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PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

The Herald for next Tuesday will contain a number of Christmas articles and some Christmas ads. Watch for it.

Mrs. Carlton Blackwood, of Clayton, will spend several weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Turner.

Superior Court adjourned yesterday after a three days' session. On account of the bad weather people could not easily come to town and but few cases have been disposed of.

On account of the lateness of the trains we have been unable to get our Selma and Benson letters in time for this issue. All delayed matter will appear in Tuesday's paper.

On account of the snow there was no school Wednesday, and but few pupils attended yesterday. School will be in session today. It will close for the holidays next Friday.

Mrs. J. T. Barham, Mrs. E. P. Youngblood and Frank and Douglas Youngblood returned Monday night from a visit to Mrs. Barham's daughter, Mrs. F. W. Davies, at Troy, S. C.

Mr. R. H. Lee, linotype operator in The Herald composing room, left this morning for Fayetteville where he goes for examination before the Cumberland County Exemption Board. He will be back again Sunday night or early Monday morning.

Mr. R. R. Holt and Mr. P. E. Whitehead and Misses Stella Rutherford and Bettie Watson went to Raleigh Tuesday evening to witness the play, "Mary's Ankle," at the Academy of Music. They had to come home through the snow, taking about two hours for the trip.

Mr. Rolf E. Bolling, Vice President of the Chatham and Phenix National Bank, of New York City, spent Wednesday here with Mr. W. M. Sanders. Mr. Bolling is a brother of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and a prominent banker of New York. While in the County he visited Selma, Four Oaks and Clayton.

Mr. Will D. Avera returned Monday from Greenville where he went to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Conference. Mr. Avera was a member of the Joint Board of Finance. He is enthusiastic over the work of the Conference and regards the recent meeting as one of the best he ever attended.

Mr. O. L. Rogers, who formerly taught school in this county, was in town this week, having come from Washington City where he has been for the past several months. He has enlisted in the aviation service and is now waiting for his call to the colors. He will go to his home near Asheville for a few days.

Smithfield has been visited this week with a big snow, the biggest in several years. Snow commenced falling early Tuesday evening and continued through the night and for awhile Wednesday morning, until it had reached a depth of about seven inches. The weather has been cold and disagreeable. A little rain fell yesterday, but it was too cold to melt much of the snow.

Mr. Robert A. Wellons left last night for Atlanta, Georgia, where he goes to enter the aviation service of the army. He will enter the school of Aeronautics of the Georgia School of Technology where he will spend some weeks in training for the aviation service abroad. Mr. Wellons is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Wellons and is a bright young man, who has been trained for the law, taking his course at Washington & Lee University. He is the fourth young man of the town of Smithfield to volunteer for the aviation service. The others are: Edwin and George Pou and John W. Avera. His many friends wish for Mr. Wellons great success as he goes into the service of his country.

Mr. Bragsdon Johnson, of Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., has been spending a few days here this week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brickey left this week for the old home of Mrs. Brickey in Indiana, where they will spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Brickey is the manager of the company which puts out the acetylene gas lights for country homes in this section. He and Mrs. Brickey have been living here since early this year and made a great number of friends who hope they will return for the new year.

For several years past the progressive firm of Austin-Stephenson Company, of Smithfield, has had an annual clearance sale just before Christmas. These sales have been among the most successful held in Johnston County and always attract a great many prospective buyers to Smithfield. The sale is now going on and will continue until the day before Christmas when it will close. The firm is giving to the public some bargains and the sales are large every day. Mr. Austin, the manager of the company, is a great believer in advertising and uses the columns of The Smithfield Herald very freely in these sales. He is running a page advertisement twice a week, and from what we learn of the business the firm is doing the ads are bringing in fine results. There are changes made in the ads every issue, new bargains being offered each week. No concern in this section does a greater amount of business each year than does the Austin-Stephenson Company.

An Ever Welcome Visitor.

Rev. John W. Suttle left Wednesday morning to return to his home in Shelby after spending a few days in Smithfield, Benson and Four Oaks. He was once pastor of the Baptist churches in these towns for several years and is always a welcome visitor in our midst. He spent nine years in this county and did a great work. He was one of the fore-runners of the temperance cause in this section. While here he was an all-round citizen. He entered into and took a part in the community life and lent his most earnest support to every good and upright cause. He went about among the people and at the time he left the county he was known by more people than any other preacher living in the county.

He is now serving several churches in his native county of Cleveland where he is doing a great work and is greatly beloved. Such men are a power for good among their fellowmen. They are the men who are doing the really good work of the day. Many of them are perhaps unknown outside their own county, but when they go hence their influence lives and is multiplied among generations yet unborn.

Marrow-Hildebrand.

