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BENSON P. T. ASS'N HAS BIRTHDAY

Celebrates 33rd Anniversary in School Auditorium; Prizes Awarded at Close of Interesting Program

BENSON, Feb. 20.—Celebration of P. T. A.'s thirty-third anniversary was observed Tuesday afternoon in the school auditorium. Mrs. B. H. Houston, president, presided. After the reports from various committees, followed discussions on grass and shrubbery planting which will be started in March.

Two new suggestions to create more interest and cooperation among the parents and teachers were put into effect. They were that friends as well as parents should be counted in the attendance campaign and there will be a parent's visitation week in the school.

The program opened with one verse of The Old North State. Current events were read by Mrs. J. H. Rose. Mrs. Paul V. Brown gave a most interesting paper on the "Life of Alice McLelland Birney," founder of P. T. A. Misses Canaday and Crofton, teachers, lighted the snow-white birthday cake. Each gave an appropriate poem as she lighted it. It was then sold to Mrs. Evette Denning for \$1.60.

Miss Bessie Dean, chairman of the membership committee, reported Miss Lula Britt's room as having solicited the most new members—fifty-four—and received a cake. The third, fourth and sixth tied for the mother's attendance prize, and Miss Velma Talton drew the lucky straw for her grade and was awarded a large basket of fruits. Mrs. M. T. Britt and Mrs. James Raynor donated the cakes and Mrs. T. B. McLamb donated the basket of fruit. The congregation was dismissed with prayer by Rev. B. H. Houston.

B. & P. W. Club Meets.
The B. & P. W. club met in the dining room of the LaBelle Hotel on Monday evening. Mrs. John Turlington, president of the club, presided. Nominations for new officers were put in order. The elections will take place in the next monthly meeting.

Miss Clara McLeod gave a very interesting talk on the life of Washington from the time of his birth up to his inauguration, and Miss Lilly Canaday took up his life there and continued it until his death. Mrs. J. F. Woodall gave a very touching paper on the mother and step-mother of Abraham Lincoln. Miss Mary Lee next entertained the club with two solos, "His Lullaby" and "Daddy's Sweetheart." Mrs. John Turlington had charge of the social hour and presented many humorous stunts. The meeting closed with a song, "The Star Spangled Banner."

Mr. Erskine Honeycutt and little Miss Hortense Turlington were special guests.

JOHNSTON COUNTY BOYS AMONG THE HAZED

Three sophomores, all residents of Greensboro, have been expelled from State College, at Raleigh, as a result of hazing activities on February 7. Two of the boys who were hazed were from Johnston county—R. C. Pleasants of Four Oaks. Efforts are being continued to find proof of the identity of five others said to be connected with the hazing incident. Charles Kellenberger, Greensboro sophomore, was one of those hazed, and he is said to have sustained a fractured skull and other injuries.

TO ORGANIZE SCHOOL BAND THIS AFTERNOON

This afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Mr. Harvelle of Goldsboro will be at the grammar grade school auditorium to assist in the organization of a band for the local school. Several boys have already indicated a desire to be in the band, and others who are interested should be at the meeting this afternoon. This movement is sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association and the president, Mrs. Glenn Grier, urges mothers and fathers interested in their children taking part in such a school activity to be present this afternoon.

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The Foundation of Our Country

By Albert T. Reid



Thomas Jefferson, inventor of the modern ploughshare, demonstrates his device to George Washington in retirement at Mount Vernon. Washington to Jefferson: "Your plough, neighbor, will complete the work my sword began."

Princeton School Hears Mr. Holt on Live-at-Home

Dirt Farmer States That \$150,000 Was Spent Last Year in Princeton-Brogden School District For Food and Feed That Could Have Been Grown on Farms

BALANCED CROP FOR ONE MULE

PRINCETON, Feb. 18.—"If Gov. Gardner can arouse the interest and spirit of the people to the extent that they will carry to a successful conclusion this live-at-home idea," declared W. P. Holt, farmer of Boon Hill township who addressed the Princeton school during chapel exercises Thursday morning of last week, "he will have helped a greater number of people who actually need help than any governor of North Carolina in a long time."

The Princeton school observed the live-at-home program outlined for the schools of the state in a splendid way. Pupils entered into the essay and poster contests enthusiastically and the radio installed especially for the purpose, brought to the school the live-at-home radio programs each morning. Perhaps the high peak of the week's program was reached in the chapel exercises Thursday morning when Mr. Holt addressed the school and others on "The Financial Side of the Live-at-Home Idea."

