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Cotton Festival Interest Grows

Local Organizations Lend Their Support; Classes of Entries for Premiums

Local organizations are lending their support to the home demonstration clubs in the county, in a worthwhile way, in the promotion of the Cotton Festival planned for Friday, May 6. The affair will be held at the courthouse both in the afternoon and in the evening, and promises to be a good big drop in the bucket towards increasing the consumption of cotton goods.

The Kiwanis club has agreed to provide King Cotton himself in all of his royal glory, and to ask the local merchants to cooperate in the movement by dressing their windows in cotton merchandise. It is desired that all merchants in the county feature cotton goods in their windows during the coming week.

The Woman's club will have charge of local exhibits of cotton articles and will also manage the social end of the program.

The Business and Professional Woman's club will take care of the entries of exhibits as they arrive and arrange them for judging.

Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, the county home agent and general manager of the entire festival, will be in direct charge of the stunt entries, and she wishes all clubs that expect to compete for the prizes offered for best stunts put on for the pleasure of King Cotton, to notify her by Monday, May 2. This is important in order that the evening program may be arranged. No stunt is expected to take more than ten minutes.

In the afternoon the exhibits entered will be judged except those worn by living models which will be judged in the evening. Premiums keep arriving from manufacturers and others, and it has not been deemed advisable to designate prizes for any certain exhibit yet. There may be as many as three prizes for each class of exhibits. However, the classes have been arranged as follows, in which there will be at least first and second prizes:

- I. Dresses made by women
 - a. For women
 - 1. House dress
 - 2. Afternoon dress.
 - 3. Evening dress.
 - 4. Sport dress.
 - b. For Girls:
 - 1. School dress.
 - 2. Party dress.
- II. Dresses Made by Girls Under 18 years.
 - 1. School dress.
 - 2. Party dress.
- III: Any type of Dress Made by Women Not Costing More Than \$2.50.
- IV: Any type of dress made by girls under 18 years, not costing more than \$2.00.
- V: Any Dress worn by living model.
- VI: Stunts by Home Demonstration Clubs for Women and Girls.
 - First prize: Automobile tire.
 - Second prize: Automobile Tire.
 - Third prize: Automobile Tire.
 - Fourth prize: Automobile Tire.

ANOTHER STILL CAPTURED
Mr. W. W. Stuart, deputy sheriff of Ingrams township, brought a 40-gallon copper still here yesterday morning. This still was captured in Ingrams township on Saturday morning. No one was at the still and no arrests were made.

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 secured for before the following issue.

Bill Norton recognized his name last issue.
Today's Tantalizer:
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Vacant Lot On One of City's Main Streets



Appearance at beginning of Clean-Up Week. This and other lots like it should have the attention of the trash wagons this week.

Wreck Occurs On Mystery Shrouds Overhead Bridge Benson Citizen

Franklin Car Runs Into Two Others on Railroad Bridge Near Selma

Last Friday afternoon an automobile wreck occurred on the overhead bridge between here and Se Imawhen a Franklin car driven by two Raleigh men, attempted to pass two other cars on the bridge.

According to information received here, Mrs. Geo. E. Cherry of this city, had parked her car on the bridge, and Mr. B. G. Jones, also of this city, who was coming across the bridge, turned out to pass when the Franklin ran up behind him, striking both cars from the rear. Mrs. Cherry's car was only slightly damaged, while the fenders and the rear bumper were torn from the one driven by Mr. Jones.

The Franklin turned over and was completely wrecked. Its two occupants, Mr. Moore and Mr. Whitaker, were painfully injured. They were brought to the Johnston County Hospital for medical treatment, and later went on to their homes in Raleigh. The wounds of Mr. Moore did not prove serious, but it was reported yesterday that Mr. Whitaker is still confined to his bed, suffering from an injured hip.

None of the Smithfield people were hurt.

SOME SOUTH'S BEST COTTON LAND IS FLOODED

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 23.—King Cotton, which for years has reigned supreme in the Mississippi Delta and St. Francis Basin, has practically been dethroned by the Mississippi floods.

