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Facts About New Hospital Discussed By Hospital Booster Committee

At a meeting Thursday night of the new Hospital Booster Committee in Smithfield.

The new Hospital Booster Committee, which includes representatives from each voting precinct in the county, met Thursday night in the Smithfield courthouse to discuss the educational campaign needed to get the facts concerning the proposed new county hospital to the people.

The meeting was presided over by Paul Keller, chairman of the new Hospital Steering Committee.

Keller introduced H. C. Cranford, executive director of the North Carolina Good Health Association, who told the group that the services of the Association were available to any county considering a new hospital, after the North Carolina Medical Care Commission has approved the project.

The services of the Association in directing the educational campaign are free, said Cranford, and to date the Association has assisted in four such campaigns successfully.

A very warm and well-received inspirational address was delivered to the group by Dr. Greer, president of the North Carolina Good Health Association.

After Dr. Greer's speech, Paul Keller conducted a question and answer session concerning the proposed new hospital, during which the following facts were discussed:

It Happened In Clayton

From the Clayton News of August 12, 1948:

The first open boll of cotton of the 1948 crop, reported in this section, came in Wednesday, August 9. It was grown by Toby Smith, colored, tenant on Mr. Jim Bona's place, about 2 miles from town.

An excerpt from the editorial: One of four farmer friends in town the other day remarked that he "was used to weeds and grass in the country, but it was new to see them in such abundance in town, especially on Main Street." We should start again and with renewed zeal the clean-up campaign, and rid our community of the weeds, tin cans and rubbish.

Judge and Mrs. W. R. Allen, of Goldsboro, spent Wednesday night in Clayton, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Barbour.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Barnes, John, Jr., Miss Zella Barnes, and Mr. B. W. Sanders are spending their vacation at Norfolk and other interesting points near the Virginia city. They are traveling on Mr. Barnes' Buick.

Miss Hettie Wilder, Clayton Telephone Co.'s popular operator, is spending a two weeks' vacation with friends and relatives at Durham and Wilson.

From the Clayton News of August 11, 1948:

Dr. Charles R. Duncan, a Clayton boy, who took the medical examination in June, was granted license by the State Board of Medical Examiners in Raleigh last Wednesday, along with a class of 85.

N. C. farmers this season will harvest their smallest cotton crop in 37 years, officials of the State and Federal Department of Agriculture said Tuesday.

A new beauty parlor is locating in Clayton this week, formerly Mac's Beauty Shop. The new shop has not been named, and the proprietors are offering a prize to the one offering the most suitable name.

The announcement of the marriage of Miss Soule McCullers to Mr. Edward Earl Barnhardt on March 30, 1938, was made at a dinner party given by Miss Elizabeth Whitley Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Miss Elgia Hocutt, a member of the faculty of the public schools in Salisbury, is spending some time at her home here.

Opportunity
Johnston County now has the opportunity to have a new \$1,200,000 hospital with 100 beds. The hospital will be a county-wide institution which will be eligible to care for most of the indigent patients now being sent out of the county and in which any qualified doctor in the county may practice.

It is now possible for the county to get this hospital by paying only 22.4 per cent of the cost of construction. The new hospital will care for both white and colored races in separate wards and in proportion to the percentage of each race in the total population of the county. The two races would get equal medical care, but would be segregated.

Need
The present hospital is officially rated at 30 beds. On the basis of our population and the requirements set up by the federal government the county is in need of a hospital with approximately 108 beds.

Further evidence of the county's need for a hospital can be seen from the fact that the county spent \$11,000 last year to care for indigent patients who were sent out of the county because the present hospital is not large enough to be accredited. The hospital must be accredited to receive funds for charity work from the Duke Foundation and from the State.

The county is further in need of a larger hospital because such a hospital would do much to attract new doctors, nurses and hospital workers, well-educated medical men at home. The new hospital would also bring specialists into the county.

Cost
The cost of the proposed new hospital would be \$1,200,000. The federal government would pay one-third of this amount. The cost to Johnston County for construction would be \$275,000. The difference would be paid by the state.

A further cost on which the voters will vote is that of a county-wide tax of not more than 5c annually to provide for any emergencies or deficits which might occur in the hospital operation. The bond issue of \$275,000 would not mean a long-term debt for the county. It could be paid in five years with a 15c tax levy, or in less than eight years at a 10c levy.

It was noted at the meeting that if the town of Smithfield could afford a \$400,000 bond issue for municipal improvements, the county should be able to afford a \$275,000 issue.

Control
The usual plan of control for the hospital would rest with the county commissioners. The commissioners would appoint a board of trustees composed of laymen, who probably in turn would appoint a group of medical advisers, composed of physicians, and a college-trained hospital administration, who would be not a doctor.

There would be no stock issued and, therefore, no individual or group could own a controlling interest.

