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Schools To Aid In Gov.'s Program

Johnston Co. Schools Will Cooperate In Live-At-Home Campaign States Supt. Marrow; Organization Meeting Tomorrow

The schools of Johnston county will do their part toward furthering Governor Gardner's "live-at-home" campaign, states H. B. Marrow, county superintendent of schools, and a preliminary meeting has been called for tomorrow, Feb. 1, in the courtroom here, to which all administrative school officers, and as many teachers and citizens as can come are invited. This meeting will be held at 10:30 a. m., for the purpose of organizing the campaign. Mr. J. B. Slack, county farm agent, and Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, county home agent, will be present and help with the organization. Also Mr. J. Paul Shaw, agricultural teacher at Benson, and the home economics teachers in the county are invited to help in the organization.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction A. T. Allen is urging that the school forces of the state assist the governor in his live-at-home program. He thinks that it is a splendid opportunity for the schools to demonstrate to the public that the public schools of North Carolina are a vital force to the life of the people. This campaign is a fundamental attack upon North Carolina's two greatest enemies—poverty and ignorance; therefore the plan of the campaign is exactly in line with the big objective of the schools.

Mr. Marrow states that Mr. Allen has sent him bulletins for sixteen school libraries in Johnston county, and a bulletin for each teacher will be in hand in time for distribution at the meeting Saturday.

Prior to the meeting Saturday concerning the live-at-home program, the elimination contest of the American Legion oratorical contest will be held. All students entering the contest are requested to meet in the court room at 9:30 o'clock. The subject of the orations is "Our Flag." The winner in the county contest will compete on February 14 with members from each county in this congressional district and the winners from each congressional district will compete for the state prize on Feb. 22 in Raleigh.

Birthday Party.

Kenly, Jan. 29.—Master Fleetwood Anderson White was host to twenty of his little friends at the home of his parents on Maxwellton Heights Friday afternoon, January 24, from 3:30 until five o'clock, celebrating his fifth birthday. The home was attractively decorated, a color scheme of pink and white being used. Games were enjoyed after which a contest engaged the attention of the children. Stories were told through out the afternoon by Mrs. L. Z. Woodard. Near the close of the afternoon the little guests were invited into the dining room where the candles were lighted and the cake cut by the little host. Ice cream, cake and candy were served. The favors were Valentines and candy hearts. The host was the recipient of many birthday remembrances.

Those invited were: Alton Harper Godwin, Philip Ray Broughton, George Whitley, Jr., Marie Darden, Lelia Swink Grady, Alice Puryear Whitted, Dorothy and Louise Woodard, Horace Draughan, Eugene Durham, Paul Edgerton, Ida Hodge, Alworth Lamb, Mary Patience Peele, Ann Fulghum, Joseph Lamb, John Simmons, Harold Ballance, Alton Davis and Harlette Gurley of Goldsboro.

Baptist Church.

Sunday school 9:45. Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject in the morning: "Christian Cooperation." W. M. U.—all Junior grades Monday at 3:30. B. Y. P. U. 7:30. Prayer service Wednesday at 7 p. m. with quarterly conference.

MRS. HENRY FAILS TO IDENTIFY ASSAILANT

SELMA, January 30.—Four Selma negroes were given trial here Tuesday before R. W. Eberidge, justice of the peace of Selma, in connection with the attempted assault of Mrs. R. A. Henry, of Selma, which took place Thursday evening of last week. Mrs. Henry failed to identify any one of the negroes as the one who attempted assault, and all four were released from custody. It was brought out in the evidence that the person who attempted assault had soot or blacking of some kind on his hands, there being black smears on Mrs. Henry and her clothing wherever her assailant touched her. Some speculation is said to be entertained that her assailant might have been under disguise.

Post Office At Selma Is Robbed

Some Cash, a Watch and Three Fountain Pens Were Stolen—Two Negroes in Jail Awaiting Trial in Federal Court

Robbers entered the Selma postoffice Tuesday night some time between the hours of eleven and one o'clock and took ten or twelve dollars from the cash drawer, a watch, and three fountain pens. The watch, a parcel post package, belonged to a colored boy. The fountain pens were the property of the postoffice clerks. The thieves entered the postoffice building through a window at the rear.

Two negroes, George Maxwell and Will Hockaday were arrested in connection with the theft. These men were seen hanging around together Tuesday afternoon and evening, and the Selma night-policeman apprehended Maxwell shortly after one o'clock, but he made his escape. Chief Howell however, caught him again Wednesday morning at the V. C. plant in Selma where he had gone to apply for a job. Maxwell was brought to Smithfield and placed in jail in default of a \$500 bond.

