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A Leading Citizen Dead.

Allen K. Smith, the youngest son of John Allen Smith and Martha E. Smith, was born in Meadow township, Johnston county, on September 10th, 1867. At the age of three years he became motherless, and when four years later, the death of his father rendered the dispersion of the family necessary, he made his home with relatives, working on the farm, and obtaining a fair education by diligent application. After having taught school a short while, he came to Smithfield as assistant to Jesse D. Morgan, as Register of Deeds. His work in that office was so accurate and his service so excellent that J. U. Oliver, Morgan's successor, retained him in the same position. And when the selection of Oliver's successor became necessary, he easily won the honor.

His career of four years as Register of Deeds is a matter of record. He equalled, in point of courtesy, application, and accuracy, any predecessor, and he has never been surpassed by any of his successors.

He was Enrolling Clerk in the Legislature of 1893, and was State Senator from this District in 1901. For several years he ably conducted very successful campaigns in the county as Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee. His last public service was as County Commissioner, which position he relinquished a few days before his death.

While he was, in every respect, a model public officer, polite, accommodating, thorough, and industrious, yet the greatest and most lasting result of his life untimely terminated, is the spirit of progress that was his and that he imparted to the community in which he lived.

He was pioneer in the industrial development of the county. Unafraid himself, he blazed the way for others to follow.

He established the Bank of Smithfield and served as president for 8 years. He was a prime mover in the building of the Smithfield Cotton Mills, was its president two years, and served as director until his death. He was active and influential in establishing other enterprises that have served to awake Smithfield from a lethargy of generations. His support of the tobacco market here was the turning point in its success.

But in the high tide of his success and honors, when the future seemed to offer the most alluring prospect, in the noontime of the average life, a fatal disease fastened itself upon his system. Its presence was unsuspected and its announcement to him was his death warrant. But his courage was superb. Knowing that death was a matter of a comparatively short time, he kept his face to the foe and, unafraid, made the heroic fight to live.

After many months, the end came, peacefully and painlessly. Surrounded by friends and loved ones, he approached the dark river, confident in the knowledge that Heaven was upon the other shore. In the sunset hour of Thursday, June 6th, the spirit departed and the tired body was at rest.

Accompanied by relatives and many friends, the remains were carried to LaGrange, the old home of his wife, and were laid to rest in the cemetery of that town in the late afternoon of Friday.

In December, 1904, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Daisy Wooten, of LaGrange who, with a son, his name sake, survives him. To them, the sympathy of a bereaved community is extended.

Sunday the Last Day.

Sunday will probably be the last day for crossing the Smithfield bridge as hands have been at work this week leaving it down to get ready to put up the new iron bridge. The manager of the work says he cannot arrange for crossing after Sunday unless there is some delay in his plans which he cannot now see.

Beasley Bits.

Mr. C. L. Grant spent first Sunday in Benson.

Mr. Tommie Sneed, Jr., of the Sanders Chapel neighborhood, passed through our section Sunday.

Messrs. J. H. Strickland and M. Barefoot, from near Four Oaks, were visitors in our village Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. R. U. Blackman and son Harvie, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Young, at Peacock's Cross Roads.

Mr. Uriah Britt returned to his home in Benson last Monday, after attending the burial of his brother, Mr. G. R. Britt.

Mr. M. L. Blackman, from Forest Depot, Va., is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. U. Blackman.

Mr. A. R. Britt, from Pensicola, Fla., who was summoned to the bedside of his father, Mr. G. R. Britt, a few days ago, returned home Monday.

Mrs. David Stephenson and daughter Mildred Levert, returned to their home near Raleigh, Saturday, after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley.

All parties who have friends or relatives buried at Bentonsville cemetery, and are interested in how the grounds are kept, are requested to meet here Saturday afternoon June 29th, for the purpose of doing some repair work. Hope you all will come, as it is a duty we all owe to the deceased.

COUNTRY BOY.

Beasley, June 10th.

Archer Items.

Services at Salem next Sunday by the pastor, Elder J. A. T. Jones.

We are pleased to note that the sick in our community are improving.

Crops are improving in our community. The prospect is much brighter than at last writing.

There will be a special service at White Oak the second Sunday in July in memory of Miss Temple Eason deceased.

