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Selma Kiwanians Elect Officers

Stanley W. Armitage Elected President; Undertake Plans to Help Needy; Winners in Window Decorating Contest

SELMA, Dec. 16.—At the regular weekly Kiwanis luncheon last Thursday evening the following officers were elected to steer the club during the coming year: president, Stanley W. Armitage; vice president, Linwood Richardson; district trustee, Fred M. Waters; directors: C. P. Harper, C. W. Scates, George M. Norwood, J. D. Massey, Fred M. Waters, John S. Flowe, Carl P. Worley, Cleveland Hinton, A. J. Holliday and John N. Wiggs.

The nominating committee recommended that Charlie Jacobs be made secretary-treasurer to take the place of Stanley Armitage.

President Waters announced that during the month of November the club made an average attendance of 93 per cent which is considered excellent. A financial report read by the treasurer showed that the finances of the club were in the best shape since the club was organized five years ago. After paying for the expenses of the ladies night there is still a nice balance left in the bank. Carl Worley, Charlie Scates and Thad Woodard were appointed as a committee to meet with a committee from the Woman's club to map out plans to help the needy in this community during Christmas.

In a window decorating contest put on by the Woman's club Friday night the Hardware Store, Inc., was the winner of the first prize and Lee's Store, Inc., was the winner of the second prize. The judges came from the Woman's club of Smithfield.

If You Go To Sunday School—

If you go to Sunday school, you have no doubt been impressed by the beauty of the closing books of the Old Testament as studied in recent months. It is a fitting time therefore to reprint what Zephine Humphrey wrote some time ago in the 'Saturday Review of Literature':

"There is no poetry in any literature to compare with parts of Isaiah and Ezekiel. It thunders like the sea, it chants like winds over mountains, it burns, it rushes, it is so tremendous that the reader feels all but annihilated by it, yet, having suffered it, knows himself to be three times the man he was before. Isaiah and Ezekiel explored the utmost reaches of their own spirits and more nearly the utmost of God's than any other human being save only him who was to come after them.

"Isaiah is indubitably the most beautiful book of the Old Testament. In fact, there is so much sheer Christianity in its second part that it comes near being the most beautiful book in the world. Job is tremendous. The Songs of Solomon are exquisite and Ecclesiastes makes, perhaps, the most intimate appeal to a modern reader of all the Bible books. The Psalms are the most poignant lyrics ever written. Parts of Ezekiel and the minor prophets are magnificent.

"But there is one part of the Bible the beauty of which is hard to put into words because, precisely, it has nothing to do with words. It is the transitional silence that lies between the two Testaments: like the hush of ebb tide, like the dying away of a storm, like the pause which Elijah must have felt between the earthquake, wind, and fire, and the still small voice. Yet it is not a terrible silence. As the awed listener waits on it, he is almost at once aware of a new spirit brooding on the waters, a new theme adumbrating its way into utterance."—Progressive Farmer.

Impossible.

"That's what I call getting out of a tight place," said the world traveler as his train pulled out of Edinburgh.

Christmas Stockings For Oteen Hospital

The Woman's club expects to fill stockings for soldiers in the tubercular hospital at Oteen. The following articles have been suggested as suitable for going in these stockings: books of stamps, cigarettes, pencils of the ever-sharp type, writing paper, toilet articles, talcum powder, shaving cream, soap, face cloths, pocket combs, tooth brushes, razor blades, puzzles and games. Any person wishing to have a part in filling these Christmas stockings may send their contribution to Mrs. T. S. Ragsdale by Thursday of this week.

Pension Checks To Old Soldiers

Only 19 Confederate Veterans Now Living in Johnston County; 35 Last Year Received Checks

The Clerk of the Court has received the pension checks for the old Confederate soldiers and widows of Confederate soldiers in Johnston county and they are now being distributed to the owners. A total of \$7,417.50 is being sent out to nineteen old veterans, seven Class A widows, and fifty-eight Class B widows. The class A widows receive \$150 each, and Class B widows, \$50 each. The old soldiers received \$182.50 a piece.

