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CONSIDER THIS!

The Herald has the largest circulation of any newspaper published in Johnston County. That's something to consider, Mr. Advertiser!

WORST OF ALL CRIMES.
THE MICROSCOPE.
PAGAN RELIGIONS.
THE KING'S PRAYER BOOK.

California and the whole country are shocked by a dreadful kidnapping and murder in Los Angeles. The unhappy father, obeying the orders of the kidnaper, handed him \$1,500 in gold certificates, and in return received part of the body of his twelve-year-old daughter, dreadfully mutilated.

The worst of crimes is kidnapping, since it inflicts upon fathers and mothers torments most horrible. That crime should be punished with utmost severity, and when guilt is certain with no delay.

Dr. William J. Mayo, one of the famous brothers, says science learns more about diseases from the microscope than in any other way. Man's brain is "visual organ," and must see, to know. The introduction of the microscope by the Jansses, late in the sixteenth century, has done more to advance learning than any other agent, says Dr. Mayo.

Real learning owes more to Galileo's introduction of the telescope, at the beginning of the seventeenth century, than to the microscope. Seeing the germs that cause disease is important, but less so than seeing distant stars and nebulae. Perhaps, as the great German scientist Leibnitz suggested, men of the future will train one eye for telescopic, the other for microscopic work, the two eyes combined dealing with the real world about us.

Earthquake in Burma frightened inhabitants. A loud roar, lasting ten seconds, accompanied the shaking. Gautama's finest temple at Rangoon, was badly damaged, but that will not shake faith in Buddhism.

That is the convenient thing about pagan religions. When anything goes wrong, the pagan priest tell the faithful, "It's your fault. Your donations have been inadequate." Nothing is ever wrong with the pagan god, supposed to control earthquakes, or at least protect his own temples. Even fundamentalist Christian churches put rods on their steeples, seems strange.

Mr. Hardy of the Superior in San Francisco says crime is abolished if mothers would their children, in pre-school obedience, truthfulness, honor the Golden Rule. That is what mothers have been teaching children for 500,000 years to the light of their parents they have achieved wonders.

Ingenious Mr. Tex Rickard Dempsey will fight Mr. again next summer. Certainly, and each of many following years until death do them part, a crop of \$40 a seat simple asts.

True government plans to tax \$40 seat \$10, but that can be up by speculators' prices. Rickard's good fortune is due to the fact that men dull to enjoy prize fights are likely to know when they are "faked."

It is believed in the West that the Tri-State Colorado River Commission, representing California, Arizona and Nevada, will reach an agreement to start work on the Boulder Dam project. Whatever helps one State helps the whole country. Arizona will gain by allowing California to use water and power now going to waste.

The British House of Lords has approved the new and changed readings in the Church of England prayer book, but it has been disapproved by House of Commons. King George is interested because his oath requires him to stick to that book.

Some low church Britshers complain that the new book is not strictly "Protestant" as the opinion of the only authority that really counts can unfortunately not be obtained.

Diplomatic circles in Pekin are shocked by a shipment from Turkey to Pekin's "Anti-Opium Monopoly Bureau." The shipment of them \$200 just an hour ago."

Wilson Bank Opens A Branch In Selma

Safe at Home Again



Photo shows Bennett Doty, American member of the French Foreign Legion, who has just returned to the United States. Doty was decorated for bravery under fire but later deserted the Legion and was sentenced to death. His sentence was commuted and he was discharged.

P. O. Receipts Larger In 1927

Christmas Rush Comes First Four Days of Christmas Week; Shows Effect of Mail Early Campaign

Whether the population of Smithfield is increasing or whether the folks are writing more letters and taking more newspapers and magazines is not known, but at any rate, the postal receipts for the Smithfield postoffice show an increase of business during 1927. Last year, the postal receipts were \$15,463.33 as compared with \$15,448.35 in 1926.

