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EDUCATIONAL DAY

Dr. M. C. S. Noble to Speak at Gathering of Educational Forces Friday.

It is with pleasure that we can announce that Dr. M. C. S. Noble of Chapel Hill will speak to the teachers and officers of the schools in the county who gather at Lillington Friday, November 12, for the first educational meeting of the year. Dr. Noble is no stranger in meetings of this sort and he always gives the people who hear him something interesting and instructive. We have put this meeting on Friday so that the teachers cannot feel that too much is being asked of them when we insist that they should be present. Provision will be made for registration while here and we hope no teacher will fail to register. This is very important for more reasons than one. From the interest already manifested by the commission of the county we shall be disappointed unless they attend this meeting. We are looking for a large crowd and we are expecting it to be a day of service for Harnett county. There is a strong sentiment in the county for good roads, splendid churches, and up-to-date schools. Next Friday is the day set to get in behind the schools in an organized effort to make them the very best. The schools need you. Will you do your part to satisfy this need?

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After address—Lunch.

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Room No. 2—"My program for a Day," Miss Gertrude Brooks; "The Best Plan for a New Rural Teacher," Mrs. J. H. Withers.

Room No. 3—A Primary Class will be taught by Miss Irving Royster.

Round-Table Discussions in each room.

SEVEN MILLION BALES GINNED

Government Issues Fourth Cotton Report; Increase is Shown.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 8.—The fourth cotton ginning report of the season, compiled from reports of Census Bureau correspondents and agents throughout the cotton belt and issued at 10 a. m. today, announced that 7,884,871 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1915 has been ginned prior to November 1. That compares with 9,826,912 bales, or 61.8 per cent of the entire crop, ginned prior to November 1, last year, 8,830,963 bales, or 63.2 per cent in 1913, and 8,869,222 bales, or 65.8 per cent in 1912. The average quantity of cotton ginned prior to November 1 in the past ten years was 7,954,534 bales, or 62.0 per cent of the crop.

Included in the ginnings were 69,204 round bales, compared with 23,182 last year, 61,577 in 1913, and 54,539 in 1912.

Sea island cotton included numbered 55,358 bales, compared with 43,115 last year, 42,804 in 1913, and 28,887 in 1912.

New Cheese Factory.

Mr. F. R. Farnham, of the Extension Service, has now completed the construction of the cheese factory at Beaver Creek, in Ashe County, and will go to Beaver Dam, in Watauga county, to organize the farmers and build another factory. It is intended that this factory completed this fall. Neither of the two factories will begin manufacturing cheese this fall but will be ready to start in the spring when the pastures are ready.

Requests are being received by the extension service workers to put up factories in the lower Piedmont and Coastal Plain regions, but it should be understood that successful cheese making on a economical scale cannot be done out of the mountains. Creameries should be constructed to handle the milk supply of these lower sections. The creameries can also be operated successfully in the mountains, but the cheese factories cannot give good results outside of the cool climate which prevails in mountain sections.

—Extension Farm News.

PROSPERITY IN SOUTH

Wash. D. C., Nov. 8.—The following report of conditions in the southern states has been prepared by William Clark in charge of the Atlanta, Ga., office of the bureau of domestic and foreign commerce. Mr. Clark is a North Carolinian.

Considering the depressed conditions prevailing throughout the cotton belt in the last of 1914 and spring of 1915, occasioned by the impossibility of moving last year's record cotton crop, the return to prosperity which the south is now enjoying is truly remarkable. Cotton is moving in the markets at prices double the price paid them last year, and cotton experts state that the cost of production has been lowered to such an extent that the grower's profit now approximates 50¢ per bale. The price of cotton a year ago made it impossible for planters to clear of their indebtedness for fertilizer and other supplies, but the more satisfactory price now prevailing has afforded them considerable relief in this respect. The campaign for diversification of crops resulted in some good, as many fields that heretofore produced only cotton, this

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ACTING UNDERTAKERS CAUSING TROUBLE

May Keep State from Entering Registration Area of United States.