The line of old veterans has thinned from 35 last year to only 19, and the number of widows has been reduced from 72 to 57. The veterans now living include the following: D. F. Adams, William Bass, Ransom Batten, Cotton Bedsole, C. L. Dorman, Jesse Edwards, A. J. Ellis, J. C. Gilbert, George Godwin, Charlie Hatcher, Benjamin Holmes, Jacob M. Langdon, W. B. Langdon, J. A. Lee, W. R. Massengill, Jas. A. Puckett, Oliver Rains, R. B. Richardson, and Robert Strickland.

GOOD WOOD SHED IS NEEDED ON FARM

Because about one-half the weight of freshly cut wood is water, every farm needs a good wood shed under which the fuel wood may dry and season before being used in the home.

"A good wood shed on every farm will mean timber conservation and less labor expended in cutting and preparing the annual wood supply," says R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State College. "Dry well seasoned wood is an efficient fuel. It will lighten the work of the housewife and will pay liberal dividends to the whole family in terms of greater comfort and happiness. The more water there is in wood, the less heat it will throw off, because considerable of the heat energy is used to boil the water and change it to steam."

As a basis for this argument, Mr. Graeber uses figures recently secured from investigations in another state. These figures show that when first cut, about one-half the weight of the wood is water. A cord of red oak, when freshly cut weighs about 5,000 pounds or about 2½ tons. About one-half of this is water. This is seen the need of drying or seasoning before such wood is needed.

During the first six months, if the wood is piled in loose stacks, in the open where the sun and rain can work on it, the timber will lose about 40 per cent of its water content. A cord of red oak, therefore after six months of efficient seasoning would contain about 1,500 pounds of water. At the end of the year, if stored properly under shelter, it would still contain about 1,000 pounds of water.

But wood piled in the open, absorbs a large amount of water every rainy day. The water content of red oak wood during a rainy spell may go as high as 1,500 pounds to the cord, says Mr. Graeber. But wood stored under cover, in loose piles, will show small change in water content after it is once dry.

Grand Jury Makes Report To Court

Judge Barnhill Orders Copy of Report Sent to Road Force, County Commissioners and to Next Grand Jury

The Grand Jury finished its work last week and through its foreman, S. P. Wood, made a report to the court, a copy of which report Judge Barnhill ordered to be sent to the road force, to the board of county commissioners, and to the Grand Jury which shall be selected at the March term of court. This report is as follows:

"We beg to report that we have examined the offices, books and records of the clerk of the court, sheriff, auditor, treasurer, tax collector, register of deeds, and county board of education, and so far as we could ascertain, through the limited examination, we were able to make, they are in proper shape.

"We find that all the county elective officers are bonded in what we believe to be reliable bonding companies, in amounts we believe reasonably sufficient to protect the interest of the county. We also find that all the county buildings are covered by insurance in amounts we believe ample to reasonably protect the interest of the county.

"We attach hereto a statement setting forth that all the justices of the peace of the county and all mayors of the town have filed their reports according to law. We are informed, however, that some of the justices of the peace are trying, accepting cost and disposing of cases over which they have no jurisdiction, and we recommend that the proper officer of the court be instructed to confer with the clerk of the court relative to this, and take what action that in his judgment is necessary.

"We find that the tax books for the year 1929 have been turned over to the tax collector, without a settlement having been made by him, for the taxes for the year 1928, and we recommend such action in this as the court may see fit to take.

"From a statement furnished us from the clerk of the court we find four thousand dollars worth uncollected bonds, and we recommend that every effort be put forth to collect these bonds.

"We find that a small amount of orphan's money, with the consent we are informed of the bonding company has been invested in stock of a private corporation. This we believe is a bad precedent, and we recommend that no orphan's or any other special trust money, be invested in any stock, but that it be deposited on interest, in some bank that will properly secure the same, or invested in bonds of the United States Government or the State of North Carolina.

