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Two Weeks Term Superior Court

Judge R. A. Nunn, of New Bern Presides Over Civil Term; Several Will Cases

A two weeks term of the Superior court of Johnston county was opened here yesterday morning at ten o'clock with Hon. R. A. Nunn, of New Bern, presiding. The term is for the trial of civil actions only. The judge and all the jurors were on time, and the business of the court was promptly put into action.

The first case on the calendar was that of the Clayton mayor case, but due to the fact that the Supreme court had not passed on this case, the matter could not again go before the Superior court for trial. This action is a contest between Dr. F. G. Gower, who has contested the result of the town election of Clayton held in May, 1927, and C. W. Carter, the present incumbent. It has twice been before the courts of this county and is now before the Supreme court for a second time.

The will case of the late W. P. King, of Pleasant Grove township, was the first case to go to trial. Only two witnesses in this action were examined, who testified to no gross irregularities in the execution of the will, that the jury rendered a verdict setting the will aside. The will had been probated before the clerk about the first of the present year and an executor was appointed at that time.

Another will case was also disposed of during the day, it being that of the late Mrs. Frances Blackman of Micro township. This will was hotly contested but the clerk's probate was sustained by the jury's verdict. The verdict was followed by a consent judgment in which Andrew Blackman was to receive one-half of an estate worth about \$10,000 and his sister, a Mrs. Barbour of Raleigh and a minor child, Ernest Eubanks, were to share jointly the other half. The three children sharing the land mentioned in this will are children who have been adopted by Mrs. Blackman and her husband from the Children's Home Society, of Greensboro, and the case offered many interesting phases to the court and members of the bar.

A third will case to be tried at this term will be started this morning. This is brought into court on a caveat filed against the will of the late J. C. Crawford, of O'Neals township. The estate is probably worth \$10,000 and the will will be carefully tested out.

Not Worrying Over Hog Prices

Low prices of hogs are not worrying farmers in Eastern Carolina. They say at present low prices they are making a small profit and are already planning to increase rather than decrease their herds.

Half Scotch.

Sandy wanted to take his wife for an airplane ride. The airplane proprietor told Sandy that if he would take the new pilot and not make any noise or speak, in order not to rattle him, the price would be cut to half rate. After the airplane had come down, the pilot complimented him on his keeping silent.

"Thank ye," answered the Scotchman, "but you almost had me when my wife fell out."—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Underwood and little son, of near Clayton, were the guests Sunday of Mr. Underwood's sister, Mrs. P. B. Stevens in the Sanders Chapel section.

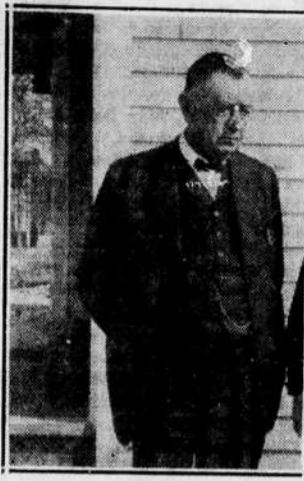
Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston county, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to the Herald office, we will present him with a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Herbert Pittman deciphered his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: fnoksnojanrh

Dies Suddenly



Passes Suddenly In Court House

D. T. Luceford Succumbs To Heart Attack; Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon

Smithfield citizens were shocked Saturday morning when the news spread that Mr. D. T. Luceford had passed away suddenly at 8:30 o'clock soon after going to his desk in the sheriff's office to begin the day's work. He was reading the morning paper when he suffered an attack of angina pectoris and in a few moments he had breathed his last. Relatives and a physician were summoned immediately, but not before he had passed away. For some time Mr. Luceford had suffered with angina pectoris, but the attacks recently had been somewhat less frequent and his friends generally did not know of his condition. He went about his daily tasks never complaining of his health, and when the end came it was a shock to his friends.

For a number of years Mr. Luceford was a justice of the peace and handled quite a number of cases. He was known as the "marrying magistrate," having married about nine hundred couples in the last ten years, an average of nearly a hundred couples a year. His familiar figure will be missed around the courthouse, and especially in the sheriff's office where he had his desk.