Rev. A. A. Pippin preached to a large audience at White Oak Sunday. His subject was "How to make a Character."

The last report from Mr. John Wall who is in Richmond for treatment was very pleasing. He is expected home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newton and Misses Lura and Bertie Parham of Granville County are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Newton this week.

At the home of the brides mother, Mrs. Mary Owens on Sunday June 2, at 10 o'clock a. m. Mr. Ruffin H. Biggs and Miss Zettie Owens were happily united in the holy bond of matrimony by Mr. C. F. Kirby. The attendants were Mr. W. A. Owens, of Selma and Miss Mamie Lee Jordan, of Wilson Mills; Mr. Tom Jordan, of Wilson Mills and Miss Myrtle Bagley, of Clayton; Mr. W. T. Kirby and Miss Lois Brown, of Selma; Mr. Wade Brannan, of Archer and Miss Ruth Jordan, of Wilson Mills. After the ceremony the happy couple returned to the groom's home where a sumptuous feast was served in a right regal manner. May life's pathway for them be bright and happy.

June 11. S. L. W.

FINE PIGS FOR SALE

I have four pure bred Duroc Jersey sow pigs for sale at \$10 each, 2 months old. They are out of a fine young sow that I bought this summer from Tenn., and she has the best blood in the United States in her breeding, the grand sire of the pigs on the father side is valued at \$6,000. If you want some of this improved stock am sure you could not do better than to get one.

Yours truly

W. G. WILSON.

Wilson Mills, N. C.

Thorough Work Done.

Among those who received distinctions at the University commencement last week we notice prominently mentioned the names of Messrs. O. R. Rand Jr., W. E. Yelverton and Geo. Whitley. These young men were prepared for college at Turlington Institute and Turlington Graded School graduating from the latter in the class of 1904.

We notice that they constitute three of the eleven of their class who attained sufficiently high grades to entitle them to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the honorary society of the University.

Mr. Rand won the Robert Bingham medal given to the best debator in the Annual Inter-Society Debate, and was appointed assistant in the latin department for next session. The Hunter Harris medal given to that student who contributes the best article to the University Magazine was awarded to Mr. Yelverton. Mr. Whitley won distinction in mathematics, and was given a special certificate by that department.

The active and leading part taken by these Smithfield boys at college reflect credit upon themselves, and should be an incentive to others who will go off to college.

Kills Wife and Self.

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 11.—To end his domestic troubles, Edward Baumgartner, a cigarmaker, it is believed, shot and killed his wife this morning and ended his own existence with a second shot. Baumgartner and his wife were both about fifty years of age. A few months ago Baumgartner fell heir to a part of an \$18,000 estate. Between him and his wife trouble arose as to how it might be invested to yield the best returns. Their differences became acute and developed in violent quarrels that attracted the attention of neighbors living in adjoining flats. A son of the couple states that his mother's mind had become affected. Steps had been taken to have her examined to ascertain her mental condition.

Flat dwellers were startled this morning by the sound of pistol shots in the Baumgartner apartments. The door of the flat was broken open and the wife was found dead on the floor of the bed room with a bullet hole in her left temple. Near by was the husband unconscious and dying. He died before medical aid arrived.

Juniors to Attend Church Next Sunday.

The members of Smithfield Council No. 102, of the Junior O. U. A. M. will attend in a body services at Sardis Baptist church next Sunday at 11 o'clock. The pastor of the church Rev. B. G. Early is a member of the order and they have arranged to be there with him that day. They will be attired in regalia as is their custom for public occasions.

The Old Barber Dead.

We regret to announce that Mathew McCawley who has been a leading barber here for about a quarter of a century died this morning at four o'clock after being in poor health for a year or two. He died with a bad case of dropsy. He was reared in Raleigh as a servant of some of the best people there and came to Smithfield about the time THE HERALD started and helped to do certain work in its office for awhile. He was well known and liked by the people of Smithfield and surrounding country. He has furnished many thousands of shaves and hair cuts but his work is done. He has passed into the great beyond where so many of his white friends have gone. He was about sixty years of age probably older than that. For several years he had been a member of Smithfield Methodist Church colored and was one of its stewards. He has reared a large family of two boys and five girls who are industrious and they act well their part in the community.

