

THE SMITHFIELD HERALD

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NOTE.—All correspondents should remember that we pay no attention to communications without the writer's name.

TOWN AND COUNTY TOPICS.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Holt were in town Thursday for a few hours.

Mr. C. I. Pierce made a business trip to Raleigh Thursday afternoon.

Miss Ava Myatt and Mrs. E. F. Ward spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Read and sing "The Star Spangled Banner" on page three, and grow patriotic.

Mr. J. A. Daughtry, of the Wayne Agricultural Works, Goldsboro, N. C., was here this week.

Mr. O. L. Rogers, who has been principal of the Myatt school this term, is in town today.

Rev. H. F. Brinson is spending a few days with his home people at Currie, Pender County.

Miss Annie Ibrie Pou has returned from Winston-Salem where she spent Easter with friends.

Mr. Wm. Gray, of the Bingham School, at Mebane, N. C., was in town yesterday on business.

Mrs. T. L. Ginn, of Goldsboro, was with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stevens a few days this week.

Dr. R. J. Noble, United States Commissioner, of Selma, was in town for a short while Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Faison Pearce, of Warsaw, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sanders Thursday night.

About a week ago a thief stole from Mr. W. A. Moore, living on the land of Mr. N. G. Rand, near here, nine pieces of meat.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Green, of Raleigh, spent several days here this week with Mrs. Green's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sanders.

Mr. A. W. Overbee, of Pine Level, Route No. 1, was in town yesterday and called at The Herald Office and renewed for another year.

J. Rufus Jones, who has been wanted by the United States Government, was brought here Tuesday night by Mr. B. L. Jones and lodged in jail.

Some of the young men of the town are arranging to give a minstrel for the benefit of the High School baseball team next Friday evening, April 27th.

Mr. M. F. Sanders and son, Mr. Charley Sanders, and daughter, Miss Lillie of Rocky Mount, were here Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Claude B. Sanders.

Miss Erma Stevens, who is teaching in the Roxboro High School, was here Tuesday and Wednesday, having been called home on account of the death of her uncle, Mr. C. B. Sanders.

Mr. Lacy John, County Farm Demonstrator; Miss Nell Pickens, Home Demonstrator, and Miss Elizabeth Kelly, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, went to Raleigh on departmental business.

Mrs. Z. M. McClary, of New York, representing the Community Chataqua, was here Wednesday making plans and arrangements for the coming Chataqua Week which will be some time in June.

Among the relatives from a distance who were in the city Wednesday to attend the burial of Mr. C. B. Sanders, we note the following: Mrs. Annie Faison, of Faison; Mrs. H. F. Edgerton, of Kenly; Mrs. Millard Sanders, of Rocky Mount.

We are printing elsewhere in this paper a program of a Sunday School Convention to be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 28, and 29, at Pisgah Baptist church. This church is four and three-quarter miles west from Smithfield. This is considered a meeting of much importance to all who are interested.

Mr. Hubert Barbour and sisters, Misses Bessie and Effie, accompanied by Mr. Gyl Harrison and Misses Annie Austin and Retta Branton, of Clayton, spent Saturday night here the guests of Miss Ava Coats.

Mr. E. S. Sanders, Weather Observer, reports the weather this week as ideal for the young crops. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 91. There has been a steady rising of temperatures all the week.

The County commencement of the town schools will be held here tomorrow. Part of the program will be given in the Opera House and part in the School Auditorium. See full program on last page of this paper.

The members of St. Paul's Episcopal church of Smithfield have elected Mr. A. Vermont as delegate and Mr. R. R. Holt as alternate to the Episcopal Convention to be held May 13th at St. Timothy's Church, Wilson, N. C.

Messrs. C. I. Pierce, H. L. Skinner, N. M. Lawrence, Allen Smith, Claude Martin, Paul Brown, Dixon Wallace, S. S. Holt, W. H. Austin, J. H. Abell and a number of others went to Raleigh Wednesday to attend the opening baseball game.

Miss Emily Elliott, of Linden, who has been the guest of Miss Mildred Sanders for several weeks, left Monday for Raleigh to visit her sister, Mrs. London. Miss Mildred Sanders accompanied her to Raleigh and spent the afternoon.

We are glad to note the Mr. John Arthur Narron, who is attending the Horner Military School, at Charlotte, N. C., is making a reputation for himself to the extent that his company elected him overwhelmingly to represent them in the declaimers' Contest at their commencement to be held about the last of May.

The members of the Community Chataqua met in the Red Men's Hall this week and organized for the work of boosting the Chataqua which will be given here about the second week in June. The members organized by making Mr. F. Hunter Creech president and Mr. E. L. Woodall secretary. A full list of the officers and workers will be given in Tuesday's paper.