The text of Mr. Holt's talk is as follows:
North Carolina has had governors every since she was first made a state. I feel safe in saying that all of her governors have been men who rated above the average in statesmanship and executive ability. Some have had memorable administrations. Things have happened or programs have been carried out during their administrations of importance enough for the governors to be nicknamed after them.

We can go back to the time of Zeb Vance and we find that he is known as our great civil war governor. Then we can skip several years and come to the administration of Aycock who was known as our great educational governor, and just a few years ago we had Morrison our good roads governor. All of these men were great governors, under whom, constructive reforms were carried out. But it is my honest opinion that when Gov. Gardner fostered this "live-at-home" idea, thereby focusing attention upon the actual farming conditions in our state and, incidentally, focusing attention upon the actual living condition of approximately 50 per cent of our population he started something worth while. Any governor who did as much to advance the cause of education as did Gov. Aycock was a great (Turn to page four)

POSTOFFICE TO OBSERVE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Washington's birthday, Saturday, February 22, will be observed by the postoffice here. The office will be open from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m. The R. F. D. carriers will not go on their trips Saturday, but the city carriers will make their usual rounds.

REVIVAL GOING ON AT PINE LEVEL

Rev. J. A. Wallace of Fayetteville is preaching forceful sermons; announces subjects for rest of week

Revival going on at Pine Level, Feb. 20.—The series of services being conducted at Pine Level Free Will Baptist church began Sunday night, February 16. The Kenly mixed choir furnished the music for the Sunday evening service. The sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Carter, age 19.

Rev. J. A. Wallace, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church of Fayetteville, arrived Monday and preached as the opening sermon, "Do We Need a Revival?" Tuesday night he preached on "Faith Rewarded Through Obedience." Wednesday night's subject was "How We May Obtain the Blessings of God," and Thursday night he preached on "The True Vine." He has announced the following for the balance of the week:

LOCAL MENTIONS

Mrs. J. A. Morgan spent Wednesday evening in Raleigh and had supper with her two grandsons, Edmund and Donnie Ward who are students in Raleigh.

Miss Luma McLamb went to Raleigh Wednesday evening.

Miss Ellen Eldridge was a visitor in Raleigh Wednesday evening.

Mrs. D. M. Coats spent Tuesday afternoon in Kenly with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. T. Whitley.

COKER TO SPEAK IN SELMA FEB. 27

Well Known South Carolina Farmer To Tell How He Makes 4,000 Bales Cotton on 4,000 Acres

SELMA, Feb. 20.—A tremendous large number of farmers are expected here Thursday, February 27 to hear Mr. David R. M. Coker of Martsville, S. C., tell of the methods he used to make four thousand bales of cotton on four thousand acres last year. Mr. Coker's talk will be on "The Value of Planting Pure Seed, Proper Fertilization, and Poisoning for the Boll Weevil."

For the past twenty-seven years Mr. Coker has been devoting his efforts in the direction of seed breeding, and he is recognized as being one of the largest and most prosperous farmers in the south.

He serves in an advisory position on the recent organized Federal Farm Board, and he has been on Federal Reserve Bank Board of Richmond since the inauguration of that bank some fifteen years ago.

Every farmer in Johnston and adjoining counties is urged to attend this meeting as this will be the only town in North Carolina that Mr. Coker will talk in and what he has to say will really be worth the time.

Mr. Coker will talk at eleven o'clock a. m., in the auditorium of the school building.

The Kiwanis club of Selma and the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association are responsible for bringing Mr. Coker to this state for this meeting.

P. H. SASSER PASSES AWAY IN GOLDSBORO

Selma, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Sarah Edgerton received the news of the sudden death of her brother-in-law, Mr. P. H. Sasser, in Goldsboro on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Sasser spent several days with Mrs. Edgerton week before last and he was in excellent health and spirits. He was 72 years of age. He had lived in Goldsboro for twenty-three years state. Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. and every other night at 7:15. Every one welcome.

Surviving are his widow, who was Miss Mary Johnson, and two grandchildren, Miss Ruth Malpass, a teacher at Black Creek, and Dr. Bishop Malpass, a Harvard graduate, physician in the United States Navy and now on a ship sailing for China.

The funeral was conducted from the home on North Slocumb street Tuesday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. W. V. McRae.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church. There will be services at St. Paul's church Sunday night at 7:30. Rev. Duncan Thomas, rector. Public is cordially invited.

SERIES REVIVAL SERVICES CLOSE

Number Additions To Four Oaks Baptist Church; Women's Organizations Meet; Personal Mention

By MRS. R. C. CANADAY
FOUR OAKS, Feb. 20.—The revival meeting which has been in progress for ten days at the Baptist church closed Thursday evening with six additions to the church.