Speaker Has a Fight.

Lexington, June 10.—A public speaking on the question of special school tax at Piney Academy, in Boone township Saturday night, ended in a sensational fight between H. Clay Grubb, the distiller of Boone, and the principal speaker of the occasion, Mr. R. D. W. Connor, of Raleigh.

In the middle of his speech, Mr. Connor was interrupted by Mr. Grubb calling him a liar, prefacing this short ugly word with the usual adjectives of condemnation. Mr. Connor was game. Without any preliminaries, he left the speaker's stand and made for Grubb, shedding his coat as he went. He met Grubb half way, landing a heavy blow full in Grubb's face. Then the speaker and his interrupter clinched. For two minutes or more a fierce fight ensued. Finally through sheer exhaustion more than anything else, the two men separated, with honors about even.

It is not known exactly what occurred next, but the meeting was adjourned sine die and Messrs. Hankins and Connor returned to Lexington, from which place Mr. Connor left for Raleigh this morning, bearing with him evidence of the actual warfare which he waged for education in Boone.

It is stated that if Grubb's friends had not been present in such large numbers, the fight would have resulted in a victory for Mr. Connor. Grubb bears marks on his face to show that he had serious opposition.

Another Victory For Our Temperance Cause Scored.

Our town Commissioners have again shown the people that they are not week-kneed, and that they believe in the majority wishes being carried out.

On yesterday Mr. J. A. Farmer of Wilson, representing a Slop-brewer or Cubonade manufacturer appeared before our new board pleading with them that they might rescind a former law made by our old board which forbids the sale of such drinks as his manufacturer makes.

After a liberal hearing and discussion participated in by both the board and the public retired in private and rendered a unanimous vote in favor of our present law.

Among the facts brought out were to the effect that while our laws have been strict as to prohibition that crime and debauchery has been less than in the history of our town while on the other hand our town has never prospered before as for the past few months.

During Mr. Farmer's argument he was asked to name one thing in which our town would be bettered by granting his request and he acknowledged that he could not do so. He says that he never had such a bluff as Kenly gave him.

Kenly N. C. MAX.

COLORED STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Teachers wishing to attend the State Teachers' Association at the A. & M. College, Greensboro, June 19th to 24th and the State summer normal school at the same place June 24th to July 15th, can secure rates of one and one-third fare, plus 25c for round trip upon the following conditions:

(1) Full fare must be paid to Greensboro and receipts secured from the ticket agent at your home station, from June 18th to 25th inclusive.

(2) There must be one hundred or more teachers in attendance.

Upon surrender of these receipts properly indorsed, at the close of the session, the agent at Greensboro will sell a ticket to return for one-third of regular fare, plus 25c.

JAS. B. DUDLEY,
June 4th. President.

The hardware people who want your business and will look after your every want are the Cotter Stevens Co.

Selma News.

Miss Ruby Richardson is on a visit to relatives in Wake.

Mr. W. A. Green is in Washington City on business this week.

Mr. Davis Anderson is on a visit to his parents near Eagle Rock.

Miss Georgia Winston, of Oxford, is visiting Miss Stella Etheridge.

Miss Winnie Hocutt, of O'Neal's township is visiting her niece, Mrs. J. D. Jeffreys.

Dr. Arthur Griffin, of Clayton, was here last week visiting his sister, Mrs. Debnam.

Mr. M. H. Richardson and son spent a few days with Mr. C. W. Richardson last week.

Mr. A. M. Noble, of Bellhaven, N. C., is on a visit to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Moble.

Messrs. N. R. Batton and A. V. Dixon spent a few days at the Jamestown Exposition this week.

Mrs. M. C. Winston and children have returned from a visit to Dr. Thomas H. Avera, of Wake.

Dr. Robert P. Noble, passed the Board of Medical Examiners this week at Morehead City and will locate in Selma to practice his profession.

Messrs. B. B. Adams, of Four Oaks, and W. D. Avera, of Smithfield, were here last Monday to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the knitting mills.

Mr. Wiley Griffin and Miss Minnie Pitman, were married last Sunday morning at the Lizzie Mills by Chas. F. Kirby, Esq. They have our best wishes for a long and happy married life.