The finals of the State-wide debate will take place at Chapel Hill tonight. The preliminaries were held yesterday with the result that ten affirmative and ten negative teams are to debate this morning to decide which two teams shall be pitted against each other tonight. We are glad to note that the Benson affirmative team was one of the winners in yesterday's preliminaries.

Meeting at Methodist Church.

Services are being held twice daily at the Methodist church—at 10:00 A. M. and at 8:00 P. M. Rev. S. A. Cotton, the pastor, is doing the preaching in a strong and forceful manner. He is presenting the old time gospel in all its simplicity and appealing to all to live the higher and better life. He is assisted in the meeting by Mr. A. J. Parker, who leads the singing. Mr. Parker is a fine young minister whose earnest and inspiring service of song is aiding greatly in the meeting. Good congregations are attending and it is hoped that much good may result because of the faithful preaching of the gospel. The Epworth League holds a prayer service each evening at 7:45.

Farmers Meeting Tuesday.

The farmers and business men of Johnston County are to have a food conservation meeting here next Tuesday in the Court House, at one o'clock, during the noon recess of court. Every farmer, banker, merchant and citizens generally are urged to attend and take part in the meeting. Mr. J. Paul Lucas, of Charlotte, will be here to address the meeting.

Services at the Primitive Church.

We are requested to announce that Elder W. A. Simpkins, of Raleigh, will preach at the Smithfield Primitive Baptist church next Sunday morning, April 22, at 11 o'clock. A good attendance is desired.

Death of A Good Woman.

Mrs. Alice Stanley died in Ingrams township on April 16, after a long illness of dropsy and cancer. She was fifty-two years old. She leaves a husband, mother and seven children. She has been a member of the Free Will Baptist church for several years.

W. J. S.

The April term of court for the trial of civil cases only will open here next Monday for a two weeks' sitting. Judge Albert L. Cox will preside.

GHOST ELLIOTT'S DIPLOMA.

When a small boy, I heard a good deal about Ghost Elliott, the educator. He was well known in the eastern and southern parts of Johnston County and in other counties before and for awhile after the Civil War.

Recently I was at Faison, N. C., where he was formerly well known, having taught there for several years. Mrs. R. B. Southerland, who runs the Witherington Hotel at Faison, showed me Mr. Elliott's diploma. He was her great uncle and this diploma has fallen into her hands.

He was born, I think, in Sampson County near Smith's Chapel Methodist church and very near where the counties of Sampson, Duplin and Wayne join. There he owned a large plantation and several slaves. He was born in 1800 and graduated at Chapel Hill one hundred years ago this spring. This made him only seventeen years old when he graduated. On his diploma are the names of the graduating class, twenty-four in number, among whom was James K. Polk, who afterwards became President of the United States.

When Mr. Polk was President he came to Chapel Hill to make a speech and was met there by Ghost Elliott who had walked from his home in Sampson to Chapel Hill to see his old class-mate and hear him speak. It is said he walked across the University campus and taking the Presidency by the hand greeted him as "Jeems," an old way of calling the name James.

Mr. Elliott was a great walker and would sometimes take the boys he was teaching and walk to Goldsboro or Raleigh with them. He wore no socks. He considered bathing very important and would take a cold bath every day either with water from a tub or by going into a creek or river, and usually went to a stream of water.

Part of his life he conducted a farm life school at his home and there had a swimming pool for the boys which he dug out for the purpose. He was a close student and became a great scholar. His last teaching in Johnston was at the home of Col. John Sanders in Ingrams township. It was there that Ex-Sheriff C. S. Powell studied surveying under him. It was there Judge W. S. Stevens and Rev. Robert Strickland were among his pupils. Mr. Lovett Eldridge who died near Smithfield a few years ago, went to school to Mr. Elliott, but I am not sure where he was then teaching. It seems he taught mainly for the love of teaching and not because he had to teach.

His real name was John Elliott, but he had a light complexion and light hair and it is said at college one of his class-mates went to his room late one night where he was studying by a dim light and said that he looked like a ghost in his room. From that time he was called Ghost Elliott.

He died in the home of Dr. Best, of Greene County, and was buried there. Eighteen years ago a friend looked up his grave and placed a tombstone to it.

It seems he never made any profession of religion. In fact he was skeptical and some of his old students imbibed his skeptical ideas. It is said that once when the great Dr. Charles Deems who afterward went to New York and established the "Church of the Strangers" was holding a meeting at Smith's Chapel church near Mr. Elliott's home, he arose in the congregation and acknowledged that there must be something in religion as he had never found anything entirely satisfying without it. But that was as far as he went. He did not make a profession or join any church. It is said that a few hours before his death he made one prayer as follows:

"O God, if there be a God, have mercy on my soul, if I have a soul." J. M. BEATY.