Cards have been received here reading as follows: "Mr. and Mrs. Miles Pinkney Hildebrand invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Pearl Eugenia to Mr. Henry Burwell Marrow, Tuesday afternoon, December the twenty-seventh, at five o'clock, First Baptist Church, Morganton, North Carolina." "At home after the second of January Smithfield, North Carolina."

Prizes for North Carolina Teachers.

The contest for the best essays on "Why the United States is at War," which is being conducted through the North Carolina Historical Commission among the public school teachers of North Carolina, will close on January 1, 1918. There are ten prizes offered as follows: Group A. For teachers in the Public High Schools: A first prize of \$75.00. A second prize of \$30.00. A third prize of \$20.00. A fourth prize of \$10.00. Group B. For teachers in Public Elementary Schools: A first prize of \$75.00. A second prize of \$25.00. Three prizes of \$10.00 each. These essays must not exceed three thousand words in length. It is not too late to enter the contest, and any teacher interested may learn full particulars by writing to County Superintendent L. T. Royall, Smithfield.

Death at the Ivanhoe Mills.

On December 3rd, at the Ivanhoe Cotton Mills, Mrs. Sarah Lamb died after an illness of eight days of paralysis. She was about 70 years old and leaves three sons and five daughters. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church. She was buried at the old Peedin grave yard, her funeral being preached by Elder J. T. Colyer, of Micro. She was a good neighbor and a good mother.—W. J. S.

JOHNSTON COUNTY'S PART.

Below is found Johnston County's apportionment of the War Savings Stamps by townships:

North Carolina	\$48,538,314.00
Johnston County	910,822.00
Banner Township	64,966.00
Bentonville Township	30,206.00
Beulah Township	78,474.00
Boon Hill Township	75,966.00
Clayton Township	100,364.00
Cleveland Township	30,008.00
Elevation Township	51,062.00
Ingrams Township	62,964.00
Meadow Township	39,710.00
O'Neals Township	69,080.00
Pine Level Township	25,564.00
Pleasant Grove Township	34,254.00
Selma Township	74,690.00
Smithfield Township	103,576.00
Wilders Township	44,902.00
Wilson's Mills Township	25,036.00
Clayton	31,700.00
Selma	29,282.00
Smithfield	29,634.00

Note of Thanks.

I want to thank the people of Smithfield for their kindness shown me in the death and burial of my husband, to thank them for the beautiful floral designs, and to express my deep and heartfelt gratitude.

MRS. CLAUDE SMITH.

Smithfield, N. C.

Tuesday's Cotton Market.

The cotton market Tuesday made quite a bound when the Government report placing the crop at 10,949,000 bales was made public. January cotton advanced 95 points and closed at 29.53. Spot cotton was 31 cents on the New York market.

Early Morning Fire.

The people of Smithfield were aroused from the slumbers Monday morning a little after one o'clock by the ringing of the Court House bell which was a fire alarm. It was found that some bales of cotton were on fire on the platform at the depot. A freight car standing near the platform loaded with cotton soon caught on fire and was very badly damaged. Somewhere around seventy-five bales of cotton caught on fire and while not all were consumed they were badly damaged. It was a bitter cold night and it was sometime before water could be turned on the flames. Had the wind been from the southeast the damage would have been much more serious than it was.

Five Inches Snow in Charlotte.

Charlotte, Dec. 11.—Five inches of snow had fallen in Charlotte at midnight, and it was still coming down. This is an unusual snow fall for this section and one of the heaviest ever known for this season.

7-Inches at Danville.

Danville, Va., Dec. 12.—A fall of fine, dry snow beginning at 6 p. m. yesterday, has continued through the night with increasing violence until its depth at 2 a. m., is seven inches. There is no sign of diminution.

Why We Fight.

"You are called into this great service of your country not only for the purpose of maintaining the ideals for which America has always stood—democracy and freedom, and to keep the torch of Liberty burning throughout the world—but also for this more immediate object, the protection of our national rights and the democratic institutions handed down to us as the result of the valor and blood of our ancestors. Those are the things for which you fight."—From Secretary McAdoo's Address to Men of the National Army.

BOX PARTIES.

From now until further notice all notices of box parties will be regarded as advertising and a small charge will be made. All teachers and others desiring to publish a notice of box party will please enclose 25 cents with notice. This rule will be applied to all.

Pomona School.

On account of the bad weather, the box party which was to be held at Pomona School tonight, Dec. 14, has been postponed until Wednesday night, December 19th. An interesting program has been prepared and a good time is promised to all who attend. The public is invited to come and help out the piano fund.

Christmas Tree and Box Party.

On Friday night, Dec. 21, 1917, there will be a Christmas tree and box party at Johnson's school house. Everybody is cordially invited.—Teachers.

Corinth School.