"We visited all the larger and most important school buildings in the county, and find the buildings, other than a few minor repairs needed to the oofs, in good condition and the grounds fairly well kept, except in two places—Brogden and Four Oaks. At Four Oaks, the largest school in the county, the water supply is insufficient and the sewerage plant is entirely too small. At Brogden the water pump is either out of repair, or worn out. The condition at Four Oaks we are informed, has been reported by a previous grand jury. We recommend the repair of the pump at Brogden, if same can be satisfactorily done, and if not, a new pump to be installed.

"At Four Oaks we visited the enlargement of the present plant and water supply, if this can be done and if not, a new plant and well or wells sufficient in size and capacity to take care of the situation there in a satisfactory manner.

"We have visited the county home and found same in good condition, and well kept, and the inmates well cared for and as happy and contented as could reasonably be expected in their

Prominent Benson Citizen Passes

Mr. J. B. Boone Dies At Home of His Son; One of Benson's Most Valuable and Worthy pioneers

Mr. J. H. Boone, one of Benson's most prominent citizens died Monday, December 9 at the age of 83, at the home of his son, W. D. Boone on Main street. Mr. Boone had been in poor health for three years but was taken seriously ill on Thanksgiving day. The funeral was conducted from the Baptist church where he was a deacon for a number of years, and the only surviving charter member of the church. Rev. A. L. Brown, pastor of the church assisted by Rev. B. H. Houston, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted the funeral. The funeral was in charge of the Masonic Order of which he was a lifelong member. Interment was made in the Boone cemetery near Clayton. He is survived by two sons, W. J. Boone of Raleigh, W. D. Boone of Benson, and Mrs. Russell Bryant of Lucama.

Mr. Boone came from Clayton to Benson forty years ago and entered the mercantile business soon after coming here and remained in this business until about three years ago when his health began to fail. He had one of the best businesses in this section. In the conduct of his business he won the confidence of every one, both in public and private life. He held a number of town and county positions of trust and at no time did he ever betray the confidence his friends and the public reposed in him. In the passing of Mr. Boone, Benson and Johnston county loses one of its most valuable and worthy citizens. His strength of character, example of right living and thinking made of him one of the outstanding figures in the life of the community and his memory will be cherished by his innumerable friends throughout this section.

Friends of Mr. L. O. Farmer sympathize with him in the loss of his brother, L. L. Farmer, who died in Tifton, Ga., where he was connected with the A. C. L. railway.

Mrs. Jesse Parker died Saturday morning of influenza and pneumonia. She was buried at Banner's Chapel Sunday afternoon.

Miss Velma Talton, a member of the school faculty, entertained at her home in Selma Saturday evening with six tables of bridge in honor of her week end guests, Misses Bessie Dean and Louise Phelps, also members of the faculty.

The courthouse needs some repairs to the plastering, and some of the walls of the jail.

We visited the jail and find the same to be dirty and unsanitary, and we recommend that all accumulation of trash and old discarded bedding be removed and burned, and the entire place be given a good scrubbing.

The colored convict camp near Benson we found in good condition. We recommend for the camp near Smithfield a stove of sufficient size to warm the building, that all the blankets and other covering be washed, a part of the old mattresses destroyed, and replaced with new ones, that the walls be either whitewashed or painted and the open unprotected service toilet within ten or twelve feet of the camp, be made to comply with the State Sanitary Laws.

For the camp near Kenly, we recommend new curtains for both stockades, a stove and pipe for each, eighteen new mattresses for No. 2, and six for No. 1, and the old mattresses burned. Twenty-one pillows and forty-two pillow slips to be divided between the two, a pair of cheap socks for each convict every two weeks, and that sick convict in this camp be returned to jail at Smithfield, and put under care of county health officer."