Rand-Tomlinson.

The announcement in Tuesday's Herald of the marriage of Miss Mary Tomlinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. B. Tomlinson, of Woodsdale Farm, a few miles west of town, to Mr. Parker Rand, of White Oak Farm, came as a surprise to many of their friends. The marriage was expected to take place in June, but owing to the fact that Mr. Rand belonged to the Coast Artillery, the date was moved up.

The happy young couple went to Raleigh and from there to Atlanta and other Southern points for a few days. They will be in Raleigh for awhile, after their return, until Mr. Rand's company is called into service.

Mr. Rand is a graduate of the A. & E. College and is a young man of ability and promise. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rand of White Oak Farm. His popular and accomplished young bride is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Virginia. They are well known in this section of the State where they have a host of friends whose best wishes follow them on their journey through life.

More Than Money!

It has been said "The person who has accumulated a Savings Fund has gained far more than appears on his bank book. He has developed his character and formed habits of more value than gold. He will be worth more as a man as well as an investor with every year he keeps on Saving." Now if we can be instrumental in helping to form this Saving Habit, we will not only be a blessing to them in the coming years, but a benefactor to our community.

This Is Our Plan

Beginning May 1st, we will issue Coupons with everything bought for Cash at our Store. Select your son, daughter or any one you may choose whom you would like to see open a Savings Account, and when \$20 worth of Coupons are accumulated you return them to us quarterly—on July 1st, October 1st, January 1st and March 1st. We will deposit 5 per cent for each \$20 to the credit of your nominee in the First National Bank of Smithfield or The Johnston County Bank & Trust Company, as you may select. It is to be understood that the Deposit is to remain at least two years. Of course we hope you will encourage your nominee to add to this Account from time to time as much as possible, and by the time your son or daughter is old enough to go to college they will have money enough to pay their own expenses and will have formed a habit that will be a blessing to them all their lives. Each quarter a list of the names with their amounts will be published in The Smithfield Herald.

Remember we issue no Coupons but for Cash Purchases.

Cotter Hardware Company

Smithfield, N. C.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to return thanks to all for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy and comfort that has been given us during the sickness and death that has occurred in our family.

As night brings out the stars so has our afflictions brought out the beautiful Christ Spirit in our people. May the Lord richly bless each and every one is our prayer.

MR. AND MRS. W. S. STEVENS.

News has reached Buenos Aires that a German submarine has sunk an Argentine ship off the European coast. The news created a great sensation in Buenos Aires and so great was the feeling of the population against Germany that two German newspapers in that city closed their offices.

NOTICE.

I will hold Registration books open for Smithfield township from April 9th to April 28th, 1917, for the purpose of registering all qualified voters for the election to be held Tuesday, May 8th, 1917, "For Good Roads" or "Against Good Roads," under State aid. I will be at my office next to W. T. Holland's Garage. New registration is required. D. T. LUNCEFORD, Registrar Smithfield Township. This April 9th, 1917.

THE SMITHFIELD MARKET.

Table listing market prices for various goods: Cotton 17 1/2 to 20, Cotton Seed 90, Wool 15 to 22 1/2, Fat Cattle 5 to 6, Eggs 20 to 25, Feed Oats 85 to 90, Fresh Pork 12 1/2 to 13, Hams, per pound 20 to 22, Lard per pound 20 to 24, Timothy Hay 1.30 to 1.40, Cheese per pound 35, Butter per pound 30 to 35, Meal per sack 3.50 to 3.60, Flour per sack 5.50 to 6.00, Coffee per pound 15 to 20, Cotton seed meal 2.25 to 2.30, Cotton seed hulls 1.00, Ship Stuff 2.50, Molasses Feed 2.50, Hides, green 12 1/4 to 15, Sweet potatoes 75 to 80, Stock peas per bushel 2.00, Black-eye peas 2.25, Beef pulp 2.40, Soup peas 3.00.

Insect Exterminators

For Spring House cleaning. Now is the time to begin. We have a big stock of the best the market affords.

We also have several remedies for killing Flies. Come to see us.

Creech Drug Co.

The Good Service Drug Store, Smithfield, N. C.

BOOKS AT ONE DOLLAR EACH

Boys' Life of Mark Twain. Through the Gates of Pearl. Penrod and Sam, by Booth Tarkington. Just So Stories, by Kipling. American Poets and Their Theology.

HERALD BOOK STORE.

A YOUNG MAN'S CHANCES

for a successful business career are increased a hundred-fold through the practice of consistently saving a part of that which he earns—as he earns it.

It is regularity in saving that builds character, creates capital and establishes credit.

With these three qualities, success is practically assured in any field.

The First National Bank

Smithfield, N. C.