County Selects Its Peacetime Draft Board

Johnston County's draft board to operate under the peacetime selective service system has been named and includes W. F. Grimes and W. M. Gaskin of Smithfield and Rufus W. Sanders of Four Oaks, Route 1.

R. E. Batton, Smithfield attorney, will act as appeal counselor and Dr. W. C. Wilson as examining physician. The draft board was appointed by a three-member ex officio committee composed of H. V. Rose, Clerk of Superior Court, H. B. Marrow, County Superintendent of Schools, and L. L. Levinson, chairman of the County Board of Elections.

Site
No site has been selected for the proposed new hospital. The site must meet federal and state requirements as to accessibility, drainage, municipal water and sewage disposal, room for expansion, and housing for nurses. The hospital site should be centrally located within the county.

The Means
The means by which the county can secure this hospital is the ballot. A special election will be held for this purpose Saturday, September 12.

Two questions will be submitted to the voters at that time:
(1) Whether to approve a \$275,000 bond issue by the county government to finance this county's share of the cost of constructing a new hospital.
(2) Whether to authorize the

Local School Board Explains Use Made Of Special Taxes

We voted a 2c tax in Clayton School District for the purpose of erecting a lunch room and having some vocational training.

What has happened to the tax money? What has been done about it?
The district has over \$17,000.00 in this fund. Who hasn't something been done about starting to build with this fund?

New equipment for the white and colored school has been purchased. The school has paid to teachers for music and outside activities was from this fund. A commercial class will start this fall. The cost of this will come from this fund, including the teachers' pay.

The lunch room cannot be started this fall. The special district or any other special district in the state of N. C. cannot build until all of the cost is on hand to pay the contractor. Clayton was in this shape last year but at that time we could not build because the state said we could not spend SPECIAL TAX for buildings.

How and when are we to have a lunch room as was expected by the people who voted for the SPECIAL TAX?

The county has passed a 20c tax for schools that can be used for capital outlay. The SPECIAL 25c SCHOOL TAX for this district has been reduced from 25c to only 10c. We plan to accumulate the county 20c tax by paying all expense from the money on hand. Then build the lunch room from a tax allowing capital outlay.

There was no one who could foresee these complications at the time the public was asked to vote on this tax. Even with all that has happened we plan to have all that was expected when the tax was voted and even better since the county has a 20c school tax.

The local school committee has complete control of this fund, but it has to abide by the N. C. State School laws for the complete protection of the taxpayers.

If this is not clear to anyone interested in the Clayton Schools, any member of the local school committee will be very glad to discuss this fully with them.

R. L. Cooper
M. W. Knott
Dr. J. J. Tew
Clayton School Board

Leonard Moore Post Enjoys Barbecue At Monthly Meet

A barbecue supper was enjoyed by seven officers and 17 members of the Leonard Moore American Legion Post No. 71 at their monthly meeting Friday night.

A collection was taken for flowers for Mrs. Banks Ferrell, who has been operated on in Rex Hospital for appendicitis. At the business meeting Roy Gully made a report from the

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Editorial, "Living in Tomorrow", concerning the proposed new hospital, page 4.
Church news on page 4.
Clayton Calendar and Directory is on page 4.

Partners will find items of interest on the farm page, page 2. Social and club news on page 5. Poetry, page 4.

A separate registration will be held for this election from August 21 to September 8. Voters are cautioned to note that this registration is a completely new and separate registration which has nothing whatsoever to do with any other election.

3 Arrested Here On Fraud Charges

Three men were arrested in Clayton Wednesday night on charges of fraudulently soliciting for infantile paralysis funds.

The men visited the home of Roy Atkinson, who became suspicious when they could not produce the names of solicitors' permits. Mr. Atkinson called William Derry, who made the arrests.

One of the men had apparently had infantile paralysis in the past and was being used as a front, Mr. Atkinson said.

The three men were held for investigation and then turned over to the state welfare authorities in Raleigh. It is probable that they will be prosecuted.

The men, all young fellows, were from Canton, Winston-Salem and Kanesville, according to Mayor Atkinson.

Raleigh newspapers carried a warning the following morning that a group had been soliciting fraudulently in Raleigh.

Help Wanted For Youth Center

The new Clayton Youth Center is in need of voluntary painters, and cash donations with which to care for unpaid bills.

The building is nearing completion and now needs only painting and plumbing. The paint is on hand, waiting for willing hands to apply it.

Part of the plumbing fixtures have arrived and the remainder are expected this week.

A half day's painting donated by Melvin Hill has been done and almost finished covering the main room.

Donations will be needed to buy tables and chairs for the Center. Open house for all interested people will be held as soon as the work is completed, according to J. E. Nelson, Rotary Club president, who has been helping with the Center.

