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**PERSONAL AND LOCAL.**  
Mr. L. P. Larborough, Post Office Inspector, was here Tuesday.  
Mrs. Charles Broadhurst has gone to New York to spend some time.  
Miss Lula Smith spent Monday and Tuesday in Dunn with her sister, Mrs. Robert E. Smith.  
Mr. J. R. Ledbetter, one of Princeton's leading merchants, was in town for a short while yesterday.  
Misses Ola Brady and Roberta Turner spent the week-end with Mrs. J. E. Lanier in the Pisgah section.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dickens and little J. D., Jr., spent Sunday and Monday with relatives in Halifax County.  
Mr. L. DeWitt Matheny, of Raleigh, arrived this week to accept a position as stenographer and law clerk in the office of Judge F. H. Brooks.  
Mr. John Arthur Narron returned home Tuesday from Horner School, Charlotte. On account of a few cases of meningitis in Charlotte the schools have closed temporarily.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Paul V. Brown, who recently underwent an operation at one of the Wilson hospitals, is getting along nicely and hopes to be back home again soon.

Mr. Johnnie West, who has had a position in The Herald printing office for sometime, has accepted a position with the Local Telephone Exchange. Mr. George Brady has succeeded him in The Herald office.

We are requested to announce that there will be services at the Episcopal church in Selma next Sunday by Archdeacon Lawrence. The services will be held at 11 o'clock A. M. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. J. M. Beaty, Rev. H. F. Brinson and Rev. J. E. Lanier went to Raleigh this morning to attend a meeting of the committee which has in charge the campaign to raise a big sum of money for the Baptist denomination in this State.

Mr. E. O. Matthews and family, of Four Oaks, have moved to Smithfield and now occupy the residence on Front Street recently vacated by Mr. L. G. Stevens. Mr. Matthews has accepted a position as day operator at the A. C. L. depot, succeeding Mr. O. E. Bain, resigned.

Mr. Robt. A. Wellons who has been attending the Aviation Course in the Georgia School of Technology at Atlanta, has been spending a few days here this week, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Wellons. He is a member of the Flying Cadets, Signal Service Corps, and will leave tonight for Princeton University to continue his training.

There is some talk among the members of the several denominations in Smithfield to hold only one service on Sunday night until the Spring opens up. A union service of the churches of the town will not only be a means of saving fuel but it will be showing a patriotic spirit at the same time. It has been suggested that the services be held at one church on Sunday night at another the next Sunday night, and so on. If the resident ministers will get together it is very probable that they might arrange a very satisfactory schedule and begin the union services the first Sunday night in February.

We are asked to state that Rev. R. P. Merritt, of Pine Level, will preach at Carter's Chapel Baptist church next Sunday morning, February 3rd, at 11 o'clock, and the same day at Thanksgiving church at 3 o'clock. Rev. R. R. Lanier, of Durham, has taken these two churches to serve as pastor, but could not reach Selma in time to fill the February appointment.

Next Monday all business houses and manufacturing enterprises will be closed again as usual under the order of the National Fuel Administrator, except the banks, grocery stores and drug stores for the sale of drugs only. The grocery stores are required to close at noon. The Herald office is permitted to remain open with other newspaper offices for the purpose of getting out their papers on time.

Many of those who were at the Baptist church last Sunday morning say that Pastor Brinson preached the best sermon he has preached since he assumed the pastorate nearly two years ago. His subject was the "Coming of the Kingdom," and his text was Revelations 11:15. Pastor Brinson preaches an able and interesting sermon every Sunday morning and those who are present at these morning services always get something worth while. The public is invited to hear him next Sunday, February 3rd.

**The Weather in January.**  
Chief C. R. Turner, Weather Observer at Smithfield, furnishes us with some very interesting data about the weather for the month of January. The highest temperature for the month was on the 12th when 67 was reached. The lowest was on the 4th when the thermometer registered 2 below zero. There was only one day in the 31 in which the thermometer did not fall below freezing point. Rain fall for the month 3.67 inches. Greatest rain fall in 24 hours 1.51 inches. There were several snows with a total snow fall of six inches. There was one thunder storm during the month, on the 11th. There were fourteen fair days; fourteen cloudy days, and three partly cloudy. Neuse river stands this morning at 16 1-2 feet and still rising. It is about the highest it has been in a year.

