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A Charitable Organization Needed Here.

The winter now is here. The bleak and cold days are drawing nigh when those who have not plenty of wood are going to feel the pinch of the cold as perhaps never before. In a town that has around three thousand people there are quite a number who are not able to buy their supply of wood ahead. They work by the day. Some days are rainy and disagreeable and they are unable to work so they fail to accumulate anything ahead. Then again people are sick sometimes and really need help. It is the duty of the people of a town or community to see that there is no unnecessary suffering. But sometimes those who are willing to aid in these matters do not know of the needs that exist. Sometimes some of the people living on the next block never know that some one is seriously sick and needs help.

In many larger places and some small ones there is an organization which looks after these things. In Raleigh the Associated Charities fills a big place in the life of the city. When there is a case of need it is reported to the head of the Associated Charities and an investigation is made and the proper steps are taken to relieve the situation. Some organization of this kind is needed in Smithfield. We believe it is the duty of the Christian people of Smithfield to look after these things, and unless there is some organization it cannot be done as it should be.

Let the ministers and the leaders of the several churches take this matter in hand and see what should be done. Such an organization can be of much help here this winter. The situation that will exist before the winter is over is going to make some demands upon the people of the town that they cannot afford to neglect. Take time by the forelock and act now and be ready for the emergency when it arises.

DEATH OF MR. J. R. BAILEY.

Tuesday we chronicled the sudden death of Mr. Claude W. Smith. Early Wednesday morning news came to the town of the sudden death of Mr. J. Ruffin Bailey which occurred at Petersburg, Va. He died Tuesday night and the news came as a great shock to his family and friends.

Mr. Bailey retired as well as usual early Tuesday night and about nine o'clock, Mr. J. H. Brady who was in the room with him heard him gasp. He and Mr. Will Johnson went to him and heard him gasp once more. An examination showed that he was dead. He was about fifty-four years old.

The body was prepared for burial and brought home Wednesday night, accompanied by his son, Leslie, and the men who had gone to Camp Lee to work with Mr. Bailey. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the home in Brooklyn, the services being conducted by Elder J. W. Gardner, of Goldsboro, pastor of New Chapel Primitive Baptist church. The interment was made in the new Oakland Cemetery. The pall-bearers were F. H. Brooks, N. B. Grantham, D. T. Stephenson, J. T. Gurley, H. L. Skinner and W. F. Grimes.

For several months Mr. Bailey has been foreman of a force of workmen on the buildings of the Army Cantonment at Camp Lee, Petersburg. He was at home only a few weeks ago apparently very well and happy.

Mr. Bailey has been for many years a faithful member of New Chapel Primitive Baptist church in Wayne County, having never moved his membership to Smithfield. He has been living in Smithfield for about fifteen years and had made a great number of friends here whose hearts are full of sorrow over his sudden departure. He was a good neighbor and friend, an honest man, upright citizen and

Christian gentleman. He was always faithful and true to his church and lived the religion he professed. Though he lived many miles from his church, he tried to attend the services there as often as he could.

He was a contractor and builder and has had a part in building many of the homes of this town and community. The first work he did in Smithfield was on the Smithfield Hotel. In this work as in all other that he undertook, he was a faithful builder. Though denied the advantages of education himself, he was greatly interested in this matter and did the best he could for his children. He moved to Smithfield in order that he might give his children better educational advantages. Of his four children the three oldest have been given college training. His youngest son, Leslie, who was with him at Petersburg, has not yet completed the high school.

Mr. Bailey leaves a widow and four children—I. M. Bailey, a promising young lawyer of Jacksonville, N. C.; Leon Bailey, a volunteer in the U. S. Radio service at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.; Miss Blanche Bailey, teacher in the primary department of Turlington Graded School, and Leslie Bailey.

The deceased leaves three brothers—Roy Bailey, of Dunn; Cicero and Jesse Bailey, of O'Neals township; Three sisters, Misses Lou, Nettie and Debbie Bailey, of Kenly.

FARM DEMONSTRATOR WANTS

First, all the farmers who have good seed and good livestock to sell to tell the farm demonstrator about it; the amount, the price and when to be for sale.

Second, all the farmers who want to buy this good seed or live stock to tell the farm demonstrator about it, by mail, by telephone (35-L), or by word of mouth. All this will be published in a Johnston County Farmers' Exchange, as soon as possible.

