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Choose J. L. Myatt Master Farmer

Twenty-Two Johnston County Farmers Nominated; J. W. Stephenson and J. Rufus Creech Tie For Second Place

For the past three years State College has been awarding at commencement a certificate of meritorious service to one or more farmers. These men are usually nominated through the county farm agent.

Perfect Attendance



Miss Louise Biggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Biggs of this city, has an unusual record as to school attendance.

Liquor Cases In Recorder's Court

Most of the Criminal Cases Tried This Week Had to Do With Intoxicants

Recorder's court met in regular session here Tuesday and was continued through Wednesday, the following criminal cases being tried:

FIVE YOUNG WOMEN WILL GRADUATE

Five young women from Johnston county will graduate from N. C. C. W. at Greensboro at the commencement exercises to be held from June 4 to 6.

Arthur Batten Hurt In Wreck

Two Men Driving Dodge Coupe Run Into Wagon In Which He Was Riding

Speeding along highway number 10 Wednesday night, a Dodge coupe driven by Messrs. L. F. Johnson and P. F. King of Wake county, crashed into a wagon near the Grantham place about two and a half miles west of here and injured the driver of the wagon and the coupe.

Negroes Run Into Team Of Mules

Driving Dodge Coupe, Three Colored Men Crash Into Wagon and Crush Mule's Head

PRINCETON, April 20.—Saturday night about nine o'clock a Dodge coupe, traveled toward Goldsboro on the highway at the rate of 60 miles per hour with three negroes in the car.

W. Jasper Godwin charged with violating the prohibition law

Arthur Hodges was found guilty of possession of whiskey. A 60 day road sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$50 fine and on condition that the defendant does not violate the prohibition law again in the next two years.

MISS GARRISON HAS CLUB MEETING AT FOUR OAKS

FOUR OAKS, April 20.—Last Thursday afternoon, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, home demonstration agent, held an initial club meeting in the kitchen of the Methodist church.

W. Jasper Godwin charged with violating the prohibition law

Ransom Moore Sanders, for allowing his twelve-year-old son to operate a car on the public highway and operating car without the proper license plates, received a suspended sentence upon the payment of a \$10 fine and cost and on condition that he secure proper license within ten days for his truck.

Junior R. A.'s To Meet

The Junior Royal Ambassadors will meet at the church Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. William Norman Holt, Jr., will have charge of the program.

HUGH RAGSDALE MAKES RECORD AT STAUNTON

WAYNESBORO, Va., April 18.—In one of the hardest fought tennis matches ever seen in the valley of Virginia Fishburne dethroned the strong S. M. A. team yesterday.

Amos defeated Stegar of S. M. A. in two straight sets. Ragsdale defeated Steinford of S. M. A. in straight sets. Burrows lost to Wallace of S. M. A. by a close margin in three sets.

Ragsdale and Walsh decisively defeated Stegar and Steinford of S. M. A. in straight sets. It was in this match that Ragsdale was brilliant.

S. M. A. has its strongest team in years and this team has been predicted to be the southern champs until defeated by the strong Fishburne quartet.—Staunton News, April 14.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Lawrence Stancel recognized his name last issue. Today's tantalizer: btoniohnr

Bedroom Tragedy.

"Dick almost drowned last night." "No! How come?" "The pillow slipped, the bed spread and he fell into the spring."

Cotton Affair Is Proving Popular

The Movement To Enthroner King Cotton Meets Hearty Response As It Is Presented to Various Clubs

The plans for enthroning King Cotton in Johnston county, which are being developed by the County Council of home demonstration work together with other clubs of the county, promise now to result in something that will mean not only an enjoyable social event but in the consumption of more cotton goods.

The wearing of more cotton clothes, and the using of cotton house furnishings. Fifteen or more prizes have already been secured from manufacturers and local merchants for various types of cotton dresses which will be exhibited, and more are expected to be added as soon as others are heard from, according to the county home agent, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, who is bending every energy for the success of the occasion.

The affair will be staged on May 8th, and will be held in the afternoon and evening. The evening program will be for the pleasure of King Cotton and various clubs will put on stunts for his entertainment.