"The greatest trouble we have now in getting deaths reported," says Dr. J. R. Gordon of the State Board of Health, "is when neighbors or friends help to put away the dead in the absence of a licensed undertaker and fail to fill out and file with local registrar a proper death certificate. They don't seem to know," said Dr. Gordon, "that when they do this, they are acting as undertakers and are subject to the same laws, fines and penalties as the licensed undertaker for failure to make proper returns of a death to the local registrar." He says that there is a blank certificate placed in every coffin bought from an undertaker or dealer and that it is an easy matter to get the necessary information from any member of the family and fill in the blanks.

According to Dr. Gordon this is an important matter as it may be the means of keeping North Carolina again from entering the registration area of the United States.

Jayous Abandon.

The high cost of living. We greatly regret it; But, long about Thanksgiving Somehow, we forget it.

—Birmingham Age-Herald.

CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME WILL BE OPENED NEXT WEEK

Fayetteville, Nov. 6.—Announcement was made today by the board of directors of the Confederate Woman's home, erected here by the state, that the home will be formally opened Thursday evening, November 18. Governor Craig with his staff will be present to make the presentation on behalf of the state. The advisory board of the state chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the directors of the home will jointly give a reception to the public on the evening of the opening. The governor and his staff will be in the reception line. The directors and advisory board want every U. D. C. chapter in the state to send a representative to the opening and reception. No formal invitations will be sent out. All who expect to attend are requested to notify Mrs. E. R. MacKethan, chairman of the hospitality committee of Fayetteville.

Good Road Campaigners of Grove Township.

Coats, Nov. 9.—The Good Road Campaigners of Grove Township held their campaign at Ennis School house Friday night, November 5th and at Sorrell school house Monday night, November 8th. The good roads law was read and discussed with much interest to a large and attentive audience. Great interest is being manifested in this great and important question of progress and advancement, and a gratifying victory in favor of good roads is anticipated with much enthusiasm on November 16th.

There will be a good roads meeting in Coats on Saturday, November 13th at 2:30 p. m., and the people of the entire township are urged to attend. Prominent speakers will be present and discuss the issue. Let everybody come out and help the question of good roads discussed.

Messrs. W. H. Parrish and O. G. Young were present at the meeting.

Mr. W. H. Parrish, of Middleburg, is visiting relatives here this week.

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—Detroit Free Press.

BENSON NOTES

Miss Julia Davis, of the Graded School faculty, spent the week-end with her parents in Wilson's Mills.

Mr. Durward Dixon, of Selma, was a visitor here for a few hours Friday.

Mr. J. D. Lambert, of Elevation township, spent the day here last Friday with relatives.

Mrs. W. D. Booden, of Elevation, spent the day Saturday with friends in Dunn.

Misses Alice and Polly Barbour, of Elevation, were visitors here for a few days last week.

Miss Lena Harwood, of Smithfield, returned Saturday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Jones, of the Graded School faculty, spent the week-end with her parents in Smithfield.

Mr. M. R. Holly, of Durham, Sunday to spend some time with his daughter, Mrs. Herbert Royal.

Messrs. P. B. Johnson and Chas. Johnson spent Sunday in Emporia, Va., with friends.

Miss Beulah Johnson, of Dunn, spent the day Sunday with her father, Mr. J. Willis Johnson.

Mrs. Alice Smith and little son spent Sunday with relatives in Four Oaks.

Miss Pearl Stranell and Miss Godwin, of Smithfield, spent Saturday and Sunday here with Mr. J. H. Ross.

Mr. Benjamin J. Matthews spent the day Monday in Smithfield on business.

Mr. Eli Covington, of Wilmington, was a visitor here for a few days this week.

Messrs. N. T. Ryals, A. B. Hudson and George Holcomb, were visitors to Smithfield Monday.

Ray A. T. Leach, of Smithfield, returned Sunday evening to his home in Coats.

Mr. J. E. Jones, of Smithfield, was a welcome visitor here Sunday. His many friends had come to see him.

