

Carlton Stephenson, commander of the Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion who has been a leading spirit in the whole celebration, then took charge, and after the band had played "The Star Spangled Banner," dedicated the monument. He spoke feelingly of the service of those who fell for their country and called on their surviving comrades to "serve America in time of peace by so living that Justice, Freedom and Democracy may endure forever."

A bugle call sounded and a representative of the American Legion parted the white swathe and the soldier in bronze stood towering above the crowd, symbolical of the ideals that towered, high and fine, in the late conflict. Eight riflemen in uniform stationed at the base of the monument, then, fired four simultaneous shots, after which the vast crowd moved into the courthouse for the speaking, the cold making outdoor speaking impractical.

Following the playing of "Dixie" by the band, H. V. Rose introduced the unveiling speaker, Albert M. Coates, of the State University. Mr. Coates is a home boy and his oratorical powers are proverbial. He did not disappoint his hearers yesterday. His speech which is a gem, follows:

"Around midnight on the fifth of April, 1917, 500 representatives of the United States, by nearly unanimous vote, carried a hundred million people into war. From the Capitol the news was flashed on trunk wires to the country's focal centers, there it was relayed to every city and every settlement.

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AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

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Ever goose oig I gin in when I plost my property and gin in my pole hatched out twin geese that laid golden aigs.

Children Perish In Wind Storm

La Plata, Md., Nov. 9.—A twisting wind struck suddenly out of a sultry sky today and shattered a schoolhouse here in which about 50 children were studying.

Eleven perished in the ruins, and two others died while being rushed to Washington for treatment. At least 20 more were injured, some critically, and a negro man and woman were killed in their dwelling, one of three caught in the narrow mile-long path of the storm.

Eleven of the torn little bodies lay tonight in the town's undertaking establishment or at their homes, while two were still in the Washington hospitals which were

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Urges Farmers To Use Their Heads

Wright Edmundson Tells of The Cotton Situation In The Lone Star State; Must Reduce in 1927

"Do not use your hands less, but your head more," is the advice Mr. Wright Edmundson, a native of this county, but now living in Texas, would give to his farmer friends back home and to the farmers throughout the south. Mr. Edmundson is interested in seeing the farmers get a fair price for their cotton, and it is his belief that if the proper cooperation can be had among the cotton farmers in reducing acreage and in other matters that the 1927 crop will not be practically given away.

Mr. Edmundson writing from Waco, tells of the present situation in the Lone Star State and offers some timely suggestions for all cotton growers. His letter is as follows:

"Texas has the largest cotton crop in its history. The big problem is gathering it. We have been having excessive rains in all parts of Texas, and labor is scarce—about one-half enough to save the cotton.

"Since my return to Texas from North Carolina, I have devoted practically all of my time in going over almost the entire State. I think I would be perfectly safe in saying there are at least 3 million acres in cotton, producing a big crop that has never, as yet, been touched. Farmers, renters especially, are not interested in getting it out. Picking is high, with the price of the staple low. There is a general financial depression over the entire cotton growing section, and in many sections, farmers have refused to pick the crop at prevailing prices. The only solution, as I see it, is about a fifty per cent reduction in the acreage in 1927.

"The farmers of the South are using their muscle in production and their brains are entirely inoperative. We must have cooperation among the farmers of the South or they will be slaves for Wall Street interest for all time. There must be concerted action, and that at once, or go into bankruptcy. What is the solution? Raise more hog and hominy and less cotton.

"Only a few years ago, cotton was selling at 35 to 40¢ per pound. Why? There was a demand. Today we are raising seventeen million bales of cotton creating a big surplus. As I see it, the farmer is responsible for present day conditions in our fair Southland. Diversified farming is the remedy. Mr. Farmer, did you know that a twelve million bale crop is worth more to you than a seventeen?