Rev. J. B. Willis of Hamlet, who did the preaching, was suddenly called home on Thursday morning and the pastor, Rev. A. L. Brown being called away by the death of his father, Rev. N. C. Yearby, pastor of the Methodist church, took charge of the meeting on Thursday evening and delivered a strong and inspiring message on "Where Shall I Spend Eternity?"

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. B. I. Tart on Tuesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. J. A. Keene, presiding. The meeting was opened with a song "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," and the scripture lesson was taken from Matthew 5:23-31. Prayer was offered by Mrs. B. B. Adams. The topic for discussion was "Community Centers for Foreign-born People." Very interesting talks were made by Mrs. W. R. Keene and Mrs. J. T. Hatcher on the Community Centers in Texas and Alabama. After a brief business session the meeting adjourned. The hostess assisted by Mrs. R. B. Strickland served a salad course with sandwiches and coffee.

The general monthly meeting of the Woman's missionary society of the Baptist church met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Strickland with Mrs. Strickland and Mrs. Alton Massengill as hostesses. The meeting was opened with a song—"My Country 'Tis of Thee." The president, Mrs. J. H. Strickland, presided and conducted the devotional. After the business session, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Joe Richardson, leader of "Granny Creech" circle. The subject for study was "The Homeland—Our Heritage." A very interesting program was given as follows: Baptist Pioneers in Democracy, Mrs. Carl Lewis; vocal solo, Open Mine Eyes That I May See, Mrs. R. C. Canaday; The Second Awakening, Mrs. B. B. Creech; War and Reconstruction, 1860-1882, Mrs. R. C. Canaday; Growth From Clearer Vision, Mrs. Alton Massengill; Problems and Activities, Mrs. A. L. Brown; Prayer, Mrs. J. W. Sanders. The hostesses served a delicious fruit salad course with hot chocolate. Those present other than society members were: Mrs. E. F. Strickland, Mrs. Daughtry, Mrs. L. L. Levinson of Benson, and Mrs. C. H. Gibson of Rocky Mount.

Personals.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Griffin and daughter, Susan Brown, of Goldsboro, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sanders Sunday.

Mr. Ronald Keene, of Tarboro, spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keene, of Smithfield, were visitors in town Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Page and daughter, Lula, Mrs. Vance Page and son, Douglas, of Elm City, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Strickland.

Messrs. Wade Stanley, Lexie Barfoot and Eugene Parker, of Chapel Hill, spent the week end at home.

Rev. and Mrs. N. C. Yearby visited friends in Benson Friday afternoon.

Mrs. R. C. Canaday and Mrs. D. H. Sanders spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mr. Tom Patterson, student at State College, Raleigh, spent the week end here with his sister, Mrs. Alice Adams.

Messrs. Carl and Richard Lewis spent Sunday in Greensboro with their sister, Miss Elizabeth Lewis.

Messrs. M. C. McWhorter, Wilson Barbour and Waymon Adams spent Sunday at Mr. McWhorter's home in Bethel.

Messrs. Hubert Massengill and Albert Keene Jr., spent Sunday afternoon in Wilson with friends.

Mrs. Lucile Strickland Johnson spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Hubert Johnson, near Smithfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalma Upchurch visited relatives in Lillington on Sunday.

Mrs. Carl Lewis and Miss Jessie Hines spent Sunday near Goldsboro with Miss Hines' parents.

Mrs. C. H. Gibson, of Rocky Mount, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Creech.

Mrs. Evelyn Strickland and Miss Margaret Strickland spent

ATTEMPTED HOLD UP OF J. E. GURLEY

Selma Service Station Owner Frustrates Plan and Puts Negro in Hospital

SELMA, Feb. 20.—Wilbur Graham, young negro, is at the point of death in a Smithfield hospital as a result of being shot by J. O. Gurley, owner of the Supreme Service station here after an unsuccessful attempt to rob Mr. Gurley at the point of a pistol.

Graham, Gladys Hinton and an unidentified negro had been loitering around the service station for about three hours Tuesday morning before the attempted holdup took place about seven o'clock. They had learned that Mr. Gurley had right much cash on his person, and when Graham flashed a pistol on him he knocked Graham's arm holding the pistol and at the same time drew his own gun from his hip pocket and opened fire. The other negroes fled. It was later learned that these same negroes are wanted on a similar charge in Durham.

