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Retain Welfare Superintendent

County Boards In Joint Session Re-elect Mrs. D. J. Thurston For Term of Two Years.

Eight applicants for the position of county welfare superintendent were considered here yesterday by the joint boards of education and county commissioners, and, after a public hearing in the court room, of friends of the candidates, the two boards went into executive session and chose Mrs. D. J. Thurston to carry on the welfare work. Mrs. Thurston was named on the third ballot. Those asking for the position were Mrs. Mary W. James, Rev. W. B. Everett of Kenly, Mrs. D. J. Thurston, T. L. Hudson, Mrs. Carrie H. Sanders, Mrs. L. D. Debnam, Thomas C. Jordan, and Andrew Caudill.

W. G. Wilson, who was made chairman of the meeting asked the secretary, H. B. Marrow, to read the list of applicants and to give opportunity for any present to make any remarks desired for any candidate. Voluminous speech-making followed centering, however, around only two candidates. One after another arose in the behalf of the present incumbent, Mrs. D. J. Thurston, and Jas. A. Wellons made quite a speech as he seconded the nomination of Thomas C. Jordan.

Dr. J. J. Young, of Clayton, member of the board of education, in placing Mrs. Thurston in nomination, stated that it has not been so long since he was unfavorable to the welfare work, but that now he sees the need. He thinks that perhaps too much stress has been laid on the criminal phase of the work, but on the whole thinks Mrs. Thurston has rendered two years of excellent service.

Mrs. Chas. G. Guiley, leader in the music and social realm of Clayton, and who is a door neighbor of Mrs. Thurston, told of the interest that Mrs. Thurston takes in her work, not only when in her office in the courthouse or when making a field trip, but in her own home. Often she keeps overnight wayward girls or delinquent boys until she can make investigation.

Dr. B. A. Hocutt stated that for twenty years before she was named county welfare superintendent, Mrs. Thurston had been doing welfare work in and around Clayton. She brought to the office that wealth of experience.

Others lauding the work of Mrs. Thurston were Rev. M. Y. Self, pastor of the Clayton Methodist church, Mrs. C. M. Thomas, of Clayton, Preston Woodall, of Benson, member of the county welfare board, and Mrs. S. L. Morgan, of Smithfield.

Ed S. Abell made a speech that, though brief, struck a responsive chord among the women, a goodly number of whom were present. Mr. Abell stated that it is his honest opinion that it is in the interest of good government, in the interest of democracy, the welfare position ought to be filled by a woman. Every other office in the county is held by men. The women have asked for nothing, although they have shown themselves a factor in political campaigns. In the last election, in Smithfield township alone, 116 more women voted than men. Mr. Abell did not want the action taken in regard to the welfare position to cause the women when their aid should again be sought, to reply that "we asked of you bread and you gave us a stone." As

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Michigan Is Proud



Miss Bina M. West, of Port Huron, Mich., who today is acknowledged America's foremost woman fraternalist. In 1892 she founded the Woman's Benefit Association, and today it leads all women associations in the world.

Lightning Sets Fire To Dwelling

Home of M. C. Hooks Saved Only by Quick Work of Neighbors; Mrs. Hooks Slightly Shocked

The home of Mr. M. C. Hooks, who lives near town, was struck by lightning during a severe electrical storm last Thursday afternoon about seven o'clock, and would doubtless have been swept away by flames had not help been at hand, according to information received here.

The lightning apparently struck the telephone wire, ran into the kitchen where it tore the ceiling from the kitchen, and ran through the top of the house, tearing the shingles off one side and about half way off the other. It also went through the floor of the kitchen and tore up the floor on the porch.

Mrs. Hooks, who was standing in the hall, was shocked but not seriously hurt. When she recovered from the shock, she found the ceiling from the kitchen and hall piled around her. A gun which was hanging in the hall was knocked down and the stock pulled loose from the barrel. It was loaded but did not fire.

The lightning set fire to the house in three places, but Mr. Hooks had gained control of the blazes before help arrived, a light rain holding the fire in check. Mr. Hooks stated that signs of fire were found in every room in the house. The sheets on every bed and the rugs had holes burned in them. After damaging the house, the lightning appeared to run into the cotton field for about fifty yards, burning off the tops of the cotton. It followed the pipe to the light plant and bent in the top of the tank which was buried in the ground.

Mr. Hooks wishes to thank all his neighbors for their promptness in going to his assistance after the lightning struck his house. They responded immediately to his call for help.