Items Of Interest In Town Kenly

Woman's Club Holds Important Meeting; "Childhood and Youth Week" Observed

KENLY, Dec. 16.—The December meeting of the Woman's club was held at the home of Mrs. H. M. Grizzard on Wednesday afternoon, December 11, with the usual means committee as hostess. Christmas carols were sung by the club members. The story of the authors of each hymn was told preceding the singing of the hymn—"Hark, the Herald Angels," by Mrs. G. T. Whitley, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," by Mrs. J. H. Barnes, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," by Mrs. J. W. Darden and "Silent Night" by Mrs. W. P. Whitley. A story, "The Other Wise Man," was charmingly told by Mrs. L. Z. Woodard.

The business session was presided over by the president, Mrs. C. F. Darden. It was decided to turn the program over to the music and literary departments each month and have only one meeting a month. The home economics committee, Miss Debbie Bailey chairman, reported 135 school children found underweight. It was voted to serve free hot lunches to these children. The librarian, Mrs. A. G. Hooks, reported club books moved from the club room to her home during the winter months. It was also decided to secure books for the children in the community who were not able to buy them. The educational chairman, Mrs. R. T. Fulghum, appointed grade mothers for the grades at school as follows:

First Grade: Mrs. A. G. Davis and Mrs. J. P. Wiggs; Second Grade: Mrs. E. L. Etheridge and Mrs. Tommy Durham; Third Grade: Mrs. J. H. Barnes and Mrs. W. H. Casper; Fourth Grade: Mrs. G. C. Phillips and Mrs. P. Godwin; Fifth Grade: Mrs. J. E. Jones and Mrs. J. W. Afford; Sixth Grade: Mrs. C. S. Pulley; Seventh Grade: Mrs. C. P. Eagles; Eighth Grade: Mrs. H. M. Grizzard; Ninth Grade: Mrs. G. S. Coleman; Eleventh Grade: Mrs. A. J. Broughton.

Jello topped with whipped cream and cakes were served.

Entertains Class.

Mrs. F. A. White delightfully entertained the Annie Benson Wesley class of the Holden Memorial Methodist Sunday school at her home on Tuesday evening, December 10. Mrs. L. Z. Woodard led the devotional and Mrs. L. C. Wilkinson presided over the business. The class decided to remember five needy families at Christmas. New officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: president, Mrs. G. C. Phillips; vice president, Mrs. L. C. Wilkinson; secretary, Mrs. H. J. Simmons; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Hollowell; teacher, Mrs. R. T. Fulghum; assistant treasurer, Mrs. C. S. Pulley.

After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed and fruit salad, sandwiches, hot tea and homemade candy were served by the hostess.

Childhood and Youth Week.

Childhood and Youth week is being observed in the Methodist Sunday school this week. The purpose of this observance is to help the adults feel their responsibility for the religious education of childhood and youth in the home, church and community, and to secure a closer cooperation between the home and the church in meeting this responsibility. Teachers are urged to visit in the homes of their pupils this week. In the Sunday school Sunday morning the following program was put on by Mrs. A. J. Broughton as leader:

Prelude.
Call to Worship.
Hymn: "O, Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."
Scripture: by Mr. J. G. High.
The parents creed and prayer (read responsively).
Hymn: "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story," by Miss Helen G. Godwin.
Reading: "The Legend of the Golden Ball," by Miss Hinson. A

Second Week Of Superior Court

Case State vs. Nat Allen and George Parker Occupies More Than Two Days Last Week; Murder Trial Starts Yesterday

The December term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases met Thursday morning pursuant to adjournment of Wednesday and the following cases were tried:

State vs. Nat Allen and George Parker, charged with assault with deadly weapon on Carl Parker. Two cases were consolidated, each defendant pleading guilty. Allen was represented by C. C. Canaday and George Parker by Abell and Shepard and James Raynor. The solicitor, Clawson L. Williams was assisted by James A. Wellons. The trial of this action continued throughout the day, and court took a recess at 5:30 until Friday morning. The trial continued throughout Friday, and argument of counsel was closed in this case at 10:30 a. m. Saturday morning. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of assault with deadly weapon. At this time judgment has not been pronounced.