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INTERESTING NEWS FROM DUKE

Duke, Nov. 9.—Saturday night at 8 o'clock at Good Hope Hospital Mr. E. L. Hassell was operated on for appendicitis. Dr. Royster of Raleigh performed the operation assisted by Drs. Holt and Ruff of Duke. Dr. Royster left Sunday morning for Raleigh. At present Mr. Hassell is getting along as well as could be expected and unless something out of the ordinary happens the doctors think he will soon be up again.

Saturday night at the Baptist church the Barbers and Philathea classes taught by Prof. B. F. Dalton and Miss Mary Lucy Dupree met in a social gathering with the purpose of getting together and becoming better acquainted. A unique way of mixing those present was a roll call and each person was asked to sit next to the one previously called. Candies, salted peanuts, cream and cake were served. Short talks were made by several members. Plans were discussed and arrangements made to have regular social meetings.

Friday night Mrs. E. S. Yarbrough gave informal entertainment to the teachers of the graded school and a few gentlemen friends. The sitting room, dining room and kitchen were thrown open to the guests and the novelty of preparing the refreshments was imposed on those present. Separate parties made the candy, cocoa, wafers, rabbit and pimentas, which were served in the dining room. The preparation of the refreshments proved intensely interesting and all thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

Mr. D. E. Price, who lives on Linden Ave., feasted Sunday on an opossum caught in his back yard. For several nights Mr. Price has missed one or two small Rhode Island chickens he had from high priced eggs. He set a steel trap hoping to find the intruder. About daylight next morning he heard the chain rattling and went to find the big fat opossum.

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DEFENSE PLANS BACKED IN BIBLE, WILSON FINDS

President, in Letter to Seth Lowe, Quotes From Thirty-Fourth Chapter of Bible Supporting Preparedness Program of Administration.

Washington, Nov. 8.—President Wilson finds support in the Scriptures for his policy of National Defense, and in a letter to Seth Lowe, who wrote the President at commending his Manhattan club speech, quotes verses from the thirty-fourth chapter of Ezekiel. In the letter made public today at the White House the President said:

"I am particularly gratified that you should so fully concur in the position I took in my speech to the Manhattan Club. There is a quotation from Ezekiel which I have had very much in my mind recently in connection with these important matters. It is the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth verses of chapter 33:

"2. Son of man speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, when I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of a land take a man of their costs and set him for their watchman:

"3. If when he seeth the sword come upon the land he blow the trumpet, and warn the people:

"4. Then whosoever heareth the trumpet, and taketh not warning, if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

"5. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning, his blood shall be upon him; but he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

"6. But if the watchman seeth the sword come and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hands."

continually appeared in the streets of Dunn and Harnett county.

"Tabor, Nov. 4.—On Tuesday evening of last week there was enjoyed by a large number of the town's society people a brilliant reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Fussell, the hosts being Mr. and Mrs. Fussell and Dr. Grover S. Cox. The event was in the nature of a farewell on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Fussell, who, after November 1 will make their home in Dunn, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Cox, of Mount Olive, who since their recent marriage have been visiting at the home of Mr. Cox's parents near here.

The guests were met at the front door by Mrs. D. C. Humphrey and were introduced to the receiving line by Mrs. Matthew Harper. Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Fussell and Dr. Cox were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cox, Mr. Olan M. Cox, of Clarendon, and Miss Beatrice Brown, of Spartanburg, S. C.

After greeting the members of the receiving party, the guests were shown into the beautifully decorated dining room, where Miss Esther Lee supervised the serving of refreshments. The color scheme in here was red and white, a beautiful effect being obtained with white chrysanthemums and red Richmond roses.

During the entire evening music was dispensed by Misses Marie Cunningham and Lorena Newton, both accomplished musicians.

About two hundred guests called during the evening to pay their respects to Mr. and Mrs. Fussell with whom they part very reluctantly and to meet the brother and sister, Dr. Cox.

Postoffice Clerks Stand Excellent Examination.