The deceased, who was sixty-nine years of age, was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Luceford, who lived about two miles from this city. He spent the first years of his life on a farm, and lived on a farm near his father's home after his first marriage to Miss Appie Hinnant. Later he moved to this city. Three children born to his first marriage survive as follows: Mrs. O. E. Smith, of Beard; Mrs. C. E. Bingham, of Denver, Col.; and Mrs. O. Bullock, of this city. The deceased also survived by his second wife, who before her marriage was Miss Anna Parker. He leaves two sisters, Misses Nell and Minnie Luceford, of this city.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the residence, conducted by Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of the Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member. Assisting in the service were Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of the Methodist church, and Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The Junior Order, of which the deceased was a member, had charge of the service at the grave. Interment was made in the Luceford burying ground at the old home place near town. The grave was completely covered with a profusion of lovely floral designs. Active pall bearers were: L. F. Uzzle, H. D. Ellington, Dr. W. G. Wilson, H. V. Rose, E. F. Ward, J. A. Narron, L. G. Stevens, and W. T. Adams. Honorary pall bearers were: J. M. Turley, of Clayton; W. J. Massey and H. A. Watson of Princeton; J. H. Griffin, of Selma; C. M. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills; Jas. A. Wellons, E. S. Abell, G. A. Martin, A. A. Peedin, D. H. Creech, T. R. Hood and W. F. Grimes.

Among those from out of town here to attend the funeral were: Mrs. A. P. Luceford and little daughter, of Rose Hill; Miss Edith Powell, of Beaufort; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hines, of Turkey; Mr. O. E.

Young Man Passes Kingsport, Tenn.

Body of Laster Atkinson Brought To His Home Near Micro and Laid To Rest Tuesday

MICRO, April 20.—On Saturday, April 14 1928 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Shoemaker of Kingsport, Tennessee and took the life of their dear brother, Hugh Laster Atkinson, who had gone to make his home with them. He went to Kingsport October 1, 1927 to take up the trade of barbering at which he had met with great success, but it seemed that this work was short, for Aas! on the 5th day of March 1928, he was confined to his room with pneumonia and a physician and trained nurse summoned. Although he was seriously ill from the time he was taken and unconscious most the time, it was thought about the third week that he had begun to rally and was improving but by the end of the third week, colitis had gotten it's grip and he was taken to the hospital with but very little hope for his recovery. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Atkinson of Selma, route 2 were summoned to his bedside. He soon began to improve again and was taken back to the home of his sister where he continued to improve until last Friday when an abscess formed on his brain, and he only lived 'till Saturday evening at 10:30, when his soul took it's flight into the world unknown. All was done for him that skilled physicians and nurses, relatives and friends could do but none could stay the icy hands of death.

Laster was born August 19, 1906, and died April 14, 1928, making his stay here only 21 years, 7 months and 27 days. He was always such a good-natured, honest boy and one that loved only the pure and beautiful things of life, we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

He united with the Baptist church at Buie's Creek while a student at Buie's Creek Academy in 1926. His body was brought home from Kingsport, Tenn., for burial reaching Selma at noon Monday. The funeral was conducted by Dr. J. A. Campbell, pastor of Buie's Creek Baptist church, where Laster was still a member, and was assisted by Rev. A. R. Creech, pastor of Carter's Chapel Baptist church where the funeral services were conducted. Interment was made in the family burying ground at his father's home near Selma on Tuesday afternoon.

The numerous floral offerings and the immense throng that attended the funeral was a proof of the esteem in which he was held in his community.

He is survived by a broken-hearted father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, a brother, Woodrow, and three sisters, Misses Sadie and Rosa Atkinson, all of Selma, and Mrs. H. J. Shoemaker, of Kingsport, Tennessee.

MOCK TRIAL THURSDAY NIGHT COURTHOUSE

The mock trial to be given at the courthouse Thursday night will be given after the service at the Baptist church. This is the first time a mock trial has been staged here and there is considerable interest in the event.

Extra Poultry Car, 28th.