B. & L. Earns Over 7 Per Cent.
The annual report of the Selma Building and Loan Association shows that during the year of 1929 the association has earned some over seven per cent. R. W. Etheridge, J. C. Diehl, C. L. Richardson, C. E. Kornegay, C. G. Dickinson, C. L. Duggins and W. E. Branch are the officers of the association.

NOTABLE GATHERING TO BE AT DURHAM

Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon has called together the preachers and certain representative laymen "for meditation, prayer, and testimony," in Duke Memorial church, Durham, Thursday, March 13. The meeting will continue through Friday, March 14. This is expected to be a notable gathering of personal religion, the desire to prepare for larger spiritual efficiency.

HUGHES TO TAKE OATH OFFICE FEBRUARY 24

Charles E. Hughes, recently appointed by President Hoover to succeed William Howard Taft as chief justice of the United States, will take the oath of office on Monday, February 24. According to a recent announcement, in the robing room of the court he will, before the court meets, take the constitutional oath of allegiance. After the court crosses the corridor from the robing room and goes on the bench the new chief justice will take the judicial oath. His confirmation was questioned and was delayed for a time while Congress debated the matter.

Free Will Baptist Church.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. F. C. Fitzgerald, superintendent. Preaching Sunday night by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Alford. Special music by the male quartet. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Monday in Smithfield with Mrs. H. L. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brewer and son, Haywood, Mrs. Lucile Moore and Miss Hazel Batts of Raleigh were guests of Mrs. Bettie Adams Sunday.

Mr. Bill Clay, of Rocky Mount, visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Johnson spent Friday afternoon in Benson.

Mrs. J. H. Austin and children spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Gattis, in Clayton.

Mrs. Alton Massengill and Mrs. B. B. Creech shopped in Benson Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Reba Hill, of Virginia, Va., and Miss Elizabeth Nelson, of Henderson, spent last week end here with Mrs. J. E. Bouldin.

Mr. W. J. Lewis made a business trip to Goldsboro Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Page, of Elm City, is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. R. B. Strickland.

Messrs. W. R. Keene and J. T. Allen spent Tuesday afternoon in Goldsboro.

Mrs. Ralph Talton and little daughter, Lillian Sanders, who have been spending some time here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sanders, left Sunday for Durham where they will visit relatives for a few days before returning to their home in Asheville.

Miss Pauline Lee spent Wednesday in Greensboro.

SENIORS FEASTED BY KIWANIS CLUB

Hear Judge Thos. L. Johnson Speak on "Our Heritage" at Luncheon at School Building

The members of the Senior class were entertained by the Smithfield Kiwanis club at yesterday's luncheon at the high school building. The program was suggestive of the anniversary of George Washington and the guests found their places by attractive hatchet placecards bearing a bunch of cherries painted by Miss Ruth Rose, high school pupil, arranged so that the members of the class alternated with the Kiwanians. An attractive three-course luncheon was followed by a short, snappy program by the Seniors, including appropriate songs, readings, and the George Washington episode with the cherry tree. Albert Stallings and Ellen Broadhurst, president and secretary, respectively, expressed the delight of the class for this favorable indulgence and fellowship.

Norman Shepard, president of the club, at this time introduced Hon. N. A. Sinclair, who is presiding over this term of court, and he in turn introduced Judge Thomas L. Johnson of Lumberton, who addressed the audience on the subject of "Our Heritage." He paid tribute to our first president and explained at some length the manner in which he directed the policies of our country during the early days of our Constitution, and declared that more has been accomplished during the last fifty years under the principles of the Constitution than in all the past millenniums combined. He referred to science and its chief branches—electricity, medicine, and voice transmission, and other forms of recent achievement, and declared this a wonderful country, in a wonderful age.

Turning to the chief danger to the American people he decried the lack of law enforcement, and deplored the gains that Communism, Leninism, and Bolshevism appear to be making, not only in this country, but in this state. The speaker declared most emphatically that we have no place for such destructive organizations under our constitution, and reiterated that they not only stand for a doctrine that denies the existence of a Supreme Being but they preach and teach this nefarious doctrine. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," the words of Solomon, was the closing admonition to the Senior class.

The members of the Senior class present were: Albert Stallings, president; Staton Boyette, vice-president; Ellen Broadhurst, secretary and treasurer; Nell Broadhurst, Vera Clifton, Elizabeth Coates, Pearl Creech, Alice Mae Ennis, Caroline Fuller, Nellie Hood Grimes, Dorothy Hooks, Violet Jordan, Anna Elizabeth Lee, Minnie McGreggor, Lucile McLemore, Frances Massey, Isabel Morgan, Mary Pierce, Mattie Phillips, Virginia Sanders, Zilpha Snipes, Harvey Adams, Ralph Fitzgerald, Thornton Patterson, Wilmer Ryals, Walsell Avera, Robert Cotter, Leon Whitehurst, and Clifton Ragsdale.