Mr. Charles F. Carroll, of Rocky Mount, who is the Chief Clerk of Railway mail service in this district, was in the city Thursday night to examine the clerks at the postoffice on the dispatching and distribution of mails by routes. All clerks passed a very creditable examination, the result of much painstaking and thorough study. The grades were as follows: L. P. Surles, 100; Ralph Wade, 92.60; V. B. Morgan, 95.57. These were excellent grades and the young men are to be congratulated on their splendid showing. Mr. Carroll stated that it was very seldom any postoffice clerk attained a grade of 100. These examinations are annual and while they require much work and study yet the constant change of routes and postoffice make them a necessity for the accurate dispatching of mails.

Little size make room for great and one brings in all.—Thomas Edwards.

VICTIM OF LIQUOR

Worshiper's Inquest Held Over Body Is Buried at Lillington

That Ephraim Worth died from the effects of a wound caused by a shot from a pistol fired by some one unknown to them was the verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest held at Lillington last night. Mr. Worth died Wednesday morning, and the inquest was held Tuesday evening, the arrival of the main witness, who lived some distance in the country, and that in the meantime upon the advice of Mr. J. A. Rogers, the undersheriff, he had ordered the body buried.

The following composed the jury: L. A. Harkin, Fred J. Williams, A. W. Bradford, B. W. Townsend, W. J. Brown, Adam McArthur.

Ephraim Worth (colored) was shot by a posse near Upper Springs, in Harnett county, on November 3, at a blockade whiskey still. He was brought to Highsmith Hospital and died Wednesday morning, according to the testimony of Dr. J. F. Highsmith, from the effects of a pistol shot wound, the ball entering his back about one and a half inches to the right of his spinal column and between the tenth and eleventh ribs.

W. A. Smith, United States Deputy Collector, was the first material witness called, and his testimony was to the effect that in answer to a telegram from J. A. Spivy, deputy sheriff of Harnett county, he came to Fayetteville on November 1 and met Spivy. They were joined here by United States Deputy Marshal J. W. Tomlinson and Deputy Sheriff J. McEl. Monaghan, of Cumberland county, and proceeded to Harnett county in search of a blockade still. When within about two miles of Upper Springs they discovered the still.

Having the still in their possession and when the witness was a few feet from the still one negro went in one direction and the other in another direction. The four officers separated with the intention of catching the negroes. Spivy succeeded in catching up with Ephraim Worth and placed his hand on Worth's arm to arrest him when the negro suddenly turned and shoved Spivy several feet backwards with much force. Spivy regained steady footing and started at the negro again when the negro picked up a lightwood limb about four feet long and two or three inches in diameter and struck at Spivy's head with such force that the weight of the limb swung the negro almost completely around. Worth struck at Spivy with the limb twice, and during the striking Smith heard either two or three shots fired. Smith did not know who fired the shot.

Smith ran up to Spivy and found Worth on the ground with a bullet wound as described.

J. A. Spivy next testified to practically the same thing as that of Deputy Collector Smith except that Spivy said he had his pistol in his right hand by his side, and the first time Worth struck at him he had to throw back his head and back off to avoid the blow and that he felt the wind on his face from the end of the limb, and he fired twice from his side. He did not know whether his shot struck Worth or not, as after he fired Worth threw down the limb and walked several feet and fell to his knees and exclaimed that someone had shot him.

Deputy Marshal Tomlinson testified to the same thing, adding that Worth surely would have killed Spivy had not the shots been fired.

Deputy Sheriff Monaghan testified similarly, adding that when he first saw Worth he was stepping down some whiskey, and was fumbling with his right hip pocket. Monaghan said he picked up a pistol within a foot or two from where Worth secured the limb and attacked Spivy. The pistol was loaded and had never been fired. None of the witnesses knew to their own knowledge to whom the pistol belonged.

Monaghan also testified that in a statement made by Worth in writing, in writing, and witnessed by Tomlinson, just after the shooting and before leaving the scene, he named Monaghan as shooting him. Monaghan testified that he did not fire his pistol. This statement, with a similar one made at the hospital, was introduced in evidence and read to the jury.

Chief of Police J. T. Kelly testified that Worth's police record was a very bad one, and Smith and Monaghan also testified to having had previous and serious trouble with Worth.—Fayetteville Observer, 24