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PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

The Red Cross will meet Wednesday at two o'clock and Thursday night at eight.

Mr. W. D. Hood, of Kinston, spent Sunday in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hood.

Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst has gone to Goldsboro to be with her father, Mr. E. B. Borden, who is very ill.

Mrs. Malcom Sanders and little son, Reuben, Jr., of Norfolk, are visiting at the home of Mr. Reubin Sanders.

Mrs. John C. Hood and children, after a two weeks stay with relatives in the city, returned to Kinston Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Bruce Barnes, of Wilders township, who is a juror at court here this week, called to see us and subscribed for the The Herald.

Mr. E. S. Edmundson spent Sunday night with his wife in Raleigh, who is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Myatt.

Superior Court is in session here this week for the trial of civil cases only. Judge Whedbee is presiding. The term is set for a two weeks term.

The Red Cross work rooms were open last Thursday night and quite a crowd of enthusiastic young workers were present to help do their bit for the soldiers.

Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, of Norfolk, who is holding a meeting at the Baptist Church this week, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gray on Second Street.

Mrs. H. P. Stevens, Chairman of the local Red Cross Chapter, visited the Benson and Four Oaks Red Cross Societies last week and was greatly pleased at the splendid work they are doing.

Dr. Thel Hooks left for Camp Sevier Monday afternoon after a few days at his home in the city. We are glad to know that his son, Bill Arthur, is recovering rapidly from pneumonia.

Mr. C. A. Biggs, carrier on Wendell, Route No. 1, and Mr. Everett Holder, of Wendell, were here yesterday and gave The Herald office a pleasant call. Mr. Holder left with us the price of a year's subscription.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. M. B. Myatt and daughter, Miss Irene were called to Camp Hancock to the bedside of Mr. Seth Myatt who is quite ill with pneumonia. They left Monday afternoon on 89.

The coming of William Jennings Bryan to Smithfield on Thursday, April 25th, is an event in the life of the town. He will speak at the Banner Warehouse at 3 o'clock. General admission 50 cents. Benefit of Turlington Graded School.

If the people thoroughly understood the great need for more money to carry on the work of the schools of the county, there would not be the slightest doubt as to the results. The people of Johnston County are conservative. They want to know about a thing before they try it, but when they once understand, they are as progressive and patriotic as any people to be found anywhere. Some of the people living in the special tax districts in the county say that they have money enough for their schools. Let them remember that they can ask that the special district levy be cut down so that the vote for special taxes over the county will not increase the taxes of their district in the least. Also let them remember that a vote for the county special tax is a vote to help the county as a whole. It is an act of patriotism in a case like this to vote the tax. In many districts it is not only an act of patriotism, but an act of necessity to vote the tax. The issue is with the people. It is theirs to decide.

At Baptist Church.

Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, of Norfolk, began a series of meetings at the Baptist church Sunday with two exceptionally strong sermons. Although the storm kept many away, quite a good congregation heard him at the morning hour. Dr. Blackwell used as his theme, "The Good Hand of God Upon Us," Ezra, 8:18. He pictured the return of the Israelites from Babylon to Jerusalem with special emphasis upon the sacred vessels entrusted to their care. "We too," said the preacher, "have vessels that are sacred entrusted to us; the mind, the body and the spirit. They are charged up against us in God's great book of life and we shall have to account for the manner in which we have cared for each of them."

At the evening hour a large congregation heard him compare the books of the Bible to the natural life.

With intense interest they followed him as he skillfully traced the comparison from infancy to old age, finding a parallel for every stage of life.

Those who heard him at the afternoon service yesterday were touched by its tenderness. Last evening he brought another strong message on, "Let Your Light So Shine," using a candle in illustration. He said that if every Christian in Smithfield would remove the bushel that covers their light it would make it, within two weeks, the most widely advertised town in the state and added that it would increase the value of property within the city limits a hundred per cent.

At the service tonight he will deliver a patriotic address in the interest of the Third Liberty Loan. Everyone should hear it. The service will begin promptly at eight o'clock. The afternoon service will be held at three thirty.

Woman's Liberty Loan Committee At Work.

The Woman's Liberty Loan Committee of Smithfield began an active campaign yesterday for the sale of the Third Liberty Bonds. Booths have been opened in the First National Bank of Smithfield and the Johnston County Bank and Trust Company, where the ladies will be glad to take subscriptions for the Bonds. The workers for this week are:

Mesdames H. B. Marrow, F. H. Brooks, W. H. Austin, R. L. Tomlinson, E. S. Abell, E. F. Ward, H. G. Gray, J. D. Spiers, E. W. Pou, A. H. Rose, T. C. Evans, F. K. Broadhurst, T. S. Ragsdale, J. H. Abell, and Misses Mattie Pou and Ione Abell.