There will be a box party at Corinth School Friday night, December 21st. In addition to the boxes to be sold, some interesting contests will take place—for the most popular girl and the ugliest man. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

Brown School House.

On account of the bad weather the box party will be postponed until Wednesday night, Dec. 19th, 1917.—Teachers.

A New Trial for the Granville County Case.

The State Board of Education gets a new trial on an appeal to the Supreme Court in its case against the Board of County Commissioners of Granville, brought before Judge Geo. W. Connor at the August term of Granville court. The Board of Education sought a mandamus to compel the commissioners to lay a special tax of ten cents on the hundred dollars valuation of property as necessary to maintain the public schools of Granville for four months.

The defendants contended that the existing tax of five cents was sufficient and, after a hearing, secured a judgment in their favor from the lower court. Judge Hoke writes the opinion of the court and, in granting a new trial to the plaintiffs, dwells at length on the constitutional reference to the encouragement of roads and schools in the State.—North Carolina Education.

THE SMITHFIELD MARKET.

Cotton	27 to 28½
Cotton Seed	1.10
Wool	20 to 30
Eggs	40
Fat Cattle	5 to 6½
Corn per bushel	1.75 to 1.85
C. R. Sides	30 to 32½
Feed Oats	90 to 1.00
Fresh Pork	20
Hams, per pound	38 to 40
Lard	25 to 32½
Timothy Hay	1.90 to 2.00
Cheese per pound	85
Butter, per pound	40
Meal	4.75 to 5.00
Flour per sack	6.00 to 6.25
Coffee per pound	15 to 20
Cotton Seed Meal	2.50
Cotton seed hulls	1.00
Shipstuff	2.80 to 3.00
Molasses Feed	3.00
Hides, Green	12½ to 14

ALL FALL MILLINERY AT A GREAT SACRIFICE

All Pattern Hats will be sold regardless of cost.

35, 40 and 45 cent ribbon during Holidays at 25 cents per yard.

Miss May Moore has just returned from the Northern Markets where she has bought the newest creations in small hats and flowing veils.

Miss Ora V. Poole

—The Exclusive Millinery Shop—

Smithfield,

North Carolina

Christmas Vigor

The Christmas Holidays always call for more or less strenuous living. You cannot escape the social features of the season. It is equally true that you cannot enjoy the season if you are in a jaded, run-down condition.

Your Druggist

can furnish you just the right tonic or corrective to put your system in mince-pie order.

Don't wait till the Christmas sports and the Christmas feasts have gotten you "all wrong." Take it in time and fortify your health.

We are in earnest when we subscribe ourselves, "Yours for Health,"

HOOD BROS.

DRUGGISTS

ON THE SQUARE

SMITHFIELD, N. C.



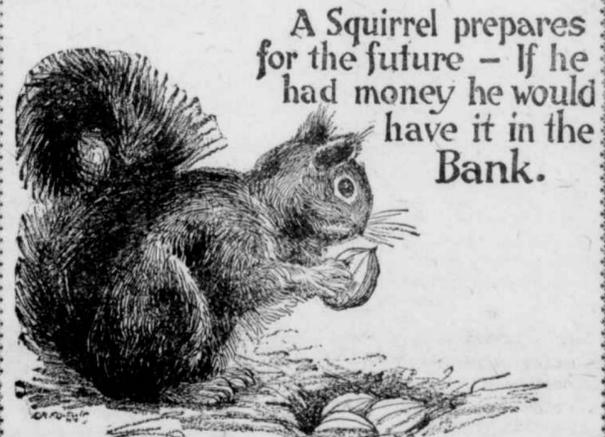
Come to our store and see the stacks of beautiful things to wear, and for Christmas presents. You will have no trouble finding what to buy

This is to tell you when to buy; it is now—because if you come in now you will avoid the Christmas rush and we can take more time to wait on you. So come in this week and buy the things you need to buy. Our goods possess quality and style, and our prices are so low that your Christmas money will go far.

Spiers Bros.

Smithfield,

North Carolina



The Man with money saves his money for his future and puts it in the Bank where it is safe.

THIS PICTURE SHOWS ONE OF NATURE'S LESSONS TO US. THE SQUIRREL GATHERS AND HOARDS THE NUTS THAT HE REALIZES HE WILL NEED SOME DAY. HE DOESN'T DEPEND ON HIS FRIENDS IN TIME OF NEED. HE DEPENDS ON WHAT HE HAS SAVED. HE KNOWS HE WON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS WHEN HE IS BROKE AND BESIDES THEY COULDN'T SPARE THE FRUITS OF THEIR FRUGALITY.

DO YOU GET THE POINT? PUT YOUR MONEY IN OUR BANK. WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST.

First National Bank

Smithfield, N. C.