**Soy Beans In Place of Peas.**  
Owing to the scarcity of seed peas soy beans will be planted instead in many places this year. For the highest land and especially dry-natured land soy beans are not equal we think to peas but on other land they do as well, and in some cases better than peas. Like oats they do not seem to object to wet feet as they will grow well on land too wet for cotton, or even for peas. Much of our land will suit the soy beans. They are usually planted in rows and fewer seed are required than when peas are broadcast. They make very fine feed for cattle and hogs and more acreage should be devoted to them. The seed houses are now quoting them at from \$3.75 to \$4.00 per bushel. Where farmers have not already secured their planting seed they should do so at once. This should be made to apply not only to soy beans but to all kinds of seed.—J. M. B.

**Death of Mr George W. McCabe.**  
Mr. George W. McCabe died last Saturday night about 11 o'clock at the home of his brother, Mr. E. B. McCabe, in Elevation township. He had been ill with dropsy for about a year. The burial took place Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's Grove Free-Will Baptist church. Funeral services will be held later by the Juniors and Woodmen, he having been a member of both these orders. He was forty-five years old, and leaves three children. He was a member of Oak-land Presbyterian church.

**Boy Raised 179 Bushels Corn.**  
The corn club prize winner in North Carolina for the 1917 season was Charles Myatt, a Surry county boy, who produced 179 bushels of corn on one acre of ground last season. He won first prize and was the recipient of \$50 in cash for his remarkable achievement. There were more than 50 contestants for this prize and a number of boys and girls made astonishing records.—Wilmington Star.

**Good Reason.**  
"I am afraid, my dear young friend, that I am losing my grip."  
"Don't say that, Professor. Why your address has been holding attention from the start."  
"But I am losing my grip, I tell you, I saw the porter give it to the wrong man."—Baltimore American.

**FALSE REPORT CIRCULATED.**  
**No Truth In Statement that Farmers Will Be Prohibited From Planting Tobacco.**  
Mr. Editor:  
I will thank you to give me a small space in your columns by which I hope to reach the tobacco farmers in Johnston County.  
I have been approached by a number of farmers in regard to a report that is being circulated in this county, that farmers will be prohibited from planting tobacco by the Government, and the tobacco dealers will also be prohibited from shipping any tobacco abroad. There is absolutely no foundation for either of the reports. Every year about this time there is some report circulated in this county along this line, that tends to disturb some farmers, and create a doubt in their minds about planting tobacco. I have tried my best to locate the origin of these reports, but have never yet been able to locate the originator. Last year about this time or a little later, you remember that I wrote a letter trying to offset an idea about like the one we have mentioned, and advised the farmers to plant tobacco, and we do not have to explain the results.  
My advice to you this year is the same as it was last year: Make your home supplies, and some to spare, and then plant all the tobacco you can cultivate. Unless conditions change materially you will receive as good prices as you did for the last crop.  
T. S. RAGSDALE.  
Smithfield, N. C., Jan. 29, 1918.

**Attending Church in Bad Weather.**  
Very little has been done in church work during the past six weeks on account of bad weather. Some could have done better than they have done. It really takes but little hindrance to keep some people away from religious duties. It seems that the most important duties are often neglected.  
Many will go to work every week-day but when Sunday comes they stay at home and excuse themselves on account of the weather. Our churches should be made comfortable and then the people should attend unless the hindrances are too great. People should be more strict in attending to the business of their Lord than if it were their own business. As the future is more important than the present, and as eternity is longer than time, so the people should consider their church work the most important of all.  
It is to be hoped that the weather will soon improve and that church work will make great progress in 1918.

**Mr. J. N. Edwards Died Yesterday.**  
Yesterday morning about nine o'clock Mr. J. N. Edwards died at his home at the Ivanhoe Cotton Mill village after an illness of more than a year of heart-dropsy. He was 61 years of age and leaves a wife and four sons—Adam, Allen, Andrew and John Edwards. He will be buried today at Kenly. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church at Cross Roads.

**Some More Big Hogs Killed.**  
Our townsman, Mr. J. W. Stephenson, proprietor of the Riverside Farm and Ginney, killed a big hog Monday which tipped the scales at 554 pounds. Hamilton Brothers, who live near here, killed a big hog a few days ago which weighed 620 pounds. This hog was about two years old and was of the Yorkshire breed.

Mr. W. W. Crumpler, of Micro township, recently killed two eighteen months old pigs which weighed 565 and 614 respectively. These were of the Big Bone Guinea breed.  
A few days after Mr. Crumpler's hogs had been killed and salted down some thief or thieves entered his smokehouse by sawing in two the staple of the padlock and took two of the hams and one shoulder of these big pigs.

The total weight of these four hogs was 2,353 pounds. At the present price of pork they were worth \$588.33.