With approximately 10,000,000 acres of the South's best cotton land today surging pools of muddy water from floods, and no drainage possible for perhaps a month, plants will be forced to grow late corn if anything this year, say market experts.

Cotton planting was to be started throughout these sections next week and much of the ground has already been broken for the planting.

Growing of cotton requires dry weather as well as dry earth. After the floods have receded, the ground will be too wet for two weeks or more to grow cotton.

Experts today estimated the loss of the cotton crop due to floods would run into millions of dollars.

The price of cotton has already begun to rise due to the floods.—International News Service.

Last Trump For Pedestrians.

"Mah bredren," shouted Parson Potluck, "yo' want t' be ready to jump when yo' heahs Gabriel blow dat horn."
"Fo' goodness sake!" murmured Brother Simpson, "am he a-comin' in er autyomobel?"—Pathfinder.

TO INSPECT YARDS FRIDAY

DURING THE past two weeks a clean-up campaign has been observed here. During this time many back lots have been transformed, and instead of the littered places they used to be are now neat and in a sanitary condition. Prizes have been offered for the cleanest yards in town, one for the white and one for the colored people. An inspection will be made Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the families having the cleanest yards will be presented prizes. Those who have not yet entered in the campaign are urged to begin at once.

Hearing Held On Highway Matter

Judge Harris Will Dissolve Restraining Order When Statement of Facts Sustaining Contentions Are Presented In Court

Upon presentation in court for the benefit of the opposition, of facts sustaining the contentions of Johnston county in the matter of re-lending to the State Highway Commission a sum of money to be used in constructing another road across the county, Judge W. C. Harris, who heard the case here yesterday afternoon, will sign an act dissolving the restraining order recently brought against the State Highway Commission by citizens of Benson. Judge Harris held that the county commissioners, who at the time the loan was made constituted the road governing body of the county, had a right to make the loan and that the contract is valid. Counsel for the Johnston county board stated that the statement of facts asked for would be ready for presentation on Thursday morning.

An array of counsel took part in discussion, those bringing the injunction being represented by L. L. Levinson of Benson and J. C. county board of commissioners being represented by County Attorney, Paul D. Gray, F. H. Brooks, J. A. Wellons, and Abell and Shepard; and the State Highway Commission, by Attorney Chas. Ross.

Mr. Clifford presented the contentions of his clients, stating first that loan used to build number 22 should be used for that purpose only; that the conference held in Raleigh between the Johnston county board and the State Highway Commission was not a legal session of the board; and that the contract entered into is, therefore, invalid.

Mr. Grady contended that the road governing board of Johnston county at that time was the county board of commissioners and it could therefore make a legal contract with the State Highway Commission. He contended that nothing done since that time, that is any corrections of the minutes, would interfere with the contract, and also contended that if anyone had a right to complain it is the bondholders themselves who have never registered any kick of any kind.

Mr. Ross made it plain that the State Highway Commission welcomed this investigation in view of the fact that other contracts entered into by the commission with other counties would be affected, if the action in question is not legal.

During later discussion, the status of the outstanding bonds was made clear, it being shown that the county sold bonds in the sum of \$240,000 to be retired from 1931 to 1940; that bonds in the sum of \$130,000 had been issued, and also a short term note for \$130,000. After hearing this information, Mr. Ross made the proposition that the contract be modified to provide that the State Highway Commission pay the short term note of \$130,000 when it falls due, and that only the sum of \$370,000 be considered for road construction in the county. This proposition was accepted.

STOCK OF GOODS SOLD

The stock of goods belonging to the L. G. Stevens & Company, at Four Oaks, was sold under bankruptcy proceedings last Friday afternoon. Bidders were present from Four Oaks, Smithfield, Kinston, Enfield and Rocky Mount, and the entire stock brought \$1,777. The store was closed several weeks ago.