Friday, true bills of indictment were found against the following:

State vs. Millard Pilkington, Alonzo Parrish, Harvey Pendergraft and David Capps, charged with larceny of tobacco, the property of W. M. Holder.

State vs. Lemmy Cox, Mollie Byrd and James Thompson, charged with larceny of clothing, the property of W. J. Lewis, valued at \$200.

State vs. William Wiggs, Jr., charged with violation of the prohibition law, manufacturing and possession of distillery.

State vs. Willie Morris and Jonas McAllister, charged with the larceny of an automobile, the property of O. A. Whittington, valued at \$300.

State vs. Harry Bridges, charged with assault on Mollie Bridges, June 26 with intent to kill.

Court convened yesterday for the second week of court. The following cases were tried:

State vs. Lemmy Cox and Mollie Byrd, colored, charged with housebreaking and larceny of goods of W. J. Lewis. Byrd plead guilty and Cox, not guilty. The jury returned a verdict of guilty as to both defendants and Byrd was sentenced to jail of Johnston county for a term of 18 months and assigned to work on the roads of Johnston county. Cox was sentenced to jail for a term of three years and assigned to work on roads of Johnston county.

State vs. Robert Williams and Mammie Barbour, charged with bigamy. Each defendant plead not guilty. They were represented by W. H. Lyon. The jury returned a verdict of guilty as against both defendants. At this time sentence has not been pronounced.

State vs. J. W. Floors, charged with manslaughter. Defendant called and failed. Judgment absolute on present bond. Capias for defendant March term 1930, and hold defendant under a \$1500 justified bond.

Just before noon yesterday the case, State vs. Cleveland Earp, colored, was called. The defendant is charged with murder in the second degree of Thurman Richardson, colored. He is represented by E. J. Wellons. A jury was empanelled and the examination of one witness took place when court adjourned for dinner. The trial continued during yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Woodall and Mrs. W. J. Stallings were called to Fayetteville Friday on account of the death of their niece, Miss Zilla Woodall.

Reading: The Bridge Builder, by Miss Harris.

Talk: How the Childhood and youth of our church may be lifted towards the heavenly father, by Mr. G. T. Whitley.

Prayer, by Mr. J. W. Hollowell.

Hymn: "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Benediction.

Lovely Marriage Benson Couple

Miss Alma Wilson Becomes Bride of Wade Felton Johnson at Home of Bride's Parents

BENSON, Dec. 14.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wilson was the scene Saturday evening, December 7, of a lovely wedding of the winter season when at 6:30 o'clock their daughter, Miss Alma Wilson, became the bride of Wade Felton Johnson, of Benson. Rev. J. L. Davis of Dunn, former pastor of the bride, officiated in the presence of a few friends and relatives.

The home was tastefully decorated for the occasion with quantities of flowers. The arch under which the vows were spoken was entwined with garlands of ivy. Gleaming from out the greenery were slender white tapers held in cathedral candelabra. Preceding the ceremony Ed Johnson, brother of the bridegroom, entered the room and lighted the candles. Miss Jessie Ruth Cunningham, of Apex, accompanied Mrs. A. S. Oliver of Raleigh, sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" and "All For You."

Miss Cunningham wore green flat crepe with shoulder corsage of pink roses. Mrs. Oliver's gown was of golden brown with corsage similar to Miss Cunningham's.

The bride's only attendant was the maid of honor, Miss Christine Wilson, sister of the bride. She was charming in her dress of dahlia chiffon with uneven hemline. She carried an arm bouquet of pink roses and snapdragons.