N. C. Shuford, superintendent of the school, and Miss Maude Creech, sponsor of the class, were also present.

War on Chain Stores.

During recent weeks there has been much discussion pro and con of chain stores. An anti-chain store movement has been gaining emphasis for some time under the leadership of W. K. Henderson of radio station KWKH, Shreveport, La. The move has hit North Carolina and in a number of towns organizations have been formed for war on chain stores. The chain stores have not been asleep in the matter and in various ways have been presenting their own cause to the public. The clash bids fair to become a real fight. In the meantime, the chain stores are getting a lot of publicity that they are not having to pay for.

CAROLINA FUNMAKERS TO BE AT HOPEWELL

The Carolina Funmakers, directed by Joe Mahler, Jr., a professional actor is presenting a show at Hopewell school Monday night, February 24 at seven-thirty o'clock. There are seven high class vaudeville acts and two short plays. The feature act, "Cocoon In a Buzzard," a black-face comedy-drama features Mr. Mahler as blackface. Everybody come. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

DOES YOUR BUSINESS HUM?

ADVERTISERS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE MOSQUITO, WHICH DOES A HUMMING BUSINESS, IS NOT SATISFIED WITH ONE INSERTION.

HE LIKES WHAT HE BITES AND GOES AFTER IT AGAIN.

MISS DAWSON IS BRIDE J. D. STOTT

Wedding Takes Place at Home of Bride in Bessemer; Mr. and Mrs. Stott Will Reside in Princeton

GREENSBORO, Feb. 20.—Miss Flora Belle Dawson and Rev. J. Doane Stott, of Princeton, were united in marriage Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the bride at Bessemer. Rev. R. Grady Dawson, of Henderson and Duke University, brother of the bride, officiated, using the ring service of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The bride was escorted and attended by her father, George Washington Dawson, and Miss Pauline Dawson, as maid of honor. The two little flower girls were Mary Dawson Lowdermilk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lowdermilk and Jean Hook, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hook, of Elon College. Bobby Lowdermilk, nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer. J. Will Stott, of Wendell, was his brother's best man.

Wedding music was furnished by Miss Gladys Lowdermilk, pianist, and Mrs. A. E. Stanley, soprano. Mrs. Stanley sang "All For You" and "At Dawning," before the entrance of the bridal party. Miss Lowdermilk used the bridal chorus from Lohengrin as a processional and as the vows were spoken sounded softly MacDowell's "To a Wild Rose."

The bride wore a suite of crepe in a new shade of blue with eggshell shawl. Her hat, a straw model, and her shoes, bag and gloves were eggshell and she wore a shoulder corsage of Bride roses and lily lilies.

Miss Dawson as maid of honor wore a formal gown of peach georgette-fashioned with inserts of peach-colored lace in the hip yoke. Her flowers were a shoulder corsage of orchid sweetpeas. Little Miss Lowdermilk, a niece of the bride, wore a ruffled frock of green georgette trimmed with pink rosebuds, and little Miss Hook wore white crepe. The ring bearer was dressed in a black velvet suit with white crepe blouse and bore the ring on a white satin cushion. The flower girls scattered rose petals in the path of the bride.

The vows were taken beneath an arch of white twined with ivy which stood against a background of long leaf pines. In the foreground were white floor vases of white carnations and narcissi and two white chandelabra bearing lighted tapers.

An informal reception followed for the 30 wedding guests. Buffet supper, served by Miss Gladys Lowdermilk, and the sisters of the bride, Miss Pauline Dawson, Mrs. D. C. Farlow, of High Point, and Mrs. R. E. Lowdermilk, preceded the cutting of the wedding cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Stott left for a motor trip after which they will be at home in Princeton where Rev. Mr. Stott is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dawson, and has just completed work for an A. B. degree at Duke University. The bridegroom, son of Mrs. C. R. Stott, of Wendell, holds A. B. and B. D. degrees from Duke University.

Out of town guests were as follows: S. V. Dawson, of East Orange, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Farlow, of High Point; Rev. R. Grady Dawson, of Henderson; Misses Lucille and Estelle Stott, of Raleigh; Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hook and Jean Hook, of Elon College; Mrs. C. R. Stott, Miss Juanita Stott, Miss Elizabeth Stott, of Wendell.

Aunt Roxie Says



AUNT ROXIE m m m m "It ain't style no longer ter say good-mornin', des say has yer been vassinated."