"Lack of confidence and cooperation is one trouble. I have known meetings of farmers to discuss acreage reductions; about 90 per cent of them will agree to reduce 25 to 33 1-3 per cent, break up and start home, and 95 per cent of them will decide now is the time to make my jack. All being of the same mind, find at the end of the

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Judge J. H. Kerr Addresses Legion

Makes a Notable Speech Before Audience That Filled The Court House —Barbecue Dinner

The touching prayer made by Chaplain Ira C. Whitley of the Pou-Parrish Legion Post, which concluded the unveiling exercises here yesterday, was the signal for F. H. Brooks, chairman of the civilian committee, to take charge of the program, and for the next hour the audience, which filled the courtroom to overflowing, heard, with deep attention, a splendid address by Congressman John H. Kerr, of Warrenton.

After the speech, the barbecue dinner was in order, and then the other festivities of the day and night. Over four hundred ex-soldiers of the World War, the Spanish-American War, and the War Between the States, registered and were served with dinner. Eight hundred pounds of barbecue and cakes galore cooked by some of the best cooks Johnston county affords with other accessories provided ample refreshment for all who wore badges.

The barbecue feast was good, but the mental feast provided by Congressman Kerr gave those who heard him food for thought. No nation, no state, no people, said Judge Kerr, ever remain great unless they cherish the valor of their soldiers. Then he spoke of the greatness of North Carolina and the part she has played in past wars. In the World War desertions by North Carolina soldiers were practically unknown; evasions of the draft were few; more were killed from North Carolina than from any other state; and this state sold 12 per cent more than its quota of Liberty Bonds.

Judge Kerr told the members of the American Legion that, the veterans of other wars are passing, and that the Legion is coming to the forefront. He called upon them to maintain the same idealism that carried them into the war. He reviewed conditions in America showing that the American people are for the most part indifferent to government, indifferent to religion, indifferent to social life. He told the Legion members that they had it in their power to change such conditions, that they had it in their power to stop war. Because of their position, their influence and responsibility is relatively great.

SLAYER OF FREMONT YOUTH IDENTIFIED

Wilson, Nov. 9.—George Brezmore, Williamston negro, was being held for safekeeping here tonight under a charge of murder, after being identified today by three residents of Farmville as the man in possession of the truck load of tobacco which Gordon Yelverton was bringing to the local market when slain.

Despite the fact that he was identified by the Farmville delegation from among several other negroes in the jail, Brezmore stoutly maintained his innocence.

A murder charge was lodged against him when he was unable to give a satisfactory account of his actions last Saturday and Friday.

The first theory was that a white man and two negroes had acted jointly in the killing of young Yelverton, by shooting him through the head and leaving his body some 25 feet from the highway in a patch of woods near Farmville. The three men were said to have driven the truck of tobacco with which Yelverton had started out to Farmville and unloaded it; that later they ran when some complaints were passed as to the quality of the tobacco and that they did not return for their checks.

Later developments, however, tend to point to point Brezmore as the criminal, it was said. Brezmore denies any knowledge of the crime.—Goldsboro News.

"I crave a 'high flyer,' shouts a Hollywood movie extra. Then set you a sheik in balloon breeches, honey.

RECORDER'S COURT MEETS THREE DAYS

The Recorder's Court was in session here on Tuesday and Wednesday and is also in session here today. Each day has been devoted to the whittling down of the criminal docket. A large number of cases has been disposed of and there yet remains about fifty cases to be carried over to next week.

Baptist Begin Revival Sunday

Dr. A. J. Fristoe, of Asheville Experienced Evangelist, Will Preach

The Baptist church will begin a series of revival meetings next Sunday, with Dr. A. J. Fristoe, of Asheville, preaching morning and night. Dr. Fristoe is a preacher of fine ability, and with a wide experience as pastor and evangelist. He has held pastorates in leading cities, but has given the last few years mainly to evangelistic work, for a number of years being State evangelist in Maryland.

The meetings here will continue for about ten days, services being held each night at 7:30, with perhaps a day service to be announced. The Baptist congregation ask for the cooperation of the members of all the churches, and especially of the members of the several choirs. Large congregations are expected Sunday, the pastor of the Methodist church being out of town attending the annual conference. He announced that there would be no services at the Methodist church, and invited his congregation to attend the revival meetings at the Baptist church. The general public has a cordial invitation to attend all the services.