JOHN D. ROCKFELLER PASSES HIS 88TH YEAR

Work and Golf in the Morning, Drive in His Auto in Afternoon Compose His Program.

New York, July 8.—(AP)—John D. Rockefeller, reputedly still the ruler of the destinies of the Standard Oil companies and a central figure in one of Wall street's greatest struggles of the last 12 months, was 88 years old today.

In extraordinarily good health, the man long known as "the richest man in the world" decided to make his birthday on his estate at Pocantico Hills, N. Y., follow his usual daily program with only slight deviation.

Work and golf in the morning, a drive in his automobile through the Westchester hills in the afternoon, followed by an early dinner with his family and a few friends, was the announced course for the day.

Tax Question Is Facing Counties

Now Is The Time To Make Adjustments In Valuation of Real Property; Work Must Be Completed By Aug. 1.

RALEIGH, July 11.—The question of carrying on the activities of the county without increasing the tax rate is now facing the board of county commissioners in many of the counties, for the budget estimates which they received from the accountants last week show an increase in the amount of money proposed to be spent next year over the expenditures of the past year.

There are certain things bearing on the tax rate for next year. First, there is a further analysis of the budget if the figures have not already been published. Increases asked for should be scrutinized very carefully, in order that waste in the conduct of activities and departments may be eliminated.

The board of commissioners is also charged under the Machinery Act to sit beginning this week as a board of equalization and review for the purpose of equalizing the valuation of real and personal property as shown on the tax lists, so that each tract of land or article of personal property shall be entered on the tax list at its true value.

The board should also see that new property is added to the list. In fact, everything that can reasonably be done before August 1, when this work must be completed, should be done, as a proper assessment is a big factor in keeping down the tax rate. Forsythe county, with its rate of 55 cents on \$100 of property is said to give much care to its work of assessing.

This is a quadrennial year, that is, one of the four years when the valuation of real property is made. After the assessment on such property is made, it cannot be changed until four years from now, except for extraordinary causes. Any citizen, however, who is dissatisfied with the valuation of his property may appeal to the State Board of Assessment, which board shall fix a time for the hearing of such an appeal.

Efficiency and thoroughness in every phase of the administration of the board of county commissioners are necessary if the county government in this state is to reap the full benefits of its new system.

CALL DEMOCRATS TOGETHER JULY 19TH.

Expect Election of Brummitt As Dawson's Successor Without Opposition.

A meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee has been called for Tuesday night, July 19, in the House of Representatives by Chairman John G. Dawson to elect a successor to the chairman who will tender his resignation at this time.

Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, who has received the endorsement of Senator F. M. Simmons, head of the Democratic "machine" in North Carolina, and of O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, candidate for governor, is expected to be elected without opposition. He has indicated that he will accept the position, but whether he will maintain his present office as attorney general will be left to the future, he has stated.

The call which has been sent out by Chairman Dawson follows: "The State Democratic Executive Committee is hereby called to convene in the Hall of the House of Representatives at Raleigh at 8 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, July 19, 1927, to transact the following mentioned business: "1. To elect a successor to John G. Dawson who will at the meeting above designated tender his resignation as Chairman of such committee. "2. To transact any other business which may properly be considered by the said meeting."

CHAS. B. PARK, JR. TO LOCATE HERE AUG. 1

The many friends of Chas. B. Park, Jr., of Raleigh, formerly connected with the Smithfield graded schools in the capacity of instructor and athletic director, and until July 1 representative of the Texas company, will be interested to learn that he has purchased an interest in Holt Oil company and after August 1 will be joined here by Mrs. Park. They will live in the former home of R. R. Holt on Third street.

B. B. Adams Is On Education Board

Succeeds P. B. Johnson, Resigned; C. M. Johnson Explains Fiscal Control Act To Two Co. Boards.

The county board of education met here yesterday, and one of the first acts of that body was to receive a new member, B. B. Adams, of Four Oaks, qualified as a member of the board, succeeding P. B. Johnson, of Benson, who recently resigned on account of his health. Mr. Adams is an outstanding man of Johnston county. He is not only possessed of business acumen but his interest in education recommends him as a valuable member of this board.

Without transacting any other business, the board held a joint session with the county board of commissioners, taking up the election of a county welfare superintendent. This matter being disposed of by the selection of Mrs. Thurston, the two boards then heard C. M. Johnson, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the advisory commission on county government. Mr. Johnson explained the operation of the new fiscal control act.