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Lives Are Lost In Raging Flood

While Thousands Are Being Rescued, a Hundred Persons Have Been Drowned

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 24.—A Sabbath scene of death and desolation was presented today over more than nine thousand square miles of the richest lands in Mississippi and Arkansas as the flood waters of half a dozen mighty streams continued their relentless flow to the sea.

At least one hundred human lives had been snuffed out by the swirling, plunging waters since the rivers started tearing from their beds three weeks ago, and the fate of other hundreds was left in doubt.

TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION.

Hour by hour, as the walls of water moved across the stricken states, more thousands were made homeless; additional crops were destroyed, and livestock, homes, barns and property of almost every description were swept along in the maelstrom.

Urgent warnings to the people in the lower Mississippi delta to flee for their lives from the flood waters sweeping down toward Vicksburg were issued during the day by army engineers and the exodus began before nightfall.

Far across the country in La Fayette County, Arkansas, others were moving out to highlands before the waters of the Red River, which broke through the main levee at Findley Bend early in the day, with the prospect that an additional 20,000 acres of land would be inundated.

TREMENDOUS PRESSURE.
As indicative of the tremendous pressure upon the dykes, Army engineers estimated that water was rushing past Memphis at the rate of two million cubic feet a second, while at a point just below where the Arkansas empties into the father of waters the estimated rate was three million cubic feet a second.

As the waters rushing through the Mississippi break at Spot's Landing, above Greenville, moved today down the delta to rejoin the river at Vicksburg, two new towns were flooded, Arcola and Hollendale. Ten thousand refugees sought safety on the levee of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad to the east.

Flood waters from the Arkansas River were moving into north Louisiana at what Army engineers estimated to be a rate of 11 miles a day. The flow is expected to continue until the flood is absorbed by the Ouachita, to be carried by them back into the Mississippi again.

With the flood waters three feet deep in Leland, Arcola and Hollendale, all southeast of Greenville, and constantly rising, thousands sought refuge on the levee of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad. The residents of the towns were forced to the second floors of their homes.

Attempts to rescue these marooned people were made today by Red Cross workers in motor boats. They had to fight a strong current and their task promised to be a heavy one, since 3,000 were in Leland and 1,000 in Arcola.

REMOVE REFUGEES.

Another thousand refugees were taken from Greenville today to Vicksburg on the steamer Barrett. Included in this number were 500 white women and children. This number will be replaced, however, by another thousand who are being brought here from Lake Lee, 12 miles south of here.

Of the 10,000 persons who are planning to remain here throughout the period of the flood, 6,000 are Negroes. Bateaux are being used as the only means of transportation about the city.

Long lines of Negroes with their sleeves rolled up passed by health officers on the levee all day to receive typhoid serum. The serum was dropped on the roof of the court house from an airplane believed to have come from Memphis or Jackson. Sand-

Champion Egg Eater



R. E. McLamb, who lives on Four Oaks, Route 3, is the champion egg eater of the United States, so far as we know. Mr. McLamb bases his claim to this distinction upon the fact that he ate not many months ago, four dozen raw eggs at one time. He devoured this repast at a Benson cafe one afternoon, and went on to his home in the country, and ate a dozen more which his wife fried for his supper.

Egg eating is not the only stunt Mr. McLamb has staged. He also has a record for drinking coca cola. One morning about eleven o'clock, he was in a store in Benson, and after having made a wager with the proprietor, drank twenty-four bottles of coca cola which the proprietor furnished. A physician in the Wake County Court recently labeled coca cola as medicine. Medicine or not it certainly did not keep Mr. McLamb from plowing all the afternoon.

Mr. McLamb is thirty-five years old and weighs 326 pounds. He is the second of fifteen children, and married Miss Susan F. Lee, the youngest of eighteen children. Mr. and Mrs. McLamb have had eight children, five of whom are living. Mr. McLamb has two sisters and three brothers who weigh more than 200 pounds each. At a Fourth of July celebration in Benson several years ago, members of his family won a prize for the heaviest family in attendance. The total weight of those who attended was 3000 pounds.