The receipts during the month of December were greater in 1927 than in 1926 but in spite of this fact, the Christmas rush was handled with more ease than in previous years, due largely to the results of mail early campaigns that have established the habit of mailing Christmas cards and packages instead of waiting until the last two or three days before Christmas day. The biggest rush at the local office this December came during the first four days of Christmas week instead of the last days of the week. The receipts during the month totalled \$2,408.94 as compared with \$2,381.15 in 1926.

The regular force of the office consists of the following: T. C. Stancil, acting postmaster; J. R. Barbour, senior clerk and local secretary for the Civil Service Board; W. E. Parker, clerk, in charge of the parcel post; B. M. Brannan, clerk, who dispatches most of the mail; Ida Batten, regular substitute, who looks after the money order department. This force was augmented during the Christmas season by Miss Elsie Boyett, Miss Minnie Eason, Raymond McK. Peedin and Thelbert Barbour, temporary substitute clerks, and J. Gilmer Wharton, who served part of the time as temporary substitute clerk and part of the time as temporary substitute carrier.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE ROLL PLAINFIELD SCHOOL

First grade: Elmer Martin, Lulu Moore, Raymond Williford, Jesse Williford, Herman Williford.

Second grade: Myrtle McLamb, Sallie Stafford, Albert Williford.

Third grade: Leon Martin, Herman Martin, Ruby Moore, Bulle Williford.

Fourth grade: Vera Beasley, Milton Moore, Willie Martin.

Fifth grade: Hettie Bell Williford, Edward Williford.

Seventh grade: Elsie Moore.

Selma Institution In Hands of Bank Examiner; County Deposit Fully Covered With Bond

The Branch Banking and Trust company of Wilson has established a branch bank in Selma in the building of the People's Bank and Trust company which institution is in the hands of the State bank examiner. The new banking concern began business in Selma Tuesday, the Selma bank having closed its doors December 31. It is understood that the Wilson bank will liquidate the People's Bank and Trust company. Auditors are at work on the books and it is not known at this time what the assets and liabilities are. It is hoped that hundred cents on the dollar will be paid.

County Treasurer Creech had a deposit of approximately \$14,000 of the county's money in the People's Bank and Trust company, but the bank was fully bonded to cover the amount and there will be no loss whatever to the county.

Officers of the Selma bank were:

M. R. Wall, president; T. M. Benoy, vice-president; Mrs. H. A. Brown, cashier. The directors were J. W. Bailey, Dr. G. D. Vick, Dr. J. B. Person, Dr. W. B. Johnson, H. B. Pearce, W. A. Green, M. R. Wall, T. M. Benoy, L. W. Richardson and L. D. Debnam.

The Wilson bank that has opened a branch in Selma has five banks in eastern North Carolina with combined resources of over \$50,000,000, and is one of the largest banking institutions in the state.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE RETURNING TO SCHOOLS

SELMA, Jan. 4.—The following young people have returned to their respective schools: Sherwood Shuler and Alonzo Earp, to Buie's Creek; Mable Barnes and Ross Worley, to Fredericksburg, Va.; Frances Sharpe to G. C. W. at Greensboro; Jesse Herman Brown, Jesse Barden and John Broadwell, to State, Raleigh; Vara Blackman, Velma Brown and Rena Grant to E. C. T. C.; Eva Richardson, to Pease, Raleigh; Elizabeth Temple to Limestone College, Gaffney, S. C.; James Earp, Semmie Grant and W. B. Oliver to Wake Forest; Needham and Joe Ward, Oscar Creech, James McMillan, Millard Stallings, Charles Parker, and J. H. Parker to Carolina, Chapel Hill; John Morgan, Gordon Brown, Ralph Woodard and guest, Harold Heffley, to Duke, Durham; Geo. Davis Vick, Jr., to Georgia Military Academy, College Park, Ga.; Harry Candler to West Point, New York; and Mary Evelyn Parker, Mary Stanley Benoy, Thelma Ward and Robert Snipes to N. C. C. W., Greensboro.

Those teaching left Sunday: Linda Brown to Lake Landing; Joseph Temple, Benson; Miss Velma Talton, Benson; Miss Mabel Norland, Red Springs; and Miss Mary Belle McMillan, Rockingham.