MERCHANTS GIVE PREMIUMS CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW

Plans are complete for the chrysanthemum show to be held by the Woman's Club here next Wednesday at Austin's Store. Anyone in the county interested is cordially invited to participate. If you do not wish to compete for the prizes offered for flowers, cakes and candies, come to the show anyway.

The following business firms of Smithfield have offered prizes:

Victory Theatre, one week's pass; City Market, five pound roast; Hood Brothers, box candy; Charles Davis, pair of gloves; Hudson-Belk Store, silk hose; Huntley's, silk hose; Rose's five and ten cent store, boudoir set; Wallace Grocery Company, one pound Maxwell House coffee; R. Lewis, boutonniere; Creech's, cut glass bon bon dish; A. Baroody, one dozen apples, one dozen bananas, one dozen oranges; Austin's, silk hose; Spot Store, silk hose; J. D. Spiers, percolator; Young Motor Company, motometer; Vera Smith, boutonniere; Sam Stallings, five gallons gas; Holleman Motor Company, some Chevrolet accessory; Sundry Shoppe, bath powder; W. M. Sanders and Son, sack of flour; Peadin and Peterson, (to be selected); N. B. Grantham, men's gloves; American Dollar Store, box of powder; First and Citizens National Bank, \$2.50 gold coin; Jordan Jewelry Company, a piece of silver; Coats Hardware Company, pair of scissors; Turnage and Talton, quarter sack Roller Champion flour; Jordan-Edmundson Hardware Company, six Community silver tea spoons.

Bulbs and seeds will be on sale at the flower show.

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Dr. Frank Crane



Dr. Crane's articles appear every week in The Herald and in them will be found much food for thought.

Expression Class Renders Program

Appropriate Exercises At The School Auditorium Celebrating Armistice Day Wednesday Evening

The pupils of Mrs. A. R. Wilson's expression class gave an Armistice Day program which was very much enjoyed at the school auditorium Wednesday evening. A large crowd was present to hear the young speakers who acquitted themselves and their instructor with credit.

A special feature of the evening was a short play entitled "Scenes of the World War." Five scenes were depicted: Columbia's prayer, Red Cross nurse and baby's prayer, "Just Before the Battle, Mother," the wounded soldier, and the world at peace again. Those taking part in the play were: Dixie Johnson, as Columbia; Durwood Creech, as Uncle Sam; Mrs. Jesse Coats, representing Thought; Catherine Martin, the baby; Willis Stevens, Winfield Jordan, Paul Brown and Frank Morgan, as soldiers; Ava Wallace, Mattie Lee Grimes and Frances Massey, as Red Cross nurses.

The program which preceded the play was as follows:

Song—"America, Audience, American Creed, Six Boys. Acrostic—"Armistice Day," Durwood Creech.

Quartette, "Over There."

"Patriots of America," Six Boys. "Heroes of Yesteryear," Marcia Stevens.

"Our Soldier's Dead," Elizabeth Thornton.

Star Spangled Banner and Dixie Drill, Eighteen Girls.

Declaration—"Thoughts for Armistice," Willis Stevens.

"Armistice Memorial," Frances Jones.

"Service Flag," Marcia Stevens and Frances Massey.

Acrobatic Dance, Annie B. Morgan.

"Poppies of France," Twelve Girls.

Honor for Soldiers, Sadie Massey.

In Memory, Nine Girls.

Declaration—"The Army of Peace," Winfield Jordan.

"Johnnie's Ideas," Thomas Hood.