Third, select your corn from the field now and put it where it cannot freeze. Then later select better from this and test it for percentage germination. If you want seed corn in the spring see the farm demonstrator about it soon.

Fourth, all the corn and pig club members are asked to send their records to the farm demonstrator as soon as possible. They are also urged to continue the work next year, with better corn seed and better pigs to start with. They will receive due attention from him.

Fifth, all those farmers who sincerely want home orchard, or any other demonstration crop on their farm should see the farm demonstrator soon, so time enough can be given the plans for the work. "First come, first served."

Sixth, watch the county papers and subscribe for the "Farmer's Exchange" to keep tab on the doings in farming in Johnston County.

A. M. J.

Smithfield Gets a Little Coal.

A few days ago Mr. T. S. Ragsdale gladdened the hearts of a number of our people by letting them have the lumps of coal out of a carload of "run-of-the-mine" which he had just received for use in his stemmery. He had already received one car of this coal which was enough for his use at the stemmery for the winter, so he kindly spared all he could of the last car load to the people of the town. They were very glad to get it and took it all in a few hours. Mr. Ragsdale is not in the coal business, but he was glad to be of service in this way at a time when no coal was to be had from other sources. Those who got coal from him greatly appreciate his kindness.

Funeral of Mr. Claude W. Smith.

The funeral of Mr. Claude W. Smith, who died early Tuesday morning, was held from the home on Second street Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. The services were conducted by Rev. Milton Barber, rector of Christ Episcopal church, of Raleigh. The interment was made in the City Cemetery. The pall-bearers were F. H. Brooks, H. L. Skinner, J. D. Parker, N. M. Lawrence, R. R. Holt and W. M. Ives.

We have failed to get ready the sketch of Mr. Smith which we hoped to have had in time for this paper. It will appear later.

Negro's Home Burned.

Last Wednesday afternoon the home of Ed. Lassiter, a colored man who lives near the Fair grounds, caught on fire in the absence of the family and was totally destroyed. It might have been saved if it had been in the water limit so that the fire company could have reached it. Only one or two pieces of furniture was saved. There was fifty dollars in a trunk in the house, which was burned. The house was a six room house and the loss falls heavily on the family. There was only \$250 insurance.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

By Cy Johnson.

I just can't help but say "doggone it" kinda solmn like you know, when I see those naked lawns around our homes where grass and trees will grow.

It seems there's something missing; as if nature had been imposed upon and deprived of her natural expression of beauty. And yet where is there a person who hates a thing of nature, of symmetry, of pleasure if you please; such as a cosy home amidst appropriate shrubs, trees and flowers coming up out of a velvet green lawn?

When I see one of those desert looking homes my hands fairly itch to just wade right in and fix it up so's even the birds will come and make it their home. And how easy and inexpensive it would be to do this where practically everything needed grows wild all about us.

What is more beautiful than the pines, the oaks, the maples, the elms, the birches, the magnolia, the ferns, the dogwood and the rhododendron all properly arranged to harmonize with nature's own setting? Why, to my way of thinking, there are few things more beautiful and inspiring.

The fact is that we slight nature when we ought to take her by the arm and court her summer and winter alike. And, as I said b-4, the signs of the times are that the city folks want have us farmers all skinned hollow very much longer when it comes to appreciating and fixin' up the home grounds.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas our esteemed townsman and brother Attorney at Law, C. W. Smith, has died after days of much suffering, and whereas his family, friends and fellow townsmen will feel greatly the loss of his comradeship and the Bar of Johnston County his wise counsel and hearty co-operation, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Bar Association of Johnston County that words of sympathy an offer of our services be extended to the widow and family of the deceased;

Be it resolved by the Bar Association of Johnston County that words of sympathy and offer of our services be spread upon the minutes of the Superior and of the Recorder's Court of Johnston County and that a copy be given to the Smithfield Herald for publication.

This 27th day of November, 1917.
(Signed)
W. S. STEVENS,
A. M. NOBLE,
E. J. WELLONS,
Committee for Bar Association.

Engagement of Miss Ragsdale Announced.

It is a matter of interest to the people of Smithfield to learn of the approaching marriage of Miss Willie Ragsdale who was a member of the Turlington Graded School faculty in 1915-1916, and Mr. A. E. Hobgood, who was buyer with the Export Tobacco Company on this market. The wedding, which is to take place December fifth, was announced last week by her cousins, Misses Essie and Hennie Whichard, in Greenville.