Night Prowlers Enter Dwelling

Take Rings, Money and Gold From Home of A. Ziady

Saturday morning about 3:30 o'clock thieves entered the home of Mr. A. Ziady, who lives on East Bridge street, and helped themselves to what valuables they could carry away, according to a statement by Mr. Ziady yesterday. Entrance was made into Mr. Ziady's room through a back window. Sunday morning a gold watch, three finger rings, three five dollar gold pieces, and fourteen dollars in change and bills were missed from the room. Clothing was also taken from the room and carried to the back porch.

After taking these things from Mr. Ziady's room, the robbers went into the room of Mr. A. R. Baroody and took coin and bills to the amount of forty-five dollars. The watch was found on the back porch near the clothing, apparently forgotten by the thieves, or unbound by them when they left the house.

No trace has been found of these night prowlers. This is Mr. Ziady's second visit by thieves within a week. He said that last Thursday night he heard an unusual noise among his chickens, but when he went out to investigate the intruders made his escape.

CANDIDATE FOR REELECTION

This is to notify the public that I am a candidate for re-election as town commissioner subject to the action of the town convention to be held Friday night, April 29. I shall appreciate the support of my friends.

WILL H. LASSITER.

Mission School Comes To Close

At Consecration Service Twenty Young People Offer Their Lives For Service On Home or Foreign Field

The School of Missions, which was conducted by the Baptist church here last week, was considered a decided success by those who took part. Large classes were held each afternoon during the week, one of them being for the members of the Woman's missionary society, the others being for the several junior organizations of the church. Miss Gertrude Mattison, field worker for the W. M. U. of the Johnston Association, taught two of the classes. Mrs. S. L. Morgan, Mrs. H. H. Radford and Miss Lolly Williams gave valuable assistance.

Missionary J. W. Lowe spoke each night with great effectiveness, using stereopticon pictures brought from China. His addresses on China made a profound impression on a large number who heard him. Following his last address Friday night there was a tender consecration service, when about twenty young people definitely offered their lives for service on the foreign mission field, or in whatever capacity God seems to indicate, at home or abroad. At this service also a movement was begun to raise funds sufficient among the churches of the county to open a Baptist hospital at Cheng Chow, China, which has been closed now for two years because of the lack of necessary funds. It is the only Christian hospital in this city of 300,000, in fact, the only one in a district containing a population of several million people. The hospital is already equipped, and before it was closed it was treating from 5,000 to 8,000 patients a year. It could be opened by contributions amounting to the salaries of a physician and a nurse each of \$800 plus traveling expenses to China. A subscription was begun Friday night, and already nearly \$250 is in sight. It is proposed to present the matter to the other churches of the county.

Mr. Lowe left Sunday morning to spend the day with the Baptist church at Clayton. The classes in the school of missions continue through today, beginning at 4:45 and closing at 7:45.

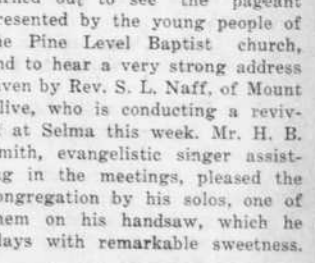
Sunday afternoon a large congregation at the Baptist church turned out to see the pageant presented by the young people of the Pine Level Baptist church, and to hear a very strong address given by Rev. S. L. Naff, of Mount Olive, who is conducting a revival at Selma this week. Mr. H. B. Smith, evangelistic singer assisting in the meetings, pleased the congregation by his solos, one of them on his handsaw, which he plays with remarkable sweetness.

CAPTURE STILL IN ONEALS.

Norman Narron, deputy sheriff in Oneals township, assisted by Deputies T. E. Taiton and John Ellington and Mr. Stuart captured a 40-gallon copper still Saturday night about 11:30 o'clock on Pretty Meadow Branch in Oneals township. The still was not in operation when the officers made the raid, but it had evidently been run during the day. A half gallon of liquor was found. About a half barrel of beer was poured out. No arrests were made.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Me—



"Ex long ez dey's nothin' shawt 'bout a gal but dey haiah I er make out wid 'em purty well."