UNVEIL SHAFT TO AUTHOR OF DIXIE

Memory of Daniel Decatur Emmett Honored Yesterday at Fletcher

Ashville, July 3.—While the strains of the stirring old southern melody were floating from the banjo of Rascom Lamar Lunsford, a memorial tablet erected to the memory of Daniel Decatur Emmett better known as "Dan" Emmett, and author of the words of "Dixie," was unveiled and dedicated this afternoon in the shadow of historic old Calvary Episcopal church at Fletcher, 10 miles south of Asheville.

Rev. Clarence Stuart McClellan, Jr., rector of Calvary church, was the master of ceremonies, and it was largely through his influence that the first memorial ever erected to Dan Emmett was placed in the cemetery of the old church at Fletcher which is becoming widely known as the Westminster Abbey of the South.

The marker itself is of North Carolina stone and bears a tablet giving its purposes. It is located on the Asheville-Hendersonville highway and stands a short distance from a similar moulder erected to the memory of Stephen C. Foster, well known writer of Southern folk songs.

Before the actual unveiling took place, a short service was held in the church building. The only thing that marred the perfection of the program was the illness of the Honorable Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, who was scheduled to deliver an address on "Dan" Emmett and the origin of Dixie.

At the table, patriotic songs were sung and William Paul Gearing played "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginia" as a cornet solo. Greetings were given by Mayor Gallatin Roberts, of Asheville, Mayor John T. Wilkins, of Hendersonville, Commander J. Edwards, of the Zeb Vance Camp U. C. V., veterans of the Confederate Memorial Association; Mrs. T. R. Malloy, president Asheville chapter, U. D. C.; Miss Eliza Woodfin, Holland, custodian of crosses of the Fanny Patton Chapter, U. D. C., and Mrs. O. A. Meyer, vice president of the Margaret Davis Hayes Chapter U. D. C., Hendersonville.

The memorial was unveiled and presented by the Rev. Mr. McClellan for S. J. Newman, of Cincinnati O., who is the donor of the Em-

Henry H. Penny Dies At Home In Coats

Many friends in Johnston County will learn with regret of the death of Henry H. Penny, which occurred at his home in Coats yesterday morning about four o'clock. He was in his 83rd year, and was one of the oldest and most beloved citizens of that section. Interment will be made this (Tuesday) afternoon at four o'clock in the Coats cemetery.

Those surviving him are his wife, seven sons, and five daughters. His children are: L. S., A. E., and R. L. Penny and Mrs. E. L. Turlington, of Benson; J. H. Penny, Mrs. B. F. Byrd, Mrs. W. H. Turlington and Mrs. C. R. Coats, of Coats; Jeff and Victor Penny and Mrs. Rena Johnson, of Angier; and T. H. Penny, of Smithfield.

Tenth City Of Johnston County

Wilson's Mills Now An Incorporated Town; John T. Holt Is Named As Mayor; Five Commissioners.

Wilson's Mills is now an incorporated town of Johnston county bringing the total number of towns in the county to ten. Other towns are Kenly, Micro, Selma, Smithfield, Four Oaks, Benson, Princeton, Pine Level and Clayton. This incorporation was recently completed after the required number of persons had petitioned the state, and after the notice of application had been duly advertised in five public places and in a county newspaper for four weeks.

The act of incorporation provides for certain town officials until there shall be a general municipal election provided by law. These officials are: Mayor, John T. Holt; five commissioners, Albert Corbett, D. E. Eason, H. N. Wilson, Page Proctor, and W. T. Wilson.

The territory included within the town limits has an assessed property valuation of \$87,862, according to the last preceding tax assessment.

Former Smithfield Woman Killed in Auto Accident

BURLINGTON, July 10.—The body of a woman, between 22 and 25 years, it is thought, lies in a local undertaking establishment, awaiting news from her relatives, if she has any. A man giving his name as John M. Houck, of Cary, is in a local hospital with severe bruises, and another man, giving his name as S. Cline, of Raleigh, was able to return to his home this afternoon, following an automobile wreck, one of the worst that has occurred here, this morning between 4 and 5 o'clock. The wreck took place on Main Street extension, going toward Whitsett.

The man said the woman was Miss Doris Johnson, of Cary. No one has been able to get in touch with her people so far and the body is here awaiting the arrival of some of her relatives.