Selma, April 18.—There will be an extra poultry car in Selma on Saturday, April 28th. This car is being put on to take care of the surplus poultry in the county and to give the poultry raisers the benefit of the better prices that prevail now.

The next regular care is scheduled for May 19th.

Visits In Waverly, Va.

Mrs. R. C. Gillett is spending a few days with friends in Waverly, Va.

Smith and son, David, and daughter, Edna Smith, of Beard; Mr. and Mrs. Thad Woodard, of Selma; Mr. Beverly Whitley, of Benson; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Woodall, of Asheboro; Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Almond Parker, Mrs. Geneva Graves, and Mrs. Edith Putman, of Benson.

German-Irish Air Heroes Cross Atlantic



A non-stop flight from Europe to North America, the first ever made, was accomplished by Captain Hermann Koehl, chief pilot, Col. James Fitzmaurice and Freiherr Ehrenfried Gunther von Huenefeld, who landed safely on Greenly Island in Belle Isle Straits, near Labrador, in the Junkers monoplane Bremen. Lack of fuel caused by strong headwinds and fog made the landing on Greenly Island necessary. Millions of people waited anxiously for news of them while their fate hung in the balance on Friday, April 13.

Gastonia Chosen Golden Rule City

Smithfield Gets Honorable Mention For Well Organized Appeal For Near East Relief

GASTONIA, April 23.—"Gastonia is declared the Golden Rule City of America" in the national contest of campaigns in behalf of the Near East Relief orphans of Bible lands. This message was received from the National judges who met in New York City to examine thousands of reports of campaigns and appeals put over during the fall and winter throughout America. It came as a recognition of the elaborate, unique, thorough and successful drive which was had in Gastonia and Gaston county for this great cause in the next to the final appeal for Near East Relief Orphans. A beautiful rug, a work of art, and made by the Near East Relief Orphans will be publicly presented at a great gathering in Gastonia some time in May. The contributions amounted to over \$5,000—a thousand over the quota.

Those who directed the appeal were Rev. Geo. R. Gillespie, City and County director; Rev. J. C. Johnson, City Chairman; R. L. Stowe, County Chairman; S. N. Boyce, Treasurer.

The message states "other communities in the Carolinas which made outstanding records, are: Darlington, S. C., second to Gastonia, with Winston-Salem closely following. Well in the forefront in the nation were the appeals organized in New Bern, Smithfield, Concord, Charlotte, and Raleigh, N. C. In South Carolina the following were extraordinarily well put over, Rock Hill, Marion, Aiken, Columbia, Hartsville, Spartanburg, Cheraw, Chester, York, Charleston, Florence, Winnsboro.

Since this "Golden Rule City of America" contest for the Near East Relief was inaugurated in the fall of 1923 the following cities have held this unique honor—first, Chester, S. C., next Columbia, S. C. and the following year Tacoma, Washington, and a year ago the honor went to Fresno, California.

SERVICES CALLED OFF.

This is to notify the public that there will not be any preaching at Barbour's Chapel church this week as announced in last week's paper. Brother Tenny has gone home.

J. Q. BAKER.

TOWNSHIP CONVENTIONS TO BE ON MAY 26TH.

Mr. J. B. Benton, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, asks us to call attention to and correct an error in the time announced some time ago for the township conventions. The first announcement gave the date as Saturday, May 27, when it should have been Saturday, May 26th. These conventions will be held at two o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the township executive committees will be selected. Also delegates to the county convention to be held on June 7 will be chosen.

TAKES PICTURES OF SCHOOL HOUSES

Mr. J. B. Williamson, of Raleigh, of the state department of education was in Johnston county last Wednesday and will be in the county again tomorrow taking photographs of the consolidated school buildings. The county superintendent will use these pictures in getting out his next report of the school system.

Union Meeting At Thanksgiving

Little River Baptist Union Meets Next Saturday and Sunday; Good Program Has Been Arranged

Next Saturday and Sunday, a two-day meeting of the Little River Baptist Union will be held with Thanksgiving church. Mr. J. M. Richardson is moderator of this organization and Mr. J. R. Atkinson, clerk.