**Notice to U. D. C. Members.**  
That we may promptly meet our financial obligations for the year, will each member of the U. D. C. remit at once their annual dues?  
MRS. W. H. AUSTIN,  
Treasurer U. D. C.

**Free Garden Seeds.**  
Congressman Edward W. Pou will send garden seeds to all who write for them as long as his allotment holds out. Send him your name and address if you expect to plant a garden.  
Four American aviators took part in a recent bombing raid over Germany.

**J. I. DAVIS IS DENIED BAIL.**  
**Was Given Habeas Corpus Hearing Before Judge Daniels At Goldsboro Wednesday. Will Have To Await Trial for the Killing of Jacob Boykin.**  
Mr. J. I. Davis, of O'Neals township, was given a preliminary hearing last Saturday before Justice of the Peace, Z. L. LeMay. Davis killed his father-in-law, Mr. Jacob Boykin, on Monday, January 20th. He surrendered at once to the officials, and was brought here on Wednesday and lodged in jail. At the hearing here Saturday he was held for the March term of Johnston County Superior Court without bail.  
Mr. Davis retained Messrs. Abell & Ward, and through them, he asked for a habeas corpus hearing before Judge F. A. Daniels, in Goldsboro, the resident judge of the Fourth Judicial District. The petition was granted and Sheriff Grimes was ordered to have Davis before the Judge at Chambers in Goldsboro Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. The hearing was had and Judge Daniels denied the writ and Davis was remanded to jail to await the March term of court. The State was represented by Judge F. H. Brooks.

**SOME FACTS WANTED.**  
In getting up the names of the soldier and sailor boys from Johnston County we desire to make the list as near accurate as possible in every particular. In order to do this there are certain facts needful. Those who are so kind as to send in the names of their relatives and friends who are in the army and navy should remember to give us—  
1. Full name of man and age.  
2. His home address and township.  
3. Name of parents, if living.  
4. Did he volunteer or was he in the draft?  
5. What branch of service is he in?  
6. Company and Regiment?  
7. Where is he at present?  
8. Any other matters of interest in connection with him.  
We should like to get these facts about any boy who went into the service from Johnston County, or who was born in Johnston and happened to enter the service from some other section.  
As soon as all the information is in we shall write up the list and publish it complete in one issue of The Smithfield Herald.  
Those who have good pictures of their friends and relatives may send them along with the facts asked for above. Cuts will be made and printed in The Herald.  
Those who aid us in getting the information asked for above will be helping to keep history straight.  
Send information to T. J. Lassiter, Editor The Herald, Smithfield, N. C. If a picture or photo is sent postage should be included for its return.

**Me and My Two Thin Blankets.**  
(By Corporal Bernie Henry.)  
I'm here with my two thin blankets, As thin as a slice of ham; A Kaiser spy was the beastly guy That made them for Uncle Sam.  
I sleep—but how do I do it? My bed is filled with straw, With knots and humps and big fat lumps That I roll over till raw.  
Me and my two thin blankets, As thin as Bill's last dime— As thin, I guess, as the shadowy dress That is worn in a tropical clime.  
Me, and my two thin blankets Tucked up right under my chin— A Kaiser spy was surely the guy That made them for our brave men. Camp Sevier, S. C.)  
6 January, 1918.  
(The sentiments expressed above were expressed by Mr. Henry, while the verses were arranged by Mr. M. B. Andrews, of Kenly, N. C.)

**THE SMITHFIELD MARKET.**  
Good Cotton ..... 27 to 30  
Cotton Seed ..... 1.00  
Wool ..... 20 to 30  
Eggs ..... 40  
Fat Cattle ..... 5 to 6 1/2  
Corn per bushel ..... 1.75 to 1.85  
C. R. Sides ..... 30 to 32 1/2  
Feed Oats ..... 1.00 to 1.05  
Fresh Pork ..... 20 to 22 1/2  
Hams, per pound ..... 38 to 40  
Lard ..... 27 1/2 to 32 1/2  
Timothy Hay ..... 1.90 to 2.00  
Cheese per pound ..... 35  
Butter, per pound ..... 40  
Meal ..... 4.25 to 4.50  
Flour per sack ..... 6.00 to 6.25  
Coffee per pound ..... 15 to 25  
Cotton Seed Meal ..... 2.75 to 2.85  
Cotton seed hulls ..... 1.00  
Shipstuff ..... 2.80 to 3.00  
Molasses Feed ..... 3.00  
Hides, Greep ..... 10 to 12 1/2  
Hides, Dry ..... 17 1/2 to 20  
Cow Pens per bushel ..... 3.00 to 4.00  
Soy Beans per bushel ..... 2.75 to 4.00

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