The woman who was killed in the wreck at Burlington has been identified as the wife of Henry Pollard of this city. She had been separated from her husband for about a year, and she had gone to Cary to live with her brother, Dave Johnson. She was before her marriage Miss Doris Johnson. Mr. Pollard is employed by the town town in the water and light department.

A memorial. It was accepted by John Prescott Fletcher, chairman of the grounds committee, of Calvary church. The Hendersonville male quartet composed of Earl T. Brown, John T. Wilkins, Roy C. Brummett and A. Farry Barber sang, "Dixie," "Savannah River" and "Ole Black Joe."

Johnston Co. Boy Has Farm Record

Bruce Creech, 20 Years Old, Manages Two Farms, Cotton Gin, Saw Mill, And a Herd of Eight Dairy Cows.

(By ERNEST G. MOORE.)

BENSON, July 9.—The management of two farms, half a dozen tenants, a cotton gin, a saw mill, and a herd of eight high producing dairy cows would be a little too much for the average boy of 20 years but Bruce Creech, who lives near here is doing all this and is doing it so well that he is attracting the attention of agricultural experts from all directions. And what is more, he is planning to enlarge his business considerably during the next year.

Bruce is a husky, hustling youngster of 20 years. He is what the dairy experts call a "dairy-minded boy." He has the largest retail milk trade in the town of Benson and perhaps the best little herd of cows in eastern Carolina. Just a few weeks ago A. C. Kimrey, dairy specialist of State College looked at the herd and pronounced Bruce one of the brightest prospects for a real dairyman that he had ever seen.

While he has not had the opportunity of college training in agriculture, he is not "agin book learning." He has read everything he could get his hands on during the past year, and relies on the agricultural extension service for his information. To look at his herd one would think he had received considerable training in the principles of judging and selection of cows, but he has not. He is just one of those rare nimble-minded individuals who somehow grasp ideas instantaneously from everyday contacts which most of us have to get through continued study.

Bruce started in the dairy business just a little over a year ago. He had lived in town until he started his dairy project, although his first 12 years were spent in the country. From early childhood, he states, he has been a lover of livestock, when a lad he got started in the hog business, and finally traded his father two pigs for a calf. He raised the calf and started selling whole milk from this cow about two years ago. He took his savings and bought his first cow in May, 1926. From that small beginning he has steadily increased his herd until he now has eight cows, four of them registered Jerseys, and the others are all excellent grades.

"I have continually been culling my herd," he said. "If a cow does not make me a profit, I soon find out and get rid of her." And that, in a nutshell, is the secret of Bruce Creech's success as a dairyman. He knows exactly how much each cow consumes and how much she returns in the way of milk. The fine judgment which he has used in picking his cows is one of the amazing things that strikes the person who knows good cows when he sees them.

CARE IN FEEDING.

Another feature of his business which calls for comment is his care and feeding of his cows. Without ever seeing a copy of Henry and Morrison's "Feeds and Feeding," he is daily applying the principles which these authorities have laid down as fundamental. The general care and management of his herd would do credit to a dairyman of long experience.

Several questions were asked the young stockman to see how he stood on certain questions. He does not feed cottonseed hulls to milk cows because he says he wants to fill them up with something that will give him something back. Concerning cottonseed meal, he is very cautious. He tells you frankly that he killed a cow once by feeding too much cottonseed meal. These two feeds are cited in particular because so many people in cotton growing sections have never yet learned that a cow needs something besides cottonseed hulls and meal. He uses the meal, but along with it he uses corn ground meal and linseed meal to furnish his protein. Since the opening of the branch (Turn to back page, please)

Doran Dry Chief



Dr. J. M. Doran, head chemist in the Prohibition Enforcement Bureau, succeeds Roy A. Haynes as Prohibition Commissioner.

Steps Taken For A Township Fair

Mass Meeting of Citizens of Smithfield Township Called For Next Monday Night To Elect Officers.

The first concerted action toward a Smithfield township fair was taken Saturday afternoon when representatives of the Pisgah home demonstration club, the Pomona-Creech home demonstration club, the Kiwanis club and the Business and Professional Woman's club met in the farmers' room of the courthouse to discuss the first steps in perfecting a fair organization. Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, county home demonstration agent, presented the matter of having a Smithfield township fair, stating that various persons in the township had approached her with such a proposition. The success of the cotton festival in the spring had inspired courage, and interest has grown until it seems the thing to undertake a township fair. Those present took part in the discussion, and the final outcome was the discussion to call a mass meeting on next Monday evening, July 18, at eight o'clock in the commissioners' room of the courthouse. Every body interested in having a successful township fair is given a cordial invitation to be present and offer any suggestion.