COURT DENIES REMUS NEW SANITY HEARING

CINCINNATI, Jan. 3.—A new sanity hearing from George Remus, wife slayer, was denied today by Judge Wm. H. Lueders, of probate court, who last week found Remus insane and ordered him committed to the state hospital for the criminally insane at Lima. Judge Lueders also denied bond for the former king of bootleggers.

NAVAL VESSEL SAVES 7, ADRIFT ON ICE FLOE

Wilhemshaven, Germany, Jan. 3.—Seven children adrift on an ice floe were rescued tonight by a naval vessel after being lost for four hours.

The children were playing on the ice off shore when the tide came in breaking off the crust upon which they stood. Their screams brought a rescue party, which, however, arrived just in time to see them vanish into the sea being driven at moderate speed along a straight road when it became unmanageable and plunged down the embankment.

was 52,000 pounds of Turkish opium. That reminds you of our own alcohol proposition, in spots. One New York cabaret keeper, asked if prohibition agents bothered him, replied, "Yes, I had to give one of them \$200 just an hour ago."

Kiwanians Hear Rev. D. H. Tuttle

Questionnaire on Kiwanis Reveals Knowledge of Local Kiwanis of Their Organization

Rev. D. H. Tuttle, a former member of the Smithfield Kiwanis club, made an inspiring address at the regular meeting this week. "Kiwaniens should be kings, or rulers, of themselves, controlling their thoughts and their evil natures," said the veteran preacher. "With a will to help all worthy causes and an eye to see the needs of the city, the Kiwanis can accomplish great good."

Mr. Tuttle's remarks were received with deep interest and attention.

After Mr. Tuttle's talk a questionnaire on "Kiwanis" was passed, and the answers were read before the meeting adjourned. The information contained in the answers showed how much some of the members really knew about this great civic organization.

Plans for "Ladies Night" on Thursday, January 10, are charge of R. P. Holding.

Funeral Service Held For Mrs. Tomlinson

Widow of the Late J. H. B. Tomlinson Dies At Rex Hospital; Interment Here Wednesday Afternoon

Funeral services for Mrs. J. H. B. Tomlinson who died at Rex hospital, Raleigh, early Tuesday morning, were held at the Methodist church here Wednesday afternoon, and interment was made in the city cemetery beside her husband who preceded her to the grave in September, 1925.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle of this city and Rev. Fabius Cheatham of Pinehurst, cousin of the deceased, conducted the service. The chance was bidden with lovely floral offerings sent by sympathizing relatives and friends. William Puckett, of Raleigh, sang a solo entitled, "There Is No Night There," during the service which was simple and brief.

Mrs. Tomlinson who was the widow of the late J. H. B. Tomlinson had been ill for several weeks, having undergone an operation at Rex Hospital and for some time her condition was known to be serious. Before her marriage in May, 1924, she was Miss Olivia B. Cheatham of near Oxford. Since her husband's death, she had made her home with her sister, Mrs. Allen of Auburn.

The deceased was a woman of deep Christian character and she possessed a personality that won for her a wide circle of friends.

She is survived by four brothers, V. T. Cheatham of Southern Pines; C. B. Cheatham of Henderson; H. C. Cheatham of Oxford, and J. T. Cheatham, of Oxford. She is also survived by the following five sisters: Mrs. P. C. Parham, and Mrs. R. A. Shirley, of Oxford; Mrs. S. W. Ferreebee, of New Bern; Mrs. John R. Allen, of Auburn, and Mrs. L. S. Baker, of Louisville.

Among those here to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Parker, of Garner; Mrs. F. D. Hobart, of Davidson; Miss Mabel Tomlinson, Millard Turner and David Turner of Greenville.

FIRE GUTS RALEIGH THEATRE

Old Grand Vaudeville House Damaged to Extent of \$40,000

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—Fire early tonight destroyed the stage section and part of the auditorium of the Grand theatre, Raleigh vaudeville house, entailing a loss estimated at \$40,000.

The building was unoccupied except for theatre employees when the fire was discovered about 6:45 o'clock, the evening's performance not having been scheduled to commence until 7:30.

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