Later Will Hockaday was arrested in connection with the affair, but was kept in the Selma lockup until the hearing which was held yesterday afternoon. U. S. Commissioner I. W. Massey of Selma conducted the preliminary hearing and bound both men over to Federal court. The negroes were placed back in jail yesterday afternoon to await trial.

Dinner at the County Home.

On Sunday, Jan. 19, the members of St. Mary's Grove Free-will Baptist church of which Uncle Doc Johnson is pastor, came to the county home bringing dinner to share with the inmates. The old people had been looking forward to this treat with great anticipation for the past week. Dinner was spread in the spacious and cozy dining room about one o'clock. When all the inmates were seated at the tables, a special hymn was sung by all, after which thanks were returned by Uncle Doc.

The delicious dinner was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the grateful inmates. After dinner was over each was presented with a bag of confections. Then all enjoyed a sermon by Rev. Adamus Coates.

Mr. and Mrs. Dupree, keepers of the county home wish to thank the good people of St. Mary's Grove for their thoughtfulness and kind hospitality.

MR. & MRS. J. L. DUPREE.

Pollard-Stephenson Nuptials.

Married yesterday at the courthouse Miss Esther Stephenson and Mr. A. E. Pollard, of Angier, route 1. Squire Avera performed the ceremony. The young couple was accompanied by A. V. Parrish.

Volunteer Wesley Class to Meet.

The Volunteer Wesley class of the Methodist Sunday school will meet this evening (Friday) at the home of Mrs. D. H. Jones at 7:30 o'clock. Members of the class are urged to attend.

Mr. Wood Turns Down Pastorate

Former Pastor Declines Call to Presbyterian Church Here; Sails For China in Early Summer

Several days ago the officials of the Presbyterian church here extended a call to Rev. J. R. Woods, of Elsa, Texas, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Rev. Chester Alexander who left a few weeks ago to serve a church in Tarboro. E. S. Edmundson, church clerk, has received the following letter from Mr. Woods: "Dear Mr. Edmundson: I want to express to you, to the committee, and to the whole congregation my deepest appreciation of your thought of me and of your invitation to become your pastor. It would be a real joy to minister to you folks whom I love and I know I would enjoy a pastorate in Smithfield. But, as I stated in my telegram, I am unable to consider your call, because I am under appointment to sail for China in the early summer. As you know, my heart has always been in the foreign field, and I am asking my friends to rejoice with me that now at last the way is open. But I am sorry I cannot come to Smithfield."

"I am praying that God will lead you to the right man to shepherd His flock in Smithfield. With warmest regards to all my friends, I am, cordially yours, J. R. Woods."

It will be remembered that Mr. Woods served as pastor of the Presbyterian church here and at Oakland church while a student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and by his earnest gospel messages and his consecrated life he made a deep impression upon his congregations in this county. It will be learned with genuine regret that he cannot accept the pastorate here.

FIRST REAL SNOWFALL SEASON ENVELOPES CITY

The first real snowfall of the season began to cover the ground Wednesday afternoon. Thick clouds portended snow all day and in the afternoon the flakes began to fall. The fleecy downfall soon changed to fine hail which continued until well into the night, and welded into a covering of ice an inch or two thick. Upon this fell a light blanket of snow, and when the snowfall held up until yesterday afternoon, when it began again.

Cleveland

CLAYTON, Route 1, Jan. 30.—Miss Virginia Melchor spent the past week end in Greensboro.

Miss Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mr. Deaton shopped in Raleigh Saturday afternoon.

A meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held on last Thursday evening at the school house.

There has been much sickness in the community recently due in part to the changeable, inclement weather.

A commission from Oakland church went to Smithfield Sunday to confer with some of the officers of the Presbyterian church there about securing a pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Barbour have recently moved back into the community. We are sorry to say that Mrs. Barbour is quite ill in the Johnston County Hospital.

Miss Addie Barbour spent the week end at home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Coats on January 19, a daughter.

Plans are in progress to beautify the school grounds and to collect a library for the school. A list of the books desired as a nucleus will be posted on the bulletin board in the school building.

Mrs. H. L. Boney, Mrs. J. H. Poole and Walton Booker spent a while in Raleigh Saturday.

Freewill Baptist Church.

Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock, F. C. Fitzgerald, superintendent. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to all services.

REVIVAL IN FOUR OAKS.