Baptists Hold Cottage Prayers

Prior to the beginning of the revival at the First Baptist Church, the following cottage prayer meetings will be held on Wednesday evening, August 22 at eight o'clock. The place of each meeting, the prayer leader of each meeting and the attendance chairman is listed in the order as given:

Clarence Jones, L. L. Cresch, Mr. and Mrs. Parren Stallings; Ross Duncan, Mrs. E. T. Beddingfield, Amelia Lancaster; Mrs. W. J. Payne, Kenneth Smith, Mrs. Wilson Champion; Mrs. Mouser, Mrs. Eph Whisenant, Mrs. Whisenant; Mrs. Sam Ellis, Mrs. P. F. Yates, Mrs. Delma Blenson; Mrs. Joe Smith, Mrs. Bill Massey, Mrs. Turner Vinson; Mrs. Charles Blinson, Mrs. Anna Belle Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hobbs; Will Parrish, Mr. Oldham, Mrs. Troy Page; Mrs. Wilber Lee, E. E. Snipes, Mrs. Wilder; Eric Harrison, Mrs. J. J. Tew, Mrs. Cottingham; Mrs. Naomi Parker, W. P. Creech, Mrs. Jesse Austin; Mrs. Dewey Morgan, Mrs. Viola Ellis, Mrs. Roy Gully; Mrs. Pitt Bagley, Mrs. Edgar Averitt, Mrs. Daylon Morgan; Mrs. Melvin Ellis, Charles Carroll, Jr., Garland Moonsham; Lacy Coats, R. B. Dixon Wallace, all of Smithfield, Ellis, Mrs. Duba Turley; Everette Duncan, Roy Allen, Mrs. Joe Gowen.

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"Poor Health Costly" Dr. Greer Tells Group

Services Held For G. V. Johnson, 85

Funeral services for G. V. Johnson, 85, of Smithfield, were held Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at Smithfield's Centenary Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. H. K. King, and former pastors, Rev. J. J. Boone of Hamlet and Rev. A. S. Barnes of Raleigh, officiated. Interment followed in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson, one of Smithfield's oldest and most prominent residents, died at his home early Tuesday morning after an illness of several months.

Active pallbearers were John Thomas Talton, Jr. and Fred Talton of Clayton, Lyndon Jordan of Mount Olive, Thomas Jordan of Oxford, Levin Jones of Kinston, and Marvin Jordan, Herman Jones, Jr., and Dan and James Kirkman. Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife; two sons, Dwight and Theron, and one daughter, Mrs. Dixon Wallace, all of Smithfield, and four grandchildren. He was a half-brother of John T. Talton of Clayton.

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In speaking to the Hospital Boosters meeting in Smithfield Thursday night, Dr. I. G. Greer, president of the North Carolina Good Health Association, emphasized the high expense of poor health.

Dr. Greer got his philosophy of life from his mountain boyhood. He recalled that during his childhood there were at one time 84 typhoid patients in his small community, with only one doctor to care for them. He also recalled that the doctor finally went the way of many of his patients.

An experience very clear in Dr. Greer's memory is that of standing at the graveside of eight of his childhood friends who were the victims of diphtheria in one epidemic.

Dr. Greer related the case histories of four mothers who died in childbirth without a doctor's care, and stated that 15,000 North Carolina babies were born last year without doctors.

Another indication of the general state of poor health in North Carolina can be seen in the fact that during the recent war North Carolina had the highest percentage of failures to qualify for military service on medical grounds. Forty per cent of the state's white and sixty per cent of the negro population who were examined failed to qualify, the highest record of failures in the United States.

Out of a total of 368 only three young men at the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, of which Dr. Greer was general superintendent, failed to qualify for military service. They all came in undisciplined, Dr. Greer said, but because good health is considered there, they developed good habits.

It can be seen that poor health is expensive to the tax payers of the county and state. Dr. Greer said.

It is repeatedly seen, Dr. Greer said, that children fall in or drop out of school because of poor health. "We have placed schools within reach of each child in North Carolina; we now need to place medical care within reach of each sick person in the state."

Under the present plan the United States government will contribute one-third of the cost of building a county hospital; and the state will pay from ten to fifty per cent of the cost, depending upon the financial condition of the county. In the case of Johnston County, the county will have to pay only 22 per cent of the cost of a new hospital.

Too many of our young people are receiving their education in this state and leaving the state because they can do better elsewhere, Dr. Greer said.

"We must provide facilities to keep young, well-educated doctors at home in our own county."

"The people of this county have the opportunity to live in the lives of tomorrow and tomorrow in this county by leaving the county a new hospital."

phoned over a thousand housewives urging them to buy no meat from Wednesday through Monday if the six-day boycott produces no results, a longer strike will be tried.

Washington, Aug. 10 -- A recommendation by a Committee of the Defense Department that the National Guard be brought completely under federal control is expected to meet with severe criticism from state governors. They consider such an invasion of state's rights. The committee contended that the present National Guard system is not adequate to meet defense needs in the atomic age.

The U. S. Navy has been authorized by recent Legislation to enroll not over 6,500 women in its regular service in the next two years.

N. C. 27 and Dixie 17 are by far the most widely grown varieties of hybrid corn in North Carolina.