The bride entered the room with the bridegroom. She was radiantly beautiful in an attire of blue crepe made with tight fitting bodice and long full skirt falling gracefully at the hemline and with accessories to match. She carried an arm bouquet of bride's roses showered with lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Johnson is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wilson. She is an attractive young lady and received her education at Greensboro College for Women, graduating in the class of '29.

Mr. Johnson is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Johnson, of Benson, and received his education at the University of North Carolina. He is a prominent young business man and is now in business with his father in Benson.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, the parents of the bride, held an informal reception in their home. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their home in Benson after a trip to points in Florida.

Friends Visit Allen Smith.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle, Messrs. J. H. Wodall and Ira C. Whitley, representatives of the Busy Men's Bible class of the Methodist Sunday school here, went to Peacock's Cross Roads Sunday afternoon to visit Mr. Allen Smith, a former member of the class. Upon reaching his home, it was found that he had removed recently to the tubercular hospital near Smithfield, where his friends found him later in the afternoon. Mr. Smith is attended by the nurse who had been caring for him in his home in Meadow township, and he hopes to be much improved soon.

Contract Let For Dwelling.

Contract has been let by Mrs. Annie Martin Boyette for a seven-room house on her farm over Buffalo. Mr. J. H. Woodall, local contractor, has the contract. The building is to be completely about March 1 at which time Mrs. Boyette will move her family there. For the past year Mrs. Boyette has been living in Craven county.

Mr. B. H. Underwood, of Clinton, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. A. Underwood, spent Sunday with Mrs. Underwood's daughter, Mrs. P. B. Stevens, in the Sanders Chapel section.

Clayton Citizen Dies At His Home

B. M. Robertson, Well Known Business Man, Passes; Funeral Held Friday Afternoon at Horne Memorial Church

CLAYTON, 14.—B. M. Robertson, one of the best known business men of Clayton, died at his home Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. He had been in poor health for some time and was a time a patient in the John Willis hospital in Richmond.

Mr. Robertson was 62 years old, having been born May 29, 1867, in O'Neal's township, the son of John and Cerena O'Neal Robertson. He had been in the livestock business for thirty years and was president and owner of the Tennessee Mule company. He was also vice-president of the Clayton Banking company. He was town commissioner for two terms and was also a member of the Knights of Pythias. He was active in church work, being a member and steward in Horne Memorial Methodist church. He is survived by his wife and three children, John Robertson, a student at Duke University, Grace, a student in Greensboro College, and Sam.

The funeral took place Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Horne Memorial Methodist church and interment was made in Maplewood cemetery.

Night School Radio Program.

The Woman's club at High Point has had as its project a night school for adult illiterates. Pupils of this school who have learned to read and write this fall will tell what it has meant to them over radio station WNRG, High Point, on Tuesday evening, December 17 from 9 until 9:15; Wednesday from 9:15 to 9:30, and on Thursday evening from 8:15 to 8:30.

JOHNSTON COUNTY BOYS IN WAKE FOREST GLEE CLUB

Selections for the Wake Forest College Glee club for the 1929-30 session were made last week. Among the number were three boys from Johnston county, W. N. Ross of Benson, K. T. Bailey and Rudolph Jones of Kenly.

Special Programs at Micro.

On Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock the primary grades of Micro school are giving a Christmas play, "The Crosspatch Fairies" and on Thursday evening at the same hour the dramatic club presents "Mamma's Lil' Wild Rose."

Wounded on Hand.


Mr. Battle Lynch returned to his home in Selma Monday after receiving treatment in the Johnston County Hospital. Mr. Lynch's hand was shot on November 23, making it necessary for him to remain in the hospital until Monday.

A young woman entered the stationery store and asked for a pound tin of floor wax.

"I'm sorry, Miss," said the clerk, "all we carry is sealax wax."

"Don't be silly," she snapped. "Who'd want to wax a ceiling?"

Aunt Roxie Says



Polly Ticks.

Day use ter caw it sawin' wood. En now dey change de law. So big fat awfice burns de wood. De workin' peepul saw.