FOUR OAKS, Jan. 30.—A revival meeting will begin Sunday, Feb. 2 at the Baptist church here, and will continue through Sunday, Feb. 16. The pastor, Rev. A. L. Brown, will be assisted by Rev. J. B. Willis of Hamlet, who will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Dan Terry Talks To Legionnaires

Meeting of Pou-Parrish Post Featured by Address by Raleigh Man; Commend: Universal Draft Act

The Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion held one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year at the army in Smithfield on Tuesday night, January 28. Gen. Albert Cox, of Raleigh, was expected to be present and make a speech to the Johnston Legionnaires, but appointments elsewhere prevented him from coming. Dan Terry, of Raleigh, attended the meeting and addressed the boys of the local post. In his speech he stressed membership and outlined the things for which the American Legion stands in the nation. He said the American Legion has ever since its organization, been foremost among those who have advocated peace. But he stated that the Legion was not willing to sacrifice necessary means of defense in an effort to bring about peace while the other nations were arming themselves with the implements of war and making themselves secure behind fortifications. He stated that the Legion also was a strong advocate of the universal draft act, which he explained by stating that this would include corporations and all public utilities as well as individuals of a certain age who could bear arms in the time of war. The Smithfield post now has a membership of about 75, and there are possibly 600 men in Johnston county eligible for membership. Mr. Terry emphasized the importance of getting a majority of those eligible to join and make this a strong post.

Bernice Jones displayed his army training as a cook by serving the boys with a nice barbecue and coffee dinner. It was excellent barbecue and was served in the best possible style. The hundred or more former service men present fully attested the good qualities of the barbecue and were lavish in their compliments to Mr. Jones and the post for the great given them.

Oho Munden was there with his violin and was accompanied by two or three members of his band with guitars and other instruments. The beautiful music rendered added to the pleasantness of this mid-winter meeting of the post.

THREE CASES SMALLPOX IN ELEVATION TOWNSHIP

Benson, Route 1, Jan. 30.—The smallpox epidemic that is spreading over the western part of Johnston county and Harnett has finally reached Elevation township. Three cases have been reported so far. Steps are being taken to check the spread by means of vaccination. The county doctor came recently and vaccinated nearly all the folks in the community who had not been vaccinated before.

Bentonville

BENTONVILLE, Jan. 30.—Rev. W. O. Henderson preached at Mill Creek Sunday morning and night.

Miss Marceline Langston spent the week end with Miss Christine Johnson near Meadow.

Miss Bethel Langston spent the week end with Miss Rama Brantley at her home near Zebulon.

Miss Meta Barefoot, of Newton Grove, visited Miss Annie Bass last week end.

The members of the board of the Mill Creek church held a meeting Monday night to discuss plans for the future work of the church.

Mrs. Jerman Talks To Benson Club

Business and Professional Women of Benson Entertain Employers at Banquet; Original Stunts Feature Occasion

BENSON, Jan. 30.—The Business and Professional Women are hostesses to their employers and special guests at an informal banquet on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the dining room of the LaBelle Hotel. The dining room was beautifully decorated with palms and ferns, and the lights attractively dimmed with red and white hearts which made a very pretty setting for the occasion. The guests found attractive heart-shaped printed programs at their places, which also served as place cards. The program which was in charge of Mrs. Erlain Honeycutt, was as follows:

A song, "How-de-do" was sung by the club. The club collect was then repeated in unison. The welcome address was given by the president, Mrs. Ethel H. Turlington. The members introduced their guests in a very unique manner by imitating one of their characteristics which created much merriment. Then followed another song, "Should Our Employers Be Forgotten," by the club. Miss Neta Turlington gave a toast to which Mr. Ezra Parker responded. After being formally introduced by Miss Mary Lee, Dr. S. A. Duncan made an extemporaneous speech on "Where Would Man Be if It Wasn't For Woman," to which Miss Ruth Barbour responded. Miss Wilhelmina Utley in a very charming manner gave a violin solo "March in G" by Holburn, accompanied by Miss Mary Lee. Then came a "Sprig o' Humor" (skits) by Miss Eva Wilton, who put them over in such a successful way that every one wondered who would be the next victim of a joke. The main feature of the program of the evening was a very intellectual talk by the honorary speaker, Mrs. J. Palmer Jerman, of Raleigh, who is a very capable and brilliant orator. Miss Kate Johnson responded with a very appropriate toast to Mrs. Jerman. The program closed with a "Good-night" song by the club.

Dinner was served promptly at 8:00 o'clock. Beautiful in effect was the long dinner table with its cupid valentine centers of red and white. The following four course dinner was served: fruit cocktail in orange baskets, Carolina roast turkey, petit pois, oyster dressing, Parker house rolls, Kartoffel Klosses, LaBelle salad, sweet-lettuce, canopies petits, strawberry shortcake la cafe.