The program starts Saturday morning at ten o'clock with a song and prayer service conducted by Eddy Parrish. Good speakers are on the program for each day, and the public is cordially invited.

The program as scheduled is as follows: 10:00: Song and Prayer service by Eddy Parrish. 10:15: Roll Call, Reading of the Minutes and Business. 11:00: Sermon by Rev. Mr. Mason of Kenly. 12:00: Announcements and Dinner.

Saturday Afternoon.

1:00: Song and Prayer Service by Rev. L. E. Godwin. 1:15: The Meaning of Church Membership; 1. Financial Obligations by Rev. Nevill Stancil; 2. Relations to One Another, by Rev. Raleigh Sherron; 3. Christian Living, by C. L. Batten. 3:00: Miscellaneous Business. 3:15: Adjournment.

Sunday Morning.

9:45: Regular Sunday School Session. 11:00: Sermon by Rev. S. W. Oldham. 12:00: Offering for the Orphanage, Announcement and Dinner. 1:00: Song and Prayer Service, by Millard Johnson.

1:15: The Sunday School Teacher As a Soul Winner, by Rev. A. R. Creech. 1:45: Open Discussion. 2:00: The Need of Revival in Our Churches, by Rev. W. D. Stancil. 2:45: Business. 3:00: Adjournment.

BETTER HOMES CAMPAIGN GETS UNDER WAY

Mrs. W. M. Sanders, chairman of the Better Homes Campaign for Johnston county, is formulating plans for better equipped homes. The first move in her campaign has been to appoint committees from each town in the county to invite the cooperation of all the merchants in displaying wares in their windows that will aid in the improvement of homes. Mrs. Sanders expects to have these windows judged and while there will be no prize awarded, a blue ribbon will be given to the most attractive window in each town. Mrs. Sanders called a meeting of her local committee in Smithfield last night for a discussion of further plans in the campaign. Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, state home demonstration agent, is the state chairman of this campaign, while Mrs. Estelle Smith, district agent, is secretary.

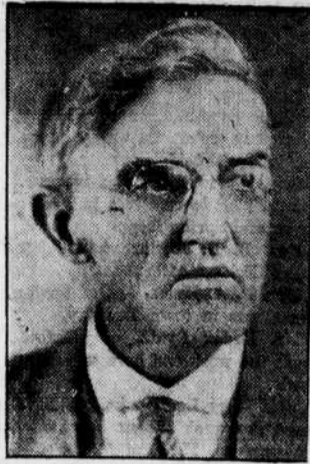
DR. C. C. MASSEY IS HONORED

A distinct honor recently came to Dr. C. C. Massey, county health officer, in the award of a Fellowship in public health work in the John Hopkins Medical School. This award by the Rockefeller Foundation, which Dr. Massey declined on account of pressing duties, came through officials of the State Board of Health in recognition of his services as county health officer for the past three years.

BENSON TO BROADCAST ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Dixie Jubilee Singers will be on the air at Raleigh Wednesday night, April 25, from 8 until 9 o'clock. The program will consist of the Benson high school orchestra, quartets by the high school boys and girls, and old fashioned fiddling and guitar music. Also the Thomas Brothers Quartet, who are evidently known for their good singing, will be on the program. Radio fans looking for some real good music should tune in Wednesday night, the 25th.

Candidate



O. J. PETERSON

Candidate for Commissioner of Labor and Printing Graduate of Wake Forest College; Teacher for 21 Years; Editor for 15 Years.

Dr. Weigle To Hold Revival Here Soon

Preaches Forceful Sermon At Methodist Church Sunday; Revival Services To Begin May 8th

The Methodist congregation of this city had an unusual privilege Sunday morning in hearing Dr. Charles F. Weigle, of Florida, one of the general evangelists of the Southern Methodist church, deliver a forceful sermon from the text: "When he had seen their faith."