The following have subscribed for Bonds:

T. W. Daniels, J. N. Cobb, W. C. Smith, C. A. Martin, R. R. Holt, D. H. Creech, J. J. Eason, W. H. Austin, T. C. Evans, W. D. Avera, A. M. Noble, George W. Sanders, F. H. Brooks, T. C. Jordan, Miss Alice Grantham, Miss Erma Stevens, Will H. Lassiter, John F. Sanders, and Mrs. A. H. Rose.

The following are members of the Baby Liberty Loan League:

Jennie Scott Edmundson, Nell Morgan Broadhurst, R. J. Noble, Jr., R. N. Aycock, Jr., W. N. Holt, Jr., Ruth Sanders Rose, C. I. Pierce, Jr., John Arthur Wallace, Daniel Jefferson Wallace, James Guy Abell, Margaret John Holland.

The ladies of the committee have made a good start, resulting in about seven thousand dollars subscribed yesterday.

Died in Smithfield.

Miss Sallie Taylor, wife of Mr. W. C. Taylor, died Sunday, April 21st, at her home in Smithfield. She had been confined to her room just a week with pneumonia. The burial took place yesterday in Oakland Cemetery, the funeral being preached by Elder J. T. Collier, of Micro. She leaves her husband and five children. Her maiden name was Davis and she was reared in the Moore's school house section of this county.

Mr. Taylor and his family have the sympathy of the people of Smithfield in their bereavement.

Friday Liberty Day.

President Wilson has issued a proclamation making next Friday, April 26, as Liberty Day in the United States. Patriotic demonstrations are to be made and every effort is to be put forth to push the sale of Liberty Bonds. Where they can be spared all employes of the Federal Government throughout the country may be excused at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of participation in the rallies and Liberty celebration. This is to be a great day in the sale of Liberty Bonds.

A week from today the people of Johnston County are called on to decide an important question at the polls—Are we willing to vote to increase the efficiency of our schools?

GREAT DEMAND FOR MORE MONEY.

Unless We Get It the Schools Are Going to Suffer During the Next Few Years. People Give More Money For Everything Else, Why Not For Their Schools?

A few years ago when the Turlington Graded School was established it was run nine months in the year. Later the term was cut to eight and a half months because the money was not enough to pay teachers for that length of time. Then another cut was made to eight months. That is the term as it is being taught at the present time. Unless more money is to be had from some source the Turlington Graded School will not be able to run over six months next year. It will then be harder to get good teachers, because good teachers are always looking for the longer term. The longer term pays more money to the teacher, gives the teacher a better opportunity to render better service and is more desirable from every standpoint.

The Board of Trustees of the Smithfield Schools have charge of the Smithfield Training School, the graded school for the colored folks. The Board has managed to carry on a seven months term each year for the past several years. To enable them to do this the Slater Fund gives the Board five hundred dollars each year. In addition to this, the Board has secured from outside sources for building and equipment several hundred dollars during the past three years. If the Board will enlarge the work of the school they have the promise of a little more money from another source for another year.

But how are we to keep good teachers in our schools and carry on the necessary work unless we get more money? In order that the people of Smithfield may get a clear idea of what it costs to run the Smithfield schools for one year I am giving the following from the receipts and expenses for this year as will be shown in the annual report soon to be made:

Receipts from all sources to April 15th:
From Graded School District taxes, \$5,107.35
From County Fund, \$300.00
Special Appropriation, 300.00
Regular Apportionment, 1,200.00
From Slater Fund, 499.00
From Tuition Fees, etc. 375.70
\$7,482.05

Expenses to April 15th:
White School
Teachers' Salaries, \$5,901.75
Permanent Improvements, including finishing two basement rooms, desks, tables, etc., 1,761.23
Incidentals, wood, coal, etc., 870.10
Janitor's salary, 294.92
Refund taxes, 3.40
\$8,831.50

Colored School
Teachers' Salaries, \$1,475.89
Permanent Improvements, 285.12
Incidentals, fuel, etc., 226.72
\$1,987.73
Total for Both Schools, \$10,820.29
Total Receipts, 7,482.05

Expenses above receipts, \$3,338.24
The school will receive about \$1,000 more from Graded School Taxes, and about \$1,450 more from apportionment from general school fund and something like \$350 more from tuition fees, etc., making about \$2,800 in all.

On April 15th the school had to pay all the teachers, both white and colored for two months salary, which with other expenses necessary to complete present term, will total about \$3,000.00. So taking the approximate amount of receipts, \$2,800.00, will leave a deficit of \$200. This added to the already accumulated deficit of \$3,338.24, will make a total deficit of \$3,538.24. These figures are not definite, but are approximate, and are herewith given to show the people of this district and the county, the absolute need for more money to keep the Smithfield schools up to the high standard they have maintained since they were established.