Special guests present other than members and employers were Mesdames J. Palmer Jerman of Raleigh, and C. C. Canaday and Mr. T. Eldridge of Benson.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH HANDBOOK

The Missionary Handbook of the Baptist church for 1930 has been issued. This book giving the missionary program for the year.

The officers of the Woman's missionary society are as follows: president, Mrs. H. H. Johnson; vice-president, Mrs. H. G. Gray; secretary, Mrs. W. N. Holt; treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Beaty; Junior Superintendent, Mrs. S. L. Morgan; Mrs. J. M. Beaty; pianist, Miss Lalah Rookh Stephenson.

The January meeting was concerning India, and Mrs. D. W. Peterson reviewed the books: "Christ of the Indian Road," and "The Life of Gandhi."

The February meeting will be held Monday night, February 17. Mrs. D. C. Stephenson will read a paper on "The Acid Test."

The circle leaders for the year are: Judson, Mrs. C. C. Hamilton; Yates, Mrs. R. S. Fleming; Lottie Moon, Mrs. J. M. Beaty; Fannie Heck, Miss Lucile Lee. The circles hold their meetings on Thursdays after the second Sunday.

The W. M. U. slogan is "Christ-mas Every Day" and the aim: personal consecration.

Renew your subscription.

Two Day Farmers School Next Week

County Farm Agent Announces Terracing and Drainage School for Monday and Tuesday; Practical Demonstration on Farm R. A. Sanders

By J. B. SLACK

The Terracing and Drainage school as announced in the papers some few days ago will be held Monday and Tuesday of next week, February 3 and 4. Farmers wishing to attend this school are asked to meet in the farmers room of the courthouse Monday morning, February 3 at 10:00 sharp. The program is as follows:

First Day: 10:00 a. m. Class instruction in the farmers room at courthouse.

1:30 p. m. Field practice at the farm of R. A. Sanders near Smithfield.

Second Day: 10:00 a. m. Meet in farmers room at courthouse.

1:30 p. m. Field practice at the farm of R. A. Sanders.

As many farmers as possible are urged to attend this two-day school. Mr. A. T. Holman, agricultural engineer from State College, will give the instruction. Each man attending is asked to bring a small notebook and pencil.

The fourth poultry car of the season will be loaded in Selma Saturday, February 1. Prices are as follows: Colored hens, 22c; colored chicks, 22c; Leghorn hens, 19c; Leghorn chicks, 15c; stags, 15c; roosters, 10c; ducks and geese, 12c; young toms, 25c; old toms, 19c; guineas, 35c each.

DR. GEORGE E. DAVIS TO ADDRESS COLORED FOLK

Johnston County Training School will stage a gala event to close a three months' drive for funds to make improvements in and around the building. The students, teachers and friends of the school have worked hard for the last three months, in order that certain improvements as specified in the principal's recommendation to the P. T. A. last fall might be realized.

The teachers and students are anxious to hear the winning class announced with a historical trip to Raleigh and an evening at the state as first prize. The married women are anxious to see who will be crowned Queen and presented a purse as first prize for the Queen contest. The single women in Smithfield and in other centers in the state will be interested to see the winner of the Hope Chest contest. Interest and enthusiasm are expressive of a very profitable gathering of friends to hear the final results of the drive and to add their vote to swell the treasury for needy improvements.

Dr. George E. Davis, supervisor Rosenwald Building, Charlotte, the state's gifted orator, will be the main speaker for the evening of February 4.

SELMA MINISTER INVITED CONSIDER ANOTHER FIELD

Upon invitation from the pulpit committee, Rev. Wm. J. Crain, pastor of the Selma Baptist church, filed the pulpit of the First Baptist church of New Bern last Sunday with a view to considering the work. Mr. Crain reported two large and responsive audiences at morning and evening services. He also states that the New Bern church offers an inviting field with great opportunity for service and growth. However, the Selma pastor did not indicate any intention to consider the new field favorably. On the other hand he expressed a deep desire to see the Selma church grow and develop commensurate with the opportunities and responsibility.

Officers Destroy Beer.

Deputies C. E. Sanders, J. O. Hinton and E. A. Johnson and Jim Ellis of Clayton went to Wilders township Wednesday afternoon in search of a still. No still was found but about 30 gallons of beer were discovered and poured out.

Heads Committee



J. W. STEPHENSON
Who heads committee to plan for standardization of varieties of cotton.

Select Johnston For Cotton Plan

J. W. Stephenson Heads Committee To Plan For Standardization of Varieties of Cotton. 100 Men Attend "Live-In-Johnston" Banquet

The cotton standardization and improvement program in North Carolina received a decided impetus here Tuesday evening when a hundred bankers, merchants, editors, ginners, farmers, and county officials gathered around the banquet board in the recreation room of the Methodist church and listened to men who know tell how cotton standardization may be put over in Johnston county.