Death of N. O. Allen.

The following account of the death of Mr. N. O. Allen is condensed from a sketch written by his daughter, Miss Pearl Allen:

On Thursday morning, November 15, about ten o'clock, Mr. N. O. Allen died after a short illness of pneumonia. He was taken sick on November 8th and died on the fifteenth. His death was a shock to the people of the community. He had been afflicted for many years and his condition had been so weakened that his body was unable to stand the ravages of pneumonia and he passed away.

Mr. Allen was 42 years and 15 days old. He was married at the age of eighteen. He leaves behind to mourn his untimely taking away a sad widow and seven lone children—three girls and four boys.

The friends and neighbors showed great kindness and sympathy during his illness for which the family are sincerely thankful.

His parting words, says his daughter, were with gladness and comfort spoken: "Everything is all right, and he fainted away."

Mr. Allen never united with any church, but was a believer in the faith held by the Second Advents.

"Some day our work will all be done, And we can lay our armor down, And dwell with Jesus on and on, And wear a beautiful crown."

LOST AT THE FIRE AT MR. J. A. Wellons' home last Saturday one dark gray rain coat. Please return to E. L. Woodall.

Dr. Vick Vice-President.

The annual meeting of the Fourth District Medical Society was held at the Wilson Country Club last week. Dr. G. D. Vick, of Selma, was elected vice-president of the Society.

MEET ME AT AUSTIN-STEPHENSON Co.'s big sale.

SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

Pursuant to the Decree of Sale in the special proceeding entitled "Alonzo Parrish and wife, Nellie Parrish, J. H. Godwin and wife, Eva Godwin, Julius Lee and wife, Nellie Lee, against G. C. Bryan and wife, Lillie Bryan," now pending in the Superior Court of Johnston County, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described lands located in the Town of Benson, County of Johnston, and State of North Carolina, described as follows, to-wit:

FIRST: One lot of land in the Town of Benson, and running back 300 feet to Harnett Street, composing lots Nos. 8, 9, 19 and 11, in Block "34," according to the revised plan of the Town of Benson, made by Riddick, Mann and Hales.

SECOND: One lot 75 by 140 feet, fronting on Mill Street, being lot No. 13 in Block "34" according to said plan of said town.

THIRD: A lot fronting on Wall and Mill Streets 140 feet by 90 feet, the same being lot No. 3 in Block "48" according to said plan of said town.

FOURTH: Three lots, containing three houses on Harnett Street, and said houses being now occupied by Charlie McLean, Neill Ferguson and Will Cozart, respectively, said three lots together comprising lots Nos. 2 and 3, in Block "33" according to said plan of said town.

FIFTH: Lot No. 8 in Block "20" according to said plan of said town.

SIXTH: Lot No. 5 in Block "36" according to the said plan of said town, said lot being known as the Home Place, fronting on Main Street about 397 feet, and running back 300 feet to Church Street.

SEVENTH: One house and lot known as the O'Neal lot, located near Benson on the Raleigh Road, bounded on the West by the lands of Della Brady; and the South by the lands of J. W. Wood, J. r., and John V. Moore, and on the East and North by the lands of Alonzo Parrish.

EIGHTH: A tract of land in the Town of Benson, N. C., bounded on the north by Harnett Street, on the East by the lands of Alonzo Parrish, on the South by the lands of J. W. Wood, and on the West by the lands of Nat McLamb, deceased, and containing 10 acres more or less.

Date of Sale: Monday, December 31, 1917, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Place of Sale: Post Office Door, Benson, N. C.

Terms of Sale: Cash, upon confirmation by the Court, 10 per cent cash deposited on day of sale required.

This 27th day of November, 1917.
N. A. TOWNSEND,
Commissioner.

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I have just unloaded a car of 16 per cent acid, 8-2-2 and 8-3-3. Can save you money by placing your order with me at once.

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Auction Sale

ON FRIDAY, DEC. 14TH, 1917

AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP

At my residence 11-2 miles East of Princeton, N. C. in Boon Hill township.

I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash 1 Mule, 1 Horse, 1 Buggy, 1 one Horse Wagon, Household and Kitchen Furniture and Farming Implements.

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