Three attractive prizes have been secured for the best three stunts, which represent a value of not less than ten dollars each.

The general committee will meet tomorrow and plan subcommittees, announcement of which will be made in the next issues of the county papers. The selection of a place to hold the exhibit will be decided at this time.

SELMA GIRL IS ON VARSITY TEAM

SELMA, April 20.—Selma is justly proud of the achievements of her boys and girls who have gone out into the various schools and colleges. The following, clipped from a Greensboro paper will be of special interest to the many friends in Johnston county of Miss Mary Evelyn Parker, who is a first year student at N. C. C. W.:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF FLOOD SITUATION

States affected: Arkansas, Missouri, and Mississippi, and to lesser extent Illinois, Kentucky, and Louisiana.

Persons affected: 100,000, directly or indirectly. Lives lost: Impossible estimate, more than dozen known dead. Property loss: Not estimated, but far into the millions of dollars.

Worst sufferer: Arkansas, with most of its lowlands inundated. Persons homeless in Arkansas: Upward of 20,000.

No Such Luck. Mistress: "I saw the milkman kiss you this morning. I'll take the milk in myself after this." Janet: "It won't do you any good, mum. He promised me he would kiss no one but me."

Arkansas Levee Suddenly Breaks

Flood Disaster Menace Grows; Brief Summary of Worst Flood The Mississippi Area Has Known

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 20.—The menace of flood disaster in the Lower Mississippi Valley increased tonight as Arkansas felt anew the scourge of the swelling waters and guardians of defense in another state along the great river doubled their efforts to save lives and property in the fertile lowlands.

Hurling the levee of the White River at Clarendon, Ark., the racing waters early today surged through that town of 3,000 and changed its streets into foaming whirlpools, where boats, men, animals and swaying houses were tossed about in tragic disorder.

Driven by a break in the Arkansas River a few miles Northwest of Little Rock, the swelling floods charged down in a diminishing wall upon the town of Levy and moved on to increase the wide inundation in North Little Rock, across the mad stream from the capital city.

The Little Rock municipal water plants was abandoned late today when its protecting dyke, held for two days by a heroic band of men, became a sieve through which hostile elements sifted. Three or four days' supply of the healthful water remained in the city's reservoir.

Along the hundred mile stretch of the St. Francis River basin, between New Madrid, Mo., and Helena, Ark., inhabitants of a score of towns and of the productive farm lands were making preparations for the increment of waters which moved Southward through and over the St. John's Bayou Levee.

Meanwhile, disease appeared among refugees in camps at Wynne and Parkin, Ark., where high waters of the St. Francis have driven hundreds of fugitive farmers and their families. Governor Martineau, at Little Rock, was told that there were 250 cases of measles, 250 of whooping cough and 50 to 75 sick with mumps in the camp. National Guard authorities ordered its medical department to dispatch relief groups at once to the stricken points.

"By authority of the Secretary of War," the chief engineer messaged by wireless, "you are hereby directed to slow down at least half and keep as far away from the levee line as possible."—Associated Press.

NEW SEAGRAVES FIRE TRUCK IS TESTED OUT

The new Seagraves fire truck, which was recently purchased by the town, was tested out Monday and it more than measured up to the requirements. Mr. J. R. Jolly, factory engineer, made the test and Mr. H. T. Freeman, of Atlanta, Ga., inspector, witnessed the experiment.

The test was made at Holt's mill between here and Princeton. According to Mr. Jolly, the pump operating for two hours with 120 pounds of pressure pumped 767 gallons of water per minute. In a half hour period with 200 pounds of pressure it pumped 481 gallons a minute. The engineer and inspector were well pleased with the showing the truck made.

A picture of this truck will appear in an early issue of the Herald.

To Ship Another Car Of Poultry

Selma Kiwanians and Merchants Pleased with First Attempt; Contemplate Shipping Car of Hogs

SELMA, April 20.—The success with which our first poultry car was received has prompted us to make arrangements with the State Bureau of Markets in Raleigh to ship a poultry and egg car once each month from Selma. This car will be in Selma on Saturday, April 30, to buy, as before, all classes of poultry for cash at the car door. Due to the desire of the farmers we have arranged this time, and will at each succeeding car, buy eggs for cash. In doing this the farmers must realize that eggs of good weight, clean and fresh will bring a price superior to culls.