Baptist Ass'n At Baptist Center

R. H. Gower Elected Moderator For 24th Time—Nearly All of Forty-five Churches Represented

By REV. S. L. MORGAN

The Johnston association held at Baptist Center November 9th 10th was a very satisfactory one. Representatives were present from all but one or two of the 45 churches. Seldom has the attendance and interest kept up to so high a pitch to the end. Pastor R. L. Shirley, of Selma, displayed on a large blackboard which he had made the main facts as to membership and contributions for all the churches during the year, a service for which the body gave him a vote of thanks. Reports showed that in the aggregate the year had been one of comparatively small gains in membership. In fact, many of the churches excluded or dropped from their rolls more names than they added—a fact for which the churches will be better off. The net gains were great enough to run up the membership of the 45 churches slightly above 6,000.

A very gratifying thing was that the large number of pastorless churches a little while ago were able to report that pastors had been secured; five new pastors being welcomed: J. E. Kirk, of Benson, Ira E. D. Andrews, of Clayton, R. L. Shirley, of Selma, A. L. Brown, of Four Oaks, and G. P. Lanier, of the Trinity field. R. H. Gower was elected moderator for the 24th time, R. L. Shirley, vice-moderator, S. L. Morgan, clerk and J. A. Smith, treasurer. An important change was made in the executive committee, in enlarging its membership to nine members, at least three of whom are to be women, and by adding the officers of the association to the committee.

The body committed itself to continuing the work of Miss Gladys H. Beck for another year and of Miss Gertrude Mattison for six months—her engagements commencing her to six months each in two associations. There was a strong demand for continuing both these departments of work, although the general delinquency of the churches in contributing the funds necessary had resulted in a deficit of about \$300. A large number of the churches made definite pledges during the session of the association, aggregating about \$800 of the necessary \$1,100, and the others are asked to make a definite pledge to these two salaries and report it to the writer as soon as possible. While it was understood that the work will continue in both departments, yet it is contingent on the pledging of the full amount needed. All churches that failed to contribute their due part to this fund last year are urged to send in their contributions as soon as possible to apply on the deficit. Also it was noted that the amounts sent in for the minute and expense fund was far below the amount needed, many of the churches having sent nothing at all. The Clerk was instructed to write these churches urging a liberal contribution. He hereby asks that Baptist readers will see to it that their churches take up the matter promptly, if it has been neglected.

A resolution was adopted expressing the appreciation of the body to Commander D. Carlton Stephenson and the committee arranging for the Armistice Day celebration under the auspices of the American Legion in Smithfield at their decision to cancel the public dance that had been planned, and expressing the hope of the body, representing 6,000 Baptists, that such a feature will be excluded from all future celebrations of the day, as being out of harmony with the sentiment of gratitude and worship which attach to the day in the minds of a great many who remember the agony of the World War, with the religious feeling awakened by the announcement of the armistice.

Another resolution was adopted urging the coming General Assembly to enlarge the appropriation

Plan to Reduce Cotton Acreage

Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of North Carolina State College, was Monday named to direct a campaign for a diversified program of agriculture in North Carolina, with the immediate objective of a 25 per cent reduction in cotton acreage for 1927.

Dr. Brooks was chosen by a central committee to which all details were referred under a resolution adopted by the mass meeting called for yesterday by the Governor. The committee will meet again on Friday, November 19, to launch the program, and it is probable that a uniform date for a sign-up campaign will be adopted.—News and Observer.

Presbyterians Revival Closes

Ku Klux Present Dr. Paul Pressly With Purse At Closing Service

The meeting which has been in progress at the Presbyterian church since Monday night, November 1, closed Wednesday night with a large crowd attending the last service.

At the beginning of the service Wednesday evening, members of the Ku Klux Klan entered the church, marched down to the chancel and presented a purse to Dr. Pressly. The minister in thanking the Ku Klux for their generosity, said that he was not afraid of any organization that backs the church of God.

Dr. Paul Pressly, of Chester, S. C., who did the preaching for the ten-day meeting, gave his hearers excellent sermons. The revival was conducted on a high and dignified plane, emotionalism having no part in any of the services.