At the meeting Saturday a nominating committee was selected to present the names of officers for the fair at the meeting Monday night. This committee is composed of R. P. Holding, R. C. Gillett, A. J. Whitley, Jr., Miss Nellie Hill and Mrs. Preston Creech.

REVIVAL MEETING AT CARTER'S CHAPEL

A successful series of revival meetings have just closed at Carter's Chapel Baptist church, ten new members being added to the church roll. The entire membership of the church and Sunday school received spiritual benefits. The pastor, Rev. A. R. Creech, was assisted by Rev. Clemons of Wake Forest.

Church services are held at this church every first Saturday and every first Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school is held every Sunday morning at 9:45. Mr. Gurnie Rose is superintendent. The school has 140 on roll with around 95 regular attendants.

LAWYERS IN HORNE CASE

ASK \$7,500 FOR THEIR WORK

Claims aggregating \$7,500 were filed here by attorneys Wednesday afternoon as creditors of Charles W. Horne, bankrupt Clayton merchant, farmer and manufacturer, adjourned to meet here again August 4 for the examination of the one-time wealthy Claytonite.

Grady & Grady, representing a batch of creditors, filed a claim for \$5,000 while another Smithfield firm, Abell & Shepard, retained by Mr. Horne, filed a claim of \$2,500. These claims will be passed upon at the August 4 meeting, J. B. Cheshire, jr., referee in bankruptcy, said.—Raleigh Times.

Meadow Elects Fair Officers

Date of Fair Is Set For Oct. 28; E. G. Moore Present at the Meeting

At a mass meeting held at the Meadow high school Friday afternoon officers for the Meadow township fair for this year were elected as follows: president, W. V. Blackman; vice president, A. H. Morgan; secretary-treasurer, Carlyle Eldridge; assistant secretary, Mrs. Katie Hudson Lee. The date for the fair was set for October 28, which is the last Friday in October.

Meadow was a busy place Friday afternoon. Dr. C. C. Massey, the county health officer, vaccinating more than 800 persons against typhoid and diphtheria. Following the vaccination those interested in the Meadow community fair gathered for a picnic supper, after which the business meeting of the fair association was held.

Among those present at the fair meeting were: Dr. A. S. Oliver and Mr. E. G. Moore, of Benson; Dr. Oliver introduced Mr. Moore, who is the man in charge of the branch office of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce at Benson. He offered his services in helping to put on a fair at Meadow. The meeting was well attended, and an informal discussion of plans characterized the program. Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, county home agent, was present.

COMMENDS TOWN COUNCIL

Most of our church people, it can safely be said, wish to commend our town council for their decision last week not to authorize a repetition of the public dance in a warehouse. If an individual wishes to choose his guests and have a private dance under his own roof, that is his own air—provided he does not make the night hideous for his neighbors. It is an entirely different matter when the town through its officials puts its stamp of approval on the dance as a public institution. If any one wants to play cards in his own home, that is his private affair—provided he does not tempt some boy or girl in to play against the wishes of his parents. It is an entirely different matter when the Woman's club, holding a high public trust, officially puts its stamp of approval on card playing, and for the sake of revenue makes a bid for our young people to come and play under their auspices—young people in general whose churches consistently for generations have sought to train away from frivolities like card playing, and into the consecration of time to the highest uses. Public officials and public organizations hold a public trust, and are not to trample on the convictions of a part of the public they would serve.—Baptist Church Bulletin.

First Load of Watermelons

The first load of Johnston county grown watermelons seen on this market was brought here Saturday, July 9, by Mr. John Byrd, of Smithfield, route 1. He received 40-cents apiece for his melons which were Irish grey variety.

YOUNG MEN ORGANIZE SOCIAL CLUB IN CITY

The Young Men's Social club with its purposes of emphasizing clean living and clean speech throughout its members has been organized with its club rooms over the postoffice building. Theron Johnson was chosen president, Milton E. Bane, secretary, and Ben Baker, treasurer. Regular meetings are held every week and social and literary events decided upon by its members. The club will be glad to help any civic movement in the town, as this is its main purpose. The officers of the club feel that if the initial interest can be sustained the future of the Young Men's Social club is one of the brightest among local activities.

It is true love if it endures after hearing her describe 82,942 different things as "perfectly precious."

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.

John Herring recognized his name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: cekiinonsobr