Dr. Weigle has just closed a three weeks' meeting in Petersburg, Va., and en route to his home in Florida for a month's vacation, he decided to stop in Smithfield and spend Sunday with Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, whom he knew in Tarboro nine years ago where he conducted a union revival while Mr. Earnhardt was pastor of the Methodist church at that place. Dr. Weigle's coming to Smithfield seems timely, for Mr. Earnhardt has arranged with him to conduct a series of meetings here beginning Tuesday night, May 8. Mr. Earnhardt interested Selma people in inviting Dr. Weigle to hold a series of meetings in Selma during the next two weeks, prior to the revival here. The Baptist and Methodist congregations of Selma will hold a joint revival, the first service having been held last night. Dr. Weigle preached in Selma Sunday night at the Methodist church. Dr. Weigle had a very appreciative audience Sunday morning as he discussed "Vicarious Faith," the subject of his discourse. He developed the topic from four standpoints—the faith a father had for the healing of his son, the faith a mother had for the healing of her daughter, the faith of a master for his servant, and the faith of a man for his neighbor. His illustrations of the results of a vicarious faith were striking. Preceding the sermon, Dr. Weigle sang as a solo, "Jesus I Come."

People in Smithfield and Selma are fortunate in having Dr. Weigle preach in a series of meetings. As a rule men of his type are not available for towns the size of these towns.

NASH MAKES TRIP

The parties who took the Nash sedan from the garage of A. M. Noble last Friday night, leaving same out on road without keys, if they don't mind they might return keys to the Herald office and get reward. The car without the keys is no good.

Wife: "George, I want to see that letter." Hubby: "What letter?" Wife: "That one you just opened. I know by the handwriting it is from a woman, and you turned pale when you read it. Hand it here, sir!" Husband: "Here it is, dear. It is from your dressmaker."

"Your maid seems to be rather familiar with you." "Yes, I put up with that from old servants; just think, she has been with us for more than a month."—Le Rire (Paris)—Ex.

County Council Elects Officers

Mrs. Ira C. Whitley Chosen President and Miss Minnie Bailey, Secretary

The officers of seven home demonstration clubs, representing ten communities of the county, attended a business meeting in the farmers room of the courthouse here Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

At this meeting the County Council was re-organized, and Mrs. Ira C. Whitley, of the Pisgah club, was elected president. Miss Minnie Bailey, of the Corbett-Hatcher club, was chosen as secretary. Other officers will be elected later. This organization will be known as the County Council, and the general meetings attended by other club members with the council will be known as the County Federation of Home Demonstration clubs.

The program Saturday afternoon included discussions of summer programs, summer camp, membership, records, and work of leaders. The meeting closed with a helpful drill in parliamentary practice.

After the program the meeting adjourned and those present attended the county art exhibit, this being of especial interest to the club members, who have recently been studying house furnishings.

SMITHFIELD WINS DEBATE ON STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Friday afternoon, the civics class of the Four Oaks high school were guests of the Smithfield civics class, the occasion being a debate between representatives of the two classes, in which Smithfield was victorious.

At the appointed hour the speakers and class officials took their places on the rostrum in the school auditorium, and the contest was on. Miss Mozelle Crumpler presided; Mansfield Creech was secretary, and Welmer Ryals was timekeeper. The secretary read the query which was as follows: Resolved that student government as practiced at the State University should be adopted in the high schools of North Carolina.

Four Oaks had the affirmative side of the question and Smithfield had the negative. Speakers on the affirmative were Miss Pauline Johnson, Pou Hockaday, and John Bondy; on the negative side were Corbin Young, James Stancil and Miss Dixie Johnson.

The judges were Dr. C. C. Massey, Mr. Tron, and Mrs. T. J. Lassiter.

Very Much.

Grover: "Don't you find that a baby brightens up a household wonderfully?"

Woman: "Yes, we have the electric lights going most of the time now."—Progressive Grocer.

His Equal.

A traveler arriving in a hotel placed his new umbrella in the umbrella stand. A card attached to it read: "This umbrella belongs to a man who is able to deal a blow with a force of 250 pounds. He will return in ten minutes."

On his return he found in place of his umbrella a card which read: "This card belongs to a man who can make ten miles an hour. He will not return."—Annapolis Log.

Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—



It works night and day. For a good old landlord. The weevil bug gits us in June. We plants our craps on a hope of reward. And sells on de swink of de moon.