County Farm Agent J. B. Slack, the gracious toastmaster on this occasion, introduced to the assembly Roy H. Thomas, supervisor vocational agriculture, who explained the purpose and plans of the state cotton standardization committee. He told of the need of farmers producing the same variety of cotton in given sections and of the need for improved varieties. It is the aim of the committee to further such a program in North Carolina, and he announced that Johnston county because of the progress already made here along this line, has been chosen as the county for an intensive campaign.

Those present at the banquet were soon aware that cooperation is the key to this door of opportunity which the farmers are confronting—cooperation of the producers, cooperation in marketing, cooperation of county farm agents and teachers of agriculture, cooperation of the N. C. Seed Improvement Association, cooperation of bankers and other business men, and cooperation of ginners.

Dr. R. Y. Winters, director of N. C. Experiment Station, stated that up to now cotton farmers in this state have competed in the markets of the world by main strength in producing cotton, but in the future they will compete on a basis of intelligence. They must learn how to fertilize economically, crop rotation being one way of building up the soil instead of using so much commercial fertilizer.

U. B. Blalock, general manager of the N. C. Cotton Growers' Association, emphasized the fact the cooperative marketing of cotton will never be thoroughly effective until there is cooperative production. He thinks cotton growers are not measuring up to their opportunity to produce the kind of cotton desired by the manufacturers at their doors. He threw out the challenge that if Johnston county will standardize its variety of cotton it can become again the leading cotton county in the state both as to quantity and quality. The association which he heads is cooperating with other agencies in furnishing pedigreed seed.

E. W. Gaither, district agent of extension work, outlined a program whereby county farm agents may help further standardization, one thing being the organization of local cotton improvement groups. He suggested that an agent might develop a seed breeder like Coker

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PROCEEDINGS OF RECORDERS COURT

Violations of the Prohibition Law Charged in Majority of Cases; Number of Suspended Sentences

A number of cases were disposed of here this week in Recorder's court. The following cases came up for trial.

State vs. Charlie Medlin charged with violating the prohibition laws. The defendant was found guilty of possession of whiskey and was sentenced to jail for a term of thirty days and assigned to work the roads of Johnston county and to pay the cost. The jail sentence was suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and cost.

State vs. Durwood Hicks charged with violation of the prohibition laws. The defendants were found guilty of possession and transportation and was sentenced to jail for sixty days and assigned to work the roads of Johnston county and to pay cost. The jail sentence was suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and cost.

State vs. Nannie Dupree charged with carrying concealed weapon. The defendant was found guilty and was sentenced to jail for 60 days and assigned to work the roads of Johnston county and pay the cost. The jail sentence was suspended upon payment of a \$50 fine and cost.

State vs. Everett Fellows, Ernest Turner, Isaac Boylan, charged with assault with deadly weapon. Isaac Boylan, being under 16 years of age, his case was remanded to juvenile court. Fellows and Turner were found guilty and each was sent to jail for a term of 18 months and assigned to work the county roads and each to pay one-half the cost. The defendants are to be discharged at the end of twelve months, provided each pays one-half cost.

State vs. Julian A. M. Worley and Gaston Hinton charged with bigamy. Probable cause was found and the defendants were bound over to Superior court.

State vs. Herbert and Alex Atkinson charged with violation of the prohibition laws. Both defendants were found guilty of manufacturing whiskey and possession of still, and each was given a 90-day road sentence and taxed with one-half the cost. The jail sentence of each was suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and cost.

State vs. J. W. Guin, Jr., charged with violation of the prohibition laws. The defendant was found guilty of possession and was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost.

State vs. Melvin Hare, charged with operating a car while intoxicated. The defendant was found guilty and was sent to the county roads for 90 days. The jail sentence was suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and cost. The defendant was ordered not to operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina during next 90 days.

State vs. C. L. Narvon, charged with operating motor vehicle while intoxicated. The defendant was found guilty and was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. The defendant was ordered not to operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina during the next 60 days.

State vs. Herman Byrd, charged with giving worthless check. The defendant was found guilty, and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of check and cost.

Gin Report for Johnston County.

There were 38,846 bales of cotton ginned in Johnston county from the crop of 1929 prior to January 16, 1930 as compared with 40,792 bales ginned to January 16, 1929.

E. G. HOLLAND, Agent.

AUXILIARY TO MEET.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Smithfield Presbyterian church will meet in the Woman's Bible class room Monday afternoon at three o'clock. This is the regular February business meeting and every member is urged to be present.