Wednesday night, Dr. Pressly preached on "Divine Forgiveness," using as his text—Mark 2:5—"Son thy sins be forgiven thee." With illustrations taken from the Bible, Dr. Pressly portrayed the infinite tenderness of Jesus in dealing with sinners, and showed how willing Jesus was while here upon the earth to give, not only what a petitioner asked for, but more than he asked for or even dreamed of. In healing the sick man's body, Jesus healed his soul and gave him a new nature, doing far more for him than he or his friends asked.

The minister told of the tactful approach of Jesus to sinners and of how his heart yearned to help those in trouble. The sermon was calculated to convince the listeners of the great compassionate heart of the Saviour, and of His eagerness to forgive all those who have sinned.

During the meeting several met with the session of the church and gave their names for membership.

All the denominations in town cooperated in a splendid manner for the success of the meeting, helping with the music and attending the services in large numbers.

For Mother's Aid in the State.

The next session of the association will meet in Selma Nov. 1, 2, 1927. Dr. I. E. D. Andrews of Clayton, to preach the introductory sermon, and J. E. Kirk of Benson, to preach the missionary sermon.

Husband and Wife



Whenever we have an argument my husband gets dignified and calls me "My good woman."—Mrs. R. L. C.

WHAT DOES... BAND DO?

H. B. Easom Weds Clinton Bride

Former Smithfield Citizen Weds Miss Margaret Stevens — Elaborate Church Wedding

Clinton, Nov. 10.—One of the leading social events of the fall season was the marriage of Miss Margaret Stevens when she became the bride of Mr. Horace Bernard Easom at a beautiful ceremony at the Baptist church Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

The church was very artistically decorated for the occasion. Large baskets of white chrysanthemums, the leading flower, stood out against a background of green pine, palms, and fern. A shower of white wedding bells hung from the three arches over the altar, the center arch where the ceremony was performed had a touch of pink carrying out the color scheme. Tall lighted tapers added the finishing touch to a very lovely scene.

A musical program was given just before the entrance of the bride party. With Miss Mable Parker at the organ, Messrs. T. M. Lee, violinist, and Harry Stewart playing the flute, as accompanists, two Autumn preludes, Humoresque and Traumeri were very beautifully rendered. This was followed by a flute solo, Melody in F. The bridal chorus from the Rose Maiden was sung by a double quartette composed of Mrs. Herbert Smith, Miss Barbara Wier, Sopranos, Mesdames Floyd Rawls, Tom Ferrell, Altos, Messrs. T. M. Lee, Cornelius Celine, Tenors and Harry Stewart and T. H. King, Bass.

Promptly at eight o'clock the bride party entered, the wedding march from Lohengrin was used as a processional. First came the bridesmaids, Misses Celeste Hubbard, Clinton; Betsy Wright, Kingston, N. C.; Annie Aman and Wilhelmina Huske, of Fayetteville; wearing pink colonial gowns with pink satin slippers. They carried nosegays of pink rosebuds and blue delphinium with a shower of rosebuds. They also wore a wreath of rosebuds and blue forget-me-nots in their hair. Next came the groomsmen, Messrs. Edward Wright, C. M. Walker, of Asheville; Howard Gray, of Smithfield; and James Hubbard, of Clinton; then came the flower girls, Misses June Powell and Frances Barrus dressed in ruffled pink taffeta and pink kid shoes, carrying baskets of pink roses following these came the maid of honor, Miss Mary Powell, of Oxford. She wore pink taffeta gown colonial style with pink satin slippers carrying a nosegay of pink rosebuds and blue delphinium with a shower of rosebuds. She was followed by the ring bearer, Miss Toots Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Smith, dressed as a miniature bride in white crepe de chine, trimmed with lace. She wore a long tulle veil cap shape wreathed with orange blossoms carrying a shower bouquet of bride's roses and sweet peas with the ring attached. Then came the bride with her brother, John A. Stevens, of Wilmington; who gave her in marriage. She wore a white satin gown with elaborate trimming of Spanish lace and pearls and court train with white slippers with rhinestone buckles. Her tulle veil worn helmet fashion was trimmed with lace and orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and valley lilies. They were met

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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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Wilbur Johnson recognized his name last issue.