It is the desire of the Kiwanis club and merchants whose names appear on the advertising to furnish a cash market for any surplus commodities which are held on the farm. To this end any farmer who wishes to avail himself of this help will please notify J. N. Wiggs, chairman of the poultry committee, as to the nature and amount of the commodity which he wishes to sell. It is desired to ship a car of hogs as soon as enough farmers will notify Mr. Wiggs to make it possible.

FOUR OAKS STUDENTS IN TRIANGULAR DEBATE

FOUR OAKS, April 18.—The local school here entered the triangular debate which was held over the state Friday night. Four Oaks debated with Black Creek and sent Miss Lucile Stanley and Mr. Clarence Woodall there to uphold the negative side of the query: "Resolved, That the Curtis-Reed Bill Should be Enacted." They presented their debate in an unusually creditable manner but lost to Black Creek. Black Creek sent two debaters here to represent the negative side of the query against Miss Josie Barbour and Mr. William Britt who upheld the affirmative side. Four Oaks lost here also but their speakers deserve a great deal of credit for defending their side of the query in such a splendid manner.

Services At Barbour's Chapel

Services at Barbour's Chapel Advent Christian church will be conducted by Evangelist A. E. Bloom, of Chicago, Ill., and the pastor commencing on Monday night, April 25, and continuing through the first Sunday in May. Services only at night.

Elder Bloom is a successful pastor as well as an evangelist of great ability. Come out and hear him. J. O. BAKER, Secretary. Four Oaks, N. C.

H. P. Stevens On Cotton In Texas

Thinks Competing With Cotton Farmers of the Texas Plains Will Be Harder Each Year For N. C. Growers

H. P. Stevens, who travels over the cotton section of the United States in the interest of a New York cotton firm, writes interestingly to The Herald concerning the cotton situation in Texas around Lubbock, Texas. He says it is hard for one to appreciate the situation unless he has had the privilege of seeing that vast empire of Western Texas, but suggests that the next best thing is to locate the town on a big wall map:

Mr. Stevens further writes: It has only been within the past ten years that it was even thought possible to grow cotton, successfully, within a radius of 125 miles of Lubbock. Now this is the cotton center of that vast plains region, which in the past year produced almost 40 per cent as much cotton as the entire state of North Carolina produced.

Cotton is grown in that territory without the use of commercial fertilizers. One man can easily cultivate 150 acres. No chopping but plowing it with a four-horse cultivator from to to three times is the method of cultivation. During the past season a sled for gathering cotton was introduced in that section and with the sled, a man using two mules can gather eight to ten acres a day.

Under conditions such as we find in that western territory, our farmers are going to find the task of competing in the raising of cotton growing harder each year. Diversification, rotation of crops, enriching the soil by planting leguminous crops and paying marked attention to the growth of better staple cotton, in my opinion is our only salvation.

Mr. Stevens encloses an article written by a friend, H. E. Blocker of Lubbock, Texas, which was published recently in the "Cotton Trade Journal of New Orleans," and which is herewith copied:

In behalf of the South in general and Texas in particular I believe this is a good time to say a word about cotton acreage over the Plains country another season. We are being asked daily, "What is your estimate of intended acreage reduction in your territory?" Our answer is, probably no reduction and possibly a considerable increase in certain areas. To the average cotton man and layman this seems a ruinous policy, but if it will serve the purpose of causing a drastic cut in cotton acreage over portions of the South and the black land sections of Texas in particular where the cost of production is much higher than here, it will stand justified.

It should be remembered that there is a vast, untouched expanse of virgin land out here that will produce cotton and lots of it. This is no longer a matter of experimentation. The South Plains Counties have produced this year, their banner year, an aggregate of 475,000 bales. It is true this is scarcely a drop in the bucket when compared to the total crop of the South, but there are literally millions of acres of raw land here capable of producing cotton, and the potentialities are great.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Me— "Cullud folks goes Nawth in droves, and comes back in wood."