T. J. LASSITER, Treas., Smithfield Graded School Fund.
P. S.—The members of the Board of Trustees of Smithfield Graded Schools are unanimous for the special tax for schools. They are standing with their neighboring schools for more money and for better schools.

T. J. L.

Rev. Mr. Cotton will deliver the commencement address at the New Hope School, Wednesday, April 24th, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. LeMay Turner, who was at home on a furlough from Camp Sevier for a few days, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. John Turner and sister, Miss Amelia Turner, was in the city Thursday afternoon with relatives.

"THE BEAST AND THE BATTLE."

Subject of Lecture at Baptist Church Tonight By Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell.

Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, of Norfolk, has accepted an invitation from the ladies and leaders of the Liberty Bond Campaign, to deliver his great patriotic address "The Beast and the Battle" at the Baptist Church tonight. This address has been delivered in Richmond, Washington, Norfolk and other cities and published in full and applauded by thousands.

The press of the country, North and South, places Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell in the fore front of lecturers and entertainers: With Wendling in eloquence, with Burdett in wit, and the equal of Bob Taylor as a humorist.

The Wilmington paper says: "Dr. Blackwell is a man of conspicuous personality and matchless oratory. His lecture is a thrilling combination of fun and philosophy, wit and wisdom, eloquent description and laughable character sketching."

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE.

Getting Ready For the Bryan Speaking Here Thursday Afternoon.

Supt. H. B. Marrow, who secured Mr. Bryan for Smithfield, has asked the following gentlemen to act as arrangements committee and plan for the speaking: H. L. Skinner, Chairman, T. S. Ragsdale, F. H. Brooks, James A. Wellons and W. M. Sanders. These gentlemen have secured the Banner Warehouse for the speaking which will take place Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. The price of general admission will be fifty cents. A great crowd is expected to be here and hear the Great Commoner.

PREPAREDNESS.

The Safeguard of the State and Nation at Home and Abroad.

We hear much of the safety of preparedness. Want of preparedness is weakness.

Let us see what the want of preparedness means to a nation, and what is its chief cause. The first fortress of protection to a nation is education. For example: We notice the weak nations of the world and see how they have handled their educational problems. A striking example just now is Russia, with her teeming millions and resources equal to the greatest on earth. She is today the helpless prey of a nation in many respects greatly her inferior, except in education, which is the real source of her conqueror's power. Only five per cent of the people of Russia can read. Germany has a standing of about 98 per cent who can read. Shall we follow Russia in Education?

Again, China, with her three to four hundred million people is known as the baby nation. Why? Because of her ignorance and lack of education. As example of what education means, turn to Japan, her neighbor, where ten per cent of her population is highly efficient, and you will find the strongest nation of the East. Turn again to India whose 250 million people are ruled by England and are the better for it. Why? Because, like China, India is helpless and defenceless on account of the dense ignorance of her people. These are all known facts and should be a warning to us here in Johnston County. Let us rally to the support of our schools and through them so fortify ourselves against this danger that has been so disastrous to others.

C. M. WLISON, Chairman Johnston County Board of Education. Wilson's Mills, N. C.

Little Boy and Big Fish.

Wednesday afternoon Master Heath Johnson went fishing at the river and was gone only a short while, returning with a six pound horse fish.

THE SMITHFIELD MARKET.

Cotton	25 to 30
Cotton Seed	1.00 to 1.05
Wool	20 to 30
Eggs	25 to 30
Fat Cattle	.6 to 7 1-2
Fat Cattle dressed	.14 to .15
Corn per bushel	1.75 to 2.00
C. R. Sides	30 to 32 1/2
Feed Oats	1.20 to 1.25
Fresh Pork	20 to 22 1/2
Hams, per pound	33 1/2 to 35
Lard	27 1/2 to 32 1/2
Timothy Hay	2.25 to 2.35
Cheese per pound	35
Butter, per pound	40
Meal	4.75 to 5.00
Flour per sack	6.25 to 6.50
Coffee per pound	15 to 20
Cotton Seed Meal	2.75 to 2.85
Cotton seed hulls	1.00
Shipstuff	3.00 to 3.25
Molasses Feed	3.00 to 3.25
Hides, Green	10 to 12 1/2
Hides, Dry	17 1/2 to 20
Cow Peas per bushel	3.50 to 4.00
Soy Beans per bushel	3.75 to 4.00

The
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Has taken application for over \$41,000.00 Third Issue Liberty Loan Bonds. Our quota is \$55,300.00. We must fly the Honor Flag.

T. R. HOOD, Pres.
R. N. AYCOCK, Vice Pres. & Cashier

Hon. William
Jennings Bryan
Will Speak at
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