Drs. J. B. Person and R. J. Noble attended the meeting of the North Carolina State Medical Society at Morehead City this week.

Mr. R. J. Smith, the manager of the Inter-State Telephone Co. has had the misfortune to have his foot mashed by a telephone poll falling on it.

Rev. C. C. Maddy, of Greensboro, is assisting the pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. Mangum, in a series of meetings and is preaching some excellent sermons to large crowds. The meetings will continue this week. Much interest is being manifested.

Well, it is just like I said last week when Sheriff Nowell, Loomis Debnam and Mr. Allred went fishing. They are all telling fish stories and if I were to write all of them for THE HERALD every one else would have to wait a week. They brought a nice lot of fine fish home but looked awfully tired; and, I think it will be a long time before they go again.

Dr. and Mrs. H. K. Edgerton and children, Miss Lucile and Master Howard are here visiting the doctor's brothers and are on their way to their home in Lebanon, Ky., from Washington and Atlantic City where Dr. Edgerton attended the meeting of the association of surgeons of the Southern Railway and American Medical Association.

Our people regret very much to hear of the death of Hon. Allen K. Smith. He was a great favorite with us. He was a self-made man, honorable, upright and just. Several of the old soldiers met his remains at Selma. They felt that they had lost a friend as he did more to increase their pensions while a Senator than any man from Johnston. A goodly number of our citizens also met his remains here and Dr. R. J. Noble accompanied the funeral party to LaGrange where they were buried in the beautiful cemetery. The sympathy of our people is with Mrs. Smith and son and relatives.

Getting Ready for Tobacco.

Arrangements are being made to handle easily all the tobacco which will be brought to Smithfield and a large quantity of it is looked for the coming season. The T. S. Ragsdale Company have bought the large brick warehouse on Market street and have placed in it the Proctor Automatic System of drying and ordering tobacco. The machines have a capacity of three million pounds per year. Tobacco can be taken from the warehouse floors and by running through these machines it can be packed in hogheads for shipment at once. It can be run through on sticks or goes through on wire netting which is on rollers. The drying is done by heat and the ordering by steam, both coming through pipes from the engine outside the building. They have a steam hammer arrangement for pressing the tobacco down in the hogheads. One of the most interesting things about the system is what is called the "cast iron nigger." Placed one way he goes through the different departments and opens every door he comes to and there are several doors to the system. Arranged another way he shuts all the doors in making a trip through. It is a great system and a fine addition to the Smithfield market and we commend the enterprise manifested by the company which installed it. The American Tobacco Company, who have heretofore used the brick warehouse, will this season occupy the large wooden warehouse just north of the brick warehouse on the same block.

Death of Mrs. B. J. Grant.

The subject of this sketch departed this life June 7th, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Antioch Methodist church the following day.

Mrs. Grant had been a great sufferer for a long while, having partially lost her mind some years ago. Many of the readers remember her, as she was once carried to the asylum, but did not stay long. Her husband prevailed with the authorities to let her come back home, and since then she has been at home with the family. Mr. Grant did his part toward her faithfully. May the Lord reward him. She leaves a husband, six children, two brothers and two sisters, beholden to await the call of God into eternity. May God in his great mercy, comfort them in their loss. We feel that her sufferings are over. Let us all be admonished by the Word of God which says: "Prepare to meet thy God." "Set thine house in order for thou shalt die and not live."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

She is not dead but sleepeth.
Thank God we shall see our loved ones again over yonder.

"No chilling winds and poisonous breath,
Can reach that beautiful shore;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more."

"Fight on my soul till death
Shall bring thee to thy God;
Thy arduous work will not be done,
Till thou obtain the crown."

C. B. STRICKLAND,

Temperance Speaking.

Prof. I. T. Turlington and Mr. J. M. Beatty expects to speak on temperance at New Zealand Free-will Baptist Church in Meadow township the fourth Sunday evening in June at 8:30 o'clock. Everybody invited.

A GOOD PLACE TO STOP.

Visitors to the Jamestown Exposition can secure desirable rooms at 427 North street, Portsmouth, Va. Best residential section on car line. Two minutes walk from Exposition steamer, or Norfolk ferry. Convenient to cafe. Lodging per night for each person, \$1, with breakfast \$1.50. Misses Cowan.